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Fourth time's a charm for Deerhill project

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

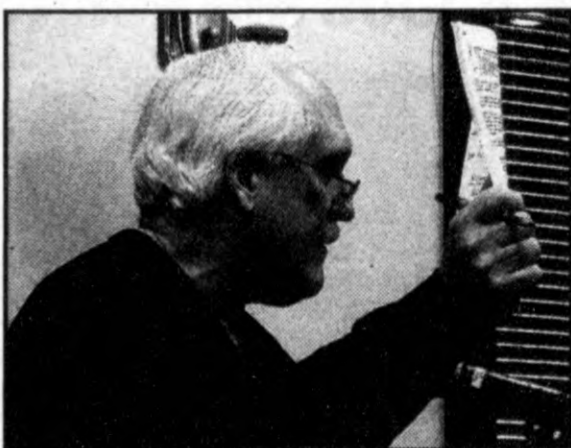
Pending court approval, construction on a new neighborhood could start this summer.

Independence Township Board voted 4-2, March 16, to approve a fourth modification of consent judgment for the Encore at Deerhill Villas development. The project includes 92 single-family attached villas on 26 acres at Dixie Highway and Deerhill Drive.

After three hours of presentations by township and developer's consultants, 11 residents spoke during public comment. Ten were against the project.

Robert White said the consent judgement does not meet concerns of residents.

"Active adult community' is a pretty
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Robert White holds up a list of concerns he continues to have with the Deerhill development plan. Photo by Phil Custodio



From left, City Manager Carol Eberhardt, parking committee members Sharron Catallo and Jennifer Radcliff, DPW Supervisor Jason Miller, and Patrick Cawley of TIA examine the parking situation in Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

Committee looks for parking

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A hundred new parking spaces in two lots in and adjacent to Depot Park could be a long-term solution to parking problems in Clarkston, parking committee members say.

David Marsh, Sharron Catallo, and Jennifer Radcliff met with City Manager Carol Eberhardt, and Patrick Cawley and Dave Allyn of the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan (TIA), March 21, to discuss long- and short-term goals for the city.

Eberhardt said 30 spaces could be added to the lot next to city hall, by increasing its size into Depot Park. Also, a 70-space parking lot could be created at the southeast corner of Depot Road and S. Holcomb Road.

"It could be something you put in, and require all employees from downtown businesses to park there - it would be their

parking lot," said Allyn, deputy executive director of engineering for TIA.

That would reserve downtown parking spaces for customers, he said.

Short-term projects include identifying every parking spot in the city and making them accessible, such as by replacing grass on road shoulders with gravel. Short-term work also includes more lighting and signage to encourage people to park downhill from Main Street in the Depot Park lot, and a sign allowing parking in the loading zone on E. Washington Street after business hours.

"Ideas about where we want to start while we identify what we want to do," Radcliff said. "Things we can at least do this year."

TIA has not yet completed its "occupancy study," determining where and when people park in the city. That study will occur when the weather is warmer, Cawley

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No relief in snow appeals

Call city for help, officials say

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Wet weather this week could bring some snow to Clarkston. In the wake of failed appeals of sidewalk snow tickets, the city said residents should call if they have a problem shoveling.

"If somebody calls this office and says they're having a hard time, we take care of it," said City Manager Carol Eberhardt at the March 14 City Council meeting. "We do not expect elderly or infirm go out and shovel."

Cory Johnston, city resident and former city council member, filed a Freedom of Information

Act after the meeting, for the ordinance, policy, procedure, or adopted guidelines related to the city taking care of snow removal for those who are not able.

"I see no exception to the snow removal ordinance but the city manager said that all one has to do is call the city offices if there is a problem and it will be taken care of, or words to that effect, which she repeated several times," Johnston said in his FOIA request.

"There is no policy, procedure or guidelines for 'taking care' of snow removal for residents at this time," responded Sandy Miller, city clerk. "I will consider this FOIA completed."

Eberhardt said it's been a policy in the city to assist residents when asked to help.

"We do not need a written policy to help our citizens," she said. "This is a small town. We help one another. The city does many, many things for our residents that we are not required to do. This is called

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Eberhardt

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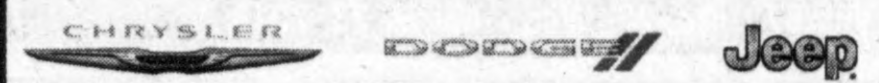
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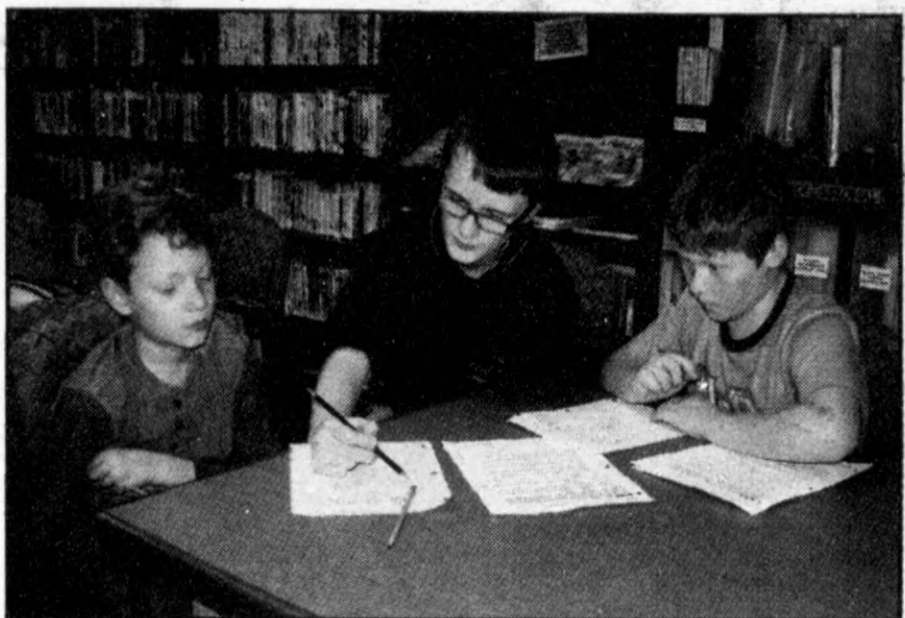
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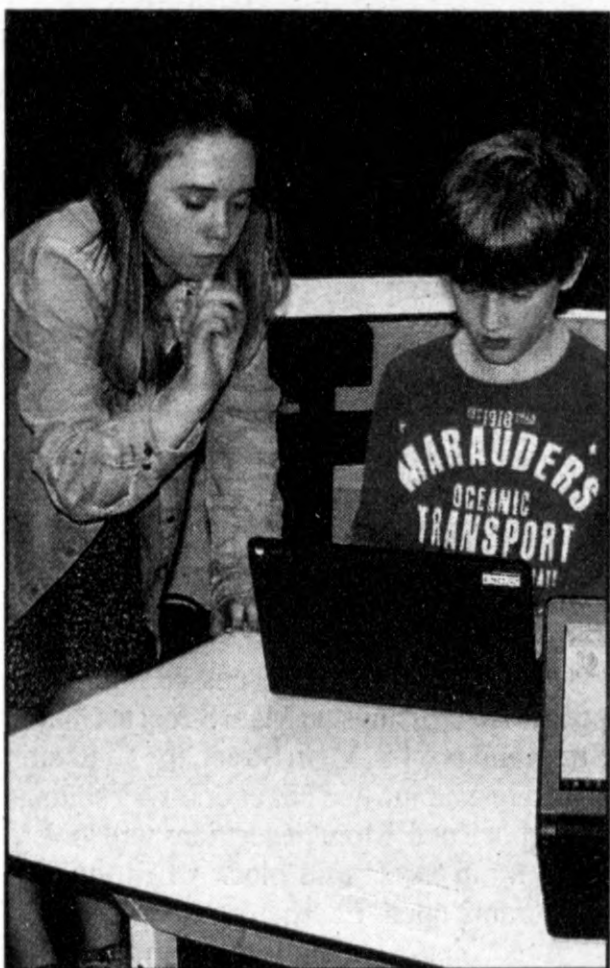
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Sam Turner mentors Logan Strong, at left, and Jacob King.



From left, Emily White and Brian Glowski tutor Caelan Surre and Keira Moore.



Addison Gale helps Avery Pummill with his writing.

Tutoring on their own time

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Ninth grade English students Drew Stark, Renee Ledbetter, Lexi Giesey, Emily White, Shawn Slater, and Addison Gale have gone above and beyond in their academics, tutoring elementary kids at Clarkston Elementary every week on their own time.

"They have shown up consistently almost every Wednesday to work with these students, and the students have come to love the older kids," said Erin Shaw, Honors 9 ELA teacher. "These older students of mine receive no grade or points for doing this. They do it because they love working with the kids."

"It's wonderful," said Brian Adams, Clarkston Elementary principal. "For our kids to see former students making an impact, it's very motivating."

The ninth graders work with elementary students in the school homework club and

writing group.

"We love having the older kids come in," said Mindy Hart, Clarkston Elementary LRC teacher. "It's a great mentor program. They help them do their homework and build relationships and confidence."

Their teachers taught them how to work with younger students, to develop ideas and finish projects for publication.

"It's refreshing to see their faces light up when they're published," said Gale, ninth grader who has come out almost every week since September. "It's something to be proud of. It feels good to help them."

"I learned a lot about detail and how to write better," said Matt Ashley, fourth grader, who likes writing about soccer and Disney characters.

"It's nice to have someone check your work to make sure it's perfect," said Avery Pummill, fourth grader, who likes writing about things like space and koala bears.



Kevin McCarty mentors Sam Modrzynski, Morgan Bodway, at left, and Anjali Issac.



Kelsie Kaufman, at right, and M'ya Strayer work with, from left, Bailey Tweed and Carleigh Ottman.

Briefly

Paint world green

Friday, March 25, is Paint the World Green day, in honor of National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day.

"When my son was diagnosed five years ago, I didn't know anything about CP and now I can proudly say that I am his biggest advocate," said Keri Williams, 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School. "Please join my family and I in supporting Cerebral Palsy Awareness by wearing green this Friday for all that are affected by CP. Let's Paint The World Green!"

CP, which affects 17 million people worldwide, is caused by damage to the brain, and can affect body movement, muscle control, muscle coordination, muscle tone, reflex, posture, and balance.

March is Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month. Reaching for The Stars, a pediatric cerebral palsy advocacy and support foundation, began a Michigan Chapter last March.

For more information, find Reaching for the Stars - Michigan Chapter on Facebook.

Maker Girl Mania

Maker Girl Mania is coming back to Clarkston, April 16. It is a day where girls in Kindergarten through seventh grade come together and become artists, coders, inventors, makers and builders at Clarkston High School.

There are three sessions for the event, each session last 2.5 hours. To register, please visit <http://bit.ly/makergirl16>.

Education bill

State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston introduced a bill to allow school districts to count up to five days, or 30 hours, of teachers' professional development toward the mandatory 180 student instruction count days each year.

"It will allow greater local control and flexibility over the development of each school's calendar," Tedder said.

Schools were previously allowed to count PD towards count days, but that changed in 2012.

"This bill would simply reinstate that allowance," he said.

The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Education.

Correction

The article "City admits to illegal closed meeting" March 16, should have said the city sought an award of \$1,000 against Richard Bisio, but the court did not grant that part of the city's sanctions motion.



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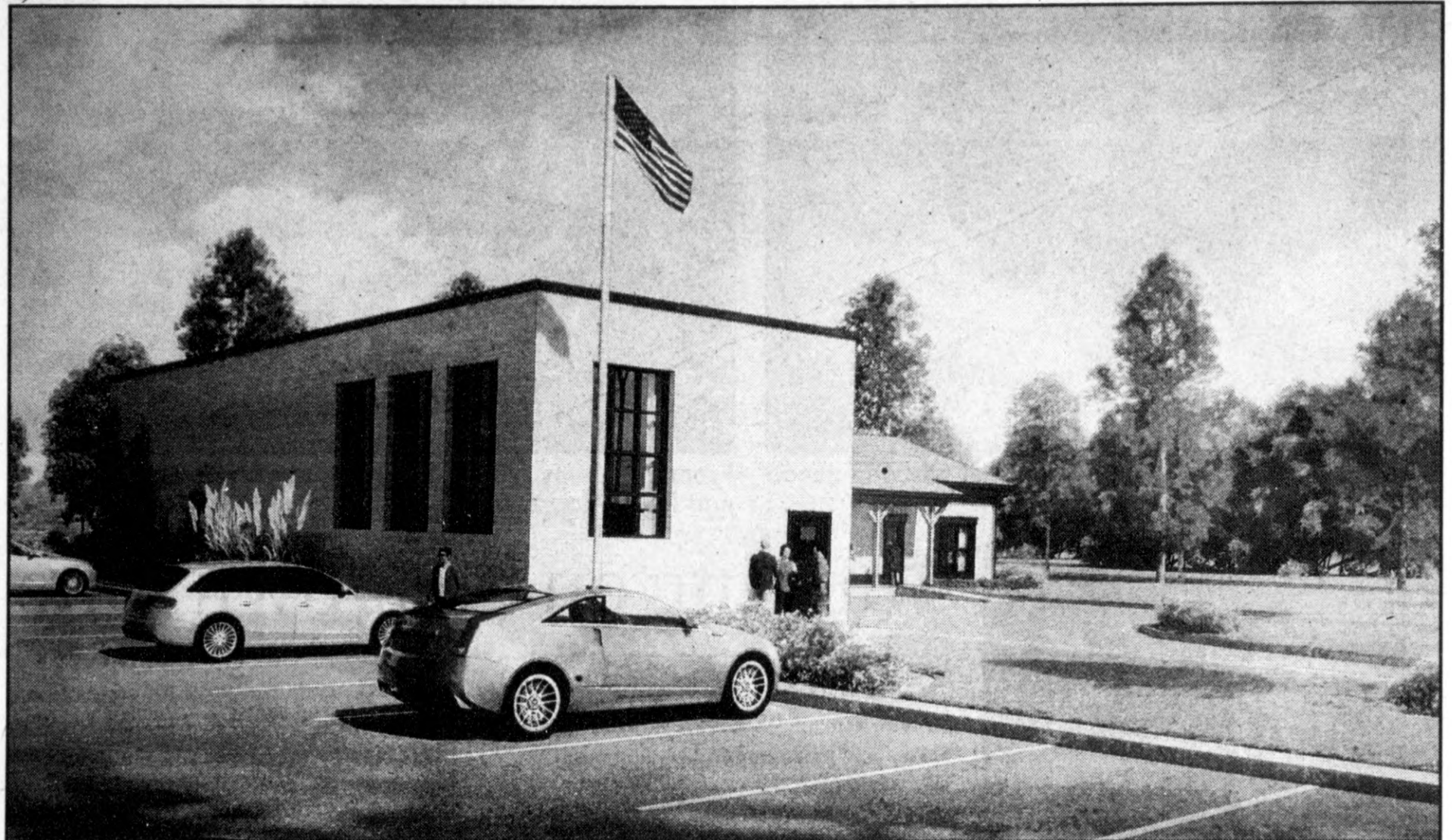
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An artist's rendering of the proposed addition to Clarkston city hall.

Parking study needed for future development

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said.

Committee members will mark a city map with locations of public and private lots, and TIA engineers will determine when, where, and how many vehicles park in the city, as well as pedestrian use of cross walks on Main Street.

A proposed addition to city hall would not affect the city parking lot next to Depot Park, Eberhardt said.

"We would not lose any parking by doing this addition," she said.

About 55 spaces are available in the city lot at Main and Washington streets.

Marsh said the parking study is needed to determine if residents' concerns with parking is based on a real or perceived problem.

"The impression is there's a shortage of parking," he said. "Numbers say we don't, people say we do. Does everyone just want front row parking?"

Eberhardt said downtown diners and customers find places to park.

"If they come here specifically to eat, they find a parking space because they're not going home if they've driven out here," she said.

The city manager said the city hosted a meeting for downtown businesses about parking in October, and five people attended.

"If I had a problem with parking, I would have been at that meeting," she said.

Editor's note: The Clarkston News counted about 25 people at the Oct. 13 meeting on parking ("Parking ideas at meeting, Oct. 21).

Eberhardt said opening up parking on East Washington would be easy, but would result in pushback from residents.

"Unfortunately you have to have some things like that," said Catallo. "We wanted a thriving downtown. We want business there. Now they're here, so who's to complain?"

