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# School board split after 4.5-hour meeting

**BY PHIL CUSTODIO**

*Clarkston News Editor*

Communications was the focus of Monday's school board meeting.

Board Secretary Craig Hamilton introduced a motion near the end of an almost five-hour-long meeting, April 28, for the board president to direct Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock to provide information to board members as requested.

"I don't think I get information in a timely manner," said Hamilton.

Rosalie Lieblang, board president, agreed information is sometimes not provided when desired. Some of her requests for budget information have not been delivered satisfactorily.

"Sometimes I get the information and sometimes I don't," she said.

The superintendent said administration provides more than enough information to the school board, and Hamilton's motion and statements at the meeting, as well as recent comments in *The Clarkston News*, have been frustrating and insulting

("School board members focus on operations," March 26).

"People probably enjoy ticking me off. I find it offensive," Rock said. "It's not how I would treat people. If you want to, fine."

Trustee Steven Hyer said the motion should have been placed on the agenda for discussion prior to the meeting. He made a motion to table the discussion, but it failed, 4-3. Hyer, and trustees Cheryl McGinnis and Elizabeth Egan voted to table, while Lieblang, Hamilton, board Vice President Sue Boatman, and Treasurer

Joan Patterson voted against.

Hamilton's motion failed, 4-3, with Boatman, Egan, Hyer, and McGinnis voting "no." A motion by Hyer to adjourn the meeting, then about 11 p.m., failed, 4-3, with Boatman, Hamilton, Lieblang, and Patterson voting against, and discussion continued.

Patterson said more discussion on the board's strategic plan may be needed.

"There is a lot of disagreement on the table - we need to keep working on it," she said. "We need to get on the same page." *Please see Communications on page 20*



**FEELING THE BEAT:** Kindergartener Colton Williams dances with his classmates to a mix of the "Cha-Cha Slide," "YMCA" and "Happy." Please see pages 18-19 for more pictures. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

# Honored to serve

*Part two of a series honoring Community Award winners...*

**BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN**

*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

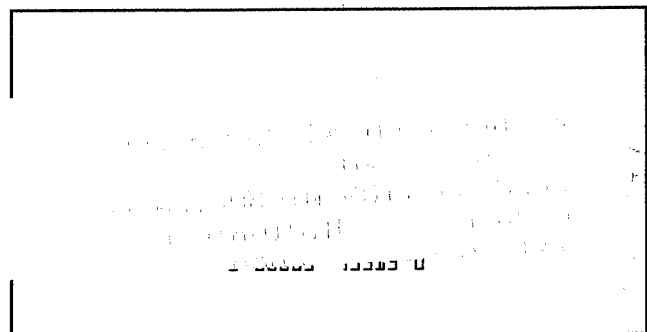
Outstanding members of the community will be honored at the 29th annual Clarkston Community Awards breakfast, Tuesday, May 13, including **Kelly Fitzpatrick, 18.**

The Clarkston High School student learned she will receive one of two Youth of the Year awards when her parents surprised her at work with the good news and flowers.

Presently, Fitzpatrick serves as editor on the Clarkston High School yearbook. She is also a student at the National Honor Society, and spends many hours with NHS doing community service projects.

Fitzpatrick volunteers for a numerous good causes including Relay for Life and Race for Ryan Kennedy, where she served as

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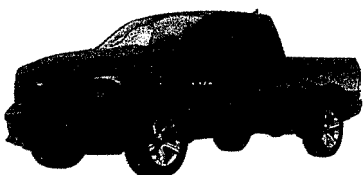


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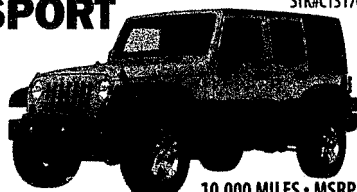


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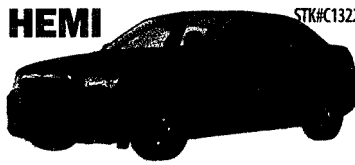


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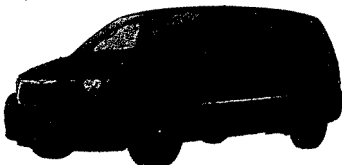
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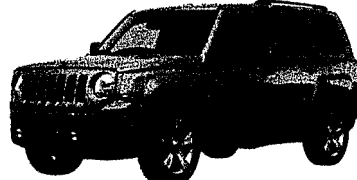


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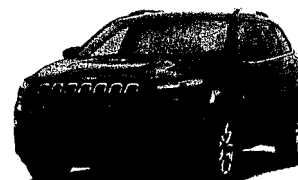
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**SPRING CLEANING:** Cub Scout Pack 499, parents, and Clarkston Rotarians filled a record-beating 76 bags of leaves and twigs at Depot Park, April 19. The previous record was 36 bags. The park clean-up is an annual event for the Cub Scouts and Rotary. The two-hour work session was followed by pizza and pop and a chance to enjoy the sunshine and the equipment at the park. *Photo provided*

## Sewage leak into Spring Lake

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Investigation continues into a sewer leak into Spring Lake, discovered April 24.

"Someone dumped big rocks and sand into the sewage system," said Independence Township Department of Public Works Director Linda Richardson. "Big rocks and sand did not come through the toilet. They came from somewhere else."

The leak was reported by a resident at 7:40 a.m., April 24. DPW workers responded to the area and lifted a manhole, causing the rock and dirt blockage to break free.

Workers then followed the seeping sewage along a safety path and into a grassy area near the lake.

Originally, DPW workers thought the leak was limited to the grass, but further investigation concluded it had entered the lake.

The DPW is required to report sewage leaks to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Oakland County, with tests for harmful levels of bacteria. Richardson said water testing for e-coli were taken 100 yards upstream of the point of entry, and 100 and 200 yards downstream.

"Once we did testing 200 yards downstream, the e. coli levels were very low," she said.

A break in the system could suck in sand and rocks over time, but it would have to be a large break to get in the amount of material in this incident, she explained.

"If we had that big of a break, our pumps would be running longer and we would see all kinds of red flags," she said.

How exactly the material got into the system is under investigation. There is new construction in the area, and it is possible someone tried to illegally tap into the sewage system. Anyone that illegally taps a sewer system can be fined.

The incident occurred last week on Maybee Road near Fountain's Golf and Banquet Club.

After the required tests were completed, officials at Oakland County and the MDEQ concluded no clean-up or other further action was required because the sewage did not enter a beach area, Richardson said.

When attempting to check the sewer pipes in the area with a camera, the DPW discovered more sand. Richardson said her crew is using special equipment to suck sand out of the pipes.

Richardson said sewer leaks in Independence Township are rare, with two documented incidents in the township in the past 30 years.

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# Awardees key to community success

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a head planner for the 5K Run.

This summer Kelly will work with Disaster Relief At Work, a Clarkston non-profit organization that provides supplies in disaster stricken areas.

Volunteering is nothing new for the senior student. Fitzpatrick has been involved with the Clarkston High School Leadership Program since sixth grade, and presently serves as captain of the team.

Fitzpatrick in part credits her parents for a love of volunteering, and has been helping others for as long as she remembers.

"I love being involved," she said. "I feel like I want to do something big to help. I want to make a difference. When you are in high school I think it is really easy to just focus on things like dances and high school things, and lose focus on the fact that people need help."

Throughout her life, Fitzpatrick said she has always felt compelled to help others.

A primary goal in her life is to focus less on herself and spend even more time working for others.

"I believe that doing good deeds makes you feel good about yourself," she smiled. "Volunteering makes you feel fulfilled."

Fitzpatrick said she wants to give a big shout out to all the people who have helped and supported her over the years. Among the many people she thanked is Amy Quayle, a leadership advisor at CHS. "She has been amazing and taught me so much about giving back and serving others," she said.

When asked why it feels so good helping others, she smiled, "when you help others it's really great to see how grateful they are and how much you help them."

Calvary Lutheran Church Pastor **Jonathon Heierman** is honored for community collaboration work with My Habitat Clarkston. Heierman works in partnership with Clarkston Community Church's Pastor's Greg Henneman and Dan Whiting.

Heierman has been instrumental in helping rally his congregation to come together for a greater good.

In 2012, Heierman along with CCC Pastors Henneman and Whiting, started working to build or refurbish a Habitat for Humanity home in Clarkston. Finding a home that fit the income criteria in Clarkston posed a challenge for the group because of the high home values in the community. Although the group could not find a home within the Clarkston School District, the group found a home in neighboring community of Waterford. Working together, the home was refurbished for a needy family.

After facing such challenges, Heierman explained that the three leaders wanted to continue fostering the energy in the group of volunteers. They also wanted to find a way to make a similar project fit the needs in Clarkston.



**Kelly Fitzpatrick**

Since it was created, My Habitat Clarkston has grown to include over 600 volunteers for community service projects like Impact Day at Calvary Lutheran and The Church has Left the Building at CCC.

Heierman said volunteers are always needed and welcome to help with the numerous projects included in My Habitat Clarkston.

**Jeanne Molzon** is receiving one of two Citizen of the Year Awards.

Molzon is known to be a shining example of vision and values. Since moving to Clarkston in 1977, Molzon has continuously dedicated her time and effort to many good causes and organizations that improve the community. Molzon has worked with the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club for many events including the Garden Walk and the 60th Anniversary Christmas Luncheon, which she served as Chairperson and treasurer. She also helps the Garden Club with the Greens Market and Garden Walk.

Molzon was a key player coordinating an after school enrichment program which serves hundreds of local children.

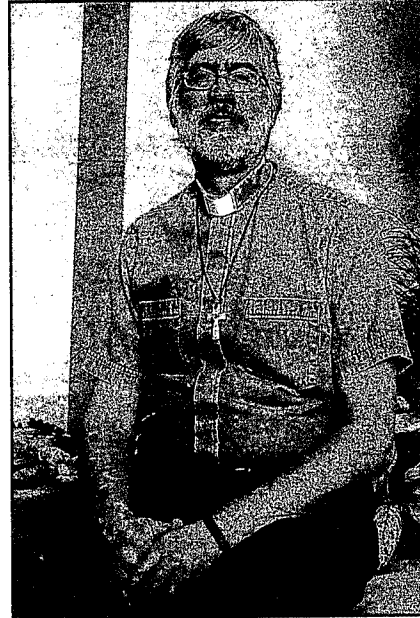
She also works hard for the library from raising money to helping in numerous other ways.

Molzon served as president for the Friends of the Library, a board which she has served on in a variety of roles for more than a decade.

She also raised awareness to educate the community about the need to re-establish the local library to the Clarkston-Independence District Library. In 2012, Molzon was recognized as one of the founding members of the non-compensated library board.

"It has been a long and hard battle to get the library as an independent district library," she said. "There are many benefits to it."

Molzon said she wants the community to be aware the library reorganization is not complete until an August 5 vote in which voters will decide if the library stays open or closes. A yes vote means the library will get the fund-



**Rev. Jonathon Heierman**



**Jeanne Molzon**

ing it needs, and a no vote means the library will close its doors.

As for her volunteer work, Molzon insist she gets a lot out of performing good acts. "You really get so much recognition for volunteering," she smiled. "I have always just thought volunteering is what you do. Just think of how the world would be if everyone shared their time. You also meet a lot of wonderful people. I will always volunteer."

According to her nomination, "Over the years Jeanne Molzon has quietly left her mark on so many of the projects that make Clarkston the great community it is. Jeanne has demonstrated her love of Clarkston as both a leader and a worker bee. She is truly a role model of community involvement."

In addition to her hard work on a multitude of projects, Molzon is known to be responsible and dependable with great attention to detail. For tickets, go to [www.clarkstoncommunity.com](http://www.clarkstoncommunity.com). More on the Clarkston Community Award winners next week.

## Briefly

### Publisher honored

Retired *Clarkston News* Publisher James A. Sherman, Sr., was honored at the April 15 Independence Township Board meeting.

Trustees passed a resolution honoring Sherman for his support and involvement in the community. Sherman took over the reins of *The Clarkston News* in 1966 from "Judge" Bill Stamp, who bought the paper in 1933.

Sherman retired in 1993 and passed on publishership to his son, Jim Sherman, Jr. The township resolution was part of four such resolutions in honor of Sherman from the Michigan State's House of Representatives, Oakland County Board of Commissioners and from Clarkston resident and County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson. Sherman was "roasted" recently by the Oxford Rotary Club to raise funds for high school scholarships. The event raised over \$8,000.

