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\$75 million for school 'critical needs'

Public hearing set on August vote proposal

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

School officials are looking to place a \$75 million school bond extension proposal on the Aug. 2 ballot.

The money is needed for "critical needs," according to a GMB Architecture

and Engineering presentation at the March 28 regular meeting.

Critical needs include \$1 million for artificial turf, seating, and scoreboard for a new soccer and lacrosse stadium at Clarkston High School; \$2.9 million for renovation work for the football stadium, baseball fields, auditorium, and other facilities at the high school; \$10 million for technology district-wide; and \$16.3 million district-wide for safety and security projects.

The school board will host a public hearing on the proposal, April 18 at 6 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

The proposal is a "no increase bond," which would extend the current seven mills levied to pay off the \$4.289 million School Revolving Fund.

The district has a loan repayment date of 2035.

Board Secretary Susan Boatman said scheduling the vote for the November

general election would be better.

"I think it's more democratic," Boatman said. "I think we heard loud and clear that the last time we did a bond, people wanted it to be in November."

School districts like to maximize their odds of passing a bond by scheduling it in an off-cycle election like a primary, she said.

"We've talked about this before. August doesn't really necessarily give you that advantage because you're not in front

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Hearts broken

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Maria-Aurora Renusch will be remembered by co-worker Dianne Teregan for the warmth she brought to the Clarkston Post Office.

"Aurora was always humming or singing a little tune when she worked, nothing I really recognized, but always a lilting soft tune," Teregan said. "Every Monday morning she would ask me if I had a good weekend, but what she was really anxious to hear about were the latest shenanigans of my little grandchildren. Oh, how she loved to hear their stories. She was such a gentle, kind woman, and now a gentle and kind angel."

Renusch, 56, was killed by her husband, Mark Renusch, 57, who then took his own life, April 1, in their Orion Township home, according to Oakland County Medical Examiner. A 17-year-old Japanese foreign exchange student, hosted by the couple, was at home but not injured.

Co-workers called deputies to check on Aurora when she hadn't shown up for work.

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From left, Clarkston Planning Commission member Rob Bondy and resident Steve Wylie check a page of the city hall and DPW garage site plan, while Commission member Michael Sabol flips through additional pages. Photo by Phil Custodio

Planners OK city hall plan

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The expansion project for Clarkston City Hall and DPW garage moved forward with a recommendation for site plan approval by the Planning Commission.

The site plan for the 2,000-square-foot addition to the north side of city hall includes options to convert an existing garage bay into a new city hall meeting room, as well as different exterior finishes and roofing material.

Speaking during public comment at the April 4 meeting, residents said the plan included a blind spot for DPW truck traffic and was unsafe.

"It blocks the view — people can't see what going on, come around the corner, and a truck's backing out," said Sue Wylie. "How can safety be insured?"

Cory Johnston, former city council

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Clarkston Postmaster Denise Owen said Aurora was always a ray of sunshine at work.

"Every day she had a smile on her face," Owen said. "She pretty much touched everyone here. Her job assignments meant she worked with just about all the employees every day of the week. It's been pretty hard on all of us."

"Aurora was one special lady," said Pixie Churchill. "My heart aches. She was the most thoughtful, caring person that I had the privilege of calling my friend."

Aurora was the sweetest person and always wore a smile, said Sandy Hubel.

"She was kind and funny - so easy to get along with," Hubel said. "I would see her on her break with a book and she tolerated me questioning her about them when all she really wanted to do was read. She was just a good soul. I will miss her terribly."

"Aurora was always so warm and friendly, smiling every day, never letting on when anything was wrong and if she was upset, you would never know it," said Christine Schramm. "She was very giving and generous. Such a wonderful mom too - always talking about her boys."

"Aurora is the embodiment of aloha spirit, her compassion and dedication to her sons is what I admire and how I aspire to be," said Christi Turk Bondy.



Aurora Renusch, known for being warm, friendly and smiling every day, will be missed greatly by family, friends and coworkers at the Clarkston Post Office. Photo provided

"She was always a sweetheart to all, with a drive to please everyone and as I have said, a ray of sunshine," said Traci Senkowski. "Maybe it was her way of hiding other issues, sad to say. She will be sorely missed."

"Our beloved Aurora was respectful and

kind, enchanting and refined - smart, funny, and a smidge on the wonderfully sassy side," said Annette Thomas. "She adored her boys, loved her family, cherished her friendships and celebrated life. I will celebrate Aurora and cling to every precious memory of this priceless treasure of a human being."

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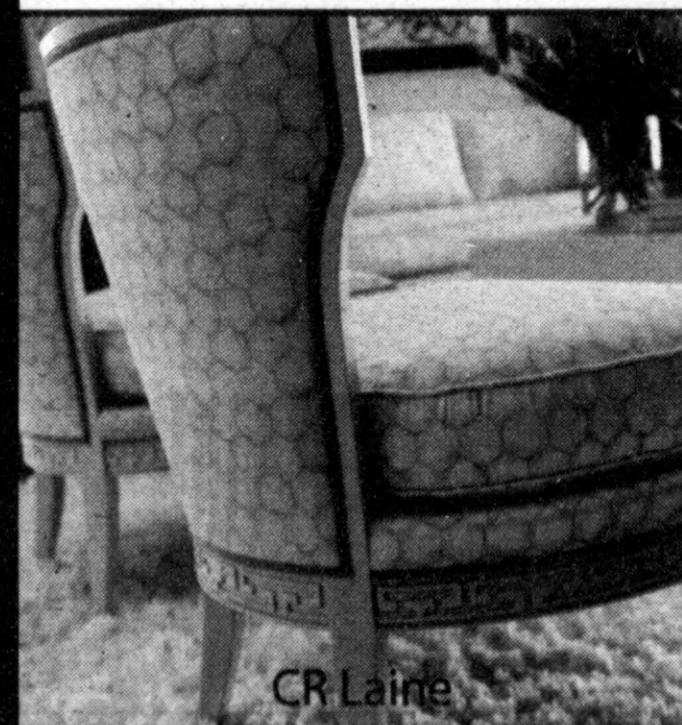
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Julie Vos



Inside look at Independence fire department

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Lt. Don Herbert described the Independence Township Fire Department (IFD) as "The Land of Misfit Toys."

"They are people who come from all different walks of life and for some reason decided they're going to do this job. They don't all look the same, but they all kind of come with the same purpose in mind," he said. "The design of the 'Misfit Toys' wasn't they all looked right, but was that they made a kid happy."

Herbert, whose has been in fire service for 27 years and spent the past 16 years with Independence, was the guest speaker at the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the Fountains Golf & Banquet Center, March 24.

"To some people the fire department is somewhat of a mystery. Unless you call 9-1-1 a lot, you don't really see us," he said. "You may see us at the grocery store or things like that or your kids may come home with little packets we hand them during fire prevention week. Other than that I don't think people really understand much about the fire department."

The fire department has 36 square-miles to cover so they have three stations strategically placed around the township to deliver quicker response times to all the areas.

The department operates with 31 full-time uniformed personnel and 25 part-time paid on-call personnel. Of the 31 full-time, 27 work in 24-hour shifts and four work in the front

office at Station 1, located on Citation Drive. They have nine full-time personnel assigned to each 24-hour shift.

"They work approximately 10 days a month and their shift rotates around. They work on a day, off a day, on a day, off a day, on a day and then off for four days," Herbert said. "There are three separate shifts and they all rotate like that. At a minimum they'll have eight personnel."

"For the most part the men are up for the 24-hour period," he added. "They occasionally get a little bit of rest, but we run enough calls in Independence Township where the guys are constantly up and running."

IFD is an Advanced Life Support Agency, which is why Independence Township Fire Department is on the side of ambulances. They do their own transporting to hospitals. Herbert said about 16 years ago they relied on private EMS for transporting, but they discovered they were not always close by. They went for a millage in 2000 and have been advanced life support ever since.

"It means we have paramedics who cross-train as firefighters and firefighters who cross-train as paramedics," he explained. "With the exception of two people at our fire department, everybody is a paramedic."

They staff three fire engines everyday with one full-time firefighter and the on-call to supplement the response to building fires. There is also a captain on each shift who is responsible for daily operations.

To answer the question, "are eight guys enough to put out a house fire?" The answer from Herbert is "absolutely, unequivocally no," which is why IFD has an automatic aid agreement with neighboring fire departments Brandon, Oxford, Lake Orion, Auburn Hills, Waterford, White Lake, Springfield and Groveland, who are simultaneously dispatched at the same time as Independence.

"If you take three or four men inside the building on the fire - one person outside on the truck, another person making sure the other person is safe on the outside and two other guys trying to get you water. That's our eight," he said. "That's why we have to call on the outside resources and men to come help."

Looking at a 10-year span, the number of calls has increased over time. There were 2,362 calls in 2006 and 2,901 calls in 2015. Herbert noted the township also had a population of about 32,000 in 2006, which has increased to about 37,000.

Of the 2,901 calls in 2015, 2,100 were medical calls, which equals about 73 percent of total call volume; 24 were structural fires, 49 were other fires, such as grass, vehicle, outdoor or chimney; 79 calls were for hazardous conditions, such as wires down, hazardous material or natural gas leak. Also, there were 242 calls for service, like public assistance, lock-outs and assisting the disabled.

IFD participates in both a regional and statewide task force for technical rescue.

"Those are building collapses, structural collapses, confined spaces, hazmat," Herbert said. "We have team members or fire department members who are actually on the team and it's a statewide asset."

They also organize a task force for response to Active Shooters, Hostage Situations (ASHS) in conjunction with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Herbert said they do a lot of public education and fire prevention activities by visiting the different schools and allowing parents to bring their kids to the station during the summer time.

"We do 65 education programs a year and reach approximately 2,000 kids from Pre-Kindergarten up to fourth grade," he said.

"We get down on the level with the kids because we think fire prevention and safety in general just kind of starts with them. We even start teaching them a little bit about first-aid."

Herbert also discussed the education and qualifications it takes to become a firefighter/paramedic for IFD.

"We don't expect people to be geniuses because that's not what our job is. Our job is dealing with people at their worst and making their day a little bit better," he said. "If our guys are empathetic and kind, and they're polite and they know their job and know what do, they are gold for us, because you can't teach a lot of that in school."

He did point out the IFD does have many personnel who have college degrees and bring unique skills and talents to the department - such as construction engineer, registered nurse, fire and EMS instructors, private pilot, UAS pilot (drone pilots) Geospatial specialists and military veterans.

The IFD operates on an annual budget of \$5.63 million, which is about \$4.9 million from tax revenue and \$570,000 from ALS revenues collected from insurance companies. Herbert said they keep about a 20 percent fund balance and a healthy Capital Improvement Plan line.

He explained the capital improvement money helps pay for fire trucks, ambulances and building renovations at the fire stations.

"We don't want to waste your money by financing things and paying a finance charge, we rather save up the money and walk in with cash and get a better deal," he said.

At the end of the day, Herbert said the IFD are servants to the community.

"This is your fire department," he explained. "You're kind enough that every four years you approve a millage and tell us 'just go do your thing,' so we go do our thing, but we are your fire service. That's why we tell you if we see you - if you have any problems, call us."

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Briefly

Hosting open house

Educatus International hosts an open house on how to become an international host family, 5:30-7 p.m., April 20, at Independence Township fire station one.

Students are ages 14-18, fully insured, have their own spending money, speak English, and are required to maintain good grades.

Host families must be willing to share daily life with the student in an English-speaking environment, provide a bedroom for the student with their own bed, desk, and closed, with three balanced meals a day, and pass an interview and criminal background check.

Host families receive ongoing support, monthly stipend, and orientation.

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Girls State

Campbell-Richmond Unit 63 American Legion Auxiliary will interview applicants for Girls State at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12.

The seven-day Girls State program teaches high school junior about government, leadership, management, and communication in a college dorm setting at Michigan State University. It will be from June 19-25.

Applications are available in the school counseling office, or contact Amy Laboissonniere 248-892-1203 or adtdsb@gmail.com. Check "Girls State" at www.michalaux.org.

For information on Boys State at Northwood University in Midland, from June 19-25, contact Jerry Grzywinski at 248-494-2821.

Maker Girl Mania

The Clarkston High School Women In Engineering Club is hosting Maker Girl Mania on April 16.

The event is created for young girls, kindergarten through seventh grade, to come together to engineer, think, create, and explore. The club includes girls and some boys in ninth-12th grade, and is run by Laura Kalinowski, a teacher at the high school. A main goal of the club is to spread interest in engineering and similar subjects to students at all levels, kindergarten-high school.

Maker Girl Mania is the club's biggest event of the year. However they work all school year to reach out to those interested in science, technology, engineering, and math. The girls hope to receive enough grants this year to make attending the event free to all. Over 500 students have signed up.



Lt. Don Herbert talks about the Independence Fire Department at the Chamber Mixer. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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Students plan for urgent care

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the past few months students in the Clarkston High School Marketing II class worked on a plan for Josh Newblatt and Scott Bonzheim from Pine Knob Urgent Care, which is opening soon on Sashabaw Road.

"We had to come up with a marketing plan from beginning to end," said Victoria Bell.

"It took a long time," Shannon Seguin added. "It was constant work."

"It was all a marketing team would do for a new business," explained Elizabeth Scheill.

The class divided into three different groups and each one created a mission statement, tag line, logo, flyers, postcards and press releases. They also chose promotional items they thought fit with Pine Knob Urgent Care while keeping focused on key points the doctors wanted including both were raised locally and they wanted to give back to the community. They also chose social media applications best suited them and also planned a grand opening event.

The group of Bell, Eric Diemer, Kyle Genter, Sage Goens, Emeilia Rekuta and Nate Troutvine created a referral program not only for patient to patient referrals but doctor to patient.

For social media, they gave tips on what posts the doctors could put on Facebook both educational and friendly greetings.

They narrowed down their choose of promotional products to thermometers, highlighters, water bottles, keychain stress balls, and cold packs.

The group of Scheill, Joe Andary, Isaac Keer, Byron Morales, Julia Smaill and Jared Suddon narrowed down promotional items to sanitizers, cinch backpacks and magnets. They thought Twitter, Instagram and YouTube would be more beneficial for the clinic.

"I liked the whole planning of it - planning the grand opening even creating the logo and tagline," Scheill said, adding they did have difficulties during planning.

"Our ideas would be sent back to us multiple times," she said. "We had to make

changes we really didn't want to make."

The third group of Seguin, Ryan Hahka, Andrew Lemuix, Kelly Moltmaker, Chad Palmer and Mason Skinner thought mouse pads, waterbottles, seven day medicine containers, first aid kits and sticky notes would be good choices for promotional items and Yelp and Twitter was the way to go for social media.

"The social media was cool," said Seguin. "With social media you don't know if the doctors know how to use it yet. It's like you are the pro which is rare."

"It was a good experience for the real world because it's going to happen," said Bell. "I think we were all pretty happy with what we had."

Newblatt and Bonzheim received a phone call from Principal Gary Kaul last year for the marketing class create plans.

"I had no idea the creativity and the thoughtfulness that would go into it," Newblatt said. "I am really impressed with how much they have done and all of the things they have thought of. We are really excited to get up and running."

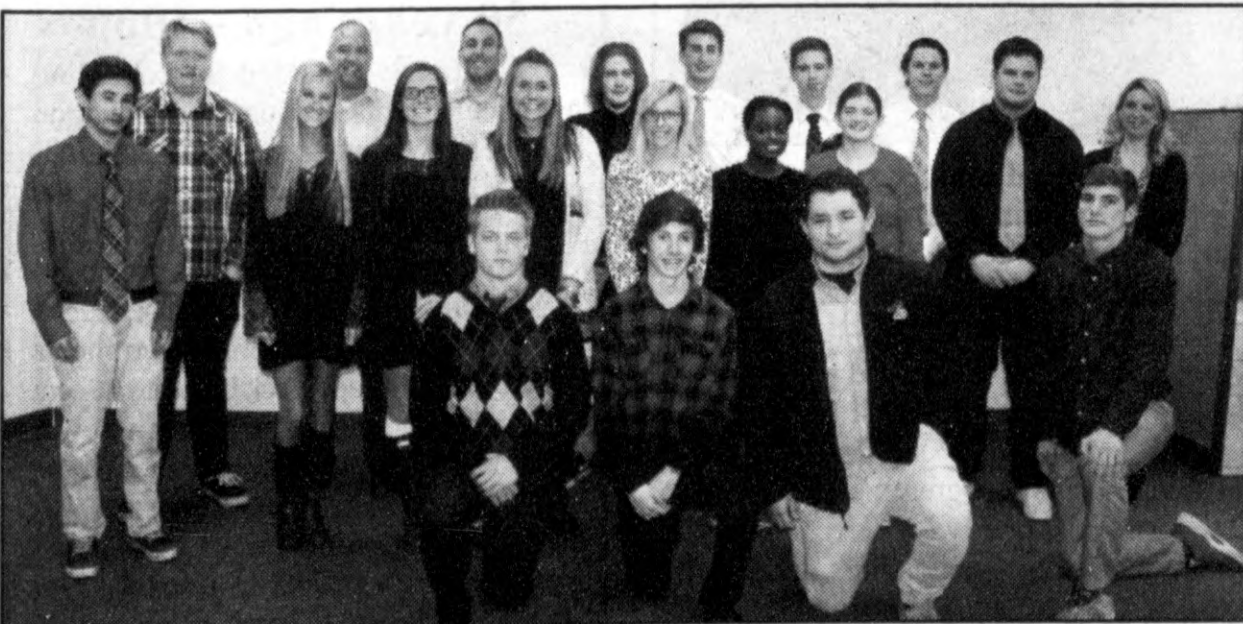
"This is a great thing," Bonzheim added. "This is part of what we want - involvement in the community and the place people think of when they think of Clarkston. We want to get involved as much as we possibly can."

They updated the class the drywall was done and they are hiring staff, and the urgent care could be open by mid-May. They also shared they had seen drafts of everyone's plans and have mixed and matched from different drafts.

"They did a fantastic job taking what we gave them and creating a plan," Bonzheim said.

"This is just what I envisioned," said Christy Moore, teacher. "Not only teaching the concepts but getting the kids to apply them to the community, to the businesses and to present their ideas. They pulled it together really well."

Newblatt and Bonzheim will do sports physicals in conjunction with Clarkston Medical Group, Dr. Tim O'Neill and Dr. Larry Baylis at Clarkston High School on June 2.



Clarkston High School students from Marketing II class present their plans to Pine Knob Urgent Care, March 30. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Time to play

This year I have become a Clarkston Village Player.

I've never acted in anything before, and auditioned for CVP last year without success, but decided to try again at auditions last month.

It went OK. I was cast and rehearsals have begun for the May production of *Hamlet II*. It's Shakespeare's *Hamlet* except as a comedy. Only 21 rehearsals until performances start!

I play Francisco the guard. It's a small role, but he has the first line in the entire show, so I have that to be nervous about.

It's "who's there?"

To find out who is there, come to a show in May!

It's Horatio, the other guard.

I pretty much have my big scene down, though I won't know for certain until the curtain rises with an actual audience in the seats.

It has already been a lot of fun, working with the director and fellow actors, learning my lines and some theater lingo (stage left is where?), and becoming familiar with backstage at Depot Theater.

Everyone seems to be working really hard and taking things seriously for something that will hopefully make people laugh.

Things are just starting, but I already have a theater story.

I cover Clarkston City Council meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month so I told the director I can't make rehearsals on those dates.

But on March 28, the council meeting got out early, a bit before 8 p.m., so I headed down to the theater to catch the end of rehearsal.

The cast was in the middle of running through scenes they blocked that evening.

I had some lines coming up so I hurried backstage. Everyone was focused on their scripts so only a couple noticed I was there.

So when my part came up, I walked on stage and delivered my line, "Hi! I'm sorry I'm late..."

That's what Francisco says, Act 1, Scene 9. My delivery might have been more authentic than usual. Most of the folks were a bit confused by my antics, though seemed to take it in stride.



Site plan to address walker safety

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member and engineer, said the DPW garage attached to city hall was already unsafe.

"This is making it worse," said Johnston, who also questioned the plan's landscape, lighting, and other issues. "It's a serious safety concern."

Architect James Renaud said the size of the driveway and turn radius are sufficient, but a sidewalk through the area can be moved or removed.

Resident Chet Pardee asked about the cost of the project, which was previously estimated at over \$400,000, with interest factored in.

That remains "in the same ballpark," but costs won't be known until contractors submit bids, Renaud said.

The planning commission's job is to make sure the site plan meets city ordinances, said Commission member Rob Bondy.

"We need real costs on this - now is a little premature to make a decision whether

it's good, bad, or indifferent," Bondy said.

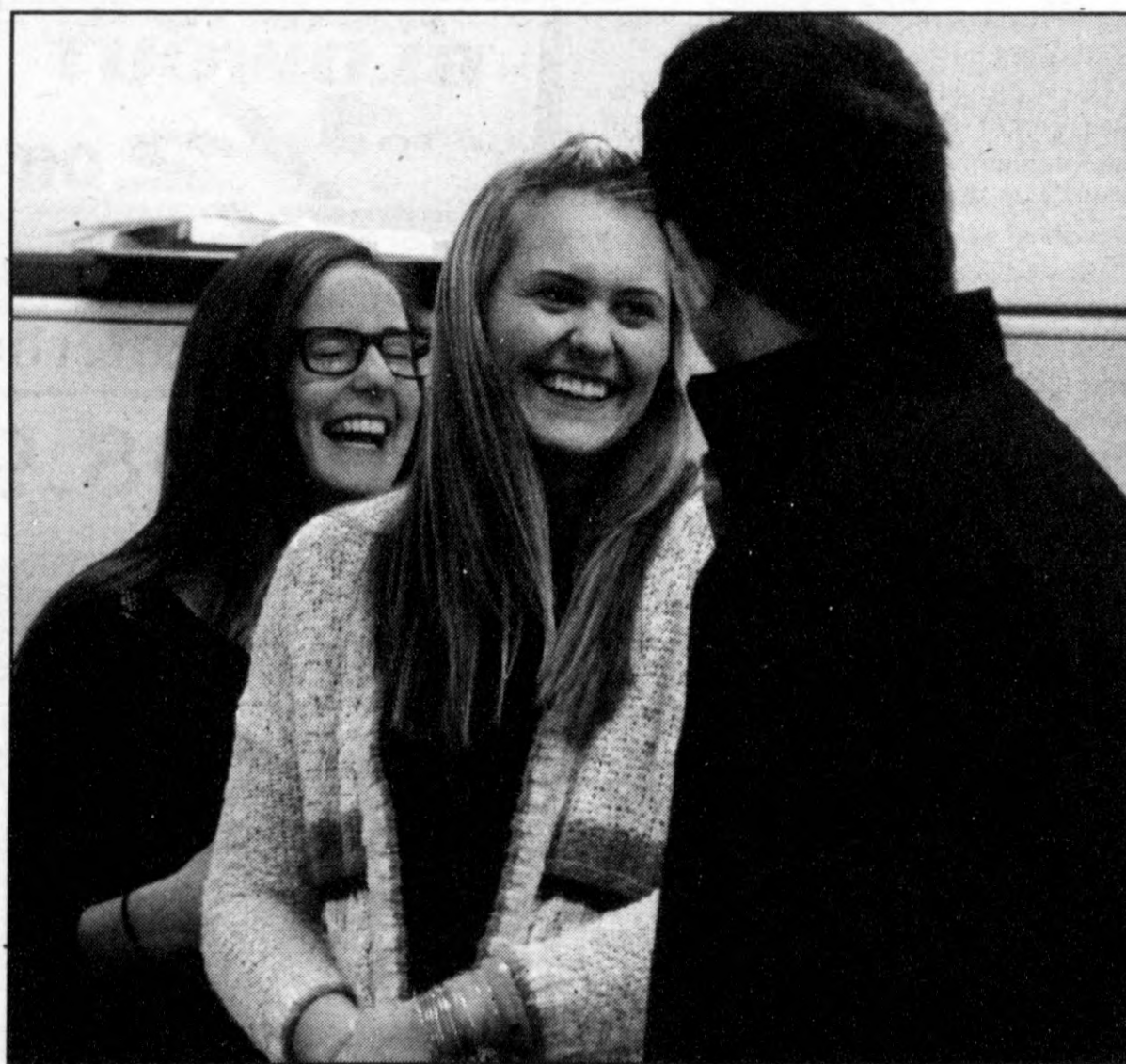
"Financial issues are a concern of everybody here but are not necessarily relevant to your duties tonight," said Dennis Ritter, former city manager.

Commission member Frank Schoebel made a motion to recommend approval of the site plan contingent on addressing pedestrian safety.

Bondy, Schoebel, and planner Elizabeth Rogers voted to recommend approval. Commission Chair Derek Werner was absent. Sabol, who is also a member of Clarkston City Council, abstained from the vote.

"I knew it would pass - I felt it would be better if I withheld my vote to not influence the commission," he said. "I didn't want my own personal thoughts to sway them."

The plans are available at city hall for public inspection. City Council next meets at 7 p.m., Monday, April 11. Call 248-625-1559 for more information.



SMILES OF THE WEEK: Elizabeth Sheill, Julia Smail and Byron Morales smile as they get ready to make their presentations in their marketing class at Clarkston High School, March 30. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Is Main Street ready for construction?" Downtown business owners had information on what to expect when the state rips up M-15 through Clarkston which would include construction Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the 4th of July parade cancelled.

"CHS mentor program gets an 'A'"

Helping teens to feel connected in our culture was becoming more of a challenge and it was a challenge the Clarkston High School staff was ready to meet with helping to establish a mentor program at the school.

"Kleinedler paces baseball team in opening day win"

It was only the first game of the season, but the Clarkston Varsity Baseball team looked like they were in midseason form when they defeated Birmingham Groves, 12-0. Andy Kleinedler shut out Groves by striking out four, walking zero and allowing only two hits.

25 years ago - 1991

"Time changes in Clarkston" Time changed in downtown Clarkston with help from Cliff Hammond, from It's About Time clock store. He wound the clock on Main Street each week; oils the machinery each year and changes the time twice a year for daylight savings time.

"Village council officially kills B&B plan" Clarkston Village Council members passed a resolution not to amend village ordinances to allow bed and breakfast facilities and also clarified their reasons for not amending the ordinances.

"Local skater's precision earns trip to Alaska" Independence Township resident Elizabeth Windram and her teammate were going to compete for gold in Anchorage, Alaska at the Precision Skating National Championships.

50 years ago - 1966

"Contracts awarded for school on Maybee" Clarkston Board of Education members awarded three contracts totaling \$568,950 for the construction for the new elementary school on Maybee Road.

"Students collecting books for boys in Vietnam" The Clarkston Junior and Senior High School student governments were collecting paperback books to be sent to United States troops in Vietnam. It was sponsored by Oakland Community College.

"Local news" An overnight party was held at the home of John L. Lynch to celebrate Mollie's birthday. Guests enjoyed lots of eating and gabbing filled in with TV and records.

A pain in the back side

I suppose I should start calling my column "Old Jim's" Nah! I'll wait until later this year when I'll be 90.

"Life is short, live it.
Love is rare, grab it.
Anger is bad, dump it.
Fear is awful, face it.
Memories are sweet, cherish them."

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I've been egotistical and self centered all my adult life. Thank goodness enough people have over looked my ego-tism and let me be friends with them

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I think that forever I have loved eating fish, especially when I caught them.

But I can't even imagine putting them

in a sandwich. Fish don't belong lining two slips of bread or in a bun.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Let me catch 'em, scale them, cook them in a greased frying pan, turn 'em over when they are cooked, debone 'em and... look out tummy, here they come.

* * *

I told my youngest daughter I'd like to have YouTube. Susan told me, "Dad, you're too old to understand how to use it!"

Considering how many times I ask

where my clicker is, guess she's right.

I asked her to get me a DVD player. Out came the same answer, "Dad, you'll never learn how to use it."

Susan said the same thing when I asked her a few weeks ago where she stored my toilet paper.

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Shouldn't Florine Marks be getting Social Security? Weight Watchers must not have a good retirement plan!

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ment plan ever. No one quits; their family plans seem like a lifetime of prosperity and they apparently have the right to call their agency "Number One" in any category.

I asked a lawyer one day; "If you're so darn smart, why ain't you rich?"

She said, "If I can't convince 'em I confuse 'em."

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I'm a bit of a bull thrower myself; but go on with your story... Recently, I asked one of my doctor's friendly nurses what her name was. She wrote it out. "Pain in the Ass Ann."