Radcliff said they need to determine how many parking spaces will be needed when restaurants open at 28 S. Main Street, owned by Curt Catallo, Sharron Catallo's son, and at 15 S. Main Street, the former Clarkston State Bank branch.

"It's the future we're worried about — we're doing this because we will have a problem," she said. "Can we at least start there so residents don't get so mad while we try to find answers for increases that haven't

even hit us yet."

The committee also discussed improving pedestrian crossings on Main Street at Church Street and at 54 S. Main Street, the Clarkston Union restaurant, and better one-way signage on Depot Road. More pedestrians will look to cross Main Street mid block when the new restaurants open, Eberhardt said.

According to comparative information gathered by TIA, Clarkston requires 20 spaces per 1,000 square feet; Royal Oak requires one space per 65 square feet, or about 15 per 1,000 square feet; Ann Arbor requires one per 750 square feet, or 1.33 per 1,000 square feet; and the Institute of Transportation Engineers' quality restaurant land use code calls for 10.6 spaces per 1,000 square feet.

"You're in the ballpark," Cawley said.

Erich Lines, Union Joints co owner, said the new restaurant will have 4,200-4,400 square feet. This would require 80 parking spaces, but the new Main Street restaurants were previously granted exceptions to the parking ordinance by City Council under Section 20.02U.

City ordinances allow for payments in lieu of parking spaces, "a sum equivalent to the estimated cost of planning, acquiring, and construction of parking spaces within the village commercial limits." However, the city has not charged businesses for several years and there is no parking fund.

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Snow ordinance needs enforcement, officials say

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 compassion for our neighbors."

Council member Eric Haven said it's not an ordinance, but a kindly disposition.

"Kindness does not engender a FOIA report," he said. "I think most reasonable people would call this 'mercy.' I would like the city to be known for its mercy for those who have hardships."

The city issued \$125 tickets to a dozen residents for failure to shovel sidewalks after the Feb. 23-24 snowstorm.

Four appealed to City Council, said Mayor Joe Luginski. Haven made a motion for a one-time waiver of fines.

"It was a dense snow. It was tough," he said. "In this one instance, for the sake of making a point to the community - if you have a problem, call the village."

The motion failed, 4-3. Haven, and Council members Jason Kneisc and Sharron Catallo voted in favor. A motion by Catallo to reduce the fine from \$125 to \$75 was also defeated, 4-3.

"These are our neighbors - \$125 is too much," she said. "We need to charge what it costs."

Haven, Kneisc, and Catallo voted in favor. Luginski, and council members Al Avery,

David Marsh, and Michael Sabol voted against the motions.

Sabol said the requirement has been communicated to residents with notices and newsletter.

"We continue to send out notices, and we continue to have problems like this," he said. "If we were to defer this, next time we get something big like this, a whole new group would say we did it last time, waive it again."

Luginski warned residents in January the ordinance would be enforced ("Mayor calls for clear sidewalks," Jan. 20).

"This is something I tried to head of a number of meetings ago," the mayor said. "It's damned if you do and damned if you don't. If we don't enforce it, people would call to complain. I don't think we can win on this one."

Code Enforcement Officer Jennifer Miller documented ordinance violators with photographs on Friday, after which DPW workers cleared the sidewalks.

"Snowfall stopped on Wednesday, and she went out on Friday," Eberhardt said. "In all cases, on the sidewalks she cited, there was no evidence of snow removal."

Luginski said the city looked into the DPW plowing all sidewalks, but residents, many of whom have shoveling services, weren't interested.

"People didn't want to pay for it," he said.

It would take Clarkston DPW days to

clear city sidewalks after a heavy snowfall, said Jason Miller, DPW supervisor.

"We're just two guys," he said.

Also, residents without sidewalks would ask why they were paying to clear them, Avery said.

The decision was to enforce the ordinance or clear sidewalks ourselves, Marsh said.

"We opted to enforce the ordinance. I don't see where the discussion is - we have an ordinance," he said.

Safe sidewalks are needed to maintain property values and the appeal of the city, Kneisc said.

"It's important for the village as a whole," he said. "People come in to walk in the village. It's important to keep that in mind."

Justin Dew, one of the residents appealing the ticket, said snow was blown around by gusting wind into Thursday and asked for clarification on the ordinance.

"The code is very vague," Dew said.

Tom Stone, who also appealed to the council, said he was out of town and called around for someone to shovel, but was unsuccessful.

"I tried every means available to me to try to get that done. I did the best I could," Stone said.



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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

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"You never know what events are going to transpire to get you home." - Og Mandino

That's right Clarkston after almost four years away, yours truly has returned "home." I know many of you have hoped I would return and I am here to tell you I missed you and am happy to be back.

I know I've kept in contact with many of you via Facebook and you know the events that have transpired in my life. But for those that don't, I'll get you up to speed.

I left the *Clarkston News* in 2012 where I went to work at sister paper, the *Lake Orion Review*. From there, I transferred to our home office *The Oxford Leader* where I spent the past three years. When I got word Clarkston was seeking a reporter, I let it be known I would gladly return to "my roots," where I blossomed in my five years as a "young-cub-reporter." Luckily the staff and co-workers at the *CNews* welcomed me back with open arms (figuratively speaking that is).

During my time away I got plenty of experience covering both Orion and Oxford's school boards, so when I returned I told *CNews* Editor Phil Custodio, I would gladly take schools as I am now pretty well versed in the inner workings of school districts. I look forward to working with Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock, all the administrators and the school board.

As far as Independence is concerned, well upon my departure, they were in the middle of the 2012 election year and still running under what I called the "circus administration," where every meeting there was guaranteed to be a "juggling act" of some kind and some "clowning around," was sure to bring about some laughs.

I am glad to see the current administration has moved away from those days and has ran a well-oiled and efficient government the past four years. I had the pleasure of catching up with Clerk Barb Pallotta last week as well as getting acquainted with Supervisor Pat Kittle. I look forward to getting re-aquainted with Treasurer Paul Brown as well.

I always considered the Independence Township beat my baby, as it was the first beat given to me when I arrived at the *CNews* in May 2007. And let's be honest the previous board and administration re-

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Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Lions' help appreciated by city

Dear Editor,

The City of the Village of Clarkston would like to thank the Clarkston Lion's Club for their generous donation of \$2,500.

Clarkston Lions Club President Bob Murdock and Lions Board Member Jerry Baumgart attended the Feb. 8 City Council meeting to present the city a check for \$2,500.

The money will be allocated to help with the costs associated with finishing the work at the south Depot Park Bridge. This follows a previous donation of \$2,900 specifically to

purchase a security camera, which was installed at the south end of Depot Park.

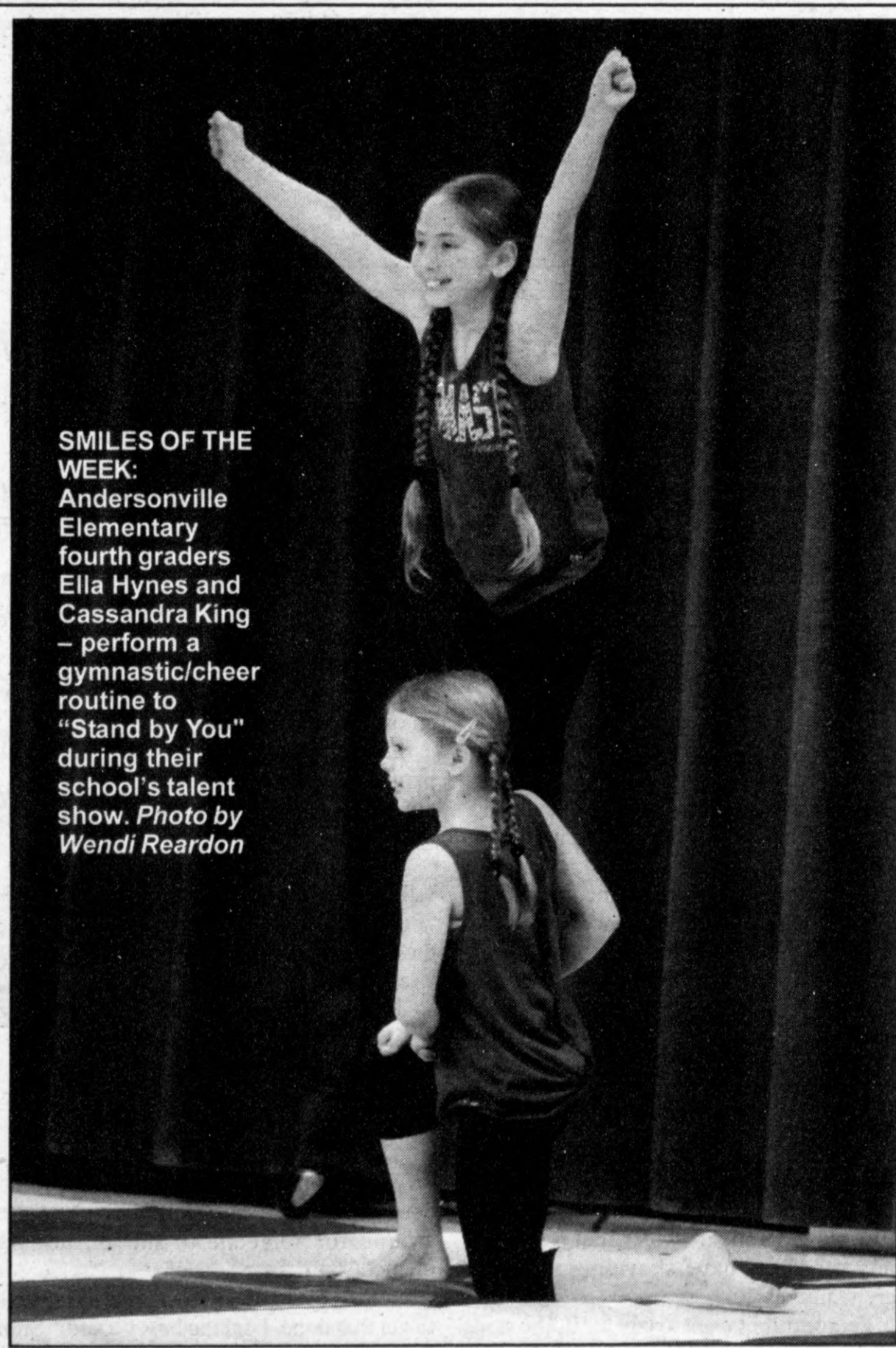
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SMILES OF THE WEEK:
Andersonville Elementary fourth graders Ella Hynes and Cassandra King – perform a gymnastic/cheer routine to "Stand by You" during their school's talent show. Photo by Wendi Reardon

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Clarkston students 'creativity takes off'" Four Destination ImagiNation teams from Clarkston qualified for the state competition. The afterschool program promotes creativity, thinking, problem solving and teamwork.

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"Four Wolves named All-League" Jon Bemis, Steve Janowiak, Jeremy Gabriel and Jordan Conley received All-League honors in the Oakland Athletic Association Division I for hockey. Bemis was also named All-State.

25 years ago - 1991

"Mystery solved" Independence Township resident J.J. Allen was chosen to portray Marilyn Du Pue, a woman from Coldwater who was murdered for "Unsolved Mysteries." After the show aired, police recognized the van and the murderer, Dennis Du Pue, Marilyn's husband.

"Township looks to renovate, rejuvenate Baycourt" The Independence Township board unanimously approved a master plan which calls to refurbish Baycourt Park which included converting the 10,000 square foot lodge into a community center.

"Fifes get state-wide recognition" The Associated Press named Dan Fife as Michigan's Class A basketball coach of the year and the state's media members voted Dugan Fife to their 10-man all-state team.

50 years ago - 1966

"Summer reading program planned for Clarkston" Genevieve Vant Roer, Reading Improvement Coordinator, was preparing to offer qualified students as many conveniences as possible in the summer improvement plan.

"Girls gets call from Netherlands" Susan Davis was a surprised young lady when she answered a phone call in the evening from Rotterdam. The call to the 15-year-old was from Peter Muller, a 17-year-old from the Netherlands, who was Davis' pen pal.

"First graders tell what they're doing" News from Mrs. Moore's first grade class at Clarkston Elementary included the kill deer birds were noisy outside the classroom and the students were in a jump rope contest.

Radio days, humor and morning tv 'news'

I don't know why I turn on Channel 4 at 8. every morning to get the news from WJR. Must be an old habit from my youthful radio days when I listened to a lot of radio. Television hadn't been invented yet.

It's a habit I'm going to break. Now-a-days Channel 4 assigns 15 minutes for news at 8:00, which is preceded by a minute of breaking news, followed by nine minutes of commercials, which by then have left me totally upset.

• I'm becoming more and more careful about calling an attorney, and that's mostly due to attorneys urging me to get another opinion.

• It's just past the smelt run season. Seems the DNR has taught all the smelt how to walk.

• Under the current administration so much money has been assigned to wel-

fare recipients some are even reverting to look for jobs.

• Companies are still using the words "natural ingredients" even though we all know there are none.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

• Time to take another swipe at Governor Snyder. Weeks after his own appointees told him of the rusty pipe water source in the Flint River, he seems to have waited for one more e-mail. He should drop the Governor title. (No, I don't want it.)

• One of the recent legislative suggestions was banning panhandling on our streets, which are one of the main income sources for their electioneering.

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The next time your tv station reports they are having trouble with a line, then tell you these outages are usually brief expect it to take at least two hours. I timed one recently. Three hours.

* * *

I never spent a lot of time with my daddy. He was a lot older than me, plus he worked midnights til whenever. I guess he was good to have around, because my mother threatened me with him, "Just wait til your dad gets home!"

Besides working all those hours, he had a hobby of making radios. I believe 'twas from his crystal radio diode I got a sense of humor. Amos & Andy, Fibber Magee & Molly and Lum and Abner. In the 1970's, I took a liking to Victor Borge. A rerun of him was on this week and, all by myself, I went nuts. He broke me up

for over an hour.

Then I remembered Steve Harvey's programs with kids from three on up, from countries all over the world came on Sunday, from 8-9.

It was Steve Harvey at his best and the gang of kids were really funny, dancing and singing wildly, laughing is just one of the many joys and rewards of life.

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I'm told the best deals on mattresses come in the morning, There also more limited deals on cars before noon.

• Notice the advertising lawyers, and there are a few, often tell we listeners to get another opinion.

• Absolutely love my tv mute button when three people are anxiously waiting to use the mic.

• I have a lot of silence in my home, now that at least one election is over.

Oh, those 'sneaky squirrels' -- what would Miles do?

Hot damn, it's spring! First full day this week and I am darned-tootin' ready for long days of sunshine so I can get outside, soak up some Vitamin D and get off the computer. That said, the other week (still technically winter) while satiating my addiction to Facebook, I ran across a feed from the Clarkston Independence District Library promoting a local children's book author.

Thought I, "Self, you need to contact this woman, see if she wants any press from her local newspaper."

I did, and well, I would like to introduce you all to Jamie Ruthenberg (sometimes Jamie Ruthenberg Miller), creator of a new series of children's books whose main character is a very respectful young bunny, Miles. In her first book, *Miles and the Sneaky Squirrels*, Miles needs to resolve conflict -- two squirrels are caught raiding Mama's strawberry patch and it is up to our hero to 'splain things to them nicely. Miles' second adventure will be published within a month. With the working title, *Miles and The Wren House Toad*, Miles will again have to resolve a conflict, "peacefully and respectfully."

A frustrated writer forever, I always L-O-V-E (love) talking to local authors to see what makes 'em tick. It was no different this time.

Ruthenberg, 47, mother of a 14-year-old daughter, is an interesting story unto herself. I asked her what came first, her illustrating or her writing? Here's what I learned: She has degrees in English, Writing and Rhetoric and Elementary Education. She has taught creative writing. Written a novella about living after

personal tragedy for her thesis and has published poetry.

Oh, yeah . . . and she has a real-type business, too, J.Ruthenberg & Co. Writing Services, Inc. How do these people do it? As always, I am always amazed how busy folks find the time to be more busy!

As for my question about what came first, said she. "Well, I have always drawn, since I was five years old." While technically she has drawn "forever" (there are those pesky 4 years before her fifth, but we won't dwell on), her artistic side has flourished because of the Miles books. Yup, Miles has led for her to illustrating work for others.

Holy Writers' Cramp, Batman!

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The idea of Miles and venturing into the world of children's books started by becoming a mother herself and was finalized when she started teaching elementary-aged children.