### More days for Bailey Lake

Students at Bailey Lake Elementary will be in school a couple days later than fellow Clarkston kids.

Bailey Lake, which cancelled classes due to power outages in addition to snow days this school year, will be in half-day sessions on June 11 and 12. Classes in the rest of the district end on June 10, a half day. The state allows six snow days. Clarkston had 10 snow cancellations this school year.

Discussions at the state level are ongoing and monitored closely by administration, said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. House Bill 4295 lowers the student-attendance percentage from 75 percent to 60 percent. At least 60 percent of students must attend class for those days to count.

### M-15 yard sale

The annual M-15 Heritage Route Yard Sale is Saturday, May 3. The all-day event, each year on the first Saturday in May, invites shoppers to visit historic villages along the route, from Clarkston to Vassar.

The M-15 Coalition, a partnership of local units of governments, includes area chambers of commerce and municipalities, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The coalition serves to promote, preserve and protect the recreational resources of M-15 through heightened awareness of the route.

## Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

### Chamber valuable to community

No group of ladies work harder than the gals at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

They are spotted everywhere around town. You see them at every event, an event they most likely planned or helped plan.

They help bring in and promote business. They attend ribbon cuttings, and notify Oakland County officials of your new business so you can get your very own extremely fancy proclamation to hang on your wall.



They encourage business and education, they educate, inspire, promote and network, network, network. They plan ribbon cuttings, hold the red ribbon and hand you the big golden scissors to cut that ribbon and mark your important milestone. Then they take your picture and tell the world about your new business.

They promote online, via snail mail and of course word of mouth. They say good things about your company and lend their vivacious spirit to numerous community functions.

Besides, of course, advertising in the newspaper, I can't think of a greater investment for a business to make than to join the Chamber.

During interviews with recipients of the Clarkston Community Awards, almost every single person mentioned and thanked the CACC. Clarkston Community Church Pastors Greg Henneman and Dan Whiting and Calvary Lutheran Pastor Jonathon Heierman, they all thanked the Chamber for all their support. Even the Youth of the Year recipients thanked the Chamber, and realize how valuable the organization really is.

They promote events, people, business and everything else happening in this sweet little piece of America. They host educational meetings and ask the expert type events. They do it all! How do you do it girls? do you have clones? Some magical formula? They do all this work for over 600 businesses in the City of Clarkston, Independence and Springfield Townships and Davisburg I really enjoyed meeting and talking to all the Clarkston Community Awards recipients.

By the way, Clarkston Lions, you are so very lucky to have volunteer Dan Wung. I watched him stand outside all day long in the pouring rain with a smile on his face. Assistant Publisher Don Rush was nice enough to buy him a coffee and a cookies. Anyways, back to the Chamber. God Bless America, and God bless the Chamber of Commerce!

# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Thanks for help with Hoops for Troops

Dear Don Rush,

Last week, I sent out the final donation check from the Hoops for the Troops game – after having one check ready to send we received more donations.

Clarkston Community Schools and the Girls Basketball sent almost \$5,000 to Luke's Wings in honor of Jenna Beno. That \$5,000 can help 10 families unite with their soldier. I

was in awe of this total and now I have a goal to beat next year!

Thank you for everything you did to help me get this event off and running. I learned what to do and what not to do. I am already working on next year's event and how to beat that goal! Thank for everything,

Megan Goldberg  
Clarkston Girls Basketball



Team RUSH celebrates winning the Chairman's Award. Photo provided

## National honors for Team RUSH

Clarkston's Team RUSH earned national acclaim at the annual FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Clarkston High School technology team won the Chairman's Award, the highest honor given at the championship to recognize the team best embodying the purpose and goals of FIRST.

"It was absolutely amazing," said Kyle Hughes, team coach. "The students and the mentors are still living the dream – we had an incredible weekend."

The award inducts the team into the

FIRST Robotics Hall of Fame. Team RUSH (Respect, Unity, Spirit, Heart) also took second in their division; top 8 in the world for their robot; and junior Camron Razdar was awarded "Dean's List" as a top 10 world member.

Teams took to the field, where competing Alliances scored points by throwing balls over a truss, catching balls, and putting as many balls in goals as possible.

The more Alliances worked together to score, the more points their Alliance received. This year, 68,175 students on 2,727 FRC teams in 17 countries participated in 98 Regional and District competitions.

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## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1999

**"Clarkston reacts to Colorado shooting"** The shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado reached a little too close to home for many Clarkston students and parents. Fears escalated when a graffiti message was spray painted on the sidewalk at Clarkston High School and rumors of a hit list began circulating.

**"Schools focus on security, rumors"** The tragedy at Columbine High School in Colorado was a wake up call for families, school districts and law enforcement agencies across the country and Clarkston was no exception. Schools reevaluated their crisis plans and security was increased all of the the buildings in Clarkston Community Schools the day after the shootings.

**"Wolves conquer Martians for first win"** It wasn't a pretty game according to Clarkston Varsity Girls Soccer Head Coach Tami Mitchell but it was a win - the first win. The Lady Wolves beat Goodrich, 3-2. Angela Humphreys scored the third goal, which sealed the deal against the Martians.

### 25 years ago - 1989

**"32 cut from Clarkston school staff"** The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education unanimously voted to lay off 30 teachers and two administrators for the 1989-90 during a special meeting. The cuts were due to the overall financial situation for the district as they anticipated reductions in state aid, loss of revenue from the Headlee rollback, expected return from leaver of high seniority teachers and declined of enrollment at the Oakland Technical Center - Northwest Campus.

**"Bad checks bouncing through Independence"** Business owners were cautious as a string of bad checks used in Independence Township were being reported to police. Most of the checks had been returned because the account was closed. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department warned it was a scam.

**"CHS goes the distance against Northern"** The Clarkston Boys Track team relied on their distance event to beat out rival Pontiac Northern. The girls team also won with performances from field and distance runners for a 73-55 score.

### 50 years ago - 1964

**"Girls wins award"** Janet Miller received Honorable Mention for her book jacket design in a contest for advertising students at Wayne State University.

# Finding truth in signs around us

You've gotta love some business owners' sense of humor. Especially when they display it very publicly on signs, bumper stickers and the like.

At tire shop in Milwaukee: "Invite us in for your next blowout."

Outside a muffler shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

Sign on the back of a septic tank truck: "Caution! This truck is full of political promises."

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Something for Obama, Gore and all other "greenies" to think about.

England's most powerful supercomputer, capable of 1,000 billion calculations per second, was designed to predict climate change. After it was

installed in 2009, however, critics noted the massive, hangar-sized machine required 1.2 megawatts of energy to operate.

Using that much power produces 12,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year, making the supercomputer one of Great Britain's single worst contributors to climate change!

What's the old saying? Danged if you do, danged if you don't.

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• One day Washington is warning us about a milk shortage because of the

drought; the next day markets are offering free milk with another purchase.

• Cheerios is advertising they, 'carefully select' the oats for their cereals. Wonder if they sell their rejects to oat meal makers?

• In the 1970s, attorneys were allowed to advertise for the first time. I guess that ban was lifted to save the television.

• Even if you've already read this while Googling, or whatever, it's like a good belch ... worth repeating.

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**Here are ten things to disappear in our lifetime.**

1. The post office.

## Jim's Jottings



A column by Jim Sherman, Sr.

## Is civil discourse a thing of the past?

It seems the more opportunities we have to connect with each other, the more we separate ourselves. I'm not just talking about interpersonal relationships, either. I'm talking about communal relationships, relationships which help communities navigate societal changes in a productive manner.

Now that was a long-winded way of saying, or asking, "Why are we yelling at each other?"

I think now, more than in anytime in our country's history, Americans of all stripes are entrenched in their own, personal views. How would Don Adams, (aka TV's Maxwell Smart) have said it? "It's the old, 'you're either with me all the way or you're an idiot' trick. Second time it's worked this week."

I met with Waterford resident, author and director of the National Civility Center Kent Roberts about a month ago and he talked about civil discourse. It's his firm belief that this country was founded on civil discourse -- the exchange of ideas, from old ways of thinking to newer ways of thinking. This civil discourse (debate, if you will) helped shape the change which followed. Change, he said, is one of the true constants of our world. Nothing stays the same.

It always changes.

Kent also believes if communities would again start engaging in civil discourse, they could leverage their new-found (old way of doing things) solution generation mechanism for some truly wonderful endeavors. Of course, this can hardly happen today when everybody else is a racist, bigot, greedy (fill in your own favorite adjective).

Despite social media's great potential to discuss and

debate, to come up with solutions, the internet has actually shot civility and civil discourse in their proverbial keisters. Come on! Why respectfully agree to disagree with somebody when you can try to embarrass the other guy, whilst making yourself look tough, cool, smart and worldly? The fastest way to shut down civil discourse is to call the other guy a name. Case closed. End of discussion.

Is there any wonder our schools have bully problems? Look at what the "intelligent" and "respectful" adults in our kids' lives are doing. We're wonderful role models, aren't we? (Go look at what you're posting on Facebook and then answer me.)

And, I hate to say it, but some of the worst offenders are my left-leaning, feel-good, so called "liberal" friends. Popular thought would have it that only those who lean right are the meanies. Hold your barbs; the stuff those "nice" left-folk post and say on "social" media is downright mean!

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Right-wing Republicans want to stop change at all costs. They want to live in the 1950s when everything was all right (as long as you were a straight, white dude of Anglo-Saxon persuasion). Left-wing Democrats want change at all costs and as fast as possible to fit the cause or science de jour -- whether or not the cause or science is just or solid.

And never the two shall cross.

God forbid these right and left-wingers would actually (and publicly) cross paths. They might even find common ground, concerns and a language to civilly communicate. All we have now from our "leaders" is demagoguery. And, unfortunately, that's all we want.

We don't want to grow. We don't want to challenge ourselves, nor our so-called leaders. We'd rather be uneducated and believing than educated with a healthy dose

of skepticism. Notice, a few lines ago I didn't call the two sides of the spectrum Liberal or Conservative? That was done on purpose, because the terms conservative and liberal have been highjacked. George Washington and the founding fathers were liberal who conservatively went about their business of changing the course of human history, all the while making money.

If change is inevitable, why not be an agent for change? Not change for change's sake, but for constructive change, logical change, loving change. This is where civil discourse comes into play. With civil discourse comes the exCHANGE of ideas. Civil discourse, doesn't necessarily mean "compromise" either (not that well-founded compromise is a bad thing).

In 1690, John Locke said of civil discourse, "... a communication of thoughts and ideas by words, as may serve for the upholding common conversation and commerce, about the ordinary affairs and conveniences of civil life, in the societies of men, one amongst another."

American psychologist Kenneth Gergen described civil discourse as "the language of dispassionate objectivity." Suggesting it requires respect of participants. "It neither diminishes the other's moral worth, nor questions their good judgment; it avoids hostility, direct antagonism, or excessive persuasion; it requires modesty and an appreciation for the other participant's experiences."

That sounds just like today's Facebook conversations doesn't it? That sounds like our leaders locally, in the state and in Washington, DC., don't it? That sounds like our dinner conversations ... who am I kidding? We are only kidding ourselves.

What are your thoughts (and be civil!)? Email me here, [Don@ShermanPublications.org](mailto:Don@ShermanPublications.org).