Actually, the pains she gave me were quite a way from my backside.

A reminder of why we need a free press

Stupid weather.
Stupid weather.
STUPID WEATHER!

Okay, I feel better now having gotten that out in the open. Since the stupid weather in April has changed back to a cold, winter, windy, snowy mix (after a warmer than normal winter), this past weekend I was "forced" to work inside my home, instead of being outside and working in the yard like I wanted to. I actually willed myself off my duff to clean out my "office." This black hole is also known as the Pit of No Return for:

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

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As always when I start just such a task, I usually get sidetracked. "Oh gee, that's where that went." "Oh, look here, I thought I lost that." Etc, etc.

On one such sidetrack from cleaning, I found what I am about to share with you. Not sure when I first photocopied it; nor do I know where I got it originally.

I do know it was written by Dr. Fred Newton Scott, "creator of the first continuous course in Journalism in the United States at the University of Michigan in 1890."

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Wow, those are some lofty ideals to live up to! Loyal followers to the Cult of Don't Rush Me know I oft step up on a community newspaper soap box and me thinks this "reminder" is one reason why. Holy Crap! I actually believe that stuff, those words, and those whacky ideals. So, if you see me climbing back onto that soap box, you now know where I'm coming from. (And, you can thank the stupid weather for letting me rediscover this gem.)

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A closing thought from Oxford Township resident Willie Hyder. I am not sure if this is an original, organic thought out of Willie's own noggin, or just one he borrowed, but it is something to think about. "Red meat is not bad for you. Fuzzy Green meat is bad for you."

Comments, concerns or any other pithy thoughts can be e-mailed to Don@ShermanPublications.org

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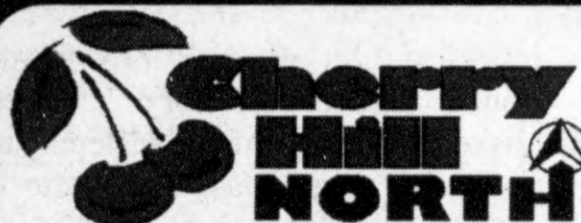
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More time for transgender guideline comments

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The public has another month to comment on the State Board of Education's proposed guidance regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) students.

Public comment are accepted through May 11 at everyvoicecountsmi.org. State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston encourages residents to read the proposal.

"Instead of promoting safety, they cause tension. Instead of equality, they cause greater discrimination," said Tedder, who worked as a school administrator and served on the Task Force on Special Education at the state house.

"I strongly advocate for the safety of all of our students," he said. "The legislature has taken positive steps to curtail bullying in schools. Regardless of the animus, bullying is wrong."

However, the state school board's policy guidelines go beyond encouraging safety, he said.

"I feel the SBE knowingly politicized this issue in drafting these rules, betting that critics would stay quiet to avoid being casted as



Tedder

callous or indifferent to the challenges of the LGBTQ community," the state rep said.

Clarkston Community Schools' policies already protect students; said board President Steve Hyer.

"The safety and health of all our students is of utmost concern for us as a Board of Education and our policies reflect that," Hyer said.

Most policy updates are based on legislation, not state school board guidelines, said school board Trustee Elizabeth Egan, Policy Committee chair.

"The LGBTQ issue from the State Board of Education is not yet driving a separate policy template or administrative guideline. We have current non-discrimination language in our policies where applicable," Egan said.

Recommendations from the state school board's document include:

- School staff should address students by their chosen name and pronouns corresponding to their gender identity, regardless of legal name change;

- When requested, schools should change unofficial student records, such as class and team rosters, yearbooks, school newspapers, and newsletters, with the chosen name and appropriate gender markers;

- Transgender students have the right to decide when, with whom, and to what extent

to share private information, including parents/guardians;

- Students can use the restroom according to their gender identity. Alternative and non-stigmatizing options, such as an all-gender or single-user restroom, should be available to students who request them, but not as the only option;

- A student should not be required to use a locker room incongruent with their gender identity. Some options include an adjusted changing schedule and use of a private area in the facility;

- Students can participate in physical education classes and intramural sports in accordance with their gender identity;

- Students can participate in interscholastic sports according to their gender identity;

- School dress codes should be gender-neutral and not restrict a student's clothing choices on the basis of gender; and

- When students are separated by gender in school activities, they should be allowed to participate according to their gender identity. With overnight accommodations, situations should be assessed case-by-case to be inclusive, respectful, and acceptable to the student without additional expense or burden.

If approved, the guidelines would not be mandatory for local school districts.

Family trouble

Deputies responded to a report of family trouble in the 5000 block of Westview Road, 12:26 p.m., March 25. A 49-year-old resident was aggressively arguing with his parents. The officers advised the parents of procedures to evict their son, and the son was advised about domestic violence laws in Michigan. He went to a friend's house.

School threat

Investigation continues in the case of a threat made by a 13-year-old Clarkston Junior High School student. A classmate called deputies about threats made by the 13-year-old on his Instagram page, 4:15 p.m., March 27. The eighth grader posted a picture of a handgun and "don't show up for school tomorrow." Detectives identified the student, looked at the student's Instagram post, and discovered pictures of long guns, knives, and what appeared to be an attempt to make a bomb. School officials and the students' parents were notified of the threat. The student said his posting was a joke. His father said all the other guns he owns were locked in a safe or in another location where the boy did not have access. The student said the bottle bomb was an experiment he learned about in school. The airsoft gun was confiscated by detectives. Per school officials, the student is not to return to school until further notice. The student was turned over to his father.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Permit problem

A truck with an expired license plate on the trailer was stopped on Dixie Highway at Ortonville Road, 4:45 p.m., March 28. The truck company was cited with registration plate violation, no waste hauler's permit, tinted windows, no medical card, no fire extinguisher, and no safety triangles. The trailer was impounded.

Illegal turn

A deputy stopped an SUV for making an illegal turn from I-75 onto Ortonville Road, 5:49 p.m., March 29. Turns are prohibited from 3-7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The driver, a 23-year-old Vassar man, had an expired driver's license, suspended eight times. He also had two outstanding warrants, for child neglect out of Genesee County and marijuana possession out of Burton. He was arrested and turned over to Burton Police. The passenger, a 34-year-old Davison man, had two warrants for possession of marijuana out of Flint Township. He was advised and released on the warrants. The vehicle was impounded.

Suspended license

A deputy on patrol stopped a car with expired registration tag on Dixie Highway at Deerhill Drive, 4:36 p.m., March 29. The driver, a 29-year-old Davison man, was cited for driving with a suspended license, expired plate, and no proof of insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

Warrant arrest

Receiving a tip from an ex-boyfriend, deputies went to the 6000 block of Bluegrass Drive to look for a 40-year-old Flint woman, 9:54 a.m., March 31. She had a felony arrest warrant for drunk driving out of Grand Blanc Township. She was arrested without incident and turned over to Grand Blanc police.

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Two wins in season opener

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Hitters opened the season with their first two wins as they defeated Brandon in a double header, March 30.

"It is always nice to get a couple of wins," said Clarkston Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters.

The girls won a close first game, 8-6.

Brandon led with two runs in the second inning, one in the third inning and three in the fourth inning.

The Lady Wolves battled back scoring three runs in the fifth inning to tie the game 6-6. They hit one run in the sixth inning and another in the seventh inning to take the game.

"The girls regrouped and did pretty well after the first few innings," said Peters. "I don't know if it was just getting outside and playing a game, but I am pleased."

For the first game, Mariah Hood hit 4-for-5 with one RBI; Abby Skvarce hit 2-for-4 with three RBIs; Savannah Spring hit 2-for-4 with two RBIs; Maddy Scarsella hit 2-for-3 with one RBI and Kaylee Percival had one RBI.

The Lady Wolves grabbed control of the second game when they scored eight runs in the third inning and then went for five in the fifth inning.

"There was a lot of action," said

Peters. "Once the pitcher Sarah Kuenzel settled did a good job holding them back. It didn't show in the second game, but Brandon was league champs in the Flint Metro League last year. I thought they had some nice players."

Skvarce hit a homerun, hitting 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

"She looked really good," Peters added. "She had hits, a homerun but most impressively was how she played defensively behind the plate."

Paige Blevins hit 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBIs. Scarsella hit 3-for-4 with one double; Hannah Chadwell was 3-for-4 with one double and three RBIs; Percival hit 3-for-4 with one double and four RBIs and Hood had one RBI.

Kuenzel and Sarah Gladding were the winning pitchers for the night. Both had eight strikeouts each.

The Lady Wolves host a double header against Goodrich on April 18.

"We know what we need to work on and it's always good to get those first couple of games under your belt," Peters said.

"We really try to push to have something before spring break so we can see where we are at. We talked about it afterwards what they thought about this and that. We will roll up our sleeves and work a little bit harder."



Maddy Scarsella makes a catch on third base.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK Russell college bound

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kayla Russell narrowed down her options to one as she chose to continue playing basketball at Hope College in Holland, Michigan next year.

"I am really happy," the Clarkston High School senior smiled. "It's a school I love. It's a really good feeling."

She added a lot of factors helped her decide on Hope including the location, the coach Brian Morehouse, the campus, and the community.

"Everyone was super nice and welcoming," Russell said. "It was just the little stuff like holding doors open. It made me fall in love with it really fast."

She added she will take the team focus with her to college, which she learned from playing with the North Oakland Wolfpack and in the Clarkston Lady Wolves Basketball program.

"What I like about playing basketball it is everybody is playing for each other," Russell added. "Your team becomes your family and you are playing with them for so many years. You really learn how to play with each other and for each other. It was really hard being done with it for AU and high school basketball, but I learned a lot from it."

She also enjoyed playing basketball in Clarkston because of the community.

"A lot of people are supportive," she smiled. "Whether or not they make it to your games or not, they will take the time to ask about how your game went or how your season is going."

Russell began playing basketball in elementary school with the North Oakland Wolfpack. During fourth grade, she noticed a team from the program at her school.



Kayla Russell throws a shot. Photo provided

"They were playing and I was like I am pretty quick. I am pretty athletic, but I never applied it to anything," she said. "My dad said why don't you try basketball and at first I was on the edge about it because I wasn't very good but then I fell in love with it. Now I can't imagine not playing."

She plans on studying to become a physician's assistant.

Her advice to aspiring athletes is to keep working hard in their sport.

"Some days are harder than others," she admitted. "In the end if you really know you love it and you are passionate about it - it pays off. I spent so many countless hours working on my game before games and after games. It was all worth it. I don't regret a thing."

Her parents are Shay and Dan Russell.

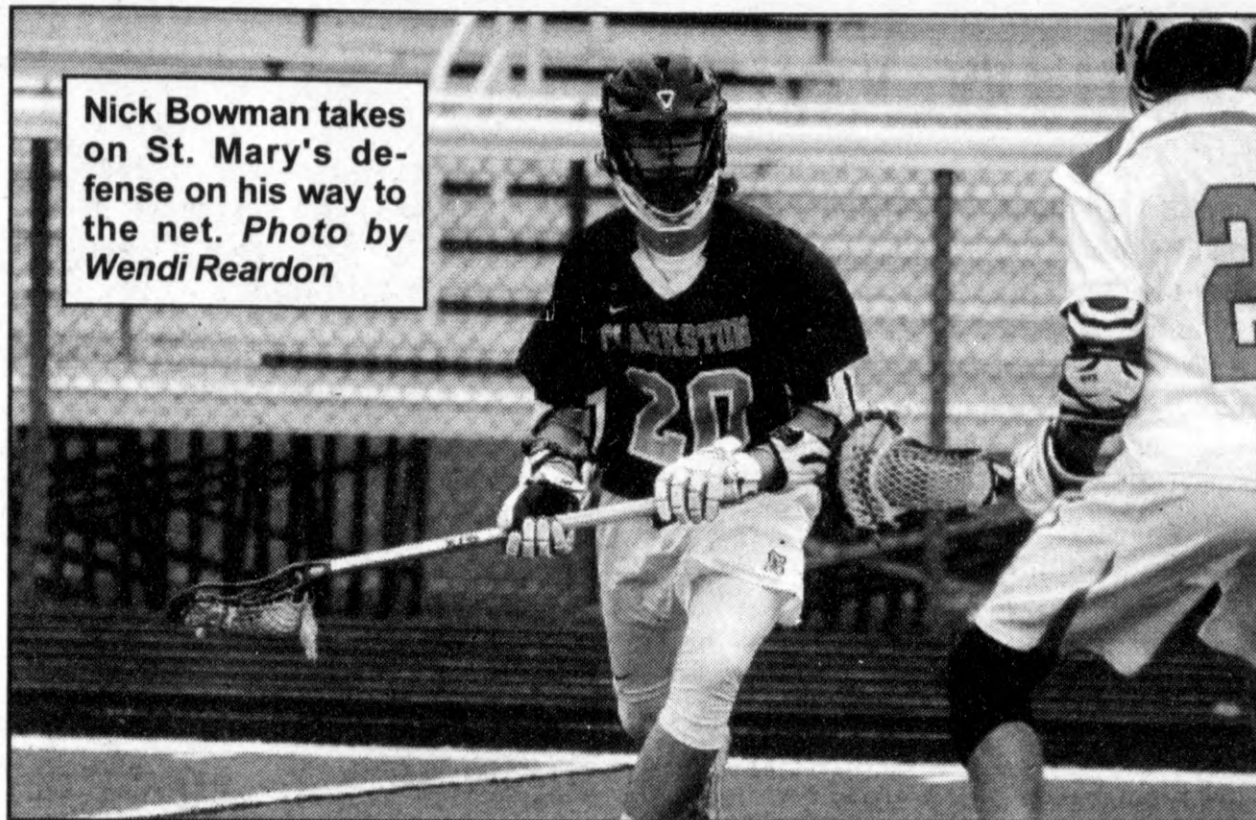


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Nick Bowman takes on St. Mary's defense on his way to the net. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Surge against Eaglets for win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Nick Bowman capitalized his scoring chances within a span of 42 seconds at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, March 30.

Within the time he scored three goals to put the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team into a bigger lead before the first half of the game ended.

"Nick wants to be our guy," said Brian Kaminskas, head coach. "He wants to be the one we look to to put a ball in his stick. The more we do it, the more success he is having. It is a self-fulfilling prophecy. Everytime we put the ball in the stick, we find we can count on him just that much more. We were extremely happy to see him take the lead there and do the work the way he did."

The Wolves finished the game with a 10-7 win over the Eaglets for their second consecutive win of the season.

"It was a good win," said Kaminskas. "At the end of the day our focus this year is about our culture more than the result on the scoreboard. The guys who were on the team last year this is more of a early benchmark game for them. The score wasn't reflective on how we played or how we approached the game. I thought the boys did very well it. They realized with what builds and feeds our culture we are going to win ball games."

The Eaglets had the lead going into the second quarter but Clarkston tied it up and with seven minutes to go in the first half Keaton Mitchell scored on his attempt on

the net to put the score, 4-3.

The Wolves kept the Eaglets to one goal during the third quarter as Clarkston scored two more.

"I don't think if we were ever fazed by the score," Kaminskas said. "We knew at half time we were the stronger program. We took advantage in the second half and we were able to run a lot of the guys who may not see a lot of time. I thought the guys did well. I was pleased with both halves."

Bowman led the team with four goals. Mitchell had two goals. Tommy Atchison, Keelan McKouen, Liam Stickle and Matthew Williamson scored one goal each during the game.

"Keaton Mitchell had a nice game," said Kaminskas, adding Quinn Dobrzelewski and David Taylor played outstanding. "Quinn is one of the top face off guys in the state, and he had a terrific game by the second half. They were making adjustments because of him which is what you want to see."

The Wolves head to Troy High School when they return from spring break, April 14. JV plays at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

"Troy is our biggest rival," said Kaminskas. "Their program goes way back before I started coaching here. It will be our toughest game in April from a mental and physical standpoint and definitely an emotional one. It's an OAA game and we don't want to drop any of those. We come off the ground running."

They host their home opener against Northville on Saturday, April 16. JV begins at 12 p.m., varsity follows.

Game for a Cure set for April 23

Clarkston hosts their annual Game for a Cure at Clarkston High School, April 23.

The fun begins at 9 a.m. as the Clarkston U9 team hosts Macomb Bucks U9.

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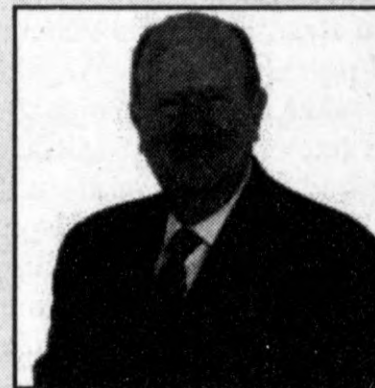


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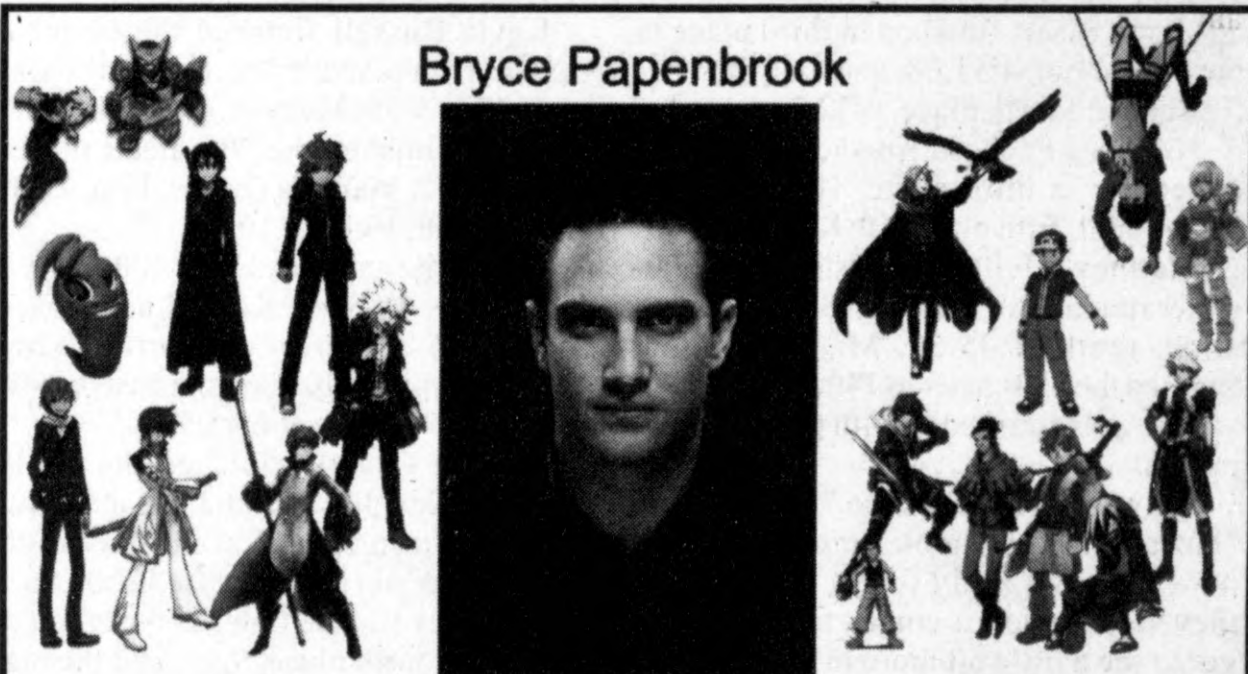
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Hanson, Egli lead Wolves at Saginaw Valley

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves have two meets under them before they face Rochester in their OAA Red meet when they come back from spring break.

The Clarkston Boys and Girls Track and Field teams competed in the Indoor Championship at Macomb Community College in Warren last Thursday.

The boys finished in second place with 45 points. Macomb Dakota finished in first with 95 points and Southfield Bradford finished in third place with 43 points.

"The boys did really well," said Kevin Breen, head coach. "They were one of the top teams in the relays. We had some good performances overall with the distance group, too."

The team of Grant Henley, Eric Raines, Shawn Slater and Timothy Dalrymple finished the 3,200-meter relay in first place, 8:55.60.

For the 1,600-meter relay, Justin Wolford, Matthew Baker, Jacob Wolford and Derrick Egli finished in second place, 3:56.74.

The 800-meter relay team of Trevor Chamberlain, Ramon Santos, Jacob and Justin Wolford finished in 12th place, 1:48.10.

Gavin Eisert finished in third place in the 1-mile run, 4:51.08; and Shawn Slater finished in fourth place, 4:52.20.

Nickolas Favazza finished the 3,200-meter run in third place, 10:40.30; and Mika Juuhl, fifth place, 10:44.90.

Matthew Heilman finished the 600-meter run in third place, 1:33.43; and Sam Gipe, tenth, 1:35.59. Matthew Baker finished the 300-meter in 14th place, 41.35.

The girls finished in 14th place with 14 points.

"It was a tester for us," said Breen. "Most of who we took for the girls were new kids. We really didn't know where they stood when it comes to racing. We got to see a little bit more of what kind of talent we have on the team."

He added he impressed by Hailey Catania and Olivia Thomas who finished in the top five in the 3,200-meter run. Catania finished in third place, 13:56.49; and Thomas, fifth place, 14:10.09.

Tiana Phillips finished the 600-meter run in 11th place, 2:00.90; and Megan Ford, 15th place, 2:02.80. Grace Craft finished the 300-meter run in ninth place, 48.59; and Sophie Price, 29th place, 52.30.

The 3,200-meter and 1,600-meter relay teams both finished in seventh place. Craft, Shaelyn Koleber, Tiana Phillips and Trinity Roodbeen finished the 1,600-meter at 4:54.46.

Ford, Jillian Haas, Rebecca Snyder and

Heather Burrum finished the 3,200-meter at 11:58.48.

"I was impressed by Sophie Price and Megan Ford," Breen said. "They are two young runners making their way into the varsity line up in a couple of the meets."

Both teams competed in the Saginaw Valley State University Indoor Invitational, March 23. Seniors Nicole Hanson and Egli finished in the top three with Hanson in first place in the 1,600-meter run, 5:04.57; and Egli in third place in the 800-meter run, 2:01.32.

"We had a lot of good successes in the meet," said Breen. "We got to shake off a little of the winter rust from not being around or not training. This part of the season is always tricky. We've got some kids who have worked all winter long, some kids who are catching up and it's just seeing where everyone is at."

He added freshmen Elizabeth Dalrymple, Mallory Ferguson and Emily Ferguson had strong performances for their first varsity meet.

Mallory finished in third place in the 800-meter run, 2:22.88; and her sister, Emily, finished in 14th place, 2:29.72.

Dalrymple finished in fourth place in the 3,200-meter run at 11:23.51.

Also for the girls:

Kayla Russell finished the 60-meter dash in fifth place, 8:06; and Ashley Graham, 27th, 8:58; Megan Ciric, 55th, 9:08.

Smith finished the 200-meter in 12th place, 27.02; Makayla Owens, 13th, 27.09; and Graham, 19th, 28.10.

Allie Eriksen finished the 400-meter in 12th place, 1:03.16; Kayla Luchenbach, 25th, 1:05.86; and Zoi Morton, 42nd, 1:09.20. Emily Gustafson finished the 800-meter in 45th place at 2:45.59.

Kaitlyn Cavallo finished the 1,600-meter in 32nd place at 6:02.04; and Olivia Cylmer, 59th, 6:25.69. Cavallo finished the 3,200-meter run in 17th place, 13:00.86.

Courtney Roland finished the 60-meter hurdle in fourth place, 9.91; and the high jump in fifth place, 4-10.

The Lady Wolves had two relay teams finished in the top five. The 2,400-meter relay team of Russell, Morton, Smith and Luchenbach finished in fifth place, 2:59.26.

The 2,400-meter relay team finished in fourth place with Gustafson, Emily and Mallory Ferguson and Abby Horning, 7:14.57.

For the boys:

Shaquille Blevins finished in eighth place in the 60-meter dash, 7.22; Jacob Wolford, 32nd place, 7.53; Max Salter, 51st place; and William Davie, 73rd place, 7.81.

Jacob Wolford finished the 200-meter

run in 14th place, 23.74; and Salter, 26th place, 24.14. Dalton Sampson finished the 400-meter run in 31st place, 55.16; Marwin Chambers, 71st, 58.37; and Sam Gipe, 85th, 1:01.06. Eric Raines finished the 800-meter run in 38th place, 2:11.55.

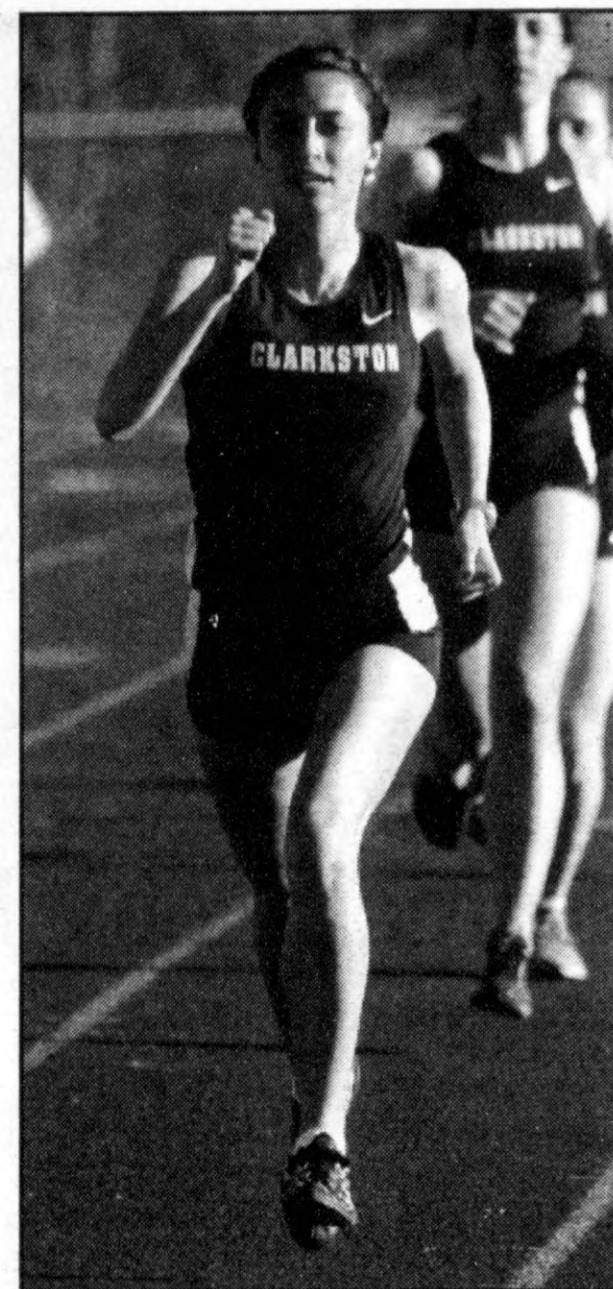
Eric Smith finished the 1,600-meter run in ninth place, 4:40.15; Eisert, 11th, 4:41.05; and Slater, 21st, 4:45.01.

The 1,200-meter relay team of Blevins, Sampson, Egli and Chamber finished in 11th place, 2:32.95; and the 2,400-meter relay team of Gipe, Opel, Henley and Dalrymple finished in 18th place, 6:06.35.

Jason Dernay finished in 25th place in the 60-meter hurdles, 9.69; and Patrick Govan, 30th, 10.03.

Clarkston hosts Rochester for the first OAA Red meet of the season on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Then, they head to the Brandon Track and Field Invitational on April 16.

"We are making sure when we get back from spring break we have the right people in place in the meet, who are our fastest runners, and who did their homework over the winter so we can make sure we are putting the best team on the track when it counts," said Breen.



