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\$4.1 million bridge OK'd

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"If at first you don't succeed try, try again."

That was the lesson Independence Township Trustee David Lohmeier learned, April 19, when his first motion for a pedestrian bridge project over I-75 at Waldon Road failed, 3-2. Lohmeier and Trustee



Resident Pat Bayley addresses the board.
Photo by Trevor Keiser

Andrea Schroeder were the only "yes" votes. Trustees Jose Aliaga and Ron Richie were absent.

While the majority of the board wasn't in favor of authorizing around \$2.1 million toward the approximate \$4.1 million project, Schroeder suggested a second motion reducing the cost to the township to \$1.5 million. That suggestion got a 5-0 vote.

"I was very happy with the way it ended," Lohmeier said. "I'm more than a little nervous at the participation level. I wished we would have passed it at 60 percent. I think it's a really high risk to get the contribution with the township doing 40 percent. Clearly I couldn't get people over the hurdle at 60 percent."

Schroeder's motion reduces the township's match toward the TAP, Transportation Alternatives Program, grant from 60 percent, which is \$1.962 million, to 40 percent, \$1.308 million.

If they don't get matching funding, Lohmeier said it will be tough because it's a big issue to fix. However, he said he's

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Skateboarder struck on M-15

A 14-year-old Independence Township boy was hospitalized after being hit by a vehicle on M-15, 5:25 p.m., April 20.

Investigation showed the boy skateboarded out onto Main Street west of Middle Lake Road without looking.

The vehicle, driven by a 32-year-old Waterford Township woman, was unable to stop and struck the skateboarder.

The speed limit is 40 mph in the area, and the driver wasn't speeding, said Det. Sgt. Rich Cummins.

"She didn't have a chance to stop," Cummins said.

According to Michigan law, vehicles must yield right-of-way to pedestrians in a crosswalk. Pedestrians must yield the right-of-way to vehicles when crossing outside of a marked crosswalk at an intersection.

"You can't just dart out," Cummins said.

The skateboarder was not wearing a helmet.

M-15 was closed to traffic while the OCSO Crash Reconstruction Unit assisted in the investigation. The teen was taken to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital in stable condition by Independence Township paramedics.

— Phil Custodio



Ethen McMichael and Devin Spaulding, along with the rest of Team RUSH 27, head to the floor to get their state championship medals, trophy, and banner. Photo by Dale Schnepf.

RUSH to world

BY TREVOR KEISER

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Clarkston High School's robotics team Team RUSH 27 is heading to St. Louis Missouri this week for the World Championship after being medaled State Champions on April 16 in Grand Rapids.

Out of 411 teams in the state, RUSH was one of 102 teams at the state tournament. They were seeded No. 2 going into the elimination rounds and brought home the win with a 18-4-0 record on the day.

"I can't tell you how proud of I am of this team," said Team RUSH Coach Kyle Hughes. "From the students scouting in the stands to get us the accurate data of the next round of winners who we'd be

playing to the pit crew who kept the robot in pristine condition and improving the entire time through the playoffs, to the Drive Team, that just blew my mind."

For RUSH Drive Team member Jared Harper, heading in the finals was an "amazing feeling."

"I just look up into the stands and I see 102 teams are up there and they're watching us — some of them rooting for us, some of them rooting against us," he said. "But when you look at our team and see them cheering us on, you want to win it for them. That's what you want. I looked at all of their faces and said 'we got to win this.'"

In the finals match, RUSH made an

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An artist's rendering shows expansion work to the front of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Site plan OK'd for Clarkston United Methodist Church

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston City Council voted, April 25, to approve the site plan and special land use permit for expansion of Clarkston United Methodist Church on Waldon Road.

A written agreement with Clarkston Community Schools is still pending on a storm sewer on school property off Waldon Road, next to the athletic field by Renaissance High School. The new drain would direct water away from the church to Waldon Road.

The church plans to add 16,950 square feet to its existing 28,312 square feet, for a total of 45,262 square feet.

The project includes a new community center in the back, about the size of a small junior high school gym, and more space in the front of the church.

The church will celebrate its 175th anniversary celebration this year, and hopes the project will be a part of that, said Ric Huttenlocher, member of the church.

"We're really a part of the community — we'll continue to be a really good partner," Huttenlocher said at the April 11 meeting. "We've recommitted to the city of Clarkston. We want to be here."

City council OK'd the site plan and special land use permit at its April 11 meeting, pending review of materials, landscaping, and drainage engineering.

Those reviews were completed and the

council gave its approval, April 25.

The plan includes no change to the parking lot, and no increase in use.

"It's a seven-days-a-week building now. We're used throughout the week," said Pastor Richard Dake.

"I like the way it's set up. It appears it's going to fit what they have already," said Council member Al Avery.

New outdoor LED lights will be installed, which are flat and directional, said architect Stephen Auger.

"It will be a huge improvement to what is there now," Auger said.

A meeting with school officials has been planned for May 4, said Mayor Joe Luginiski.

Bids for an expansion project for Clarkston DPW and city hall are set to be opened on May 10.

A special city council meeting has been set for May 16 for review of the bids and possible approval of one of them, said Mayor Joe Luginiski.

However, if the council and city engineers have not had enough time to review the bids, the meeting could be rescheduled for May 16. A week may make a difference as contractors fill their schedules, Luginiski said.

It would also be the only item on the agenda, allowing council members and the public to focus on it, he said.

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Clarkston teachers were recognized by the school board for their work in classrooms and throughout the district. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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Staff honored for decades of service

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools honored over 60 staff members at the April 18 regular board meeting, who have served the district for 25 years and more.

Of those, nine were given special recognition for their service of 35 years or more.

Susan Banworth served 41 years as educator for Clarkston Community Schools. Banworth is serving her fifth year at Sashabaw Middle School as a seventh grade

social studies teacher, but began her career at Andersonville Elementary.

Not only has Banworth been at Andersonville, but throughout her time she has actually been in seven of the eleven buildings the district. That's because for 33 years she worked in "Clarkston's Gifted and Talented" program serving as the talent development specialist. When a district needs assessment many years ago pinpointed that there was a need to start such a program Banworth was apart of the team set out to research, visit other districts and then implement a program here in Clarkston. Soon districts all around were coming to visit her classroom as she became the model. She worked with staff too helping train to work with the gifted and talented population.

When asked by staff if it was difficult moving to all the different buildings over the years, Banworth responded "no two years were the same."

Outside the classroom she started the Future Solvers of America in the early 80's. Then a few years ago she revived it, breathing new life into the Problem Solvers Taking the team two years ago to the international competition where again she'll return this year with her state championship team.

Custodian **David Blehm** has worked 40

years in Clarkston serving in many different roles.

Blehm recalled his first week where he called the (maintenance) supervisor everyday to get a job. He started out as a general custodian, filled in for head custodians, been the Buildings and Grounds supervisor and spent the last 20 years as the maintenance foreman. Blehm is also asbestos manager and has put the asbestos management plan together.

He installed the first computerized control system in the district nearly 30 years ago and he did this himself while crawling through the tunnels of the old high school, now junior high. He remembers that whole year of working in the tunnels.

He loves most coming to work everyday. He enjoys his job in maintaining the buildings and takes pride that he has not had to close a building due to a building problem under his control. He would like to work another 3-5 years.

Ned Burdick has served the district for 37 years as a science teacher at Clarkston High School.

Burdick served honorably as the first equestrian team faculty sponsor, while knowing absolutely nothing about horses. He's been a class sponsor, ran pep assemblies

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Longtime teachers get special recognition

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for many years and was able to conduct arguably the worst supervision duty every by agreeing to chaperone Spring Break trips. He's also the longtime President of the CEA and remains actively involved and engaged in union activities.

Burdick believes: "Anybody who goes past 30 years in teaching isn't doing it for the money. It's personal."

He noted that it's his close knit relationships of his fellow teachers that have inspired him throughout his career to keep working hard everyday, as well as the great pleasure he receives from hearing from graduates as they move throughout their lives.

High school Special Education teacher **Patricia Carter** has also served the district for 37 years. Having taught from kindergarten through high school, which she says has given her a "unique perspective" that she is able to use with her students on a daily basis.

Carter always known she wanted to be a special education teacher and began working with special needs students at a very young age through her church, Girl Scouts, SCAMP and then in her professional career. Trisha feels very blessed to have a career where she feels she can make a difference in someone's life each day and each day is different which makes it difficult for her to believe she's been doing this job for 37 years.

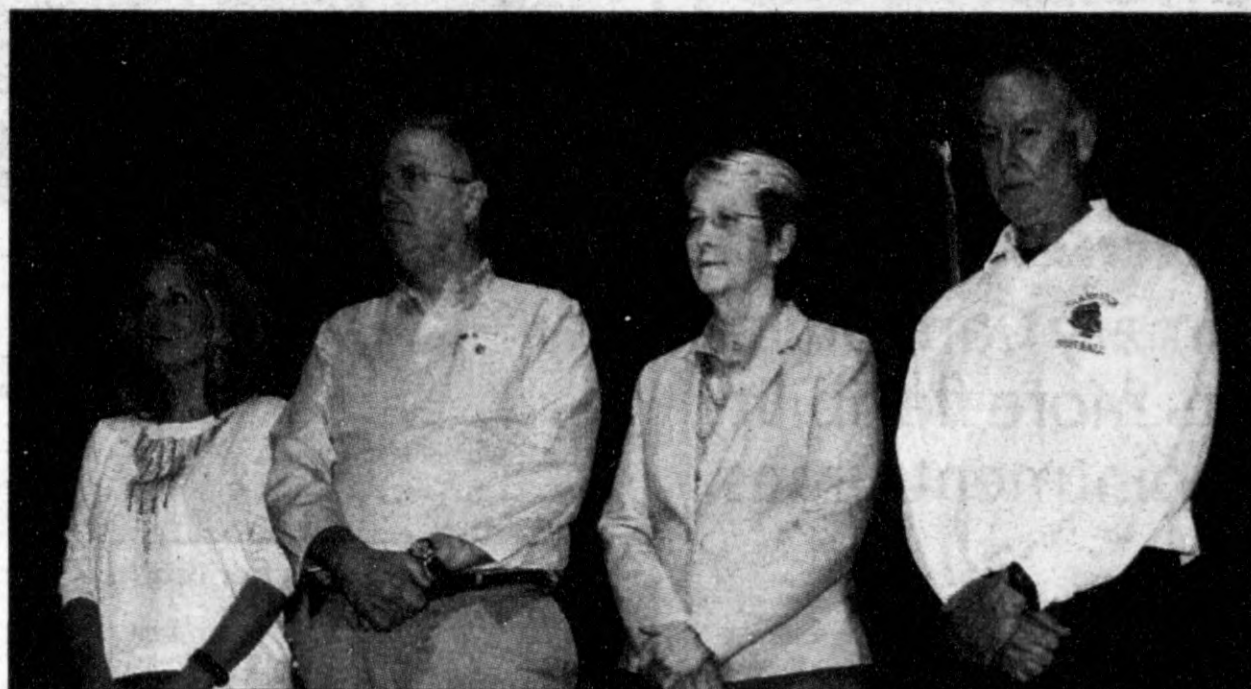
She also got her master's degree in counseling, not to change jobs or go into counseling, but to "better serve the students," that she serves. She's also worked with students through extracurricular activities such as the "Just say No" program, SADD and currently on the Safe Driving Campaigns for high school students and this year she was recognized with the top program in the state.

Custodian **Dale Hamilton** has served Clarkston for 42 years. He started out as a general custodian before moving to the head custodian position. He's worked at Bailey Lake, North Sashabaw, South Sashabaw, Clarkston Junior High, Clarkston High School and is currently at the Renaissance High School.

One of the things Hamilton remembers most similar to Blehm is crawling through the tunnels of the old junior high, which is now Renaissance High School. What he really enjoys about Clarkston is the friendship's he's made over his 42 years. Hamilton loves working with the great students and wonderful staff.

Custodian **Michael Hull** worked 37 years in the district spending 10 of them between Pine Knob and Clarkston Elementary Schools and the last 27 at Clarkston High School.

Hull began as many custodians do on the nightshift. When he moved to days he was



Teachers receiving honors included, from left, Patricia McMillen, Ned Burdick, Holly Rupprecht, and Kurt Richardson. Photo by Trevor Keiser

able to build a great appreciation for the students he served. He spoke of the great kids we have in Clarkston Schools and how much interacting with them has meant to him. He said "the students are polite, helpful and appreciative" of the work he does. His interactions have kept him focused on doing quality work over the years. His greatest award has been the relationships he's shared with coworkers and students.

Science teacher **Patricia McMillen** who's served 36 years, started out as a long-term substitute until former Deputy Superintendent Mel Varra walked into the classroom she was subbing in and offered her a job. She took it and the rest has been history. She spent a few years at Clarkston Junior High School and the rest of her career teaching science at CHS. McMillen has served as a high school science department chair and has coach many sports during her career.

Her motivation has been the relationships she's formed with her students. She has always thought of them as her children and has kept that in mind when dealing with students on emotional and social issues. She's taught science for 36 years, but she's also taught life lessons.

Kurt Richardson's 40 years of service includes five months as a paraprofessional and two months as a custodian. He is a PE teacher and a longtime department chairperson at the high school. He's worked at Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High and Clarkston High School, both the old and new high schools.

Richardson recalled the "tough pink slip days" when he began his career. While frustrating, this never caused him to rethink his chosen profession. Richardson has always valued the tremendous support of administration he's had and the relationships and the camaraderie he's developed with teachers over the years.

He's has always been a strong proponent of teaching physical fitness and it's

relationship with academic achievement.

Richardson has coached four sports for 39 years, which is an estimated total of over 60 seasons of working with kids in the community.

Of his 39 years, winning the state football titles in 2013-14 were very special. However, he's most appreciative of the relationships he's built with former players. Particularly those he coaches with, has developed friendships with and countless others who have contacted him to tell him how the lesson they learned on the field have translated through their lives, particularly those students who have gone on to serve in the military. They hold a special place in Richardson's heart.

Holly Rupprecht spent two years at Clarkston Junior High before going to the high school where she's spent the past 35 years. Rupprecht was a college athlete who was instrumental in beginning the girls' softball program at CHS, coaching the first girls' freshman softball team.

She is also one who has many involved interests outside of work. She is a master gardener, she cares deeply for environmental issues and she is a champion dog shower. And she brings these expertise to her classroom.

Rupprecht has spent years figuring out ways how to engage students in the curriculum outside the classroom and keeping up in technological advancement that can aide in student learning. She spends much of her time and own resources to make much of this happen. Rupprecht has enjoyed seeing what her former students do after leaving school, particularly as it applies to what she was able to teach them.

Clarkston Superintendent Dr Rod Rock said it's "very rear in the year 2016 to have people spend 40 years, 35 years in one place. And to do so is amazing to me. All the lives you've touched, the difference you've made in people's lives and how much you mean to this community."

Briefly

Teachers honored

Clarkston Board of Education presented honors, April 18, to teachers with 30-34 years with the district, including Scott Ballard, Jayne Bannister, Richard Erhardt, Thomas Evans, Harold Harmon, Nick Kolos, Gloria Lacy Mari Pace-Bleau, Vonda Ruth, Judith White and Linda Zittel.