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A column by Don Rush

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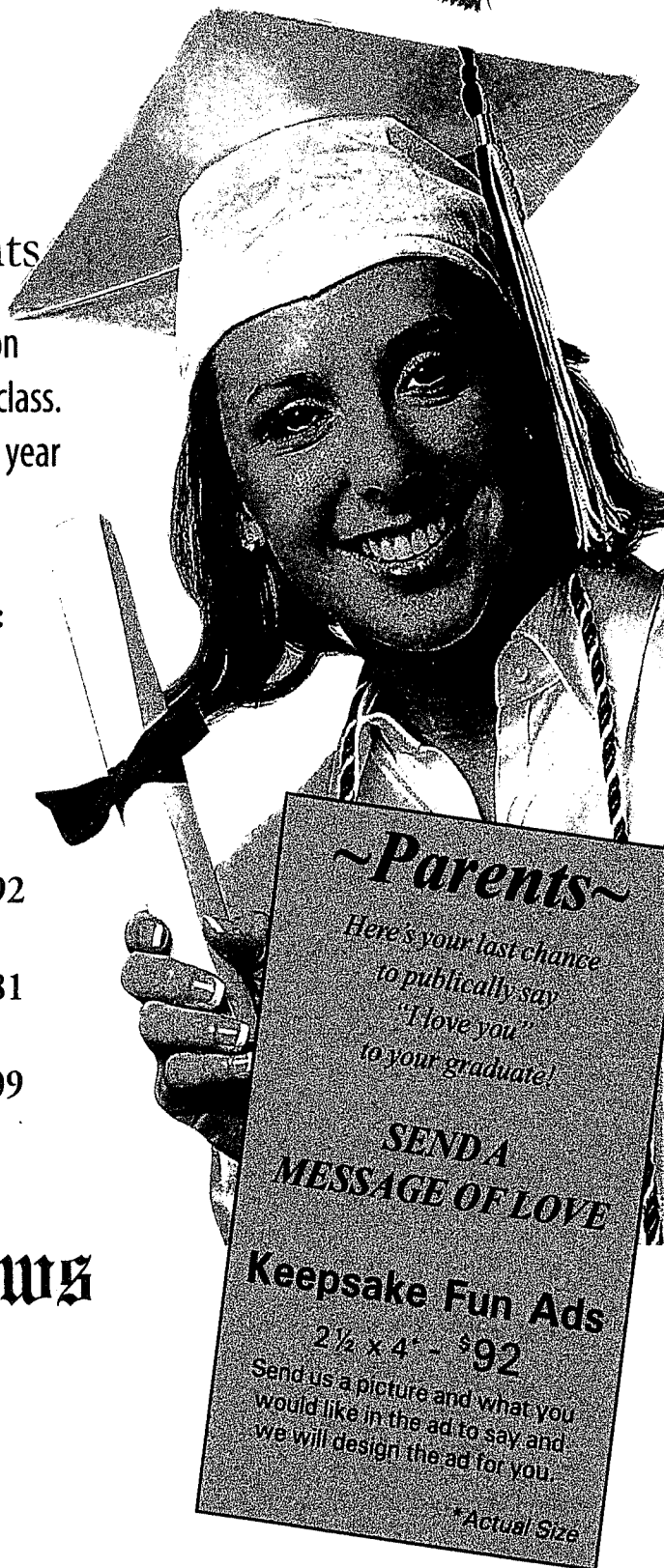
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## Vandals damage Depot Park

Vandals struck Depot Park again and this time the damage was so bad a couple had to cancel their wedding in the gazebo last Friday.

Clarkston City Manager Eberhardt informed city council members at their Monday meeting the vandalism, full of graphic and vulgar language, is etched into the gazebo with marker and paint.

"We are having a huge problem with vandalism in Depot Park and it keeps escalating," said Eberhardt. "It is worse than I have ever seen it."

DPW foreman Jason Miller used very expensive wipes to clean off most of the graffiti.

"These wipes cost \$300 for two containers," she noted about the additional costs.

In addition to damaging and breaking parts of the gazebo, the vandals destroyed other things including a bronze memorial plaque and a recently installed swing.

Eberhardt added destruction has been occurring almost every day.

Mayor Joe Luginski said the city has been considering cameras for the park for quite a while and requested Eberhardt to get bids for the equipment.

City Attorney Tom Ryan suggested Eberhardt look into getting a dedicated line in the park which could be monitored by police.

Eberhardt said she also plans to investigate a system that can be viewed anytime online by anyone with a password to the system.

Oakland County Sheriff Independence Substation Lieutenant Dirk Feneley was made aware of the problem twice and additional police patrol were requested in the area.

As for the couple set to be married in the gazebo, they still got married.

City resident David Delasko said it is sad a couple's wedding plans were dashed by people destroying something beautiful.

"It is pretty horrible because people really like Depot Park," he said. "It's a really nice gazebo and a beautiful park."

Citizens are asked to call the Oakland County Sheriff substation at 248-620-4970 if they see any suspicious activities. ~AB

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**HELPING OUT:** Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk, left, and Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett study Independence Firefighter Cody Bridger's form while he saws through a 120 foot tall tree from the Civil War era at a house on Franklin Wright Blvd in Orion Township. The Independence Fire Department helped the Orion Storm Cleanup crew saw over 1,200 yards of fallen lumber from the April 12 storm that devastated much of Lake Orion. Photo by Meg Peters

## Prowler?

A Fay Street resident was awakened by an outside noise, about 1 a.m., April 17. She got out of bed and turned on the bedroom light and porch light but didn't see anything. The next morning, she went outside and found the screen to her bedroom window had been pushed in.

## Phone scam

An Independence Township resident received a call from a Washington D.C. cell phone, 3:28 p.m., April 17. The caller said the government wanted to give her \$8,400 as a reward for always turning in her taxes and never filing for bankruptcy. Asked for her credit card number, the resident hung up and called police.

## Expired plate

A 33-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for expired registration tabs, 8:44 p.m., April 14, at Sashabaw and Maybee roads. He was cited for driving with expired license and plate.

## Drunk driver in ditch

A 24-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for drunk driving after ending up in a ditch on Rattalee Lake Road at Allen Road, 6:44 a.m., April 17. He said a deer ran in front of him, making him swerve, lose control, and land in the ditch. He had two bottles of beer in the backseat, a marijuana pipe, lighter, and three small plastic bottles with a small amount of marijuana in his pocket, and smelled of marijuana and alcohol. He had no medical marijuana card, failed a series field sobriety tests, and refused to take a preliminary breath test. He was arrested for drunk driving and a warrant obtained for a blood test.

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## False report

Deputies are investigating an apparent case of "Swatting," 6:30 a.m., April 24, in the 6500 block of Snow Apple Drive. Dispatch received a call from Waterford Township Police, saying they got a call from the Snow Apple address about someone holding and threatening hostages with a "machine gun." Deputies arrived at the scene and talked to the homeowner, who said nothing was going on, everyone was accounted for in the home, and no phone call were made to the police. The Sheriff's Office Computer Crimes Unit is also assisting in investigating the false report.

## Hit and run

A witness saw a 26-year-old Wayne woman back her vehicle into another car and drive off without stopping, 5:36 p.m., April 25, in the 5000 block of Upland Drive. The witness provided the license plate number to police, who mailed a misdemeanor citation for hit and run issued to her address.

## Sleeping driver

Investigating a report of a passed-out driver in the 4000 block of Ava Lane, 7 a.m., April 25, a deputy found a 25-year-old Independence Township man slumped behind the wheel. His car had run over a residence's over shrubs and rested up against a house. Unsteady on his feet and smelling strongly of alcohol, he was jailed for drunk driving.

## Flaming couch

A homeowner across the lake called 911 to report a couch on fire on the beach in the 6000 block of Lake Waldon Drive, 7:06 p.m., April 26. Independence Township firefighters and sheriff's deputies found the couch almost completely burned. Seated at a nearby picnic were two 13-year-old girls and a 14-year-old girl, all Independence Township residents. They said the couch was on the beach, they found a lighter on the ground, and all three tried to light it on fire, with the older girl succeeding. Firefighters put out what was left of the fire, and deputies counseled the girls on the dangers of playing with fire. They said they would not do it again, and were released to the mother of one of the girls.

## Shoplifter

A man left a convenience store in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road with a basketful of items without paying, 9:02 p.m., April 27. He was described as a white man in his early to mid 30s with a heavily tattooed neck, wearing jeans, black jacket, ball cap, and glasses. His license plate number was registered to an address in Grand Blanc, and deputies called Grand Blanc police to check on it. Investigation continues.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

**This Saturday...**  
Clarkston Lacrosse hosts Game for a Cure at Clarkston High School, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and Boys Varsity Baseball hosts Roy Warner tournament at 10 a.m.

## Wolves win in overtime

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Connor Dziewit swung the ball to teammate Andrew Williamson as the seconds counted down in the overtime period against St. Michael's College School on Sunday.

Williamson shot it into the net with 2:38 remaining to win the game for the Wolves against the Toronto team, 12-11.

"He was in the right place at the right time," said Brian Kaminkas, head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team. "He is an opportunist attackman and he knows how to find those open slots. He got there, got the ball and he knew how to bury it."

The Wolves started off slow against St. Michael's and found themselves behind. They eased their way up and tied with the visiting team.

"The guys took a little time to wake up but once they did they settled in," Kaminkas said. "We were behind then it was goal for goal all the way."

Connor Ward, Reid Kaminski and Williamson led with three goals each during the game. Keaton Mitchell added two goals to the board while Dziewit had one goal and four assists.

The boys made 21 shots on the net while Jake Hendricks made ten saves for Clarkston.



Andrew Williamson, Gaven Bertram and Keaton Mitchell celebrate the winning goal against St. Michael's College. Photo by Wendi Reardon

"St. Mike's is ranked fifth in Canada," Kaminkas added. "This is only their second loss of the year and we were happy to give it to them."

He continued by adding it helps the boys as they prepare for tough teams and for the playoffs in a few weeks.

"It gives us a little bit of credibility and a little more validation to what they are doing," he said. "They work hard and they can compete with the top talent in two different countries."

The Wolves defeated another Canadian team last week when they beat St. Andrew's College on Friday, 18-11. Ward led the team with six goals. Kaminski added three. Austin Egler had two assists during the game. The boys made 18 shots on the net. In the goal, Hendricks turned away four shots and David Taylor stepped in to block three shots.

They opened the week with an 11-7 win over Birmingham Consolidated where Ward led with four goals. Dziewit and Kaminski added two goals each and Dziewit had four assists.

The Wolves were down by two points by the end of the first quarter. They kept Birmingham scoreless in the third quarter for the win. They made 24 shots on the net and Hendricks had 11 saves including

The boys host Troy Athens on Thursday before going against Holland Christian on Saturday during the Clarkston Lacrosse Program's annual Game for a Cure.

Kaminkas added the game against Holland Christian is a special one because their head coach is a Clarkston alumni, Steven Johns.

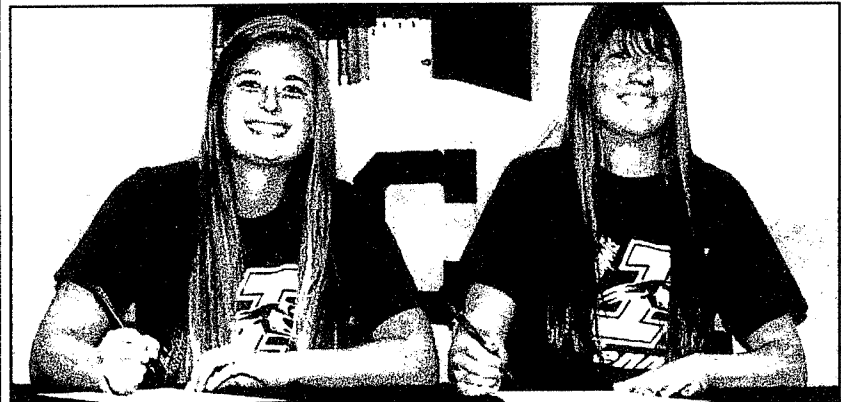
"He coached a lot of these guys during the off season so there is a big history. It's going to be fun," he smiled

The boys are also excited for the event to help raise money for St. Joseph Cancer Research Center and the Ryan Kennedy Memorial Playground fund

"It is one of the big things we do here," Kaminkas said. "Last year we raised over \$20,000 and we are on track to raise more this year."

They play at 7 p.m.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



From left, Paige and Dana Olsen sign their letters of intent for University of Indianapolis. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Sisters' next step

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

During Paige and Dana Olsen's first tennis lesson when they were young they swung their rackets for 30 minutes. They didn't hit a single ball.

"It was okay they were told," said mom, Deanna Olsen. She added they were taught the first day it wasn't about how many times they hit the ball but their form.

Deanna remembered the moment as the twins signed their letter of intent to play tennis for University of Indianapolis last Wednesday.

"It's official now," Paige smiled. "It was the best fit overall. Everything fell into place. It was super last minute. We just loved it. We made the decision really fast."

"We got there and it was better than we expected," Dana added.

The two looked at different colleges but found they were either too far away or they didn't know they loved it or not.

"That was a sign right there it wasn't the right school," Dana said. "Then, we looked at Indianapolis."