Nicole Hanson competes against Oxford in 2015. File photo



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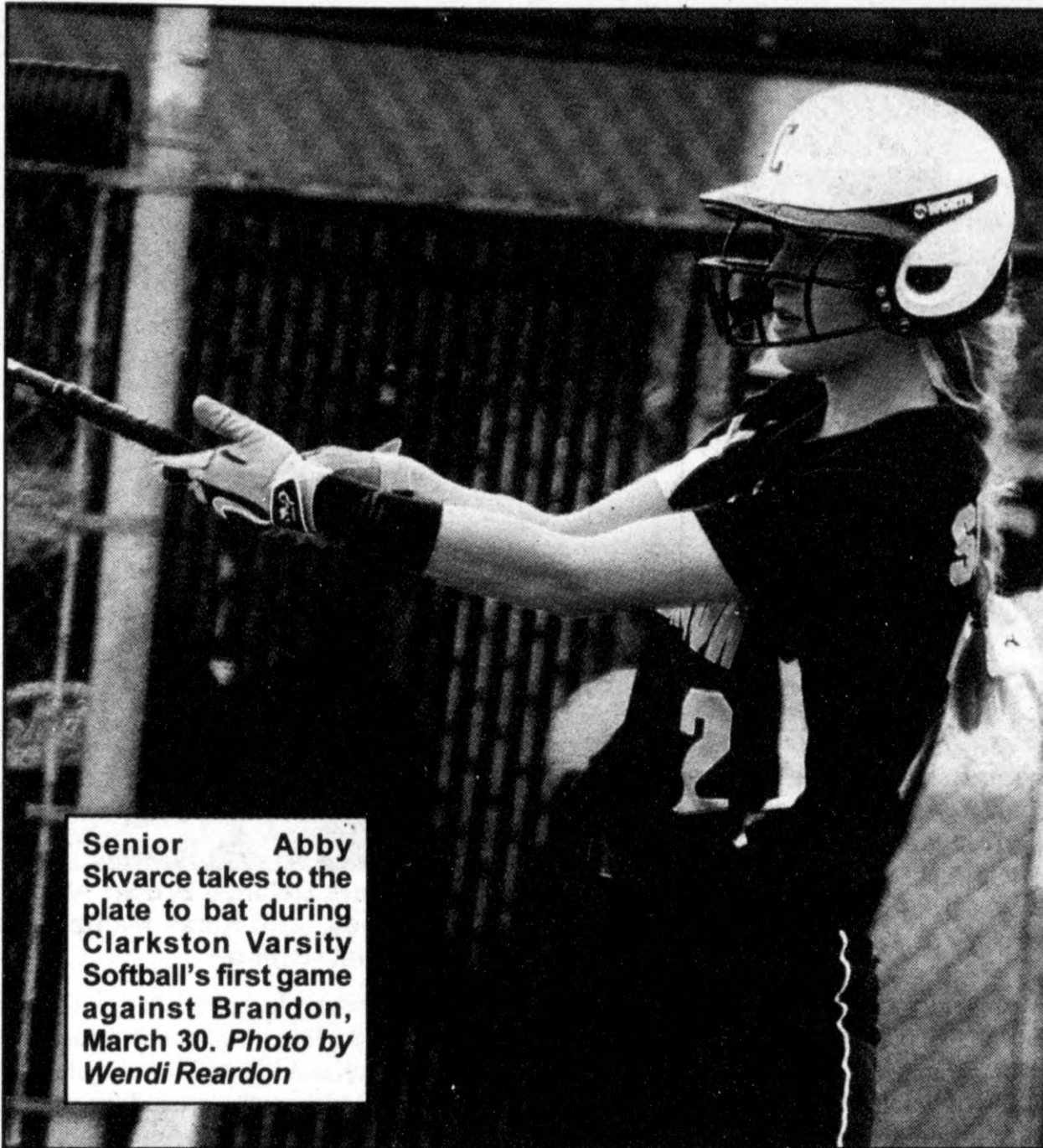
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Senior Abby Skvarce takes to the plate to bat during Clarkston Varsity Softball's first game against Brandon, March 30. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Bowling for dogs

Canine Companions Rescue Center is gearing up for a fun evening of bowling, pizza, refreshments and raffles at Cherry Hill Bowling Alley in Clarkston, Friday, April 22, from 7-9 p.m.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for medical expenses for homeless dogs. CCRC is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization working with the community and animal control agencies to rescue and promote the adoption of dogs without families.

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The Sashabaw Middle School team of Gwen Zabel, Sophia Walker, Libby Haar, and Landon Butcher won first place in booklet writing.

State honors for Clarkston teams

Clarkston schools sent eight teams of students to Michigan State University to compete in the Future Problem Solving State Bowl, March 19-20.

Two of the teams won the State Championship in their division with invitations to compete in June at the International Conference.

The Junior Division team of Sashabaw Middle School students Gwen Zabel, Sophia Walker, Libby Haar, and Landon Butcher, alternate Adam Walsh, and coaches Susan Banworth and Kristin Locke won first place in booklet writing.

The Senior Division team of Clarkston High School students Delaney Brown, Megan Nicholson, Jillian Ritchey, and

Karas Mantz, with coaches Susan Banworth and Holly Kornas, also won first place in booklet writing.

Several other teams winning recognition include the Middle Division team of Kate Belliveau, Makayla Ervin, Brendan Willis, and Riley Beernink, with coaches Susan Banworth and Kristin Locke, finishing as a semifinalist in booklet writing.

The Sashabaw Middle School team of Brooklyn Kennedy, Ben Haas, Gabe Gipe, Livi Torres won first place in Presentation of Action Plan. Heather Burrum, Hannah Laing, Jillian Haas, and Jason Loucks, Clarkston High School/Clarkston Junior High team, was a semifinalist in booklet writing.



Clarkston High Schoolers Delaney Brown, Megan Nicholson, Jillian Ritchey, and Karas Mantz, also won first place in booklet writing.

Clarkston High School Zachary Evans, Nate Gipe, Connor Kornas, and Sara Loucks won first place in Presentation of Action Plan. Delaney Brown, Karas Mantz, Megan Nicholson, and Jillian Ritchey also earned second place in Presentation of Action Plan.

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Community achievements



Jacqueline S. Drouin, with her Debra Flomenhoft Humanitarian Award.

Jacqueline S. Drouin of Clarkston, PT, Ph.D., associate professor of Physical Therapy in the School of Health Sciences, was awarded the American Physical Therapy Association's Oncology Section Debra Flomenhoft Humanitarian Award at the group's annual meeting.

Drouin was recognized because of her work as liaison from the APTA Oncology Section to the World Confederation of Physical Therapists, where in 2012 she became the Founding President of the HIV/AIDS, On-

cology and Hospice and Palliative Care Network (WCPT IPT-HOPE) and its developing subgroup.

She has been active in the American Physical Therapy Association's Oncology Section since 2003 and has served as a Board Member since 2007.

Michelle Trenta of Rochester Hills recently joined the MBA Real Estate office on Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. She will specialize in residential real estate sales.



Trenta

Oakland Insurance Agency of Independence Township has been recognized as being among the top 10 percent of all agents representing Michigan Millers Mutual Insurance Company.

"We appreciate the opportunity to partner with Michigan Millers, and look forward to continued success," said John G. Gowney, president of Oakland Insurance Agency.

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Paula Rathsborg of Springfield Township makes a variety of stuffed comfort bears, including the Puzzle Bear for autism awareness. Photo by Phil Custodio

Good cause for bear maker

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Stuffed-bear maker Paula Rathsborg's latest creation is the Puzzle Bear, made to help raise awareness of autism.

"Puzzle piece fabric is the emblem for autism," said Rathsborg, Springfield Township resident who has a 5-year-old nephew who is autistic. "I will be donating \$5 from every bear to support this cause."

She has also been looking for a way to give back to the Clarkston area.

"It's such a wonderful community, with so many community-oriented things. It's important somewhere in life to give back," she said.

April is Autism Awareness Month, but the awareness effort will continue, she said.

She started her Comforting Bear business in 2009, making custom bears, pillows, footballs, and other items for customers as

mementos of lost loved ones. They're made from things like their dad's favorite shirt and mom's favorite sweater.

"I talk to them, figure out how they want their bear to look," she said. "It's a really neat ministry. It's good for them. It helps them get through it."

Rathsborg has lived in the Clarkston area with her husband, Marty, for 30 years, raising their family.

She works as an OB nurse, and has been sewing since she was 10 years old. She has been in business making alterations for wedding and bridesmaids' dresses, pants, and hems, as well as making bears.

The stuffed bruins have been ordered from around the country.

"It's amazing to me, a wonderful ministry," she said.

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Time for friends at town hall

Maxine Andrews of Clarkston is a fan of Oakland Town Hall, attending the lecture and lunch series for more than 60 years.

"I like the speakers. I learn something from every one of them," Andrews said. "They're top notch and keep my interest."

"It's a fun day with a good group," said Mary Lou Schell of Clarkston, chairman of the non-profit group's Ways and Means. "Dynamic speakers on diverse, fun topics."

"It's a time to socialize with friends. Four times a year, you gather with people you don't see otherwise," said Nancy Albery of Waterford, president elect. "And most of the

time, the speakers are pretty darn good."

Their next speaker is Chuck Underwood, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the George Cultural Center, 43816 Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills.

A generational speaker, Underwood will provide an overview of Five Generations, the GIs of 1901-1926; Silent, 1927-1945; Boomers, 1946-1964; Generation X, 1965-1981; and the Millennials, 1982-present.

Tickets are \$42 with lunch, \$26 without. Check www.oaklandtownhall.org or call Linda at 248-625-4137.

— Phil Custodio



From left are Oakland Town Hall members Mary Lou Schell of Clarkston, Nancy Albery of Waterford, and Maxine Andrews of Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

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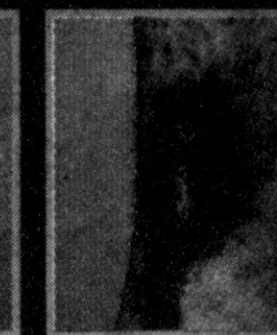
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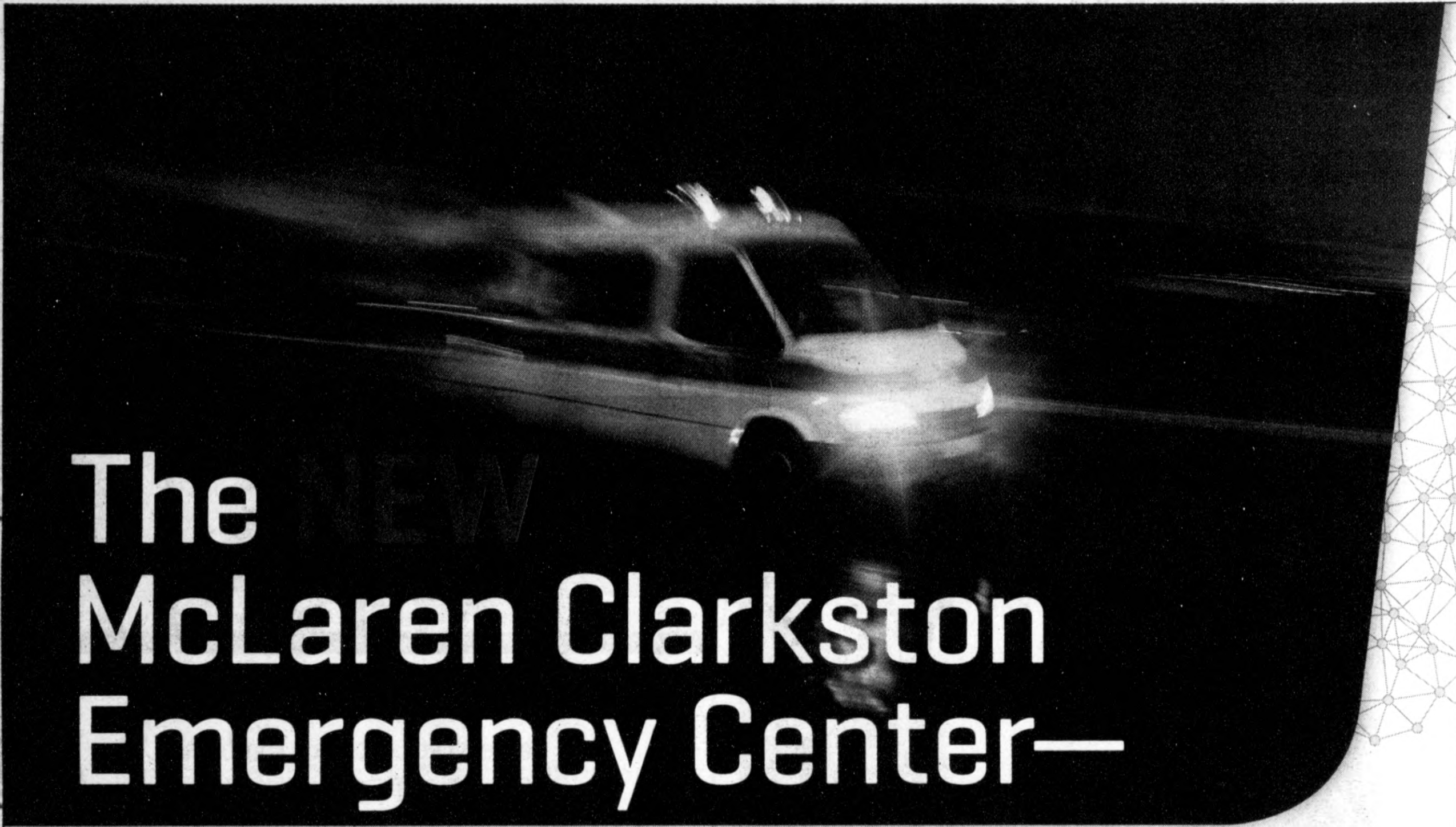
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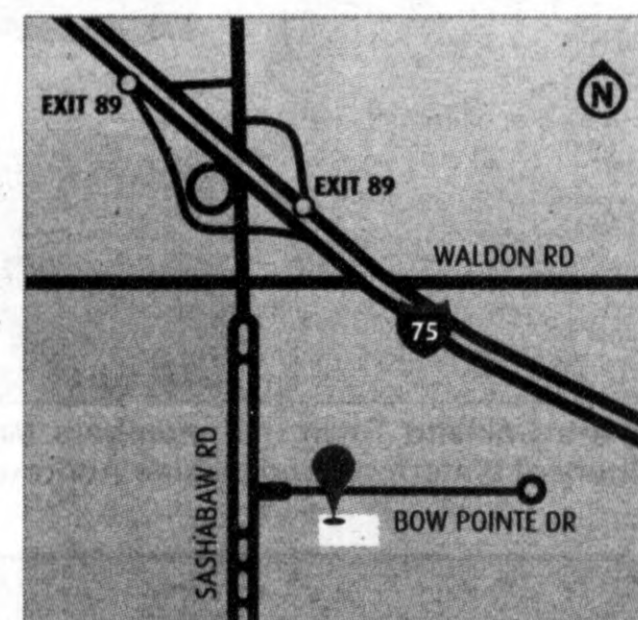
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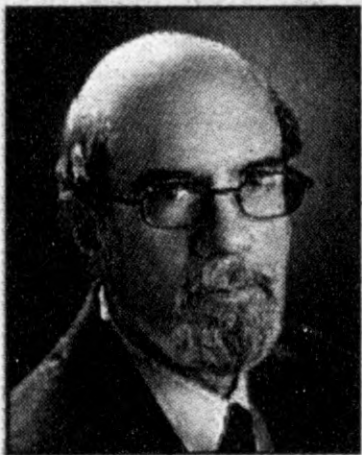
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"If you are ever in Midland, Michigan, take a look at the courthouse and jail complex downtown. Phenomenal building that adds character and charm to the downtown area. Anybody can design and build a four wall garage and attach it to a building. It will take insight and a vision to make this new DPW/City Hall appropriate for the park like setting it sits in."

— Steven Percival



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— Richard Bisio



"So far nobody is asking (questions). That's the problem"

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By Trevor Keiser

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Kara Grappin, lead teacher, Hannah Rayner, artist who created this hungry caterpillar, and their young friends get ready for Family Literacy Night. Photo by Phil Custodio

Family fun and reading at Literacy Night

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Planet Kids of Independence Township hosts a colorful and fun evening of book-based fun at Family Literacy Night, 6-8 p.m., Friday, April 22, at First Congregational Church, 5499 Clarkston Road.

"It'll be a really fun night for families to go out and learn about all the things they can do with books," said Kara Grappin, lead teacher. "We're excited about it."

The free event will have activities based on the books of author and illustrator Eric Carle.

They'll have a food-tasting area with the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," make pancakes with "Pancakes, Pancakes," learn how arctic animals stay warm with "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear," and also plant seeds, paint with water colors, make spider webs, and design chef hats.

"A lot of fun stuff," Grappin said. "The books seque into a lot of different areas."

Carle was selected for the event because of his wide variety of topics for children young and old.

"He's a really well known author enjoyed by so many," the teacher said. "We have

graduation ceremonies at First Congregational Church. They have an awesome space in the gym."

The event for infants to age 10 will also include a raffle of family fun-night basket, movie tickets, restaurant gift cards, and other items.

The event is to educate families of the importance of early literacy.

"Reading to children gives them a leg up for the rest of their lives. It helps with cognitive, social, and emotional development," Grappin said.

For more information, call 248-620-9032.

Events

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.

Open house for Educatus International Exchange Students program, 5:30-7 p.m., April 20, Independence Township Fire Station #1, 6500 Citation Drive; 5:30-7 p.m., May 2, Clarkston library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 586-737-7069.

An Evening of Elegance, Clarkston Optimists Club, 6 p.m., April 23, Pine Knob Golf and Banquet Center, 5580 Waldon Road. Dinner and entertainment. \$60, www.clarkstonoptimist.org.

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

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 specialties, 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.

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Around Town

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



Open auditions for the Mt. Zion Youth Theatre and Kidz Theatre programs are April 23 at 12:30 p.m. for ages 8-17 at Mt. Zion Theatre, 4900 Maybee Road. Students enrolled in the program receive training in acting, voice, and dance. Call 248-393-1407 or email info@mtzionarts.org. Photo provided

Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4 drop in fee. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Tuesday

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. April 12, "Angels Among Us: Stories of Miraculous Encounters," filmed interview with Kelley West, a woman who credits angels with saving her life during a domestic incident. 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.

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

Caregiver Support Group, Tuesdays, May 10 and June 14, 2 p.m., Carriage House; May 24 and June 28 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Guided by Dr. Thomas K. Stone. 248-625-8231.

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

Wednesday

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

Genealogical Research Individual, Wednesdays, April 6 and 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$10 per hour, with Dr. Thomas K. Stone. 248-625-8231.

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.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

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

TOPS 1093 Clarkston, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 248-673-5540.

Saturday

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

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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Inclusion for all students

Eighth grade students in teacher Allie Browe's English Language Arts classes at Clarkston Junior High School are writing activism articles in their argument writing unit, and we're publishing some of their top articles. This week, Autumn Schwab calls for including autistic students in general education class.

Autism is everywhere. But think about it, how often are you affected by it?

Autism is a widespread problem yet many people are unaware of it. For example, The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention say that one in 68 children have autism. As you can see, autism is very common, but you don't always realize it.

Part of this is because it can sometimes be hard to diagnose due to the great range of symptoms and severities. It's very interesting even though autism is becoming increasingly more common, many people (particularly school kids) are still very unaware of it. School systems need to focus more on inclusion for all kids, particularly those with autism.

In my opinion, we need to include autistic kids in the classroom. Autistic kids can sometimes affect the general education kids for the better.

For instance, my mom is a paraprofessional. She sat in many general education classes with her kids. She tells me the general education kids need to be familiarized with the autistic kids since being around autistic kids may help them gain empathy skills. It helps them think through different perspectives.

I think my mom is right. I myself have noticed this firsthand because I, too, often work with special needs kids. I feel I have become more empathic. It's important to learn about different perspectives. We need to include the autistic kids more. Not only would it benefit those kids, but it would also be more beneficial to the general education kids.

It is my belief there are many benefits

in including autistic kids in the classroom. For example, "While assessments showed improved reading performance for all students, the most dramatic improvements occurred among the lowest achievers," said Jennifer York of Creating Inclusive School Communities.

It is clear even among the kids who are severely autistic and unable to do much of the work, they still benefit greatly from being included with the regular kids. The curriculum at my mom's school still makes a point to include all of the kids in her classroom, whether they are capable of understanding the work or not. As a result of inclusion, the school environment is often much more welcoming. Everyone could benefit from inclusion; it doesn't matter where you are on the spectrum.

Inclusion is very well affecting the well-being of the students, both the general education students, but more so the autistic students.

"Fully inclusive classrooms are an ideal location for the implementation of social interaction interventions and behavioral interventions," said Lindsay J. Vander Weile in *The Pros and Cons of Inclusion with Autism Spectrum Disorders*.

I agree because classrooms are a perfect environment for social interaction. The kids are with their peers. They learn how to be social, how to cooperate, and they also get experience in a real world setting.

People who aren't affected by special needs could say school and general education kids alike are not fit to handle the special needs kids. They worry this could negatively affect the regular kids because they might not get enough attention, or they would be put second class to the special education kids.

As a general education kid who is often among special needs kids, I can tell you firsthand this isn't true. School staff is often very good about giving each child the right amount of attention they need. We need inclusion. It's not fair to the autistic kids. They deserve better. How would you like to be sheltered from the world just because you were labeled as different?



By Autumn
Schwab

In our local churches...

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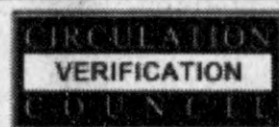
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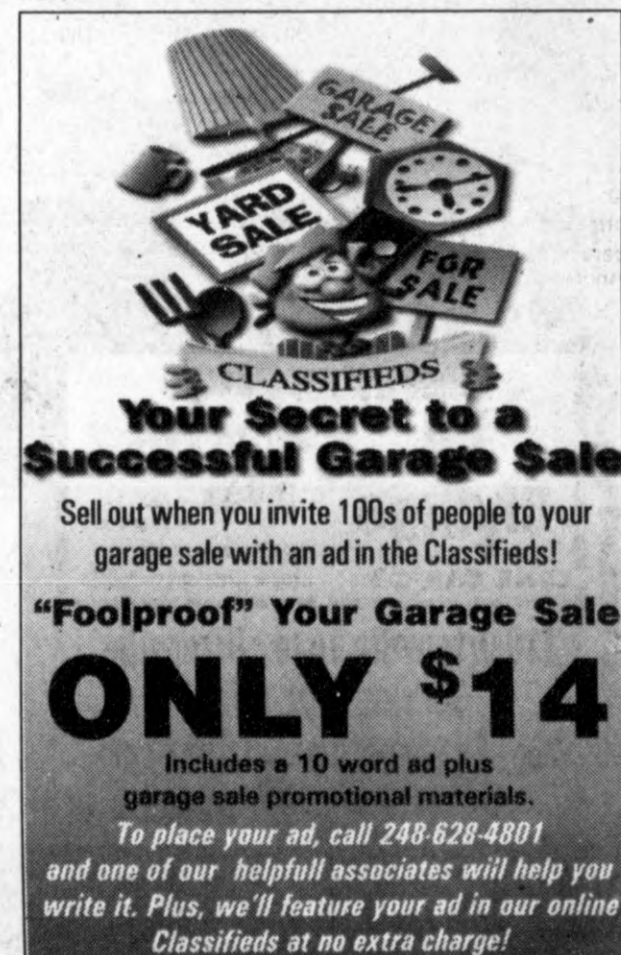
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School officials cite urgent critical needs

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Of the parents that have students in the district and fall presents issues of some people on vacation," she said.

Treasurer Kelli Horst was concerned about their ability to educate the public in November, as well as how cluttered the ballot will be.

"I think just technically speaking we'd be at the bottom of the ballot," she said.

Trustee Craig Hamilton was absent.

GMB said if approved in August, funds would be available around November. If

approved in November, funds wouldn't become available until around January.

"I think there is a large portion of the needs that are on this list that are so critical to address that the absolute soonest we can address them the better," said board President Steve Hyer. "I really see the urgency of addressing those as soon as possible for our kids."

If the no-increase bond proposal is approved, the millage would continue until 2045, dwindling to zero, according to bond analysts.

If it is not approved, the millage would drop from seven to four mills in 2028, then zero in 2029.

Total bond debt is \$121 million, all in the school revolving fund. In addition is a loan debt of \$4.2 million.

The district has an annual operating budget of about \$75 million and a fund equity of over 8 percent - \$6.4 million.

It has about \$300 million in needs to be addressed over time. The list was reduced to approximately \$120 million in "high priority needs."

Dorothy A. Lewis, 96

Dorothy A. Lewis of White Lake passed away March 26, 2016, at age 96.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harry and son Lt. Col. Edward Lewis, USMC; mother of Kay (late Keith) Brewer, Lee (Bonnie) Lewis and Janie (Tom) Vallett; survived by many grandchildren, 27 great



grandchildren, three great great granddaughters and one great great grandson; sister of Marjorie Thompson.

Dorothy was active at Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church and Barefoot Bay Baptist Church in Barefoot Bay, Fla.

Funeral service was April 2 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church or Barefoot Bay Baptist Church. www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Revocable Living Trust of Martin S. and Lorraine K. Grabowski dated May 16, 2013 will be forever barred unless presented to Kathryn M. Caruso, esq., 6480 Citation Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
MARCH 30, 2016

- A Special Joint Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
 - The Pledge of Allegiance was given
 - ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Aliaga, Brown, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder
Absent: None
- Safety Path Advisory Committee Present: Aliaga, Daniels, Froehlich, Henderson, Kittle, McKee, Wagner
Absent: None
- There was a quorum present.
- Also Present: Nancy Fought, PE; Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Leah Michaels, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by striking "current" and inserting "pending" in the title of agenda item G. 1 to read Review of Safety Path Advisory Committee's Pending Project Plan.
 - BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Lohmeier
 - PUBLIC COMMENT: None
 - AGENDA ITEMS AS INDICATED IN THE CALL OF THE MEETING:
 - Review of Safety Path Advisory Committee's Pending Project Plan
 - Consideration of a Proposed Project for a Free Standing Pedestrian / Bicycle Bridge at I-75 / Waldon & Sashabaw Roads
 - ITEMS NOT INDICATED IN THE CALL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED: None
 - BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Supervisor Kittle
 - ADJOURNMENT: The Special Joint Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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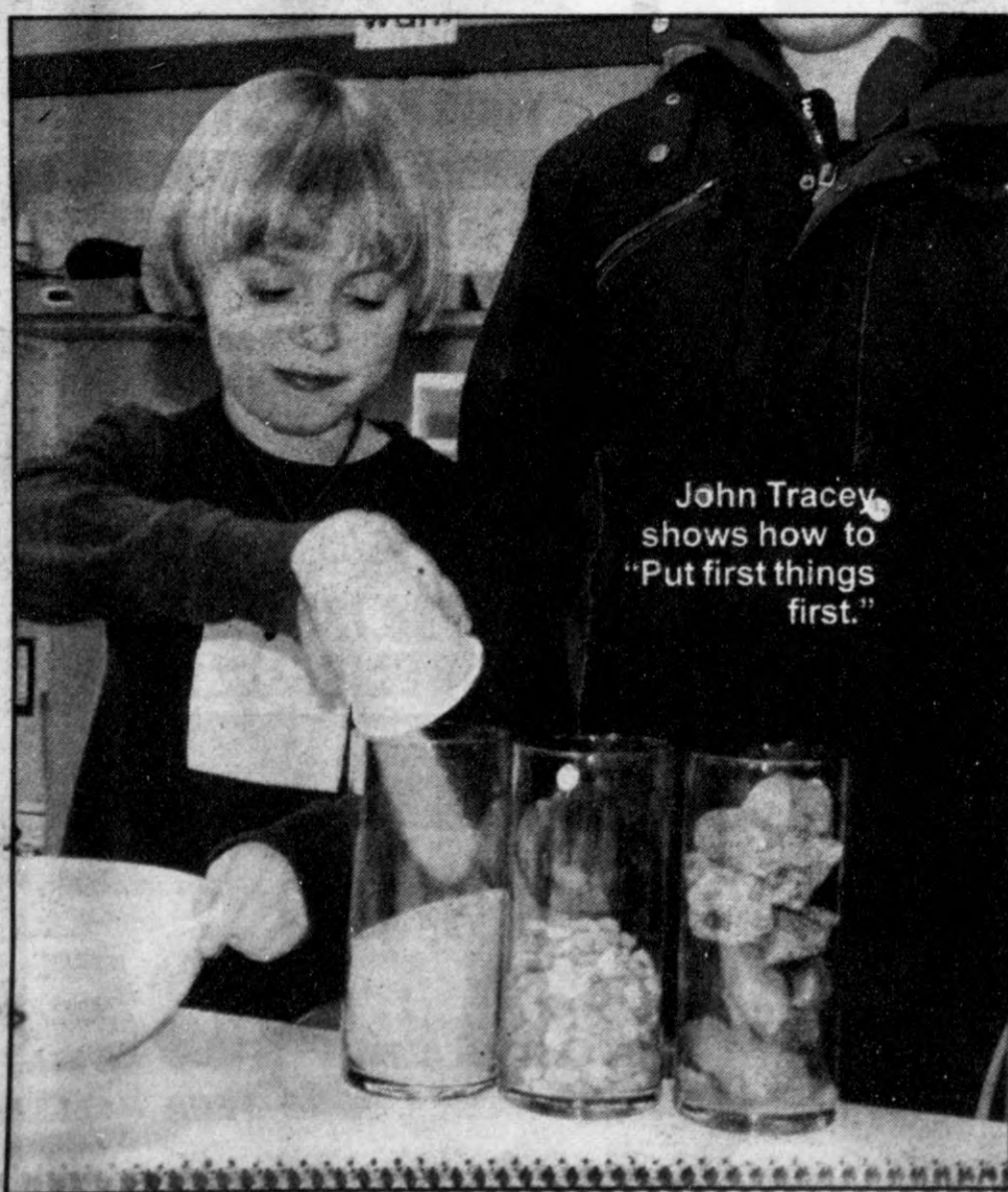
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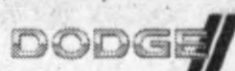
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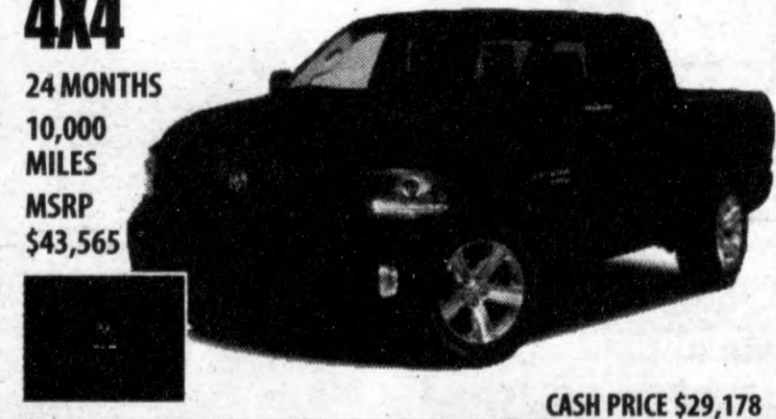
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Board OKs raises for full-time elected officials

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Salaries for Independence Township's supervisor, clerk and treasurer will increase to \$82,200 beginning Jan. 1, 2017, following a 4-0 vote at the April 5 board meeting.