Teachers with 25-29 years of service include Ann Barkey, Amy Beattie, Jennifer Biallas, Deborah Brock, Ellen Buday, Sherry Carpenter, Judith Carpenter, Kathy Christopher, Jodee Cobeil-Blaszowski, Douglas Colling, Angela Comp, Brooke Davis, Janice Davis, Craig Dellowe, Patricia Douglas, James Farnsworth, Danna Fox, Loretta Gagnon, Anita Gillam, Lezlie Hallman, Alaina Hawley, Dale Hesse, Steven Himburg, Lorri Kaczor, Claudia Keglovitz, Dianne Kitson, Kelly Leverenz, Troy Luke, Dori Lund, Maureen Mikula, Amy Morris, Billie Pambid, Jefferey Peariso, Elaine Pepera, Andrew Pinner, Michele Przybylski, Amy Randolph, Paul Sabbag, Jill Santola, Natalie Vanas, Patricia Webb, Steve Wyckoff and John Zittel.

New treasurer

Caitlain Bentoski is the new treasurer of the City of Village of Clarkston.

Clarkston City Council approved the hire unanimously, April 11. She replaces Sandra Barlass, whose last day with the city was April 21.

Bentoski lives in the Clarkston area and has an accounting background. She was interviewed by Mayor Joe Luginski and City Manager Carol Eberhardt.

"I think she would be a good fit from the standpoint of background and knowledge," Luginski said.

Salary is unchanged at \$30,000 per year.

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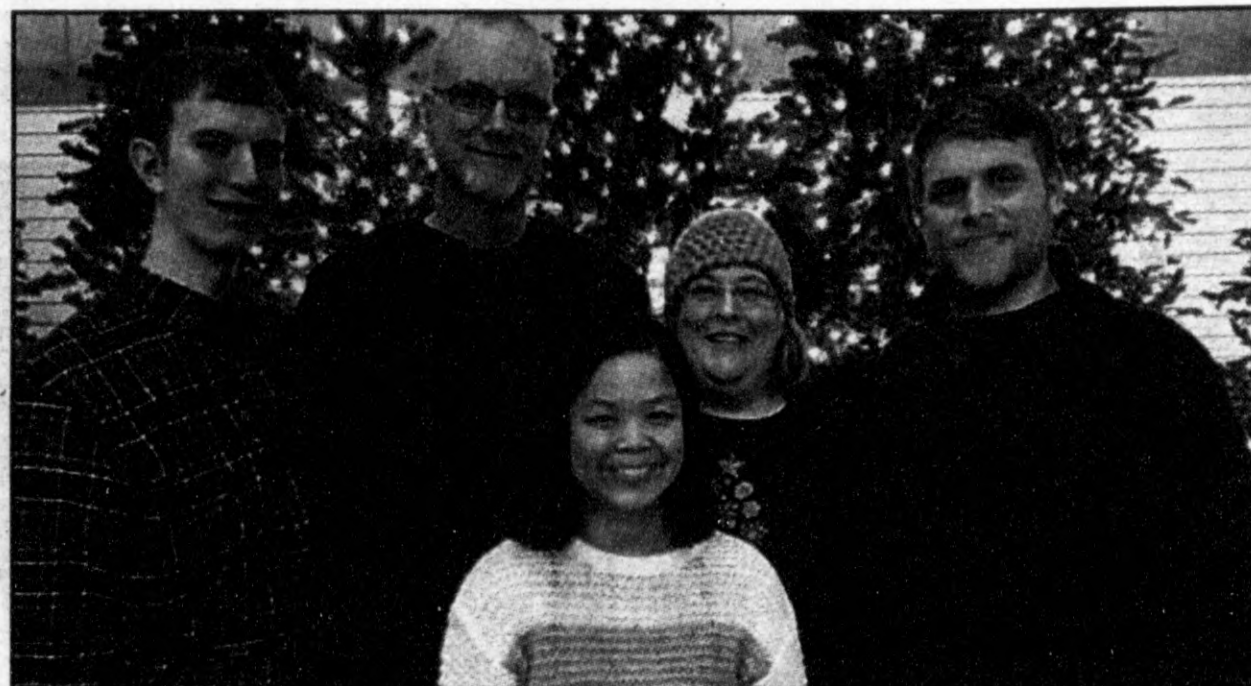
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Rebecca Peart, with her brothers Eric and Kevin, and parents Janet and Bill Peart. Photo provided

Wish for children who need families

Rebecca Peart is a freshman at Clarkston Junior High School and in her Advanced Language Arts class has a service learning project. "I chose to do mine about orphans because I am adopted from China and I want to help people get the chance that I got," Peart said.

Have you ever thought about orphans, like adopting them? Have you ever thought about orphans' lives in orphanages? I'm pretty confident I can tell you a fairly decent answer to those questions because there was a time I was an orphan.

That's right, I was an orphan and it never really leaves you. No matter how young you were when you got adopted, but I was fortunate enough to get adopted.

I am participating in The Orphan Foundation's Awareness Project, which is where I tell a story about a family who adopted somebody from a different country, and so I thought, what better story to tell than my own?

I was supposedly born on March 28, 2001, in Guangzhou, China. However, my birthday is uncertain and it's believed to be at the end of March. The people at the orphanage guessed on it and my parents got the final say. Not many parents can say that they got to pick their child's birthday, but mine did.

My birthday was either March 28 or March 29, and my brother's birthday was March 29. So, I was left with March 28. Anyway, a couple days after I was born, I was abandoned and left on a street corner in a cardboard box. Let me tell you, it hurts to get rejected when you're only two days old, even if you don't remember it the feeling is still there and it lasts.

However, I was very lucky to be found by a police officer and was taken to an orphanage. Little did I know I would spend a little over a year there. During that year, I was bathed in cold water, I was fed powdered milk, and did not know what real food tasted like until I was adopted. I did get cared and nurtured for, perhaps, way better than some orphanages, but no matter how many time

the caretakers fed you, or bathed you, or held you, it would never compare to your mother or father's loving touch.

On April 11, 2002, a couple walked into my orphanage and I didn't know at the time who they were when I first saw them, but soon I would know them as my mom and dad. Out of all of the orphanages and all of the children there, they went to my orphanage and they chose me. At the orphanage, the orphanage staff told my parents that I was a ball of energy and my parents found that out soon enough. I was always energetic and easily fired up and still am, somewhat, to this day.

My first time eating genuine food was soon after I had left the orphanage with my parents, it was an egg drop soup, I think. I ate it so fast and the powdered milk was dead to me, I never wanted to go back to it ever again. Then, there was the day that I left for my new found home. I couldn't imagine what my 13 month old brain was thinking. Here I was, leaving what seemed like my home, at the time, away from the people who cared for me, who were the only kind of parentlike figure that I had back then, with two strangers that I had met only a few days beforehand. The orphanage was all I had ever known and my main caretakers were like family to me, and I was ripped away from all I had ever known. However, they can take you out of the orphanage, but they can never take the orphanage out of you.

Although, at the end of the day, I'm very thankful all of this has happened to me. I'm one of the lucky ones who got adopted. I'm far better off here in Clarkston with my friends and my family I am so very thankful for.

My family saved me from a life of poverty and I'm ever so grateful for it. I cannot imagine my life without my family, or my best friends, or my marching band who are like my second family. I love all of these people and if I hadn't been left on that street corner on that day, I wouldn't be sitting here writing this at all. I would've never found

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Student writer shares story of adoption

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my passion for writing, mainly poetry. I would've never fallen in love with Piglet from Winnie the Pooh and it breaks my heart just thinking about that. I also may have never fallen in love with playing the flute, which I would never trade anything in the world for. I probably wouldn't have gotten a chance to fall in love with color guard and loving everything about spinning, and tossing, a flag and rifle.

However, I would be lying if I said I didn't want to meet my biological mother. There are numerous questions I want to ask. Some are as simple as when's my birthday? Or what did you name me? Who are my birth parents? Most people don't get how much an answer to those questions would mean for me and all orphans in my place. Others have always known that basic information about them, I don't even know my time of birth. It's frustrating to not know things that all of your other friends and family do know, but it's even more frustrating when you don't know things about yourself that everyone else close to you actually does know about themselves.

People don't realize that stuff as simple as your real name will always be a mystery to some and they'll never realize how much it hurts inside when everybody else around them knows every fact about them because they never will and kills them inside. I may know my story, but I don't know all of it and every single detail counts like in an essay for school, and just like school, if details are left out, that counts against you. For example, I don't know everything about myself and I question the things that I, and every other orphan, want to know about themselves. Surely enough, I question it maybe everyday, whenever I hear the word, "orphan,"

"adopted," or "abandoned."

Now, almost every orphan asks themselves questions like, why did my birth parents ever give me up? Why did they not want me? I want you to try and picture what that's like. If you are a parent, picture you abandoning your newborn son or daughter, no matter how much you wanted to or not because sometimes children are abandoned because the family is not wealthy enough to be able to take care of that child, how would you feel? If you are a child, picture your parents leaving you and you would never find out why this was done, how would you feel? Also, most of the time questions like those above are not and may never be answered. However, that's why these children need your help. They need loving and caring families to finally give them a rightful home. Everyone deserves a family and it breaks my heart that not everyone gets to have one.

Blood relation doesn't make a family, a bond of love makes a family and that is all that should matter in one, and you can give someone a chance at that. You can even help just by donating money, no matter how much because every penny counts and makes a difference. Now, if you're already considering adoption, then I can honestly tell you that that child wants a family just as much as you want a child.

Now, look, I don't know if my story will impact many. Although, if I have helped some children, even just one, find a loving family and home, then writing this was a total success and was completely 100% worth it. What happened to me when I was a mere 13 months old was a miracle and if I had one wish, I would wish that every child, who has no proper home or family, could get the same miracle that I once got almost 14 years ago.

Time, paperwork for adoption

It took more than a year for Janet and Bill Peart of Clarkston to complete the adoption process for their daughter Rebecca.

A couple of years after their son Kevin was born, the Pearts started the process through an adoption agency focusing on Chinese adoptions.

"Even before Kevin was born, Bill was talking about adopting a little girl from China," Janet said. "He had watched a documentary about the abandoned girls and it really touched him, since his mother died when he was four."

The process included months of paper work, document collection, and home study with a social worker. After their dossier went to China, it took over a year for them to match them with Rebecca.

"We received a couple of pictures early in 2002 and traveled in April of that year. Our group had about a dozen families and we went to Beijing for a few days of touring before we met the babies," Janet said.

After Beijing, they traveled to Guangzhou and met the babies, who ranged from 9-20 months. Rebecca was 12.5 months old.

"Rebecca was one of the few babies who was already crawling. She took her first steps in the airport on the way home," Janet said.

They stayed in Guangzhou for about a week for more paperwork, and traveled by bus to some of the spots, including Rebecca's, where the girls were abandoned.

"The process has changed a lot since we went through it," Janet said. "We are very blessed to have Rebecca as part of our family. She brings joy to us every day."

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Hamlet-ing it up

This month went fast. I've been busy with the Clarkston Village Players, preparing for opening night of *Hamlet II* next Friday.

We've had our share of challenges, including springtime maladies having their way with the cast over the past few weeks.

We have a new Ophelia. The original actress fell ill and unfortunately had to drop out, but a brave volunteer stepped up to fill the role.

During one rehearsal, we got to a scene during a play-within-a-play where Ophelia also gets to step up to replace an actress.

"I know the part," she says.

"How could you," Hamlet responds. "You haven't even read it."

I thought that was pretty funny.

It's been cool watching everything come into focus. The leads have been learning their pages and pages of lines.

Blocking, costumes, lights, etc. all look almost ready to go. Props have been fun. *Hamlet II* is a bit on the minimalist side. My character Francisco is a soldier, so the idea for him is to just wear army fatigues. I asked what era they had in mind, and was told U.S. Army from the 1980s, which they have on hand from last year's production of *A Few Good Men*.

So I'll be wearing my own set of army BDUs from the '80s, from when I was in the actual army.

I'll also be using my own prop dagger/sword, which I also happen to own.

Sara Sanger came by last week with her camera to take publicity photos, like the ones she sends to me for the calendar page when shows come up. I was up on stage for this one, though.

I'll bring my own camera to dress rehearsals for more. My role is small, so I'll have plenty of time for that.

I've been OK with stage fright lately, up there during the past few weeks of rehearsals. This week they started running the lights, though. When the lights came up on me at Monday's runthrough, I found I'm not quite over that particular acting challenge. I should be OK by next week, though.

The play opens May 6, continuing on May 7, 13-15, and 19-21. Tickets are \$13 for Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m.; and \$15 for Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. - www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.



A call to contact city about expansion

Dear Editor,

The City of the Village of Clarkston is considering building a new garage for city vehicles and renovating the existing Village Hall at a cost estimated to exceed \$440,000. There are no funds dedicated for this, no known financing in place, and the City Treasurer has stated it will take all the available funds the city has available and require property values to increase which is the same as higher taxes.

The city has yet to document all other economic possibilities or what other things this money could be used for like roads, sidewalks or fixing all the things that need fixing in our city. They have provided no costs or priority for any of this even though required to do so by state law.

The Mayor has stated that only "6 to 10 people" have raised objections and that "We haven't heard from anyone else." I guess he doesn't read the newspaper, his emails, social media, or the letters that were sent to everyone in the village, one of which he responded to which is a rare occurrence for our Mayor.

The other members of the City Council have said nothing although three of the seven did vote to not approve the site plan and going out for bids.

We are told over and over by some of our elected Council members that no decision has been made but someone decided to prepare bid and construction documents for either 3,200 or 2,500 square feet of DPW space. Apparently they aren't sure what DPW needs.

Also, a private office for the DPW supervisor remote from the other village office workers and inaccessible to visitors, custom block and mortar, custom windows, and a building that will hide the current Village Hall.

In fact, the person credited with the design said that was the reason we will have a 20 foot high by 80 foot long block wall welcoming everyone to the only public park and building we currently have in the Village.

I'm sure our former City Manager Art Pappas would be pleased with that since the present, soon to be hidden, Village Hall is dedicated to him.

The city obtained approval from the Planning Commission, although once again not in conformance with state requirements, and what they are calling approval from the city's Historic District Commission although it is far less than a ringing endorsement.

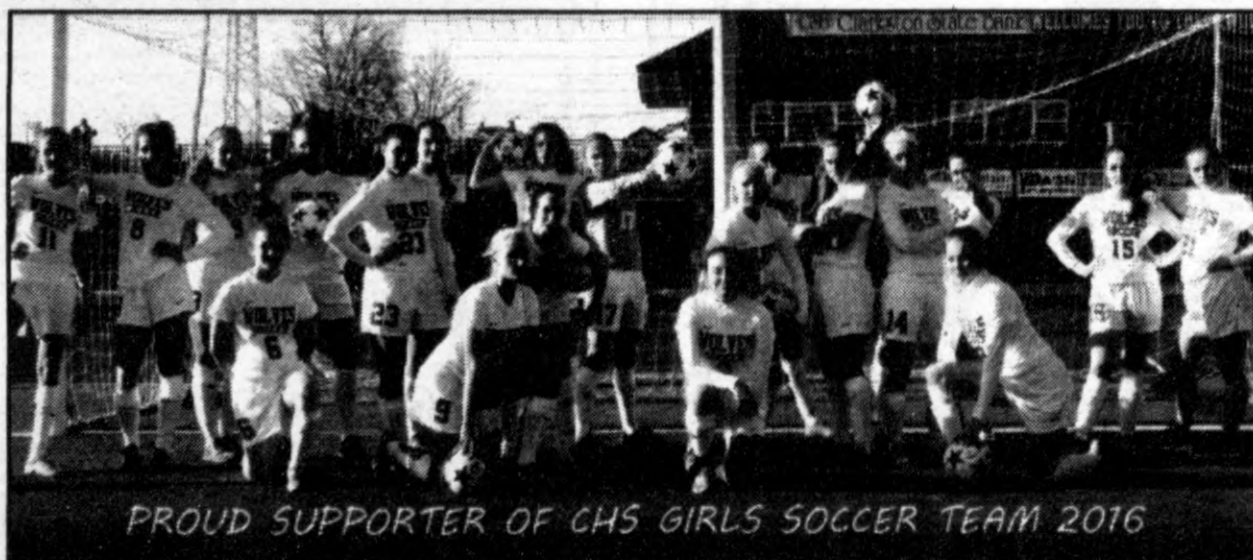
The drawings are dated for a building permit. None of this is required to get bids and even though we are told no decision has been made about moving forward, the bid documents say construction is to start immediately in May and must be done by the end of this September.