They both admitted it was a bonus and worked out to be going to school with each other. It will also help them.

"It is always good to have someone you know there," Paige said. "We are more

comfortable around each other. We are the only two people coming onto the tennis team so it is good to know a teammate."

Paige plans to study exercise science with a concentration in physical therapy while Dana will major in business with a possibility to minor in Spanish.

Both have been playing tennis since they were four-years-old. They began playing competitively around 8-years-old. They play all year with the United States Tennis Association when they aren't playing with Clarkston Varsity Girls Tennis team. where they helped the Lady Wolves win the state championship in 2011.

"We didn't know what to expect because tennis is such an individual sport but it was the whole team aspect," Dana added. "It was such a difference. We loved it. We got to come out here and winning states was the icing on the cake and we have been trying to live up to it ever since."

Playing for USTA and Clarkston will help as they head to Indianapolis.

"It definitely prepares you for the college level because you experience all aspects," Dana added.

"It prepares you for the competitive matches," Paige said. "It is good from the team aspect especially for college because it is a team."

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## Change for summer volleyball camp

Due to snow make-ups and limited workers, Clarkston Varsity Head Coach Kelly Avenall (Pinner) is offering the Clarkston Volleyball Clinic on June 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17 (Wednesday through Tuesday.)

The clinic is open to girls going into grades 9-12 play from 8-10 a.m., girls going into 5-8 play 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost is \$100 and includes T-shirt. Individual awards are given to outstanding athletes,

letes, players with good attitude and tournament champions. Please note Bailey Lake Elementary students may attend Friday - Tuesday for \$60 due to their extra make-up days. Please make a note on the form.

Forms can be found at all buildings in Clarkston Community Schools or online [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics). For more information, please email [kjavenall@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:kjavenall@clarkston.k12.mi.us).



Clarkston Lacrosse players are ready to fight in Game for a Cure this Saturday at Clarkston High School. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Game on to play for a cure

It's the tenth anniversary for Game for a Cure and lacrosse players from Clarkston are ready for the day-long event.

This year's Game for a Cure is this Saturday at Clarkston High School, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is only \$5 but if you have a GFC T-shirt - admission is free.

All proceeds from this year's event are donated to St. Joseph Cancer Research Center and the Ryan Kennedy Memorial Play-ground Fund.

T-shirts are \$12, up to an adult XL and \$14 for an adult XXL. They are sold during lunch periods at the high school, home games or day of the event.

Game for a Cure begins at 8:30 a.m. with the Clarkston U11 team against the Warriors U11 team. The final game is at 7 p.m. with Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse against Holland Christian. The complete schedule for the day can be found on the Events page on [www.clarkstonlacrosse.com](http://www.clarkstonlacrosse.com).

Please contact Liz Kaminski at [kaminskiliz@gmail.com](mailto:kaminskiliz@gmail.com) for more information about GFC.

Please contact Stacey Stickle at [staceystickle@gmail.com](mailto:staceystickle@gmail.com) to order T-shirts.

Please note: parking may be limited due to two other events happening at the high school earlier in the day - from 10 a.m. - 4p.m

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## Landscaping tips from Tom

### Pool, Spa, Hot Tub? Ready to Take the Plunge?

A pool can offer more entertaining, more fun with your family and more exercise. Check with a landscape designer before heading to the pool store. Why? Professional landscape designers know which pool contractors do a good job, finish on time and come in under budget. Further, a landscape designer will help you walk through the following questions:

#### Why Do I Want a Pool, Spa or Hot Tub?

Ask every person in your house why they want a pool, spa or hot tub. Actually write "wish-list" notes, who will use it when, who will each person invite? Does anyone "not" want a pool? Why?

#### What Will I Use it For?

Do you plan on swimming laps? Is it about function or fun? Do you have visions of entertaining guests in and around your pool? Is it for your children and their friends?

#### What Type, Size and Shape of Pool Do I Want?

The options are limitless. What shape, size, combination will work with your property and goals? Tear out pictures from magazines, print pictures from the web, ask friends who already have pools what they'd change. If you have unlimited space, the sky is the limit. Smaller sites can work with creativity and custom design. You need an expert opinion on landscaping and hardscaping because the finishing touches are what makes the space enjoyable.

#### What's My Budget?

There's a pool for nearly every budget but you must ask questions for realistic expectations. Financing a swimming pool project is like any other home addition, and the funds often come from the same sources: home equity accounts or lines of credit, savings, family, etc. As with any home addition, expect it to cost at least 10% over anticipated budget and ask about ways to maximize your return on investment.

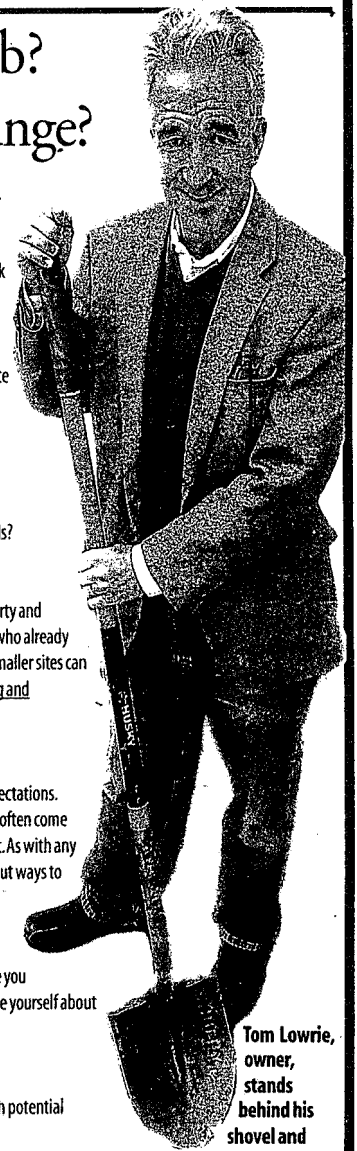
#### Who Will Maintain the Pool?

Heaters, chlorine, bromine, pumps, pool vacuums, test kits - pools take upkeep. Are you up for the time commitment and monthly costs of maintaining your pool? Educate yourself about all that's entailed in maintaining a swimming pool, spa or hot tub.

#### How Long Will it Take?

Be realistic about the time it will take to build or install your pool, and discuss with potential contractors which months will be optimal for construction.

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Victoria Wycoff swings against Sterling Heights Stevenson in the first game of the Girls in Pink Classic, April 12. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Lady Wolves use wins, losses to prepare for Michigan Stars

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Hitters had a winning week as they faced a league foe and played in a tournament on Saturday.

They began the week splitting a double header against OAA Red foe Troy as they lost the first game, 9-6. The Lady Wolves were behind in the seventh inning until they scored four runs to close the gap.

"I really liked the way they battled," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters. "We were hitting the snot out of the ball. We got behind in both games and came back from behind in both - just one comeback was better than the other."

The comeback came in the second game as the girls won the next game, 6-5.

Maddy Scarsella hit a double both times she was at bat and had three RBIs.

"She had some unbelievable defensively plays," Peters added. "She had a potential tying run at the bottom of the seventh. She made a phenomenal catch in the seventh inning to get the first out."

From the game he noticed a few strengths and a few tweaks the girls need to work on.

"Defense needs to get a little tuned up but we haven't been outside that much," he noted. "We haven't been able to get outside. The same with the pitchers they haven't been on the dirt. Our offense is really gelling."

The Lady Wolves went 2-1 in the Under the Lights Classic in Muskegon on Saturday.

"We hit the snot out of the ball out there, too," Peters said. "They are doing a really good job with their base running. They are aggressive and smart. They seem to be finding character in being scrappers and working hard. Even when they are behind they get right back into it."

They beat Reeth-Puffers in four innings. They opened the first inning with seven runs and then scored a combination of seven more in the third and fourth innings.

Abby Skvarce had a double and hit 2-for-3, bringing in two runs during the game. Mariah Hood and Brooklyn Williams also had two RBIs for the game. Rachel Alli hit 2-for-2 and had one RBI.

Candace Kitchen was the winning pitcher in three innings with four strikeouts.

The girls lost to Saline, 9-4. Saline scored

four runs in the first inning as the Lady Wolves scored one. Clarkston scored on two runs in the third inning but Saline held onto the lead with five points in the sixth inning.

Rachel Vieira led the team as she had three RBIs and hit 2-for-4. Kitchen went 3-for-4 at the bat with one RBI. Kitchen pitched five innings and had four strikeouts.

The Lady Wolves held their third annual Girls in Pink Classic, April 12 as they went 2-1. They beat Swartz Creek, 9-2, and Fenton, 18-6.

The wins and losses for the week puts the girls at 7-3 and 1-1 OAA Red as they host North Farmington on Wednesday for a double header.

"We get used to battling," Peters added. "The thing is you have to play every second of the game in all seven innings and stay focused whatever the score is. They are doing it."

The Lady Wolves host their annual Michigan Stars tournament this weekend, which is also their fundraiser.

"We play a lot of great teams," Peters said.

The tournament is held at Bicentennial Park in Grand Blanc.

## A par above all

The Clarkston Boy Varsity Golf team took second place at the Southern Swing Invationals at Locust Hills Golf Course in Ohio on Friday and Saturday.

They scored a 597 as Hartland took first with 587. During the invitational the OAA Red held their third and fourth league events.

Clarkston finished the third league meet in first place with a 298 on Friday with Brendan Graham leading the Wolves with a par of 70. They took first by beating Rochester Adams by one.

Garrett Polish shot a 72; Alex Dice, 77; Luke Nesbitt and Nick Badgley, 79; and Nick Surovec, 83.

For the fourth league meet, held on Saturday, Clarkston finished first with a 299. Dice led with a par of 71 and Graham shot a 75, followed by Polish with a 76; Badgley, 77; Nesbitt, 80; and Andrew Gibson, 81.

They began the week taking third place at the Millworks Invitational with a 306, April 21. Detroit Catholic Central took first with 300 and Swartz Creek, second with 304.

Within same meet, the OAA Red held their second league event in which the Wolves took first place, beating Rochester Adams by one. Rochester finished in third place with 319; Stoney Creek, fourth, 324; Lake Orion, fifth, 332; and Troy, sixth, 335.

Dice led with a par of 72. Graham shot a par of 75; Luke Nesbitt, 79; Polish, 80; Mitch Rogowski, 84.

The JV team had two wins last weeks. They beat Rochester at Bald Mountain, 176-209, April 22. Brady Dice led with a par of 41 as Noah Sampson had a par of 42; Jimmy Haven, 46; Andrew Rogers, 47; Nick VanGilder, 49; and Tyler Fleming, 50.

They won at Pine Knob Golf Course against Rochester Adams on Thursday, 171-191. Sampson led with a 42. Dice, Haven and VanGilder shot a 43; Quinn Ottman, 46; and Fleming, 48.

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# Sprint ahead on Oxford

Clarkston Track and Field teams defeated Oxford in their OAA Red meet, April 22.

The boys beat the Wildcats, 84-44, and took first in 11 events including all four relays.

The 3,200-meter relay team with Dan Billette; Derek Egli, Nathan Heierman, Grant Henley finished at 8:35.6; 1,600-meter relay with Mitch McCord, Ryan Feeley, Josh Zawadzki, Matt Definis, 3:42.1; 800-meter relay with Joe Definis, Merrick Canada, Nolan Eriksen, Ian Eriksen 1:34.0; and 400-meter relay with Nolan, Ian, Feeley, and Caine Watlington, 45.5.

McCord finished the 100 hurdles in 16.1 and the 300 hurdles in 42.6. For sprinters, Ian finished in first in the 100-meter dash in 10.8 and Joe finished in 53.6 in the 400-meter dash.

Grant Henley finished the 1,600-meter run in 4:41.5 and the 3,200-meter run in 10:13.1; Nathan Heierman finished the 800-meter run 2:06.3.

The Lady Wolves won their meet 76-52 while taking first in 12 events including four relays.

The 3,200-meter relay team of Lysie Gram, Alexis Yarnall, Mackenzie Proper, Nicole Hanson, finished at 10:30.3; 1,600-meter relay with Mary Costa, Zoi Morton, Alyssa Bey, Taylor Mullins, 4:34.2; 800-meter relay with Bey, Mullins, Jala Smith, Maddie Wilson, 1:53.8; and 400-meter relay with Bey, Smith, Kayla Russell and Zariah Nevils, 55.1.