However, the raises apply only after four years experience in one of those three positions. Supervisor Pat Kittle, Clerk Barb

Pallotta and Treasurer Paul Brown, who are all running for their second terms, would qualify if re-elected.

"We thought it would be a good idea to tier the compensation so new people coming in would be at \$75,000, and then after four years would move up to \$82,000, so it isn't all or nothing," Kittle said. "It's kind of a longevity sort of incentive to try

and retain experienced individuals and let the residents decide in the election booth if the person has warranted, has done a good job, should get reelected again and should be rewarded at a higher level of compensation."

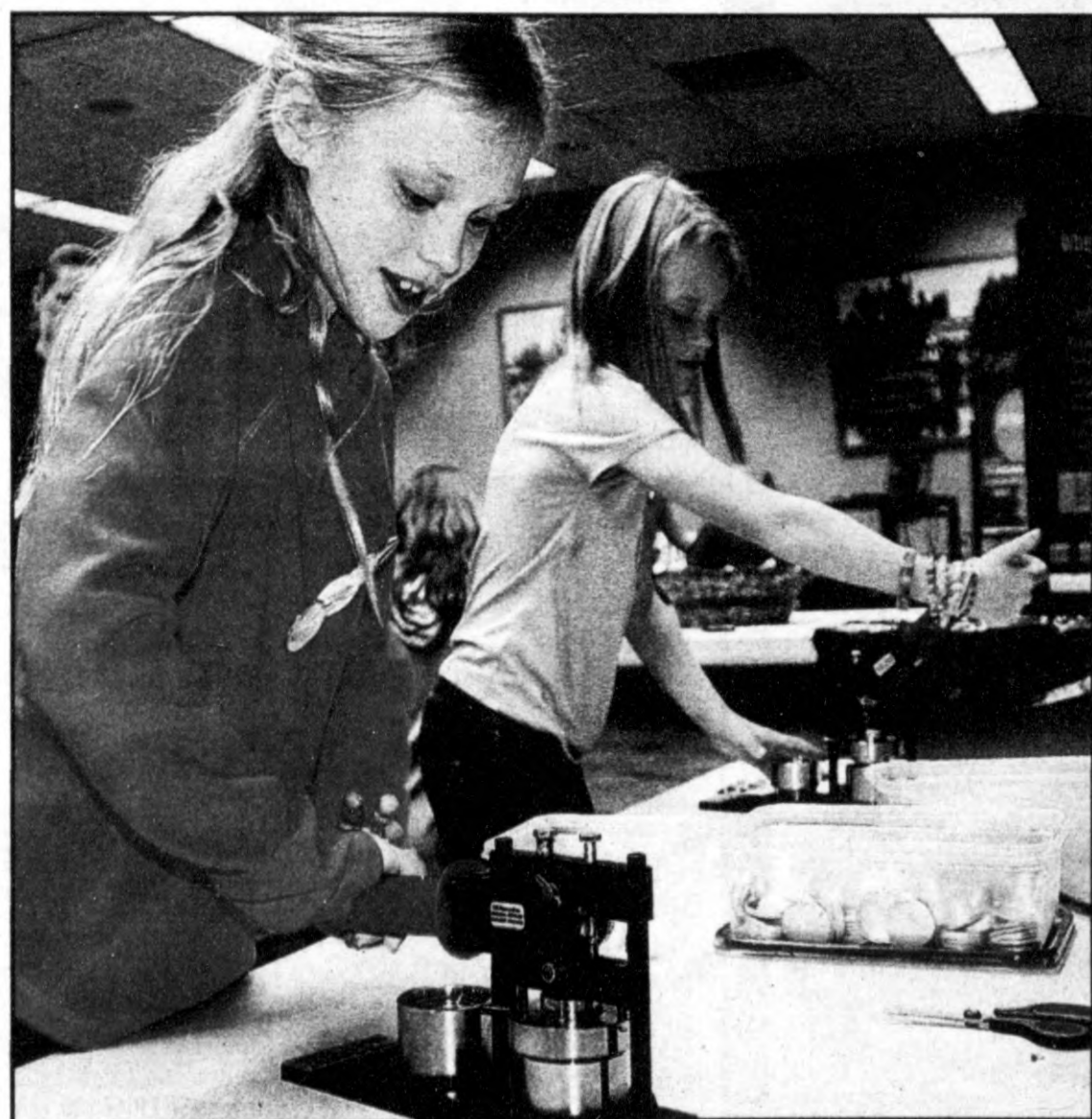
The new wages will bring the three elected into the 45 percentile range of the top 20 townships in the Michigan

Township Association, according to a study by Walby & Associate LLC.

If the compensations are within the 45 percentile range, it will draw candidates from the private sector, Brown said.

"When I looked at running for office, if the wage for treasurer had been \$60,000 instead of \$69,000 I wouldn't be sitting here

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MAGIC OF CREATION: From left, sisters Anna and Aubrey Reineck use presses to make buttons at the Clarkston Independence District Library's Maker Magic event during spring break. *Photo by Trevor Keiser*

Arc honor for sons' advocate

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Whenever Robert White of Independence Township meets with a local or state official to advocate for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, he starts with one thing.

He pulls out a picture of his sons.

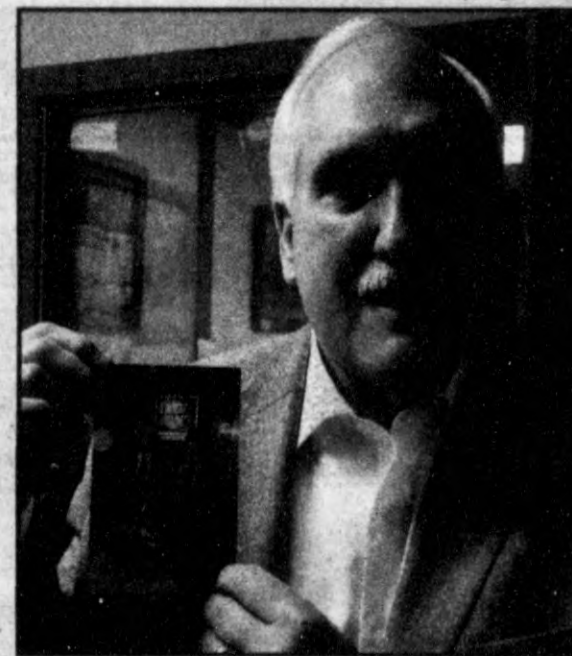
"We always introduce our two sons because we don't want our advocacy efforts to get lost in budget line items, pie charts, or bell curves, which can happen easily," White said.

Robert and his wife, Sue, are parent advocates for Michael, 31, and Fred, 45, who are both on the autism spectrum. Fred lives in a group home and Michael in an apartment in Clarkston.

"They are the reasons for our advocacy," said Robert, who was nominated for an Arc of Oakland County Dove Award. "They need to be visible and remembered in terms of their needs. They can't advocate for themselves. They sometimes don't have communications skills to allow them to be self advocates. That's where parents, guardians, community and state need to be advocates for them."

During the Autism Awareness Month of April, the non-profit charity honors individuals, companies, agencies, residential settings, technicians, teachers, employers and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to the lives of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Robert White of Independence Township advocates for his sons.
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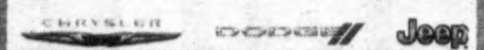


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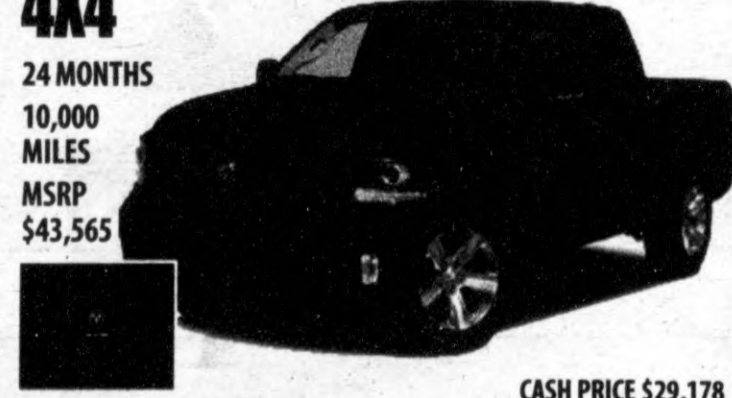
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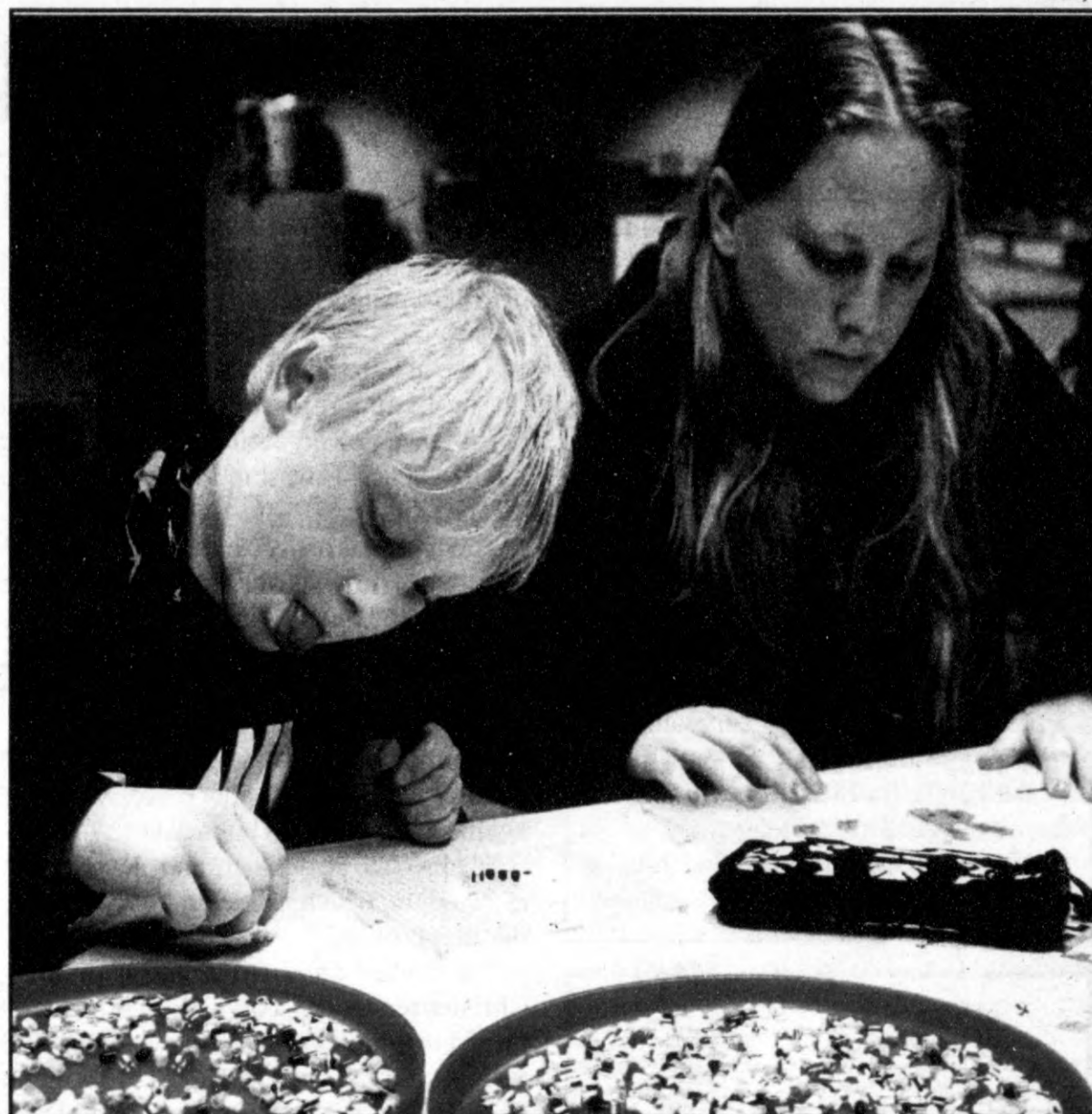
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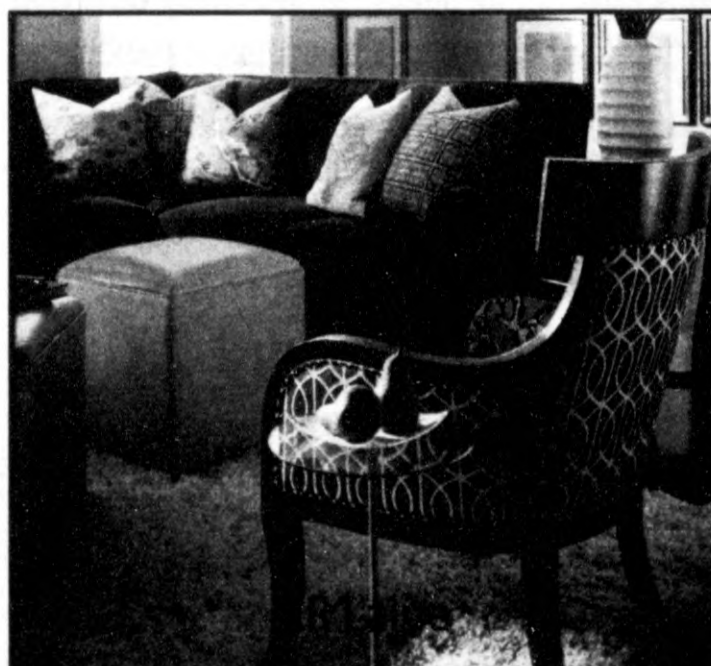
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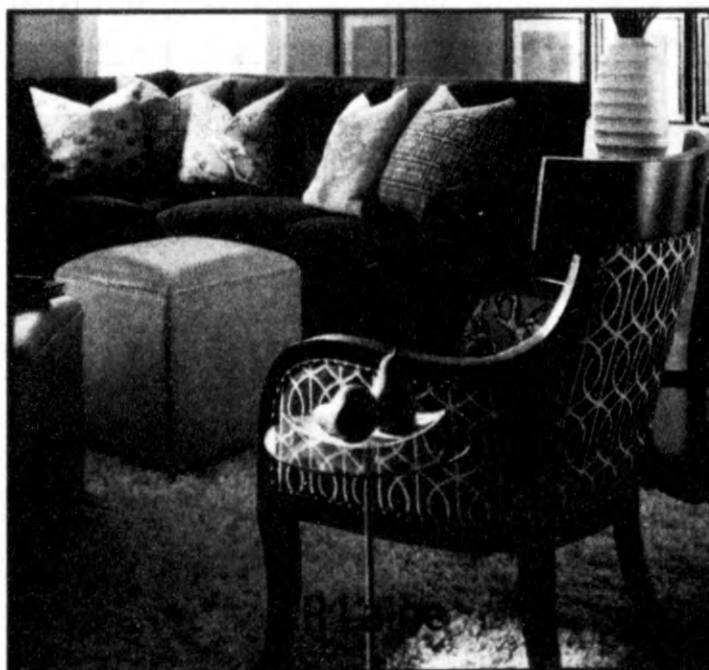


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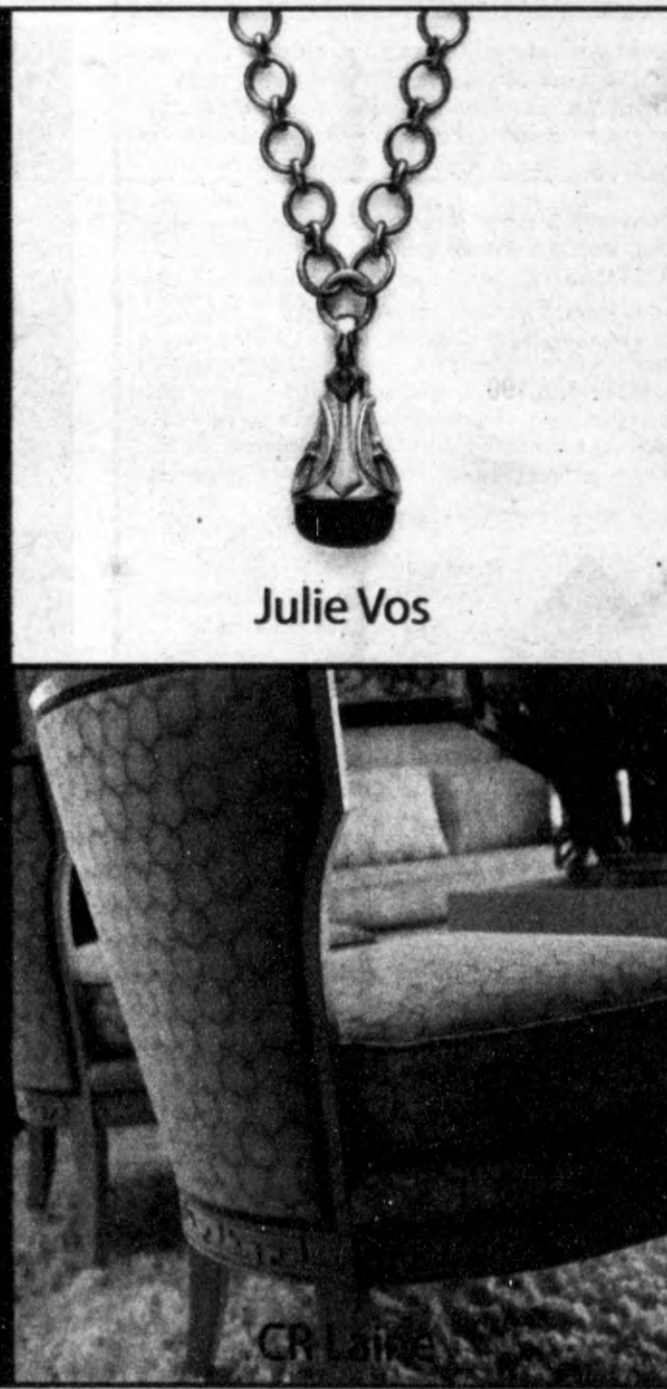
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Library Week

Celebrating National Library Week this week, Clarkston Independence District Library has teamed up with local businesses.

"They're doing a special program where you go in and show your library card," said Business Librarian Melissa Henry. "They'll be giving different kinds of discounts, like admission discounts and things like that."

Participating businesses include Fort Clarkston, Picasso's Grapevine, Kruse's Deer Lake Inn, Brightside Dental, Bellezz Salon & Boutique, Drouin Solutions and Rainforest Café.

Public libraries are "a really cool American phenomenon," Henry said. "We have public libraries so they're funded by the public for the public. So it's like the most basic form of democracy."

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Playground for Ryan

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Ryan Kennedy Memorial Playground at Clintonwood Park is one step closer to reality.

"We are moving forward with a build to occur in the fall of 2016," said Lisa Christensen, Recreation Supervisor for Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors

"Everyone is really excited. The township and FORK (Friends of Ryan Kennedy) have reconnected. Demolition will start late August or early September. Then, the company who is chosen will come in and do their magic to make the playground happen."

Kennedy was 10 years old when he passed away May 2012 after a five-year battle against Ependymoma brain cancer.

He loved to be outdoors and play as much as he could, which is one of the reasons for the playground.

"It started as an idea and a dream," Christensen said. "The community really rallied together. We are proud and honored to honor Ryan in this way. It is a great addition for Clintonwood Park and all the families who visit."

The township has received bids from companies as well as playground designs. They are reviewing all of the bid specs and different proposals before they make their choice.

FORK raised \$75,000 for the playground and the township has committed to put \$110,000 towards it, Christensen said.

"Ryan's mom (Kimberly Morris-Karp) is



Kennedy

excited. It is a long time coming for her to see the project come to fruition," she added.

Christensen added families can join the Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors department on Saturday, May 7 for the annual Ryan Kennedy Kids Day in the Park at Clintonwood Park, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

It is a free event which includes a petting zoo, music, food and local businesses with free activities for the kids.

A big draw to the annual event is the Kids Only Garage Sale which kids enjoy each year.

Next year's Ryan Kennedy Kids Day in the Park will have the grand opening for the new playground.

If interested in getting involved and making a donation to the playground, please contact Christensen at lchristensen@indetwp.com. If interested in getting involved with Kids Day in the park, please contact Tim McNiel at tmcniel@indetwp.com.

Game for a Cure set for April 23

Clarkston hosts their annual Game for a Cure at Clarkston High School, April 23.

The fun begins at 9 a.m. as the Clarkston U9 team hosts Macomb Bucks U9.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team plays at 3 p.m.. The Clarkston Boys

JV team plays Lake Orion at 5 p.m. and the boys varsity team takes on the Dragons at 7 p.m.

All proceeds go to patients undergoing treatment at St. Joseph's Cancer Research Center in Pontiac.

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100 homes test negative for gas contamination

Independence Township has received water test results from over 100 homes, all clear of gasoline additive MTBE (Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether), said Supervisor Pat Kittle, April 5.

"(However) we are starting to see some scattered issues of arsenic coming in two or three times higher than the maximum contaminant," Kittle said. "The federal standard is 10 parts per billion (PPB) we're seeing some homes coming in at 20 or 30 PPB."

Homes with high levels of arsenic will be contacted by the township, he said.

"The recommendation will be to please get a water specialist in to check out your water. There are some relatively inexpensive systems you can get in your house that will filter out any lead and a lot of other contaminants that might be in there," he added. "Again, that's the nature of the beast of ground water. That stuff is out of our control."

Kittle recommended testing for 1,100 homeowners with private wells around 12 Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) sites in the township.

New cameras for town hall

Independence Township Hall will soon get new camera systems and a security upgrade.

Treasurer Paul Brown said the \$8,500 upgrade will include 16 new cameras inside township hall and viewing the parking lot, with remote access for viewing.

"There have been problems with thefts from vehicles in past years, so we want cameras to be able to look at that," Brown said at the April 5 meeting.

Interior cameras will replace older models, providing higher quality imagery. Also, if an alarm goes off at town hall, the new system will allow officials to view the cameras from their cell phones.

A downward looking camera will hang over the treasurer's counter and capture all transactions, Brown said.

"We haven't had it happen, but one of the risks you have when you're collecting large sums of money and it's often in cash is that somebody could reach across and grab cash if we're not cautious at the counter," he said. "So if we ever have a shortage that seems significant we'd be able to go back to the camera - so my department is happy to have that."

Pedestrian bridge proposed at I-75, Sashabaw Road

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

According to Independence Township Trustee David Lohmeier, the township has been good at "getting ahead of problems." That's what his proposal to build a pedestrian bridge at the I-75 Sashabaw Corridor does.

"This is a project that we're going to have to do one day," Lohmeier told board members at the March 30 special meeting. "I want to do it before somebody gets killed."

Treasurer Paul Brown asked Lohmeier for data to back up the proposal.

"I think we should leave that out of our discussions because it tends to put a little bit of pressure on us 'that we better do this before someone dies,'" Brown said. "I don't think it's an appropriate comment given someone could die anywhere we don't have a safety path."

Lohmeier brought two bridge proposals before the board, which deferred voting on them until the April 19 regular board meeting.

The first is an option adjacent to Waldon Road for \$4.1 million. This would include lighting, aesthetics, design, and engineering costs.

The second would be to build a bridge south of Waldon Road by the cell tower for about \$4.5 million, which would include lighting, aesthetics, design, and engineering, as well as a retaining wall with fence because of the elevation change at that section of the corridor.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has agreed to cover the cost of construction and design engineering, which would reduce the township's cost by \$623,000 on the adjacent-to-Waldon option, or \$488,000 at the cell tower.

Lohmeier also noted they could also get TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant funds, which would cover 40 percent of the construction costs, which means the township would pay approximately \$2.2 million for the adjacent-to-Waldon option and approximately \$2.6 million for the cell tower option.

Lohmeier said payment alternatives include Safety Path millage funds and the general fund, while maintaining more than a 20 percent reserve.

If approved, the project wouldn't take place until 2018, which is budgeted to have a general fund balance, which includes Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) money, of at \$5.37 million, which Lohmeier said is \$3.9 million over the reserve.



Lohmeier

"As a township resident, we're not supposed to build a mutual fund. I actually believe the general fund is a perfect use for this type of thing," he added. "We built up a huge reserve above our 20 percent and we got our CIP funded."

Brown asked what would not get done if they took the money out of the fund balance.

"Because we have capital improvement plans for the next 10 years, we have a lot of things on the horizon residents expect from us," the treasurer said. "Taking money out of the general fund to do this project because we're not going to do something else, what is not going to get done?"

Clerk Barb Pallotta said using general fund money for the bridge would jeopardize their chances of getting the full levy amount for the safety path millage when it comes up for renewal in 2018.

"I have an issue drawing any money from our general fund to support this project. I just don't think it's right," Pallotta said. "I think we need to stick within our budget for the safety path. Despite the fact we're getting support from the other outside agencies, I don't think that was the intent of our safety path millage. I think we should have been a little more wiser in doing this sooner than later since we're almost at the end of it."

Trustee Andrea Schroeder agreed with Lohmeier they should use some of the fund equity.

"I think we get a lot more push back on 'you're not using the money you already have.' I'm not a proponent of saying 'but what if something else comes up?' I think we're pretty good at doing our budgeting," Schroeder said. "The idea of 'let's just sit on this awhile and see if maybe another better idea comes up,' that doesn't sit well with me either. If it can improve the quality of life of the people that we represent that is a legitimate and enough reason to consider it."

The Independence Township Board appointed two members to the Safety Path Advisory Committee after the resignations of Joseph Figa and Jackson Marr.

In two separate motions the board voted 4-0 to reappoint Dave Henderson and appoint former township Trustee Mark Petterson.

Both were appointed to a two-year-term, which will expire Feb. 21, 2018. Trustees David Lohmeier and Andrea Schroeder were absent from the meeting.

"I think it's going to be a good team," said Supervisor Pat Kittle. "Mr. Henderson was very active with Addison Township and Mark with his construction experience, he's already provided some good counsel the advisory team."

Briefly

White Cane Week

Clarkston Area Lions Club members will take to local streets and store fronts from April 29 through May 7 to raise funds for the annual White Cane Week.