These are not my opinions, they are facts. If this is OK with you then you don't have to do anything as it seems apparent our city leaders are going to move ahead with this expense no matter what facts, questions and concerns are put in front of them.

If you think your tax dollars could be used for something better and could make the Village of Clarkston a better place to be, I highly recommend you contact the Village Hall immediately, preferably at a public meeting or at least in writing as the Mayor and council members seem to have an uncanny ability to ignore anyone who doesn't agree with them.

It is your money and your city. Your elected council members are supposed to represent you and they should know what you think about this.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston



A big thank you to the Clarkston News

Dear Editor,

As an entire team, we want to thank *The Clarkston News* for supporting us during the past eight months of our fundraising efforts for the sale of our Love Clarkston shirt sale!

We could not have done it without you and of course your advertising efforts to support us! With our hard work behind us - we

did it! We raised enough money to purchase our new uniforms for our Girls Varsity Team.

We are so proud!

We also saw Wendy Reardon there too. Thank you so much!!!

Julie LeBourdais
Proud Soccer Mom and head of the
Love Clarkston T-shirt sales

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Don't cross off Clarkston's July 4 parade plans just yet" As Clarkston area residents prepared for construction on Main Street, Clarkston resident Gini Schultz shared her hope with the city council to organize an alternative July 4 parade with the route taking place on Holcomb Road.

"Youth takes centerstage at awards reception" Over 100 students were honored during the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance program's annual award reception at Clarkston Middle School. Erin McDonald and Maria Blaine were singled out for special recognition by the CAYA committee.

"Wolves dominate Oxford Wildcats" The Clarkston Varsity Softball team improved 6-2 with two wins over Oxford in a double header, 14-4 and 10-5. Lisa Ferguson pitched for both games and Suzie Giroux had two triples, a double and three singles.

25 years ago - 1991

"2,000-plus and counting" There possibly had been no one like Chris Wasilk in Clarkston Community Schools history. The Clarkston High School senior hadn't missed a day of school since his first day of Kindergarten at North Sashabaw Elementary.

"Board may amend township loitering ordinance" The Independence Township board approved the first reading of an amendment of their loitering policy, which would ban non-ticket holders from Pine Knob's property while a show is in progress.

"Wolves enjoy taking walks on the wild side" Lake Orion pitchers allowed seven walks in the sixth inning to help the Clarkston Varsity Baseball team score six times enroute to a 13-10 victory for the Wolves.

50 years ago - 1966

"Clarkston Marine gets Silver Star" The Silver Star Medal was presented to Corporal Charles Denton, Company "A", 2nd. Tank Bn., Force Troops. His tank was hit by enemy fire in Vietnam. He, his platoon commander and tank gunner were wounded.

"Arbor Day" As part of the Arbor Day program in the state, Bailey Lake Elementary received a Blueana Plum tree.

"Area bustling with activity" Clarkston Junior High School prepared to set sail on its musical venture, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, a operetta by Arthur Sullivan and William Schwenck Gilbert.

Gov't bad on water, good at saying 'no'

I haven't been exposed to this computer or even daily papers since some doctors convinced my bladder needed a look-see and my eyes were not improving with age

When my seeing improved the first headlines were, "*3 things Snyder is still doing wrong in Flint.*"

He made Fortune Magazine's ranking as 19th in world's most disappointing leaders and placed Michigan Governor Rick Snyder atop the ballot for his role in the Flint drinking water public health crisis.

And that brings me around to the proposed tax on marijuana. Those pro-

posing this tax, are, of course, legislators who will promise all the money raised by this tax will be spent on schools, roads, the needy, the handicapped, the weak; the weary, political sponsors, etc.

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a column by
Jim Sherman

Enough on Snyder, let me get to how the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has forced itself into my two acres in Oxford Township.

A creek flows through my acreage. A few of we attached land owners want to remove some of the growth therein.

Someone called the DEQ to see if we (I) had the right to scrape some weed out of the creek and deposit them on a little of my vacant land.

No way! Out came DEQers to rule on my request. Their quick response to my question was HELL NO.

There followed a list of DEQ demands, threats of extinction, withdrawal of my citizenship ... or it seemed that way to me.

Needless to say, through my two years or so of the creek cleaning, it ain't

happening under DEQ's watch.

I believe this whole thing is about a government appointed agency that believes in total control without reasonable thinking. DEQ, DENY, QUICK, as POSSIBLE. Then let's order another round on the taxpayer.

That still may be cheaper than hiring a manager.

* * *

Farming is a \$71 billion dollar industry in Michigan. The third largest industry in the state and growing in significance.

The Polka Party is on channel 231. I'm sure glad I found it.

The LGBTQ crowd needs more letters.

You know, I was moving along swimmingly. And, while not ahead of the curve, I was at least riding the wave's crest in understanding. I was getting it! It of course being the whole sexual identity thing.

Just like the old Virginia Slim's ad campaign touted, I've come a long way, baby! Then, what a month or two ago, I saw a headline about something that had to do with LGBT and Q.

I got the LGBT, but what the hell was that "Q" doing with those other letters?

My first thought went to one of the banned words from my lily-white, honky upbringing on the mean, dirt streets of Clarkston. "Q" could only mean one thing, I had not heard the word in such a long time that it even felt weird to think it out loud in between my ears.

Of course, back when I used that "Q" word it had nothing to do with sexuality, it was just the person who was next on the list to get smashed in a tangle legs and arms and end up on the bottom of a big pile of kids on the playground.

I doubt any of us knew "Queer" had to do with sexuality -- not that any of us first, second and third graders where thinking of sexuality or gender identity at that time anyway. All we knew was girls had one type of plumbing and boys had another.

But no, when I read the news article on "Q" it did not stand for what I first thought. It stood for "Questioning." But, double no. Wait. Then I checked the internet for the meaning of "Q" and it can be for Queer or Questioning.

They are not making things easy for heterosexual middle-aged, white dudes to understand. Stop adding

letters, for goodness sakes! Before, too long, all the letters in the alphabet are going to be included and I will forever be in some sort of state of confusion. (I know, I know ... it's my normal state of existence.)

Of course, I probably said the same thing about 20 years ago when I first heard the term "Transgender." Being a block head, at first that term didn't make sense. You were either a male or female; gay or straight -- or if you were playing all sides of the game, bisexual. As the Earth spun, I did figure it out.

L = lesbian (gals)

G = gay (guys)

B = bisexual (both guys and gals)

T = transgender (maybe gay, maybe bi, maybe a lesbian but whatever you are you're wearing the wrong meat suit.)

And, it's cool. I get it, live and let live. Love and let love ...

... but "Q" for Questioning?

Why do we need to further segment ourselves into smaller and smaller categories when the whole idea is to be equal, the same?

Why do we humans want to be separated from one another by more and different labels? I don't get it, obviously (or "obvi" as the millennials say).

I guess the way I think of it, the further apart we are from each other, the more divided we are. The more divided we are, the easier to misunderstand and yes, even hate one another.

It's a different world today than it was even 15 years ago when it comes to not renting, selling or serving a person in one of the self-labelled minorities. Just try not servicing and see what happens. Not only will you get your butt sued off, the Alphabet Brigade will social media your tush off the face of the earth. And, it won't be anything about justice. It will be about vengeance; about crush, kill and destroy the offender's business, reputa-

tion, ability to provide for his or her family and their life.

But, if we're gonna' add letters to the LGBTQ acronym, I say let's really add some letters, baby!

LGBTQ & R, because everybody knows *Redheaded* gingers get the raw end of many deals.

LGBTQR & S, because we all know those *Saved* people can't be having as much fun as the rest of the LGBTQ crowd.

LGBTQRS & U, because the *Universally Disliked*, are -- 'well -- they ain't loved either, and we all need to feel loved and accepted.

LGBTQRSU & P, because we all know Pigeon-Toe people are made fun of way too often.

LGBTQRSUP & F, because we all know Females have been blamed for all the world's ills since Eve.

LGBTQRSUPF & E for Easily Distracted folk. It's hard for them to find love, because they could be looking into a would be suitor's eyes and ... "look over there, there's a bumble bee." Moment spoiled.

We should probably throw into the mix an "A" and an "D" for the Asexuals and Damaged folk. So, let's see, where are we at?

LGBTQRSUPFEAD

That's a mouthful of letters for a simpleton like me to remember. However, if we can rearrange the letters without offending anyone (and it is awfully hard not to offend any one these days, we are so thin-skinned, but I digress ...) we can come up with

EARPLUGS-bfdq.

I think we can make it a lot easier on every body if we just have one letter, how about this:

"H" (not for hetero) ... for HUMAN.

I know: too simple; not divisive enough. Just label me, "C" for confused (or cute and cuddly, your call).

Send your comments to the Confused One via e-mail, Don@ShermanPublications.org

Don't
Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
APRIL 19, 2016

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Lohmeier, Schroeder
Absent: Aliaga, Ritchie
There was a quorum present.
- Also Present: Amy Laboissonniere, Event Coordinator & Sponsorship Development, PR&S; David McKee, DPW Director; Mitch Petterson, Fire Chief; Todd Sneathen, P.E., Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc.; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by RELO-

- CATING agenda items under I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: 1. Presentation: Holiday Lights Contest & Family Snowman Building Challenge Awards and 3. Presentation: Fire Department Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update BEFORE E. Study Session.
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
1. PRESENTATION: Holiday Lights Contest & Family Snowman Building Challenge Awards (Amy Laboissonniere, Event Coordinator & Sponsorship Development)
3. PRESENTATION: Fire Department Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update (Chief Petterson, Fire Chief)
- E. STUDY SESSION:
1. Review of Proposed Fire Department Operating Millage Renewal Language / Request to Schedule Special Meeting
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta; Trustee Schroeder; Supervisor Kittle
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Tedder, State Representative-43rd District
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None

- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
2. Presentation: SAW Grant Update (Dave McKee, DPW Director; Todd Sneathen, P.E., Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc.)
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:
1. Adoption of Resolution - Waldon Road Pedestrian and Non-Motorized Safety Bridge / Path Project
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Special Joint Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2016 and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2016.
2. Approval of Payroll of April 8, 2016 and the Check Run of April 12, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$580,328.76
3. Approval of 2016-2018 Marine Patrol Services Agreement for Deer Lake and Associated Budget Amendment - Oakland County Sheriff's Department
4. Approval of Budget Amendment - Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Insurance Coverage Costs
5. Adoption of Proclamation Recognizing the Month

- of May as Mental Health Month
6. Adoption of Resolution and Approval of Budget Amendment - 2016 Mosquito Borne Disease Reimbursement Program
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
1. Acceptance of Quotes for Emergency Repair and Purchase - Clarkston Bluffs Booster Pump
2. Acceptance of Quotes for Emergency Repair and Purchase - Soft Water Waste Pump Station
3. Approval of Change Order #2 and Budget Amendment - SAW Grant
4. Amendment to Previously Adopted Resolution - Non-Union Employee Benefit Policy Resolution
5. Adoption Non-Union Employee Policy & Benefit Manual
- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
1. Report: 2016 Actual to Budget for Period Ending March 31, 2016
2. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report - March 2016
3. Report: Building Department Monthly Reports - February and March, 2016
4. Communication: Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Letter of Appreciation
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Treasurer Brown; Supervisor Kittle; Clerk Pallotta; Trustee Schroeder; Trustee Lohmeier
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

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There is an invitation for bids
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CLARKSTON

COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

02 08 2016

Roll Call Present Mayor Luginski, Catallo, Haven, Kneisc, Marsh, Avery. Absent Sabol
Clarkston Lions Club Presentation
Thank You for your generous donation of 2500.00.
Committees changes: Motion by Luginski, Supported by Marsh to Appoint the Streets Committee to serve until December 31, 2016 members David Marsh, Jason Miller, Dennis Ritter, Rich Little. Motion Carried. The Ordinance Committee is to remain, with the same members, Mike Sabol, Tom Hunter and David Marsh with a term expiration of December 31, 2016. Motion by Luginski, Supported by Avery to Combine Communication Committee with Community Committee and Appoint Al Avery, Chair, Mike Cascone, Carol Eberhardt, Karen Eckert, and Sue Wylie to serve until December 31, 2016. Motion Carried.
Girl Scout Troop #7087 is working toward a Bronze Award, and therefore is working on a Love Rocks Project.
Resolution Historic Preservation A Resolution was presented by Cara Catallo to oppose the two bills HB5232 and SB720 that would amend PA 169 of 1970. These proposed bills would change the local control for all of Michigan's Historic Districts. Motion by Avery, Supported by Marsh to call a Special Council meeting on Tuesday February 16, 2016 to discuss this matter Motion Carried.
Motion by Avery, Supported by Catallo to approve American Legion Poppy Days on May 19-21 2016. Motion Carried. Pat Kittle gave a presentation in regards to Well Contaminations. Independence Township will test your well. The service is free, however the cost is \$120.00 to test for MTBE.
Resolved by Avery, Supported by Haven to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation. Roll Call: Catallo, Marsh, Avery, Kneisc, Haven, Luginski. Absent Sabol. Resolution is adopted.
Motion by Marsh, Supported by Avery to extend the meeting past 9 pm. Motion Carried.
Roll Call to go into open session at 9:05. Luginski, Haven, Kneisc, Avery, Marsh, Catallo. Absent, Sabol.
Motion to Adjourn by Haven, Supported by Marsh at 9:05. Motion Carried.



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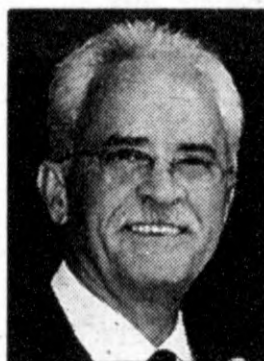


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David A. Lynch, 73

David A. Lynch of Clarkston passed away April 20, 2016, at age 73.

He was the father of Kelly Ann (Marshall Husted) Bolton and Michael (Jessica) Lynch; grandpa of Lucian, Ryder and Eleanor; preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Nellie, his brother Thomas Lynch and sister Helen Funck.



David was a long time member of A.A. Funeral Service was April 26 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be to Alcoholics Anonymous.

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A deputy on patrol noticed a pickup truck with a broken tail light, 1:30 p.m., April 14, on Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. A records' check showed no license on record, so it was stopped. The driver, a 57-year-old Waterford man, was cited for driving without a license and improper plate. The truck was impounded.

Traffic warrant

A 40-year-old Waterford woman was stopped for driving 45 mph in a 35 mph zone on Holcomb Road, 4:15 p.m., April 15. A records' check showed she had a traffic warrant out of 52-3 District Court. She was cited for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance, and advised on the warrant.

Speeder

A deputy on patrol used radar to clock a group of motorcycles on Dixie Highway at 59-60 mph in a 45 mph zone. One of the motorcycles didn't appear to have a license plate and was stopped at White Lake Road, 9:19 p.m., April 16. The plate was tucked under the fender, blocked by the rear tire. The cyclist, a 42-year-old Highland man, didn't have a cycle endorsement on his license because he said he does not recognize the laws of the United States. He was cited for riding without a cycle endorsement, and the bike was impounded.

Fire in woods

Independence Township firefighter put out a fire in the 4000 block of Oakhurst Ridge, 5:01 p.m., April 20, about 100 yards back into the woods. Neighbors helped put out the fire with buckets of water. An eight-foot stump in the middle of a swampy, wet area had apparently been set on fire, due to no power lines being in the area.