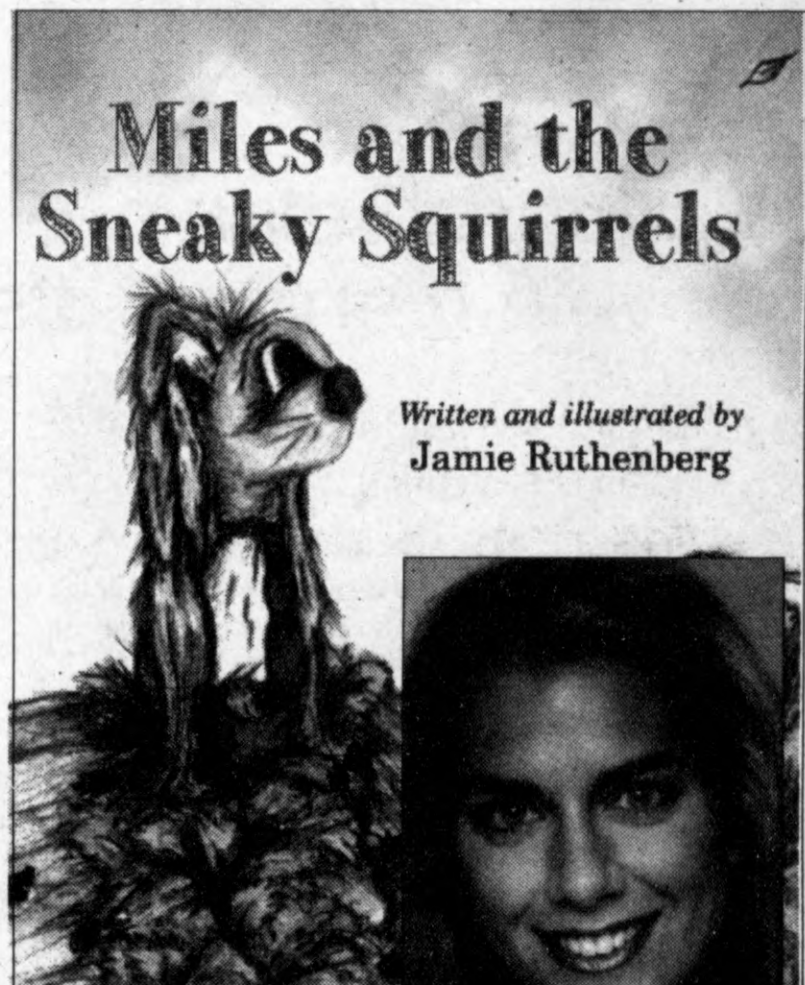
"Miles lives with his family and he embodies the main messages of respect and understanding. It is a throwback to when I grew up in the 1970s. Families spent time together. They talked," she said

The Miles books offer simple life lessons for youngsters; a chance for adults to read and share time with their kids about those lessons.

Ruthenberg is also toying with the idea of writing fiction for the growing fifth to eighth grade market and is working with a stuffed animal company to produce stuffed Mileses (Mile-i?).

"Kids have fallen asleep with the books, maybe they will like to fall asleep with (a stuffed) Miles."

What is also interesting is she has passed on her passion and talent for writing to her daughter. "She told me I was inspiring and has written six chapters of her own fantasy novel, herself."



Written and illustrated by
Jamie Ruthenberg

Jamie Ruthenberg (inset) and
the cover of her first book,
Miles and the Sneaky Squirrels.

Wow! I look forward to the day when I can interview them both about their book publishing ways... maybe then I can figure out why I couldn't publish my kids book, *The Christmas Poop*. With lines like, "Jesus pooped, you can, too," I don't understand why the idea didn't explode onto the publishing world. Hmm. Maybe I need to find the right illustrator?

Send comments to Don@ShermanPublications.org

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

Students achieve success

Ferris State University Academic Honors List for semester ending December 2015 includes Clarkston students **Jessica Altene, Bryan Seguin, Tessa Brown, Lisa Hieber, Ashley Kendrick, Samantha Manger, Brianna Blaga, Jacob Giola, Mitchell Helsel, Mitchell Prock, Kathryn Rolka, William Hunsaker, Samuel Moore, Chad Mehki, Andrew Singles, and Marquis Tynan.**

Maximilian Wolfgang of Clarkston

graduated with a Pre-Criminal Justice associates degree, Cum Laude, from Ferris State University for semester ending December 2015.

Emily Moreno of Clarkston, student at Azusa Pacific University, made the academic Deans' List at APU. Moreno, An Acting for the Stage and Screen Major, is honored for a fall semester 2015 academic standing of a 3.5 or better grade-point average.

Community achievements

Barry Boozan has joined Clarkston State Bank as its SBA Lending Specialist within the commercial lending department.

Boozan will help businesses with loans backed by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). SBA loans allow for less equity and longer amortizations for business owners so their cash can be used to grow revenue for their business.

Boozan has more than 10 years experience in SBA lending and has recently assisted Clarkston State Bank in receiving the SBA



Boozan

Preferred Lender status. He previously worked as Bank of Michigan's Senior Vice President of SBA Lending. Boozan has a master's degree in finance from Walsh College and an undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University.

"Barry is a great addition to our commercial lending team and his experience in SBA Lending will provide another financing alternative for our business customers," stated J. Grant Smith, Clarkston State Bank President and CEO. "The bank continues to look for lending opportunities

in Oakland County as well as much of Southeast Michigan including Macomb, Livingston and Genesee counties."

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County (HFHOC) recently added three new board members, **Andy Meisner**, Oakland County treasurer; **Matthew Reynolds**, head of design/process validation/prototype systems/components at Fiat Chrysler; and **J. Grant Smith**, president and CEO of Clarkston State Bank.

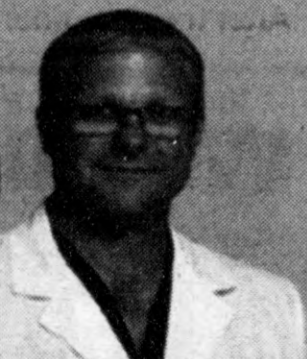
Patricia Carter will be honored during the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission (GTSAC) annual awards luncheon, Wednesday, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing for guiding Clarkston High School students in the Strive for a Safer Drive (S4SD) program.

The commission honors organizations, programs and individuals for outstanding contributions to traffic safety. The awards luncheon is part of the 21st Annual Michigan Traffic Safety Summit.

Carter has advised Clarkston students participating in S4SD for four years. As part of the program, teens develop and implement a student-led, peer-to-peer traffic safety program. During the 2013-14 school year, Clarkston's campaign featured a "Walk to Remember." Students lined up 259 shoes to represent the number of people who died in Michigan in 2012 because of alcohol-related car crashes.

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"Stepping Into History"

Friday at 11:00am

Sunday at 2:00pm

Monday at 9:00am

"Stepping Into History" (a play performed by Sashabaw Middle School students) takes a glimpse at the beginning of a school year. Students are wondering what 7th grade will be like, especially history class.

Channel 22

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Public Safety

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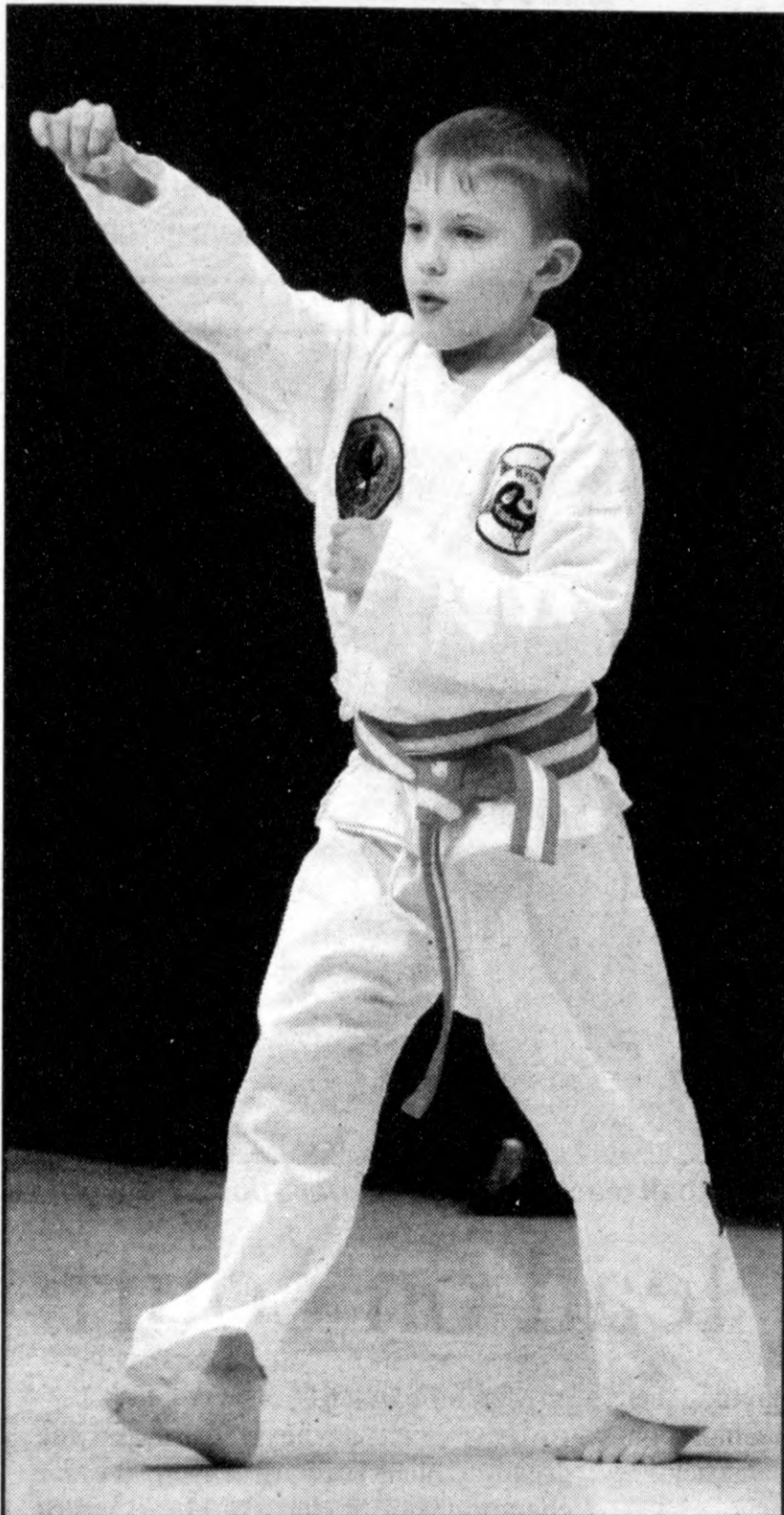
Deputies picked up a 37-year-old Pontiac man on Dixie Highway and N. Telegraph for a Friend of the Court warrant, 6:31 p.m., March 13.

Unsafe load

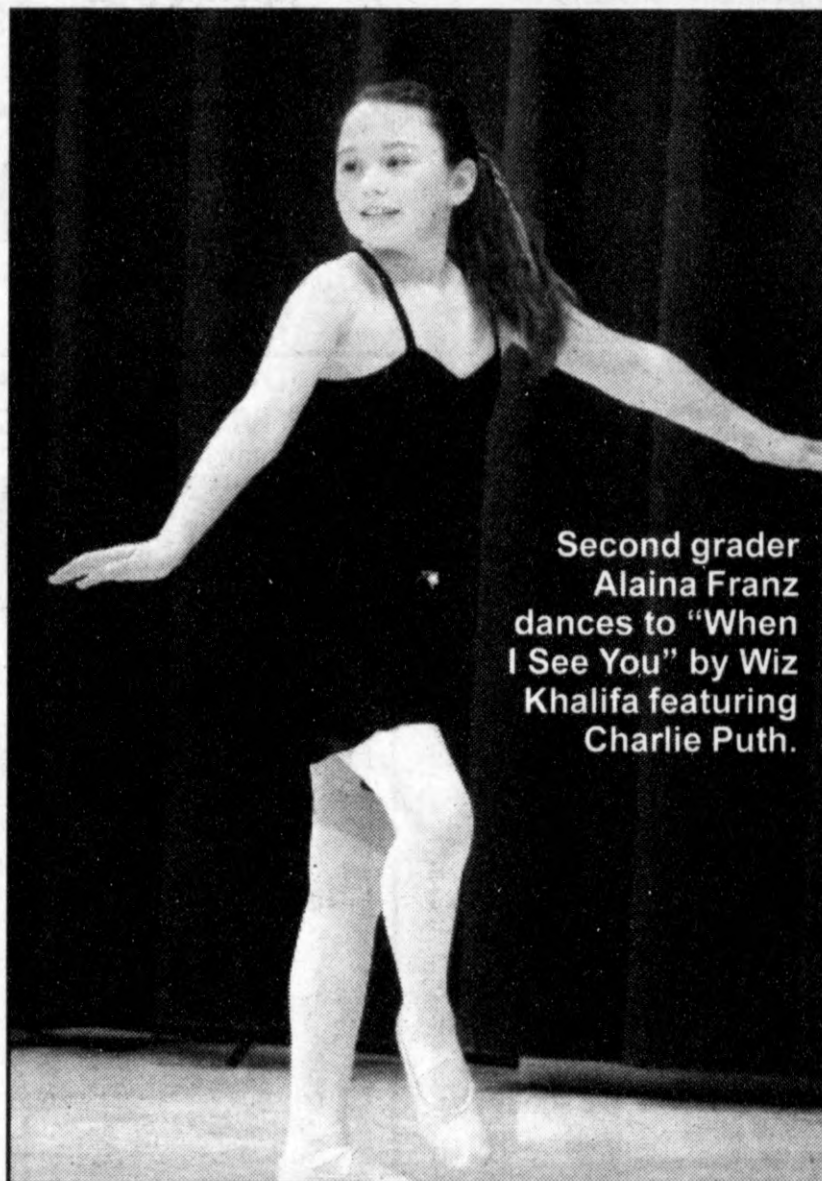
A deputy stopped a truck with white foam insulation flying out the back of the trailer, 11:44 a.m., March 15, on I-75 at Sashabaw Road. The driver, a 37-year-old Monroe man, was cited with an improper-load misdemeanor. The company was cited for an oil leak.

Flint fugitive arrested

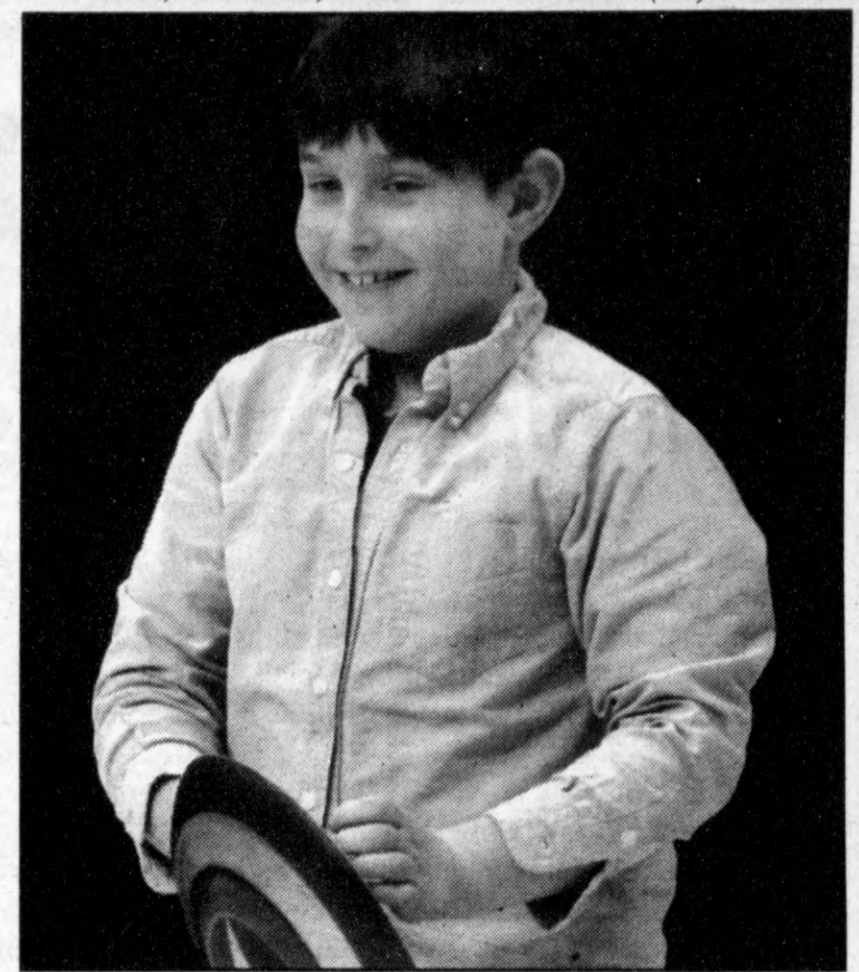
A deputy on patrol stopped a car with an expired plate, 9:39 p.m., March 16, on Dixie Highway at Ortonville Road. The driver, a 28-year-old Flint man, was found with a marijuana pipe. He also had a Friend of the Court warrant out of Ogemaw County. He was cited for expired plates, driving with a suspended license, possession of drug paraphernalia, and providing false information to a police officer, for lying about his name. He was jailed on the warrant.



