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Residents split on school bond

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For Clarkston school district resident Allen Lowe, the school board's decision to move forward with a \$75 million "no millage increase" bond is frustrating.

"I'm disappointed to see here that a lot of us were right — for what you were asking for (in 2012), you needed about 10 times as much and now we're getting to that number. But, once again, we're being held hostage," Lowe

said at Monday night's public hearing.

The public defeated a \$20 million bond proposal in May 2012, which would have funded technology and structural needs.

"I think the reason it was defeated was the technology and all the unknowns were bad," he said. "When that was voted down, I fully expected, if they were critical needs like roof leaking or something, there would have been a bond that November where the election would have been free. Yeah, I forgot

to mention the school paid \$30,000 to have a special vote that year."

If the district came back with a \$10 million dollar bond to "keep the lights on," Lowe said people like him probably would have voted for it.

"(But) 'we're keeping the lights on' is bundled with all the extras in technology," he added. "What about sinking fund? Why does the community always have to be

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Motorcyclist killed in head-on crash

John J. Cox, a 55-year-old Independence Township man, was killed when his 2013 Harley-Davidson XL883N motorcycle, crossed the center line and hit a westbound 2007 GMC Acadia, east on Clarkston Road near Lakeview Drive at 3:45 p.m., April 16.

The driver of the GMC, a 30-year-old Flushing woman, was wearing a seatbelt and her 1-year-old daughter had been properly restrained by a child seat.

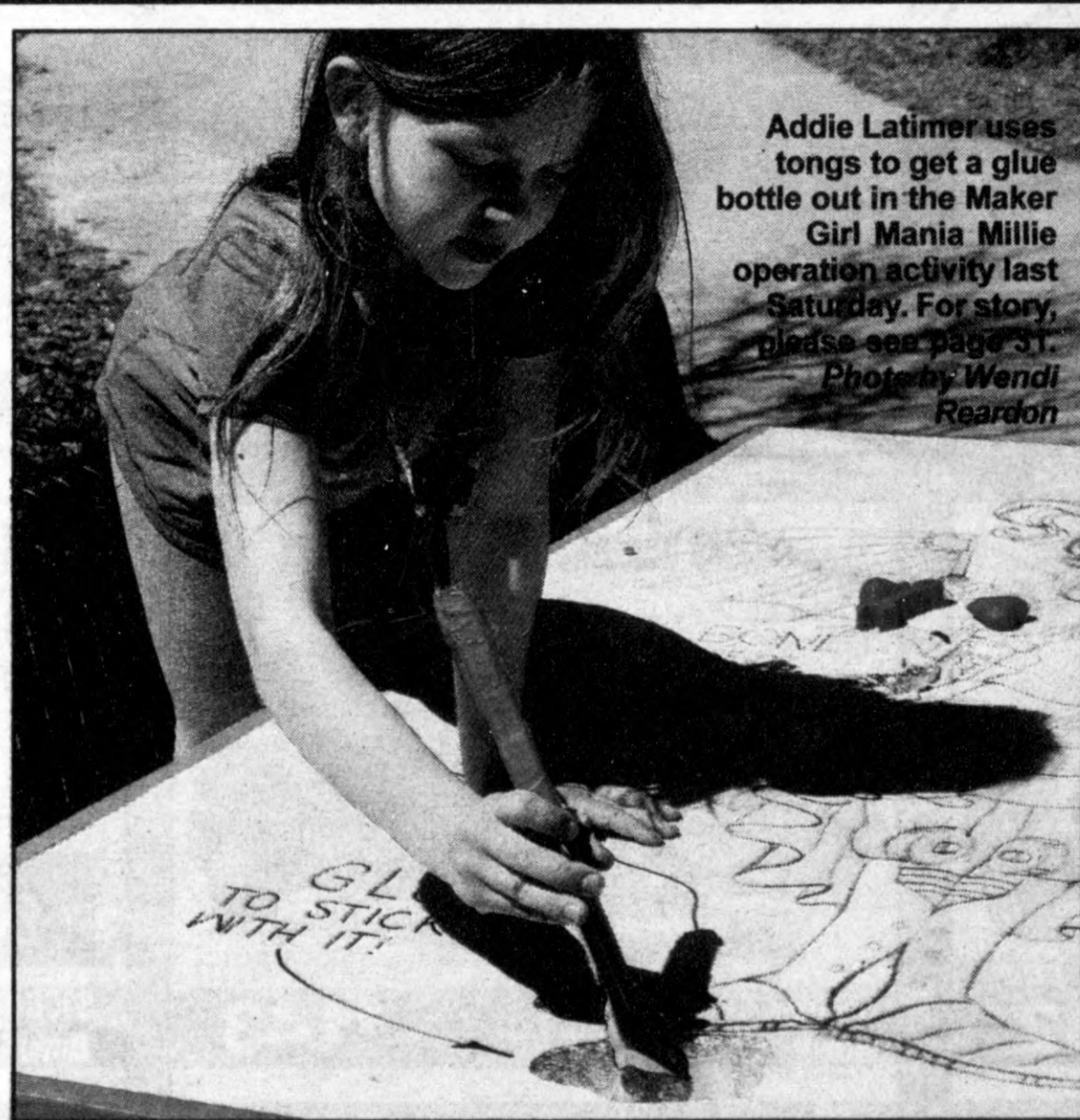
Both were treated at the scene by the Independence Township Fire Department and released.

Upon arrival, paramedics rendered aid to the driver of the motorcycle. Mr. Cox, who was wearing a helmet, was pronounced dead at the scene. The OCSO Crash Investigations Unit was requested and responded to the scene.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor and the crash remains under investigation by the OCSO Crash Reconstruction Unit.

The Crash Reconstruction Unit is assisting deputies from the Independence Township Substation with the investigation.

— Phil Custodio



Addie Latimer uses tongs to get a glue bottle out in the Maker Girl Mania Millie operation activity last Saturday. For story, please see page 31. Photo by Wendi Reardon

City hall, DPW site plan OK'd

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

An estimated \$400,000 DPW and city hall expansion project is out for bids after city council approved its site plan.

Council voted 4-3, Mayor Joe Luginski, and council members Michael Sabol, Eric Haven, and Sharron Catallo voting in favor, and Council members David Marsh, Al Avery, and Jason Kneisc voting against, April 11.

Kneisc said the proposed three-bay DPW garage clashed with the existing city hall in Depot Park.

"To me, it's not aesthetically pleasing," he said.

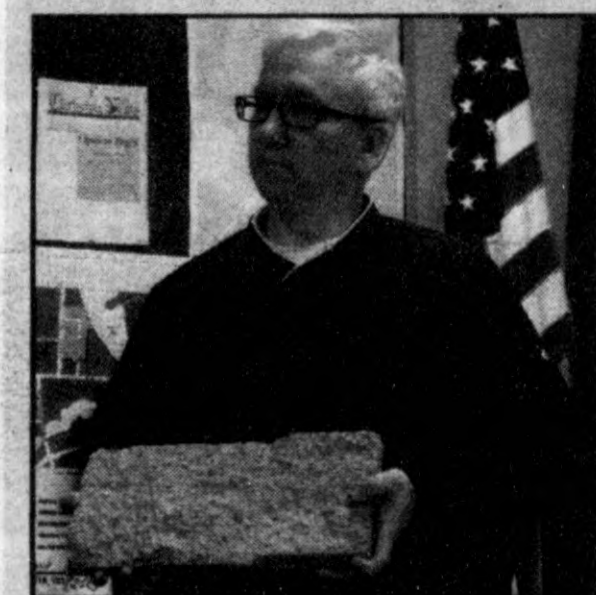
Catallo disagreed, saying downtown Clarkston has several building styles side by side.

"Look at the old gas station, Morgan's, next to dentist office, the oldest building in town — it works," she said. "They're going to fit together better than you think."

Luginski said site plan approval does not lock in the design.

"This is just the site plan approval to go out to bid," the mayor said.

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Clarkston City Council member Al Avery displays material proposed for the DPW, city hall expansion project. Photo by Phil Custodio

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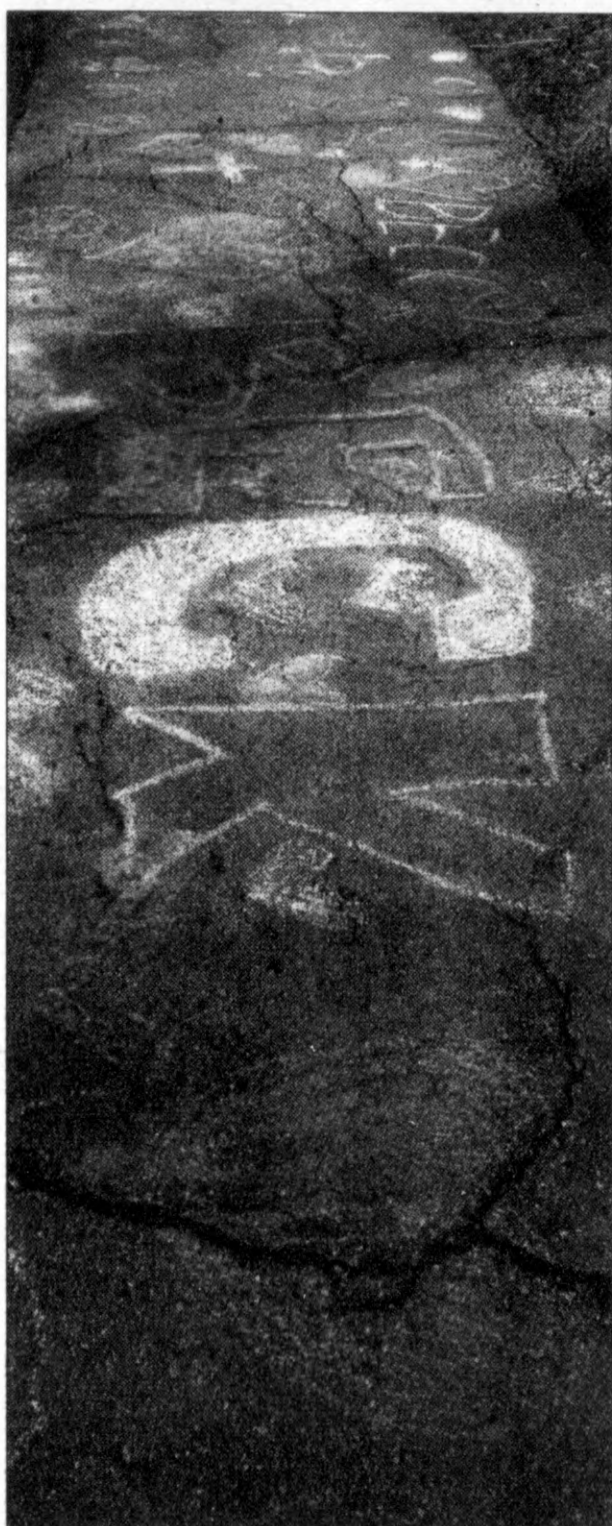
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A shower of support

Candle light vigil in Depot Park shows love for Myers family

Last week many in the community were shocked and saddened when they learned news that little Beck James Myers, 4, of Clarkston passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 10, 2016. And, in the days that followed the sad news, friends and relations gathered around the Ben and Vanessa Myers family, physically, emotionally and financially.

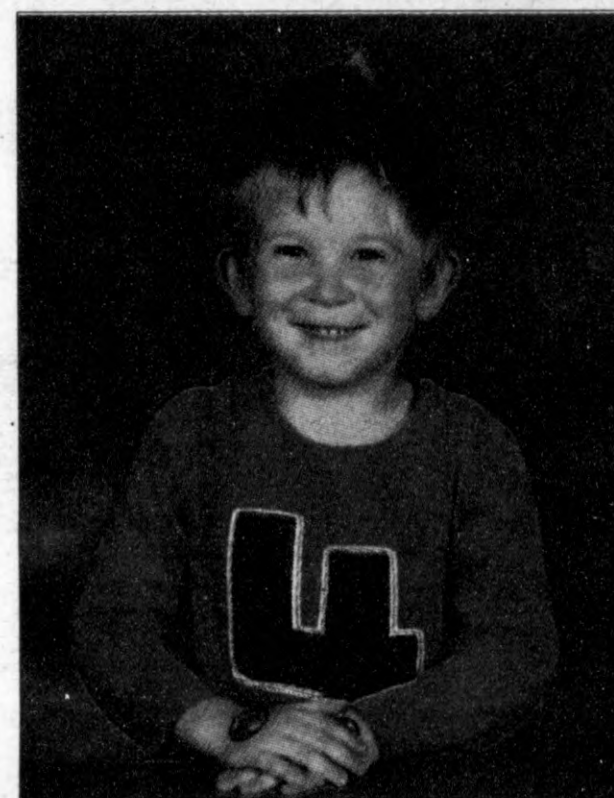
A day after his death, Myers family friend Michelle Krawczak set up a GoFundMe account for donations. In seven days nearly \$22,000 was raised for the Myers family. Krawczak also help arrange a Candle Light Vigil for Beck in Clarkston's Depot Park, last Wednesday (April 13).

At the vigil, Krawczak said she met Beck

at the Funshine preschool where her son, Benjamin, attends.

"I was told by the teacher the pair didn't do anything related to school because they played with cars. The cars were taken away then they went to dinosaurs. Beck and Benjamin were always together," she told the nearly 100 gathered in Depot Park. "Vanessa and I would watch them run up and down the hill after preschool."

As the shadows of the day grew longer, Ben and Vanessa walked over the sidewalk leading to the park that was covered with chalk drawings and messages of love and support for them and their son. After they



Beck Myers

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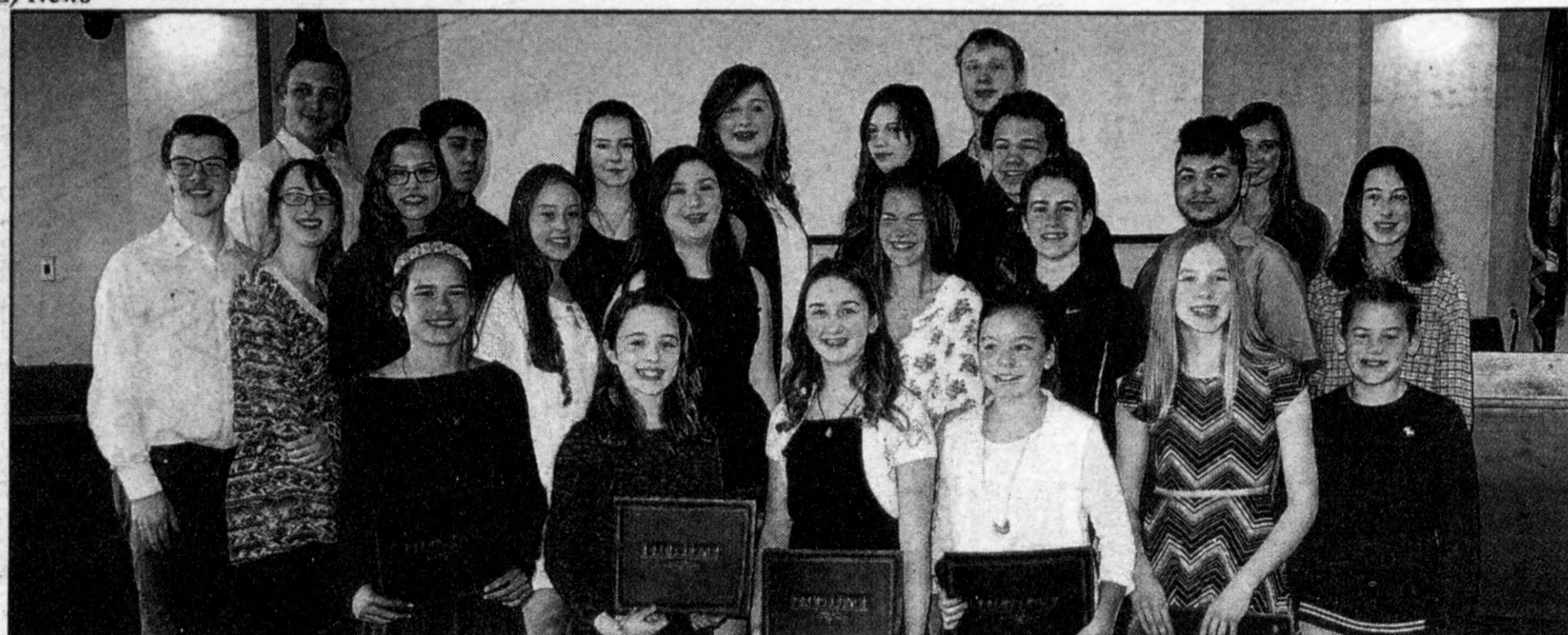
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Students in the performing and visual arts were honored by Clarkston Foundation with awards. Photo by Phil Custodio

Student artists honored with recognition awards

Clarkston Foundation for Public Education honored young artists with Student Recognition Awards in Performing Arts and Visual Arts, April 15.

"I really admire you for all the imagination and all the time you spend on your craft," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "The skills you learn will help you academically and in life."

State Rep. Jim Tedder said he appreciates the students' intrinsic motivation on display in their artwork.

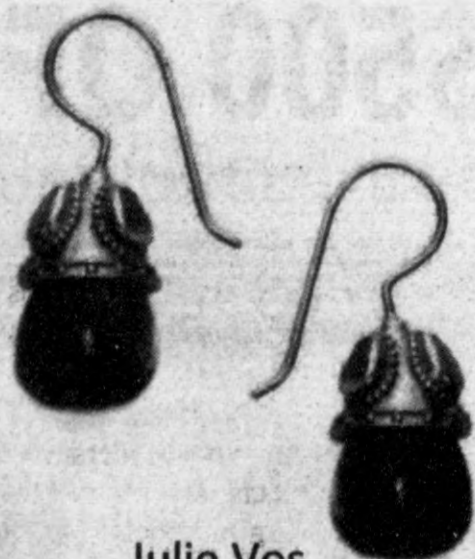
Performing Arts Award winners included students **Charlie Lussenhop** and **Maureen Stewart**, 10th grade; **Evan Maconochie** and **Stephanie Sowers**, 11th grade; **Amanda Beaune** and **Matthew Hart**, 12th grade; **Lauren Pletcher** and **Samantha Stanek**, eighth grade; **Evan Hall** and **Benjamin Neideck**, ninth grade; **Allison Brakke** and **Emma Woodworth**, sixth grade; and **Nathaniel Fender** and **Lauren Gothard**, seventh grade.