Hit and run

A 44-year-old Independence Township man called police after an off road vehicle hit his vehicle in the 7000 block of Perry Lake Road, 2:46 p.m., April 17. He said they were driving home when the ORV pulled in front of them, accelerated, and kicked dirt and rocks onto the front hood and windshield of his jeep. The 44-year-old tried to catch up with the ORV, which then did a couple donuts in the middle of the road, kicking up dust, then hit the Jeep head on. The ORV drove off when told the police had been called. The ORV driver, a 52-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, and unregistered vehicle.

Overdose

Deputies and Springfield Township paramedics used Intranasal Naloxone, Narcan, to revive a 33-year-old Springfield Township woman in 9000 block of Big Lake Road, 12:56 a.m., April 18. A family member had been unable to contact her and stopped by her residence to check on her. He found the woman lying on the bathroom floor and called 911. Deputies found her unconscious and not breathing. The family member said he suspected heroin use, but deputies were unable to locate any narcotics or narcotic paraphernalia at the scene. She began to revive a short time after treatment. Star EMS took her to McLaren Hospital Oakland for further assessment. The incident remains under investigation.

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Victory at Game for Cure

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves dominated the second half against Notre Dame Prep during Game for a Cure for a 11-9 win.

"Our offense did a really good job," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach LeeAnne Stickle. "We were aggressive and did a really good job slowing it down on the offensive side. During rotation, we weren't selfish and took our time to get those assists when we needed them and not go to goal."

The Lady Wolves were the first to score off a goal from Jillian Kurovech off an assist from Claire Austin.

Jenna Sommerville added to it with two more goals within a span of three minutes, putting the score 3-0.

With eight minutes remaining in the first half, Notre Dame Prep tied the score with a goal from Marisa Scaccia. They pulled into the lead a few minutes later off a goal from Anna Grace Agro.

Elizabeth Oda tied the score with 2:22 to go with an assist from Kurovech.

Before the half wrapped Notre Dame Prep pulled back into the lead, putting the score 5-4.

Rebecca Stiles opened the second half with a goal to tie the game for the Lady Wolves with an assist from Sommerville, 22:46.

A minute later Sommerville struck on her own goal less than two minutes later before Agro tied the score once again for Notre

Dame Prep.

The Lady Wolves game back with three more goals from Kurovech, Sommerville and Melanie Alnaraie.

"We didn't fall under pressure," said Stickle. "We did a really good job coming back in the second half and a lot stronger. In the first half, we missed some passes and weren't connecting as well. The second half we turned it around. I am proud of them."

Sommerville led the team with five goals and two assists. Kurovech had two goals and two assist and Oda scored two goals. Stiles and Alnaraie had one goal each.

The girls also defeated Lake Orion last week with a 16-9 win on April 20.

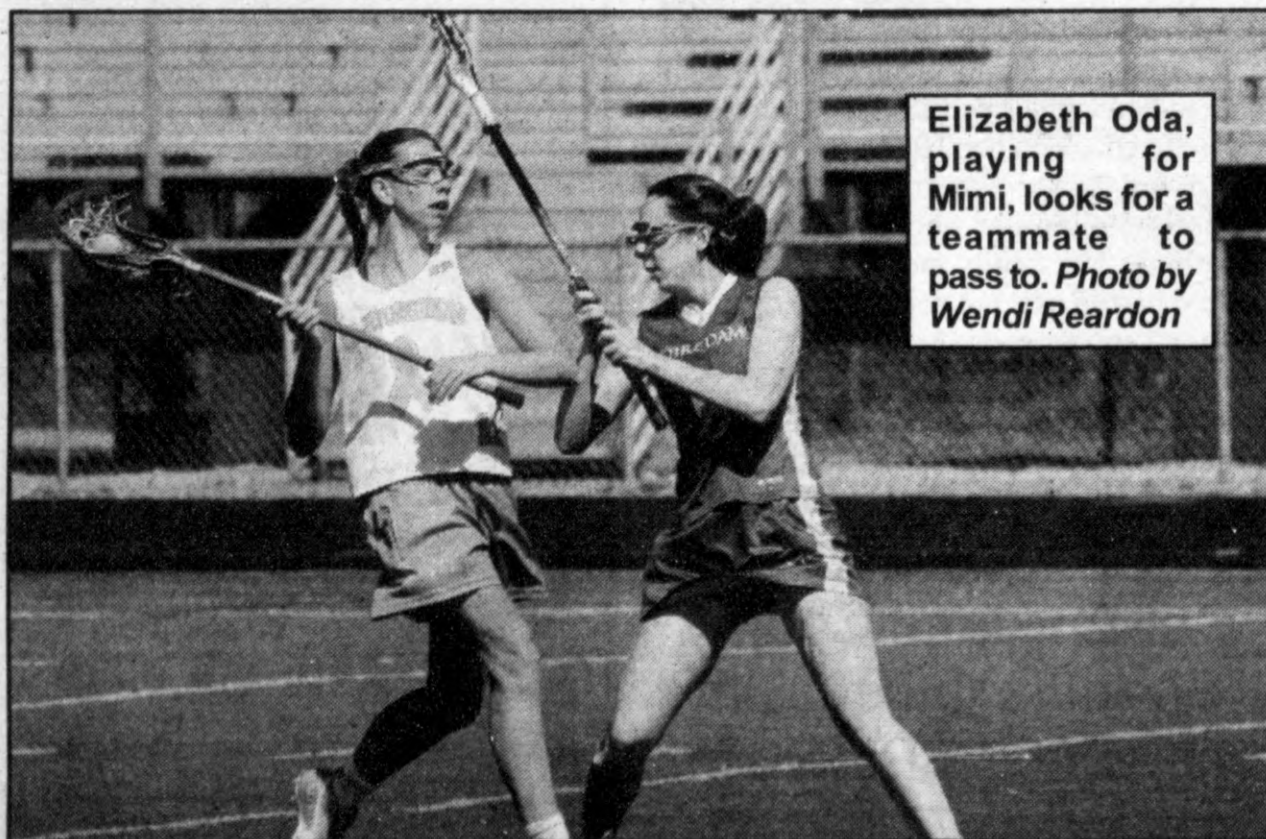
"It went really good," said Stickle. "It was an upset to an extent. We got killed by them last year and they have been our rivals. We knew it was going to be a challenge."

She added the girls went in really strong to grab the win away from the Dragons and they connected well as a team.

Stickle said the two wins will help as the girls face three more teams in the next week.

"It helps with positivity and optimism to go in there as a team," she explained. "They are bonding a lot more and giving themselves a lot more credit than they thought they had. It makes them more confident to try new things on the field."

The Lady Wolves head to Birmingham on Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., and head to Waterford Kettering on Friday, 7 p.m. They host Bloomfield Hills on Monday, 7 p.m.



Elizabeth Oda, playing for Mimi, looks for a teammate to pass to. Photo by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Senior Keaton Mitchell takes aim for the Wolves. Photo submitted

Maryland bound

Keaton Mitchell plans on taking his lacrosse skills to the next level after graduation in June.

The Clarkston High School senior has committed to play Division 1 Lacrosse at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmetsburg, Maryland.

He was invited to play in Inside Lacrosse's inaugural Committed Academy, July 29-31 at Goucher College in Towson, Maryland.

The invite is only for committed Division 1 players from all over the nation. Mitchell will represent Mount St.

Mary's and the Northeast Conference during the event. He will also compete against his future opponents in the conference.

According to Inside Lacrosse, players will compete for the Committed Cup as well as continue their skill development and bond with future teammates.

Mitchell is currently a middle for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team. Watch Mitchell and the Wolves in action this Thursday as they host Bloomfield at 7 p.m. and on Sunday when they host St. Michael's from Toronto, Canada, 10 a.m.



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Kristen Bouchard maneuvers the ball around Berkley's defense during last Thursday's game. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Wolves take on Oxford this week

Junior Jessica Bennett quickened her speed as she headed towards Berkley's net last Thursday night at Clarkston High School.

The Lady Bears' goalie came out of the net and Bennett closed in. She took a shot from the side of the net and it settled into the corner of the net.

It put the Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team in the lead, scoring one point with 8:48 remaining in the first half of the game.

Berkley attempted to tie the score three minutes later on a free kick, but junior Kristen Page stopped them with her save in the net.

The Lady Bears opened the second half with two goals in the first five minutes in the second half.

They attempted again with a few minutes to go but were diverted by sophomore Ellie Vondette on defense and Page in the net.

Berkley won the game, 2-1.

Clarkston bounced back as they defeated

Rochester on the road last Friday, 3-1.

Junior Maddie Hannon, sophomore Morgan Sclesky and freshman Sonia Kinal scored one goal each for Clarkston.

The Lady Wolves opened the week against Farmington on Tuesday.

They head to Oxford on Thursday before taking on Lapeer at home on Friday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows. ~WAR

Double headers

The Clarkston Varsity Baseball team opened last week with a loss to Rochester, 9-1, April 18.

They continued the week with a double header at Rochester and lost 7-4 and 7-2.

They host Stoney Creek this week in a double header on Wednesday beginning at 4 p.m. at Clarkston High School.

They head to Rochester Adams on Monday, 4 p.m.

Enroll now for summer camps

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.

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.

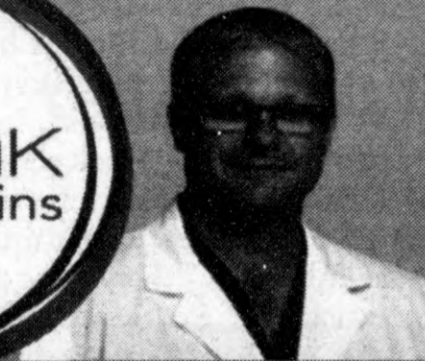
Fife Basketball Camp, July 18-21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., is open to boys entering

grades 7-9 in the fall. The camp is led by Fife and his Clarkston High School Basketball staff. 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. The camp stresses the fundamentals of basketball and gives players the tools they need to start and improve their game. It is led by Tim Wasilk, Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach. Online registration is located at www.itpr.org.

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Tournament a softball success at Anchor Bay

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Hitters had a winning weekend at the Anchor Bay tournament as they went 3-2 during the two days.

"Overall we did pretty good," said Don Peters, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Softball.

Highlights included Abby Skvarce having 13 consecutive hits while also going 26-for-38 with 22 RBIs, three home runs, one triple and seven doubles.

"She had an amazing weekend," Peters added. "It's pretty special."

Sarah Gladding pitched two wins on Sunday with a shutout against Grosse Pointe North, with four strikeouts in seven innings.

She pitched five innings against L'Anse Creuse with three strikeouts in the win.

"She only gave up one run in the two games," Peters said.

The Lady Wolves went 1-2 in the first day of the tournament. They had a 6-4 win over L'Anse Creuse North as they scored four runs in the third inning and two in the fourth inning. Skvarce hit 2-for-2 with one RBI. Maddy Scarsella had two RBIs. Paige Blevins, Hannah Chadwell and Maddie Beck

had one RBI each. Gladding pitched five innings with three strikeouts.

They opened the day with a 11-6 loss to Waterford Kettering as the Captains scored seven of their runs in the third inning.

Skvarce went 3-for-3 with a double and a home run with two RBIs. Mariah Hood went 2-for-3. Kaylee Percival had a double and Blevins hit a home run. Blevins, Beck and Savannah Spring had one RBI each.

They lost to Canton, 9-2. Skvarce hit 3-for-3 with a home run and a double and two RBIs. Spring hit 2-for-2.

The Lady Wolves had two wins on Sunday. They defeated L'Anse Creuse, 5-1. Skvarce went 3-for-3 and had two doubles and two RBIs. Beck had two RBIs and Spring had one RBI.

They defeated Grosse Pointe North, 4-0, by grabbing the lead with three runs in the top of the third inning. Blevins, Percival, Skvarce hit a double each. Spring, Chadwell and Blevins had one RBI each. Gladding pitched seven innings and had four strikeouts.

"Hood played really well offensively and defensively," said Peters. "I had her play a few couple different positions."

For hitting during the tournament, Spring

went 13-for-27 with ten RBIs; Hood had 17 RBIs and two doubles; Blevins 12 RBIs, four doubles and three homeruns, Chadwell had 11 RBIs and Percival had six doubles.

For pitching, Sarah Gladding threw 39 innings and had 26 strikeouts; Sarah Kuenzel threw 18 innings with 11 strikeouts; and Hailey Minton and Blevins pitched four innings each.

"It's fun to play different schools," Peters added about the tournament. "It exposes them to a lot of different coaches and all those teams are good. Canton and Kettering are very good teams. We continue to play as competitive a schedule as we can. The next two weeks the tournaments are just loaded with great teams - state ranked teams."

The Lady Wolves claimed two wins over Oxford, 11-8 and 8-6, April 19.

Clarkston opened the week against Lake Orion on Tuesday and prepare for this Saturday and Sunday as they host the 26th Annual Michigan Stars tournament. It is at Creasey Bicentennial Park in Grand Blanc with 48 varsity softball teams from around Michigan.

"It is probably the most diverse we had had in teams - like Traverse City, Escanaba and Marquette," said Peters. "It should be a very good tournament."

He added the team's strength going into this week continues to be their hitting and going against good pitchers.

"Kettering has an All-State pitcher. We didn't win the game, but we hit pretty good," he said. "Hitting they are doing very well. We had eight hits and six runs - that was good. We hit the ball hard. A lot of it is Abby just being on fire. But it's also other kids to getting big hits."

Clarkston plays in Pool A on Saturday with Marian, Holly, Almont, L'Anse Creuse North, Anchor Bay and Marquette. They open the day with Pinckney at 8 a.m.

Join the Lady Wolves as they host Michigan Stars this Saturday and Sunday at Creasey Bicentennial Park in Grand Blanc.

Next Saturday the Lady Wolves host the Mel and Josephine Vaara Pink Classic at Clarkston High School, 9 a.m.



Mariah Hood prepares to make a run. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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David Taylor gives his teammates high fives as they prepare to take on Lake Orion during Saturday's Game for a Cure. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Win and losses for lacrosse

Liam Stickle broke the tie between the Wolves and Lake Orion with 2:56 remaining in the first half of the game on Saturday.

Lake Orion scored two more before Keaton Mitchell struck for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse with two minutes left in the third quarter.

He assisted Stickle with the final goal of the game before the Wolves lost, 7-5.

Ian Phillips and Nick Bowman also scored

for the Wolves in the second quarter.

The boys lost to Notre Dame Prep on Thursday, 7-5. Bowman led with two goals. Mitchell, Stickle and Michael Fluegel scored one goal each.

The Wolves opened the week with a 9-8 victory over Utica Eisenhower.

The boys host Bloomfield on Thursday at 7 p.m. and St. Michael's from Toronto on Sunday, 10:30 a.m.



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Letter grade system gets an F

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, Brooke Butler discusses school grades.

About a few months ago, I had my first anxiety attack. I have never gone through a more stressful situation in my entire life.

The culprit for this vicious attack was over a grade. A simple, arbitrary letter that seems to define all students across the world no matter the age or grade level.

While grades affect students in many different ways, the common thread that runs between them is stress and anxiety. This system indeed does no good.

For instance, students will often feel pressured to get good grades. They often hold themselves to high standards, as do their parents and teachers.

"At school there is a range of academic pressure we feel, derived from a need for perfection, worry over grades, parental pressure, competition, sports, or a tough class load. Academic pressure does not begin in college. The nervous breakdowns, panic attacks, burnouts, and depression are also apparent in many younger students," says Sargunjit Kaur, a high school student writer.