First grader Connor King performs his martial arts to "Eye of the Tiger."



Second grader Alaina Franz dances to "When I See You" by Wiz Khalifa featuring Charlie Puth.



After trying Spiderman and Ironman's abilities, third grader Brendon Bell tries Captain America's skill in the comedy skit he wrote.

Variety of talents

From singing to dancing to comedy to playing instruments to tumbling, Andersonville Elementary students showed off their diverse range of skills at their 12th annual talent show last Friday. "Every one is unique," said Principal Kim Fletcher. "We see it brought to life tonight."

Photos by Wendi Reardon



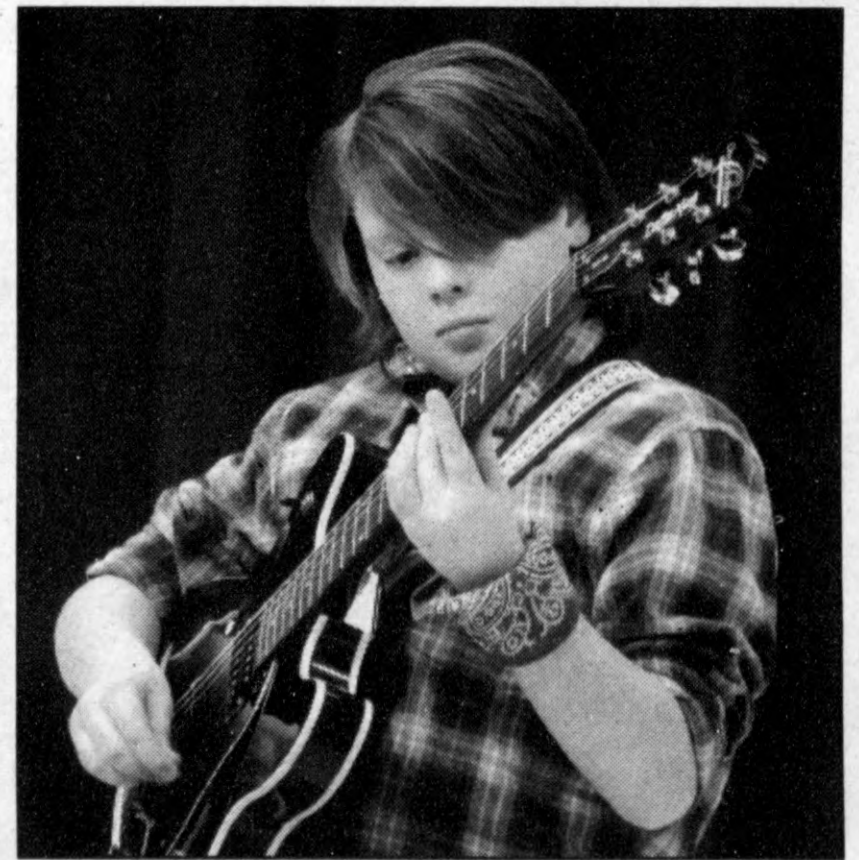
Third grader Sara Mansour sings "Call Me."



Second grader Keira Walker plays "Lightly Row" on the violin.



Fourth grader Quinn Maynard sings "Sugar, We're Going Down" by Fall Out Boy.



Fifth grader Tristan Jackson plays the electric guitar.

Clarkston's Sporting News

Who is the next AOW?

Nominate your favorite athlete by contacting Wendi at 248-625-3370 or at clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Swinging in new season

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

A chill is in the air, but athletes competing in the spring sports are ready to go, especially with first competitions coming up in the next week.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team was using their skills at scrimmages on the west side of Michigan on Saturday and a scrimmage against Brother Rice on Tuesday to prepare for their season opener against Rochester.

"It looks pretty good," said Brian Kaminskas, head coach. "We are returning quite a few guys who saw a lot of time last year. We are pretty excited about it. We have brought a lot of younger players on. We are a lot younger than we have been in many years.

The Wolves strength going into their first game is they are faster and their stick skills are better than last year.

"Based on last season I think last year's juniors and sophomore weren't satisfied," said Kaminskas. "They really put a lot of effort into the off season. A lot of that does come with experience and know what they want to do and knowing how to get there."

He added the team will look at tapes this week on the Falcons.

"Their coach is pretty accomplished," Kaminskas said. "He did really good things in the Lansing/Okemos area. We will definitely be prepared."

The Wolves have two strong goalies

David Taylor and Matt Jackson to stop Rochester's offense.

"We have two goalies who could start in any program in the state which is a nice problem to have," Kaminskas said, adding defense will also be a factor to stop opponents.

"Our defense is extremely fast," he said. "The guys we have playing defense two of them really should be long stick middies which is going to allow us to do more up the field with transition type things. I am very excited about our defense. We are split with a couple of seniors, a couple of juniors. It's nice. We have a nice rotation. We should be strong there."

The Falcons also have a strong goalie to face the Wolves' offense, which includes two players who have committed to college - Keaton Mitchell and Nick Bowman.

"They are our attack men," Kaminskas said. "We have a lot of power coming back in our attack lines."

The Wolves play at Rochester and the Clarkston Girls Lacrosse teams head to Stoney Creek on Monday.

The Clarkston Girls Soccer teams open their season on Thursday at Waterford Mott and host their home opener against Oxford on Tuesday.

JV starts at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows for the events.

"Without a doubt we are going to be a storm going into Monday," Kaminskas said.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

Cagers lead on court

Cagers ended the season claiming their tenth consecutive OAA Red Championship and their 22nd MHSAA District title in the last 25 years.

The boys also finished the season with a 20-3 record.

"I always feel it's an outstanding season when you win 20 games," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team.

"It's been a good season for our program. Winning the district again and playing in the regionals in that kind of game and that kind of atmosphere. It continues the legacy of the year for them and what they have accomplished," he added. "These kids, a lot of them, grew up in Clarkston wanting to play. To accomplish what they have done, it almost defines them."

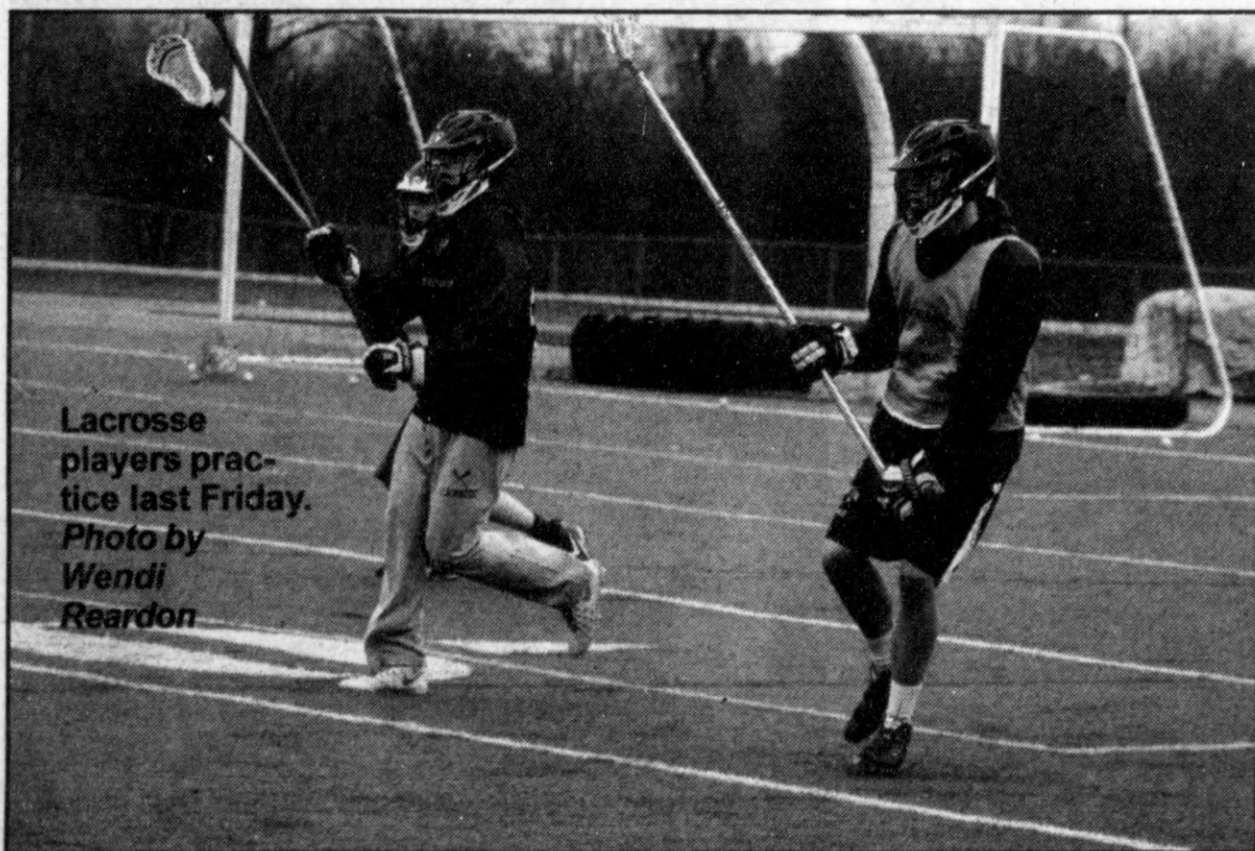
The Wolves finished the season with a double overtime loss to Macomb Dakota

on March 14, 68-66.

"It's what you have to do and the dream you have - to play in a state championship or play in those kind of games," Fife said, adding his hope is the loss will help the players to continue to grow and have a better understanding of what high school athletics is about and how it can help them after graduation.

"As long as they compete hard mentally and physically, you can't be disappointed as a coach," he said.

The Wolves include: seniors Mitch Heaton, Ryan Holmes, Tabin Throgmorton; juniors Dylan Alderson, John Chrenka, Shayan Ghadamabadi, Mac Gosen, Lucas Keller, Mitch Piazza, Raymond Pistonetti, Ben Spiker; sophomores Tieler Houston, Foster Loyer, Stewart Newblatt, CJ Robinson, Chase Wasilk and Nick Wells.



Lacrosse players practice last Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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Wolves finish in OT loss

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

It was a back and forth battle at Macomb Dakota High School as the Wolves fought the Cougars in the MHSAA Semifinal Regional game, March 14.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team finished the season after two overtime periods ended as the Cougars won, 68-66.

"We just came up short," said Dan Fife, head coach. "It wasn't through lack of effort on our part. It just was one of those games they beat us at the buzzer. We had opportunities to win. We fought back at times to get ourselves into that position. I am proud of our kids and their effort."

He added each player will grow from the experience and learn from it.

"I think we are all disappointed," Fife said. "But when your kids give their best physical and mental effort you can't be upset. You have to look at the big picture and know down the road they will learn from this."

The boys finished the first quarter behind by one point with senior Mitch Heaton leading the way with four points and three from senior Tabin Throgmorton. Junior Dylan Alderson and sophomore Foster Loyer scored two points each in the opening eight minutes.

Loyer and Heaton aided the Wolves with four more points a piece in the next quarter to help the team end the first half in the lead by one point, 20-19.

Clarkston scored 14 points during the third quarter but it wasn't enough as the Cougars scored 17 points, with six in the last

three minutes.

During the final quarter, Loyer scored on two attempts on the free throw line with 6:17 remaining in the game and scored four more points.

As the game grew to a close, Heaton tied the game with 49 seconds putting both teams in overtime to continue the battle.

During the second overtime Loyer and Alderson helped boost the team. Loyer scored on two free throws to tie game at 66 points with 32.8 seconds remaining.

"We were up in overtime, we were down in overtime, we were up in overtime, the score kept changing. It was like that the whole game," Fife said.

Dakota's Chris Magee scored two points with six seconds remaining to seal the end.

Loyer led with 27 points. Heaton scored 12 points, Alderson had 11 points and Throgmorton added nine points.

"Those are the kind of games of what sports are all about," Fife said. "You get into tournaments and it's a hard fought game. Unfortunately somebody's got to lose and we lost. Our kids have nothing to be ashamed of. Did the kids have their best game? Necessarily no, but the other team some of their kids didn't have their best game either."

He added with the packed stands with standing room only and fans cheering for both sides was a great atmosphere for high school sports.

The Wolves finished the season with an overall 20-3 record and 9-1 in the OAA Red, where they won the league for the tenth consecutive year.



Senior Tabin Throgmorton brushes past Macomb Dakota defense with 4:19 remaining in the third quarter. Photo by Larry Wright

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Above the rim

The Wolves finished their season with an 20-3 record after a double overtime loss to Macomb Dakota on March 14, 68-66.

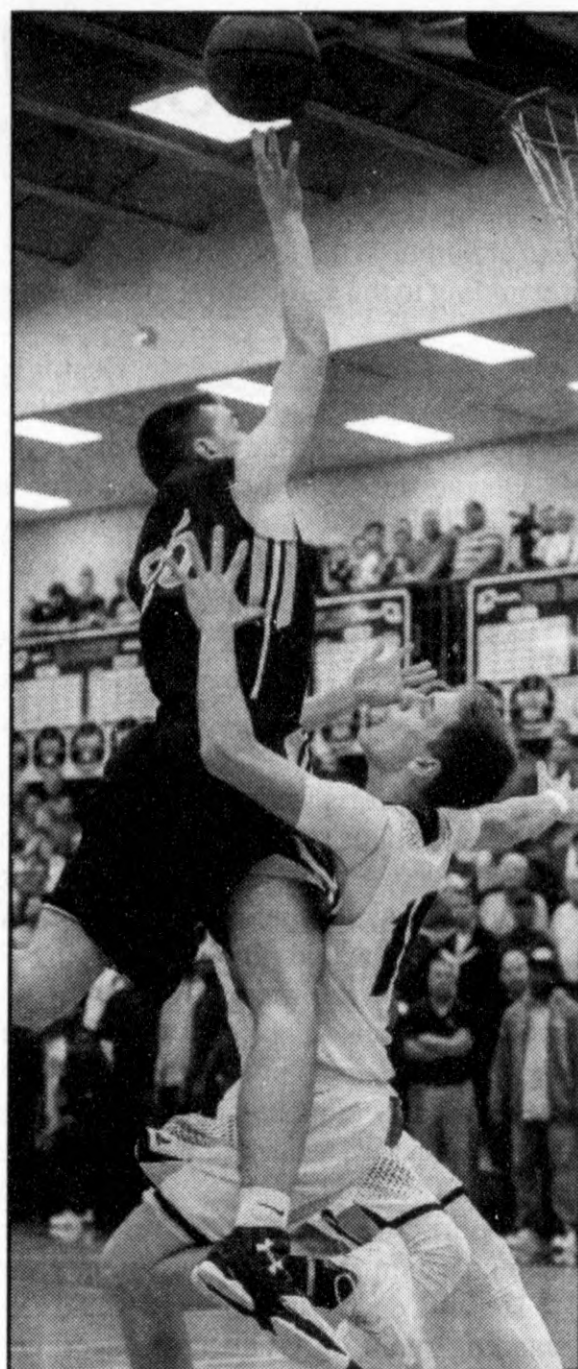
Thanks to Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball for an exciting season as you shared

your highs and your lows for the winter with your family, friends, fans and the Clarkston community.