Receiving Visual Arts Awards were **Kristen Lucero** and **Olivia Plochocki**, 10th grade; **Olivia Groff** and **Caymen McDaniel**, 11th grade; **Emily Grush** and **Korey Luebbert**, 12th grade; **Makiyah Jackson** and **Martin Roe**, eighth grade; **Sierra Aguilar** and **Alexandra Simofi-Ilyes**, ninth grade; **Carson Keilitz** and **Melody Lebert**, sixth grade; and **Nathaniel Fender** and **Samantha Moyet**, seventh grade.

— Phil Custodio



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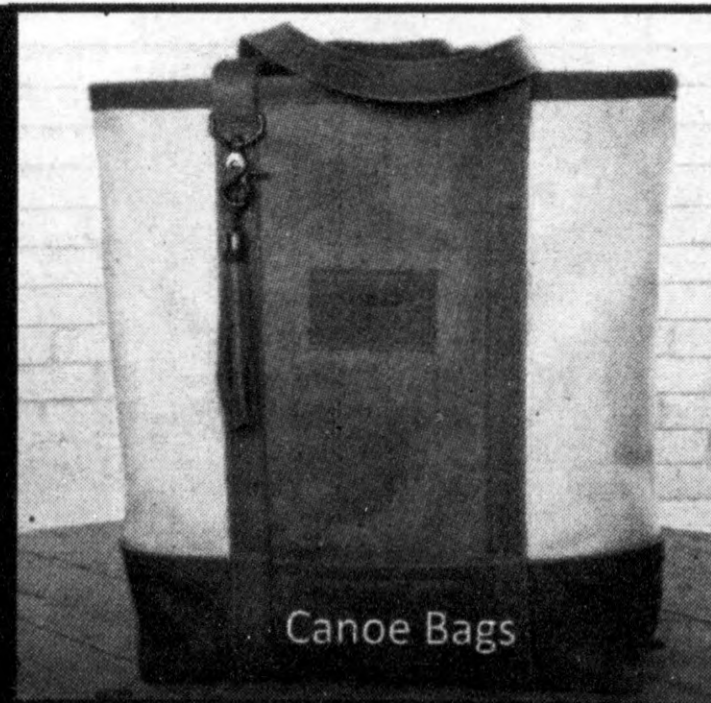
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Council nixes permit plan

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

City Council rejected a proposal by City Manager Carol Eberhardt to extend special-event permit requirements to private property.

"I think it's too much," said Mayor Joe Luginski at the April 11 meeting. "I host a Christmas party at my house every year for the historical society. Would I need a permit for that every year?"

The proposal would have required residents to obtain a permit from the city for special events on private as well as public property. Current regulations require permits for events on city or other public property, such as roads and parks.

The council voted 4-3 against a motion to refer the proposal to the city Ordinance Committee, which includes Luginski and Council member Michael Sabol.

Eberhardt said the revision was intended to make sure an event, even though not on city property, follows all the rules regarding liability to the city.

"What we are finding is sometimes the city does not know there are events in the city," she said. "It's simply to ensure liability to the city is minimized."

An example is the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Food Truck Rally on May 20 in the Clarkston Mills Mall parking lot, 20 W. Washington Street, Eberhardt said.

The proposal defines "special event" as "any organized assemblage of persons in any public or private location which is to gather for a common purpose," Sabol pointed out.

"I can't have a party at my house — that is exactly what that's saying, unless I come though you," he said.

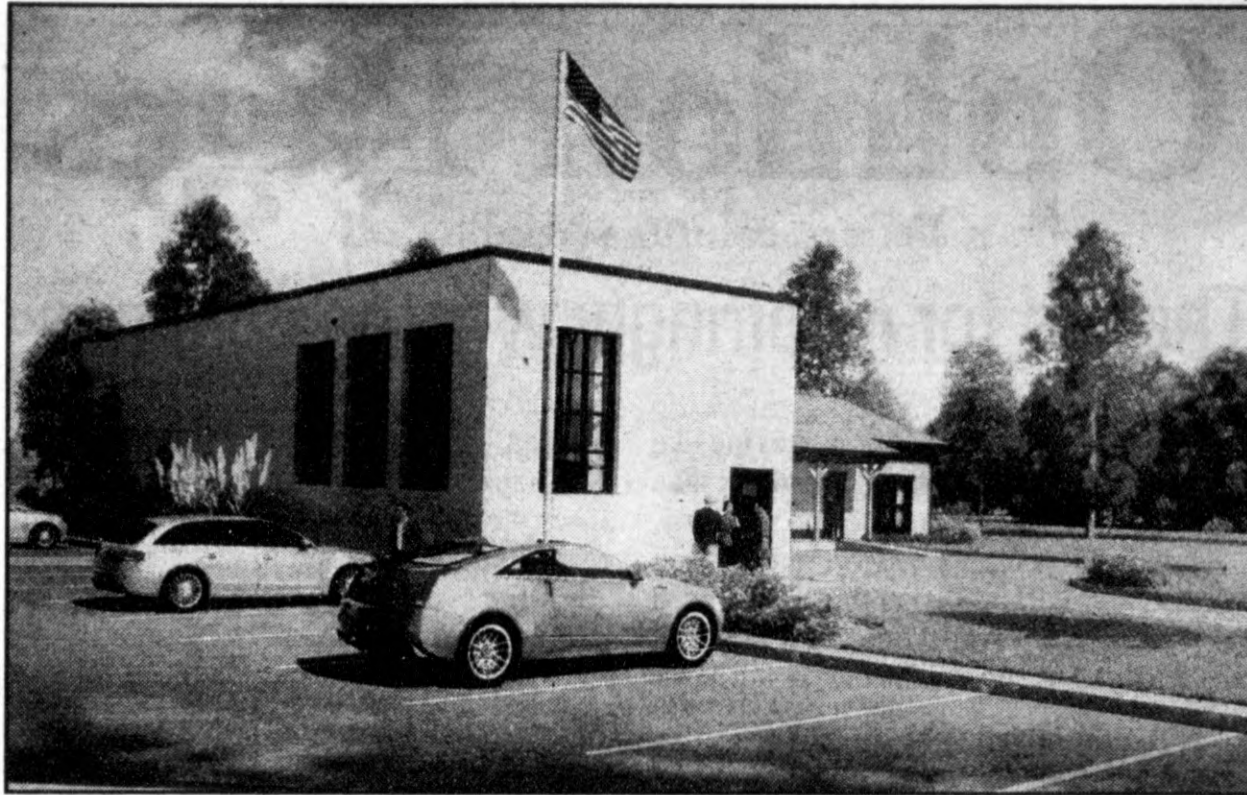
"To me, this seems way overreaching," said Council member Al Avery.

"I think what Carol meant to say was this is just designated for the Clarkston Mills property," said Bob Roth, one of the property owners.

Council member David Marsh asked how the city could be liable for activities on private property.

"If something spills over, it could implicate the city — maybe it won't," said city attorney Tom Ryan.

Catallo made a motion to refer it to the Ordinance Committee. Luginski, Avery, Marsh, and Council member Jason Kneisc voted against the motion. Catallo, Haven, and Sabol voted "yes." Sabol made a motion to refer a copy to himself for review. This was also defeated, 4-3. Avery, Kneisc, Luginski, Marsh, voted "no."



An artist's rendition of the expansion proposal. File photo

Bids for project due in mid May

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Sabol agreed.

"We have said it ad nauseam and yet people continue to assume it is a foregone conclusion," he said. "From my standpoint it is absolutely not. I've been saying it for two years — I need the costs before I make my decision."

Resident Karen Eckert was resigned to the project moving forward.

"You're going to do a meeting room, in six months or a year," Eckert said.

Architect James Renaud said the site plan is unchanged since last October, when council was presented with three options.

"It's the same design you saw back in February when you had the townhall meeting," Renaud said.

City council approved paying \$23,000 in architectural and design fees to the architect for the plan, which calls for a three-bay, 2,000-square-foot addition to the north side of city hall.

As approved by Clarkston Historic District Commission, the design matches the "community context" of the area, Renaud said.

"The Mills, the original industrial buildings in the area from the 1930s and 1940s, with tall windows, black frames, metal industrial type building — that's where the context came from," he said.

A project cost estimate in November was \$335,785. A loan analysis estimated total costs with interest at \$442,547.

Options included in the plan include different exterior materials and renovation of an existing garage bay into meeting, office, and bathroom facilities.

Catallo said the project should include the interior renovation work.

"Honestly, we sort of need a meeting room, a place where the community can hold their own meetings if they want to," she said. "I find it terribly uncomfortable. It isn't

fair at all. It's not very professional and not very pleasant. If we have an opportunity to recapture a bay and use it to be able to offer to the public, we should."

Speaking during public comment, resident Bob Huth said he is concerned with safety for children using the park as DPW trucks enter and leave the enlarged facility.

"The traffic in and out of the building, with all the vehicles housed here," Huth said. "I don't like the plan. I think there are other ways to look at it."

He also called for more engineering information to be made available to the council and public for review.

Resident Steven Percival said the city should consider ways to raise funds to improve the addition's appearance.

"I'd like to look at something a little more pleasing to the eye, especially looking onto the park," Percival said. "We want it to look appropriate."

Avery said there has been a lot of discussion in the community from those who don't like the look of the building, but Mayor Luginski said to keep it in perspective.

"It's 6-10 people — a handful of people who come every week," he said. "We haven't heard from anyone else."

A petition to stop a city hall construction project last July collected 116 signatures.

With a three week bidding period, bids are due back by about May 10.

Luginski said they can schedule a special meeting to open the bids and possibly approve the project on May 16. City council can schedule the bid approval meeting at its next meeting on April 25.

Sabol said they should schedule it for a regular meeting.

"We need to keep it to the schedule," he said. "If we don't, it will look like we're trying to do something separately. I don't think there's urgency in that need."

Briefly

Rummage sale

The Clarkston American Legion Post 63 Auxiliary and Legionnaires are hosting their annual Rummage Sale during the M-15 Heritage Route Garage Sales, Friday, May 6, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

All proceeds are used to support veterans' programs. Donation receipts are available upon request. Donations can be dropped off at the post.

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The post is located on M-15, north of I-75 at 8047 Ortonville Rd, Clarkston..

Veterans' celebration

Independence Township Senior Community Center hosts the sixth annual Veterans Recognition Celebration, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., July 4, during Independence Fest at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road.

The event includes a Veterans Ceremony from 2-3 p.m., entertainment, military displays in Bartsch Hall from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., vehicles, and vendors.

There is no cost to display a vehicle or be a military service display vender.

All veterans are invited to join the VIP list, with parking pass and food voucher for lunch, served 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call 248-625-8231

Wine tasting

Clarkston Rotary's Michigan Spring Wine Tasting & Buying, will be on Thursday, May 19, from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at Fountains Golf & Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road in Clarkston. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$50 at the door.

The night will feature wine samplings from six select award Michigan wineries and appetizers and desserts catered by the Fountains. Wines will be available for purchase by the bottle.

Drop box and silent auction items will be available, as well as a 50/50 cash drawing. Valet parking will also be provided.

This is one of the club's largest fund raising event of the year and helps fund community service activities, including the Clarkston Labor Day parade, a SCAMP picnic, Renaissance High School scholarships, a youth leadership weekend, park projects, and many other activities. E-mail mindyjoel@aol.com for more information.

Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Chalktown days

I am slowly cleaning out my father's house, bit by bit, it is getting done. With the warm weather I find myself reflecting on days of my youth in the house I grew up.

Our driveway was just long enough for three vehicles to park. It was a good length for riding a bicycle when I didn't venture into the subdivision behind our house.

The driveway served as a blank canvas for not only myself but my two neighbors, Little Megan and Big Megan (for height reasons.)

My house sat in between their houses so my house was usually the popular spot to hang out when all three of us were home.



When it was nice out and we felt like riding bicycles it was time to get out the sidewalk chalk.

With it we created a sidewalk town on the driveway complete with two-lane roads and traffic signals. We also had roads turning off in different directions leading to businesses, also outlined in chalk. We drew out a gas station, complete with gas pumps to fuel our bicycles as well as parking spaces.

During hot days we were raiding the freezer to see what sweet treats we could find - usually pushpops, popsicles, or drumsticks. Then, we ate them in the front or back yard and tried not to let them melt in our hands.

If it got too hot we would head down to the basement, a cool spot on any day. A wall ran down the middle of the basement and split it into my dad's workshop and my mom's craftroom. The main portion had a bar which really homed books and served as a spot to play restaurant. The books worked as entrees.

But close to the stairs was my own corner with shelves of toys but mostly belongings for Mattel's popular doll, Barbie. Yes, I was a Barbie girl and so were Little Megan and Big Megan. Today all of our Barbie items are packed up in storage waiting for our daughters. It's funny because we all had boys (well, Little Megan is having a boy this summer.) The Seymour girls are all grown up.

I continue to clean out my dad's house. Maybe the next buyer will be a family with a child who will sneak extra reading under their blanket after bedtime like I did or watch the storms roll in from the west from the bedroom window.

Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Thanks for inspiring written columns

Dear Don Rush,

I, for one, think this is what makes me like you, as a writer and a person. You don't take yourself, or anything you write, too seriously.

Hopefully your honesty, humanity and compassion will rub off on those who need it. Especially those who are so easily offended by something as silly as whether or not Jesus

pooped ("Why yes, indeed, I believe Jesus pooped," April 13).

Thanks for being an inspiration (even when it makes you a target) to everyone who reads your column and thinks "Hey, if Don can write every week, maybe I can, too."

The world needs you.

Pam Belding

Friends, family share stories of Beck

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made their way to the gazebo, one little boy came up and wrapped his arms around Vanessa's legs and she leaned down to hug him.

Then, more of the children came up and hugged her before the adults followed suit.

Some of Beck's playmates told stories on how they loved playing with him. Then a few adults shared their admiration for Myers family -- how it is "magical how they are with their children," "they never get mad," "there would be glitter and paint all over the house and it was okay as long as they were creative," and "Love the family's whole spirit."

Before leaving, Vanessa thanked the supporters, expressing the family's shock and sadness. "I loved being Beck's mom. I

wish I could hold him still. I loved being with him -- splashing through puddles, playing in the dirt. He loved everyone."

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Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home here in Clarkston, on Friday, April 15.

Beck passed on Sunday morning (April 10) after suffering "flu-like" symptoms since the previous Friday evening. Examinations after deemed his death was caused by a congenital gastrointestinal anomaly.

Beck is survived by his parents, Benjamin and Vanessa and his older sister Milana as well as his grandparents, James and Eileen Myers and his special buddy, Ginger The Cat.

He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, friends and pets.



A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Planning commission oks Liberty Golf and Banquet" The final site plan approval was given to Liberty Golf and Banquet for a clubhouse facility with pro shop and restaurant on Maybee Road with a 4-0 vote from the Independence Township Planning Commission.

"Clarkston seniors get computer savvy" It was a digital world and a cellular world filled with RAMs, bytes and ROMs and senior citizens were trying their hands at computers with a four-week beginners class through Clarkston Community Education.

"Gebus, Messi help track team with opener" The Clarkston Boys Track team had plenty of athletes finish first in their respective events as well as second and third place finishers to help the Wolves win their meets against Rochester and Rochester Adams.

25 years ago - 1991

"Bacteria forces water shut-off" Higher-than-normal bacteria levels were found during a routine water check by the Oakland County Health Department at Clarkston High School. It prompted officials to shut wells at the building.

"Winning a cool grand" Independence Township resident Christopher Palmer won \$10,000 through a raffle at Marian High School in Birmingham. Christopher's sister, Melissa, sold him the ticket and earned \$500 for selling the winning ticket.

"Mercy, mercy" The Clarkston Varsity Softball team mercied Pontiac Northern twice in their double header. They beat them 12-0 and 14-0, which put them at four consecutive wins to the start of the season.

50 years ago - 1966

"Book reveals Clarkston setter of early Michigan trout hatchery" In the book "Recollections of My Fifty Years Hunting and Fishing," author William B. Mershon wrote N.W. Clark of Clarkston was probably the first person to privately hatch and plant brook trout fry in the state.

"Clarkston racer at fairgrounds" Marv Hubbard was at the opening day at the State Fairgrounds Super Stock circling the track in a care he has not only been racing for three years but also built himself in the Sportsmans class.

"Local news" Mr. and Mrs. U Edward Aldmore visited Detroit over the weekend where they enjoyed dining out and seeing places of interest.

Picking apart some ads

Some Comments about Advertising

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Who names health products? You know those that seem unpronounceable.

I know a man who makes medicines. He says medicine names are not necessarily science related, but may even have a lab worker's name in it. Interesting.

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As I just said, so many drug names are unpronounceable yet the maker often tells you to ask your doctor to prescribe it to you. How can I do that if I can't say it?

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford seems to have the same vision as a mole in a hole, or a damn short memory of plays.

In my growing up days, I knew all the Lions, Packers, and Bears.

* * *

Did this past season set a record for holiday begging? Money for charities (which may have been spent asking for

more money). With the pattern set, I expect requests to increase in 2016.

Many are lost enroute to the bottom.

I'm a war veteran, and I get a disability pension. But, with so many scandals in the Veteran's Administration of unearned bonuses being awarded and stories of career employees in the VA stealing money, I'm wondering if the VA has much oversight. Ah, the VA is just another Washington-as-usual program.