As a result, grades increase stress and anxiety for students, and we all have the ability to change this. We have the resources and the power to change the system. Some stress is actually good for you, but too much is unhealthy.

To add on, not only do the students receive an exponential amount of pressure, but it increases the willingness of students to cheat.

Have you ever heard the quote, if you cheat you're cheating yourself? Did you ever really think about how we get driven to the point of cheating?

The answer is because of the grade. According to David L. Jaffe, 73% of all test takers, including prospective graduate students and teachers agree that most students cheat at some point. 86% of high school students agreed.

Furthermore, when it comes time to evaluate student progression in school,

the information could be false due to the high chances that multiple students cheated to get an inaccurate grade. Why take the chance of being misled?

Continuing on, grades can do more than just affect your stress levels, they can also influence your self-esteem.

One bad grade can cause a student's self-esteem to diminish. According to a study conducted by Wiggins and Schatz, they found that increases in self-esteem are positively correlated with increases in academic achievement.

As you can see, the relationship between self-esteem and grades correlate with each other. When it comes down to how you feel about yourself, a letter shouldn't sway it in any way, shape, or form. This is just unbelievable.

To conclude, in order to ensure a system with better benefits, the switch to standards-based grading would be more effective. Currently, 45 states have adopted the Common Core State Standards, a ready-made, comprehensive list of standards for math and English, a list of skills that could be used to communicate what a particular student has learned in a given marking period, summarizes Jessica Lahey in *Letter Grades Deserve an F*. As you can see, this system is efficient and effective.

If standards-based grading wasn't better than the letter-based system, then 45 states would not have adopted this system. It decreases all of the problems of letter grades and provides more meaningful lessons to students.

I realize teachers and parents may argue grades are beneficial because it can help themselves and the student to recognize student progression.

However, statistics show that in the past, it was the struggling students who were more likely to cheat to get by; now, it is the above-average college bound student. Therefore, this shows the progress of the student is most likely going to be incorrect or false. The letter grade system overall deserves an F. It is truly unacceptable that millions of students around the world stress about a letter.

Why do we continue to have these arbitrary letters define students? Why do we put so much pressure on a student just to get the A? We need to switch to a better system to ensure the objective of what we're trying to teach to students. If we don't start making a change now, we might as well kiss the well being of our students goodbye.



By Brooke Butler

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Hiring a landscaper may be for you

The majority of homeowners want their properties to appear as appealing as possible. While many homeowners want to be proud of their properties and come home to a welcoming home each night, the benefits to maintaining landscaping go beyond the notion that well-cared for lawns make for more comfortable retreats.

Because numerous variables, including landscaping, influence property values, it's difficult to assess just how much the property values of homes with impressive landscapes are influenced by those very landscapes. Indeed, studies have produced varying results regarding the effect of well-landscaped homes on property values. But what many studies have shown and what many realtors indicate is that impressive landscaping adds a significant amount to property values, with estimates suggesting landscaping increases home values by anywhere from 5 to 20 percent.

Such estimates are good news for homeowners, and they also highlight the stakes involved when making landscaping decisions. Homeowners with green thumbs may embrace the challenge of revitalizing their lawns and gardens, but many, especially those pressed for time, can benefit greatly from working with professional landscapers.

Why hire a professional landscaper?

Maintaining a property requires more than just mowing the lawn every couple of weeks. Even homeowners committed to making their properties as pristine as

possible can run into problems when adverse weather conditions pose a threat to lawns and gardens. The following are just a handful of reasons why homeowners may find working with landscaping professionals is the best thing for their properties and their bank accounts.

■ Professionals understand the local climate. Experienced professional landscapers will understand the local climate and the challenges it presents to your lawn. Experience can prove invaluable as lawns battle adverse conditions that threaten its survival. While homeowners going it alone may struggle through a trial and error period as they try to address problems threatening their lawns, experienced professionals are more likely to identify the problem immediately, providing a ready solution that can prevent potentially costly repairs down the road.

■ Professionals can provide inspiration. In addition to maintaining properties, many landscaping professionals have vast experience improving properties through landscape design. Professional landscapers may have a host of ideas for your property that you would never think of. Homeowners with little to no lawn and garden experience may not realize all the things they can do with their properties, and those who go it alone may end up with unappealing landscapes that do not attract buyers' attention when the home hits the market. Professionals typically have a wealth of ideas and, perhaps more importantly, they understand which ideas will and won't work on a

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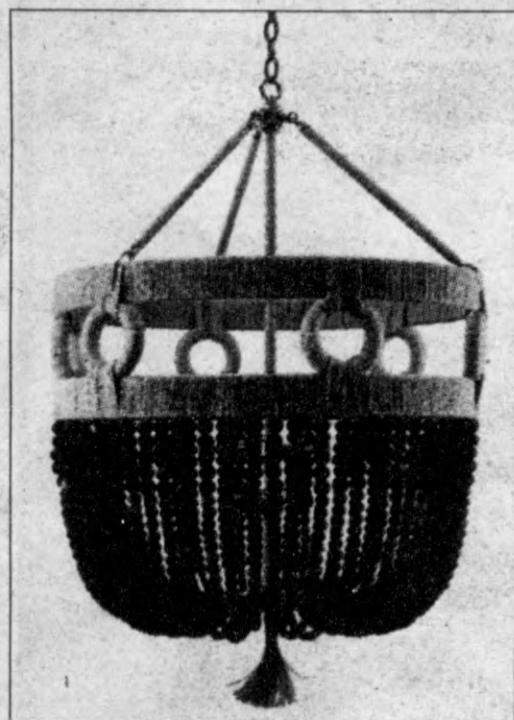
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What's trending in interior design?

After spending six days at the High Point furniture market in North Carolina, the largest furnishings industry trade show in the world, the Chatham House team



has come home with inspiring ideas to freshen your home with the latest 2016 home décor trends.

It may sound like a shopper's fantasy, but Kali Weber and Shelley Knudson, the co-owners of Chatham House Interior Design in Clarkston and several of their in-house designers, walked what seemed like several hundred miles of displays of upholstery, lighting

and accessories, researching the latest trends.

The main idea of today's design is to bring the family back together and get closer at home. Here are just a few of what the designers discovered on their trek:

■ **Upholstery** - Softer, cleaner, simpler furniture with durable fabrics that are to made to stand up to

even the family pet. Crypton and Sunbrella are the leaders in fabrics that have vibrant and lively patterns for inside the home that are hardworking AND beautiful.

■ **Patterns** - the chevron is out; playful patterns are in, everything from florals to bunnies, especially in sheets and bedding.

■ **The formal dining room**, tech-less living rooms and fireplaces are making a big comeback, with the family gathering around to share their day.

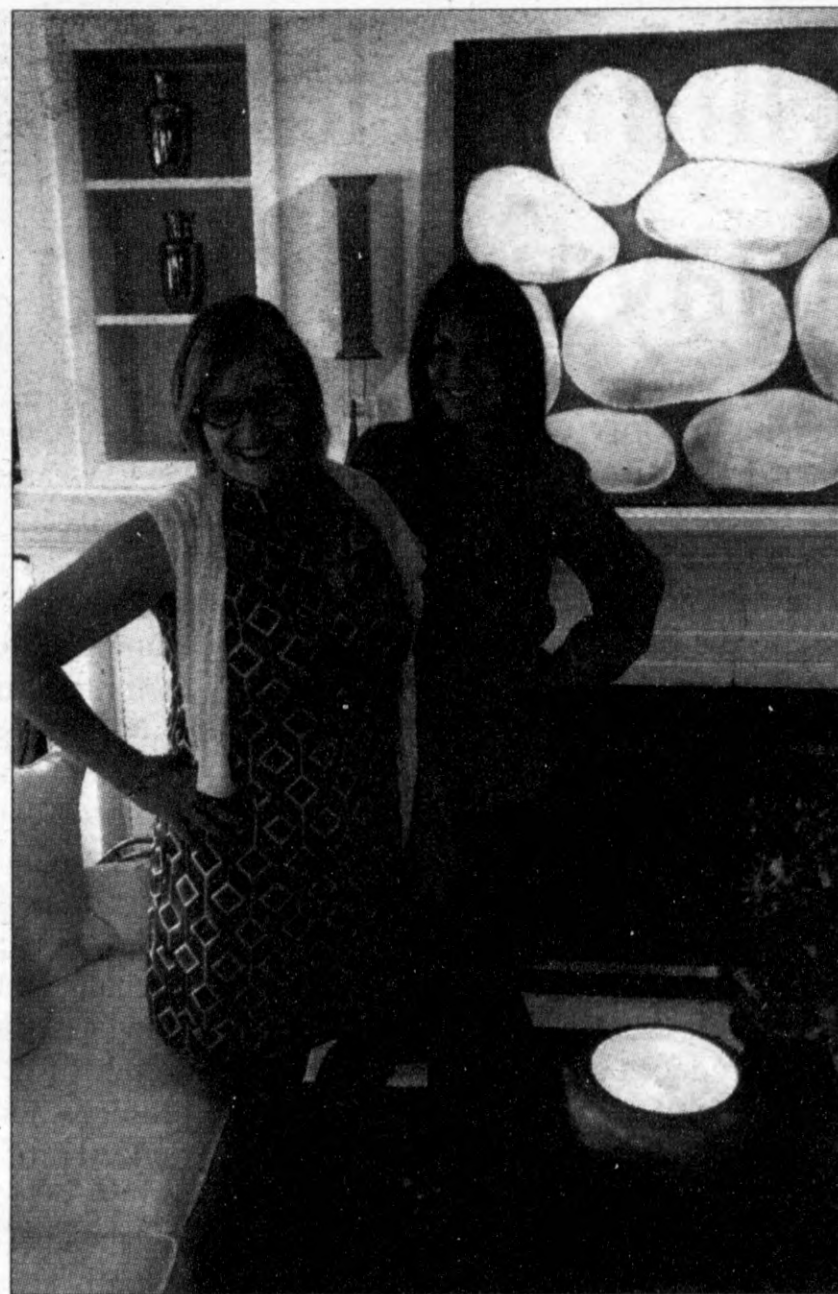
■ **Color** - From what the design team experienced at High Point, Blush was the "hot" color. Neutrals are still in, but blues, teals, corals and oranges make a statement.

■ **Accessories** - One of the CH favorites were blue and white vases and ginger jars, along with traditional tableware and cake plates. Embroidered and woven fabrics for pillows, and other accessories in matte finishes are being paired with high gloss or shiny metallic.

■ **Lighting**: It's like art. Choose statement pieces.

■ **Pedestals** are being used to show art busts and sculptures

Make sure you stop in and check out their latest finds. Chatham House is located at 9539 Dixie Highway in Clarkston, just two and a half miles from the I-75 exit. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 10-5, Thursdays until 7.



Shelley Knudson, left and Kali Weber



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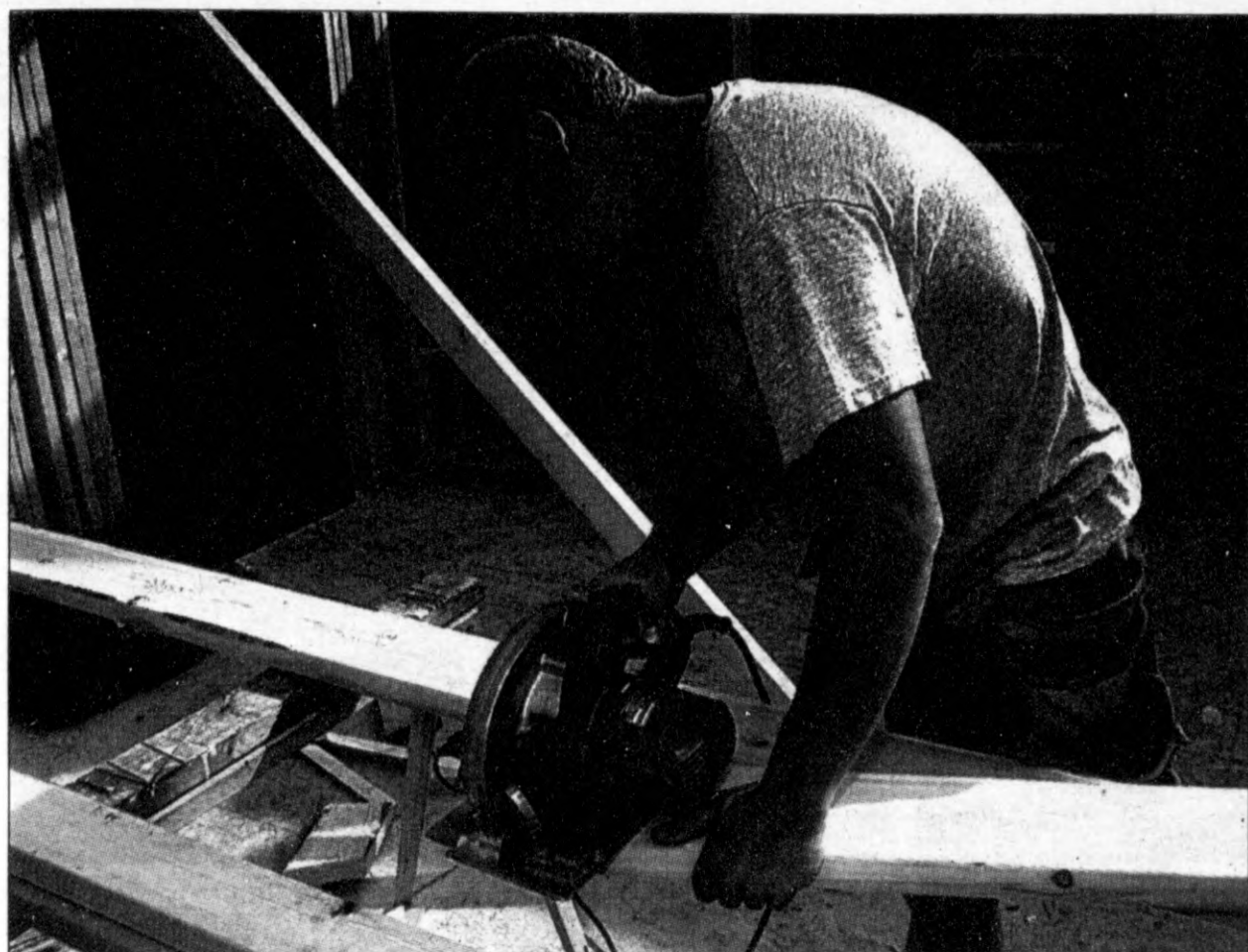


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Tips to finding the right contractor

Home improvement projects tend to be costly. Because of the considerable financial investment homeowners must make when improving their homes, it's important to find a contractor you can trust and feel comfortable with.

The vast majority of professional contractors are trustworthy and willing to work with homeowners to help them design the homes of their dreams. But there are still some tips homeowners can keep in mind as they begin their search for a contractor.

■ **Work only with licensed contractors.** Licensed contractors have been verified as legitimate by your local governing body, removing much of the fears homeowners have with regard to finding trustworthy contractors. Unlicensed contractors may not be insured or bonded, and their estimates may be lower than their licensed competitors' because they do not contribute to unemployment. Licensed contractors often are subjected to criminal background checks as well, calming homeowners' fears about inviting strangers into their homes.

■ **Ask for recommendations.** Word-of-mouth is great when looking for contractors. Oftentimes, a contractor's best friends are his past clients. Ask friends or neighbors for recommendations on local contractors, inquiring about prices as well as each particular contractor's demeanor and openness to suggestions. Contact your local Office of Consumer Affairs to check each contractor's complaint history.