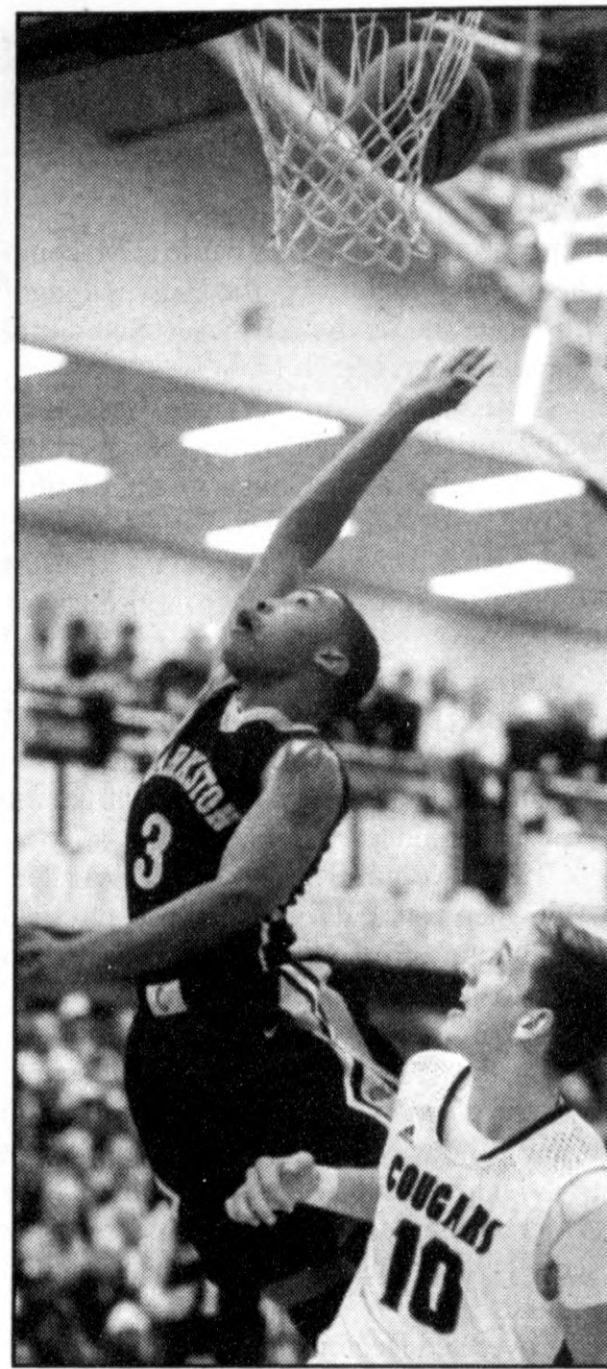
We look forward to seeing what you can do next year in the 2016-2017 season!

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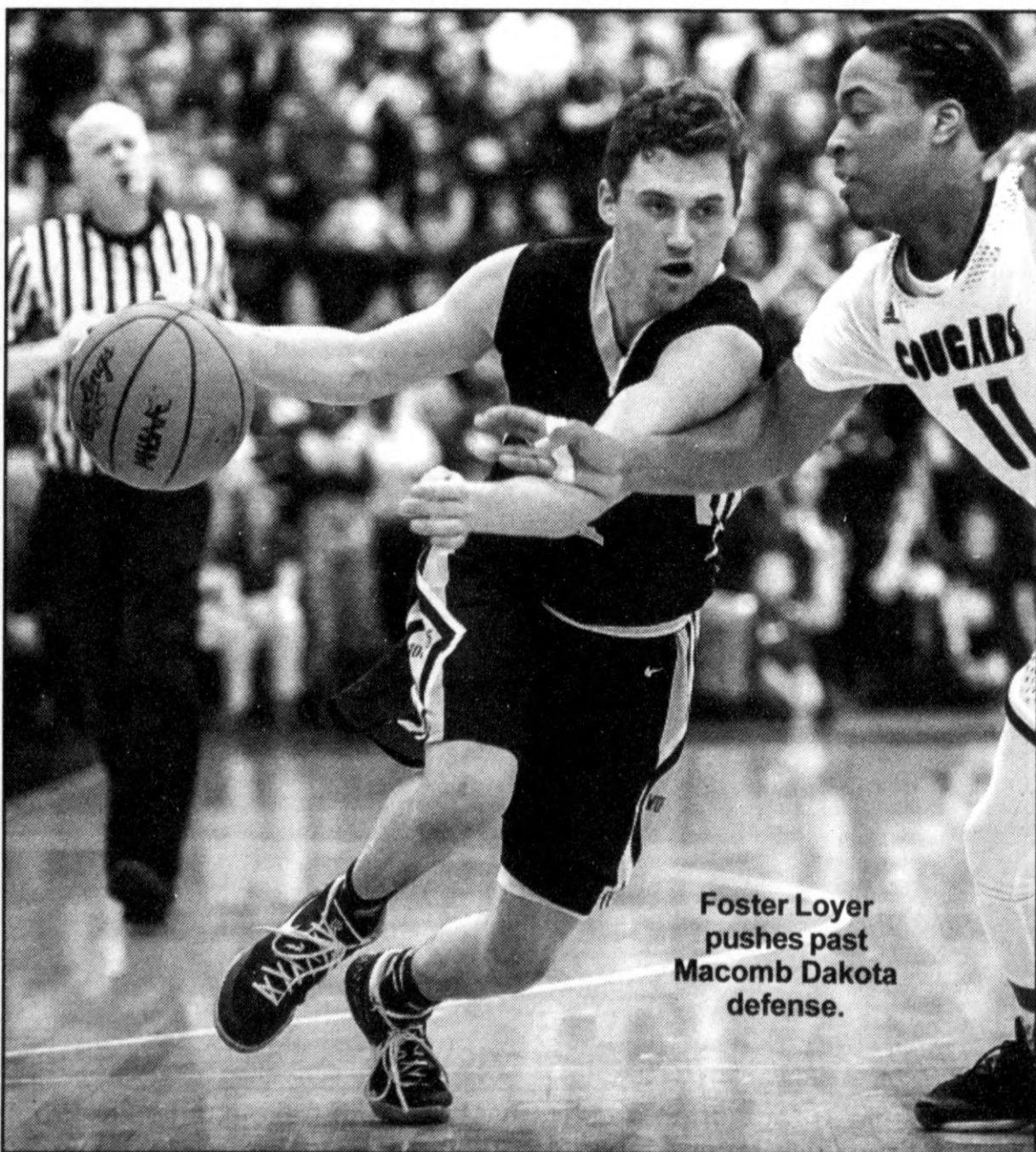
Dylan Alderson jumps high to score against the Cougars.



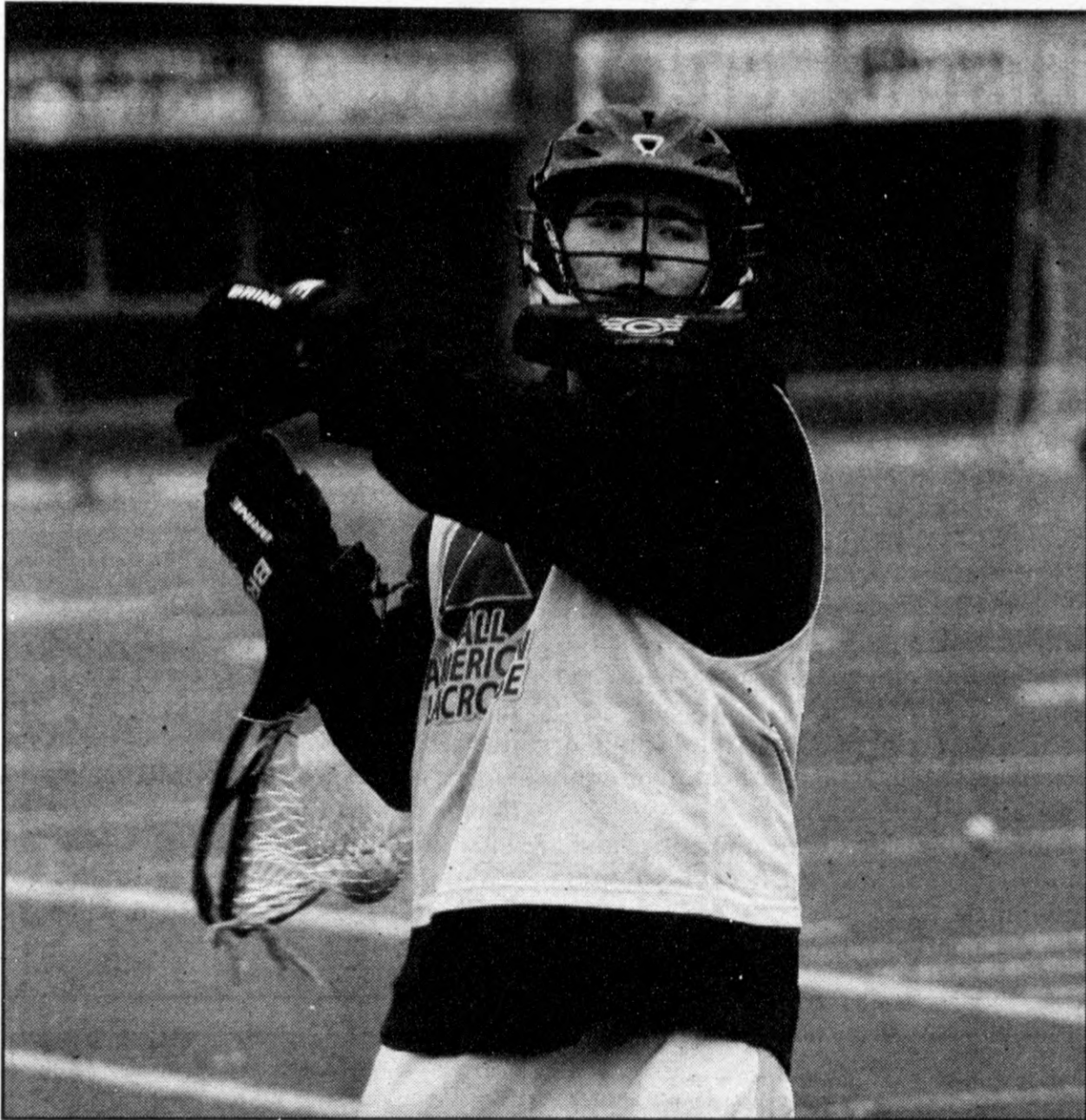
Nick Wells doesn't stop at the block.



CJ Robinson stretches for two points.



Foster Loyer pushes past Macomb Dakota defense.



Senior goalie David Taylor throws the ball back during lacrosse practice last Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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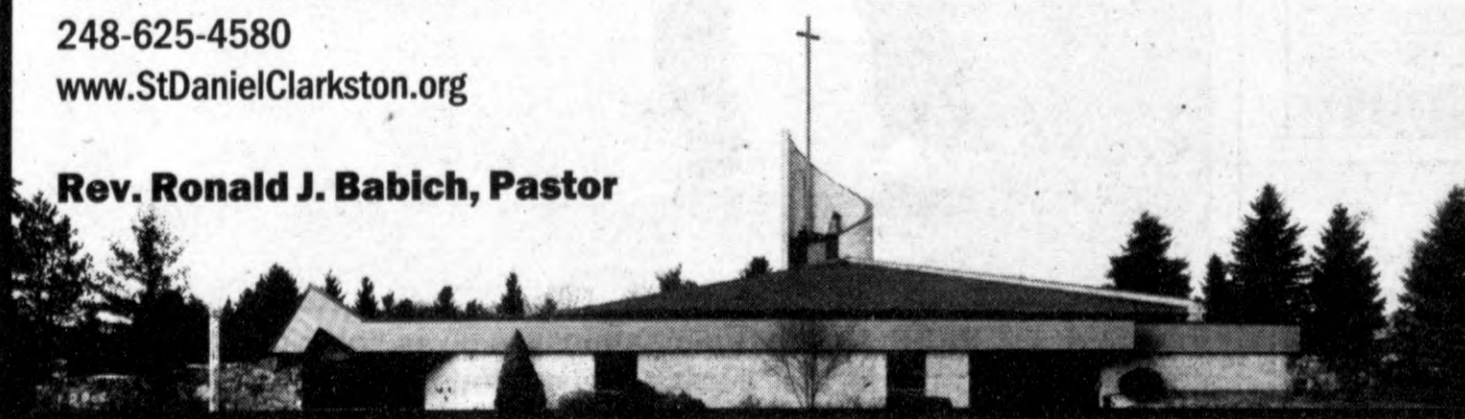
Friday, March 25
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Saturday, March 26
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District creates list of needs

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan said district administrators and school board are in the process of prioritizing a needs list for Clarkston Community Schools.

"Right now everything we have is a draft," Ryan said. "We will share more when the report is finalized."

A list of needs has been developed, he said. Listed items include safety and security, building and infrastructure, operational efficiency, curriculum and educational program, site circulation and traffic separation and site needs, such as parking lots, playgrounds, play fields, and support facilities.

The district hired GMB Architectural & Engineering in October to help determine its needs, Ryan said.

So far, they have done a facilities audit and site assessment on each of their buildings.

"As a part of this process we have also

met with dozens of groups associated with every one of our buildings to get the users perspective on needs at each facility," Ryan explained. "We have also done an online community survey and staff survey to gather as much input as possible. The input received has developed an excellent base for a district-wide, long-term master plan for CCS."

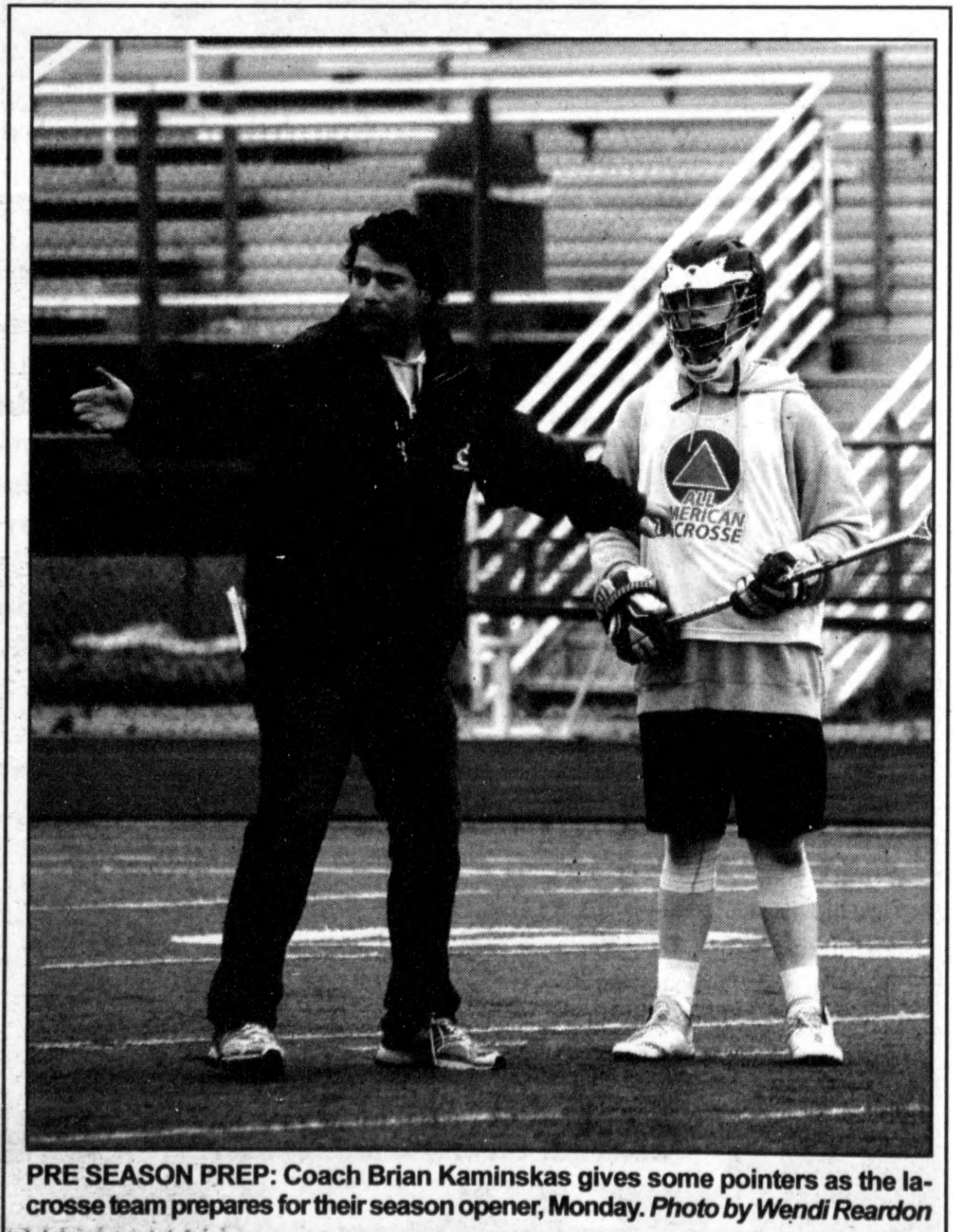
Likewise GMB has also met with staff and community groups associated with each facility.