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Dirty feet, no guarantees and love

The past week was one for reflecting, sharing loss, and for sending love through time and space to those who need.

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A Clarkston family lost their little four-year-old child. Suddenly he was gone. Their lives forever changed. Sadness. Anger. It ain't fair. Numbness. The little guy was a bundle of energy, inquisitiveness, with a twinkle in his eyes all bound together with a smile that was both genuine and infectious.

There is really nothing that anyone can do to make it "right." But, it was heartwarming, all the same, to see people come together and try to make things a little bit better. From a far I watched a candlelight vigil and watched a community of friends take this grieving family in their arms. Adults hugging high, kids hugging legs.

The little boy was truly loved by his family and he truly shared that love with all those he met.

There are no guarantees, I reckon. Today, after you read this, stop. Count your blessings. Turn off your computer, TV, radio, or other gadgetry. If you live with your family hug each and everyone of them. Let them know you love them. If you live alone, call someone you love and let them know you do. Be in the moment.

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Growing up my dad always made me cringe when he'd say, "I am not going to be around forever . . ." or, "One day you are going to wake up and I will be dead . . ." and then follow up with discussions (albeit one-sided) of things he thought I needed to know and think about if I were to become a good man as an adult.

I think my boys cringe when I say the same sorts of things to them.

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Recently ran across a poem or essay (?) by David Whyte called "Hiding." I think it speaks to contemporary life and I found it both timely and intriguing. It goes like this:

HIDING is a way of staying alive. Hiding is a way of holding ourselves until we are ready to come into the light. Even hiding the truth from ourselves can be a way to come to what we need in our own necessary time. Hiding is one of the brilliant and virtuoso practices of almost every part of the natural world: the protective quiet of an icy northern landscape, the held bud of a future summer rose, the snow bound internal pulse of the hibernating bear.

Hiding is underestimated. We are hidden by life in our mother's womb until we grow and ready ourselves for our first appearance in the lighted world; to appear too early in that world is to find ourselves with the immediate necessity for outside intensive care.

Hiding done properly is the internal faithful promise for a proper future emergence, as embryos, as children or even as emerging adults in retreat from the names that have caught us and imprisoned us, often in ways where we have been too easily seen and too easily named.

We live in a time of the dissected soul, the immediate disclosure; our thoughts, imaginings and longings exposed to the light too much, too early and too often, our best qualities squeezed too soon into a world already awash with too easily articulated ideas that oppress our sense of self and our sense of others. What is real is almost always to begin with, hidden, and does not want to be understood by the part of our mind that mistakenly thinks it knows what is happening. What is precious inside us does not care to be known by the mind in ways that diminish its presence.

Hiding is an act of freedom from the misunderstanding of others, especially in the enclosing world of oppressive

secret government and private entities, attempting to name us, to anticipate us, to leave us with no place to hide and grow in ways unmanaged by a creeping necessity for absolute naming, absolute tracking and absolute control. Hiding is a bid for independence, from others, from mistaken ideas we have about our selves, from an oppressive and mistaken wish to keep us completely safe, completely ministered to, and therefore completely managed.

Hiding is creative, necessary and beautifully subversive of outside interference and control. Hiding leaves life to itself, to become more of itself. Hiding is the radical independence necessary for our emergence into the light of a proper human future.

* * *

This past weekend, like a lot of you, I got out of hiding in the house and into the light. Tee-shirt, shorts, no socks, no shoes. It felt good to feel the sun's warmth on my now red nose, cheeks and forehead. I felt phenomenal to feel the grass between my toes and was wonderful to wash off my mud-caked feet. Renewal. Life.

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So, got a few comments from "Jesus pooped" column, might as well share 'em.

From **Brian P.** . . I remember when *The Clarkston News* didn't need idiotic columns like this.

From **Jamie R.** . . Hi Don! I just wanted to tell you that I think your latest column on the "controversy" over the Christmas Poop was fantastic. I think you dealt with that beautifully.

And, from **Bob C.** . . Dear Don - Had to laugh at this story. And no, I was not the least bit offended.

Send your thoughts Don's way via e-mail to, Don@ShermanPublications.org or connect via Twitter @DontRushMeDon

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

Township divides retirement account with library

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While cleaning up accounting snafus from the past, Independence Township officials discovered approximately \$950,000 in a retirement fund account for employees of the prior Independence Township Library.

During the transition into the Clarkston Independence District Library in 2012, the legal agreement between the township and the City of the Village of Clarkston did not

address "ownership" of the retirement account.

The township board voted 4-0 to divide the money with the library.

"This is a good thing for the township because it doesn't hurt their cash position at all," said Supervisor Pat Kittle. "These funds were not in any of our fund balance. This was in this retirement account, so from an operational standpoint this will have zero impact on the township."

According to Independence Township

Finance Director Wendy Hillman, prior to forming the district library with the city, the library operated on a millage and township general funds.

Library staff were considered township employees and received township employee benefits, including lifetime retiree health care funded through a Retiree Health Funding Vehicle (RHFV), maintained by the Michigan Employees' Retirement System (MERS) for full-time employees hired before June 5, 2007, Hillman said.

The township's RHFV with MERS is divided into seven divisions, general, fire, police, safety path, sewer, water, and library.

"With the establishment of the district library, eight members of the library staff became district library employees and now receive wages and benefits from the district library. Of those eight, five had been eligible as township employees to receive retiree health care through the RHFV," she said. "One library staff member chose to retire prior to the separation from the township and is currently the only library retiree eligible to receive lifetime health care paid for by the township with the RHFV library division funds."

To determine the district library's share of the assets, Hillman said they reviewed the past 20 years of audited financial statements to identify revenue from property taxes and General Fund.

Hillman said she found 81 percent property tax and 19 percent operating transfers.

"Therefore, we concluded to split the MERS assets with the library division at the same percentages – 81 percent district library; 19 percent township," she said. "The

funds remaining with the library division will continue to be used to pay the retiree healthcare for the one former employee who retired prior to the separation, as identified in the agreement, as well as be used to offset the cost of the OPEB for the general employees."

Estimated funding for one retired employee is \$50,000, total. The district library will be responsible for \$40,500 (81 percent) of that amount and the township will pay the remaining \$9,500 (19 percent).

With the remaining \$900,000, the library will receive approximately \$729,000, which will pay the retiree healthcare of the five employees who were previously eligible when they were considered township employees. The township will receive approximately \$171,000, which they will use to pay down OPEB (Other than Pension Benefits) in the other MERS accounts.

The agreement distributes healthcare funding for the former township library employees, said David Gillam, of Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich P.C.

"So it's not just the ownership and distribution of those assets, but the agreement also addresses the continuing obligation going forward for their responsibility for retiree healthcare for those employees," Gillam said. "For the one that's already retired and for the other ones, assuming they continue to be eligible for healthcare benefits upon retirement."

Treasurer Paul Brown complimented Hillman and her team for the work they did.

"They spent a lot of time figuring out how to correctly do this in a way that would be transparent and we felt everyone could agree," Brown said.

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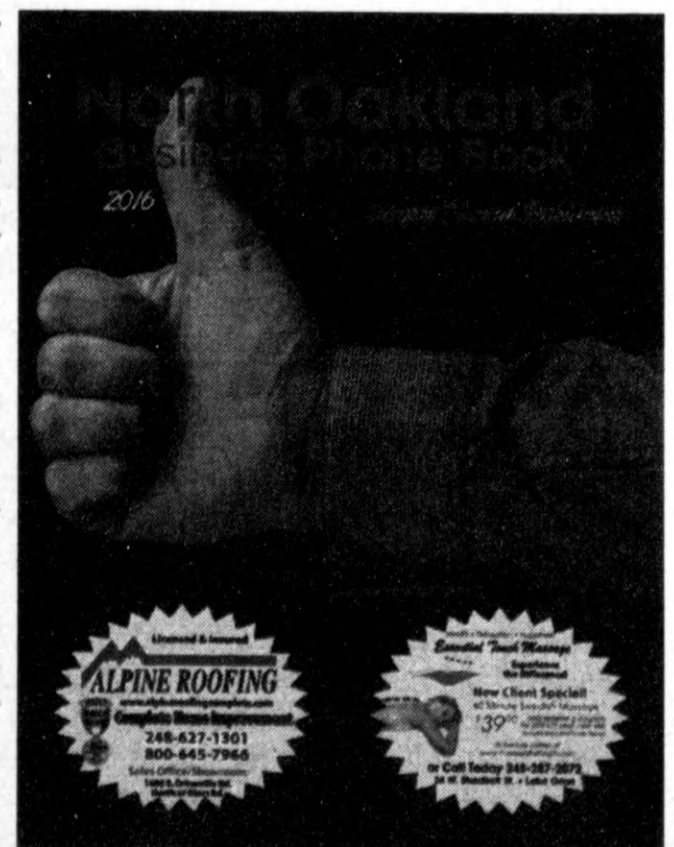
North Oakland Business Phone Book

In this week's edition of *The Penny Stretcher* is the North Oakland County Business Phone Book.

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School officials go to Washington

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Three Clarkston school administrators along with school board President Steve Hyer got a look at the new federal education law Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) after taking a trip to Washington D.C., March 14-15.

Hyer, Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock, Andersonville Elementary Principal Kim Fletcher and North Sashabaw Elementary Principal Jennifer Johnson met with policy makers to learn more about ESSA, which replaces the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act.

The total cost for the two day trip, including airfare, hotel accommodations, food, and ground transportation, was \$2,480, or \$619 each. No students attended. The board of education approved Hyer's trip in advance. The rest of the group traveled within board policy and budget, Hyer said.

On Tuesday, the group met with Alex Nock, educational lobbyist, Megan Wolfe of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), Deborah Rigsby, National School Board Association, Laurie Quarles, American Association for Community Colleges and Noelle Ellerson, American Association of School Administrators.

On Wednesday, they met with Congressman Dave Trott, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Gary Peters, Congressman Mike Bishop, Meredith Drosback, The White House and Karen Stratman, United State Department of Education.

The group learned the revised federal law gives states more flexibility regarding standardized tests, teacher evaluation, and school improvement. It focuses on early college and middle college, and early childhood education. In addition, federal Title IV funds allow local districts to implement some of these programs, Rock said.

"In the next several months, the State of Michigan will receive guidance from the United States Department of Education on how to interpret and implement the new law," the superintendent said.

Administration will use the information to help influence state policy, he added.

Rock said it was an advocacy trip and this was the third consecutive year they went to D.C. to advocate for or learn about federal education legislation. The trip was arranged by Hyer.

"As the superintendent of schools, I appreciate the willingness of our administrators and board members to take time away from their families and busy work schedules to advocate on behalf of our students," Rock said.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Not enough tape

A deputy on patrol stopped a truck with insufficient reflective tape, 11:34 a.m., April 8, on I-75 at Sashabaw Road. The trailer's license plate was found to be unregistered. The company was cited for registration violation, and reflective tape violation.

Hit and run

A 23-year-old Independence Township man drove his pickup truck into the side of an apartment building in the 5000 block of Autumnwood Court, 10:22 p.m., April 8. A passenger in the truck got out when the vehicle hit the building and repeatedly told the driver to stop, but the driver drove away. Independence Township firefighters evacuated residents due to a gas leak caused by the crash. The driver went to the substation on April 9. He told deputies he was driving when his tire made contact with the curb and he was forced over the grass and into the building. He then drove away because he panicked, he said. No one was injured in the building. The driver was cited for careless driving and hit and run.

Failure to stop for bus

A 34-year-old Waterford man was stopped for failure to stop for a school bus, 3:38 p.m., April 11, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. He was cited for disregarding the bus stop sign and flashing lights, and driving on an expired license. His vehicle was impounded.

No truck zone

A deputy on patrol stopped a tow truck for driving on White Lake Road in the "no trucks" zone at Bluegrass Drive, 9:35 a.m., April 11. The driver, a 50-year-old Highland man, was found with a misdemeanor arrest warrant out of White Lake Township. He was given a warning for disobeying the truck prohibition sign, and turned over to White Lake Township Police.

Drunk driver

An employee in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road called 911 after a man entered the store and announced he had the "best high of his life." The clerk asked what he was on and he said he didn't know. He then left, got in a car, and drove away. A deputy stopped the man, a 31-year-old Independence Township resident, at Clarkston Road, 1:21 p.m., April 11. There were several small, empty bottle of Crown Royal in the center console. Preliminary breath test result was .269. He was jailed for drunk driving.

Hitchhiking felon

Drivers called police to report an elderly man hitchhiking on White Lake Road, 7:16 p.m., April 12. A deputy picked up the hitchhiker, a 67-year-old Pontiac man. He was found to have a felony arrest warrant for a parole violation. He was a violent offender, having been imprisoned for assault. He was turned over to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Improper plate

A deputy on patrol ran the license plate of a car with dark-tinted tail lights, found it to be unregistered, and stopped it, 7:09 p.m., April 12, on Dixie Highway at Deerhill. The driver, a 41-year-old Burton man, was cited for improper plates and no insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

Warrant arrest

A deputy on patrol noticed a pickup truck with its tailgate down, obscuring the license plate. The plate was found to be expired, 7:37 p.m., April 13, on White Lake Road at Clement Road. The driver, a 36-year-old White Lake man, was cited for driving with an expired license, expired plate, and no insurance. He was also found with a Friend of the Court warrant out of Montmorency County and a driving-with-suspended-license warrant out of White Lake. He was jailed on the warrants. The vehicle was impounded.

Investigation into death

Deputies and Springfield Township firefighters found a 56-year-old Springfield Township man dead in his home in the 9000 block of Buggy Whip Drive, 11:52 a.m., April 17. They had been called for to check on the resident, who had not been seen or heard from by his friends and family for a lengthy period of time. Deputies made entry to the home with the assistance of a neighbor who had a code to open the garage door. There was no sign of any forced entry to the home. Deputies found the man lying in his bedroom obviously deceased and in a state of decomposition. Several long guns and handguns were found in the home. The neighbor advised that he lived alone and had a drinking problem. A detective and an investigator from the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office responded to assist with the investigation. Detectives requested the OCSO Crime Lab to respond to assist them with processing the scene. The Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office took custody of the deceased. It is unknown if this is a natural death or a possible suicide at this time pending an autopsy.



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3-game streak after break

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves dominated the third quarter against Northville on Saturday to win a close game, 13-12.

"We talked at half-time about setting up, doing what we do the way we do it, and bringing the fight back," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Brian Kaminskas. "They did it. It was a great third quarter."

Northville opened the second half with their seventh goal, putting their lead two ahead of Clarkston.

Jake Hodges narrowed the lead by one when he scored with 8:49 left in the third quarter. Thirteen seconds later Justin Dickerson tied the score.

Ian Phillips was next to score for the Wolves with a quick shot on the net with an assist from Nick Bowman, putting the score at 8-7 with 7:57 remaining.

The fire from the Wolves continued with two goals from Bowman. One goal each from Tommy Atchison, Aiden Nolan and Keaton Mitchell to close the quarter 12-8.

"Keaton had a heck of a game especially in the third quarter," Kaminskas said. "He really took it on, did a lot of things, and the short handed goal he had was a really nice one."

Mitchell scored one more goal before Northville closed in on the score with four goals. They attempted to tie with 20 seconds remaining and were blocked by Clarkston goalie David Taylor.

The Wolves opened the game with a 2-0 lead before Northville scored and closed in

on the score. With three minutes remaining in the first half they scored two goals to take the lead.

"It was mistake ridden," Kaminskas said about the game. "We didn't play our best game. We continued to put ourselves into the penalty box and they capitalized on almost every single penalty. If we stop making mistakes and giving opportunities to the other team we are going to win a lot of games. But, if we keep playing like that it is going to be a long season."

The Wolves also defeated Troy last Thursday, 14-1. Mitchell led with four goals. Phillips, Dickerson and Matthew Williamson had three goals each. Bowman scored one goal and had seven assists.

"It was exactly the way we want to play all year," Kaminskas said. "They took eight shots in three and a half quarters. We were smothering on defense and almost no mistakes on offense. It was exactly how we want to play. It was a great team game."

The boys also beat St. Andrew's College on Sunday in overtime with the winning goal by Phillips from Mitchell, 12-11.

The boys opened the week against Utica Eisenhower. They head to Notre Dame Prep on Thursday, 6:30 p.m. and host Lake Orion on Saturday, 7 p.m.

"It is going to be interesting," said Kaminskas, adding Notre Dame Prep and Lake Orion are undefeated. "It will be a challenging week. We are playing three challenging teams who would like nothing else but to beat us."



Brent Farrugia leads Northville on a chase. Photo by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Nick Bowman battles Northville defense during the first half of last Saturday's game. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Taking control at half

Senior Nick Bowman helped his team in a big way in a short amount of time against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep.

Bowman scored three goals in a span of 42 seconds before the first half closed in the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team's game on March 30.

It helped boost the boys to a 10-7 victory and their second consecutive win for the season.

"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."

Bowman led the team with four goals at St. Mary's Prep.

He came back from spring break to score one goal against Troy and had seven assists in the 14-1 win.

Bowman and his teammates play Lake Orion this Saturday at 7 p.m. during Game for a Cure at Clarkston High School.



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Spring on track with wins

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves captured two wins against Rochester in their first OAA Red league meet in the spring season.

The Clarkston Boys Track and Field team scored three more points than the Falcons to win last Wednesday's meet, 68-65.

"The guys team did well but it was more of a battle," said Kevin Breen, head coach. "The score was split down the middle. We pulled away at the end."

Assistant Coach Ryan Kaul added he was impressed the 1,600-meter relay team of Brandon Baker, Dalton Sampson, Derrick Egli and Shaquille Blevins, which finished first at 3:30.4.

"Grant Telfer did well in his first meet and running strong in relays," said Kaul.

"Telfer is a great addition to the team," added Breen. "Blevins looks real strong. Egli is looking good."

The Wolves finished in first place in nine events including all four relays with Tim Dalrymple, Grant Henley, Matt Heilman, Derrick Egli in the 3,200-meter relay finish at 8:38.5.