Meagan Nicholson finished the high jump at four feet and eight inches. Rachel Horton finished the 100-meter hurdles in 17.8.

Three took first in their individual events: Hanson, 1,600-meter run, 5:32, and 800-meter run, 2:34.7; Wilson, 400-meter dash, 1:02.9, and 200-meter dash, 26.8; and Mullins, 300-meter hurdles, 52.3, and long jump, 14 feet and 10.75 inches.

Both teams competed in the Oxford Invitational on Saturday. The boys finished with 37 points for seventh place and the girls 24 points for tenth place.

Placing for the boys were Canada, second, long jump; Henley, third, 3,200-meter run; Billette, third, 1,600-meter run; 3,200-meter relay team, fourth; Nolan, fourth, 100-meter dash; and Allen Gray, eighth, high jump.

For the girls, Wilson, third, 400-meter dash; Lysie Gram, third, 3,200-meter run; Hanson, fourth, 1,600-meter run; Holly Woods, sixth, discus; 3,200-meter relay, eighth; 400-meter relay, eighth; and Horton, eighth, 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles.

The teams opened the week against cross town rival Lake Orion.

"The guys are excited for their showdown with Lake Orion," said John Bennink, head coach for the boys team. "Both teams are undefeated going into the meet."

They head to the Saline Invitational this week and Stoney Creek High School next Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.

## Lady Wolves host Youth Soccer Night



Hannah Siegfried kicks the ball out of Clarkston's territory during Monday's game. Photo by Wendi Reardon

The Lady Kickers opened the week on Monday with a loss to Stoney Creek, 4-0.

The Lady Cougars opened the game seizing the lead as they scored three goals in the first 15 minutes from one from Jamie Midgley and two from Madison Schupbach.

Clarkston fought back driving the ball into Stoney Creek's turf in the last five minutes of the first half. Hannah Siegfried took a shot with four minutes remaining but it missed its mark.

Freshman goalie Kristen Page had one save in the first half and four saves in the second half. The girls made three shots on the net.

The Lady Wolves head to Bloomfield on Thursday. They are back home on Friday when they host Waterford Kettering.

They host crosstown rivals Lake Orion on Tuesday during Youth Soccer Night. The night includes the great halftime shoot out - score a goal, win a hot dog; prizes for everyone; 50/50 raffle and a trivia question. Kids wearing soccer jerseys get into the games for free.

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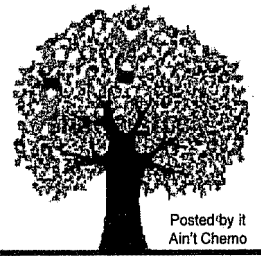
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## Clarkston students solve future problems

The Clarkston High School team of Delaney Brown, Karas Mantz, Megan Nicholson and Jillian Ritchey are heading to the Future Problem Solvers International Competition for the second consecutive year.

They placed first in the Senior Division at the Future Problem Solving State Competition at Michigan State University in Lansing.

They received an invitation to attend the international competition at Iowa State University in June. They also qualified for the same competition last year. The girls will again compete against teams from 44 different states and over 17 countries this year on the topic of space.

Forty-three students from Clarkston High School, Clarkston Junior High School, and Sashabaw Middle School competed in the Michigan Future Problem Solving Program State Bowl at Michigan State University in Lansing, March 29-30.

The competition consisted of students completing a 6-step written booklet addressing the issue of insufficient land transportation in a futuristic Beijing, China.

They analyzed the problem and came up with solutions to solve the underlying issue. They also prepared and presented a skit based on the final action plan they created.

The high school team of Brown, Mantz, Nicholson and Ritchey placed first in the

booklet writing. The team of Nate Gipe, Hanna Jeung, Connor Kornas and Sara Loucks, also from the high school, placed fourth in the booklet writing. Both of these teams competed in the senior division.

From Clarkston Junior High School, competing in the middle division, the team of Jillian Haas, Heather Burrum, Jason Richards and Molly Nicholson placed fourth in the booklet writing competition.

Awards were also given for the Action Plan presentations. The team of Brown, Mantz, Nicholson and Ritchey placed first in their presentation; Gipe, Jeung, Kornas, and Loucks placed third. In the Middle division, the team of Haas, Burrum, Richards and Nicholson placed second.

A second middle division team, composed of Hannah Laing, Grace Kraft, Noah Janowski and Shane McArthur placed first. From Sashabaw Middle School, competing in the junior division, the team of Sam O'Berry, Danielle Stolzenfeld, Emily Reynolds, Lewyn Beermink and Emily Jeung place first. The team of Ana Gustafson, Kendra Demrose, Amanda Sutherby and Claire Kostecki also achieved a first place title.

Also competing from SMS, were students Megan Mayernik, Grace Nolan, Madison Pew, Hannah Bechinski, Elizabeth Oda, Sydney Weber, Caitlin Sivak, Ryan Lenaghan, Shawn Slater, Valentina Vargas, Sarah Herc, Hayley Wilson, Joey Dawson, Natalie Luba, Jason Loucks, Austin Burrum and Maggie Gipe.

The students prepared for their state bowl by researching and writing practice and qualifying booklets on the the topics of: Social Isolation, Desertification and Surveillance Society. The CJHS and CHS students were coached by Holly Kornas and Sue Banworth, meeting on Sunday afternoons to prepare.

The SMS students were coached by Sue Banworth and Lisa Crawford, both teachers at the middle school, and met during the school day a few times each month leading up to the competition.



Delaney Brown, Karas Mantz, Megan Nicholson and Jillian Ritchey with coaches Holly Kornas and Sue Barnworth. Photos submitted



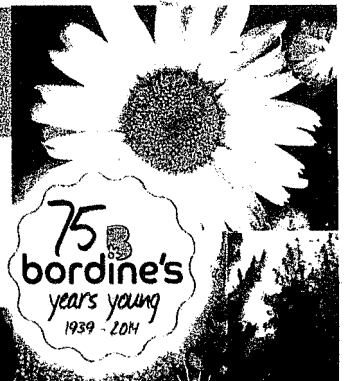
**LABOR OF LOVE:** Volunteer Dan Wung stood on the corner of Main and Washington Streets for 12 hours in the pouring rain, collecting donations for the Clarkston Lions Club White Cane Sales fundraiser. Money collected will benefit blind and visually impaired children. *Photo by Andrea M. Beaudoin*



**SERVING THE EARTH:** Daniel Crull, Caden Viers, Logan McCue, and Mitchell Martin, Mrs. Perry's students at Pine Knob Elementary, were some of many who celebrated Earth Day on April 22. Students pick up trash on the playground every year on Earth day. *Photo provided*

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The auditions are May 17 at 11 a.m. and May 18, 6 p.m. at Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road for children ages 10-18. Performances start July 25.

Be prepared to sing a few bars of a song, read lines from the script, possibly participate in a simple dance routine. Please, come to theatre with the application completed, register at the desk, and have your picture taken.

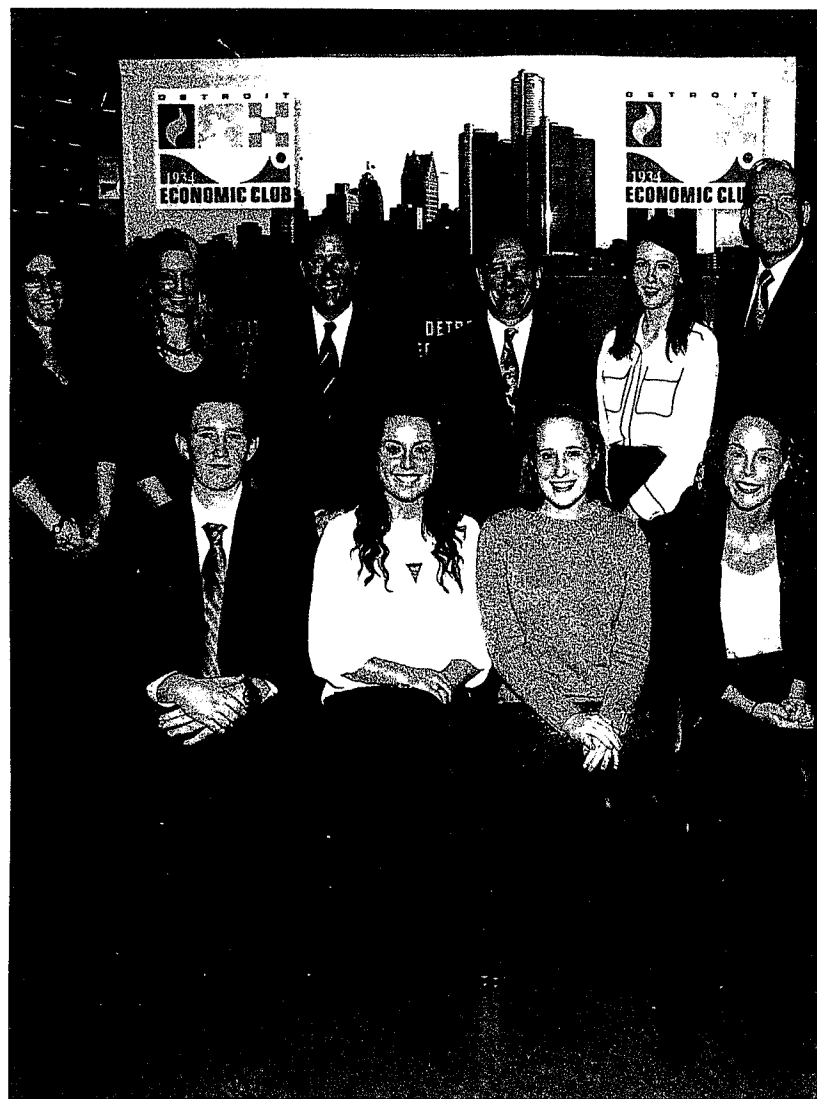
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## Business students learn from Red Wings

Clarkston DECA chapter members were honored as they attended the Detroit Economic Club meeting, April 1.

Members Kylie Johnson, Keegan Adams, Ryleigh McGregor, Amanda Wakefield, Amanda Hodges met with Detroit Red Wings General Manager Ken

Holland and the CEO and President of the Red Wings Christopher Illitch, who answered questions regarding player retention, marketing, and management.

There was a question and answer session before the DECA members ate lunch with Red Wing players.

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# Obituary

## Elizabeth Jones

Elizabeth (Liz) H. Jones, of Oxford, died on Monday, April 28, 2014. She was 78.

She was born on November 6, 1935 to Alvin and Barbara (Buechler) Scheuerlein.

Liz was married to Donald P. Jones on October 5, 1957 until his death on October 4, 2003.

She was the beloved mother of Martin (Darlene) Jones of Columbiaville, Laura (Jim) Murphy of Oxford, Bradley (Paula) Jones of Imlay City, Barbara Jones of Oxford, Carol (Dan) Acton of Lapeer, and Karen (Steve) Collier of Oxford. Sister of Bernice Hinz of Mayville and Arthur Scheuerlein (deceased). Grandmother of Amanda Sandusky and Erin Jones Frasle of Lapeer, Mike Murphy of Oxford, Mitchell, Cole and Kyle Acton of Lapeer, Ryan and Cody Collier of Oxford, Kaitlyn and Jacob Jones of Imlay City.

Liz was preceded in death by two grandsons, Travis Daniel Acton and Joel Randall Murphy.

Liz lived her entire life in Oxford, Michigan. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1953. She worked her early years at Cadillac Market in Oxford, raised her children, then went to work at the Ortonville Post Office as a rural carrier until her retirement in 1997.

Liz was a member of both Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Oxford as well as Good Shepherd Lutheran in Lake Orion. She loved singing in the church choir whenever her health afforded her the pleasure.

She also enjoyed helping with the monthly newsletter mailing at the church. After Donald's death, she joined the Church Street Singers, a group of senior citizens who entertain in nursing homes and retirement villages.

It says in her high school yearbook, when she graduated, that she would one day be singing bass in a barber shop quartet. That is exactly what she did, and she loved it so. Harmony!! She enjoyed her harmony in her music, her marriage, and as being a mother of a large family.

A funeral will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Oxford on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 11 a.m. Rev. Michael P. Schultz will officiate along with Great-nephew Matthew Woods. Interment Oxford Township Cemetery.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors, 39 W. Burdick, Oxford from 3-7 PM and on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the church.