■ **Get written estimates.** Before hir-

ing a particular firm, get written estimates from several contractors. Some contractors will charge fees for the estimate, but they must inform you of those fees before the estimates are provided. Compare estimates so you can get a better grasp of how much your project will cost. While cost is important, try to avoid choosing a contractor based on cost alone, as a good rapport with a contractor who may be more expensive might make spending a little more money worth it.

■ **Make sure the contract is specific.** When you choose a contractor, make sure the contract he or she provides is very specific, going into great detail about the specifics of the project. This contract should spell out the materials and equipment that will be used, as well as the final cost of the project, the payment schedules while the project is ongoing and the work schedule.

■ **Keep track of all paperwork and pay by check.** Once you sign the contract, create a folder where you can store all paperwork. Scan each document so you can store them on your computer as well. When payments must be made, never pay in cash. Pay by check and do not pay for the entirety of the project upfront, opting instead to pay at predetermined intervals spelled out in your contract.

Nerves often come into play when hiring a home contractor, but homeowners who take a careful approach to the hiring process will likely end up hiring a trustworthy contractor who does great work.

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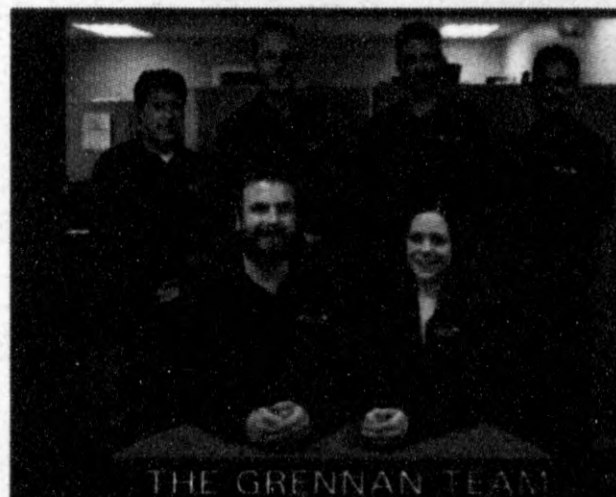
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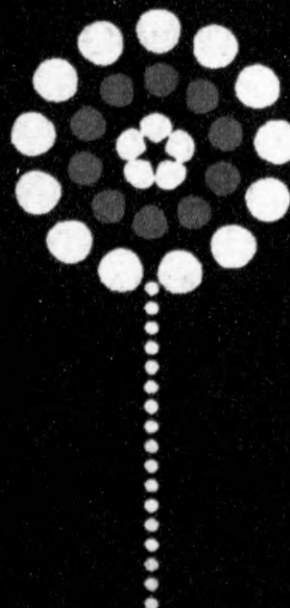
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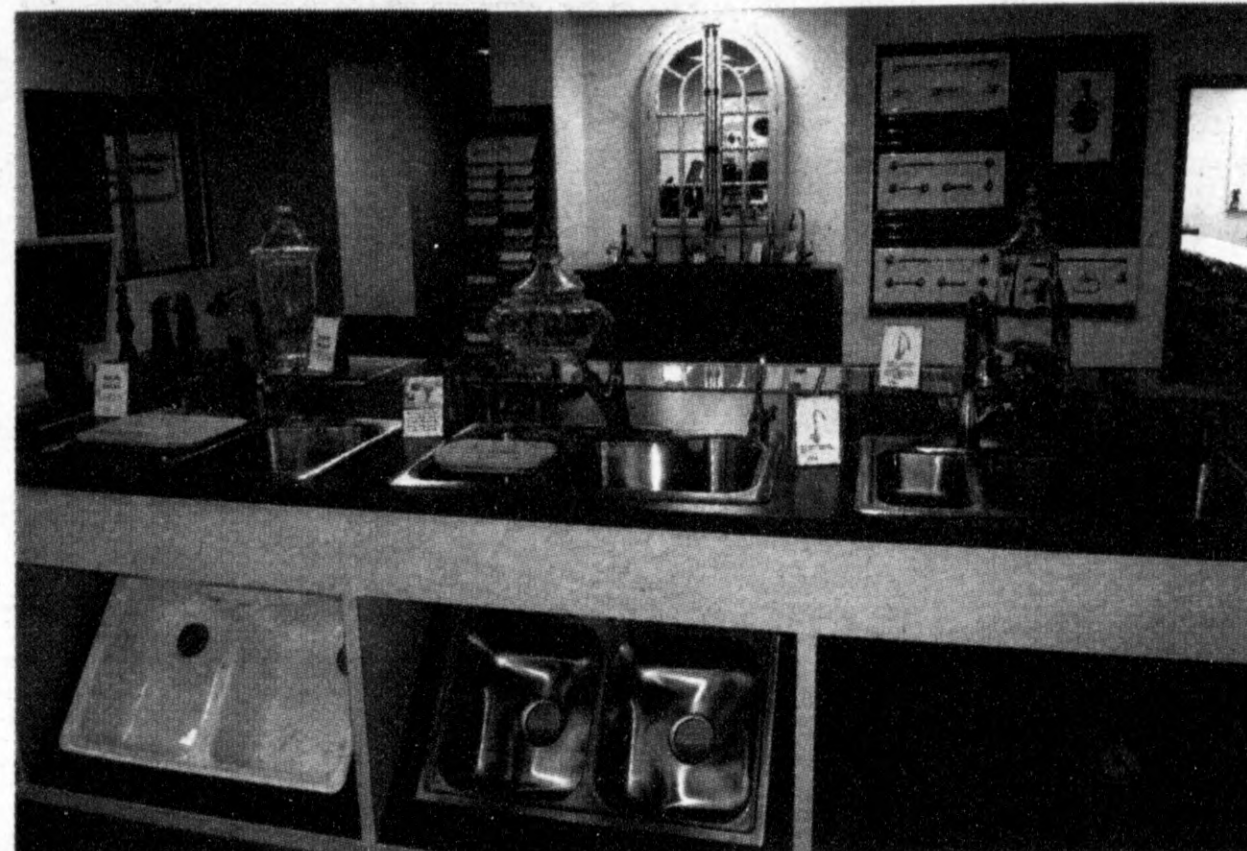
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Kotz Heating & Brinker's Plumbing features new showroom for customers to browse.

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Kotz Heating and Brinker's Plumbing invites friends and neighbors to check out their new location on Dixie Highway, conveniently located at the intersection of Andersonville Road and Dixie Highway.

Brinker's has been located in Waterford since 1929. The company merged with

Kotz Heating and Cooling almost five years ago, and since then the company has expanded and grown beyond what its smaller original location could accommodate.

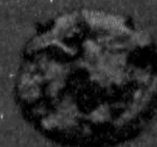
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- specialty sinks.

There is even an expansive selection of pipe, fittings, and repair parts for every residential plumbing project you could imagine; and the same friendly, knowledgeable staff that has made Brinker's famous.

One feature setting this place apart from any other in our area is the "try before you buy" section of the showroom. Brinker's has working displays featuring the newest styles and technologies in kitchen faucets, as well as 25 of the latest showerheads and a steam room.

General Manager Shari Bridger explained, "The shower display is a very exciting feature because it is one of the only ones in Oakland County, with showerheads, body sprays, rainhead

showers, and kinetic showering technology. There is also a steam unit on display that is extremely therapeutic and can be retrofitted to existing showers."

Brinker's is different than many plumbing showrooms in Oakland County in that it is **open to the public**. This makes it a popular destination for not only plumbers and contractors, but homeowners, interior designers, and home remodelers. The company also prides itself on staffing the store with highly trained and knowledgeable people who can help with anything from repair and maintenance advice, to sales and installation of new equipment.

Brinker's employs four plumbers with more than 100 years combined experience, backed by the best warranties in Oakland County, including two-year warranties on hot water tanks.

"It is really our people who make the difference. You can go anywhere and buy a faucet, but at Brinker's we have the knowledge to back up the products, and we are dedicated to superior customer service and quality products. The products we sell here are entirely different than what is sold at the large box stores, and we try to educate our customers on the best products available for their home,"

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said Bridger.

Since opening their doors in 1929, Brinker's Plumbing has maintained a great reputation in Oakland County by providing excellent customer service and stocking hard-to-find parts for residential plumbing. Through the partnership with Kotz Heating, two great names have come together to form one great company. With their new location, the company is now more visible to new customers and still easily accessible to their loyal clients.

"Stop in and see us. Our staff will help you design your new kitchen and bathroom," Bridger said.

Landscape, continued

given property.

■ Professionals can remove some of the stress of managing landscaping projects. Homeowners know that home improvement projects, whether they are addressing home interiors or exteriors, can be stressful. Professional landscapers typically have a network of professionals, including contractors, who they have worked with in the past. Such connections can ensure more complex projects that require both landscapers and construction contractors go as smoothly as possible. In addition, homeowners who receive contractor recommendations from their experienced landscapers tend to rest easier knowing the people working on their properties have already developed a rapport and established a successful track record working together.

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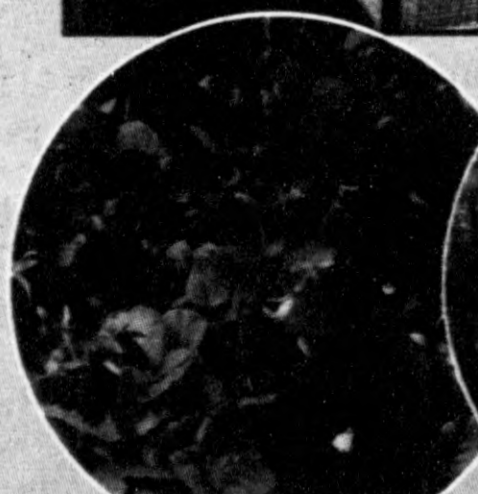
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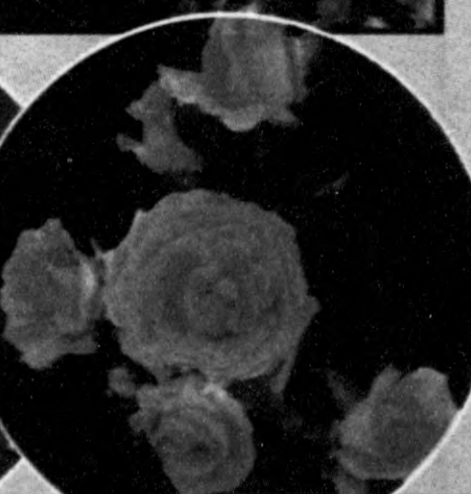


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Prepare cooling systems for warm weather

One springtime task on homeowners' to-do lists is checking cooling systems to ensure they are ready for summer. Proper maintenance of cooling systems is essential to saving energy and keeping utility costs down. Fortunately, homeowners need not be certified HVAC technicians to maintain their cooling units.

■ **Clean filters.** Whether a home is kept cool by a whole-house central air conditioning system or window units, clean filters are necessary to keep the units working efficiently. Routinely replacing or cleaning filters is one of the most important maintenance tasks to improve airflow and increase efficiency.

The U.S. Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy says replacing a dirty, clogged filter with a clean one can lower an air conditioner's energy consumption by anywhere from 5 to 15 percent.

■ **Know the square footage.** When replacing a cooling system, have an understanding of the size of your home (or room if installing an window unit). De-

termine the area of the home so you buy a unit that suits your needs. Air conditioners use BTUs (British Thermal Units) to define cooling power. The more BTUs, the larger the space that can be cooled. However, homeowners do not want to exceed the necessary cooling power. This leads to energy waste.

EnergyStar.gov can help homeowners find the right cooling system for their needs.

■ **Inspect system coils.** The evaporator and condenser coils on air conditioners can collect dirt, even when filters are maintained. Dirty coils are less efficient at absorbing heat, so periodically remove the dirt. Outdoor coils can be kept cleaner by cutting back foliage from the unit to allow better air flow.

■ **Inspect condensate drains.** Energy.gov also suggests making sure condensate drains, which take moisture pulled from the air away, are functioning properly. If they're clogged, they may not be effective at reducing humidity in a home, and they may even leak.

■ **Clear debris.** Remove fallen leaves or other plant material from condenser units and fan blades. Obstructed components can cause the system to retain heat, compromising its ability to work effectively. Some homeowners prefer to cover their condensers at the end of the cooling season to keep leaves and dirt out of the unit.

■ **Check window unit seals.** When installing window units, make sure all seals around the air conditioner are in place to prevent cool-air loss.

■ **Hire a technician.** Air conditioner technicians can be very helpful and will know how to prepare a system for hot weather. Technicians typically conduct multipoint inspections and measure such things as refrigerant levels and duct leakage.

Airflow through the evaporator coil also may be checked. If a homeowner suspects the thermostat is not working properly, a technician can verify if that is true and even install a new one if necessary.

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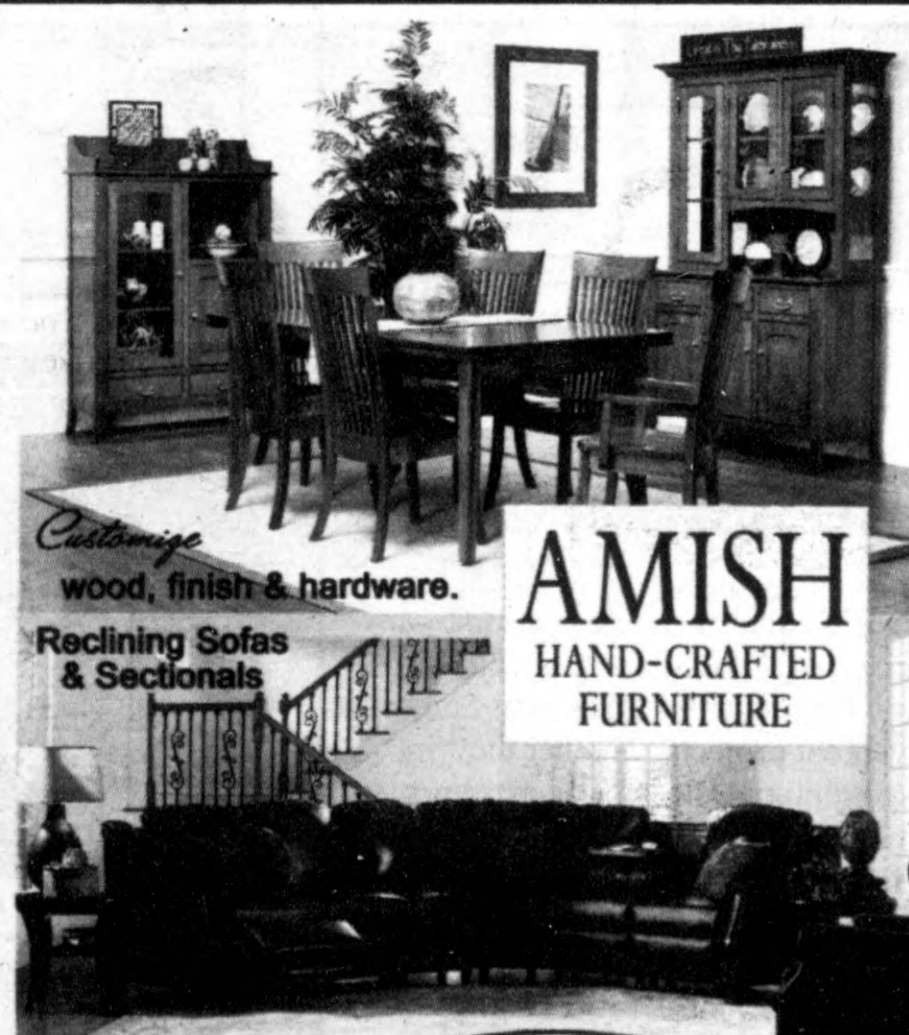
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— Craig Gossett



"The Tigers are going to go 82-79 because they have better depth in the bullpen."