The 800-meter relay finished in first at 1:34.2 and the 400-meter relay at 44.5.

Also, placing in first, Egli, 800-meter run, 2:02.3; Telfer, 100-meter dash, 11.08, and 200-meter dash, 23.2; Sam Bullen, shot put, 38' 2.25"; and Josh Kelley, high jump, 6'2".

"Josh had a personal best in the high jump - that was big," Kaul added.

The boys also finished second in six events and third in nine events. They took the top three places in the 200-meter dash.

The girls team defeated Rochester, 80-48.

"We did really well," said Breen. "Coming off of last year we struggled in some of our field events except high jump. This year we were cautious going into the meet. During the meet we were ahead, but not so far ahead

we could get comfortable and relax. It was a good surprise to see how well we did in field events. Our throwers are really stepping it up and doing really well. We had a good solid long jump on the girls side."

The Lady Wolves took first place in 12 events including three relays - the 3,200-meter relay with Emily Ferguson, Malory Ferguson, Elizabeth Dalrymple and Nicole Hanson, 9:44.3.

"They ran a really good time for this time of season," said Breen.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Ferguson, Ferguson, Dalrymple and Allie Eriksen finished at 4:17.3; and the 400-meter relay of Ashley Graham, Jala Smith, Makayla Owens and Russell finished at 52.6.

The girls took the top three places in the 800-meter run with Dalrymple in first, 2:23; Malory Ferguson, second, 2:23.02; Hanson in third, 2:25.2.

Hanson also finished first in the 3,200-meter run at 11:56.8; Eriksen, 400-meter dash, 1:01.9; Russell, 200-meter dash, 26.9; Smith, 100-meter dash, 13.3.

"Our freshman are really pushing on the girls side," said Breen. They are pushing to drive the team along with Allie, Elizabeth and Ferguson sisters. We had a surprise with one of our freshman Lauren Fecko she scored in the 200-meter dash (third at 27.98). She is one we will be looking for improvement from in the future."

For field events, Courtney Roland finished in first place in the 100-meter high hurdles, 16.6; Teagan Phillips, shot put, 29'5"; Abbey Horning, long jump, 14'6.5"; and high jump, Megan Nicholson, 5'.

The girls finished in second place in five events and third in eight events.

The Wolves host Stoney Creek this Wednesday in another OAA Red meet at Clarkston High School, 4 p.m.



Kayla Russell hands the baton to Makayla Owens in the 400-meter relay.
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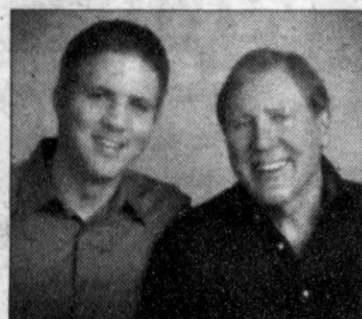
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Team looks to score goals this spring

The Lady Kickers are only a few games into the season with a lot to excitement and goals for this spring.

"We've got 21 girls who are excited about soccer," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach Mike Nelson. "They want to leave a mark here in Clarkston and do things that haven't been done before. They are all so competitive. They've got the fire to push forward and do something great."

Half of the team is returning from last year and he added every single one of them are starters.

"It starts with them," Nelson noted. "They have expectations they want to accomplish and goals. They really keep us motivated including all of the young new players."

Assistant Coach Kendall Stortz said the new players add heart. Nelson agreed adding they bring talent, too.

"Our goal against Lake Orion was scored by freshman Jaclyn Marra," he continued. "They are filling big shoes already as freshman from players we lost last year. They fit in well and gel together well."

The Lady Wolves play in the OAA White league which will be tough from top to bottom this season, said Nelson.

"It's going to be a race between most teams," he continued. "I know we can

compete against most of the teams out there. The girls are starting to gain their confidence too. I believe the best is yet to come for us."

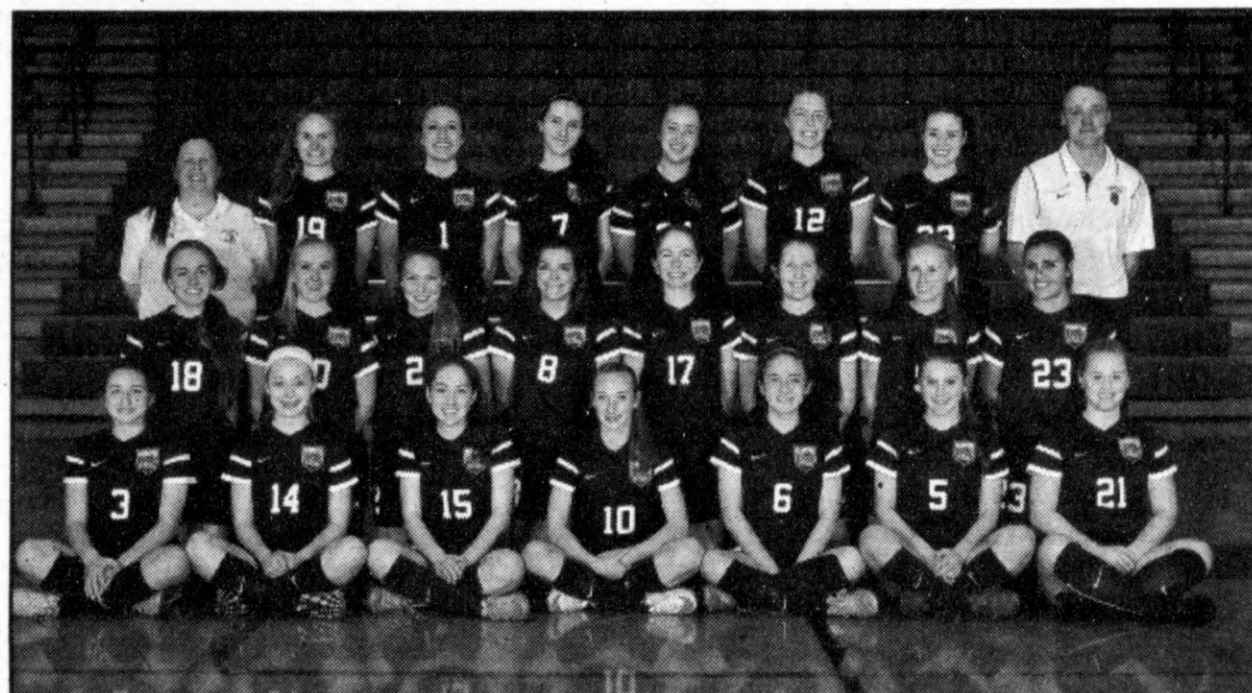
They will use the tough competition to get ready for the post season when they head to Lake Orion at the beginning of June for the MHSAA District playoffs.

"We end the season against Stoney Creek (May 20) and Rochester Adams (May 23). Creek is the No. 1 team in the state right now and Adams is in the top 20. Getting to see those teams and the exposure at that little

bit higher level will do wonders for us," Nelson added.

The Lady Wolves are freshman Marra, Sonia Kinal; sophomores Haley Brewer, Darby Durrant, Erin Figone, Anna LeBourdais, Haley Morrell, Morgan Sclesky, Ellie Vondette; juniors Jessica Bennett, Kristen Bouchard, Maddy Dooling, Maddie Hannon, Chrysoula Kondyle, Kristen Page, Katie Schrei; seniors Stine Brasterik, Lea Ferer, Stephanie Gabbar and Ashley Miles.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon



The Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

High hopes for Girls Varsity Tennis

It's a rebuilding year for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team and new head coach Mary Jo Colonna is excited for the new season.

"I am hoping they have a really good time," said Colonna. "We have a very good promising group of girls. They have great attitudes and they love their teams."

She added she is looking forward to the rest of the season to see how much they improve.

The team includes Alex Whall, who

signed to play tennis at Oakland University and also plays all year including teammates Olivia Baylis, Rayna Cason, Payton Greenlee, Gigi Montserrat, Ruhi Reagan, Claire Schleusner and Sam Weber.

"They have improved tremendously. I am expecting them to improve more," said Colonna, adding she hopes the athletes who don't play all year catch the bug to continue.

"I hope they are encouraged enough to play even if it is once or twice a week in the winter," she added.

They also have a good group of sophomores and juniors on the team and the entire team will make it an exciting season to watch.

"Just to watch their improvement and see how much they learn and grow," she said.

Goals for the season include to get better each year and to give 100 percent - win or lose.

"It's hard to do," Colonna said. "No quitting. No giving up - that's what I preach. You have to fight."

She added she is excited to be head coach now and she has a lot to give them.

"Not only teach them tennis but the value of life and how much tennis and life are so similar," Colonna said. "You are going to have struggles and then you are going to have high moments. You are going to have to work through them yourself because you are the only one out there."

The Clarkston Varsity Girls Tennis team includes: Baylis, Cason, Greenlee, Montserrat, Reagan, Schleusner, Weber, Whall, Isabella Bender, Lauren Criss, Claire Galligan, Tiffany Long, Kari Ormsby, Meghan Piana, Nicole Sarkisian and Kate Schleusner.

They host Bloomfield Hills on Thursday and Troy Athens, April 26, with matches beginning at 4 p.m.

~Wendi Reardon



Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Victory evens score as spring starts

Lady Lacrossers began the season with a big win against Stoney Creek as they avenged last year's loss on March 28, 17-9.

"We were able to do well there and show improvements," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse Assistant Coach Shane Smolak. "There were good improvements last year and we are definitely hoping to build off it this year."

Smolak joins the program for his first season as assistant coach and Leeanne Stickle is back for her second year as head coach.

"We are excited," Smolak said about the season.

One of the reason is they have a lot of returning seniors who are good leaders on the field.

He added this season will be exciting to watch because they have more experience on the field.

"Some girls who have known the sport and have played are more experienced and eager to get better," Smolak said. "Also, being a varsity athlete they are definitely more prone to understanding how the game flows, pressure situations and game circumstances. We are excited."

Coming back from last year's season are Melanie Alnarie, Gillian Anderson, Claire Austin, Emily Bragg, Isabel D'Autremont, Grace Forbush, Marisa Jacobs, Jillian

Kurlovech, Kelly Manssur, Sabrina Parks, Hannah Seaman, Jenna Sommerville, Rebecca Stiles and Christine Wakefield.

"Our senior leaders are really good and have shown leadership with the girls and this season already," said Smolak.

He added Forbush is back in the net as goalie and will get a chance to prove herself this year.

New players to the team are Angie Delaney, Ashley Dunlap, Moira Moraco, Elizabeth Oda and Jana Wilson.

"We have a lot of young players. It's exciting," said Smolak. "We have some speed and it is exciting to see them adapt and change dynamics of the game by what they bring to the table."

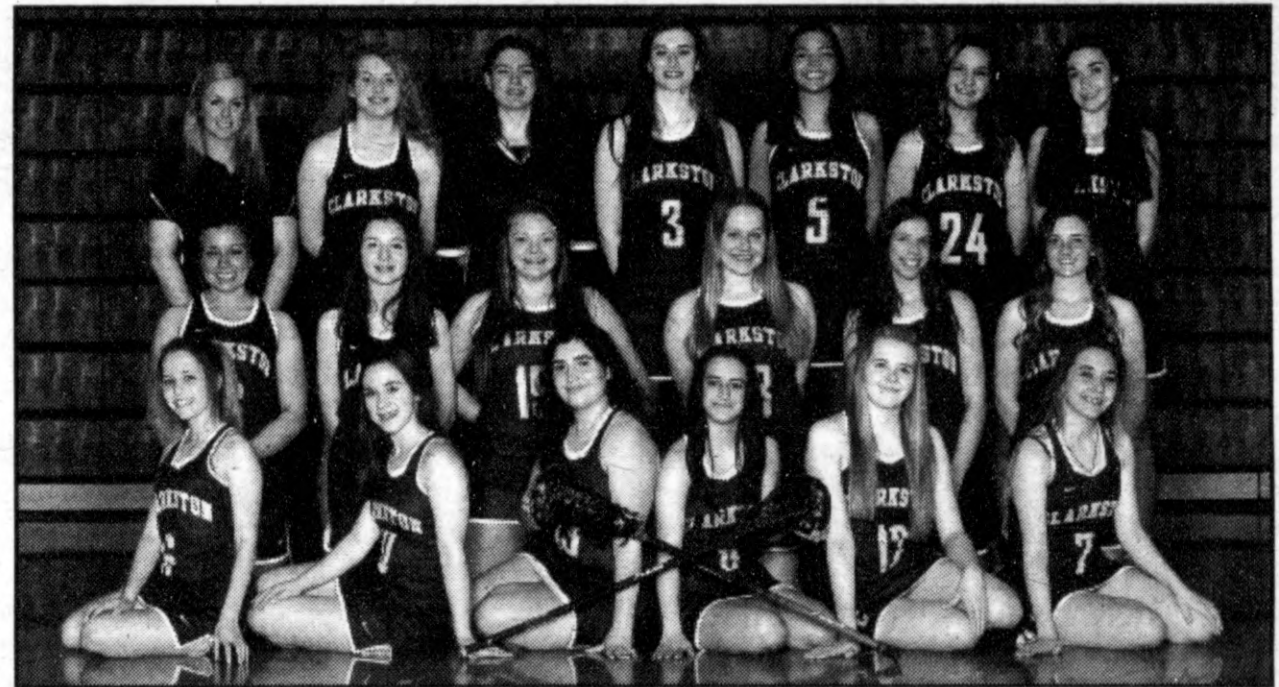
He added the entire team is excited.

"The program is still growing," he said.

"They know they are a part of that."

The Lady Wolves play this Wednesday and Saturday during Game for a Cure at 3 p.m. at Clarkston High School.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon



The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

Lacrosse looks to dominate league

Lacrossers are already looking past last season by opening this year with wins.

"We didn't weaken our schedule based on what happened last year," said Clarkston Boy Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Brian Kaminkas. "If anything we strengthened it."

He added this year's team is young but they are good, fast and smart.

"We have high expectations for this group and they will tell you we are pushing them towards it," he said.

Every team has been hungry and this team

is no different but Kaminkas said these players have a different twist on it.

"The returners experienced last year - they weren't satisfied with it," he said. "On top of being good and competitive kids they also want to right some wrongs. They want to establish themselves and separate themselves from what happened last year. They have a lot of things, a lot of reasons to work hard and show they can be great."

He added the new players are great athletes and are talented.

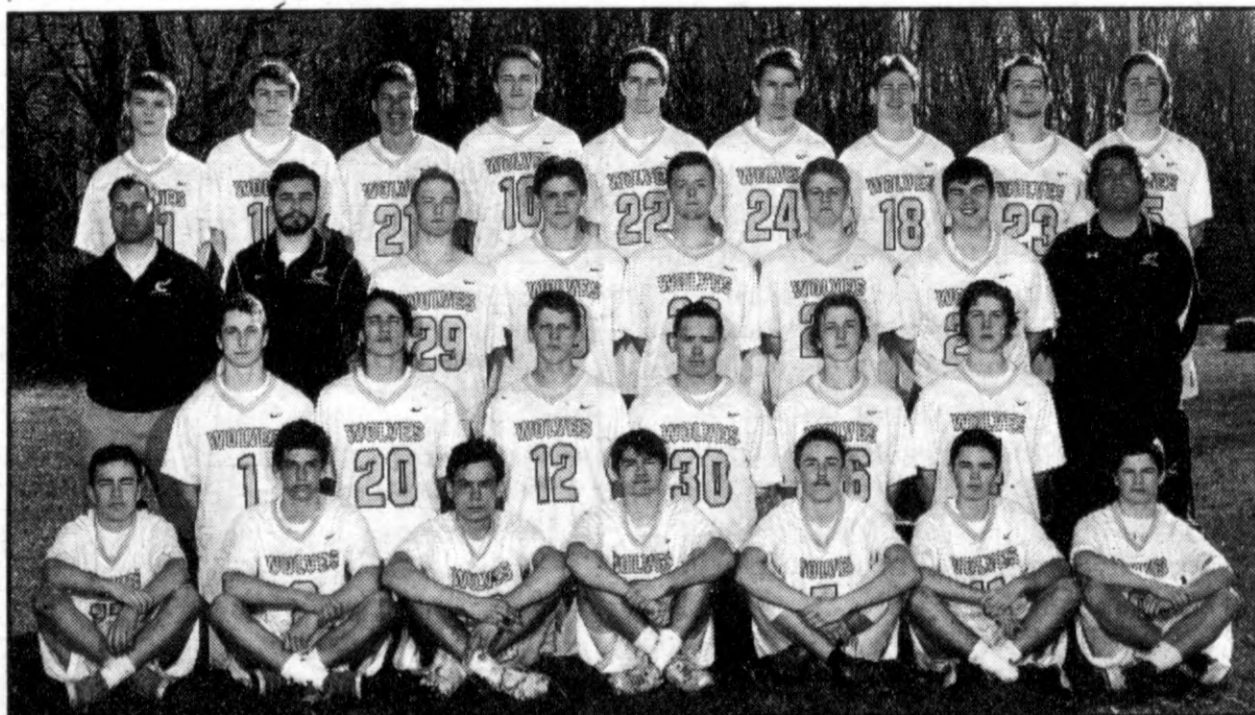
"Right off the bat we have great competition which is huge," he said. "When you have a sophomore pushing a junior or a senior for an opportunity on the field the competition sets in. All the sudden you have guys playing a little bit faster, a little bit harder, a little more aggressive."

The Wolves continue to compete in the OAA Red and is more challenging this year as a young team. Lake Orion has moved up to the division while Birmingham Seaholm and Bloomfield Hills lost few players from last year's team.

But the goal for Clarkston remains the same as it has always been, said Kaminkas.

"The first and foremost prominent one we talk about it is to be the most dominant public school in the state of Michigan and then everything falls into place from there," said Kaminkas.