The family kindly welcomes donations to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



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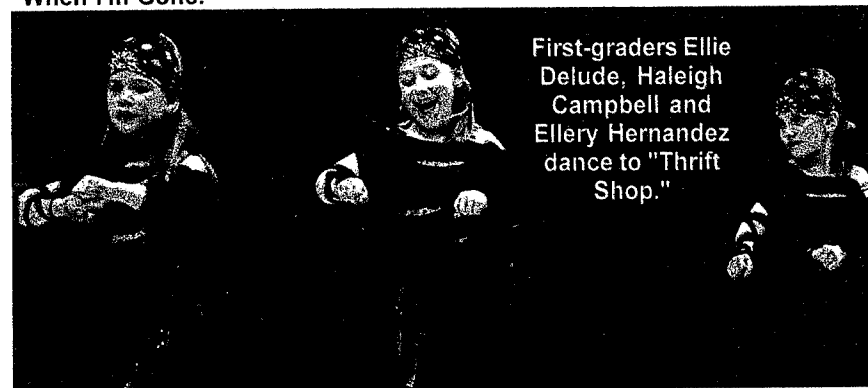


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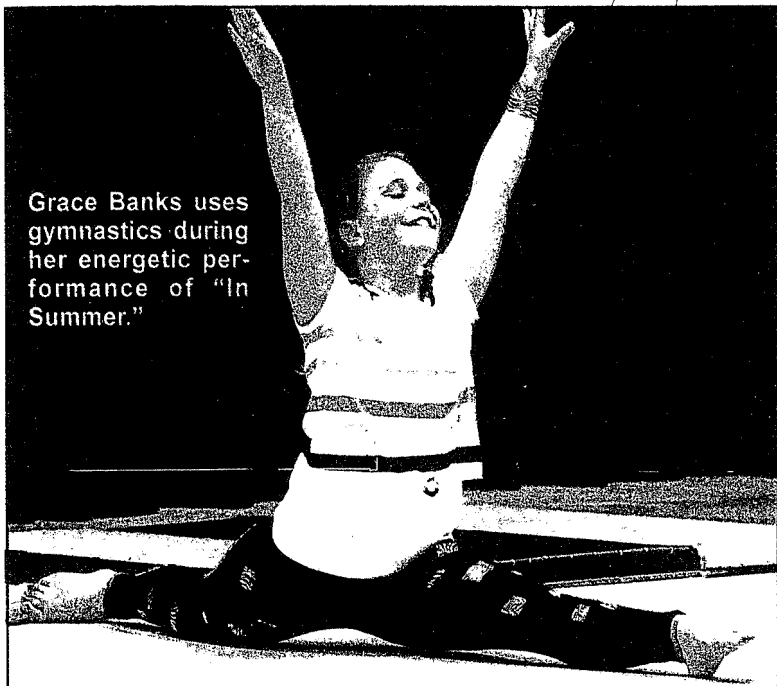
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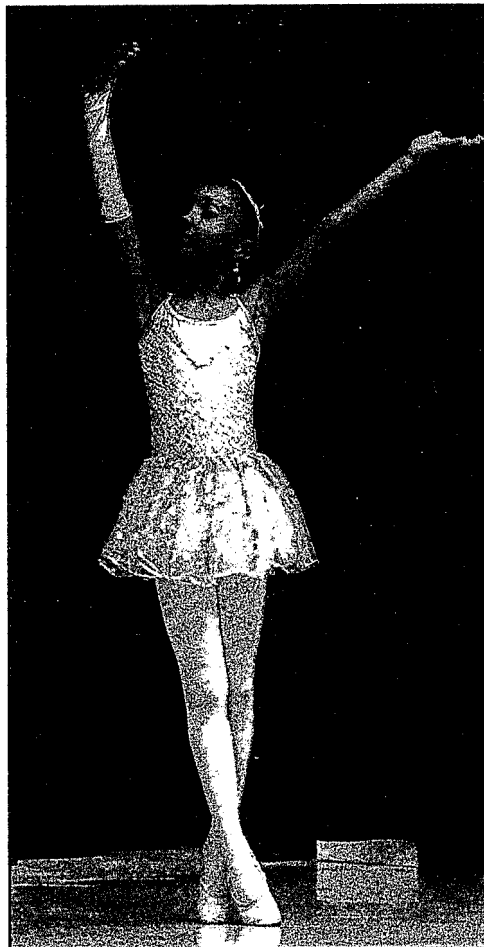
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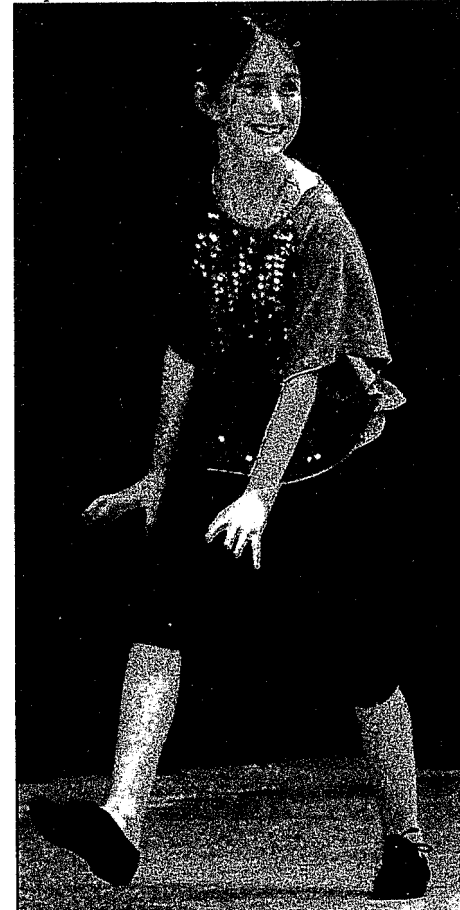
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Grace Banks uses gymnastics during her energetic performance of "In Summer."



Abigail Kurniawan shares her interpretation of "Let it Go."



For her last elementary talent show, Sydnee McClennan dances to "On Top of the World."

## Tigers sing and dance

Students showed their skills during "We Go Together" - Pine Knob Elementary's Talent Show on Friday.

The audience tapped their feet as the performers danced, sang, and played their favorite music instruments to their

favorite songs. They also laughed with a comedy performance from Frankie Schuster and Alex Delude.

The favorite choices this year came from the song collection from Disney's "Frozen."

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# Communications at issue

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They should consider standard question-and-answer templates on budget and other issues to clarify exactly what information is requested and when, she said.

Hyer, who also provided running commentary on Twitter during the meeting, said board members were micromanaging.

"We might as well appoint Rosalie superintendent," said the trustee, who posted dozens of tweets under hashtags such as "lackoftransparency," "outofcontrol," "trusttheadministration," "theyareexperts," and "budgetdiscussiongonewrong."

Egan, who posted about a dozen tweets during the meeting, said the board should make information requests collectively.

"Our authority resides in the entire board - I don't think it's fair to the administration to have seven individuals asking for information," she said. "It chews up resources."

The superintendent said administration also spent time dealing with "misinformation" in *The Clarkston News* articles on the strategic plan, particularly those by Hamilton criticizing him.

"It would be wonderful if this worked both ways - if there's a misunderstanding, not to have to read about it in the paper," Rock

said. "It doesn't seem positive, school board members making negative comments about the superintendent."

For example, in the April 2 article "\$1M surplus kicks off long-term school finance planning," Hamilton stated, "The limit on how much money can be spent before board approval is just over \$20,000. It is shocking how many transactions are just below that amount, and who knows how many are broken up into multiple smaller transactions to avoid having to get board approval for purchases; essentially circumventing the board and board approval."

Rock said this does not happen.

"The information is not accurate," he said.

Patterson said she is concerned about the superintendent's interpretation of the comments.

"I'm afraid, going forward, more things will be perceived differently," the treasurer said.

McGinnis, who said the discussion shouldn't have happened the way it did, walked out of the meeting at 11:38 p.m., about 10 minutes before it adjourned.

"I'm done," she said.

Lieblang said she will create a new section in future agendas for information requests.

"If board members feel they're not getting information, we'll put it on the agenda and discuss it at the board meeting," she said.

# Trustees tweet during meeting

During the Clarkston School Board meeting, April 28, trustees Steve Hyer, who has 263 followers, and Elizabeth Egan, who has 92 followers, provided a live feed on Twitter (captured at 6:12 a.m., April 29).

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 14h**  
If you are coming to tonight's #ccsboe mtg, Pls bring a banana to eat during the mtg to support your Supt, @RodRock1 #eatabanana #itsathing

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 10h**  
Not sure if I should phone a friend, ask the audience, or use 50/50 to figure out how I can push things along here. #budgetdiscussiongonewrong

**Elizabeth Egan @lizzybirds 9h**  
Don't say "I don't care but..." #stoptalking

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 9h**  
@kgkopec It's a discussion/Spanish Inquisition. Board Members trying to figure out how much PD costs. #trusttheadministration #theyareexperts budgetdiscussiongonewrong

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 9h**  
Why isn't this mtg on TV? Could it be Lieblang didn't want public to see this micromanagement? I'll ask later in the mtg. #BeTransparent

**Elizabeth Egan @lizzybirds 9h**  
How many Education experts are sitting at this table? I see only one #rodocks

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 8h**  
@kmemmons @RodRock1 @SPRyan1972 @KimFletcher94 What about me? Do you have any magic potions that make people realize they are too detailed?

**Elizabeth Egan @lizzybirds 8h**  
I think we should work with the ISD on the billboard idea. #Ridiculousness

**Jason Siko @jasonsiko 8h**  
Reading tweets from a board meeting at the old stomp-ground. Makes me sad. Very sad.

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 8h**  
@jasonsiko Me too. We miss you.



Trustee Steve Hyer checks his computer during a recent school board meeting. *File photo*

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 8h**  
Next mtg - for those of you keeping score at home, you should tweet a picture of yourself supporting your Supt! #RemoteBoardMtgParticipation

**Elizabeth Egan @lizzybirds 7h**  
This is ugly behavior #ccsboe

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 7h**  
Hamilton, Boatman, Lieblang attacking Supt falsely claiming they aren't getting information they are requesting. Supt is providing everything

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 7h**  
Hamilton moved to allow Lieblang to direct Supt to provide budget information she requests thru Jul 1. Supt is hurt and offended as am I

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 7h**  
Why do we need a Supt if Lieblang is going to be voted to run the district? What experience does she have?

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 7h**  
How could we possibly let this happen in Clarkston? How could we let these people ruin the district?

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 6h**  
#outofcontrol #rodocks retweeted by Cheryl McGinnis

**Steve Hyer @stevejhyer 6h**  
Now we are engineering an information request process. It wasn't on the agenda. No one in audience, it's not on TV. #lackoftransparency



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"I want to let my light shine in the political arena so that people are served and God is pleased."  
- Nate Knapper



"That's a strange question. I want my kids to be successful and live good lives."  
- Lars Covintree



"I wrote a book called Age Reversing. I am hoping my book becomes the Bible of fitness for age reversal."  
- Carl Knaus



"I want my kids to be happy and off the computer so they can do other things that make them happy."  
- Pattie Kelley

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

Dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!



A panel of community leaders congratulates Daniel Mattisse for the honor.



Dick and Toni Moscovic are proud of their granddaughter, Macie Moscovic.



Larissa McLetchie receives her award.

## Honors for kids

More than 100 Clarkston kids were honored at the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Annual Awards Ceremony, April 23, at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

"You represent the spirit and values of this organization," said James Tedder, keynote speaker. "Each of you are being recognized for different reasons - starting a community organization, helping a friend in need, leadership in school and the community, turning your life around."

Each awardee was nominated by a member of the community, said Nicole Cronmiller of CAYA.

"We, the adults of this community, are very proud of you," Cronmiller said.

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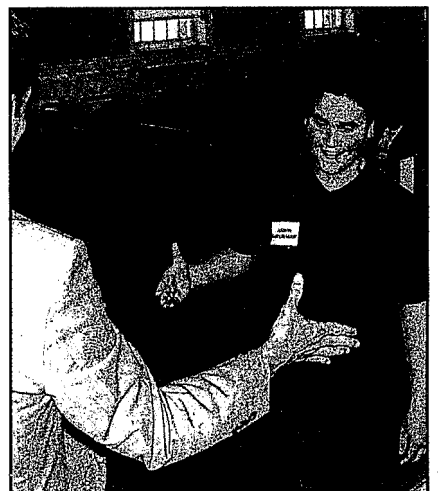
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Luke Snudden, with his father Kyle Snudden.