Donations will support sight and hearing projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Lions Bear Lake Camp for Physically Challenged Youth in Lapeer, Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Beaumont Silent Children Fund, and the District 11A2 Lions Hearing Program for Oakland and Macomb Counties.

"Money raised during White Cane Week will also allow Lions to meet the needs in our community, including such items as eyeglass and hearing aid support for those in need and vision screening of pre-school children," said club President Bob Murdock.

Previous White Cane donations helped fund an automated vision assessment tool used at monthly vision screenings at the library. The Lions also help provide reading facilities and materials for the sight impaired, and support other local organizations. Check www.clarkstonlions.org.

Angels Place fund raiser

Big Boy of Independence Township, 6440 Dixie Highway, hosts a fund-raiser for the Annual Angels' Place Race, Thursday, April 21, from 5-9 p.m.

A portion of the customer's total bill will go to the May 14 race at St. Daniel Church, Clarkston. The event, which helps support people with developmental disabilities in our community, includes a 1 Mile Family Fun Walk, 5K Bruce Clifton Run and Walk and 10K Run.

For more information, call 248-625-3344 or check www.angelsplacerace.org.

Evening of Elegance

Clarkston Optimists Club hosts An Evening of Elegance, 6 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at Pine Knob Golf and Banquet Center.

The fund raiser will include music and entertainment with B&B Music Company, Breck Watt and Roxanne Hopkins, top 40 songs to old school classics, MC and comedian Greg Martin, and auction and raffle.

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GO! GO! GO! Racers cheer at the Girl Scout Pine Wood Derby at St. Daniel Church, April 9.

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Scouts watch as derby cars race across the finish line. Photos by Phil Custodio

Scouts learn design skills at derby

Scouts worked on their STEM skills, racing derby cars made from blocks of pine at the Clarkston Area Girl Scouts Pinewood Derby, April 9, at St. Daniel's Church Cushing Center.

Trophies were awarded to the Top 3 in

each rank and Top 3 overall, as well as voting categories included Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Fastest Looking car, and Best use of Girl Scout Promise/Law.

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

I'm still a kid at heart

"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." - Albert Einstein

I think one of the best things about having a kid (a boy especially) is it allows me to revert back to childhood, a time of innocence and where imagination soared.

Three weekends out of every month I get to enjoy a 3 year-old's world with Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars and superhero battles. A world where stuffed animals and toys come alive and talk in funny voices. Where a Little Tikes Cozy Coupe can be transformed into a Maserati and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Big Wheel can be a Harley Davidson.

Why? Because imagination is at work. Like when I was a kid, my son is learning how to alter his world through the power of pretend which I believe is one of the most important skills he can develop.

In today's world, I think the power of imagination is a lost art even amongst children because we've started handing them iPhones and iPads to play with as soon as their little fingers could swipe and push buttons. It saddens me when I see a kid who can get the highest score in the Angry Birds game but can't enter the adventure land of a book, where words on the page ignite the imagination to go further.

As American Author Philip Jose Farmer said *"Imagination is like a muscle. I found out that the more I wrote, the bigger it got."*

Just imagine what our future will be like if the leaders of tomorrow have lost their ability to be free-thinkers and creative-thinkers with innovative minds to create something new. I imagine we won't make it very far.

They say "you only get to be a kid once." I cherish my weekends with a 3-year-old boy whose giggles of laughter and "zoom, zoom" car noises can bring me back to a place where I first discovered one of the greatest tools the good Lord gave us.

The ability to imagine and create in the mind's eye. It is that kind of world I am proud to be passing on to my son.



Reasons for raises don't ring true for reader

Dear Editor,

The Independence Township Board's recent decision to give themselves pay raises clearly shows taxpayers where their priorities are, with themselves.

The treasurer and the clerk admitted that much when voting for their own salary increases at the April 5 board meeting. Unfortunately no one is running against any of those who will benefit from this salary increase.

Only in government can a person do their own "job evaluation" and then vote to increase their salary based upon their self "evaluation."

Even though doing so was made "legal" by the very politicians who benefit from a policy that allows them to vote pay raises for themselves, real public servants would be bothered by the ethics of doing so. Not in Independence Township.

Nope, not a single officer that benefited from this salary increase vote thought twice about voting for their own pay increase, they were all just happy to be "fixing" what they claimed "has been broken for a long time."

It's laughable to hear the Independence

Township clerk and the treasurer claiming "we're not increasing our salaries" and "if we don't run next year and don't have protocol in place to protect these positions, then we're not doing our jobs." All said while they know that only they are "running next year" because they are running unopposed. So much for "doing this for the next person elected," eh? Just who do they think they've fooled? Certainly not these taxpayers!

And lest we forget these salary increases are coming from the same elected officers who supported the recent 81 percent library tax increase proposal they claimed the library "had to have or they would be forced to close."

They conveniently forgot to mention before that vote that they "had to have" their salaries "fixed" to save the township from incompetent individuals being attracted to their low paying jobs. The Independence Township board has proven when someone else's money is involved, it doesn't take long for a "public servant" to turn into a "politician."

Michael and Lori Powell
Independence Township

Reader says pipeline plan insufficient for Encore

Dear Editor,

A 57-year-old petroleum pipeline owned by Buckeye Partners, L.P. runs through Independence Township where significant mass grading and site development work has just been approved by the Independence Township Board by a 4-2 vote to accommodate 92 rental units, Encore at Deerhill Villas ("Fourth time's a charm for Deerhill project," March 2).

Clearcutting and mass grading will start soon on this 26-acre site at the northeast corner of Dixie Highway and Deerhill Drive. A group of concerned citizens have continued to voice our concerns about it.

The fourth consent judgment representing the contract between Independence Township and developer Deerhill Properties, LLC, is woefully lacking in any protection for the Clarkston community should a catastrophic failure occur to the Buckeye Pipeline as the direct or consequential result of development of this 26-acre site. We understand Buckeye has approved the developer's plans for this site but what is missing or woefully insufficient in the content of the fourth consent judgment as it pertains to the environmental and safety risks associated with developing this site is:

- Liability insurance in the aggregate amount of \$7 million general liability and \$3 million in pollution liability the fourth consent judgement would require from the developer appears to us to be woefully insufficient, at least when you consider that the cleanup expense from the Enbridge spill near Marshall Michigan is at or over \$1 billion dollars and after three years is still climbing.

Should a breach of this pipeline occur during, or as a consequence of, the construction phase of this project, it is most certain that costs to address the environmental impact alone would exceed the liability insurance cap required by Independence Township officials who voted to approve this project. Since Buckeye Partners, L.P. would not be the liable party, the likely scenario would then be the developer walking away from the project leaving the cost for cleanup, long term mitigation and remediation of environmental damage as an Independence Township and Oakland County expense, or leaving the expense to us.

- Then, we see no Catastrophic Response Plan outlined in the fourth consent judgment as to how the developer, township or Buckeye intend to manage a breach in the Buckeye Pipeline, if it should occur, in order to minimize the almost certain and devastating safety and environmental impact to Deer Lake and our surrounding area.

It is obvious to us that only the two Independence Township Board members who voted "no" with respect to approving the fourth consent judgment and the final site plans for the Encore At Deerhill Villas development really listened to and took into consideration this Buckeye Pipeline concern. The other legitimate concerns represented by the voice of those Independence Township residents and constituents who have been in front of the Township Board many times over the past two years providing constructive input.

Robert White
Independence Township

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Downtown plans specials, events during construction" Downtown Clarkston businesses and the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce met to brainstorm ideas to encourage people to shop downtown during the road construction on Main Street.

"Schools drop driver's education" Clarkston Community School announced they would not offer driver education beginning the summer of 2001 for two reasons: difficulty of obtaining cars from dealerships for training and reimbursement from the government had decreased.

"Ferguson shuts out Dragons" Lisa Ferguson pitched a one-hitter against Lake Orion in the Clarkston Varsity Softball win, 5-0. Ferguson had five strikeouts and Suzie Giroux had three RBIs.

25 years ago - 1991

"Jury favors district in lawsuit ruling" The Clarkston Community Schools district emerged as the winner when the jury returned its verdict in a \$3 million lawsuit filed against the district by architect Charles W. Sherman and Associates, Inc.

"A welcome home song" Bailey Lake Elementary students sang a patriotic song and an all-school assembly in honor of Major Tom Bills who had just returned from the Persian Gulf. His daughter, Katie, attended the school.

"Soccer team lightning quick in opener" Lightning shortened the Clarkston Varsity Girls Soccer team's opener but not before the Lady Wolves provided their own lightning. The team scored four goals in the first half against Lapeer West before the game was cut short in the second half due to lightning.

50 years ago - 1966

"Board asked to rescind bar's license" The Independence Township Board voted to revoke the liquor license held by Nicholas Manzella, following an alleged beating which occurred at his establishment. His attorneys asked to rescind the order so Manzella could reopen the bar to sell it to prospective buyers.

"Popular vote picks art award" Lucia Wilford was chosen by popular vote of the people as the first place winner in the junior division of the Clarkston Art Show. Tim Carr was awarded second place. In the senior division, Jeff Carr was the first place winner.

"Local news" Penny Hutton was honored with a surprise birthday party with games, dancing and cake.

Some signs of Spring interesting, believable

(Sometime soon, Spring will get here in the mean time, here is a Jottings first published in April, 2006)

First of all, forget anything you've heard or read about sighting the first robin having any meaning when it comes to Spring. Several showed their red breasts in my yard when there was a couple inches of snow on the ground.

They must just get an urge to fly north, you know, like snowbirds who have to fly south in October when the colors are so great up here. Both groups are failed forecasters.

Here are eight signs of Spring that are refreshing, if not always true:

- When the birds stop singing and your shutters start swinging, a storm is

near.

- If a thunderstorm occurs before 7 a.m. in April or May, we're in for a wet summer.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

- When the noon flies bite, rain is in sight.

- When the leaves on the trees turn their backs to the west, a storm is just around the corner.

- Red skies at night, the next day is a delight.

- Red skies in the morning, a storm's in the warning.

- When the bees leave the flower patch, the rains are a comin'.

- When the hornets fly after sunset, the rainstorm will not come as an upset.

And, deer will eat anything green in the Spring.

Rabbits are happy to taste anything new and tender looking this time of year. Squirrels and chipmunks will avoid daffodils, but will go for a tulip, lily or crocus bulb.

Moles, voles, mice and groundhogs are actively seeking roots of succulent plants.

And, it's almost impossible to barrier-out these enemies of growth, just like trying to stop development.

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Know what some athletes get when

they drive slowly through a campus? A diploma.

The difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? Taxidermists take only our skin.

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Now I'd like to pass this along because it was passed to me and I'd like to get rid of it. "By following this simple advice you may find inner peace. Simply finish all the things you've started and hadn't finished. Just finish your opened bottles of vodka, wine, Scotch, Valium, box of chocolates and the beers left in the fridge."

You have no idea how good I felt. Excuse me, how good you'll feel with your inner peace.

Why yes, indeed, I believe Jesus pooped

When I was a lad barely into my double digits of age, one of the pictures in my mind, many double-digit in years later I often recall, is a large print that hung in the hallways of Clarkston's St. Dan's Catholic Church. It hung right there on the wall, when you walked into what is now the Cushing Center.

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

The print was of this bearded, white dude, hippy-ish, head back in laughter. Under it were the words, "Jesus Laughing." That print, I now know, was a reproduction of a painting by Canadian artist Willis Wheatley done in the mid 1970s (I wonder if the church still has it?) and has meant a lot to me over the years. It reminds me still of the warm, caring and compassionate side of humanity I long for. I also let it give me permission to laugh, make fun of myself and sometimes life, too -- it has allowed me to become the paragon of virtue you all

know I am.

Which leads me to this . . .

. . . last month after I penned a column about a local author who also illustrates her own children's books headlined, **Oh, those 'sneaky squirrels' -- what would Miles do?** (March 23.) It was a nice little column and at the very end I typed these few words, ". . . 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."

After the column was published, I got a call from another local, a Christian soldier and pastor.

"I'm calling about your column last week," said he.

"Good," said I. "What did I write about?"

"You don't remember?"

"I write them to forget them," I answered quite honestly.

"You wrote about the children's book."

"Oh, yeah. Right!"

"Do you know what you wrote at the end?"

"Yes," I said, and repeated it from memory.

"I am offended by that." And, then the conversation went south from there. I offered to let him write why he was offended and I would run it.

Not good enough.

He wanted me to retract the offending sentence, publicly. I said I wouldn't, as he said, I wasn't very repentant. . . . he was gonna rally other local pastors and Christians to make things hard here at the paper, and for me.

I am ashamed to say, he found my Achilles heal, my weakness and pressed my bad button. "I'm being bullied," my mind screamed. "Threaten my place of business?" my inside thought continued.

Forgive me, I called him "Dude" and told him to bring it.

Last week he and 12 of his disciples wrote and delivered the following petition:

"We the Christians of Lake Orion and surrounding communities after reading the column by Don Rush where he mentioned he wanted to write a children's book on Jesus and his poo_ and entitled, *Christmas Poo_*, written in the *Lake Orion Review* during Holy Week valagar (sic) and offensive to God and our Christian faith!

"We ask that Mr. Rush acknowledge his sin against God's name and make a public apology in his newspaper in Lake Orion and surrounding communities.

"Sincerely in Christ our Lord and Savior, who we honor and praise and do not take his name in vain as God has commanded!" And it was signed by 12 people.

I contemplated whether or not to respond. A sinner, I admit, pride slipped into my heart for this column and will ask forgiveness for responding, but respond I will.

To those offended Christians I ask, did not God create man in his own likeness? Did he not design us, our brains, our hearts, lungs and the processes, the intakes and outputs our bodies do to live? Our design is Divine and if we are like the Big Kahoonia in the Sky, then not only did the Son of God poop, I reckon God does, too. Holy Crap! What's so bad about saying that?

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I also, received a hand written note stating basically the same, adding I should look up the Second Commandment. More importantly it was signed thusly, "I forgive you."

To you, the writer of this note, sir, I thank you, and I am sorry you were offended.

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The second commandment of God is: *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.*

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Haters are gonna' hate. When folks, even the good soldiers of Christ, look to be offended, they will find ways and the people to offend them. Today, in America, as I have lectured my own sons, too many people confuse passion and compassion as being the same thing. They are not. Too many folks are "on fire" for one thing or another -- they are passionate, and in their zeal, they believe they are absolved of their actions, because their cause is "just."

When you are compassionate, you have a Love of one thing or another and it is Love that drives you, not your passion. Verily, I say unto thee, "put some more com into your passion."

Bottom line, there many more atrocities in this world we live in to be offended by than the 36 words written by a small man, with a smaller column. In the mean time, lighten up. Laugh, love and live. Jesus did, you can, too!

HomeTown Experts Answer Your Questions Monthly

Nutrition



Cindy Crandell R.N.
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Q. Is it possible to lower blood pressure with diet? If so, how?

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A: The short answer is "no." If you wanted him to have ownership interest in the property, you could have a Quit Claim deed prepared after closing and add him to the deed with you, but you certainly aren't obligated to do that. Married couples have implicit and explicit rights to real estate that their spouses own, even when they themselves are not specifically on the deed. That would not be the case for you. Good luck and encourage your boyfriend to work on that credit. Financial stress can be tough on a couple, married or otherwise.

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Steve Wylie of Clarkston posted a picture on social media of a coyote near the corner of Middle Lake, Pinehurst, and Overlook, April 6.

Coyotes concern neighbors

After a recent coyote attack on a dog in a neighborhood near Waldon and Sashabaw roads, township Supervisor Pat Kittle is urging residents to be cautious.

Kittle said he called the Oakland County Sheriff's Office substation in Clarkston and they knew nothing of the attack.

"I have heard stories there are coyotes and the coyote population is increasing," Kittle said. "Every resident needs to be diligent in reference to their surroundings and being ultra careful when it comes to letting your pets go outside unattended."

Coyote colors widely vary, but they are generally yellowish gray on the upper body, and the fur covering the throat and belly, white to cream color. Their ears are pointed and stand erect, unlike the ears of domestic dogs that often droop, according to Michigan Department Natural Resources.

When running, the animals carry their bushy, black tipped tail below the level of their back. DNR said the size and weight of coyotes are commonly overestimated, because their long fur masks a bone structure is slither than most of domestic dogs.

"If you do see a coyote or think you've seen a coyote, call animal control or some sort of professional trapper," Kittle said. "The best thing is to stay away from them and call a professional to handle them."

Oakland County Animal Control can be reached at 248-391-4100.

— Trevor Keiser

Public Safety

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Reckless motorcycling

A 27-year-old Independence Township man was cited with reckless driving and no proof of insurance after crashing his motorcycle on Pelton Road at Frankwill, 4:03 p.m., April 1. He was passing a vehicle when he lost control on gravel. He smelled of booze, but his preliminary breath test was .072. He was taken to MOH Pontiac for treatment. The motorcycle was impounded.

Stop sign runner

A 34-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for running a stop sign at Clintonville and Pine Knob roads, 3:40 p.m., April 2. He said he attempted to stop for the sign but was too late. He was cited for not having a driver's license, having never applied.

Underage drinking

A 19-year-old Independence Township man was cited for minor in possession of alcohol after a family trouble call, 3:54 p.m., April 2. His mother called 911 to report him as intoxicated and disrespectful. He was also bi-polar and not taking his medication. Preliminary breath test result was .236. He was taken to Common Ground for evaluation.

Overdose

A 26-year-old Waterford man called 911 after his friend, a 28-year-old Independence Township man, fell to the floor while they were at the 28-year-old's home in the 7000 block of Dark Lake Drive, 11:25 p.m., April 3. His friends said he was addicted to opiates in the past but has not used them for several months, but may have been on Xanax. Independence Township paramedics gave him Narcan, and took him to POH Pontiac.

Illegal lane use

A deputy on patrol stopped a pickup truck for illegal lane usage on Dixie Highway at Lancasterhill Drive, 7:17 p.m., April 3. The driver, a 24-year-old Lake Orion man, was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Driver in distress

A deputy was on radar duty on Maybee Road when he saw a vehicle approach slowly, move to the shoulder, and stop, 10:57 a.m., April 4. The driver, a 67-year-old Independence Township woman, slumped over the wheel. The deputy checked on the driver, who was unresponsive, called for paramedics, and forced the door open. She was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment. The deputy ran the plate for her home address and called her family to let them know what was going on.

Warrant arrest

A 26-year-old Independence Township man was arrested on two warrants for traffic violations out of Michigan State Police Second District, and a Friend of the Court warrant for child neglect out of Oakland County, 4:10 p.m., April 5. Deputies had been called to his residence in the 5000 block of Willow Park for domestic assault by another resident. The 26-year-old said they argued but he never touched the complainant, who was checked for evidence of domestic violence. None was found.

Trash without permit

A deputy stopped a dump truck for collecting trash from a dumpster without an Independence waste hauler's permit, 10:38 a.m., April 5, on Dixie Highway at Stonewood Drive. The company was cited.

Littering

A deputy on patrol watched as the passenger in a vehicle in front tossed a container of food out of the car, 3:23 p.m., April 5, on Ortonville Road at I-75. The vehicle's license plate was also not properly secured and the windows were heavily tinted. The deputy stopped the car. The passenger, a 24-year-old Mt. Pleasant man, said the driver made a quick move and the food fell into his lap, spilling ranch dressing. He got mad and threw everything out the window. He was cited for littering. The driver, a 24-year-old Coleman man, was cited for tinted windows and failure to display a valid driver's license.

Assault with knife

A 19-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested for felonious assault with a knife, 8:11 p.m., April 7, at a residence in the 100 Block of Fay Street. She was the live-in girlfriend of the victim, a 22-year-old Independence Township man. An argument started shortly after the victim came home from work. The 19-year-old grabbed a knife from the kitchen and pursued the victim into the bedroom, kicking in the bedroom door in the process. She dropped the knife after threatening the 22-year-old. There were no reported injuries. The suspect was taken into custody and lodged at the Oakland County Jail. The knife was taken into evidence. They have a child, so CPS was notified of the incident. A warrant package will be presented to the Prosecutors Office for charges.

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New tool for athletes' use

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

A large group began forming in Clarkston High School's weight room around the newest tool they could use to increase their athletic skills.

The tool is Team Fast Pad developed by Clarkston residents Mike Newvine, Tom Nicklin and Greg Miller to help with speed and agility.

"It's for any age, any sport, any gender - it does not matter," said Nicklin, adding they wanted local athletes to try it first.

They noticed with dot mats, the athletes are looking down at the mat while their coaches are timing them.

"You want your athletes looking down the field no matter what sport," Newvine said. "This teaches you to look up. It teaches them to balance out while moving. It is digital innovation."

Athletes select a workout and drill. Then, they step on the Fast Pad numbers as indicated on the screen from what they selected.

As a former football coach with Saginaw Arthur Hill High Schools and former athletic director, Newvine noticed kids aren't playing outside as much as they used to which means they aren't getting as much exercise.

"Over time they develop a deficiency," said Miller. "Mike used to coach and he noticed the athletic skills of the kids as the years went on weren't as good. The kids didn't have the movements and balance they had years ago."

"It made it more difficult for coaches to

teach because their footwork and technique coordination was off," Newvine added.

"Natural speed is something you can work at, but the idea behind any sport is having quicker feet and better explosion, balance and coordination," he said. "This is something we used to get as kids. It creates muscle memory and as you get older it fades. If you are not doing it at an early age, it doesn't follow you. What this is doing is changing the way an athlete becomes quicker, faster, more explosive. It is muscle memory and helps the brain work correctly with the feet."

They looked at the Diamond Mat, which is a rubber mat and Newvine asked what could they do to improve it.

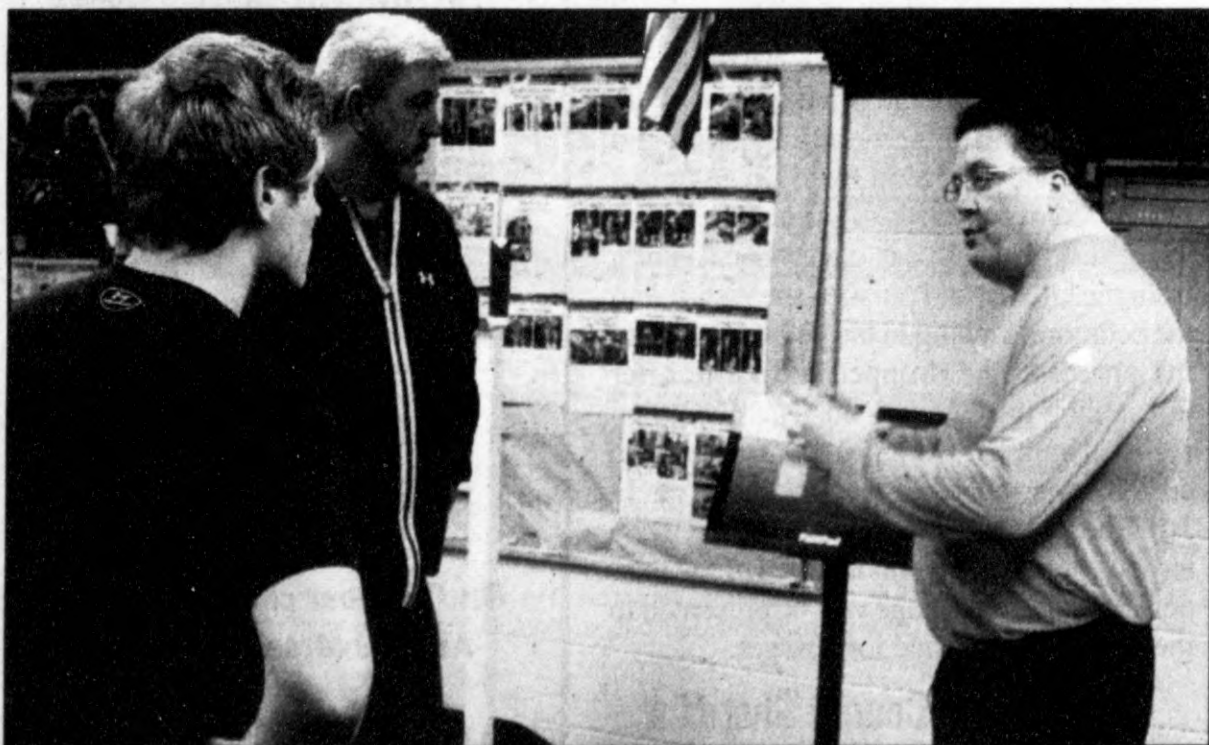
Newvine worked with one of the major independent within the tri-state area. They gave them 18 drills all of their athletes use and they gave them permission to replicate those drills. Then, they recreated in an electronic format.

"It it's another way to get better - I like it," said Kurt Richardson, Clarkston Varsity Football Head Coach. "I am not a real technological guy, but we have to make some strides forward. If it helps our kids, then I am for it."

He added what he liked about Fast Pad is everything is recordable including giving feedback on how well the athletes are doing.

"Athletes can't cheat," Newvine said. "When coach says to do it if there is not a printout for him to look at then knows he didn't do it."

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Mike Newvine, right, and Tom Nicklin, left, explain how to use the Fast Pad to Anthony Reiner. Photo by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK Hard works pays off

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

MacGregor Schaffer suited up every Clarkston Hockey game in his pads and uniform ready to go.

"I didn't play a lot," said Schaffer, a senior at Clarkston High School. "I didn't get a lot of chances scoring wise. I was happy just to play and happy to say I played varsity."

It was a goal for him especially since he didn't know if he would play on the varsity team. Schaffer was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder of the nervous system when he was an infant.

"I was really happy even if he didn't play," said his mom, Wendy. "I loved every time I saw him sitting on the bench either he was going to play or wasn't. When he did play it was a thrill for my husband and I. We questioned if it would ever happen."

Another thrill to the season was receiving the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association Pervasive Award.

"I was very happy he won the award," smiled Ralph Humphlett, head coach, who nominated him for the award. "He is very deserving. He never asked for anything. It was awesome. It was one of the best things that happened during a very hard season. He received a standing ovation."

MacGregor learned about the news from Wendy and his dad, Bob.

"It was a huge honor," MacGregor said. "I didn't even know it was a thing. I feel honored representing my team and my school."

"It was so exciting," Wendy added. "We were thrilled for him. It has been a really great year for him so far. Just getting on the hockey team was a big deal and



MacGregor Schaffer

something he always wanted to do. He worked hard. It recognized he had some issues he was dealing with, but he still showed up and did his best. That doesn't always happen in life - you might work hard and might not get recognized."

She explained it was a tough year because MRIs revealed he had two tumors.

"It hasn't affected me," MacGregor said. "But it is something to look for in the future."

One of the tumors is from neurofibromatosis, which his parents discovered when he was three-months-old.

"He had little tan spots on his body and we didn't think anything of it," Wendy said, explaining they thought it was baby skin - it was sensitive and could change.

The doctor asked how many spots and Wendy said about 12. The doctor replied a certain number could be something.

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Hockey runs in the family

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"We went to different specialists who confirmed," she said, adding over the years they have learned and taken in as much information. "The more you learn about anything going on with your body, the better. He has been a mild case so far."

MacGregor said it hasn't affected him besides having help with school up to sixth grade.

"I haven't had any problems," he said. "Fifty percent of kids with neurofibromatosis have learning disabilities or need school help."

"He has been lucky," Wendy said. "Most people who have this condition have some learning disabilities. More of anything it is maturity and an awareness that makes him a little bit different which can also be being a teenage boy."

"He is a really sweet, innocent soul," she added. "He lives for the day. He lives for the moment. He is excited about simple things like food, what he is eating for dinner and watching the Red Wings. He enjoys everyday."

For sports it didn't slow him down as MacGregor began playing hockey when he was 5-years-old.

"Hockey is a big part of our lives," Wendy smiled.

His older brother, Cole, and his dad both played and the family are huge Detroit Red Wings fans.

"It was an expectation Mac had for himself early on that's what you do - you play hockey and you play hockey in high school," Wendy added. "He has always said he wants to do everything like everyone else does. It was nice to see that he did."

"I tried everything," MacGregor said. "Hockey was the only thing I loved as much as anything else in the world."

MacGregor is attending Oakland University after graduation and plans to study film production. He was originally planning on becoming a director or a film editor but said he is shifting towards acting.

"I have done a lot of videos, movies and TV shows through high school," he added. "It's kind of what I have decided for now, but I would like to do anything in films. Most recent we did two episodes of a TV show an intern wrote. I ended up being the lead role that was a fun experience."