The team includes Nick Atchison, Tommy Atchison, Ryan Bennett, Nick Bowman, Sheldon Bourdeau, Logan Conwell, Eric Csizmadia, Justin Dickerson, Ian Dobrzelewski, Quinn Dombrowski, Brent Farrugia, Michael Fluegel, Jake Hodges, Matthew Jackson, Keagan King, Dakota Locher, Keelan McKouen, Duncan Misiak, Keaton Mitchell, Aiden Nolan, Ian Phillips, Jordan Sommerville, Liam Stickle, David Taylor, Mark VanBuskirk, Matthew Williamson and Max Wycoff. ~WAR



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Wolves aim for grand slam spring season

Hitters are taking advantage of the sunny weather as they get ready for the bulk season to begin this week.

Clarkston Varsity Baseball Phil Price said this season will be exciting to watch because the players are going to keep getting better each week.

"I don't think we are even close to where we are going to be at the end of the year," he added. "We have a lot of room to grow and we are going to grow."

Returning to this year's team are Camden Hadley, Liam Hansen, Kyle Harvey, Jack Kuczmanski, Joe Kuczmanski, Barak Momrik, Jack Muhleck, Anthony Reiner, Chad Robinson, Nick Schaldenbrand, Zach Scott and James Sheffield.

New players include Zach Baran, Ryan Barber, Tyler Chandler, Conner Christensen, Joe Halligan, Isaac Harrison, Tryston Lajiness, Noah Nicklin, Dylan Perry, Brenden Quick and Nate Uballe.

"We have good kids who are willing to work - that's our strength," said Price. "Sometimes when you are willing to work, you have the potential to get better."

The Wolves are counting on Jack Kuczmanski, Momrik and Robinson for hitting and have three pitchers with Reiner, Schaldenbrand and Joe Kuczmanski. Hadley will be in centerfield and Momrik

will be catching.

"We will be strong," Price said, adding Muhleck and Jack Kuczmanski will be up the middle. "Chad is going to be a big key for us. He will be a pitcher and a good hitter for us. He is a returner but didn't play a lot last year."

The Wolves will continue to face tough competition in the league.

"Rochester Adams, Lake Orion and us are going to be really good," Price said. "We have our work cut out for us because they have more returning than we have. That's the next thing about our league we have

Stoney Creek, Rochester, Oxford - we don't have a weak team in our league."

He added it will help as they go into the post season with MHSAA Districts in the first week of June.

"A lot of teams have such a weak schedule then when it comes to playoffs it hurts them," he said.

They are also looking forward to their annual tournaments Nathan Manuel Tournament, May 7, and Roy Warner Tournament, May 21.

Catch the Wolves this Thursday when they host Troy Athens at 4 p.m. ~WAR



Clarkston Varsity Baseball team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Striking opponents out in new season

Lady Hitters had two seasons with 20-game winning streaks and are on their way to make it a third year.

"They feel good about themselves," said Clarkston Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters. "They know they were a part of that and were instrumental."

He added this year's team has a good mix of returners and new players.

"We have returning seniors Savannah Spring, Abby Skvarce and Mariah Hood and

all three have committed," Peters said, adding Spring is going to Albion College, Skvarce is going to University of Michigan, and Hood is going to Northwood University.

Also back are Madison Beck, Paige Blevins, Hannah Chadwell, Alex Gladding, Sarah Kuenzel, Kaylee Percival and Maddy Scarsella.

"Maddie is such a phenomenal athlete I would like to try her at centerfield," Peters

added.

New players include Katelyn Garvin, Sarah Gladding, Hailey Minton, Cassidy Moonen, Abbey Pierce, Isabella Roselli and Anna Skvarce.

Peters added a lot of the players have experience coming in this year and it will help as they try to get them onto the field this season.

"Our strength is our hitting and our defense and pitching," he said. "We have two freshman pitchers and a sophomore pitcher. They work hard and have a good attitude."

"We just have to see what they do when the umpire says play ball," Peters added. "These kids are fast. I can use them as pinch hitters. I can use them in situations and some of them will start."

The Lady Wolves are looking forward to hosting their two tournaments with Michigan Stars on April 30 and May 1 and the annual Mel and Josephine Vaara Pink Classic, May 7.

"They are going to be tough," said Peters, adding Caledonia, Escanaba, Marquette, Alpena and Traverse City will be at the tournaments.

The Lady Wolves host North Farmington this Thursday and head to Lake Orion next Tuesday, both double headers begin at 4:30 p.m. ~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon



Clarkston Varsity Softball team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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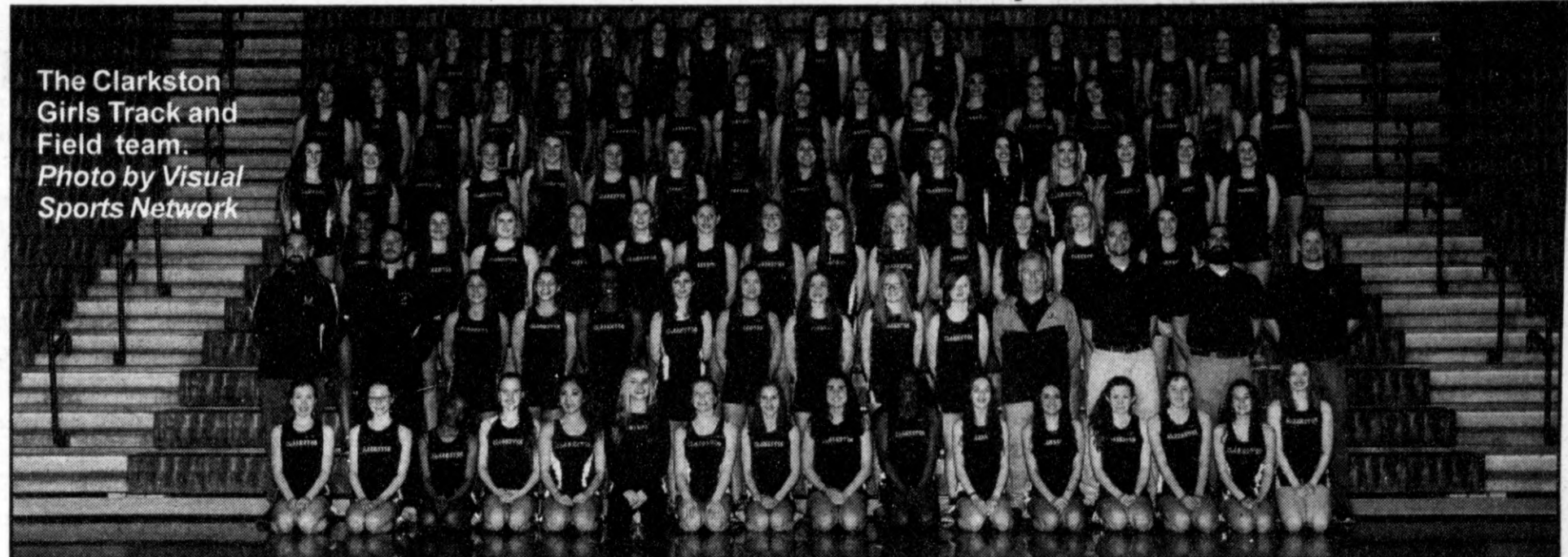


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The Clarkston Girls Track and Field team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

Team looks to go the distance this year

Depth is the key for Clarkston Girls Track and Field as the Lady Wolves aim to be on top during their meets.

Head Coach Kevin Breen added they have a lot of returners coming back from last year.

"We haven't lost a ton, but we are coming back with new runners," said Breen. "The girls team is really shaping up strong."

Returners include Megan Nicholson returns in the high jump; Courtney Roland in the hurdles; Kayla Russell and Jala Smith in sprints and relays; Ashley Graham in sprints; and Nicole Hanson in distance.

"Kayla had a good showing at the

Saginaw Valley State University meet," said Breen. "Smith is coming back from an injury. She is looking really strong. She's been building up through the winter season."

The team also has a group of freshmen making an impact with Elizabeth Dalrymple, Emily Ferguson, Mallory Ferguson and Allie Eriksen.

"Elizabeth had an amazing indoor season," said Breen. "We've got a good group coming back from cross country season. Those kids will fill in some holes with any distance events. We have a deep enough program we can pull any of those

girls in."

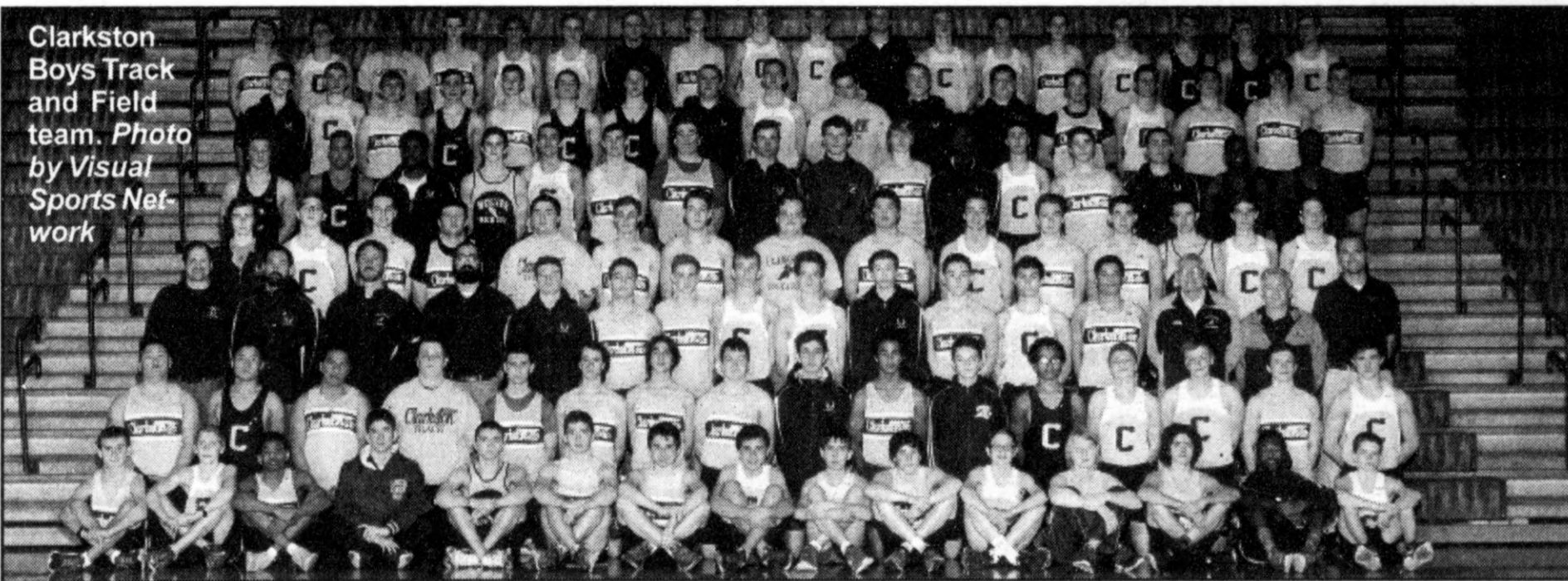
He added the team is aiming to be one of the top teams in the OAA Red and the county especially with the success they had last year winning the league and regionals.

"I think we will have similar expectations for the season as long as we stay healthy and continue through our work in workouts," he said.

The girls host Stoney Creek on Wednesday and head to Rochester Adams next week to compete against Adams and Lake Orion.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

Clarkston Boys Track and Field team. Photo by Visual Sports Network



Racers head into spring with victory

The Wolves topped an OAA Red foe last week with their win against Rochester and look forward to more wins this season.

"We have our strengths," said Clarkston Boys Track and Field Head Coach Kevin Breen. "We are really solid and pretty deep with our distance crew. Their talented across the board is they are an even pack."

He added Derrick Egli is the top distance runner and has already broken two minutes in the 800-run.

"We also have a pretty solid sprint crew," Breen said. "We will see as the year shakes

out with the addition. Jacob and Justin Wolford are going to help us out in our sprint crew. We are working on our hurdlers they are looking better."

The team has the addition of pole vault for the field events which could help them out at larger meets for points as well as a new throw program, Breen said.

"From what I have seen is really developing," he added. "We are working with them in the weight room and getting them some strength."

Breen added the team will have a couple

of tight races in the OAA Red.

"It would be nice to be one of the top finishers in the league," Breen said.

The Wolves host Stoney Creek this Wednesday and head to Rochester Adams next week to compete against the Highlanders and Lake Orion.

He added the boys are looking forward to the Bay City Western Invitational, May 7, and to qualify for state finals in events during the MHSAA Regional meet at Lake Orion on May 20.

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Defense holds teams to tie

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Freshman Jaclyn Marra struck against Lake Orion's net last Thursday and scored after closing in on it.

The Lady Wolves tied the game with 17:45 remaining in their home game with cheers from the bleachers, 1-1.

They went for the Dragons' net again, but they were denied and the game closed with a tie for both sides.

"We did good," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach Mike Nelson. "It was the first time we played 80 minutes in terms of working hard the whole time - that was huge for us."

Lake Orion made attempts in the first half but junior Kristen Page slowed them down in the Wolves' net with help from defense.

"They did very well," Nelson said. "There were a couple chances where there were deflections that got behind us but the marking and the communication was well."

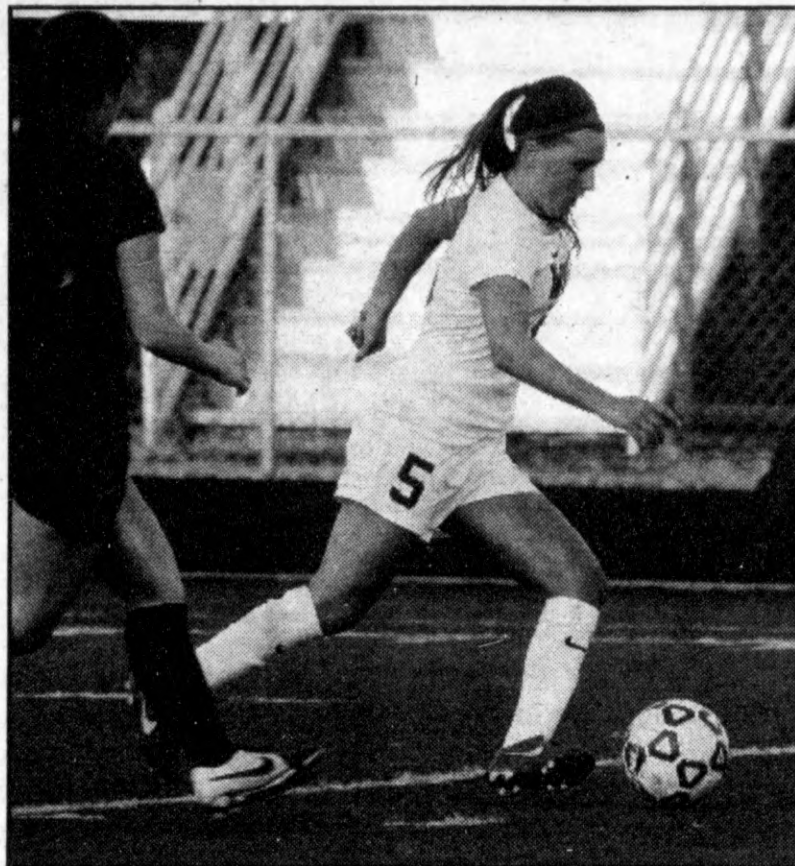
He added the girls had a great second half.

"We started moving the ball around and started getting comfortable, communicating and really started getting some good solid chances," he said. "We had about three in the second half. We really stepped up and with five games into the season is a really good sign."

Orion's Grace Cady scored halfway through the second half.

Nelson added it was a good game especially after losing to Avondale on April 12, 3-1.

"This game we were down and then we came back," he said. "It is a huge sign and morale booster for our girls. It's



Jaclyn Marra leads the ball into position for the Lady Wolves. Photo by Wendi Reardon

something great to build on at the beginning of the season."

The Lady Wolves opened the week on Tuesday against Rochester. They host Berkley on Thursday and head to Farmington next Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

Summer camps

Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp is July 11-14, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. for boys entering grades 4-6. From shooting to defense, learn the fundamentals of the game from Clarkston Boys Basketball Varsity Head Coach Dan Fife and his coaching staff. The cost is \$160 and is open to the first 80 applicants.

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.

Varsity Coach Kelly Pinner and staff host **Clarkston Volleyball Camp**, Monday-Friday, June 27-July 1, at Clarkston High School for girls going into grades 5-12. The cost is \$100.

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Golfers look for success on the links

The Wolves are off to a swinging start as they competed in the Southern Swing Invitational last Friday and Saturday at Locust Hills Golf Course in Springfield, Ohio.

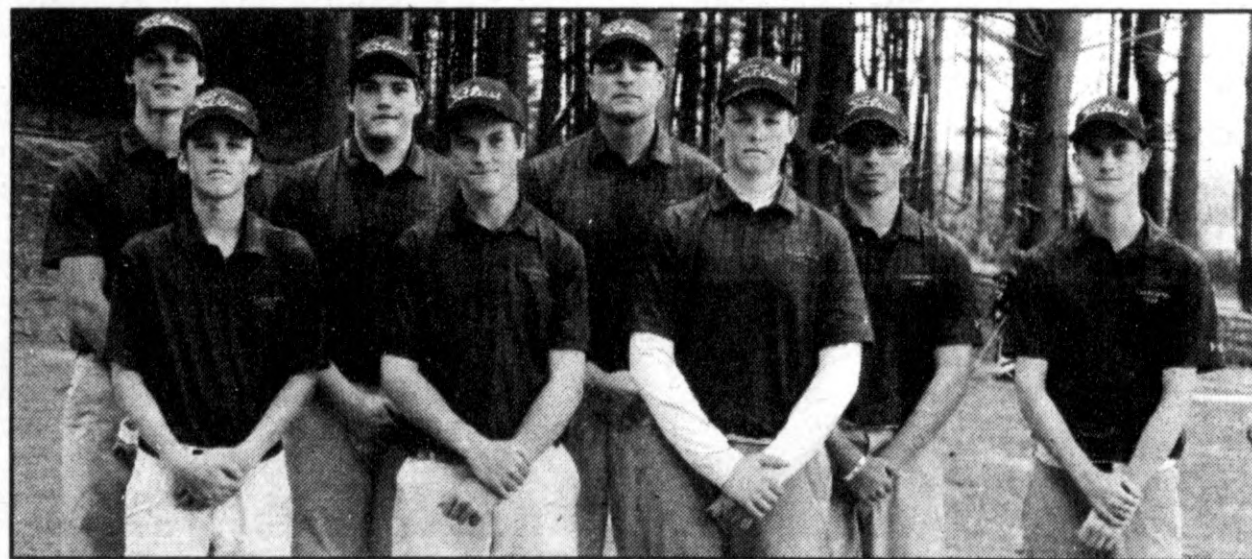
They scored a total of 611 during the two days to finish in fifth place out of 20 teams and also finished in second place among the OAA Red No. 1 meet which was counted the first day.