"Feedback received has verified the needs discovered in the facilities assessment and site review," Ryan added.

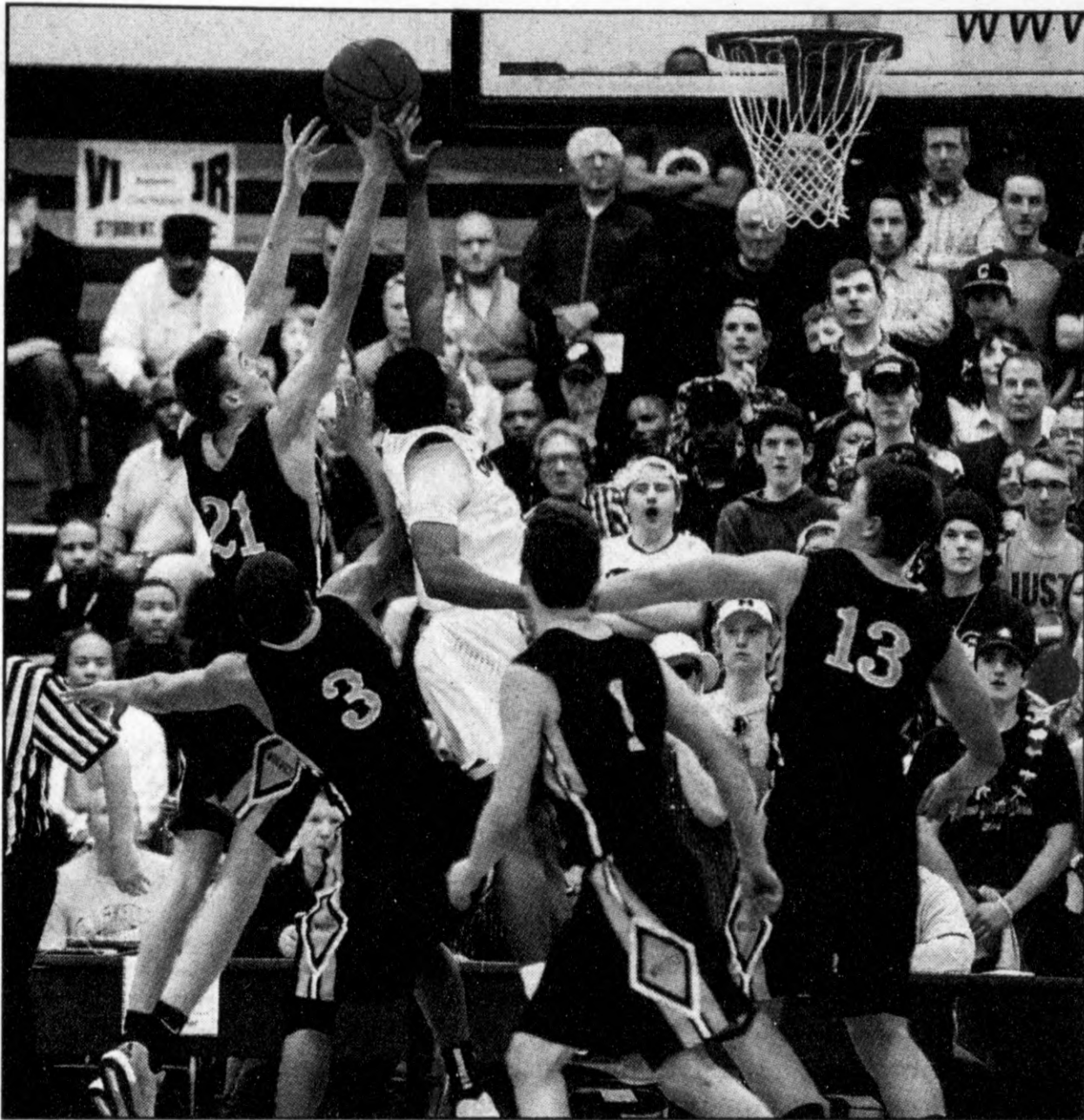
"Operational efficiency of all of our facilities is one portion of our long term plan," Ryan noted.

The board meets with GMB again prior to next Monday's regular board meeting.

The meeting, located at Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road, will begin at 7 p.m.

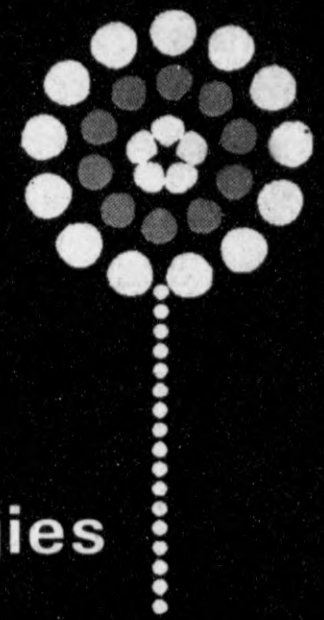


PRE SEASON PREP: Coach Brian Kaminkas gives some pointers as the lacrosse team prepares for their season opener, Monday. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Tabin Throgmorton, CJ Robinson, Foster Loyer and Mitch Heaton put pressure on Macomb Dakota, March 14. Photo by Larry Wright

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IN CHARGE FOR A DAY: North Sashabaw Elementary Principal Jennifer Johnson congratulates honorary Assistant Principal Charley Bousho, who won a fundraising contest by collecting more than 800 box tops. As the grand prize winner, Bousho won the position of assistant principal for the day, Monday, March 14. She used her new position to grant every classroom one extra recess. *Photo provided*

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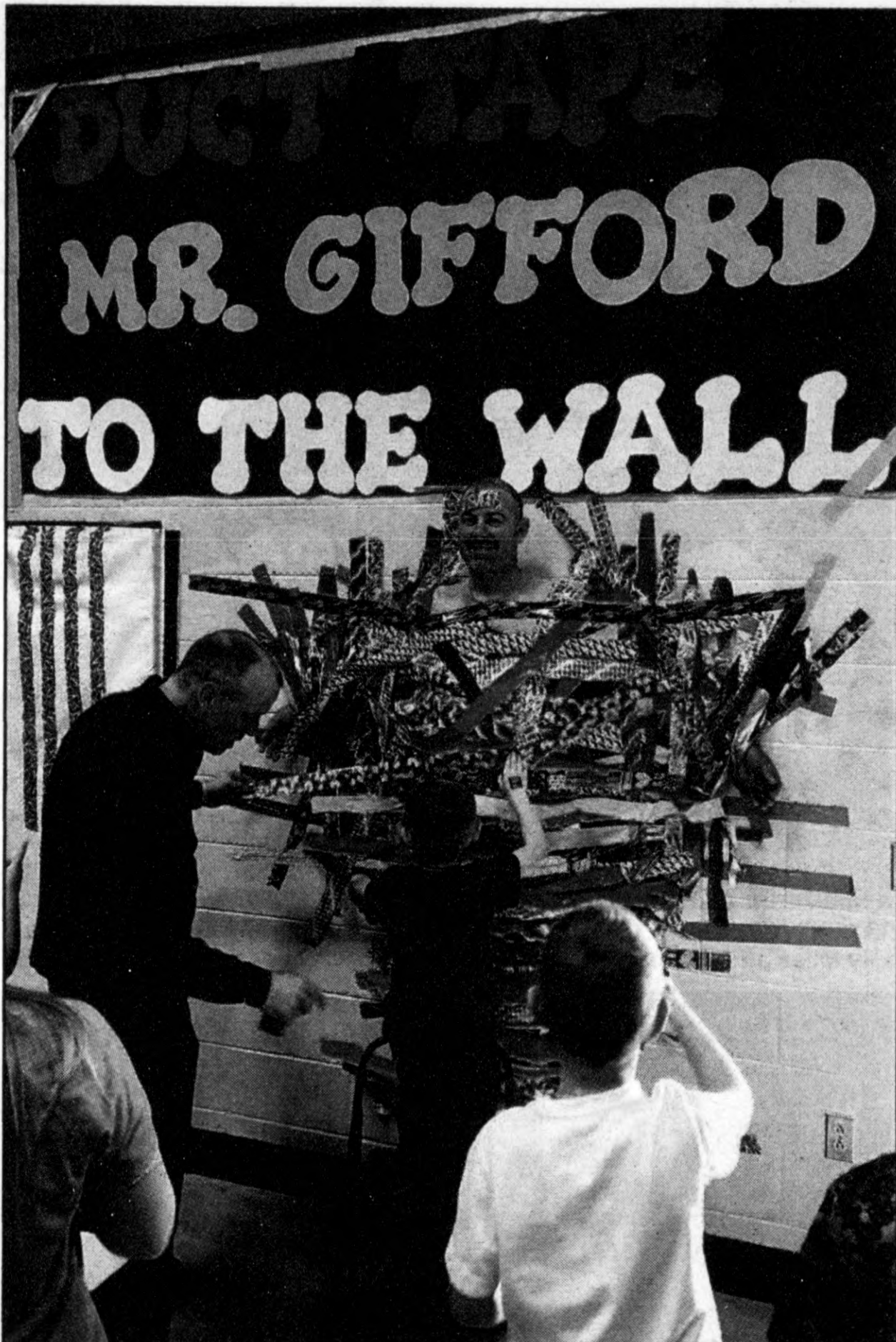
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TIED UP FOR GOOD CAUSE: Springfield Plains Elementary Principal Matthew Gifford gets duct taped to the wall during the SPE School Fair, March 12. Third grade students at Springfield Plains donated 1,850 yards duct tape, which was sold by the yard for \$1 during the school fair. All proceeds benefited the SPE Playground Enhancement Project. *Photo provided*

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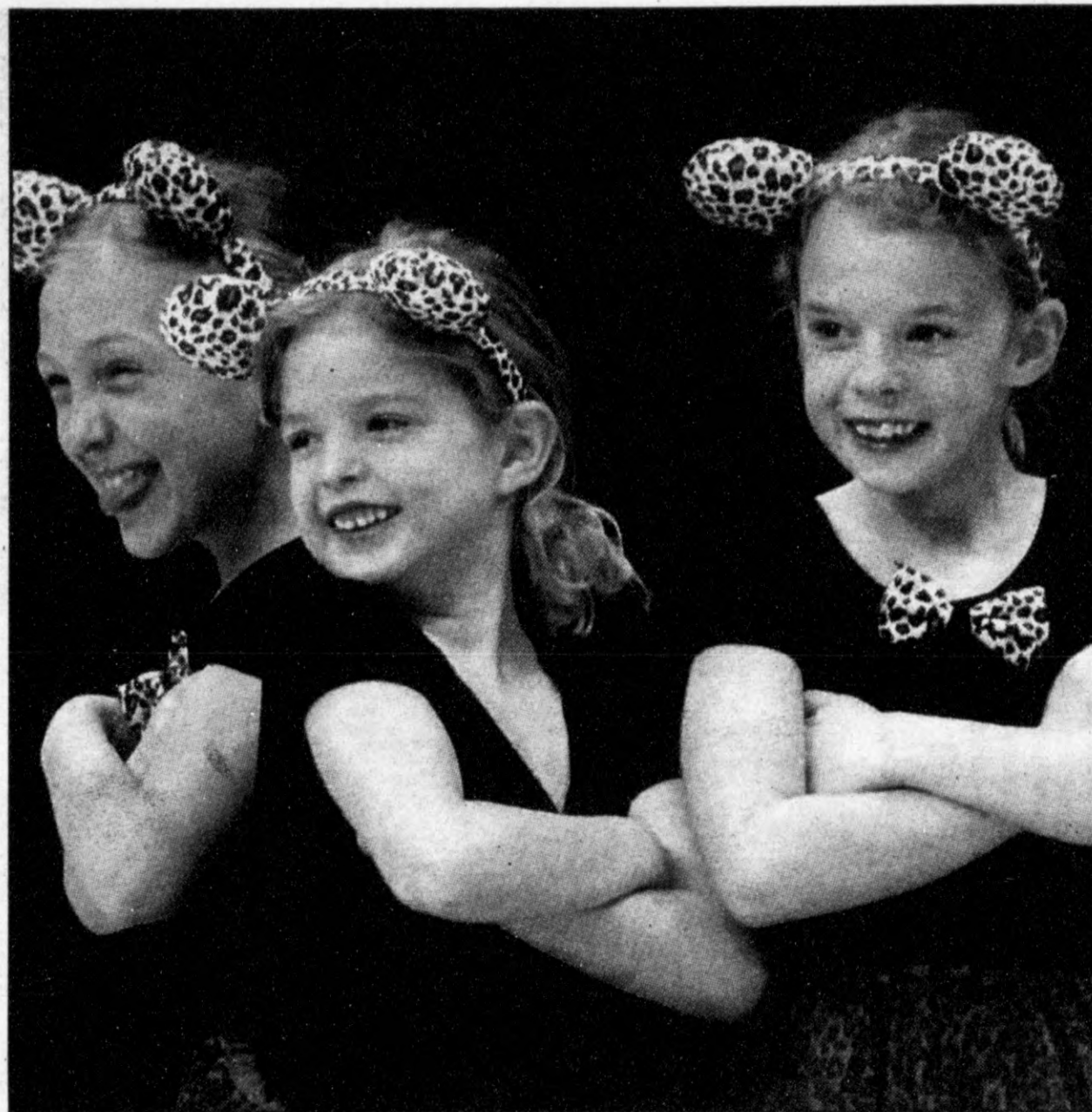


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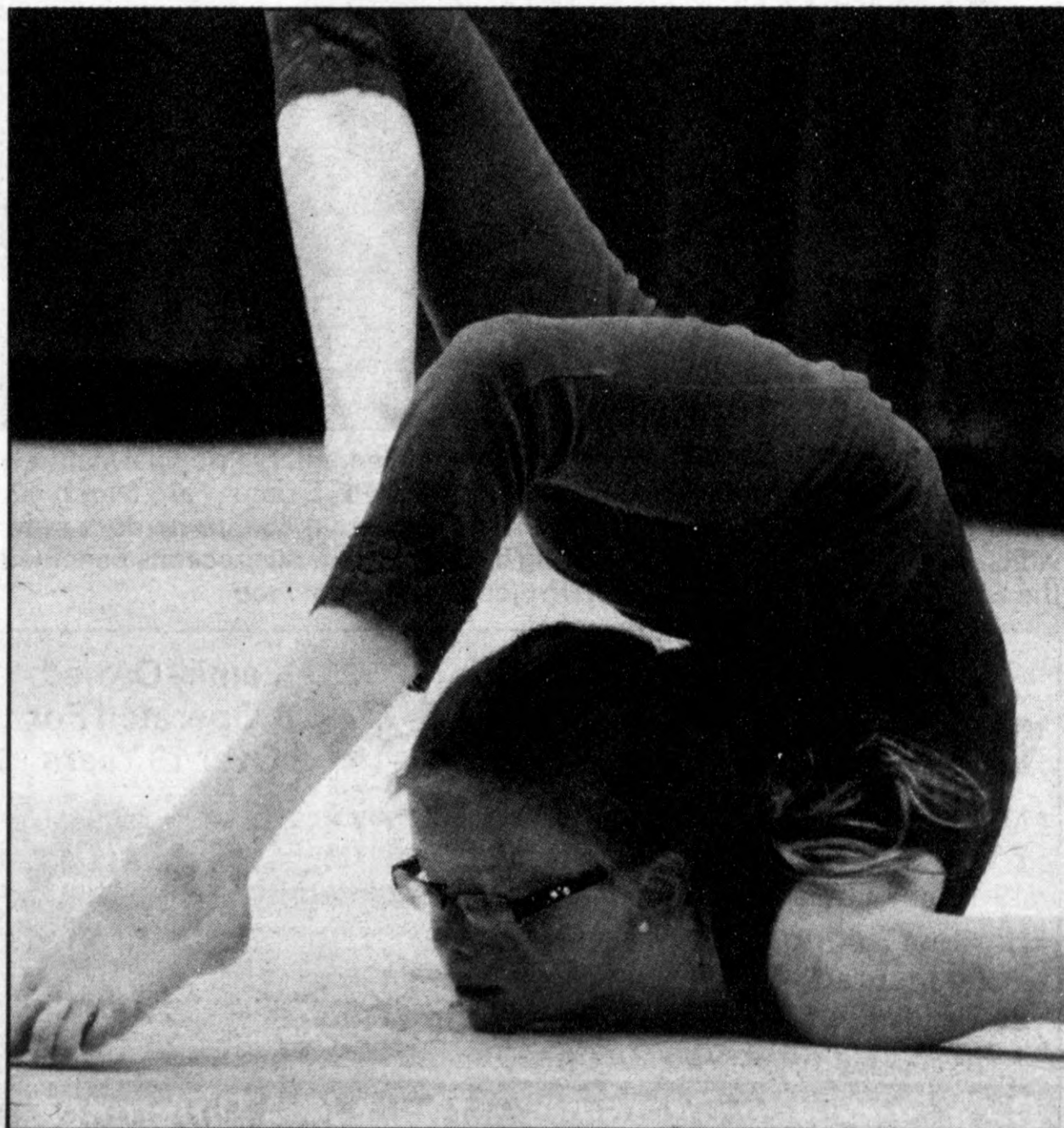
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TALENT AT ANDERSONVILLE: Kindergartener Sydney Miles, and third graders Lily Miles and Lauren Williams finish their dance to "Lion Speaks Tonight."