His advice for aspiring athletes is to work hard.

"As hard as you can in practice," he added. "It goes by way too fast. Enjoy it while it lasts."

Fast Pad helps quality of life

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Miller added it's not only good for athletes but people who have had a traumatic injury, suffer from a balance disorder or have Parkinson's Disease.

"We can work with them to rebuild the neuro network," he said. "Movement is memorized. This can bring some of it back. It's not just for speed, agility and helping kids, but how about for people who need to just get back into the game of life."

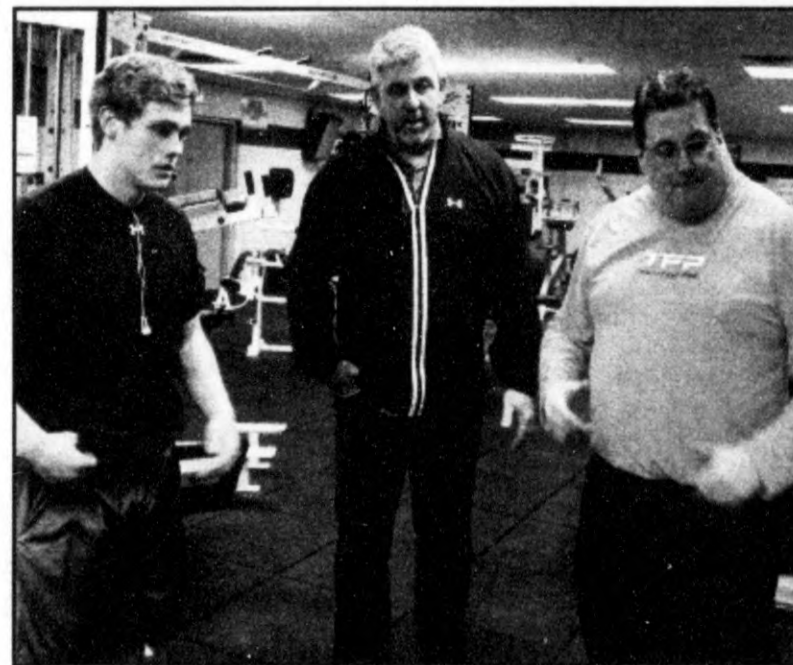
"We exist to improve the quality of life for anybody who needs it," Newvine said. "It doesn't matter if you are an athlete or someone who suffers from an ailment or recovery from an accident."

"It will also help with concussions, too," Nicklin said, adding when an athlete uses the Fast Pad coaches are able to record a pre-concussion time. "After a concussion they can put them on this, and if they don't score what they did prior then coaches know they aren't ready to get back on the playing field."

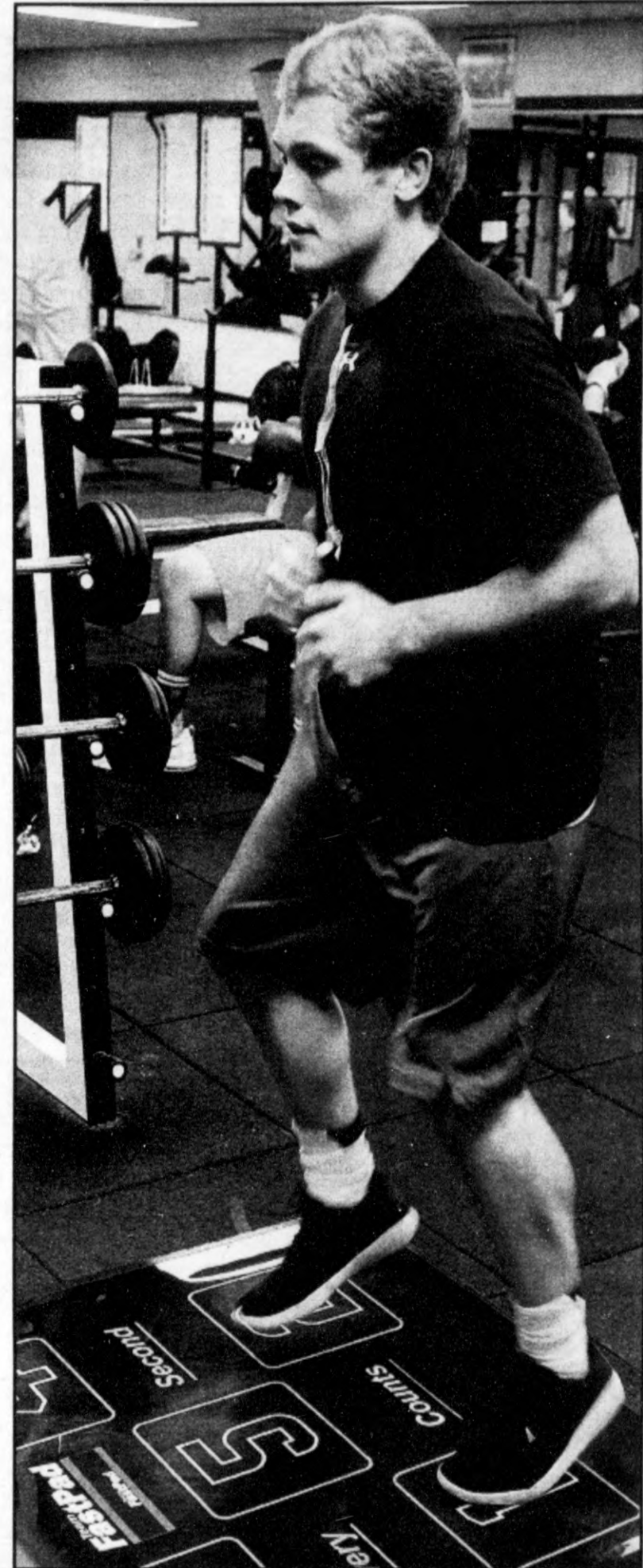
The Clarkston Athletics Booster Club approved the purchase of the Fast Pad for \$2,500 during their March 21 meeting.

"They saw it. They loved it," said Nicklin.

For more information, please visit www.TeamFastPad.com.



From left, Anthony Reiner, Tom Nicklin and Mike Newvine select a workout and drill to try out. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Anthony Reiner quickens his speed as he tries out the Fast Pad.

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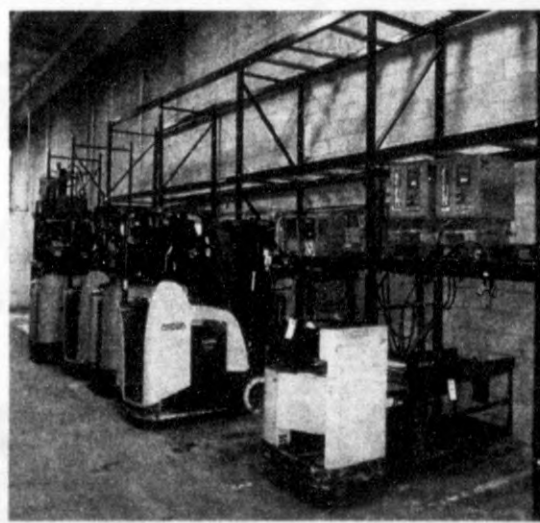
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Clarkston grad outward bound

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jordan Kincaid is beginning a new adventure after he graduates from West Virginia University next month.

The 2012 Clarkston High School graduate plans to go to North Carolina to work for Outward Bound.

"We take participants out into the wilderness into challenging environments doing rock climbing, backpacking, white water rafting or canoeing," Kincaid explained.

He added the purposes to go into challenging environments is to have an adventure and pursue self growth.

While studying to go into the engineering field he became involved with the Orientation Trips program at West Virginia University.

"I loved it so much I wanted to keep doing it," Kincaid said. "The appeal for me was I recognized the power having these experiences out in the wilderness can have. Ever since I came to school and started rock climbing and spending time out in the wilderness. It really changed my perspective on things."

He added through the experiences there a lot of good things people can learn about themselves.

During his junior year he took a class called Introduction to Adventure Sports. He wanted to not only get exposure to different adventure sports. He also wanted to bridge the gap between his engineering knowledge and things he was interested in doing.

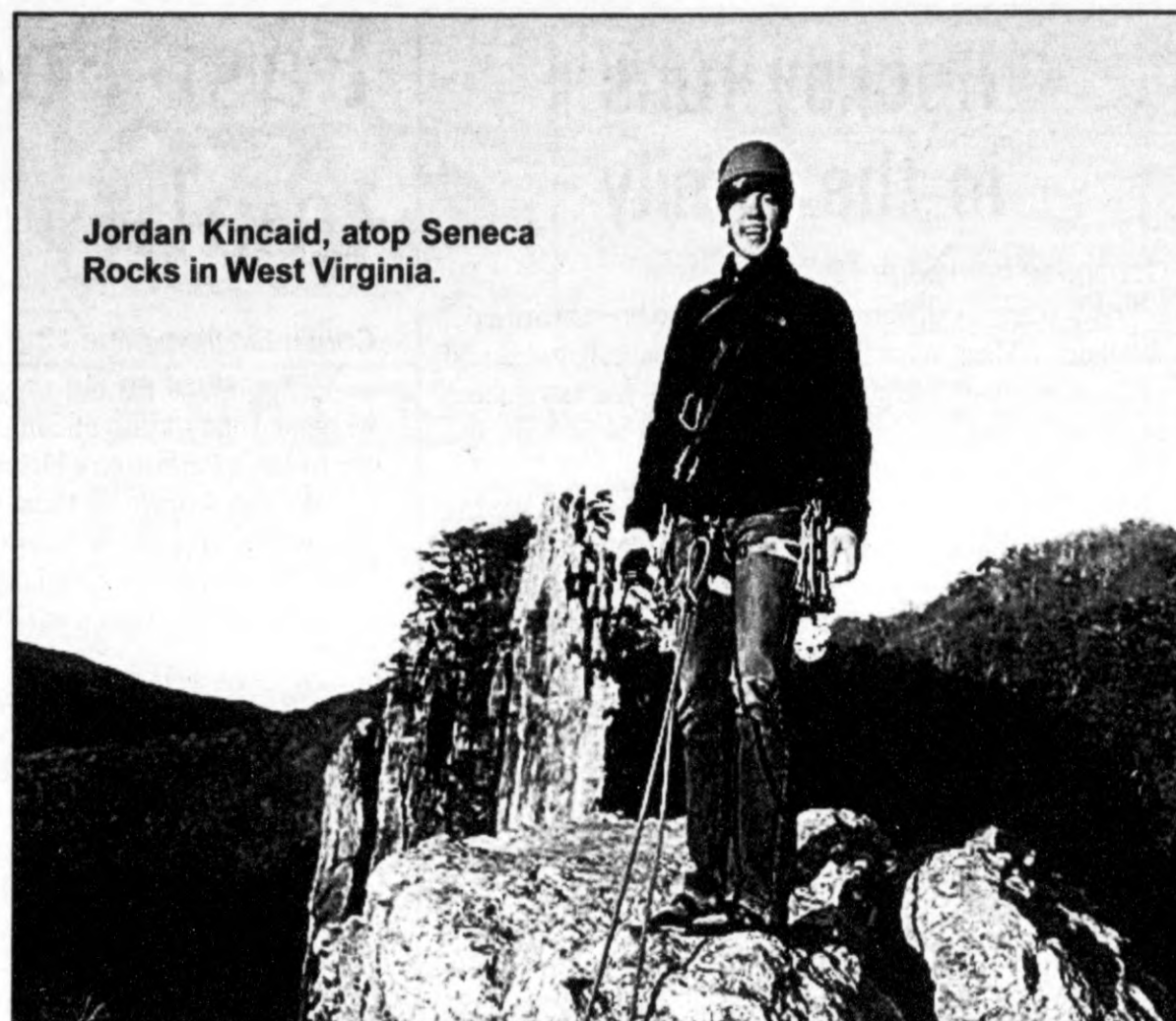
"What I realized in taking the class was how cool the outdoor education side of things were," he said. "It really got me interested in trying to be involved in that side of things as well."

He added he decided to put engineering to the side for right now.

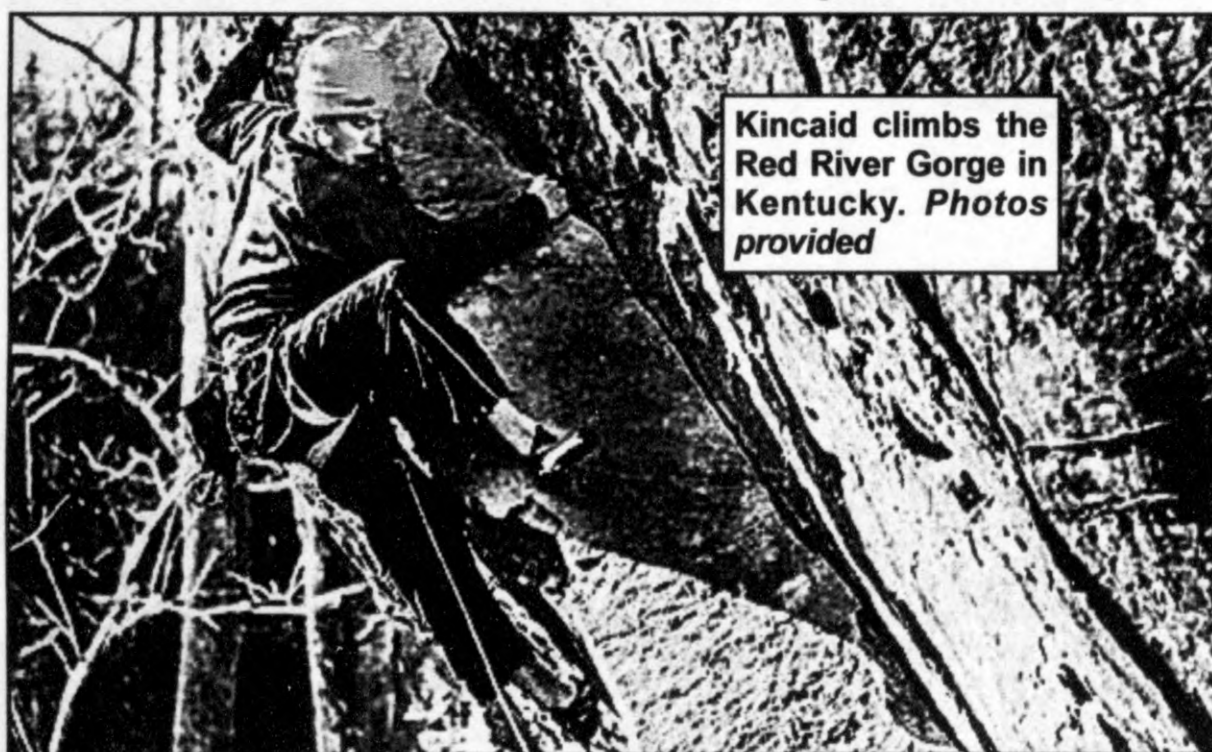
"Through the process of a few internships I have had and my experiences within the engineering industry I have definitely become less enthused by what working as an engineer would look like for me," Kincaid said. "I think I will be less happy doing that then I would be taking people out in the wilderness."

He learned about Outward Bound through West Virginia University and through his training for the Orientation Trips program.

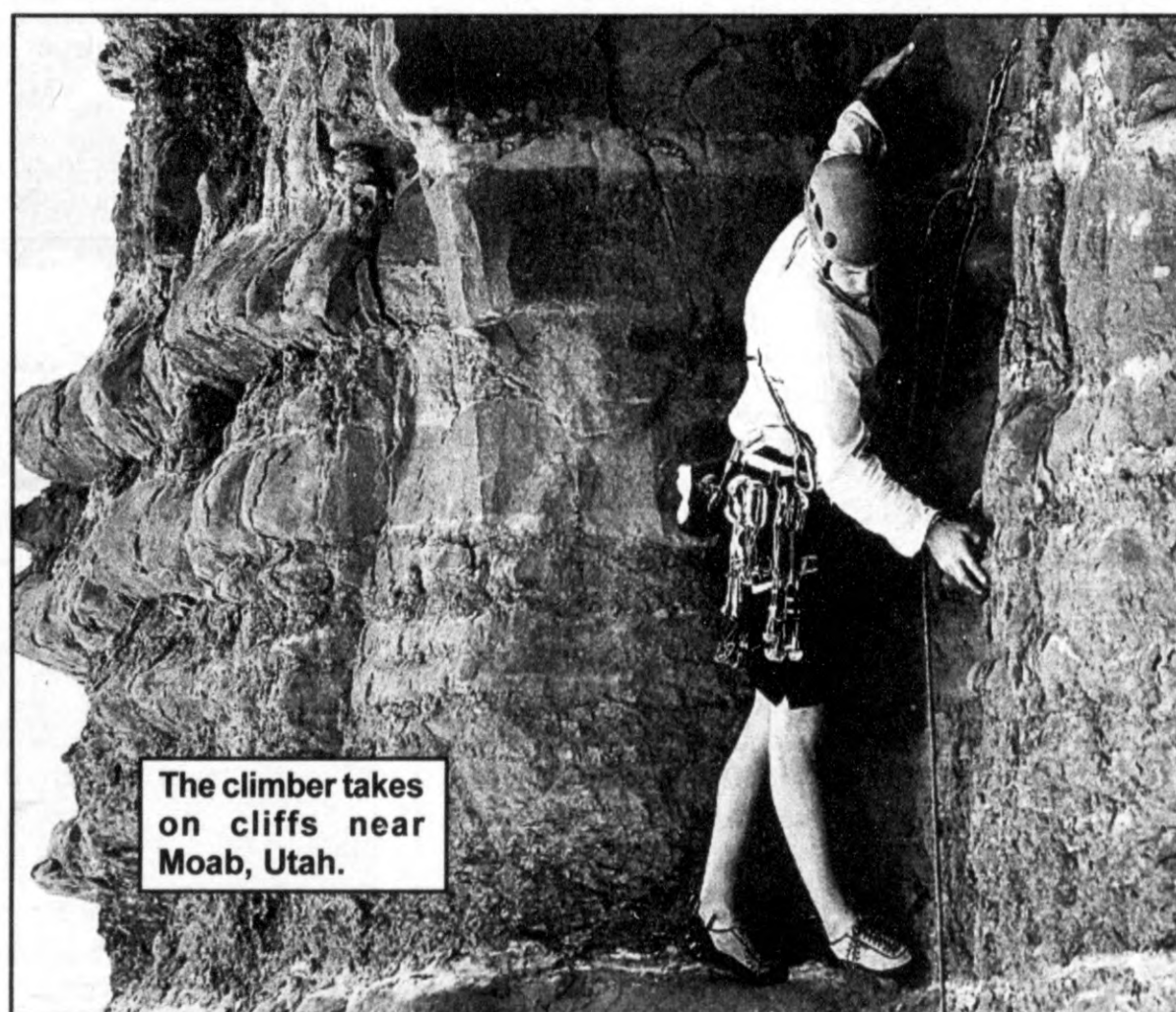
"I am really excited about helping people grow," he said. "I am really looking forward to helping other people find outcomes similar to what I have experience, making connections with people, and helping them find new things out."



Jordan Kincaid, atop Seneca Rocks in West Virginia.



Kincaid climbs the Red River Gorge in Kentucky. Photos provided



The climber takes on cliffs near Moab, Utah.

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Raises justified by earlier cuts, officials say

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today. I just wouldn't have been able to manage at that level," he said. "Compensation being raised up to this level, I think will have more folks not just now, but in the future who might be willing to say, you know what, I might be willing to give to my community and it won't cost me a ton of money in pay to come in and do my share to contribute. That's my two cents."

Pallotta agreed.

"I think it's a good move in the right direction. We'll definitely see how it works out in the next four years, whether we get elected or not," she said. "We'll see if it attracts other people to want to run for these positions."

Trustee Ron Ritchie said the current and previous board cut many of the benefits for the elected full-time positions.

"There used to be car allowances and other payments for different things that got eliminated during the recessionary period and some of them rightly so," Ritchie said. "I'm just saying there were cutbacks for a number of years before these increases were even thought about on top of that."

They also make up for some of the things taken away as well, he added.

"It allows (elected officials) to put more money away for retirement and different

things that were cut back over periods of time," he said.

Trustee Jose Aliaga felt the wage increases were justified for the hard work they put in.

"The three elected officials do a great job. Clerk Pallotta has the award of the 'Clerk of the Year' for the state of Michigan. That right there tells our community of her hard work and dedication. Treasurer Brown and Supervisor Kittle, you guys have done many reforms so we save money and are more efficient than before. So many great things we've done the past four years," Aliaga said. "Thank you for your service and your work to the three full-time elected officials."

Kittle asked Township Attorney Steve Joppich if there were any issues with the system they were going to put in place. Joppich said he didn't see any.

"The statute just simply says the salaries of the officials are to be set by the township board. It's open-ended and leaves it to your discretion to figure out the best means of doing that," Joppich said. "You've deliberated over it clearly and extensively. There seems to be a good rational and reason behind it. I can't see any issues arising out of it - I am comfortable with it."

Trustees David Lohmeier and Andrea Schroeder were absent.

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Ball camps

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Fife Basketball Camp, July 18-21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., is open to boys entering grades 7-9 in the fall. The camp is coached by Dan Fife and his Clarkston High School Basketball staff. It is open to the first 104 applicants and costs \$260. For more information on either camp, please call Coach Fife at 248-623-4003.

Mini Ballers Basketball Camp, July 11-14, is open for boys entering grades 1-3, and for girls entering grades 1-2. There are two sessions to choose from: 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Clarkston High School.

The camp stresses the fundamentals of basketball and gives players the tools they need to start and improve their game. It also includes 5-on-5 games, contests in Free Throws, Lightning, Hot Shot and 1-on-1. The camp is designed for beginning and experienced players.

It is led by Tim Wasilk, Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach. For more information please email Wasilk at tlwasilk@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Online registration is located at www.itpr.org or register at Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., lower level, open Monday - Friday, from 8 am - 5 p.m.

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We are all cakes. I know, it seems like a silly thing to compare us to. We are far too intricate, too complex to be compared to something as simple as a cake.

Truthfully though, we are all cakes.

Because every cake has its own unique mixture of ingredients that makes it different. Sure, we all have most of the same ingredients, like flour, sugar, eggs and salt. Some of us have just a little more sugar, and some of us have a little more salt.

Some of us are huge, with overlapping layers and different flavors, and some of us are small and single dimensioned. Some of us are simply bland, while some of us are packed with add-ons like sprinkles, or cocoa powder, or chocolate chips. But we all are cakes. Because a cake is just a cake.

But, then again, what is a cake? It's not just a mixture of ingredients. Cakes are mixed, baked, decorated. You may have the best cake batter, but if it's not baked properly, it may end up worse than just a bowl of flour and water.

Some of us think we may have the best batter in the world, and so we stick it in the oven. But, sometimes, it's not the best. Once we have placed it into the oven, we never take it back out. You can decorate your cake to make it look extravagant, and everyone may adore

it, but if it's a bad cake, it's a bad cake. In the same way, you may never decorate your cake, and people may never notice it, but it could still be the best cake in the world.

What am I trying to say? Maybe I'm just rambling on about cakes. Maybe I'm trying to say to my mother, who is continuously arguing with my brother, she should let him find his own recipe.

Maybe I'm saying to my friends, whom, at age fourteen, are trying to throw their cake into the oven, they should give themselves time.

Or maybe I'm trying to say to some, that add-ons don't make the cake.

Maybe, most importantly, I'm trying to say to myself that when the going gets tough, to just keep mixing.

But, then again, maybe we are just as simple as cakes. Or maybe cakes are just as complex as us. Maybe.

Mya Strayer is a freshman at Clarkston Junior High School and the daughter of Lance and Lisa Strayer. She loves acting, piano, and writing. "That was actually why I really wanted to publish one of my writing entries, one that wasn't made for school, but one that came from me. Although I probably would never have sent in any of my pieces had it not been for my English teacher, Erin Shaw. She helped to show me the actual value of my writing, and how I can manipulate and enhance it," she said.



By Mya Strayer

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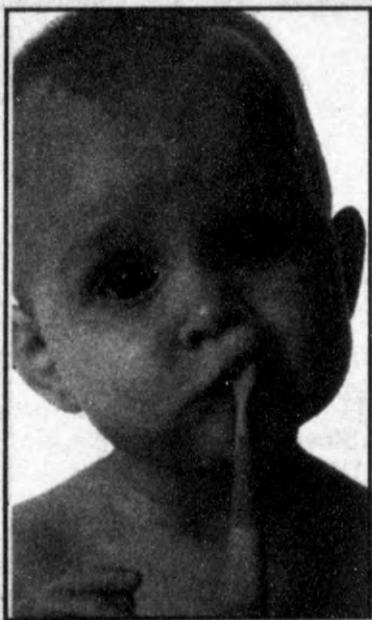
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Work to save our oceans

Eighth grade students in teacher Allie Browe's English Language Arts classes at Clarkston Junior High School are writing activism articles in their argument writing unit, and we're publishing some of their top articles. This week, Meghan Allen discusses cleaning up the oceans.

More than 4.8 million metric tons of plastic get dumped into the oceans each year. This is what animals which live in these oceans have to swim in everyday.

This is what animals mistake as their food. This is what we call the "shining" seas. How did the citizens of America allow this to happen?



**By Meghan
Allen**

First, most of the things we buy use disposable plastic: packaging, cosmetics, straws, even fishing nets. Many plastics are designed to be used only once, which

resulted in our landfills and beaches being awash in these single-use plastics.

We need to start helping our oceans instead of hurting them, and to do this, we need to take immediate action. America should ban the use of plastic bags in order to help prevent the oceans from becoming polluted.

Many people are aware trash is getting into the oceans. I have been educated on this topic since second grade, but not many understand most of the trash is a form of plastic we use every day. We cannot just sit there and watch the oceans fill up with plastic. Everyone needs to contribute to recovering our oceans. We can do it, and there are groups already helping.

For example, Ocean Conservancy teamed up with cleanup coordinators to clean up along the waterfront of a beach in New York after a storm. Despite less-than-ideal weather conditions on that December day, more than 70 volunteers scoured the sand and dunes at Jones Beach removing 2,000 pounds of debris.

We need to continue this trend. If American citizens continue to clean up the shores and the oceans, we could decrease the amount of trash and return the oceans to their original state. Nobody wants an ocean of trash, so if we inspire more people to help the cause, then I believe we will have clear, shining seas again. No matter what, the cleanliness of our planet should be one of our top priorities because we don't have another

one to go to.

Another reason why our oceans are full of plastic is because we are not understanding what happens to the plastic when it gets in the ocean.

For example, according to National Geographic, the amount of debris in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch accumulates because much of it is not biodegradable. Many plastics, for instance, do not wear down; they simply break into tinier and tinier pieces.

We can't let plastic get into the water at all. It is hurting the ocean's ecosystem. By letting plastic get in the ocean and letting it break into tinier pieces, we are creating an ocean surrounded in plastic. This needs to stop before matters become even worse.

The plastic in the ocean also hurts the animals, not just our planet and the climate. Marine researcher Charles J. Moore wrote in a recent *New York Times* op-ed plastic pollution in the ocean may be killing more animals than climate change.

"Hundreds of species mistake plastics for their natural food," he wrote, not only sickening wildlife but also "adding to the increasing amount of synthetic chemicals unknown before 1950 that we now carry in our bodies."

We are allowing animals to eat the plastic we carelessly throw in the ocean. Animals who live in the ocean are eating the plastic and dying because of us. If we let plastic continue to get into our oceans this could lead to the extinction of several animals.

I realize banning plastic bags may be difficult, and some Americans may not believe it is the best solution because they use plastic so much, and it is convenient. What they fail to realize is that reusable bags are cheaper and last longer than plastic bags, and it helps to prevent pollution.

I know that no one really wants to live or swim in an ocean full of plastic, and neither do the animals so if we start treating our oceans with care, we could save the oceans' ecosystem and ourselves.

In conclusion, it is our job to take care of our planet and the animals, and by banning plastic bags, we are one step closer to returning the oceans to their original state. Without a doubt, following through and banning plastic bags will allow the animals to live longer, and allow us to enjoy our shining seas, like we used to.