— Ryan Schrote



"Pending no injuries, I think they could finish second in their division behind Kansas City. Still not sure if their pitching can take them beyond that."

— Ron Schrote



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Faye Valtadoros, surrounded by items from her travels overseas in her Japanese language classroom, was nominated for an Excellence in Teaching Award for her work in Clarkston schools. Photo by Phil Custodio

Teacher recognized for excellence

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Faye Valtadoros won the lottery, taking home a \$500 cash prize and \$500 classroom grant. She didn't have to buy a ticket – the Japanese teacher for Clarkston Community Schools just needed a nomination for an Excellence in Teaching Award.

"I got an email one day saying I was nominated by someone in the community," Valtadoros said. "To be nominated by somebody, it's thrilling, really exciting."

The Michigan Lottery and WXYZ present the award every week to recognize outstanding K-12 teachers and staff who make a significant impact on the lives of their students.

In addition to the cash prize and grant, she'll be featured during a WXYZ broadcast. She was interviewed for it by Tom Izzo.

"That was amazing, really cool," she said.

After growing up in a bilingual family – English and Greek – Valtadoros started learning Japanese at her high school, Utica Ford in Sterling Heights. She continued her studies after graduation, earning a bachelor of arts degree in Japanese language and culture from Eastern Michigan University.

She went to Japan for a study abroad program, living there for three years.

"I was immersed in the culture," she said. "It's so different. I fell in love with it."

Valtadoros, who earned a master of arts in teaching from Marygrove College and a master's degree in library science from Wayne State University, has taught for 16 years. The last 10 have been in Clarkston at the high school, junior high, and Sashabaw Middle School.

In addition to teaching Japanese, she runs the high school Japanese Club. Activities include an exchange program in March, and trips to Japan, with one planned this summer.

This is her fifth trip with students – 17 are signed up this year. They will stay for two weeks in Japan with host families, including visits to Kyoto, Peace Museum in Hiroshima, and Clarkston's sister school in Chiba.

"The students do really well. It's amazing," she said.

The teacher was nominated for the Excellence in Education award by a person who works in Japanese business in Michigan. The nomination said Valtadoros "is one of the few teachers of Japanese language in Michigan."

"She uses her personal funds to ensure that her students have the proper class materials. She helps students understand the value of knowing multiple languages and recognize that will help prepare them to work in the increasingly global marketplace," reads

the nomination. "She is valuable to the community and her role is fundamental to the automotive industry and other industries in Michigan, because we need more Americans who know the Japanese language and culture."

All Excellence in Education award winners will also be considered for the Michigan Lottery's Educator of the Year Award and a grand prize of \$10,000.

Nominate Michigan public school employees who demonstrate excellence, dedication, inspiration, leadership, and effectiveness at www.wxyz.com/excellence.



Tom Izzo, Michigan State University basketball coach, interviewed Faye Valtadoros about the award. Photo provided

Events

Spring Book Sale, Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library, April 27-30, 10,000 used books, most \$1-\$2. Used book donations accepted.

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.

Rummage Sale and Junk in the Trunk, Clarkston American Legion Post 63 Auxiliary and Legionnaires, May 6-7 during M-15 Heritage Route Garage Sale. 248-425-9483.

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

Relay For Life of Clarkston, 12 p.m.-12 a.m., May 14, Clarkston Junior High School track, 6595 Middle Lake Road. 248-625-8223.

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 Clarkston Village Players. 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.

Clarkston Community Awards Breakfast, 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.

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Around Town

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



Clarkston SCAMP's Walk & Roll is Sunday, May 1, in Depot Park. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. for the walk, bike, and roll fund-raiser event, which has new 1-mile or 2.5-mile routes through Clarkston. Dogs are welcome. Food, games, and prizes follow. Sign up to volunteer at www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4aa8ad2aa75-scamp. File photo

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. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

Tuesday

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. May 3: "Dreams and Nightmares: The Science Behind the Stories of Your Mind," features a filmed interview with Dr. William Moorcroft, author of "Understanding Sleep and Dreaming." 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.

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.

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

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

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins

Lake Road. Call Eric, 248-224-2214.

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

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Religion

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Truth clearer amidst nature

In this modern age it can be very hard to detach from our daily lives. With cell phones, iPads, and laptops; everywhere we go we stay connected to the work, school, and groups that form the busyness of our lives.

We are reluctant to be out of touch, and feel naked if we ever leave those devices behind. And, it is nearly impossible to get away from those who are using their mobile devices in public places.

Two weeks ago I had a couple days off and went for a drive. The weather had turned cold and wet so I headed south. Leaving behind my computer and turning off my cell phone, I unplugged from my daily life for 48 hours.

I found myself driving through the Daniel Boone National Forest and enjoying an afternoon hike in the Natural Bridge State Park.

A strenuous three quarter of a mile hike up over 600 stairs and a 500 foot elevation gain, I could tell that I had been way too sedentary last winter.

At the top is a gorgeous view of the valley, tree covered hills and the river running through them. I found a nice little shelf on the edge of the bridge where I was protected from the breeze, and could sit and admire this beautiful creation.

Eventually, I closed my outer eyes to open my mind's eyes and commune with my Counselor: the Spirit of Truth (John 14:16-17).

A while later, as I was coming out of my meditation, I realized that there was a man walking past behind me talking on his cell phone conducting business, "Make the meeting for 2 o'clock and tell him I'll call him in the morning."

I opened my outer eyes once again and looked out to see a two hundred foot cell tower rising from the ridge across the valley which I did not notice earlier when I was admiring the scenery. I had to laugh at myself, how could I miss seeing that before? How often we only see what we want to see.

It is a sad testament to our times that we have come to accept the fact that every candidate for president, virtually every politician, CEO or public figure, lies and most often there are never or very rarely any consequences to their lying. The only thing that seems to matter is if they win, are

successful at seducing voters, raising profits or donations.

And why is that? Because they are telling us what we want to hear.

A common joke these days is, "I read it on the internet so it must be true!" I have almost given up trying to correct some of the erroneous postings that come across my Facebook feed.

All these incredible statements of dubious facts that have no basis in truth that when I take the time to research can easily realize are false. I've caught myself more than once beginning to repost something just because it agreed with what I want to believe before taking the time to verify the claims.

Noted psychiatrist, Carl Jung, said, "One does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light but by making the darkness conscious."

He introduced us to our Shadow which is the unconscious aspect of our personality, primarily the negative aspects, the parts that get us into trouble. In order to feel and be whole and complete we must become aware of these unconscious aspects of our selves and integrate them into our conscious selves: we must bring the light to the darkness.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light." Matthew 6:22

What is obvious to me is how shadow driven our leaders and candidates are. In most case they may be unaware that they are lying. And, they are a reflection of the people they seek to serve.

Usually, I am unaware when what I think is true is not. That is why I take the time to unplug from the busyness and connect with my Source regularly. I can step back, rethink and choose again before sharing what I know to be true.

On my drive back north I could feel myself beginning to take back all the responsibilities I had left behind.

And, because I invested the time to unplug from the world and connect with my Source I am more conscious of the choices I am making and what I am choosing to believe.

This is my wish for you, that you choose to see the light bring it to the darkness and realize the whole and complete child of God that you are.

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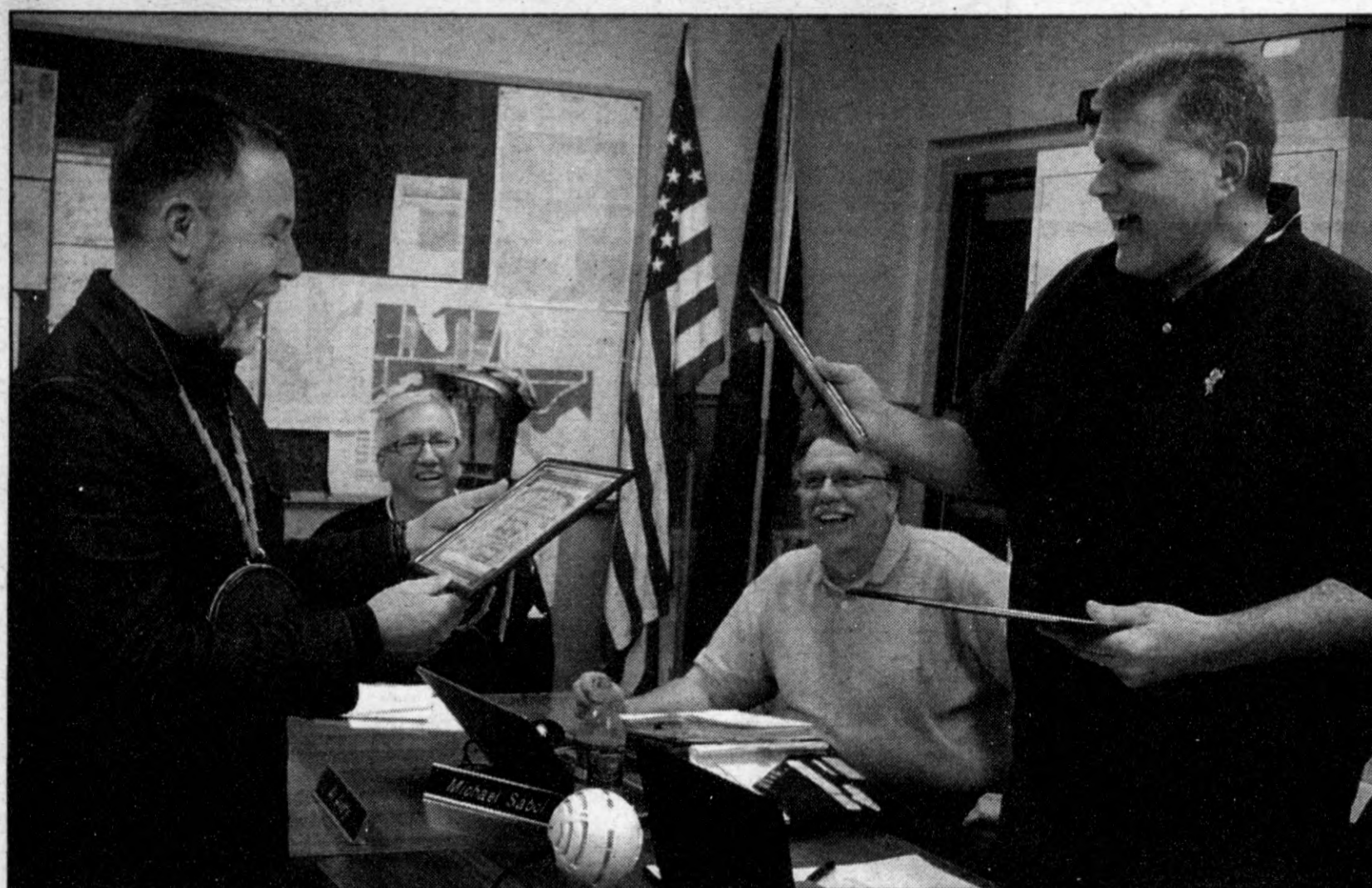
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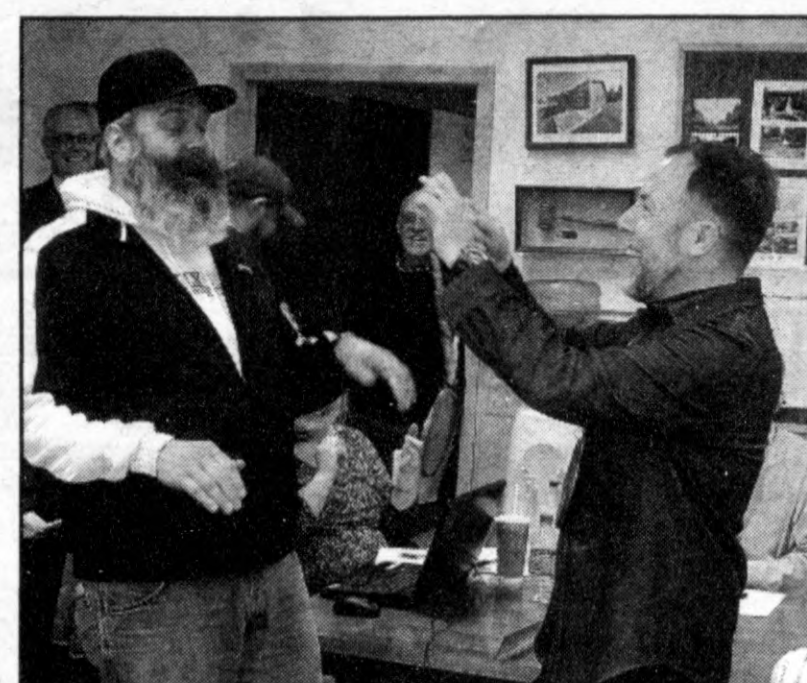
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Mayor Joe Luginski, at right, presents certificates and medals to Clarkston Union owner Curt Catallo for serving their millionth mac and cheese. Photos by Phil Custodio



Curt Catallo presents a medal to Erich Lines.

Medals for millionth mac&cheese

Clarkston City Council honored the Clarkston Union restaurant for serving its one millionth mac and cheese on April 2.

Mayor Joe Luginski presented homemade medals to Union owner Curt Catallo and Erich Lines at the April 11 council meeting. The restaurant sold tickets for the honor of receiving the millionth serving, and raised \$6,840 for SCAMP.

Pedestrian bridge would cross I-75 at Waldon Road

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reached out to State Representative Jim Tedder and other state reps along with county commissioners to write letters of support to send in with their proposal.

"We're putting the best package we can together and we're going to hope that they see the logic we saw," he said.

Schroeder said she was originally in favor of the project because she thought it was both an appropriate use of general fund monies, according to the state's definition, as well as a "best use" of the money.

Treasurer Paul Brown had originally turned the proposal down not because he didn't think it was a need, but because he wished it was higher up on the Safety Path Committee's priority list.

"If this project was at the top of the safety path's committee's list (and they said) 'but we'll use up all the money,' I would vote right now to put more general fund into it to make sure it got done," he said. "If we were going to utilize more general fund money to do safety path projects, I don't want us to rush into it. I'd rather see us take the \$2.1 million and do the first five things that are on it, if that's really where the highest priorities are. And suddenly the Waldon Street Bridge becomes a project that's going to happen in two to three years."

However, once the figures were redone in the second motion, Brown thought it would be more appealing to the Safety Path Committee.

"If I think about what the safety path committee would think about us putting a proposal out to get \$2.6 million of free money, I think they'd be unhappy if we didn't try it," he said. "It costs us nothing if they don't take (our proposal)."

Clerk Barb Pallotta was in full support of the project, but she said the thought of taking out \$2.1 million out of the general fund caused her "heartburn."

"It definitely is a need, but do we need it right now? That's where the gray area is," Pallotta said. "With this May 1 deadline it adds additional pressure in making a decision."

And while she is not a gambling woman, Pallotta said she decided to "roll the dice" after the township's contribution was lowered.

"I'm thinking we don't have a chance to get this, but sometimes you have got to take a risk," she said.

Supervisor Pat Kittle also agreed the bridge "is a need." However, like Pallotta he couldn't justify the original price tag contribution from the township.

"I love the idea, I really loved it when it was 20 percent of \$3 million. I just think timing right now is the biggest issue with me," Kittle said. "If I was asked to vote on this right now I would vote 'no.' In a couple years I would give you a different answer."

He also pointed out other areas where the money could be spent, such as paying down lifetime retirement costs.

But when the new numbers were rolled out, he too, thought it was acceptable.

"I like the numbers well enough," he said. "I am very anxious to see if the Safety Path Committee will swallow half a million dollars."