Third grader Grace Herrin tumbles to "Tell the World." Photos by WAR



Neighbor for Neighbor is ready to help local families during Easter. Photo provided

Holiday meals for families

Neighbor for Neighbor, a food pantry located in downtown Davisburg, will provide Easter meals to hundreds of local families.

The Easter dinner project was spearheaded by Neighbor for Neighbor volunteer Ruth Andrews. She wanted to provide recipients with something special for the holiday, above and beyond the normal food pantry offerings.

She contacted White Lake Supermarket, Divine Mercy Catholic Community, Gleaner's Food Bank, and Target for food and supplies.

"We are so grateful for all the hard work and generous gifts of time we have received. It is amazing what can be done when so many people in the community pull together to help

their neighbors," said Carolyn McKenzie, Neighbor for Neighbor executive director and volunteer.

Neighbor for Neighbor is an all-volunteer non-profit charitable organization that has provided food, clothing and financial assistance to low-income families since 1983. They recently expanded the service area to include all of Independence Township, in addition to Springfield, Holly, Groveland, Brandon, Rose, and parts of White Lake Township.

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The Bailey Lake Elementary DI team, Circle of Greatness, from left, Aksel Hopkins, Cameron Fleming, Kyle Nord, Amanda Scott, Alex Gianakos, and Aubrey Snavley. Photo provided by Nicole Gianakos

Winning imagination

The Bailey Lake Elementary team won first place in their division at the Regional Destination Imagination tournament at Waterford Mott High School, March 12.

Their winning performance was an eight-minute mystery set on the ill-fated Titanic. The team advances to the state tournament on April 19 at Central Michigan University.

In addition, the students were recognized with the Renaissance Award, an achievement given to one elementary, middle or high school team demonstrating outstanding Design, Engineering or Performance. The team includes Aubrey Snavley, Amanda Scott, Cameron Fleming, Alex Gianakos, Aksel Hopkins, Kyle Nord, and Team Manager Dave Fleming.

Seven students from North Sashabaw Elementary competed in the Destination Imagi-

nation Fine Arts: "Get A Clue" challenge. They chose a 1970s disco theme and wrote a play in which they tracked down the thief who stole their disco ball. The kids all made their own costumes.

Destination Imagination is a volunteer run program which encourages teams of learners to have fun, take risks, focus and frame challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts and service learning. Participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process. Teams may showcase their solutions at a tournament.

For more information, visit clarkstoncreativitycrew.com and www.destinationimagination.org.



From left is the North Sashabaw Elementary DI team, Jacob Campbell, Eva Bousho, Zack Scherler, Kate Meyer, Sam Chick Izzy Mockridge, and Noah Zabinski.

What are you doing for Easter?

"I am going to Illinois to visit my godchildren"

- Pam Tsiokanos



"We are having dinner with my sister-in-law and her husband and his mother from Germany"

- Sherri Parks



"We are going to my brothers for dinner and to hangout with family."

- Jan Crossmand



"Going up north with my family and cooking a big dinner."

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Paul Maxwell of Angels' Place Race gathered photos and memories from the past several years to share at this year's race. Photo by Phil Custodio

Angels' Place races to build a home

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

In its ninth year, Angels' Place Race continues to grow, and raise awareness and funds to help developmentally disabled adults.

Last year, more than 400 runners and walkers participated in the race, and raised \$31,000 for Angels' Place.

"We have a broad scope of runners and walkers, from very serious competitive runners to people who just come out for the fun of it. It covers the vast gamut," said Paul Maxwell, organizer.

They started a new nonprofit charity late last year to build and buy a new home, Drew's Home of Clarkston.

The group was granted 501C3 status by the IRS, with Dick Moscovic as chair of the board and Maxwell, vice chair.

The goal of Drew's Home and Angels' Place Race is to build or buy an existing property for a new Angels' Place home in the Clarkston area within the next couple years.

"We see the need for a community home

for residents who need that help in Clarkston," Maxwell said.

The first home will be for 4-6 men with a range of abilities, from low to high functioning, to live in a safe and healthy environment.

"We established a board with valuable people and it will hopefully be around for a long time. That's our goal," said Moscovic, whose son is the charity's namesake. "Hopefully it will continue on after we're gone, and create another one down the road for females."

The race is planned for the same route as previous years, starting on Miller Road next to St. Daniel Church, down Main Street through downtown Clarkston, to Dixie Highway around Lakeview Cemetery, and into the Deerlake subdivision.

"It's a challenging course, but a fun course, a fun event," Maxwell said. "Residents of Angels' Place come to help. They feel really good about it."

Walkers are timed as well, he said.

"We also have a one mile fun walk for families," he said. "While mom or dad runs,

the other parent can walk with the kids."

Several door prizes donated by local businesses will be awarded.

"That shows the support of local businesses. Then you can spend the rest of the day visit downtown Clarkston," Maxwell said. "We also appreciate working very closely with the City of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Indence Township Fire Department, and the Clarkston DPW. We've had great success."

St. Daniel's has also been a very big supporter, as well as the local Knights of Columbus councils, he said.

"I think the race is great - hats off to Paul. He's done a lot of groundwork," Moscovic said.

"It's a beautiful Clarkston race through downtown," Maxwell said. "We have very dedicated and talented volunteers that work on the race for nine months out the year. I appreciate their hard work."

An information table on Drew's Home will be at the race, and donations will be accepted there. To register, go to angelsplacerace.org.

Events

Simpatico by Sam Shepard, Clarkston Village Players, through March 26, Depot Theater. 248-425-5842.

Let's Chat pre-counseling" sessions with retired Dr Thomas K. Stone, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., March 25 and April 26, Independence Township senior center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Visitors Day Meeting, BNI Connect 4 Success Chapter, 7-9 a.m., March 30, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane. \$20. 248-424-5328.

Spring Beauties: Native Wildflowers for the Woodland Garden, North Oakland Wild Ones, 7:30 p.m., April 6. St. Dan's, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free, northoakland.wildones.org/events.

Downton Abbey Charity Tea, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., May 7, Clarkston United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road, Fellowship Hall. Luncheon with tea specialities, entertainment, raffles, fair trade shopping. \$35, online at www.estherschildren.org or call 248-625-8240.

Monday

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

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

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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

FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 63, Ortonville Road.

Fitness 4 You classes, \$5 walk-in, New Hope Bible Church, 8673 Sashabaw Road. Call Patty, 248-520-3297.

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 9-11:30 a.m., \$3 drop in fee; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4 drop in fee. First Con-

Around Town

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



A DAB OF PAINT: Face painter Erin Lawson decorates students' faces at Springfield Plains Elementary's school fair, March 12. Photo by Phil Custodio

gregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Tuesday

No More Whining! Develop Positive Behavior in Children with Jennifer Arkwright, parent educator, 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays, through April 18, Advanced Counseling Services, 7300 Dixie Hwy #1000. 248-922-2300, ext. 0.

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. March 29, "Who Was Jesus—Really?" filmed interview with Greg Stier, author of *Outbreak*, and Rick Lawrence, author of *The Jesus-Centered Life*. Free. 810-694-9351.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., April 12, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Topic: "The seasons are changing but

am I?" Free. 248-625-5231.

Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Spring-

field Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Eric, 248-224-2214.

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

Individualized Computer Tutoring, second and fourth Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center. \$30/members, \$35/non-members. 248-625-8231.


Grief Support Group with Coats Funeral Homes, third Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Fireside Room, 4301 Monroe Ave, Waterford. 248-674-0461.

Office hours, Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

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Deerhill to be marketed to active adults, developers say

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broad interpretation. It could start at 18 years of age as far as I'm concerned," White said. "I see a lot of things missing from the consent judgment."

Trustees Jose Aliaga and David Lohmeier voted against the revised consent judgment.

Lohmeier said developers promise the development will be a senior community, but nothing in the agreement guarantees that.

"This is not a designated senior area — that's a fact," he said.

Aliaga said he had questions about housing density, increased traffic, and the township's Master Plan.

According to the township, the property has been vacant for decades and was the subject of a lawsuit several decades ago. It was settled by consent judgment court order establishing rights and requirements for development of the property. The judgment has been amended over the years, the most recent being the third modification in 2014.

The developer and township reached an impasse over several elements of the third modification final site plan.

The developer submitted a new proposal to amend the consent judgment again, to allow it to become a residential community for active adults and empty nesters.

The proposed Fourth Modification of Consent Judgment is for 92 single family attached ranch style homes. Each unit will be about 1,620 square feet with a two car attached garage. The residential homes will be in two, three and four unit buildings. There will be a total of 32 buildings for this project including a club house and swimming pool. Each residential unit will be available for lease.

Three hours of presentations

Kittle said he thought consultants' presentations would take two instead of three hours.

"I felt terrible about it," he said. "(But) I thought it would be worthwhile spending a few hours presenting information, the pros and cons."

Lohmeier apologized to the residents waiting to speak.

"I've never seen us get to public comments so late, and I've been on the board for seven and a half years," he said.

Consultants included John Lamb of McDowell and Associates, who checked wells bordering the development and said they are deep and set in artesian aquifers.

"I don't expect activities on site impact ground water quality," Lamb said. "I anticipate no impact to neighboring wells."

Jeff Huhta of Nowak and Fraus Engineering, representing Deerhills developers, said the project is geared to empty nesters, snowbirds, auto executives here on assignment, doctors commuting to Clarkston, and other active adults.

"There's a broad range of potential



A consultant's drawing shows the Deerhill development's landscape plan.

residents," Huhta said.

Ashley Winkler of KMG Prestige Inc., property management, said leases provide more control over who lives there.

Renters will receive extensive background checks of criminal, rental and payment history, and a full time management and maintenance staff will enforce rules and regulations to keep curb appeal up, Winkler said.

"They will not hesitate to evict. We want long term renters," she said.

Brenda Makarov of Terzo and Bologna, financial consultant, said a market analysis showed residents will need to make at least \$70,000 annually.

"With the growth in rental housing, we anticipate rent of \$1,750-\$1,850 per month," Makarov said. "Demand is more than sufficient to support the proposal."

Township planning consultant Richard Carlisle said there are some quality trees on site, but most are fair to poor.

"The site has sat there for years. The forestry has not been managed. That's why the trees are compromised," Carlisle said. "The remedy is to replace them with newer plants."

The development plan includes more than 1,800 new trees and shrubs, which exceeds ordinance requirements, he said.

The master plan of 1975 allows for multi family housing, and Vision 2020 identified a need to diversify housing stock in the township, he said.

Speaking during public comment, Anne Vaara, executive director of the Clinton River

Watershed Council, said the green management in the master plan is very impressive.

"The important thing to remember is the vegetation there," said Vaara, who walked the site. "It does a lot to protect the environment. Whatever the developer can do to mimic what going on in the field to best of his ability will help."

Resident Kurt Haney was concerned with an increase in residential traffic through the Deerhill subdivision, which has no sidewalks.

Greg Byrnes said he continues to be disappointed and unsatisfied with the plan.

"Why conform to the developer instead of the developer conforming to the consent judgment," he asked. "This impasse is not your responsibility to resolve via compromise. Force the developer to comply. It seems a lot of effort to get a square peg to fit into a round hole. This development doesn't fit in this location."

Sharon Gardner said the elephant in the room is the increase in density to 92 units.

"Why did it happen," Gardner asked. "There's no answer other than to maximize profit for the developer. Everything they discussed could be addressed with 69 units in the third consent judgment."

Bob Huth opposes clear cutting trees and mass grading of the site.

"The plan includes no attempt at preservation," Huth said. "It doesn't respect the topography or compatible with the Deerlake subdivision."

Norm Froeschke said the presentations

were long winded and repetitive.

"Residents are not paid to sit here — to cut us short is a shame," Froeschke said, referring to a three-minute time limit to speak. "I think they should have cut other things short so there was more time for residents — I'm going to vote for someone sticking up for residents."

Tough decision

Kittle said it was the hardest decision the board has had to make in a long time.

"This is in the best interest of the township and residents," he said. "It has the best water retention system, twice as many trees put in as taken out, buffering exceed requirements."

The developer will contribute \$200,000 to moving the intersection of Dixie Highway and Big Lake to meet Deerhill Drive, a tremendous improvement, the supervisor said.

The estimated \$1.2 million road project will also be funded by Independence and Springfield townships, Tri-party funds, and the state and county will also participate.

Clerk Barb Pallotta said the project provides housing not currently in community.

"It's much needed," Pallotta said. "It's a good alternative to what else could go onto the property."

The board relies on consultants and experts to make the best decision, she said.

"None of us are experts," she said. "We listen to you — the developer has rights also. It's our responsibility to look at the bigger picture."

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Nursery Care at both services
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April Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
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September thru April
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6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston
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& 11:00am
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6:00-8:00 pm
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www.calvaryinfo.org

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8400 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston
Website - www.waypoint.org
Phone 248-623-1224
Sunday Worship:
9:45 am & 11:00 am
Mom Squad:
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Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
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Website: clarkstonumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
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(248) 625-2311
website: www.dixiebaptist.org
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Religion

Events Preaching

Easter – is it true? Does it matter?

The smell of vinegar as we dyed eggs; Easter baskets filled with chocolate bunnies and peeps; new clothes and uncomfortable shoes; women wearing Easter bonnets; beautiful flowers; going to church with all my cousins and then having "the biggest Easter egg hunt ever" outside before Easter dinner. These are some very fond Easter memories from my childhood!

However after high school I grew bored with church, wandered from my faith, and checked out other spiritual paths. I had lots of questions about Jesus and Christianity and Christians – including, is it true and does it matter?

Yet today it seems most of us still believe Jesus rose from the dead. Polls consistently show most people in the U.S. who do not even go to church still believe in Jesus' resurrection. I guess I never really doubted that either, even when I was away from the church. For me the real question was, and is, does it really matter?

I believe there is a deep longing in all of us; a hunger for something beyond ourselves that will last and give our lives meaning and purpose and hope – especially as we face growing violence and tensions in our world, concerns over security, and as we weather a truly ugly season of politics and mudslinging.

We long to be secure, loved and accepted. We want our lives to really matter and we want to be sure to invest in things that really last. We want to know the God of the universe understands our suffering (Good Friday) and promises us hope (Easter Resurrection).

I find it interesting around Easter this hunger surfaces and there is a surge of

interest in spiritual things. A new Bible movie is released, an archaeological find is reported, Jesus is in the news, and church attendance swells.

I am so glad many will come seeking again this year – hoping to hear an old, old story about Jesus and his love will help somehow. I believe we need Easter to really matter.

Good Friday and Easter matter to me because, regardless of what else is happening around me, it shows me how very much God loves me. This truth gives my life purpose and meaning and perspective.

However it's really such a strange way to save the world – a gruesome death on a cross and an empty tomb – so I understand it can be hard to accept sometimes.

Even one of Jesus closest followers, forever known (unfairly I believe) as "doubting" Thomas, took some convincing from the risen Lord himself.

So in the midst of my own searching and even sometimes doubting, year after year I am captivated by the Good News about Jesus and drawn again to his love and amazing grace.

He meets me where I am and welcomes me, rather than asking me to have it all figured out or to have it all together in order to qualify for his love.

Now, more than anything else in all the world, I desire for that relationship to deepen and grow; I want to get to know him better. I want to love God and love others just as he did.