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Owners of Spinning Jenny's Antiques are planning to sell off their inventory and retire. Photo provided

Retiring antique owners plan liquidation sale

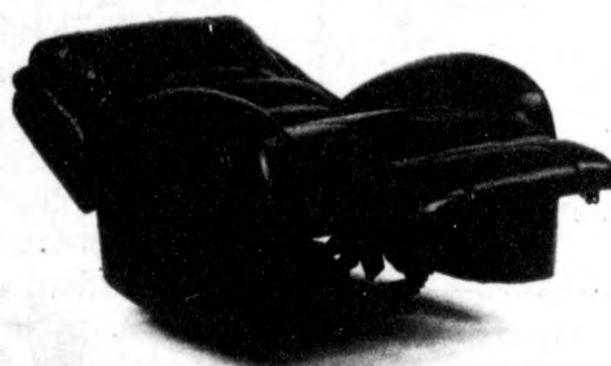
Spinning Jenny's Antiques of Independence Township will be closing this spring.

"We have been boxing things up for weeks now, but you can't even tell," said Sally Church, who owns the shop at 5878 Dixie Highway, along with her husband Skip. They intend to retire and travel a lot.

Before that, they will liquidate their nearly quarter-million dollar inventory of estate and costume jewelry, yard art, military memorabilia, coins, kitchenware, ceramics, and other items.

The building's sale came as a surprise, but, after thinking it over, it was a good time to retire, she said.

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Many school achievements this spring

The Clarkston Community Schools' Board of Education has been consulting with an engineering and architectural firm to determine the district's short and long-term needs relative to facilities, safety, and technology.

The assessment of needs included discussions with several community groups, teachers and support staff from each building, parents, and a community survey. At their March meeting, the Board of Education received a recommendation from the engineering and architectural firm to take into consideration a no millage rate increase bond

that can raise \$75 million to address these needs. The board decided to conduct another community survey and to hold a public hearing on April 18 at Clarkston High School to receive additional community input on this matter.

Please take advantage to offer your feedback. It is vitally important we hear from you. The school system is here to serve our community.

The school district is also working to increase the amount of time our students spend in elementary art and music classes, along with expanding Spanish instruction. We feel this is very important for all of our learners.

Our secondary schools, including Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High School, CHS, and Renaissance High School have undertaken a whole child study. Here, we seek to ensure each child is healthy, safe, supported, challenged, and engaged at school.

We feel additional counselors and home-room time can help in these areas.

We will continue to examine these ideas, including a student and teacher survey, and to discuss them with the Board of Education.

The school district has again applied for federal E-RATE funds to help us improve wireless Internet coverage in the district. These efforts provide great savings to our school district and point to our continued fiscal responsibility.

CCS wishes to congratulate Mrs. Patricia Carter, a CHS teacher, who recently received a Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Award for promoting safe driving for teens in our community. She received the award at a luncheon in Lansing. Congratulations to Mrs. Carter and thank you for all you do for kids.

Congratulations also to Clarkston's bands, orchestras, and choral groups for their excellent achievements at festival. Our winter sports season has come to a close, as several of our teams advanced through conference, district, regional, and state finals competitions. Many of our students achieved academic and athletic awards, including Jacob Kersten, a member of CHS's regional championship bowling team, who achieved a 4.05 grade point average and a bowling scholarship to Wichita State University in Kansas.

Lastly, we celebrate the achievements of Team RUSH Robotics, who won a district championship and garnered several design awards, and student members of our Business Professionals of America and Future Problem Solving teams who won state championships and qualified for international competitions.

Thanks to our coaches, conductors, parents, students, and community members for all you do to make these achievements possible.

Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

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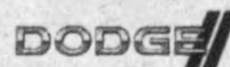
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Independence Township Times

The good and not so good, a township water update

By Pat Kittle,
Township Supervisor

The Good News: With over 170 water tests conducted by the DPW for Independence Residents, other than Maple Drive, there have been ZERO water tests returned showing any trace of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). This ZERO trace result applies to all LUST sites located within Independence, except Maple Drive, as noted in recent Township Times articles and as posted on the Township website.

The Better News: The Township has met with Maple Drive residents to inform them the State of Michigan will pay to install a new water main run-

ning the entire length of Maple Drive. Residents whose well tested positive for



Township
Supervisor
Pat Kittle

MTBE will have ALL costs associated with the water connection process and capping their existing well covered by the State. Maple residents with wells showing ZERO traces of MTBE will have water made available for them at a Gate Valve located at their front property line.

The Township will try to coordinate with the contractor who will be on-site connecting the residents with

tainted wells to provide the same connection services to residents with clean wells at a discounted price. The Township will help these residents by amortizing these connection costs over five years. Site surveys and easement agreements are being created for resident review and approvals. Easement agreements will need to be signed by ALL affected residents on Maple before any construction work can begin. Will keep you posted as work progresses.

An Area of Concern: As mentioned in previous articles, ARSENIC still remains an issue for Independence residents with private wells. The MDEQ maximum contaminate level (MCL) for

arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb). Current arsenic readings for the Township Community Water System are running between 4 to 6 ppb. We are seeing scattered resident test results coming back positive for arsenic with some tests showing amounts up two to three times over the MCL. There are relatively inexpensive localized filtration devices that can be installed that can remove arsenic from your drinking water. Google "Arsenic Water Filters and Purifiers in Oakland County" to learn more and find a local contractor who can diagnose your current water situation and recommend a solution that will work for you.

Oakland County information concerning arsenic

From the Oakland County Health Division Website

What is Arsenic? Arsenic is found in nature at low levels with most arsenic compounds having no smell or taste. Arsenic joins with oxygen, chlorine, and sulfur to make inorganic arsenic compounds. Inorganic arsenic compounds are used to preserve wood, and make insecticides and weed killers. Arsenic in plants and animals combines with carbon and hydrogen to make organic arsenic. Organic arsenic is usually less harmful than inorganic arsenic.

How are people exposed to Arsenic? As a natural part of our environment, everyone is exposed to some amount of arsenic. You can come in contact with arsenic in the following ways:

- From the food you eat every day. Some fish and seafood contain arsenic. This organic type of arsenic is much less harmful to humans than inorganic arsenic.

- By either drinking water contaminated

with arsenic or by eating food that has been cooked in this water. Arsenic found in well water is absorbed through the stomach and the intestines. Arsenic in water or food does not contaminate the air when it evaporates and is not easily absorbed through the skin when bathing or swimming.

- By inhaling smoke from burning materials containing arsenic; like wood treated with preservatives. Arsenic can also be absorbed by breathing contaminated air, as in industrial settings.

How can Arsenic get into drinking water? Mineral deposits in some areas of Michigan contain high levels of arsenic. Groundwater flowing through these deposits can dissolve arsenic from the minerals. This may result in elevated levels of arsenic in well water. Arsenic has no smell or taste in drinking water. You need to test your well water to find out if arsenic is present.

Will Arsenic in water cause health problems? If you are exposed to arsenic, several factors that work in combination with each other will determine whether harmful health effects may occur. These factors are:

■ Dose - How much arsenic is in my body?

■ Duration - How long and how often have I been exposed?

■ Type of arsenic - Have I been exposed to inorganic or organic arsenic?

■ General health, nutritional status, age, and lifestyle

Some people may be affected by small levels of arsenic, others may not. Young children, the elderly, people with long-term illnesses, and unborn babies are at greatest risk. They can be more sensitive to chemical exposures.

What are the health effects of Arsenic poisoning? The way arsenic harms our bodies is not fully known. Studies have not shown all the health problems caused by drinking contaminated water found in Michigan wells. Based on studies in other countries, long term exposure to high arsenic levels in drinking water has caused the following

health effects:

- Thickening and discoloration of the skin. Sometimes these changes can lead to skin cancers. These cancers can be cured if discovered early.

- Stomach pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

- Numbness in the hands and feet.

Some of these problems can be seen with other illnesses, which makes it difficult for a doctor to detect arsenic poisoning. If you or your family are worried about health problems caused by arsenic, see your doctor. You should also have your well water tested.

Can a medical test tell me how much Arsenic is in the body? Yes, there are several ways you can be tested for arsenic exposure. A urine test is a simple way to tell if you are being exposed to harmful levels of arsenic. However, this test will not tell you what type of arsenic is in your body. To get the most accurate urine test results, do not eat any fish or seafood for at least three

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New Eyes on Building

Welcome Scott Lenhart

By Dave Belcher,
Township Building Director

With all the new growth presenting itself in our Township, the necessity for additional expertise had become apparent. Our new Assistant Building Official, Scott Lenhart, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this new position. A State licensed builder since 1994, Scott also holds State issued licensing as a Building Inspector, Plan Examiner & Building Official along with Building Inspector certifications from the International Code Council.

Employed by Independence Township as a Building Inspector and Plan Examiner from 2005 to 2010, a downturn in the economy sent Scott to work in the private sector as the General Manager for a local steel manufacturing company. Most recently, Scott was employed by the City of Birmingham, Michigan as their Assistant Building Official responsible for both residential and commercial projects from the application process to final occupancy.

When the question of who would fill the Assistant Building Official position arose, the answer was obvious, therefore, it pleases me to welcome Scott back to the Independence Township Building Department. His vast knowledge, history in the Township and positive attitude promise to generate additional excitement toward our continued growth.



Scott Lenhart joins the Township Team

Assessment reinspections

By Stacey Bassi,
Director of Assessing

Several years ago, the State of Michigan issued guidelines for Assessors instructing them to annually reappraise 20 percent of the properties in a jurisdiction. Therefore, approximately every five years the entire jurisdiction would be inspected.

The reasoning is to assure properties are accurately assessed, which helps the Assessing Department when valuing properties. A good example of why this is important is if you have two identical homes, according to the assessing records and one of those homes sells. The home that sold, in this example, added a deck and air conditioning without a permit. This has increased the value of that home and is reflected in the sale price.

Since the Assessing Department is unaware of those improvements and they are not currently reflected in the property value, the higher sale price would reflect higher values within a subdivision in comparison to the assessed value. This would affect the value of other properties in that area. The Assessing Office strives to be as accurate as possible when establishing the property values within Independence Township and has had this program in place for a number of years.

The main question residents have regarding this process is if it will raise their taxes. To answer this, if there has been



Stacey Bassi,
Director of
Assessing

something done without a permit, then yes, you most likely will see an increase in your taxable value and ultimately your taxes.

Also, if you have demolished something on the property without a permit then it may decrease your taxable value, and taxes. There are certain things that will not increase your taxes, such as a new roof, windows, siding and anything that would be considered normal maintenance of your home. The Assessing Department will note it, but it does not affect your value.

When we select our reappraisal areas, we do so by looking at areas the Township Assessing Office has not been to in a very long time; areas where there are significant fluctuations in the current selling prices; and/or areas that we notice might have issues with the record cards presently on file.

Between April and October of each year, the Assessing Department will start sending a letter to residents of the properties we plan to inspect. This is a simple process, does not take long and we do not require residents to allow us into their home. We simply knock on the door, ask a few simple interior questions and then measure the exterior of the home.

If there is a fence on the property, we do enter, unless there is a lock. The Appraisers performing the reappraisal wear identification and drive pick-up trucks with the Township logo on the doors. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Township Assessing Office at 248-625-8114.

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If you've never heard of Relay for Life, it's a gathering of family, friends and community to honor, celebrate and remember those whose lives have been affected by cancer. This event honors survivors and their caregivers and works to raise awareness and advocate research for all forms of cancer.

We form teams to create ways to raise money for the American Cancer Society, who then use the money for cure research and cancer advocacy. Of course, we need your help!

First, mark your calendar and **Save the Date of Saturday, May 14** from Noon to Midnight for Relay for Life Clarkston.

We'll gather for the official walk, fundraising events, survivor celebration and luminaria ceremony. The day includes fun activities, music, silent auction, food trucks and tons of games. This is a great family event that you won't want to miss!

Next, please consider forming a team, joining a team or volunteering to help plan the event.

Contact Amy L for more information at 248-625-8223 or e-mail her at **amyl@indetwp.com**.

Burn permits

By Don Herbert,
Operations Lieutenant / Paramedic

Independence Township has an ordinance regarding the open burning of yard waste and has also recently instituted an ordinance restricting open burning in designated areas for documented medical reasons. The following is a general guideline for the two types of burning; Open Burning and Recreational Burning, and provides an overview of the Medically Restricted Burning ordinance.

Open Burning. *Open Burning is defined as the burning of yard waste, tree trimmings, paper, or scrap wood where the contents are burned in an open area, with the intent of eliminating the material.*

■ Open burning is allowed by permit only, which can be obtained at any of the three Independence Township Fire Stations or by going to our website online at www.IndependenceFire.us.

■ Open burning is allowed during the following times:

Summer Hours (April 1 thru November 31 - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

Winter Hours (December 1 thru March 31 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

All fires must be completely extinguished after hours (no smoldering).

■ Parcels of less than 3 acres must follow the burn date calendar on the permit. Parcels of more than 3 acres may burn on any day. **Regardless of acreage, weather "particularly wind" should be considered prior to burning to prevent fire spread.**

■ All Materials being burned must be from the site. No materials may be brought to the site for disposal.

■ Open burning shall be constantly attended by a person 14 years of age or older until the fire is extinguished.

■ A source of extinguishment shall be present and adequate during hours of burning.

■ No burning shall be permitted within 50' of any structure. Provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading.

■ No burning along roadways.

■ No flammable liquids shall be permitted to ignite the fire.(i.e. gasoline, kerosene, starter fluid, etc.)

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■ No burning shall be allowed on construction sites.

■ The size of the pile to be burned shall be no larger than 6' diameter.

■ Remember, burning is a privilege that may be revoked at any time. It shall be the option of the fire official that shall dictate the right to burn.

■ Burning violations may be subject to fines in accordance to Civil Infraction Penalty. First offense may be \$75.00, second offense \$150.00 and privileges revoked.

■ Acceptable Burn Items: Dry Leaves, Paper, Brush, Wood scraps.

Recreational Burning. *Recreational Burning is defined as the burning of seasoned wood in a manufactured device, specifically designed for the containment of the fire, with the intent of using the fire for cooking or social purposes.*

■ Recreational burning is allowed without permit.

■ A campfire is an example of a recreational burn.

■ A container designed for recreational burning must be used. (see examples)

■ Materials to be burned shall be consistent with firewood, or other seasoned

hard wood.

■ All recreational fires to be tended and extinguished completely when finished.

Medically Restricted Burning Ordinance

■ It shall be the policy of Independence Township to prohibit the issuance of any open burn permits, or revoke previously issued permits, within 400 feet of any residence whose occupants have a documented serious medical condition that is aggravated or triggered by the exposure to smoke from open burning, unless allowed under the provisions of this policy. The Independence Township Fire Department, as the issuing body for burn permits, shall adhere to this policy when issuing burn permits. This authority is already comprehended under Chapter 20, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III, Open

Burning, subsections 20-59(c)(6) and (d)(4)b, to prohibit burning in certain circumstances even after a permit has been issued.

SPECIAL NOTE: This new burn policy does not apply to or prohibit recreational fires in chimineas or fire pots

as long as the recreational fires are consistent with the examples.

■ Residents are required to submit documentation from a medical doctor to the Fire Department supporting the diagnosis of a medical condition that is serious and aggravated or triggered by exposure to smoke from open burning.

This evidence must be provided annually and will be kept on file with the Fire Department. After filing, all requests for open burning permits will be rejected except for the exemptions within the ordinance.

Burn permits may be renewed or obtained, and information on the medically based burn permit restrictions policy, can also be found by visiting www.IndTwp.com [DEPARTMENTS] [FIRE] [OPEN BURNING / BURN PERMITS], and choosing one of the options listed below the header. At the bottom of the web page there is also a link for a "How-To" guide for obtaining a burn permit through the online system.

You may also visit any of the three Independence Township fire stations to obtain a burn permit, or call 248-625-1924 with questions regarding any of the information above.

GOT CAMP?

Camp registration starts on Saturday, April 23 from 9am to 1pm for Independence Township Residents and those in the Clarkston School District.



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Keeping Taxpayer Funds Safe

By Paul Brown,
Township Treasurer

The Treasurer's Office collects taxes in the summer and winter each year. The summer taxes are collected for other taxing authorities, mostly for schools. The winter taxes are used to provide Township services such as Police and Fire, as well as Parks Recreation and Seniors programs, just to name a few. So if money collected is to be used for 12 months, how do we keep it safe and available until needed?

The millions of dollars collected each year belong to the residents of Independence Township until they are used for a public purpose. That makes keeping the money safe one of the primary duties of the Treasurer's Office.

There are two primary factors that control the investment/safeguarding of public funds. The first is Public Act 20 of 1943. This State law defines where public monies can be invested. It allows investments in bonds, securities, and other obligations of the United States of America. Also, certificates of deposits, savings or checking accounts of Michigan financial institutions. A few other options are bonds issued by state or local schools and communities that are rated as investment grade by one of the standard rating agencies. Another options is an investment pool like the one run by Oakland County.

If the investment isn't identified in Public Act 20, we cannot invest in it, plain and simple.

The second factor that controls the investing/safeguard-



Paul Brown,
Township
Treasurer

ing is the Investment Policy for Independence Township. The current policy was adopted by the Township Board in 2013 and gives further guidance to the Treasurer on investing by setting three primary priorities for investments as follows:

- 1) **Safety:** Safety of principal is the foremost objective.
- 2) **Liquidity:** The ability to access the funds as needed to meet our needs.
- 3) **Return on Investments:** Return on investment is always secondary to safety and liquidity.

As you might imagine, the return on investments is quite low as compared to what individual investor are earning, but we have significantly improved the return by cutting costs. For many years; the Treasurer's Office paid a management fee of approximately \$30,000 per year to a financial advisory firm to advise the Treasurer on investment strategy. Given that over 90% of our investments were in U.S. Treasuries, the safest investment on the planet, I questioned why we needed to pay for advice when Public Act 20 is so restrictive. After presenting all of this to the Township Board in 2013, I requested that we establish an Investment Advisory Committee of residents with investment and banking backgrounds who could assist in reviewing investment strategy. The Township Board agreed and we were able to eliminate the financial advisors and save \$30,000 each year.

Now that you have a basic understanding of the rules we follow for investing your tax dollars, next month we'll include the 2016 Frist Quarter Investment Report to help complete the picture.

May is Deck Safety Month

By Dave Belcher,
Township Building Director

With summer nearing the horizon we are all looking forward to spending our warm and sunny evenings enjoying family and friends out on our decks.

As you all know, the past few winter seasons have been especially harsh (some more than others) and may have done significant damage, possibly compromising the safety of a place you will spend much of your spare time. The North American Deck and Railing Association

(NADRA) have created a detailed explanation and checklist which can assist you with the review of your deck and the decision on whether maintenance will be necessary or not.

Here at the Building Department, we encourage everyone to visit www.nadra.org to view the Deck Evaluation Checklist, Deck Safety Tips, photos and more.

Please feel free to contact us directly at (248) 625-8111 with additional questions and/or concerns.



Building
Director,
Dave Belcher

Arsenic, continued

days before your test.

Who can test well water? The Health Division can give you a list of certified laboratories that will test for arsenic in your water. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Laboratory may also help.

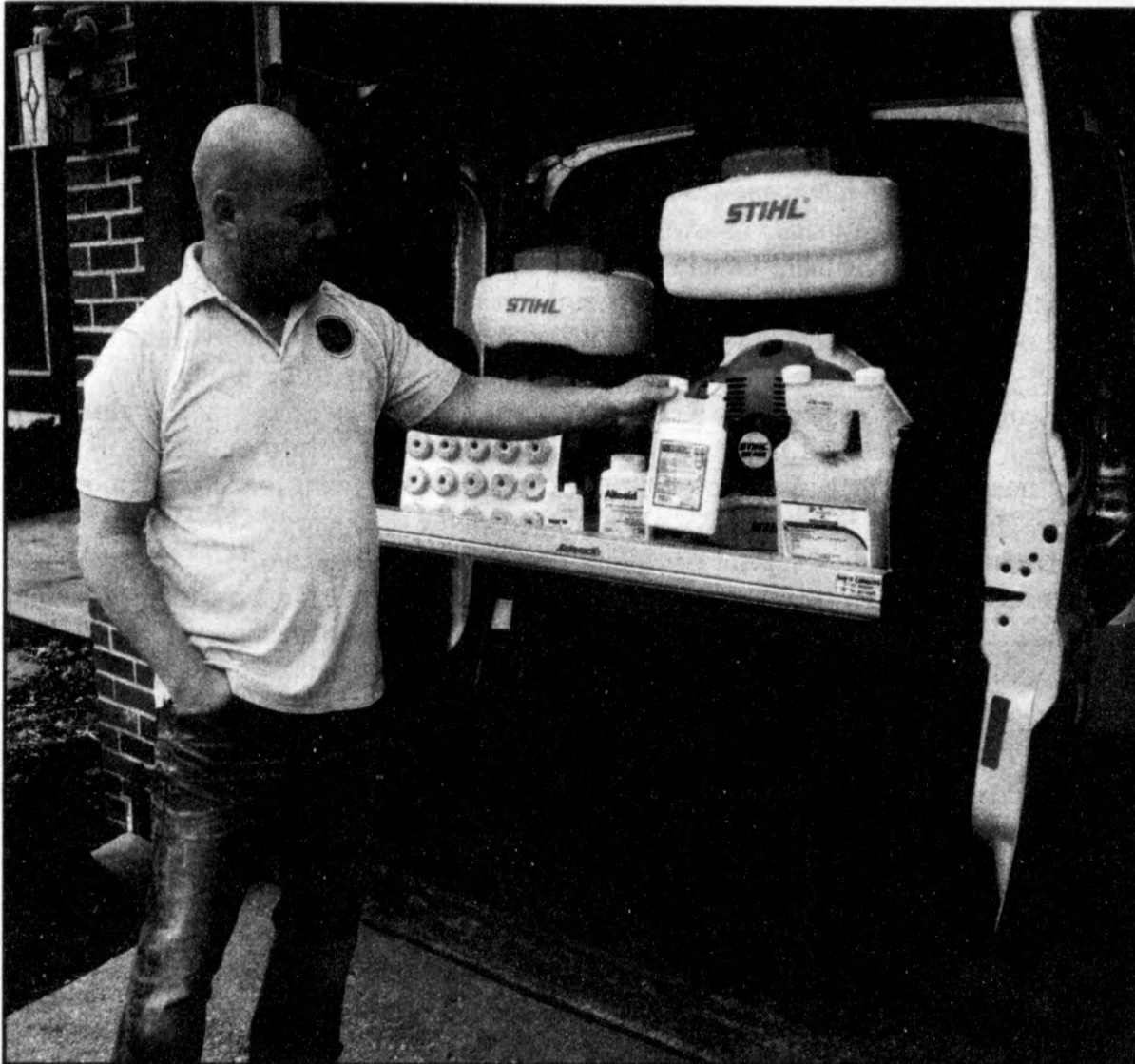
What should be done if there is an elevated amount of Arsenic in the well? Stop using your well water for drinking and cooking food. Use bottled water for these purposes. You may wish to have one or more additional water samples tested to confirm that

your water is above acceptable levels.

Consider connecting to a public water supply, if one is available. Another option is to drill a new well at a different depth, either deeper or more shallow. In some cases it may be possible to extend the existing casing deeper.

In-home water treatment devices are not a permanent solution and do require maintenance.

Google "ARSENIC IN WELL WATER" to learn more about arsenic and to find a local contractor to help you find the right solution for your residence.



BITING BUGS ARE COMING: With spring comes mosquito season, and Scott Johnson of Independence Township is busy gearing up his Mosquito Joe equipment for the fight. "It looks like it will be a pretty busy season," Johnson said. "Mosquitoes will be out early this year. We're already getting calls from people who have seen mosquitoes in their yard." Call 248-778-6923. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Arc award nomination for local advocate

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developmental disabilities.

"I'm honored to be nominated – it's humbling," Robert said. "There are many, many parents out there who deserve it more than I. But I do appreciate it very much. It gives me new fuel and motivation to continue to do what we do."

He is working to continue pioneers' work during the 1990s, advancing community-based settings like group homes rather than institutions.

"They weren't popular, but they were the

right thing to do, I believe," he said. "The advocates deserve so much credit for that."

The Whites' advocacy today focuses on community mental health services for aging adults, a fast-growing field.

"We're living longer," Robert said. "The IDD (Intellectual or Developmental Disability) population is living longer, too, leading to advanced diabetes, Alzheimer's, arthritis, and other health issues related to older age. Living longer is great, a wonderful outcome. But it takes whole new services, specialities, and funding to support those

costs."

The current autism rate is one in 60 adults, and one in 68 births, he said.

"We're not stopping that," he said. "They are going to age through the system. If we don't have not just local, but state and federal officials recognize that and the funding and broad scope of services needed, we're going to have a disadvantaged population who dearly needs our voice. We can't let that happen. That, in part, is why I do what I do."

IDD children receive special education and post secondary services up to age 26 in

Michigan. After that, they fall under Community Mental Health, where the focus is on employment and independence.

"More parents and guardians want their son or daughter to have a job in the community to be productive, and the son or daughter wants to be productive," Robert said. "There are so many tremendous outcomes in employment, self-worth, socialization, feeling productive – money can be almost secondary."

Robert also works with the Parent Alliance of Metro Detroit to help parents who have IDD children to become more effective advocates for them.

"There are very basic and general points out there surrounding policy and funding where parents and guardians can be very effective, often more effective than an agency or someone advocating on their behalf," he said. "We're going to age out of the system someday, and we hope Michael and Fred outlive us. If we can't be there every year during the budget cycle to advocate for funds and policy changes for a more sustainable environment, then someone else will have to do it."

Arc of Oakland County hosts its Award Presentation and Silent Auction on April 22 at the San Marino Club in Troy.

For more information, check "Parent Alliance of Metro Detroit" on Facebook.

Musicale USO party

Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac's Spring Fundraiser Chairman Nancy Kramarczyk of Clarkston invites the public to a "USO Party," 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, at the Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford.

The event will feature the 17-piece Stardusters Big Band.

While visiting with her 96-year-old uncle, World War II Army veteran Howard Parr, Kramarczyk discussed his experiences attending USO parties and how it helped the men forget the war for a short period of time.

Parr joined the service immediately after graduating from University of Michigan and served in the South Pacific. Parr's daughter, Miriam Moore, teaches music at the Clarkston Conservatory of Music.

Kramarczyk wants to recreate her uncle's memories with an evening of music from the war era, and Parr's recollections of coffee and donuts will be an important part of the event.

"If the music encourages some attendees to dance, that will be very acceptable," she said.

Admission is a \$20 donation. Reserve tickets at 248-391-6187.


Tuesday Musicale is affiliated with the National Federation of Music Clubs. Learn more at www.tuesdaymusicaleofgreaterpontiac.org.

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This is National Library Week

What's your
favorite thing
about the library?