Elyse Arnold shakes Principal Gary Kaul's hand.



Anton Kolchakov is honored at the event. Photos by Phil Custodio



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**50s Sock Hop** dinner dance fund raiser for senior center building addition, 6-10 p.m., May 2, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane. 50's attire welcome. Malt shop diner buffet, cash bar, raffle, dancing/entertainment by Rick and Dayna. \$40/single, \$75/couple. 248-625-8231.

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**Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids**, 9 a.m., May 3, Clarkston Junior High track, 6595 Middle Lake Road. 3K walk, 5K run, activities for kids, www.clarkstonfoundation.org.

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**Spring Arts and Crafts Show**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 3, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, 125 crafters, most local. \$2/adults, free/12 and under. 989-781-9165.

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**Michigan Antique Festival**, May 3-4, Springfield Oaks County Park. Furniture, accessories, architectural salvage, vintage jewelers, crafters, artisans, Shabby Experience and Industrial Way, KH Home consultants.

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**SCAMP Walk and Roll**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 4, Clarkston Junior High School track, 6595 Middle Lake Road, 1-, 2-, 5-mile routes. 248-623-8089.

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**Trust planning seminar** with attorney Henry S. Woloson, 7 p.m., May 6, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Free. 248-625-6736.

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**Spring Wine Tasting**, Clarkston Rotary, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 8, Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Michigan wines, appetizers, auction. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. 248-625-9741.

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**Cancer Benefit**, for Merijo Lowney, stage four colon cancer patient, and her family, 5 p.m.-12 a.m., May 10, Oakland Count Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. \$20/adults, \$10/14 and under. Dinner, drawings, entertainment. 248-622-3837.

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**Children's Spring Carnival**, fund raiser for Children's Miracle Network, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., May 17, Rite Aid, M-15 and Dixie Highway. Detroit Pistons' Hooper, 1-2 p.m., games, prizes, face painting, food. 248-625-5272

# Around Town



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



## Detroit Voice in concert

Clarkston High School's Detroit Voice performs their final concert of the year, Friday, May 2, at 8 p.m. in the Clarkston Junior High School Auditorium, 6595 Middle Lake Road. Tickets to the a cappella Motown concert are \$5 general admission at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) and the door; free for Clarkston students with paying adult. Encore, grades 6-7; and Synergy, grades 7-9 will also perform. For additional information, e-mail [bdhaverkate@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:bdhaverkate@clarkston.k12.mi.us), or check [www.detroit-voice.com](http://www.detroit-voice.com). Photo provided

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**Tail-Wagger Two-Step**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., May 18, Independence Oaks Twin Chimneys picnic site, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Dog walk around lake, lunch, for Michigan Animal Rescue League. Park admission, \$5. 248-338-9290.

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**Memorial Day** parade and service, 10 a.m., May 26, through downtown to the cemetery. American Legion Post 63 and Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Clarkston Choral Group, Terry Shelwell's military vehicles,

Clarkston High School band, students from Clarkston's Junior High School, singer/songwriter Kristina Austin Scarcelli. Call Barney, 248-627-3038.

**Monday**

**Line Dancing**, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

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**Clarkston Area Mothers & More**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., third Monday. Red Knapps restaurant. Call

Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

**Tuesday**

**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

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**50+ Pickleball**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. All welcome.

**Wednesday**

**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

**Thursday**

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

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**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

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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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**MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers**, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

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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.

**Saturday**

**Project Kidsight**, 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. Free. 248-625-2212, [www.clarkstonlions.org](http://www.clarkstonlions.org).

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**Kid's Camp Yoga**, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

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# Clarkston grad uses passion to help others

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Through life experiences Angela Avery found her passion later in life.

Avery, a Clarkston graduate, opened The Counseling Studio in downtown in March.

Offering therapy sessions for people of all ages Avery smiled and explained, "I am an eclectic counselor."

She uses a variety of approaches to help treat clients facing life issues. Her variety of methods include person centered therapy mixed with creative humor and Cognitive Behavior Therapy.

Avery went to graduate school to obtain her degree at an older age, after life experiences led her towards a career in counseling.

It was life experiences like surviving divorce and having loved ones with mental health issues which led her to understand and appreciate the value of counseling. Working within a family business and parenting two teenage girls also provided Avery insight she feels is helpful to clients.

"Counseling can help guide you in all sorts of ways from dealing with grief to being a healthier person," Avery said. "Learning how to set boundaries is important to your life."

"I'm very experienced and I have seen a lot of things," she said, adding she sees herself as a very relatable person.

Being relatable and trustworthy are two qualities that are important for clients to have in the client-counselor relationship.

"Trust is the number one thing you must have if you want to be open and honest during sessions," she said

During Counseling Awareness Month in April many can take away the lesson talking with someone once a week is helpful to sort through issues. It can lead a happy and healthy life.

"Where else can you go for one hour devoted to yourself - without judgment," she asked.

Working through issues leads can lead to a healthier life and better relationships.

"Relief from symptoms improves relationships with others and also improves your relationship with yourself," she said. "I can help teach you to regain balance and set boundaries. Setting boundaries is important."

Avery can also help a client work more efficiently towards reaching their desired goals in life.

"I work with a client to first identify their goals. Once we have identified the desired goals, that's what we work towards," she said.

No matter what the issue is in a potential clients life, Avery is confident she can help.

Specialized in child and adolescent issues, Avery is also trained to help with divorce



Clarkston graduate Angela Avery opened The Counseling Studio in downtown Clarkston in March. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

recovery, depression, anxiety, grief, stress management, conflict resolution, self-harm and more.

More teens today are suffering from stress and anxiety. There is also an increase in self-harm behaviors in the teen population.

Avery said there are many benefits of counseling including less anxiety, relief from depression, greater self-confidence, better relationships, trauma resolution, regaining emotional balance, increased self-esteem, stress relief and increased intimacy with others.

Counseling can also help clients gain a better connection to themselves and others, lead to increased creativity and assertiveness, better sleep and overall better health.

All it takes to get started is a small session for the client and counselor to get acquainted, she added.

A client's first session lasts about an hour and a half. Sessions after following last one hour and take place once a week.

Avery attended college at Oakland University and received a master's degree in counseling with designation specializing as a child and adolescent therapy. She is a member of the American Counseling Association and the Michigan Counseling Association and the Michigan Mental Health Counseling Association.

For more information on Avery and services offered, please visit [www.thecounselingstudioclarkston.com](http://www.thecounselingstudioclarkston.com) or call 248.254.7880.

The Counseling Studio is located at 39 S. Main Street, Suite 16 in downtown Clarkston.

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# Death notices & Obituaries

## Patricia Diamond, 69 Roberta P. Mann, 87

Patricia A. Diamond of Clarkston passed away April 25, 2014, at age 69.

She was the mother of Catherine (Kory) Larive, Mary Head and Stephen Marks; also survived by 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; preceded in death by her infant son, Matthew Charles Head; her parents, Charles and Catherine Arntz and her brother, Ed Katus.



Patricia graduated from Our Lady of the Lakes, class of 1962, and was on the Dean's List at Pontiac Business Institute. She retired from Singh Development and was a former member of the Moose Lodge, Clarkston.

Funeral service was April 28 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Hillview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or National Kidney Foundation. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Patricia J. Doyon, 84

Patricia J. Doyon, "Pat," of Waterford passed away April 24, 2014, at age 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband William, daughter Janet Sheridan, grandson Sam Edward and daughter in law Pamela Doyon. She was the loving mother of Ann (Ben) Kargetta, Susan (Greg) Treacy, Steven (Lydia) Doyon and Robert (Heather) Doyon; proud and beloved grandma of Brett, Christine, Tony, Tamara, Kyle, Anjel, Bryce, Max, Evie and Jack; also survived by her beloved cat, Tiger.



Pat retired from Oakland County. She enjoyed gardening, reading and most importantly spending time with her family.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Private arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

Roberta P. Mann, nee Danley, of Oakdale, Conn., formerly of Clarkston, died April 19, 2014, at 87 years of age.

She was the dear wife of the late Charles Mann and the late Frederick Denton; mother of George Denton; grandmother of Vickie (Brendon) Han, Rachel Rathbun, Steve (Lisa) Williams, and Rollin Rathbun III; great grandmother of seven; sister of Fran (Marvin) Winegar, Roy (Jan) Danley, and Richard (Sharon) Danley; also survived by her beloved pet Daisy; predeceased by children Margie Denton, Charles Denton, and Beverly Williams Rathbun and her parents Joy B. (nee Roy) and Robert Danley.

Visitation was April 26 at **Coats Funeral Home - Waterford**. Interment, Andersonville Cemetery, Davisburg. To send condolence, go to [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries).

## Theresa Schiete, 85

Theresa Schiete, "Terri," of Clarkston passed away April 25, 2014, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lou. She was the loving mother of Doug Schiete; dear sister of Mary (Gene) Brady, Urban MacDonald, the late Robert MacDonald and the late Rev. Joseph MacDonald; also survived by several nieces and nephews.



Terri will be remembered for being full of life and a blessing to all of those around her, especially her son.

Rosary Service, Thursday, 4:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass, Friday, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery, Waterford.

Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

**Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com**

## Community events?

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# Time to fight Phragmites

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With warmer weather will soon come renewed growth by invasive species.

Not if Oakland Phragmites and Invasive Species Task Force (OPIS) has anything to say about it.

"Invasive species like phragmites lower property values and has negative effects on the environment and wildlife," said OPIS President Linda Walsh Lapinski.

Phragmites, a reed like plant grows up to 15-feet tall with roots stretching 10 feet underground. Phragmites are an enormous problem because they pose a huge fire risk.

Wildlife also cannot take shelter or forage for food in an area full of phragmites.

Throughout the invasive species fight, the OPIS group has worked alongside groups Wild Ones, as well as City of the Village of Clarkston and Deer Lake Homeowners Association.

Last April the city of Clarkston donated \$2,500 for a controlled burn of White Lake Road.

Lapinski said the community has been infested with phragmites for over 10 years, and it will take years to remove the plant and for native species to recover.

Independence Township is also joining the fight.

For 2014, the township budgeted \$20,000 to fight several types of invasive species. Independence Township DPW Director Linda Richardson added Independence Township plans to continue budgeting money for a three-year plan at least through 2015 and 2016.

"OPIS is very dedicated," said Richardson. "Hopefully we can work together and get the help of property owners to eliminate invasive species."

She noted the township will soon award a bid for a three-years of invasive species management. The management plan will also look at township properties, and identify and control all invasive species, not just phragmites.

"We will come up with three year management plan and the contractor we hire will apply for blanket permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality so if homeowner associations or any property owner can work off a blanket permit to fight invasive plants."

Richardson said after a contractor is hired, a second round of phragmite removal will take place near Lakeview Cemetery on White Lake Road and at Deer Lake Beach.

"We will also look at all township properties," said Richardson.

A prescribed burn is conducted to gain greater access to the phragmites plant so they can later be sprayed with a chemical to penetrate its roots and kill the plant.



**Linda Walsh Lapinski accepts and award from Clinton River Watershed Counsel. Photo provided**

Last year after a controlled burn was conducted near Middle Lake many could see the lake in an area where phragmites had grown so high the view from the road was blocked.

In May last year, the group also hired a contractor to conduct a prescribed burn off White Lake Road.

Several local business owners have also helped fight phragmites on their properties including owner of Deer Lake Athletic Club and Henry Woloson, a local attorney and financial advisor.

An area of Deer Lake near the boat launch was also burned last fall with some restoration work then completed along the shoreline.

Phragmites have to be removed a certain way and Lipinski advised anyone wanting to remove them should get advice to effectively remove them properly.

A free workshop is planned for May 17 from 10 a.m. until noon at Independence Township Hall, located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

The workshop will focus on helping property owners identify and learn about invasive species and methods to control the problem. A contractor for hire will also attend the workshop.

In April, the OPIS Task Force received an award from Clinton River Watershed Council for their work fighting invasive species.