Junior Brady Dice shot a 75 and a 72 for 147 in two days to finish in 11th place as individual. Junior Noah Sampson had a 76 and 75; freshman Harry Bowman, 78 and 75; freshman Patrick Deardorff, 78-82; freshman Noah Bridgeman, 80; senior Jimmy Haven, 79; sophomore Terry Fortuna, 83; and senior Mason Skinner, 84.

More is to come this season and Coach Pete Gallagher said the team is young which will make it an exciting season to watch.

"They are a talented group, and we have talent on the JV team as well," he added. "We always have high expectations in Clarkston. They are going to come a long way quickly. They are good players. There is a difference between golf and tournament golf and they will have to bring their game to tournament golf."

The team has two returners - Haven and Dice.



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team from left in back Mason Skinner, Jimmy Haven, Coach Pete Gallagher, Brady Dice, Noah Sampson; in front, Harrison Bowman, Noah Bridgeman, and Patrick Deardorff. Photo by Wendi Reardon

"They are both golfaholics," Gallagher said. "They play a lot in summer golf. They were solid contributors for us last year. This year they take the additional step. We lost a lot of leadership last year and with us being so young leadership is going to be key."

He added the new golfers are going to learn and grow quickly.

"We play a tough league and we play a lot of tough competition in tournaments," Gallagher said.

He noted the OAA Red is wide open.

"Rochester has a good player but we

have a really good player, too," he added. "We are going to challenge for the league title."

Seeing the tough competition will help as they go into MHSAA District and Regional meets.

As they prepare for not just the post season but every meet, the goal is to provide the athletes with a good experience.

"They only get four years and I want it to be a good four years for them. We play a tough schedule," Gallagher said.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

The problem with dress codes

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, Abbe Campbell writes about school dress codes.

Girls across America are being made to feel like their bodies are inappropriate, and should be covered up.

What is making them feel this way?

School dress codes.



By Abbe Campbell

Schools across America are targeting young girls with their dress codes, and it's becoming a big problem, and with our ever-changing society, the fight against dress codes is becoming an even bigger epidemic in U.S. schools.

Schools across America need to change their sexist dress codes

that belittle young girls, take away from their education, and sexualize young women.

Middle school students in South Orange, New Jersey started a social media campaign with the hashtag "#IamMoreThanADistracted" to fight back against sexist dress codes.

This campaign is becoming increasingly popular among young girls and boys alike. If you've ever read a school district's policies, then you've most likely come across their dress code, and you probably noticed how it was directed toward females, with only a small amount of the dress code rules referring to males.

This makes women feel as though they are being called out and being told to cover up their bodies.

To make matters worse, the most used excuse by schools for these sexist dress codes is girls can be "distracting to boys" if they don't wear "appropriate" clothing.

"So once again, society has failed to advocate for young ladies by confining them in a box, where they are stripped from their sense of self-respect and self-expression, rather than teaching young

men to respect the boundaries of young ladies," said Rose Lynn, a girl who was sent home for wearing leggings to school.

Instead of teaching boys to respect women and their bodies, schools put the responsibility of making sure boys can have a better educational environment on women, and that is not how it should be.

Another reason school dress codes are becoming a huge problem is because of the fact girls are being taken out of class to change clothes so males can have a less distracting learning environment.

A girl in Woodford County, KY was sent home for exposing her collarbone. She missed out on an entire day of learning just because her school felt she was not dressed appropriately.

We need to stop making girls feel like it is their responsibility to make sure men have a distraction-free learning zone, and instead teach men not to be distracted by the female body.

Some argue that there is nothing wrong with dress codes and that they prepare you for situations in the real world.

Ally Del Monte, a high school senior from New Millford, CT, argued, "While they often focus more on girls' clothes rather than boys', that's just because girls have more clothing options—which include more revealing choices, too."

She believes there is nothing sexist about dress codes. But some argue by teaching young girls what it will be like in the "real world," they are also being taught being harassed because of what they are wearing is a "normal" situation for the real world.

This should not be something young girls believe, because in return it makes men think harassment is okay if a girl is dressed "provocatively."

Dress codes have a number of things wrong with them. They not only favor men's education over women's, but they also label young girls, which is extremely unsettling, because if they are teaching men that women's bodies are objects, they are the ones with the problem.

Girls should not be made to feel like they are the ones promoting harassment because of what they are wearing.

Treasures and Treats

Neighbor for Neighbor hosts its Treasures and Treats spring fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the food pantry in the Hart Community Center, Mill Pond Park in Downtown Davisburg.

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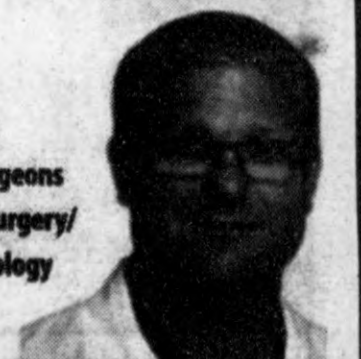
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Kids line up to see the Detroit Piston's Hooper the Horse. Photo submitted

Carnival for kids at Rite Aid

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rite Aid, 5789 Ortonville Road, hosts its third annual Children's Carnival on April 30 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"All proceeds benefit Beaumont Children's Hospital, which is part of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals," said Store Manager Laura Glinka. "The first year we raised roughly \$1,000 and the second year, \$1,500, and it was bad weather, so this year we're hoping for more."

She noted the largest part of their donations come from in-store donations. When customers donate one dollar, Glinka said they receive \$7 worth of coupons.

"We'll take loose change," she said. "It all adds up."

The event includes face-paintings, car show, and over 30 business vendors, including food trucks from Andiamos, Kona Ice, Hot off the Iron, and Mystic Kettle, as well as a D.J.

"The D.J. really gets the crowd going and it's a lot of fun," said Rite Aid worker Jessica Anderson.

There is also a variety of kids' games,

sponsored by Clarkston Cross-Fit and Robert Zarins, who is a magician, comedian and escape artist being sponsored in part by Bill's Custom Canvas.

"I think it's a great thing they're doing and we're glad to help," said owner Bill Otto. "It's nice to help the community, if you can."

Rite Aid worker Beverly Weddle said it's their way of showing the community that they care.

"It brings our store workers together and helps the moral of the store," she said. "It's something fun to look forward to."

Rite Aid has been an official sponsor of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals since 1994 and has raised a total of \$73 million corporate-wide.

Weddle noted Rite Aid will also be participating in the M-15 Heritage Route Clarkston to Bay City Garage Sale on May 7. Vendor spaces are available for \$10 and all money will go towards the Beaumont Children's Hospital as well.

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Poetry reading for award-winning writer

Lindsay Tigue of Clarkston is celebrating the release of her debut poetry collection, "System of Ghosts," with a reading at the RCAH Center for Poetry at Michigan State University on April 20.

Tigue grew up in Clarkston with her parents David and Nancy Tigue, who still live in the area, sister, Alyssa, and brother, A.J., who also graduated from Clarkston High School. She graduated from CHS in 2003.

"I had so many great teachers in Clarkston," the poet said. "Two of my best English teachers were Richard Swartout and Linda Densteadt. They encouraged my writing early on and introduced me to great writers. I also had a great French teacher, Vicki Potter."

"System of Ghosts" won the 2015 Iowa Poetry Prize and was published by the University of Iowa Press on April 1.

"Lindsay Tigue has, first and foremost, a curious mind – her poems are motored by information," said Craig Morgan Teicher, Poetry Prize judge.

In her book, the poet details the way landscape speaks to isolation and personhood, how virtual and lived networks alter experience.

"I am influenced by facts I learn, stories I hear, and things I see or experience," Tigue said. "I also learn from the many authors I



Lindsay Tigue of Clarkston is a poet, writer, and researcher. Photo provided

admire, such as Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Nick Lantz, Ada Limón, Traci Brimhall, and Jennifer Chang."

She graduated from Michigan State University with a BA in English in 2007, then earned an MFA in Creative Writing and Environment from Iowa State University in 2014. She is pursuing a PhD in Creative Writing at the University of Georgia.

At the April 20 reading, she will also be judging the undergraduate writing prize and giving a lecture about using research in poetry. Her poems and stories have appeared in Prairie Schooner, Blackbird, Indiana Review, Hayden's Ferry Review, and other literary journals. Check uiowapress.org or call 800-621-2736.

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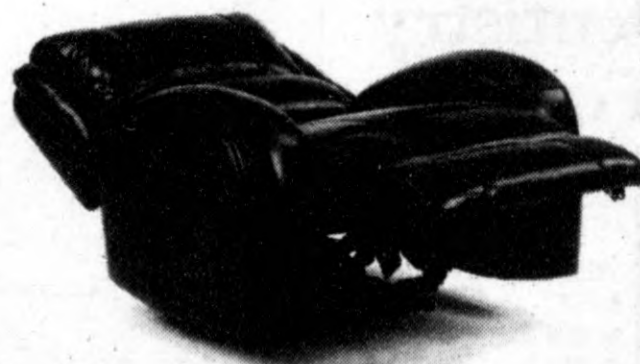
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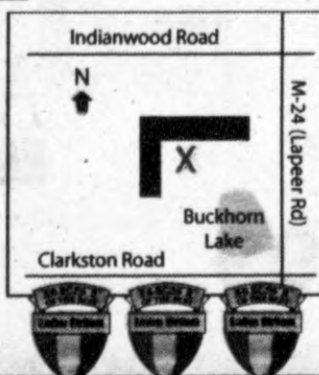
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Business achievements

Susan Hickey of Clarkston was recently promoted to first vice president, assistant portfolio manager for Crestmark's Eastern Division.

Hickey, who has been with Crestmark since its beginning, is based at the company's corporate offices in Troy, and reports to Jeff Silverstein, senior vice president of the East Division. Hickey has extensive experience lending to numerous industries.



Hickey

Before joining Crestmark, Hickey worked for Triad Financial, a factoring company based in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. In 1996, she became part of Crestmark when it acquired a controlling interest in Triad.

Since then, she has had key roles in accounting, sales, and underwriting. She was an early proponent of software-based collateral monitoring, and was part of a team overseeing its implementation. In the past, she was on the team managing acquisition transitions. In recent years, her primary responsibility has been portfolio management. In early 2015, she was promoted to vice president, assistant portfolio manager for the Eastern Division,

which covers all states east of the Mississippi.

Hickey is involved in many of Crestmark's workplace and community outreach initiatives, including leadership of Life Unplugged – a financial literacy program for high school students. She also is part of the group overseeing Crestmark University – an internal professional development/education program.

She has a bachelor of science degree in finance from Oakland University.

MBA Real Estate of Clarkston welcomes Meghann Snow and Jereme Goforth to their team.

Snow, of Oxford, will join the MBA Real Estate office on Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. She will specialize in residential real estate sales, particularly buyer agency.

Goforth, of Clarkston, will also join the MBA Real Estate office on Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. He will specialize in residential real estate sales.



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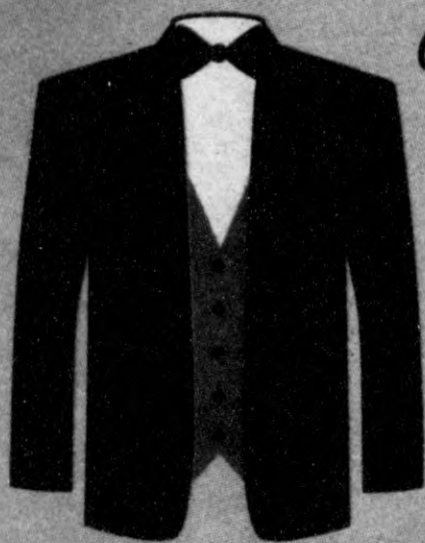
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- Provide four **\$1,000 scholarships** for graduating seniors in the community.
- Sponsor and volunteer for **Junior Optimist clubs** at Clarkston High School, Clarkston Junior High, Sashabaw Middle School, North Sashabaw, Independence, Springfield 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.

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From left, Ryan Pearson, Parker Williams, Dallas Hood and Preston Hazelton celebrate their win in the National Championship. Photo submitted

National champions on ice

Clarkston resident Dallas Hood and his teammates in USA Eagles won the Little Caesars State Championship in February.

The win qualified them to compete in the National Championship Tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina against 15 other state champions.

Hood and Preston Hazelton, of Lake Orion, have played on the team since 2012. They were two of 16 kids on the team to go 6-0 in the tournament to win the tier II Bantam National Championship.

They played New Jersey, Colorado, Valley Jr. Warriors Pa., Ashburn, Va., and Team Dallas.

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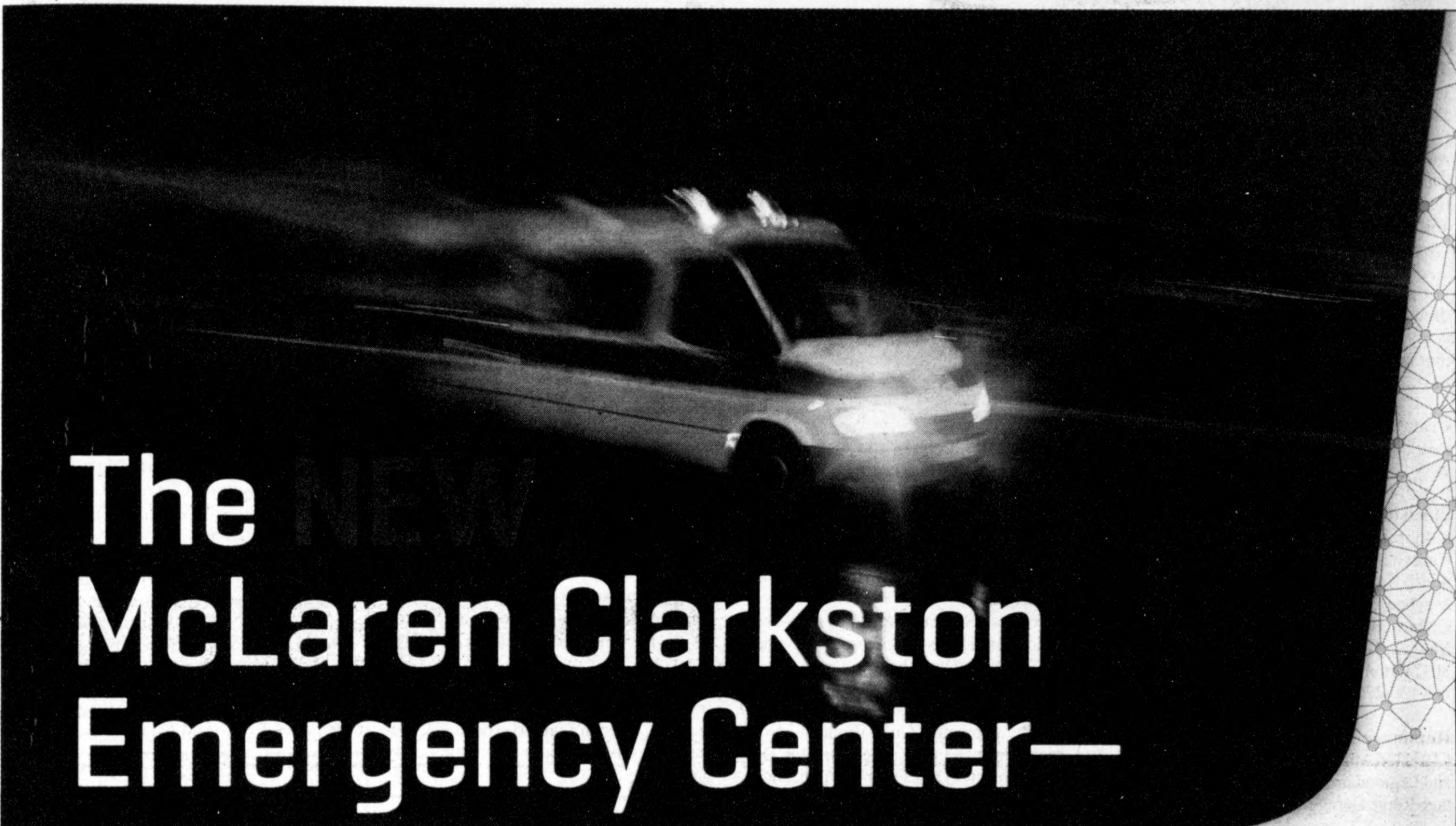
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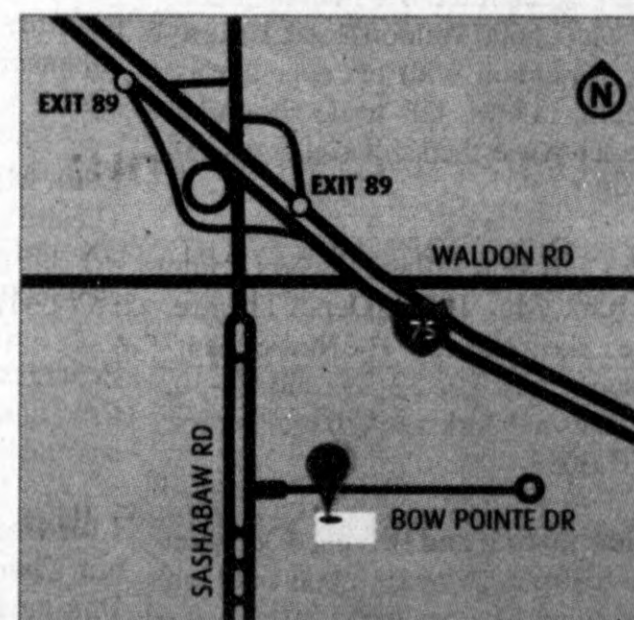
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An Evening of Elegance, Clarkston Optimists Club, 6 p.m., April 23, Pine Knob Golf and Banquet Center, 5580 Waldon Road. Dinner and entertainment. \$60, www.clarkstonoptimist.org.