"All the different events we hold. We're a place where the community can get together. Libraries of the future, I think, are going to be community centers." — James Pugh



"We get to check out any books we want and it's for free." — Matt Emmons



"The huge selection of current books, movies and magazines" — Kevin Emmons



"They offer a lot of convenient programs, like movie night and animal shows. They are welcoming and community oriented people who try to get to know everyone. The staff knows every one of my kids. It's just a great place to come as a family." — Sarah Hudson

By Trevor Keiser

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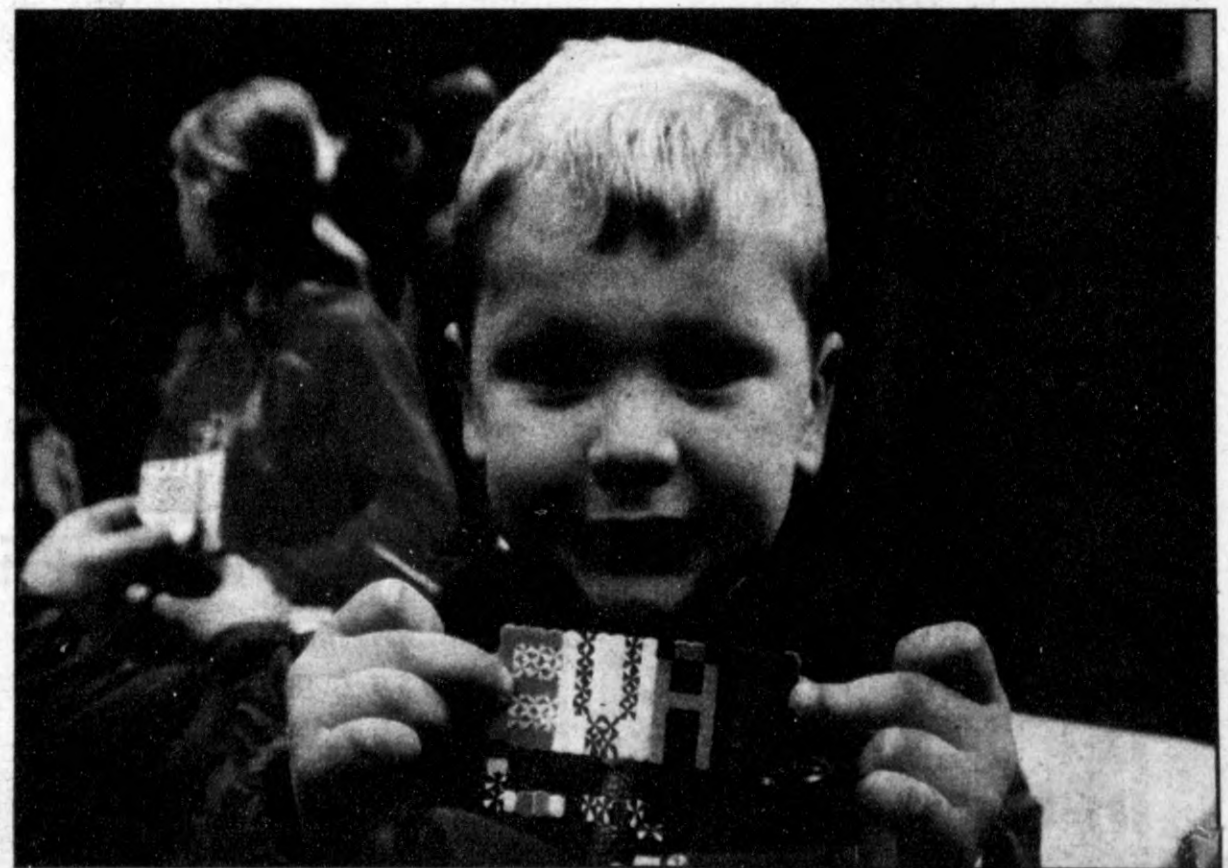
Addison Graves checks out the Minecraft men and tools she made with a 3D printer.

Spring break fun at library

Local students enjoyed their spring break at the Clarkston Independence District Library this past week.

The library hosted Maker Magic, an event where the kids, along with their parents, got to enjoy creating with Perlers beads, making duck calls, buttons, creations from a 3D printer, and getting their picture taken like they were on spring break vacation somewhere else. Destinations included Paris, the moon, the Millennium Falcon from Star Wars, and more.

Photos by Trevor Keiser



Evan Bohne proudly shows off his Perler creation name plate.

Events

Leukemia Cancer Fundraiser Cut-A-Thon, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., April 16, Terri King Salon, 6495 Sashabaw Road. Adults/\$20, children/\$10. Silent auction. All proceeds go to University of Michigan Mott's Children's Hospital. 248-623-5464.

Open house for Educatus International Exchange Students program, 5:30-7 p.m., April 20, Independence Township Fire Station #1, 6500 Citation Drive; 5:30-7 p.m., May 2, Clarkston library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 586-737-7069.

Bowling Fundraiser to benefit homeless animals with Canine Companions Rescue Center, 7-9 p.m., April 22, Cherry Hill North Lanes, 6697 Dixie Highway. \$20. 248-834-9419.

Open Daff Dinner Dance, for Helping Hearts Helping Hands, 6 p.m., April 22, Deer Lake Banquet Center. 248-980-5090.

An Evening of Elegance, Clarkston Optimists Club, 6 p.m., April 23, Pine Knob Golf and Banquet Center, 5580 Waldon Road. Dinner and entertainment. \$60, www.clarkstonoptimist.org.

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

Downton Abbey Charity Tea, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., May 7, Clarkston United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road, Fellowship Hall. \$35. 248-625-8240.

Clarkston Community Awards Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m., May 24, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. \$12. 248-625-1323.

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.

Around Town

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



SUMMER MUSICAL: Auditions for Clarkston Village Players Youth Theatre's Summer Production are May 15-16 at 6 p.m. at Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. This year, they are performing "The Music Man." Performance dates are July 20, 22-24, and 28-30. Rehearsals will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. Auditions are open to students ages 10-17, 18 for graduating seniors. Download forms at ClarkstonVillagePlayers.org. For your audition, prepare to sing one song a cappella and you will also be asked to read from the script, provided at auditions. Photo provided

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

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 Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Tuesday

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. April 19: "Sacrifice: How Much Would You Give for Someone You Love," short film "The Red House," depicting one woman's unexpected sacrifice that changed the course of a young girl's life in early 20th century China. Free. 810-694-9351.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m.,

April 19, Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Speaker: Nancy Boch, certified senior fitness instructor on the benefits of yoga. 248-625-0917.

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

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

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

Caregiver Support Group, Tuesdays, May 10 and June 14, 2 p.m., Carriage House; May 24 and June 28 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Guided by Dr. Thomas K. Stone. 248-625-8231.

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4,

First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Wednesday

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

Genealogical Research Individual, Wednesdays, April 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$10 per hour, with Dr. Thomas K. Stone. 248-625-8231.

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

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

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

TOPS 1093 Clarkston, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 248-673-5540.

Friday

Line dance class, Fridays, 2-4 p.m., Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Road. \$4, all levels. 248-682-9450.

Saturday

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

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Rainbow Magic Fairy Spa

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Middle School Writing Group

Tuesday, April 19 6-7:00 pm
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Tell Us About Your Travels

Wednesday, April 20 7:00 pm
We are a group of people who love to travel and enjoy sharing our experiences with others. Join us this month as we look back at some of our favorite destinations.

Religion

Events Preaching

Beyond the chocolate, flowers

By now the Easter lilies have dropped their blossoms, the chocolate bunnies have been eaten along with most of the rest of the candy, spring break has come to an end, and life is returning to normal. But there are things that have not changed.

First, the tomb is still empty. Maybe you have traveled to parts of the country where you were able to visit the tombs of some of our founding fathers. Many tributes are paid to people who served others, and to people who were seen as great.

If you were to travel to the Middle East they might take you to a place that they would declare as the tomb where Jesus's body was placed after His crucifixion. Is it the real tomb?

There is, at best, much speculation regarding this. We have no proof positive. Why? Because He rose from the dead, bursting the hold of death upon us, and paying the debt of our sin we could never have paid.

Second, Jesus is still ministering to His closest followers. He spent 40 days on earth after His resurrection teaching His followers. He also gave them a great promise. He promised that He would pour out the Holy Spirit on them.

The Holy Spirit would give them the very words they needed to speak as witness to the resurrection.

He also gave them the strength and confidence to live their faith at all times. No longer were they behind locked

doors.

Now they would stand before the authorities, religious and political, boldly proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah! Even after the Ascension into heaven, Jesus ministers to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Third, His Word has not changed. It is still being fulfilled. The eternal God we worship and serve does not change and neither does His Word.

He continues to prepare us through that Word to be witnesses for Him.

If you were to read through the entire Bible, cover to cover, you would find, first, how Jesus fulfills the prophecies of the Messiah and, second, of all the promises God has made in His Word there is only one He has yet to keep: Jesus will return to this earth and will judge all mankind, living and dead.

Only the faithful will join Him in an eternity of glory in heaven. It is not an entitlement program, but one paid by the suffering and death of Jesus. So, we can say...

Finally, His victory is our victory. When He died on the cross He died so all sin would be paid for. We call that universal, or objective, atonement. He died for all. At the same time, Jesus died for each of us, individually.

That is personal, or subjective, atonement. When He rose from the grave, He did so to proclaim His victory over death. It no longer has a hold on us or, as St. Paul writes, "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

The victory is ours! Keep celebrating.

The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Kendall Schaeffer

In our local churches...

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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.

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Death notices & Obituaries

Mariano T. Alesi, 93

Mariano T. Alesi, "Mike," formerly of Sterling Heights, passed away April 7, 2016, at age 93.

He was the husband of Paula (Amade) for 72 years; father of Michael (Hope) and Paul; "Non" to his grandchildren, Jason, Bryan (Debbie), James, Gina and Jennifer; great-grandfather of Amia and Tony; brother of Peter (Rita), the late Joe (Rose), Jim (the late Mary), Jerome (Rosetta), Virginia (Nick) Nichols; son of the late Mariano and Vita (Faraci) Alesi.

Mike served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was well known as a barber and orchestra leader playing the piano and accordion with his merry makers known as "Mike Alesi and his Orchestra."

Following his first retirement, he worked for Century 21 Real Estate, earning membership in the Million Dollar Club.

Mike was a long time member of the 7th Day Adventist Church, Troy.

The family thanks the staff as Sunrise of Troy and Gentiva Hospice for their kindness and helpfulness in his care.

Cemetery services with military honors will be held at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Find his online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Joseph J. Perry, 90

Joseph J. Perry, of Clarkston, born Nov. 28, 1925, passed away April 3, 2016.

He has resided in West Branch, Mich., for the last 40 years.

Joseph is survived by son Michael J. Perry and daughter Brenda Beckwith; grandchildren Melissa Kratz (husband Kyle), Josh Beckwith (wife Ronny), and Zach Beckwith; and four great grandchildren.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Kathleen Voelkle, 78

Kathleen Helen Voelkle (Armstrong) of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac and Waterford, passed away April 4, 2016, at age 78.

She was the loving mother of Suzanne (Barney) Arendsen; sister of Robert (Bonnie) Armstrong; aunt of Ann (Adam) Maddock; great aunt of Jonathan Maddock; preceded in death by her friend Shirley Richards.

Kathy was a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor's in child development and home economics.

She taught third grade in Holt, Mich., and Glen Burnie, Maryland, and was known as "Miss Kathy" while working at Clarkston Co-Op nursery school. She later was a counselor at Havenwyck Psychiatric Hospital. Kathy enjoyed antiques, genealogy and was a member of the Waterford Historical Society and the Waterford Senior Center.

Funeral Service was April 8 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral home**, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to the Waterford Historical Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Melinda G. Young, 49

Melinda G. Young of Midland, formerly of Farmington Hills and Clarkston, passed away at age 49, April 8, 2016, due to A.R.D.S.

She was the wife of John for 24 years; dedicated mother of Katie, Jonathan and Joseph; daughter of Betty (late Richard Reis) Queen; daughter in law of Evelyn (late John) Young; sister of Jim (Pat) Queen; sister in law of Suzanne Young; preceded in death by her father Calvin Queen.

Funeral service was April 12 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be used for her son's future care. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Kyle Hughes leads Team RUSH drivers into competition. Photo provided by Dale Schnepf

20 years with Team RUSH

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students in Team RUSH put the final touches on their robot as they got ready for their upcoming Michigan State Competition this week.

Each one of them know how special the program is to them and for others as Team RUSH celebrates their 20th anniversary this year.

"It is a big year for us," said Jason Richards, a junior in his second year with the team. "We are excited about it because we are going to go for it this year. We are hoping to go all the way in everything. It's a very fun game to watch because you have that defensive aspect but you can also see this teams just transversing these defenses so well and making these shots so fast."

Paul Dziepak was on Team RUSH during his senior year in 2002 when it was at OSMTech and said after the experience he wished he had joined sooner.

"There were two things that stuck out to me," he said. "The volunteers. It is a huge commitment to be apart of a robotics team and could not happen without them. They wanted us to learn and would encourage us to think outside of the box."

He added the second thing he liked was the competition was "out-engineering" their opponents.

"All teams are given the same task, or game, nationwide," Dziepak said. "We'd compete by coming up with the best way to accomplish the task. The competition was huge and we worked hard that year and made it to the national competition in Florida."

Teacher Kyle Hughes shared the came has changed a lot over the years.

"Everything has changed," she said. "It has gotten a lot harder - across the boards. The games are much more complex and the teams across the world are getting much more competitive."

She added student participation has also changed because students are busier than they were 20 years ago.

"When we started, there were only a few tournaments and it was really only six weeks long with a few weeks for competitions," she said. "Today, the tournaments start after the six weeks of build. We then have nine weeks of competitions. It has affected many of our

athletes. The students also come in waves of knowledge and expertise."

Hughes shared a few highlights from the past 20 years including winning their first Regional, 1999; National Woodie Flowers Award - Kyle Hughes, 2000; National Robot Quality Award, 2008; State Championship, 2014; and National Chairman's Award, 2014.

Clarkston Community Schools picked up the program in 2006 which was a big highlight for a lot of people.

"Nobody knew that we existed," said Hughes. "Now it is fun to ask kids if they have ever heard of Team RUSH. They are starting to say yes. This is very exciting to us."

During the 2006 Mentor's meeting they decided to go for the National Chairman's Award which they won eight years later.

"The other memorable moments are when I realize at a tournament how awesome our team is," she added. "From the incredible students who give their all to the returning mentors of which most are alumni, and they 'get it' and are volunteering their time for our kids. It is such a humbling experience."

They have also tried to put their name out in the community by working with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, running the Holiday Lights Parade and holding the annual RUSH Regatta, which fans enjoy coming out to watch cardboard and duct tape boats the teams have built to race on Deer Lake.

They lost their single sponsor in 2003 which they learned they needed to diversify their funding.

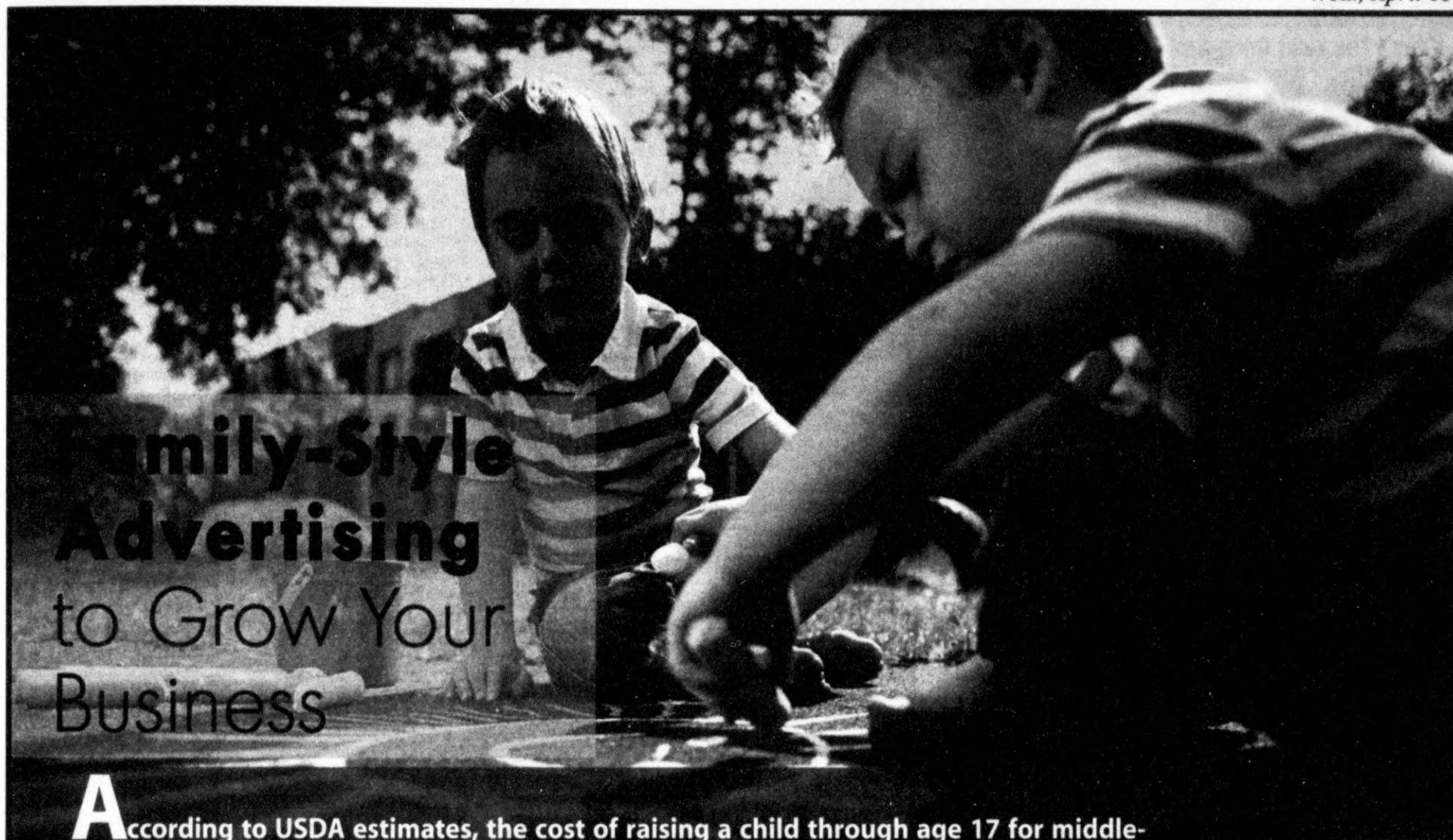
"This has brought us great fun, while trying to get the community involved with sponsorship. The community has been very supportive of this team and we are very grateful for their support and encouragement," Hughes said.

Team RUSH also gets younger students started early with FIRST Tech Challenge for the junior high and middle school level of robotics; FIRST Lego League for grades 4-6; and Junior FLL for grades Kindergarten - 3.

"We are very proud that we have know established robotics at the K-12 level in Clarkston," Hughes smiled.

For more information on Team RUSH including highlights, awards and robots from each year, please visit www.teamrush27.net.

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
APRIL 5, 2016

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:03 PM at Independence Township Hall.
B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given
C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Ritchie
Absent: Lohmeier, Schroeder
There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Wendy Hillman, Finance Director; David W. Gillam, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.
E. CLOSED SESSION: None
F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Aliaga

- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
1. REPORT: Supervisor's Update (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
a. Update: Maple Drive
b. Update: Active L.U.S.T. Sites
c. Update: Security System-Township Hall
J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
K. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016 and Special Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2016.
2. Approval of Payroll of March 25, 2016 and the Check Run of March 29, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$1,192,446.98
3. Approval of Budget Amendment #4 - Fleetmatics
4. Approval of Budget Amendment #4a - PEG Fees Springfield Township
5. Awarded Bid for 2016 Independence Fest Fireworks Display
6. Approval of Budget Amendment - Fire Department 2016 CIP Budget; Staff Vehicles
7. Approval of Budget Amendment - Fire Department 2016 CIP Budget - Tanker #2 Refurbishment

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
1. Approval of Agreement Regarding Retiree Health Care Funding - Charter Township of Independence and the Clarkston Independence District Library
2. Adoption of Resolutions to Establish Township Officers' Salaries
a. Township Supervisor
b. Township Clerk
c. Township Treasurer
d. Township Trustee
3. Appointment and Reappointment of Members to Boards & Committees - Safety Path Committee
N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
1. Report: 2015 Actual to Budget for Period Ending December 31, 2015
2. Communication: April 2016 - Fair Housing Month-County Executive Declaration
3. Communication: Habitat for Humanity - Letter of Appreciation

4. Communication: Care House of Oakland County - Thank You
5. Communication: Michigan Liquor Control Commission Alex's Market & Grill White Lake, LLC- New SDM License
6. Communication: Michigan Liquor Control Commission Alex's Market & Grill White Lake, LLC- Resort SDD License
7. Communication: Michigan Liquor Control Commission Alex's Market & Grill White Lake, LLC- New Transfer Ownership and Location of Class C License and New SDM License
O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Ritchie; Trustee Aliaga; Supervisor Kittle
P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

Estate of Mary Czechowski
By Personal Representative Jon B. Munger,
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Hon. Daniel Patrick O'Brien

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NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Judgement will be brought on for hearing before the Honorable Daniel Patrick O'Brien, Oakland County Circuit Judge, on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as council can be heard.
The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. You are not required to attend the hearing, but it is your privilege to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: March 22, 2016

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MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGEMENT

Plaintiff states in support of this motion:
Defendant was required to file an answer to the Complaint to Quiet Title by March 2, 2016, and has failed to do so. Default judgment under these circumstances is authorized by MCR 2.603.
Plaintiff requests the court to enter an order for default judgement pursuant to MCR 2.603.
Under Penalty of perjury, I declare that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: March 22, 2016

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

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TO ALL CREDITORS:
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Environmental toxins and the onset of ADHD

By Frank J. Granett R.ph.

The onset of Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) symptoms in adults as well as children may be caused by nutritional, physiological and environmental risk factors. The assessment of environmental toxins is critical during the evaluation process of ADHD.

The toxic environment assessment is especially important in the young child population prior to prematurely prescribing powerful ADHD stimulant drug therapy.

Decades ago, women were cautioned not to drink alcohol or smoke during pregnancy. In doing so, the possibility of giving birth to a healthy baby was very good. In today's America, this warning needs to be expanded.

Autism and ADHD have eclipsed epidemic rates. Additionally, neuro-behavioral conditions including depression are commonplace, with drug therapy as the primary treatment intervention.

Pregnant women should understand that many household toxins, in addition to alcohol and tobacco, are able to penetrate the placenta and adversely affect neuro-fetal protein synthesis which is critical to normal behavioral health after birth.

The Environmental Working Group in conjunction with the American Red Cross conducted a study assessing toxin levels in the umbilical cord blood of new born babies.

The results were alarming and signal a more comprehensive educational understanding of how common environmental toxins negatively affect brain development in the fetus.

Are You Thriving



A column by Frank Granett

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Leaky-gut conditions are a contributing health risk factor to the onset of ADHD as well as autism since neurotransmitter precursors are produced in the gut.

Pregnant women should consume only non-GMO foods while pregnant to reduce the health risk of neuro-behavioral conditions in their children after birth.

Could the increased environmental toxin exposure during neuro-fetal development explain the epidemic diagnosis rate of ADHD and autism? Numerous independent research studies validate the importance of reducing toxin exposure in the environment as well as food to reduce this alarming trend in America.

The question is, as Americans, do we have the will to hold those individuals and corporations accountable for producing toxins that directly impact the health and welfare of our next generation?

The American Epidemic: Solutions for Over-medicating Our Youth has additional information how to avoid GMO foods and develop a healthy focused mind without drug therapy.

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- Cosponsor **Friendly Forest** with the Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors Dept. for youngsters & their families under 10 years old.
- Build an **ice rink** for the community at Depot Park each winter.
- Sponsor an **Essay contest** and **Oratorical contest** each year for junior high and high school students with cash prizes and the winners go on to additional competitions.
- Sponsor **Field Day for SCAMPERS** and provide manpower and lunch.
- Sponsor **RESPECT FOR LAW** and transport student groups to Oakland County court for an observation each year.
- Provide four **\$1,000 scholarships** for graduating seniors in the community.
- Sponsor and volunteer for **Junior Optimist clubs** at Clarkston High School, Clarkston Junior High, Sashabaw Middle School, North Sashabaw, Independence, Springfield Plains and Andersonville Elementaries.
- Are the major volunteer sponsor with manpower for the **Clarkston Fourth of July** parade.
- Recognize a student from every Clarkston School that exemplifies the Optimist Creed with the help of teachers and principals and invite them to breakfast.
- Are recognized as **Boosters for the Renaissance High School** with a Christmas Elves Drive and Field Day lunch.
- Support the Clarkston Rotary Shoe Giveaway with **Opti Socks** for the kids who get new shoes.
- Support the **Community Art Connection** in Clarkston by helping place art in area businesses.
- Support **Art Camp** for students during the summer.
- Support **Writing Camps** for middle school students during the summer in Clarkston and at Oakland University.
- Cook and provide chili for the community **Shiver by the River** event in Depot Park in January.
- Join in the **Christmas Lights Parade** with a float and bring their brauts trailer to the Afterglow in Depot Park.
- Walk in the **Labor Day Parade** and give out pencils to the children.

Clarkston Optimists have distributed approximately \$250,000 in grants to organizations that support children in Clarkston.

Blessings in a Backpack

Andersonville Elementary Outdoor Track

Leader in Me at Pine Knob, Clarkston, North Sashabaw & Springfield Elementaries

Oscar the Horse at O.A.T.S.

Ryan Kennedy Playground

Donations to the CHS Girl's Lacrosse team, CHS Bowling Team & Clarkston Biking Team

Informational Books for all Clarkston District Elementary Classrooms

Future Problem Solving & Imagination Teams going to World Competitions

Clarkston Music Program Mobile Recording Studio

Senior Graduation Night

Clarkston Historical Society Children's Camp

Clarkston Junior High & Pine Knob Elementary Cultures of Thinking

Renaissance High School Culture Day & Gym equipment

Clarkston High School Gym Equipment for Fitness Room and Special Education

Science with Engineers Ground Water Contamination model

Clarkston Youth Assistance

Kids Standard Magazine

Everest Tutoring Program

Clarkston Youth Tennis Program

Clarkston HELP

Clarkston Elementary Mathematics Software

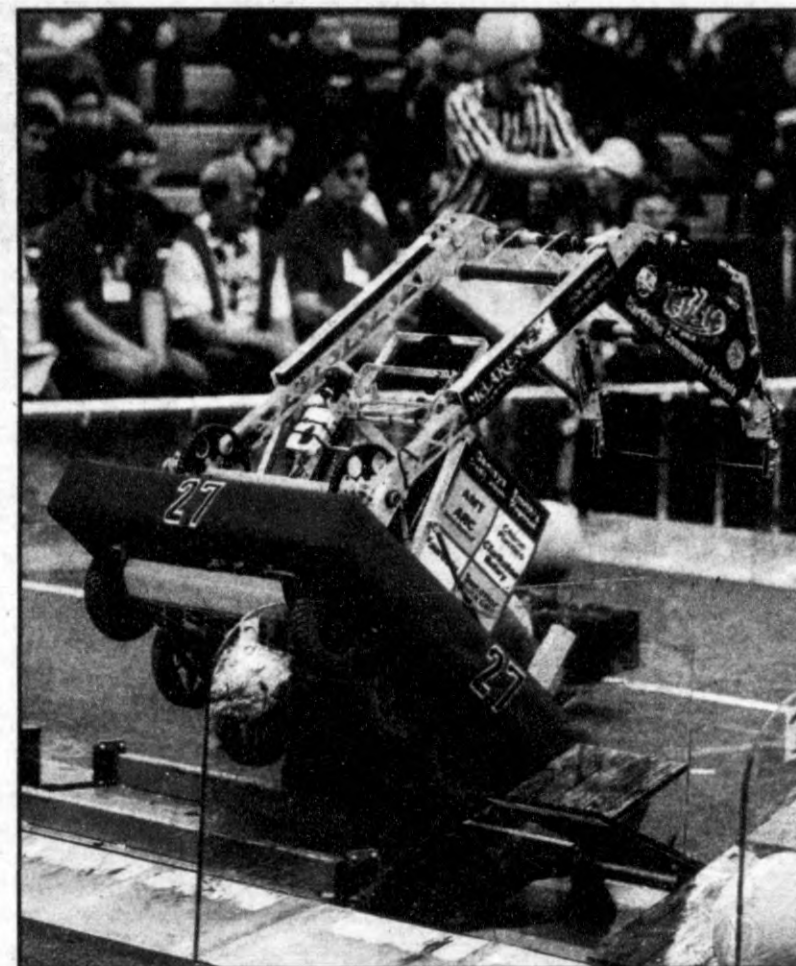
Deer Lake Beach \$75,000 for swimming lessons, beach repair, and lifeguards



The Team RUSH robot works on an objective of the robotics competition this year, to lob balls into the castle tower. Photo provided by Dale Schnepf



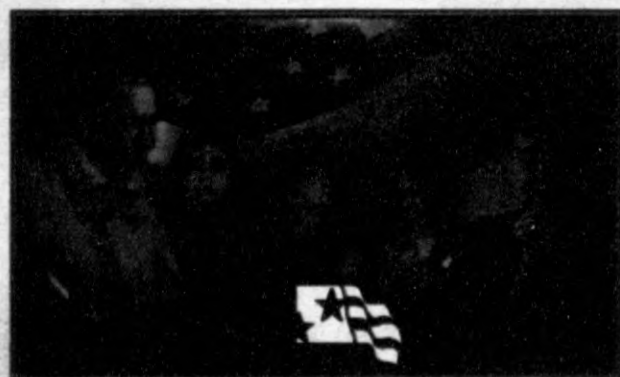
Team RUSH students prepare their robot for competition. Photos provided by Dale Schnepf



The RUSH robot roars into action.

Robot contest

Team RUSH took second place at the Woodhaven District event, April 9. The team, currently ranked ninth in the state, qualified for the state competition in Grand Rapids, starting April 13.



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