Lipinski said because of all the work underway to fight invasive species, many communities are looking to Independence Township for guidance on how they should proceed fighting invasive species in their communities.

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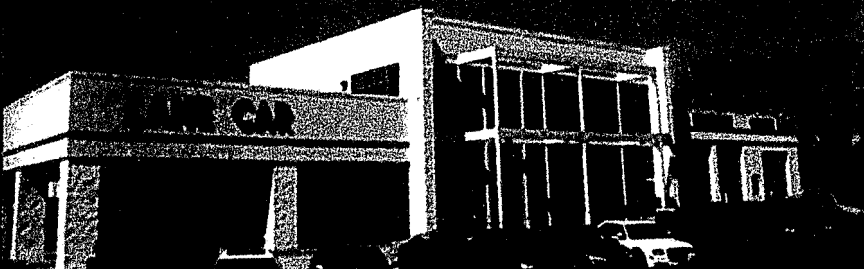
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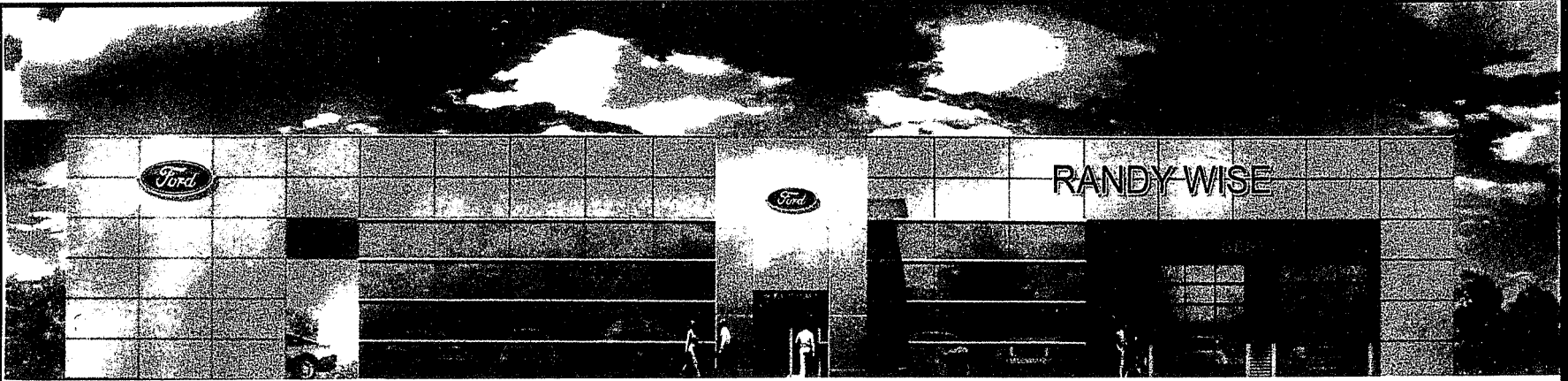
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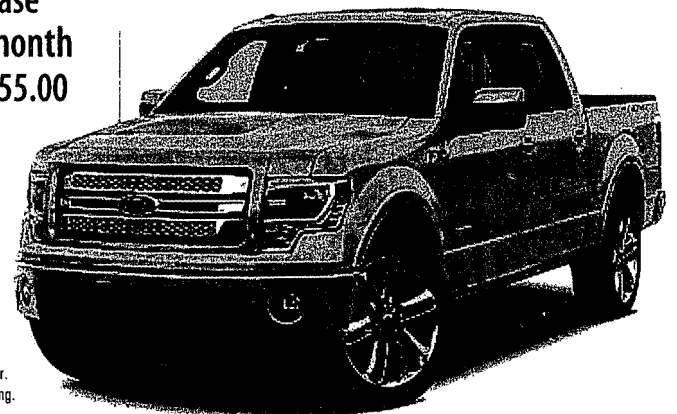
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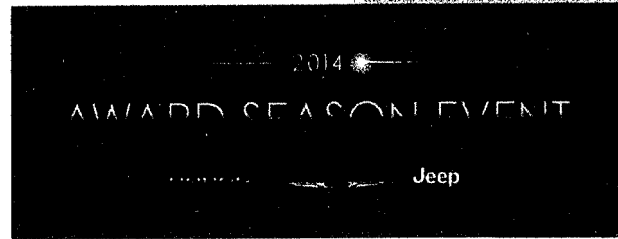
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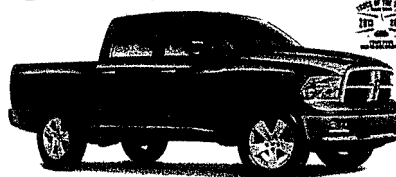


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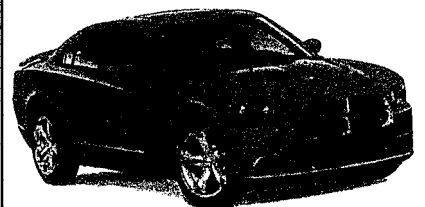


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Employee 24 Mo. Lease	Friends & Family 24 Mo. Lease
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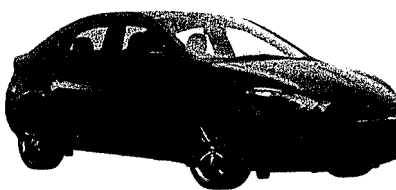


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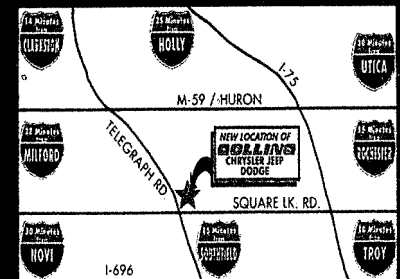
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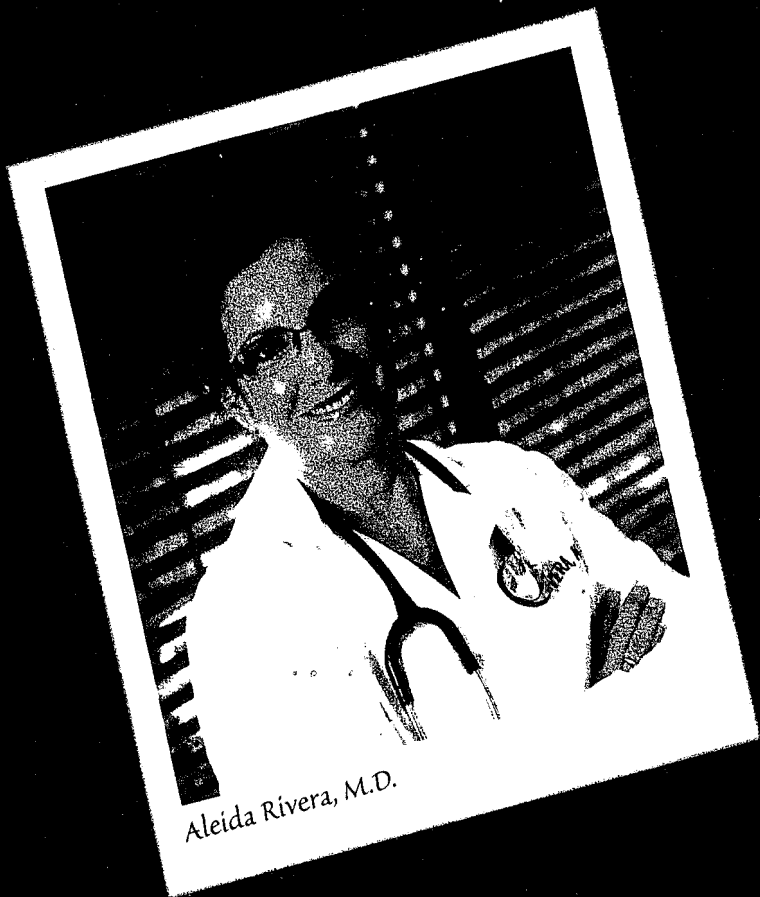
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## Contaminated soil at potential deli site

**BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

The site of a proposed deli and coffee shop has yet to be cleared of contamination from years of leaking underground gasoline tanks.

Terri Golla, a geologist with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in charge of the case, said the owner of the property, Larry Trepek of GL Investments, has not complied with MDEQ orders to clean up the property in April 2013.

"The MDEQ will hold the owner responsible," Golla said. "Whatever is worked out between the seller and buyer is something different."

The location at 148 N. Main has been an automotive related business since around 1920. In 1991, MDEQ found the property contained four underground tanks leaking gasoline. Of those four tanks, two were installed in 1951, and the other two were installed in 1972. The tanks were removed from the property in 1992.

Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt said the city recently received a letter from an environmental company on behalf of Trepek stating the property is cleared for development.

However, Golla said although a lot of work has been done to clean up the property, it is not yet cleared of contamination.

Taxpayers footed the bill for previous corrective action taken by the state of Michigan when the state replaced several water wells along M-15 to protect residents from further water contamination.

Golla said the site is a "confirmed release" and a considerable amount of gasoline had leaked into the soil and groundwater.

MDEQ also suspected additional leakage occurred at some point at other gas stations on M-15 near I-75.

"The state of Michigan paid to replace wells up and down Main Street in Clarkston," she said. "We also put in a municipal water system for residents to hook up to. In such a case the state has to protect residents so we really don't have time to argue about who or what caused the issue. We just have to act."

In the 1990s, Oakland County also conducted tests and sampled wells in the area to ensure contamination was contained.

Despite work already done to the property, Golla said Trepek must meet further requirements for the site to be cleared and the case to be closed.

Trepek said he has owned the property for "a long time" but could not give a specific number of years. He still owns the property and said selling the property is being negotiated.

Golla confirmed Trepek owned the property when the contamination was discovered.

Trepek said he has taken several steps to fix contamination issues but was unsure where the process stands.

Golla said despite work already done the issue has not been sufficiently addressed and more requirements must be met.

"It is not the owner has ignored the issue. There has been quite a bit of remediation at the site. There are a lot of reports and there has been a lot of work done," she said.

The last letter from the MDEQ sent to Trepek in 2013 outlined several demands to finish cleaning up the site so the case could be closed. A response to the letter was never received by the MDEQ.

Golla said four quarters, one year, of water sample reports are required to ensure the area is free of contamination. Some soil removal may also be required to close the case.

The letter also states some corrective actions were not properly implemented or were insufficient.

Golla said soil and groundwater on site must be further investigated because of the continuous source of contamination and chemicals levels above acceptable levels.

She noted she would resend the letter to Trepek, and if she receives no response the issue will be forwarded to the enforcement department.

Local business owners Curt Catallo and Ann Stevenson are proposing the coffee shop and deli at the bustling corner of Clarkston Road and M-15.

Catallo and Stevenson own the "Union Joints" which include the Woodshop, Union Woodshop and Union General.

The pair also own a local advertising agency Adworks as well as restaurants in Ferndale and Fenton.

Any contamination is required to be disclosed to any potential buyer.

A City of Clarkston Planning Commission meeting is planned for May 5 at 7 p.m. at Clarkston City Hall. During the meeting the property must be approved for two rezoning requirements.

Calls to Catallo via Adworks were not returned.

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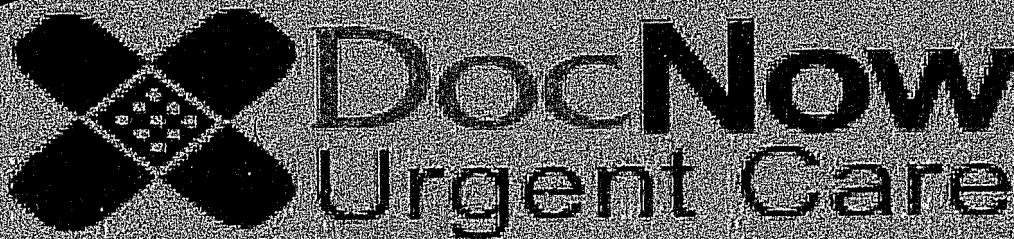
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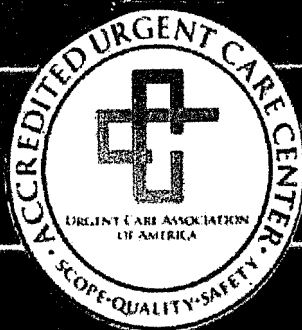
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