Because of Good Friday and Easter I know I get a fresh start every day, no matter how I've messed things up or how hard our world or my life gets. Thank God that "Jesus loves me this I know..." And so, that's why Easter matters to me – every day!

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!
The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

Would your church like to participate
in Spiritual Matters column?
Call us at 248-625-3370 or e-mail ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

George LaForge, 87

George T. LaForge of Clarkston passed away March 14, 2016, at age 87.

He was the husband of Sue for 61 years; father of Amy Parke, John (Diane) LaForge, Kristin LaForge; preceded in death by his sons Jimmy and George Jr.; grandfather of Megan (Jason) Brandenburg, James Parke, Alexandra and Jacqueline LaForge; great grandfather of Tessa Brandenburg.



George retired from General Motors as a supervisor.

Scripture service was March 17 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was March 18 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal Ottawa Park Cemetery. Donations may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association in memory of his two sons, Jimmy and George Jr.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

In our local churches

Palm Sunday special program, 10 a.m., March 20, Community Presbyterian Church, Sashabaw Road off Dixie. 248-673-7805.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Call 248-625-3288 or check www.calvaryinfo.org

DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. Call 248-625-4644 for information.

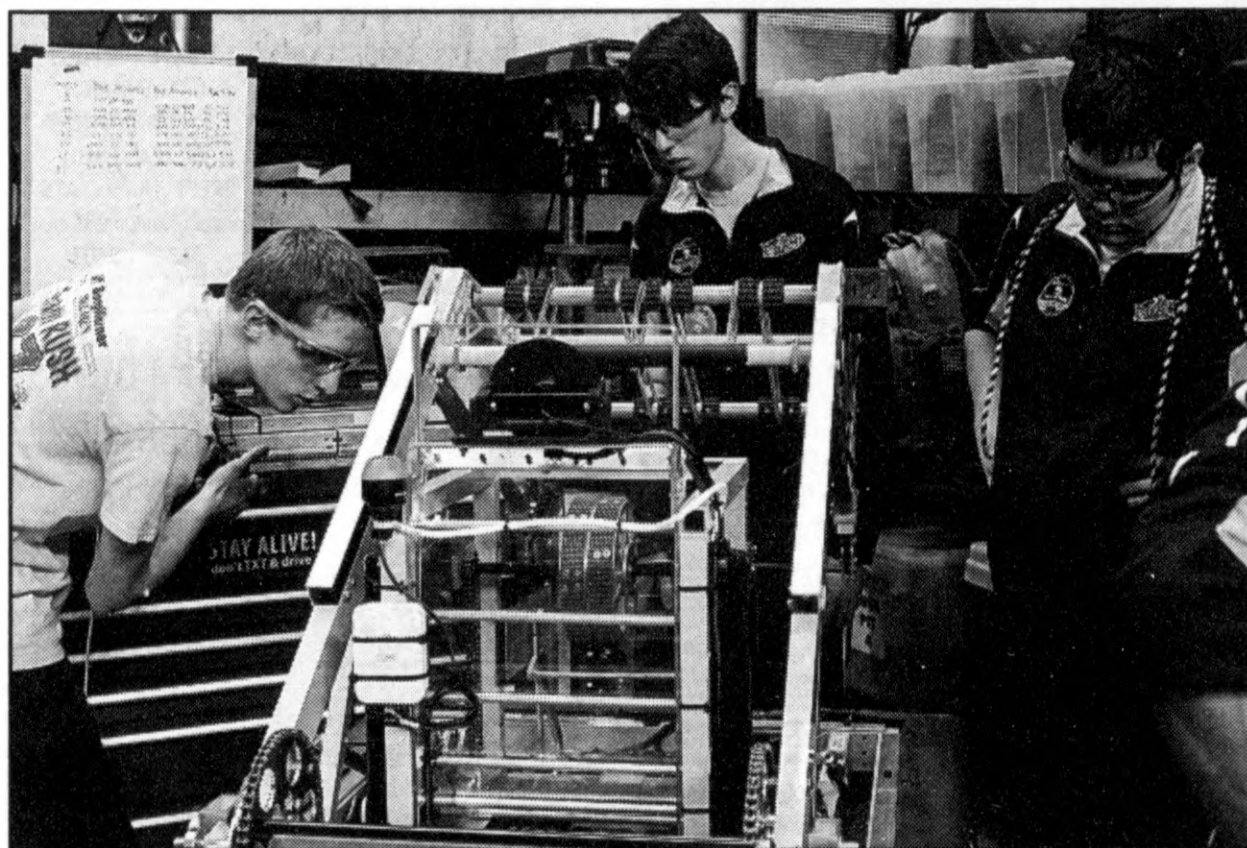
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The team discusses strategy between rounds.



The robot throws the ball to the hole.



Team Rush members check the robot.

Rush back in action

Team Rush, the robotics team at Clarkston High School, is heading to Livonia for their second tournament of the season at Churchill High School.

They begin on Friday at 11 a.m. in the Qualification matches. The match continues on Saturday.

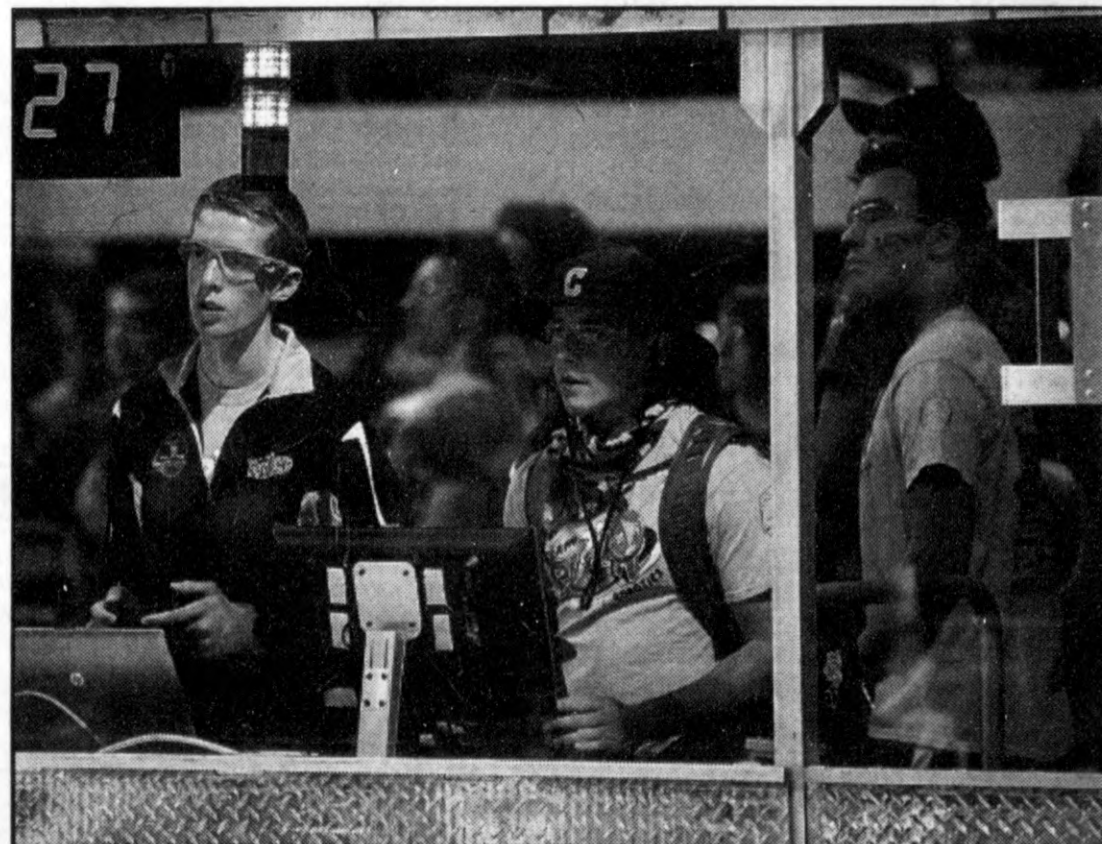
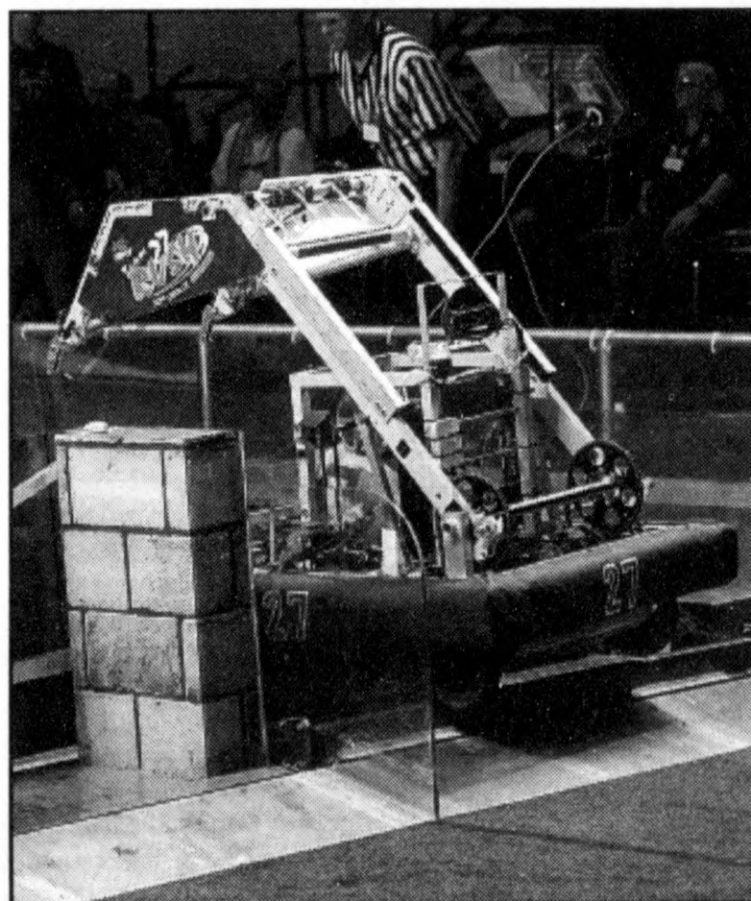
They opened the season last week in Cleveland, Ohio, in the Buckeye Regional Event.

Team Rush won the Motorola Quality Award but lost in the finals by one point.

"We did well and had a whirlwind of a weekend," said Kyle Hughes.

For more information, please visit www.teamrush27.net. To watch the competition live, please visit www.thebluealliance.com/team/27.

Photos by Dale Schnepf



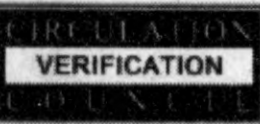
Students move the robot into positions.

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SALE: 5240 Seymour Lake Rd., Monday, 3/28, 10am-5pm. Tools, yard equipment and miscellaneous. !!LZ171

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- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder
 Absent: Aliaga
 There was a quorum present.
 Also Present: David Belcher, Building Department Director-Building Official; Lt. Mark Brown, Fire Department GIS Specialist, Doreen Groth, DPW GIS Specialist; David McKee, DPW Director
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Gene English, Robert Ferer, Greg Byrnes
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
 - 1. REPORT: Supervisor's Update (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
 a. Whipple Lake Update
 - 2. PRESENTATION: Tax Parcel Viewer-A GIS Web Application (Doreen Groth, GIS Specialist / Lt. Mark Brown/GIS Specialist)
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2016.
 - 2. Approval of Payroll of March 11, 2016 and the Check Run of March 9, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$1,457,642.82
 - 3. Approval to Amend the Clerks 2016 Budget - IT Assessment Project
 - 4. Approval to Amend PR&S 2016 Budget - Bell Tower Repairs
 - 5. Approval to Waive Procurement Policy for Soliciting Sealed Bids and Accept Quote - 2016 Road Chloriding Services
 - 6. Approval of Sound Variance for Waterford Hills Road Racing Track
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - 1. Acceptance of Quote for Lease Vehicle, Approval of Budget Amendment, and Authorization to Dispose of Asset Exceeding \$5,000 - DPW
 - 2. Adoption of Resolution I-75 / Waldon Road Bridge Project
 - 3. Adoption of Proclamation Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month - April 2016
- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
 - 1. Report: Treasurer's 2015 4th Quarter Investment Report
 - 2. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report - February 2016
 - 3. Communication: Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (CAYA); Letter of Appreciation
 - 4. Minutes: Election Commission - February 10, 2016 (Final)
 - 5. Minutes: Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory Committee - January 13, 2016 (DRAFT)
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Schroeder; Treasurer Brown; Supervisor Kittle
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
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TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
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- A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Aliaga, Brown, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder
 Absent: None
 There was a quorum present.
 Also Present: David McKee, DPW Director; Mitch Petterson, Fire Chief
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As corrected by striking "Condominium" and inserting "Residential" in the agenda item title under G. Agenda Items as indicated in Motion #2016-03-027.
- E. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta; Supervisor Kittle
- F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- G. AGENDA ITEMS AS INDICATED IN MOTION #2016-03-027
 Approval of Motion to Suspend Board of Trustees Special Rules of Procedure
 The meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m.
 Trustee Schroeder excused herself from the meeting during the recess.
 The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.
 The meeting recessed at 9:52 p.m.
 The meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m.
 Approval of motion to Suspend Board of Trustees Special Rules of Procedure-Rule 27
 1. Approval of Fourth Modification of Consent Judgment - Encore at Deerhill Villas (92 Single-Family Attached Residential Development - Final Site Plan)
- H. ITEMS NOT INDICATED IN THE CALL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING - None
- I. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- J. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.
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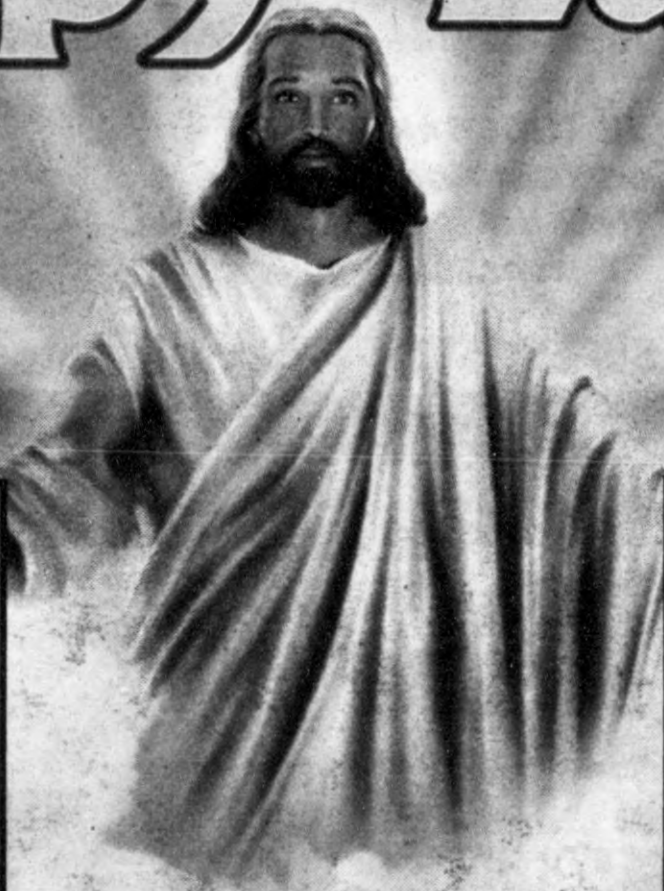
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Keiser and Konner

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quired love, nurture and some strict discipline, which I as a "loving father" I handed out in my columns.

Speaking of fatherhood, many of you might remember I had just become a father to a newborn before I left. While The "blissful marriage," which created my son, Konner, came to an unfortunate end in 2014 my fatherly duties of raising a handsome, smart, funny and full-of-life son didn't.

So, while I spend my weekdays encouraging and challenging local government bodies to continuously get better and improve themselves, I spend my weekends shaping and grooming a very special 3-year-old little boy to become better as well.

He's my "Lil Buddy" and I look forward to sharing more about him in the future. Ladies, I have to warn you, he'll melt your hearts.

With that, I will bring this column to an end and say it's great to be back. I look forward to seeing so many of you again as I am out on the beat and covering the local happenings.

Don't be shy, come and say hi. I'll even show off my cute kid (smile).

Around Town

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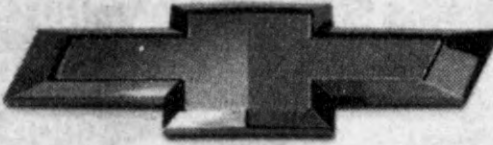
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