Resident support

David Pew, who lives in the Waldon Creek subdivision, said he's been a Clarkston resident his whole life and wants his children to enjoy the same pleasures he had, which included riding his bike to Rudy's and other stores downtown.

"If you've driven out and seen the bridge, there is no question it's unsafe. I won't let my kids go that way, so that really limits our options. We can really only go all the way around to Clintonville, over to Maybee and by then that's a decent bike ride, so you're turning around and coming back. You're not going to downtown Clarkston from there," he said. "It would be a great thing to have (a bridge) and I think you'd see a lot of people using it."

Fellow Waldon Creek resident Mike Wilson agreed.

"We have three children. I watched my kids grow up. They have all attended Pine Knob Elementary and I find it ironic that there is absolutely no way for us to walk to school," he said. "I've crossed the bridge myself a number of times on bicycle, never on foot, it would be absolutely terrifying, but it's equally terrifying on bicycle."

Wilson noted that he was shocked that there was no consideration for a pedestrian

bridge when the I-75 bridge was under construction in 2004.

"I've lived on both sides of I-75. We lived five years on Church Street and we felt apart of the community and felt like I had access to downtown," Wilson added. "On the other side we really don't."

Even though Allen Road resident Pat Bayley doesn't live close to the bridge, he was in support.

"Those people that live on that other side and there are hundreds of families and children. They pay taxes for this Clarkston corridor expansion, the town, the development and they really don't have a safe access for their kids to get across to the schools, the library, the township hall and all the activities, and the jobs that are there," Bayley said. "Kids today, they want to be independent, they want to walk they want to bike and their families are working. It's really a good opportunity for you to service hundreds and hundreds of families on the other side. And they really have a right to a safety path. I just think it should be one of the high priorities of your safety path if there is some money available that gets it going."

The township should know within 60 days after the May 1 deadline whether they will receive the 60 percent match in TAP grants or not.

It's either going to be all or nothing," Lohmeier said. "It's not like they'll come back and say we'll do 20 percent."

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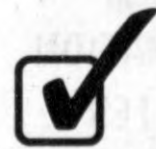
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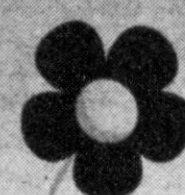
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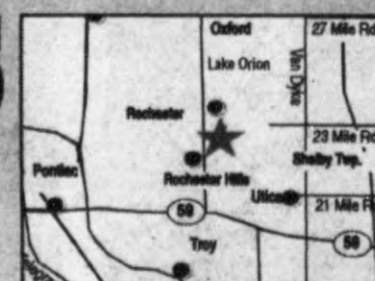
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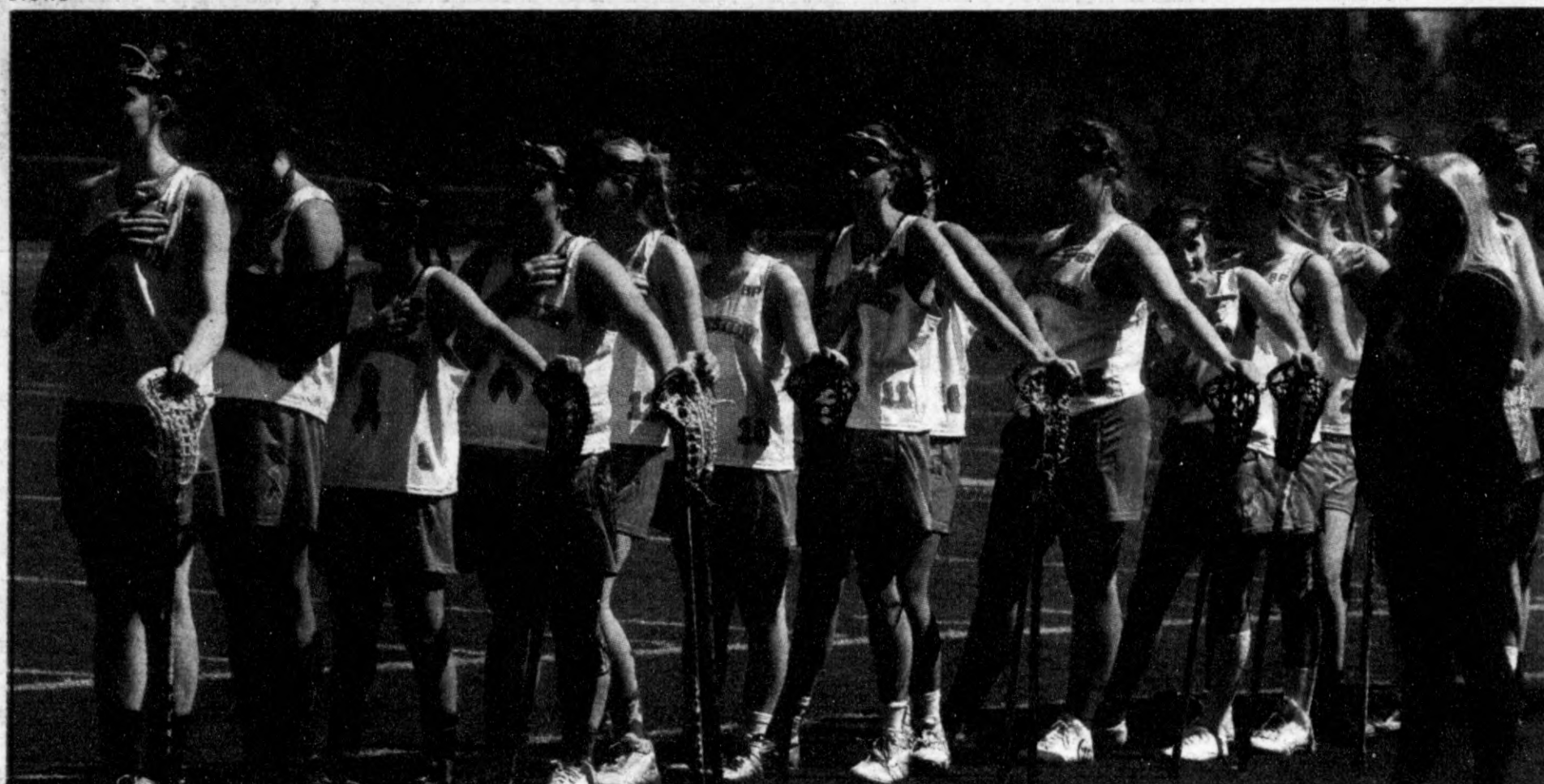
Communities came together for the 12th Annual Clarkston Lacrosse Game for a Cure on Saturday.

The annual all-day event raised over \$11,000 for the St. Joseph Mercy Health Care Cancer Research Center.

Fans, including parents, families and players, bought T-shirts and jersey sponsorships for the cause. Money was also raised through homemade baked goods (which were delicious!)

The Clarkston High School Leadership students were also at the event raising money by selling ribbons, snow cones and cotton candy. They also had games for fans to play in between lacrosse games.

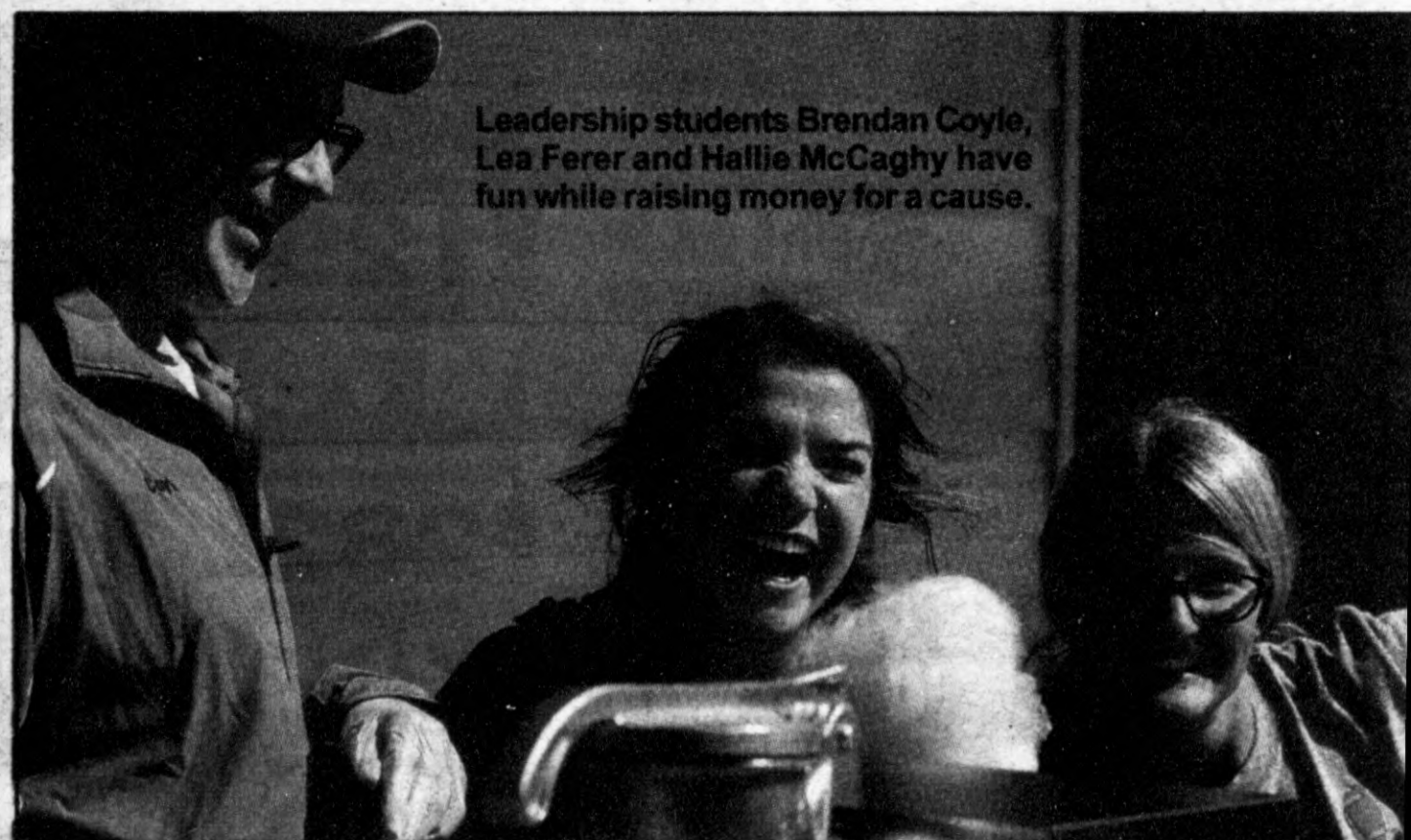
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The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team opens their game with the Star Spangled Banner.



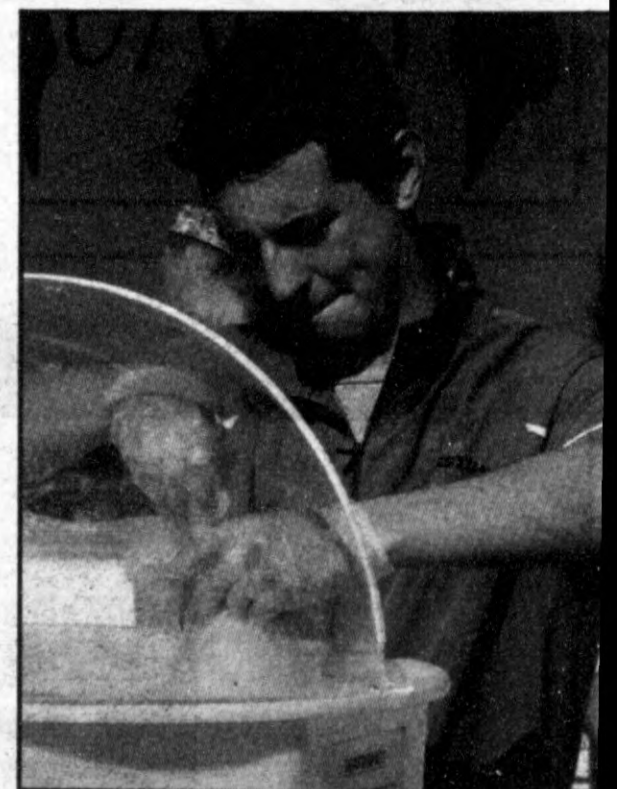
Hallie McCaghy makes more cotton candy.



Leadership students Brendan Coyle, Lea Ferer and Hallie McCaghy have fun while raising money for a cause.



Lacrosse teams and the community raised over \$13,000 for St. Joseph Mercy.



Jon Giolitti gives making cotton candy a try before the JV Boys game.

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Team RUSH celebrates their victory.
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RUSH heading to Worlds as No. 1 in the state

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alliance with The HOT Team 67 from Highland and The Fighting Pi 1718 who faced off against the alliance of Team TORC 2137 of Oxford, Team Strike Zone 5460 of Lapeer and Team Hybrid Hornets 5150 of Flint, where they went best two out of three.

"It was pretty crazy," said fellow TORC Drive Team member Zach Peterson "There were a couple of matches that we either lost or were really close to losing because Fighting Pi's (robot) ended up dying during

two matches."

"During our first finals match, Fighting Pi's drive train broke, so we brought in the backup robot for the second finals match. Then they went over a defense and their battery became unplugged. That was the problem," explained Harper. "For the third match they wired it down and made sure it was all good. The third match they played some major defense and were able to help us a lot."

Cody Hughes said the reality of being

first in the state hasn't really hit him yet.

"It was after the third match and we all kind of stood there under the scoreboard and holding hands and I kind of realized at that moment this could either put us as champs or be forgotten," Cody said. "When it came up and showed that we won, honestly it was just a weird feeling."

Just because they're number one in the state, Harper noted that it will not change the way they prepare for the upcoming tournament.

"We still have our drive practice, we're still going to work on different things," he said. "The more matches that we have the more we learn that we need to work on."

On the Pit Crew side of things, Chris Heilman things were pretty smooth during States.

"The first half of the day, the robot was all good," he said. "During our qualification match and elimination there were a few problems but nothing major."

Heilman said he's proud to see their hard work pay off.

"Some of us have put in over 300 hours, just ourselves," he said. We come in 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. most school nights and even come in on Sundays sometimes."

Fellow Pit Crew member Ben Halcrow

agreed.

"Right now we're the number one team in Michigan and that's been pretty awesome," he said.

"For me it's really good to hear other teams say, 'hey it's a really cool robot,' added Damon Rothrock. "And being able to see our machine out there on the field performing well and say 'hey, we built that, we put time into that and that's what we own.'"

Because of the data that they had on the opposing alliance Scout Captain Diana Marsala said she wasn't too nervous in the beginning.

"For most of the octo-finals, quarter finals, semi-finals I wasn't really stressed, but when we got to those final matches it was extreme roller coaster," she said.

Scout Captain in training, Alyssa Dubre, agreed.

"Overall I thought we were going to do well, up until the end where it was a little iffy," Dubre said. "But I was sure we'd pull it out."

Marsala said having another state win under their belt is great. They had won state's two years ago when she was a sophomore.

"There are amazing teams in Michigan, we're extremely proud that we are ranked first right now," she added. "Hopefully we can win it for Michigan this year and go to our first trip to Einstein."

Einstein she explained is the final rounds of playoffs.

Einstein is the best of the best, the last eight teams (out of 600) they battle it out," she said. The winner of the Einstein field is winner of the world championship."

Kyle said when her family moved here about 10 years ago their goal was "to put Clarkston on the map for robotics."

"We've done it in Michigan and we've done it worldwide. It's pretty exciting," Kyle said. "I really hope we bring back the world championship to Clarkston and if we do, I want a parade... I hope a crowd meets us at Depot Park at 6 a.m. in the morning when we arrive home."

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