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.

Craft Show, Clarkston Eagles, 5640 Maybee Road, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., April 30. Free. 248-625-9838.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, May 3, 1-6:45 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road; May 4, 3-8:45 p.m., North Sashabaw Elementary, 5290 Maybee; May 8, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road; May 12, 1-6:45 p.m., American Legion Hall, 8047 Ortonville Road. Call 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

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Auditions, Clarkston Village Players Youth Theatre, 6 p.m., May 15-16, Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road, for "The Music Man." Performances, July 20, 22-24, and 28-30. Audition forms at ClarkstonVillagePlayers.org. 248-881-3059.

Spring Wine Tasting and Buying, Clarkston Rotay, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 19, Fountains Golf & Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Wine samplings from six Michigan wineries. \$40/advance, \$50/door. mindyjoel@aol.com.

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Around Town

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



Clarkston lacrosse players, parents and fans gear up for Game for a Cure. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Game for a Cure set for this Saturday

Clarkston hosts their 12th annual Game for a Cure at Clarkston High School this Saturday.

Game for a Cure began as a tribute to Frank Kaminskas "Big Poppa" whose positive influence had an impact on many.

The event 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.

The Clarkston High School Leadership program is selling snow cones and cotton candy, 12-8 p.m. and will have a kiddy carnival from 3-6 p.m.

All proceeds go to patients undergoing treatment at St. Joseph's Cancer Research Center in Pontiac. The check presentation will take place before the varsity game.

7:30-9 a.m., May 24, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Honors citizen of the year, youth, volunteer, business person, community beautification, enhancement, collaboration. \$12. 248-625-1323.

Eddie Money kicks off the DTE Energy Music Theatre's 2016 summer concert season, May 27, 7:30 p.m. \$34.50/pavilion, \$10/lawn. 800-745-3000.

Peacefest Art and Music Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., June 4-5, 5815 Dixie Highway. Local artists and live bands. 248-330-9588.

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.

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Tuesday

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. April 26: "Is the Devil Real: An Exorcist Tells All," features interviews with people who claim to have had encounters with demons, including a clergyman who has conducted many exorcisms—the removal of demonic spirits. Free. 810-694-9351.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., May 10, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Topic: "Why Do I Feel So Angry?" Free. 248-625-5231.

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

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

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

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Wednesday

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

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free: [Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi](https://www.facebook.com/coffeeclubmi), and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

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.

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

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, activities. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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

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-Elise Kalinowski



"It's my first time and I enjoy there are all these girls so entranced by engineering, by all the different fun things. It's all fun but it is all science. It's cool."

-Michaela Lee



"I like that it encourages girls to take an interest in engineering, math and science. I think it's not encouraged enough for girls. I like it is reaching younger girls and getting them interested in it. It's important."

-Austin Simmons



"I like seeing how excited all the girls get. I was working at Makey Makey with the piano circuit and have them test out before you connect the circuit. It doesn't work. Then, when you show them how it works they get excited."

-Abigail Nofar

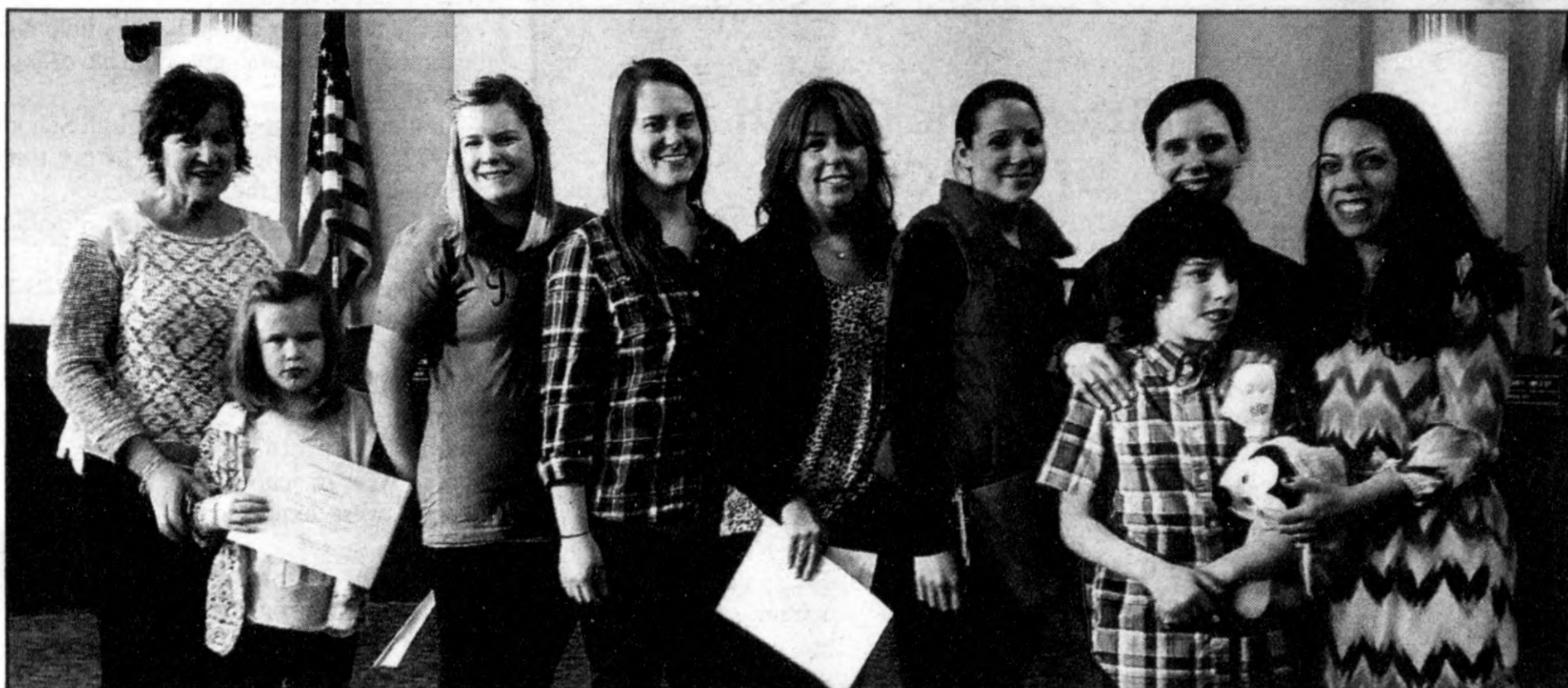
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Students shine with Sparkle Awards

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (CSEPAC) honored the hard work of all those working with students with special needs at the Sparkle Awards ceremony at Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building, March 30.

Over 250 people attended the event, which was sponsored by the Clarkston Foundation.

Heather Roeser, president of CSEPAC, said she organized the awards ceremony after hearing of a similar awards ceremony at Rochester Schools.

"Bus drivers, other students, teachers, and paraprofessionals were all nominated," Roeser said.

While everyone received recognition, one person or group from each category were selected for a special award on behalf of that

group.

Roeser said CSEPAC is a fairly new group to Clarkston Community Schools.

"We have been together a year," she said. "We have parent representatives in each building and we spread information on programs for students with special needs."

For more information, find Clarkston PAC on Facebook or find them on the school district's website www.clarkston.k12.mi.us.



Sparkle Awardees and nominees were recognized at the event. Photos provided

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For those of us who are over 50, we are living in unusual times.

In the 80's, who would have anticipated the direction social debate would have taken in these days?

Graduating from Clarkston High School in 1972, I spent the majority of my time attending school in the 1960's.

Since that time, the pendulum of social order has swung widely in the opposite direction. In junior high, we were "allowed" to wear jeans to school on special days, but for most of the time, there was a strict protocol for what to wear to school and how we were expected to behave.

Personal expression certainly wasn't something the greater society considered a right, or something necessary to consider.

Today, personal expression and fulfillment has become the general rule of society. Self-actualization, or fulfillment of self, is now considered as a valid expectation...even if it makes the people around you uncomfortable.

A good example of this is gender identification. The general movement of popular society is to say, "If someone feels their physical gender does not match their physical person, they should be able to choose what gender they want to be."

This becomes an issue when that person wants to go into a bathroom, or shower, used by people of the opposite sex.

Everyone who feels uncomfortable with the actions of the person in gender conflict is expected to "deal with it," so the person who wants our acceptance can feel good about their choices.

This debate is on the forefront of the news, and is certainly the social conflict of our time.

How Did Paul Reach his Contemporaries?

As many know, the Apostle Paul extended his reach to the religious people of his time, as well as to the non-religious.

In the book of Acts chapter 17, we see his ministry to the city of Athens. While ministering to the religious people, Paul gave a scriptural argument for his message to get the religious people to see his way.

But the Apostle was now ministering to a city that was mostly without great religious moorings.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren
Covarrubias

The Greeks loved philosophy. There was a religious component to their thinking, but it was not the foundation of their philosophy.

The Greeks were into human reasoning; not religious persuasion. In his attempt to reach the Greeks, Paul used reasoning to win them over.

Certainly, not everyone found his arguments as "reasonable," but many did. I believe it is very important that we enter the present debate from a standpoint of reason.

As Christians, we must believe the Word of God is the basis of true wisdom; then enter the greater society with an offer of reason, based on our desire to help people find the best life has to offer.

As a minister of God, I don't want to impose rules on people; I want to share with them what I have found about the Word of God. God's Word provides the fulfilled life. Who would know more about mankind than the One who created us?

We are establishing a college at our church called *Beecher Institute*. It is named after Lyman Beecher, a man who had a great impact on America.

A major issue for our country during that time was the abuse of alcohol. Drunkenness was a scourge destroying our nation.

Beecher founded the temperance movement. One didn't need to be a Christian to see the wisdom of this movement, nor the positive impact it would have on our society.

The temperance movement, although controversial, is credited with lowering alcohol consumption by 50%. American society certainly benefited from this movement.

Some would argue the ultimate impact of prohibition, but it certainly was a powerfully positive force initially. Beecher's children, one being Harriet Beecher Stowe, had a great influence in abolitionist movement. Her book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, influenced many people by giving them a compassion for the slaves.

The problem with the movement to free the slaves was that a lot of Christians used the Bible to enforce their beliefs in favor of society. Certainly, even Christians can have a wide range of opinions on their place in society as a whole.

What I am advocating for the Church is that we follow the advice of Jesus Christ.

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Matthew 10:16

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion.

Death notices & Obituaries

John Jeffrey Cox, 55

John Jeffrey Cox, "Jeff," of Clarkston passed away suddenly April 16, 2016, due to a motorcycle accident at age 55.

He was the husband of Jamie; father of Greg (Brittney) Briggs, Rachelle and Kimberly Cox; son of Geneva (late Oliver) Cox; grandpa "Pa Jeff" of Zachary Briggs and Dylan Hartfield; son in law of Judy Briggs and Allen Briggs; brother of Jim



(Maryo) Cox and late Lewis Cox; brother in law of Kirk David (Jennifer) Briggs and Sheila (Fred) Schaller; uncle of Aaron Cox, Shaun Parrish, Stephanie Cummins, Kirk Briggs, Kori Briggs, Lulu Briggs, Sam and Sydney Nardizzi, Jeremy and John Schnaidt, and Jack Grebe.

Jeff loved his wife and children with all his heart and loved to spend time with them at their cottage in Alpena. Boating and being on the water with his family and friends was the greatest joy for him.

Jeff will be remembered as a person who was eager to help anyone in need. He was very proud of his home remodeling and building skills. Jeff also loved his dogs Shelby and Percy. They were a big part of his life.

Funeral Service, Wednesday, April 20, 12:30 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, any donations may be made to the family (gofund me account).

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Harry J. Dalzell, 67

Harry John Dalzell of Bloomfield Hills passed away April 12, 2016, at age 67.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marcelline, first wife Kathy and his sons Michael and James. He was the loving father of Annette (Mike) Yasoni, Rochelle (David) Williams, Wendy (Jeff) Rand and Charles (Kelli) Dalzell; grandfather of 19; great grandfather of one.



Harry was proud to be the longest standing active employee of Detroit Edison. He was a member of UWUA.

Funeral Service was April 16 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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School Board could place bond on ballot in August or November

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strapped with interest as oppose to offering us a sinking fund so there is no interest (and our dollars will go directly into the school with no wasted money?"

Resident Phil Bertolini had a different take on the technology portion of the potential bond.

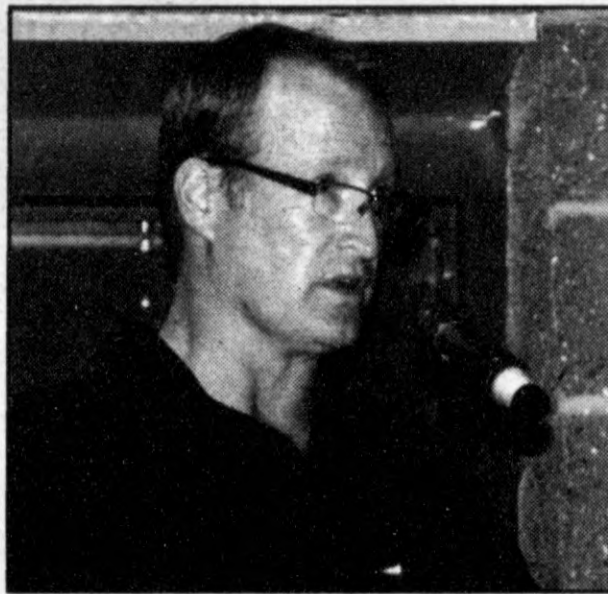
"You can't lose sight of the future. It's one thing to keep the status quo. It's another thing to make sure we have a learning environment where our children will flourish," he said. "The world is passing us by, technology has to be a part of the bond because that's the world we live in. If we're not teaching our kids the technology today, we're wasting our time as educators."

The board voted 5-2 at an April 11 special meeting to approve the preliminary bond qualification application

The vote allows the board to keep the option open to place a "no-increase" bond vote on the Aug. 2 election ballot.

Bertolini said he is a big supporter of Clarkston's music program, and musical instruments have deteriorated over several years. He is happy to see the bond proposal includes proper storage facilities for band instruments at the high school, as well as instrument upgrades.

"We have stuff sitting out in the rain and in the cold and it's getting ruined," he said.



Chris Fluegel comments on the school bond proposal. Photo by Trevor Keiser

"Musical instruments cannot handle that kind of temperature change so we need some sort of (proper) storage environment."

Music and the arts are just as important as athletics, he said.

"I personally am a tuba player and I can tell you I've never seen (instruments like these). They look like trash cans with mouthpieces," he said. "I hope this board looks favorably on that as deliberate the bond issue and what needs to be spent going further."

Resident Chris Fluegel was also very impressed by the current laid out bond

proposal.

"I really like the fact that it's comprehensive bond vote," he said. "The biggest most important fact is that it's not going to be an increase."

Fluegel noted he's had two daughters in Clarkston Schools, one who graduated and one currently a sophomore. Both of them "reaped the benefit from past successes and decisions past boards have made."

"We have to build on the excellent education that we have now and we can't rest on our laurels. I'm in favor of the bond and in favor of the proposal. I hope the board votes unanimously to move forward with the bond," he said. "I probably won't reap the benefits, other than the fact I'll continue to live in the community that is a destination city that has some of the best athletic facilities, has the best talent and has the best education system in the state."

Next steps

The board has not approved the bond ballot date yet, according to Board Vice President Elizabeth Egan.

"The next step in the process is for the Board of Education to listen to our community and I would like to hear their voices sooner, rather than later," Egan said.

"The board wants to keep all options open at this point in terms of upcoming election dates," said Board President Steve Hyer. "If

we decide August is the right time for our community, we still have that option open to us and if we decide a different option is the right one, we still have that open to us as well."

Trustee Craig Hamilton and board Secretary Susan Boatman voted against keeping the August option open.

Hamilton said a November election would allow more residents to be heard at the voting booths.

"I'm not a big fan of the argument our residents are not smart enough to be able to grasp the concept to be able to vote on more than just five issues," he said. "I think our residents are smart enough to be able to look at all the issues and care enough that they will take the time to look at local issues in addition to the presidential and other issues on the ticket."

Boatman agreed.

"It is my belief that we get a more representative decision when we ask the community to vote in November," she said. "I'm also concerned an August election may not allow sufficient time to educate voters on the details of the bond proposal."

Citizens will have another chance for input on the needs assessment and bond proposal at the April 25 meeting. The board will deliberate and possibly approve a ballot proposal vote date on May 9.



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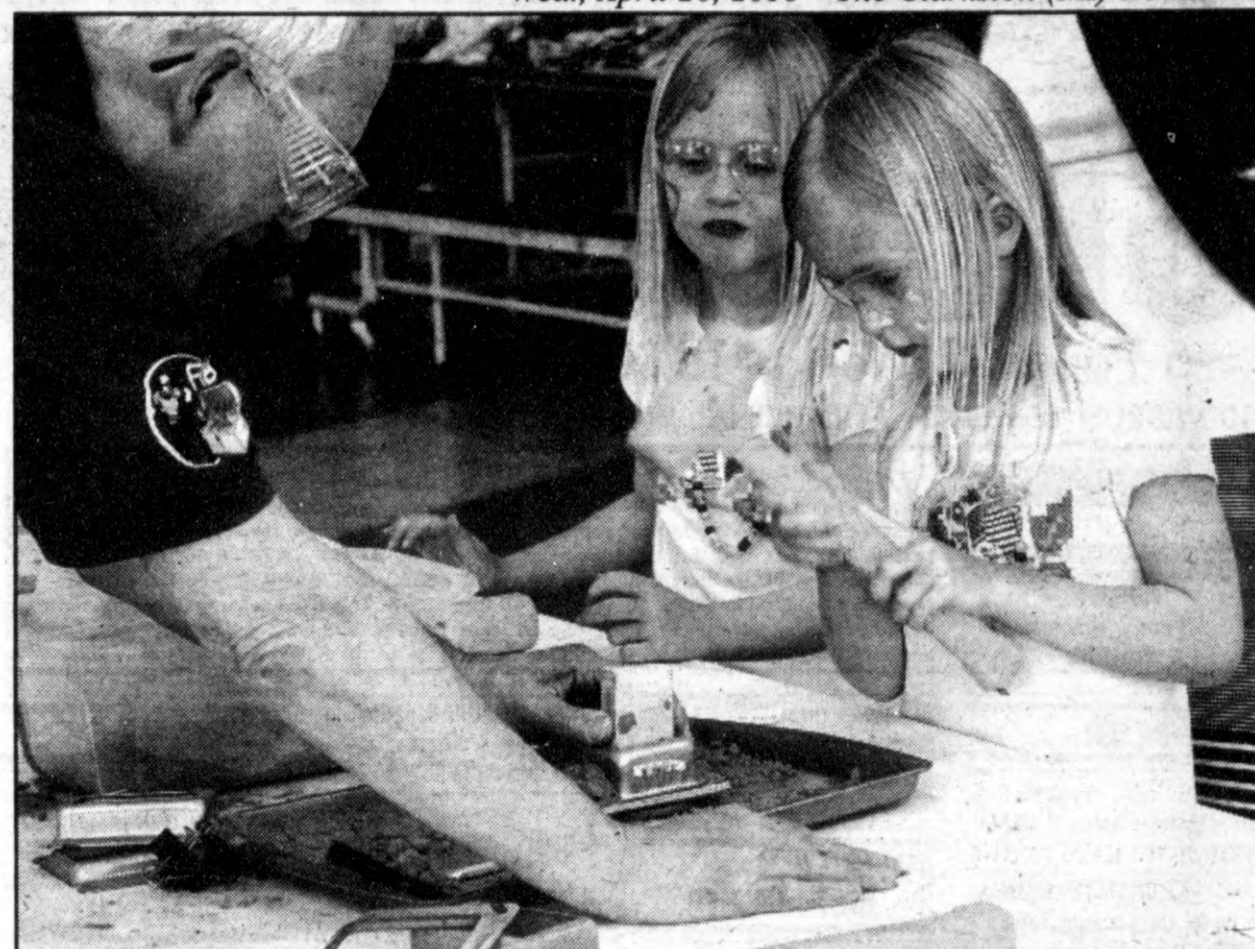
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Logan Robinson checks to see if a plastic egg floats with the weight she put in it. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Brooke and Kylie Dunfield create a metal souvenir to take home.

Making a difference at Maker Girl

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Hundreds of girls throughout the community experienced the wonder of engineering, math and science at the second annual Maker Girl Mania at Clarkston High School last Saturday.

"It's crazy," smiled Abigail Nofar, Women in Engineering President at the high school as she watched girls busy in the cafeteria creating and learning new skills.

"Even though I am in the club you don't think there are too many girls who like science and engineering," she added. "It is so exciting to me to see all these girls come out and enjoy everything we are showing them. A lot of the girls even have background information. It is cool they are finding the information for themselves."

Maker Girl Millie, also known as Elise Kalinowski, added it was really exciting when she would visit the girls and each one was excited about what they were doing.

"Especially when you talk to them and you get them more interested," she smiled. "They think it is more cool. It's a good day."

Nofar's favorite booth was the Great Maker Race which was also a favorite amongst the 520 girls in Kindergarten through seven grade. Participants created the car starting with a block, cutting it out, adding tires and decorating before racing it down the hilly track.

Girls also visited 30 booths including Camp Invention, Clarkston Independence

District Library, FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge), Brick It Up, Oakland Schools, Foundry in a Box and Oakland University of Women Engineers. At each booth they were able to try something different - build a toothbrush battlebot, drive a robots, create a duct tape hairbow, make a LED bookmark, cast a metal piece and so much more.

"The girls are excited to be here and explore," said Laura Kalinowski, teacher. "They jump right into the tables and start working with what's there."

Laura Banaszak, teacher, added they had three sessions this year and made them longer especially after having 520 girls sign up in a matter of a few days.

"It was such a great event last year the word of mouth spread," she added. "We had more people like our social media sites. It helps and we kept updating it through the year. Unfortunately, we had to turn people down."

Kalinowski and Banaszak added they are thankful to the community and the volunteers who are teachers, students, alumni and community members.

"It's so nice we have so many people who want to give and help the next generation of engineers," said Kalinowski.

Maker Girl Mania also gave back. The girls were able to make a care package and write a letter to send to a soldier. Participants also brought in canned food items to donate to Lighthouse.

Visit Maker Girl Mania on Facebook.



Madilyn Turcsak adds weight.



Carli Banaszak shoots a water rocket.



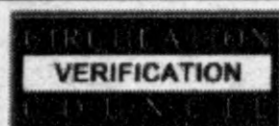
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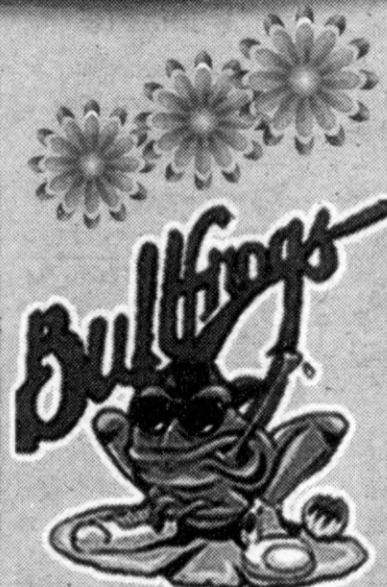
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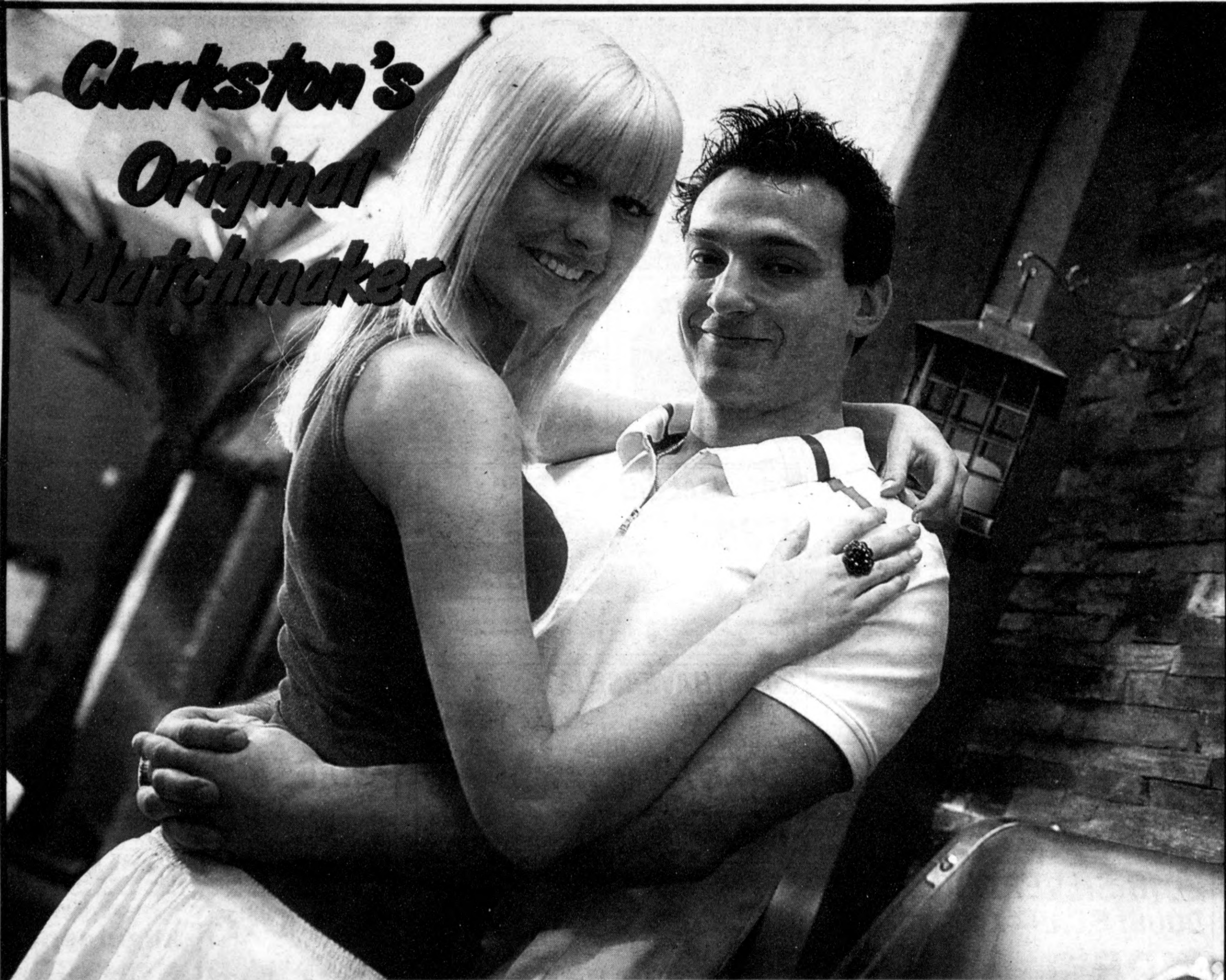


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It is funded by Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program through the Departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture and Rural Development.

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Estate of Jeffrey D. Sprague. Date of birth: 11/18/1959

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Independence Township Hall

6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

C. ROLL CALL:

D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Case #16-009, Petitioner, John & Tisha King, Requesting: Two total (2) variances, 1) A variance from Section 5.06(A)(4) for placement of an accessory structure in front of the principal structure and, 2) A 5.2 foot height variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2, both in order to construct an accessory building, 8781 Pine Knob Rd., Parcel #08-10-476-001, R-1R Rural Residential.

2. Case #16-010, Petitioner, Michael Smitha, Requesting: Two total (2) variances, 1) A 12.88 foot front yard variance and, 2) A 22.16 foot rear yard variance, both from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 in order to construct a new single family home, South side of Algonquin, west of Eston Road, Parcel #08-12-304-015, R-1A Single Family Residential.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2016

I. DISCUSSION:

J. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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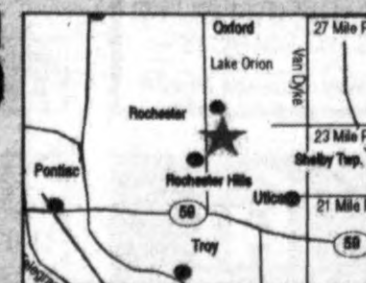
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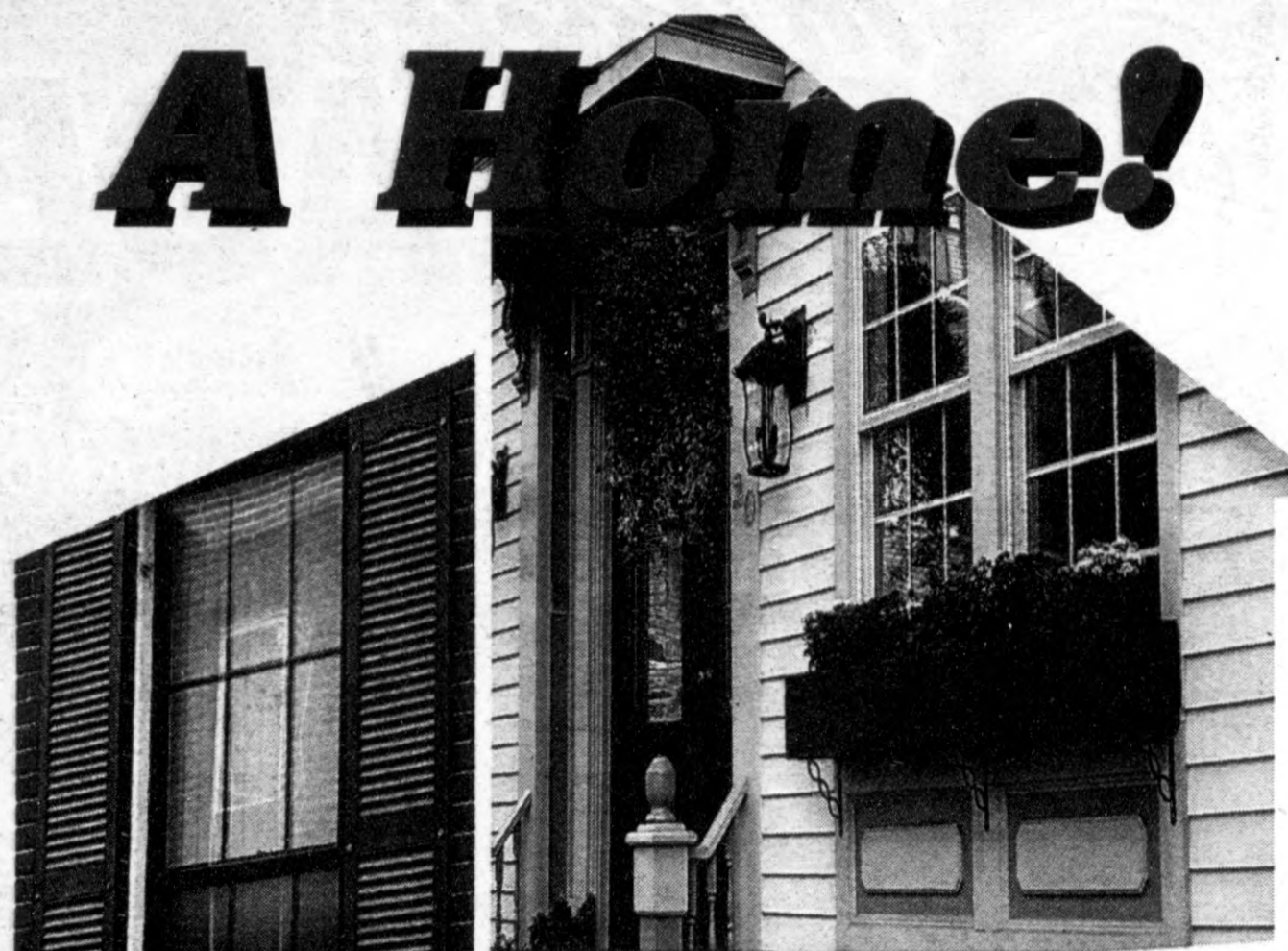
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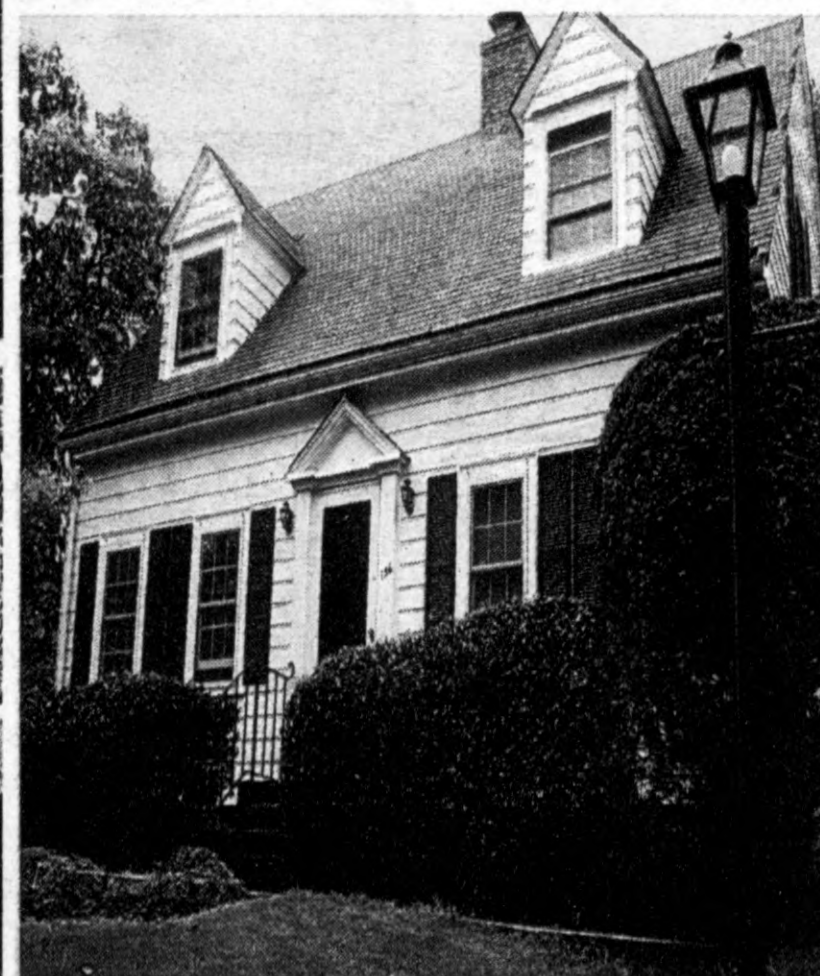
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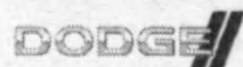
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