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TAKE THE SHOT: Damon Rothrock loads a "boulder" into the slingshot for a chance to cut five seconds off Team 3's race time. The team was one of eight who participated in the 9th Annual RUSH Regatta race on Saturday. Please see RUSH on page 18-19 for more. Photo by WAR

\$75 million school bond New playground, lockers at SPE

Voters head to the polls on Aug. 2 to decide on a \$75 million school bond proposal. The Clarkston News is touring the school district to see where and why it is needed. In the third of a series, we check out Springfield Plains Elementary.

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Plains Elementary (SPE) would receive approximately \$5.3 million in upgrades if the \$75 million bond passes.

Building & Site Improvements

Of the approximately \$1.4 million for new construction, \$870,000 would go to site adjustments, reconfigure parent/bus drop-off loops, additional parking, and lighting.

"We have all these school functions and

people are parking on the grass or down the street," said SPE Principal Matthew Gifford.

Meanwhile, \$483,400 would go to neighborhood access walkways, LED lighting for parking lots, playground equipment, ball field, and drainage upgrades, additional hard play surfaces, and paved playground track.

According to Wes Goodman, executive director of operations for the school district, SPE was used as the "standard" when they did the last playground upgrades for the other six elementary schools, because it had the newest equipment when it was built 22 years ago.

Goodman said all the current equipment is safe because they have it checked on a

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School board split on bond

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The \$75 million school bond is vitally important for the school district, said Clarkston School Board President Steve Hyer.

"We absolutely need to address our safety and security needs, technology infrastructure, and building/site/mechanical improvements," Hyer said. "We understand we are operating our community schools and it is our duty as a board of education to make our schools the best they can possibly be – we cannot do this in a vacuum and that is why we have engaged the community so extensively in this process."

However, Trustee Craig Hamilton said he was disappointed in the board.

"They took the easy way out by asking for more money instead of making the hard decisions we were elected to do," Hamilton said.

The board did not set aside money

from the general fund for the last two years to help pay for known future expenses and has increased ongoing expenses by about \$4.5 million annually during that period, he said.

"What was initially presented by the architects and proposed by administration to the board was never changed from the initial draft of the 'critical needs' until it was rubber stamped to be placed on the August ballot – except the change from calling the lacrosse stadium to calling it an auxiliary field with artificial turf," he said.

Board Secretary Susan Boatman said the board voted to put the bond on the August ballot so "voters can decide whether the benefits outweigh the costs of this request."

As voters head to the polls, Boatman said factors to consider include:

- Homeowners will continue paying 7

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Concerns from citizens

BY TREVOR KEISER
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For Henry Woloson of Independence Township, the school district's campaign to pass its \$75 million bond proposal has been inadequate and misleading.

"In the recent brochure issued by the school district, there were four references that there would be 'NO TAX RATE INCREASE.' Their caps not mine," Woloson said. "The brochure does not contain the following statement that is on the district website: 'The current bond set to expire in 2029 would be continued and

expire in 2045.'"

Most homeowners know people with a 30 year mortgage will pay substantially more interest than with a 15 year mortgage, even if the rate is the same, he said.

"Adding 16 years onto our current bond, even without a tax rate increase is important information that voters should have told at least once in the brochure," Woloson added.

Though the new bond is set to "expire" in 30 years, Woloson said many of the items purchased have useful life of less

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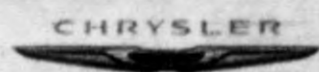
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Technology needs at Springfield Plains

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regular basis, but they have pulled a few pieces out in the past few years.

"We haven't replaced them yet because we've been thinking of what's the better long term," he said. "The problem with equipment today is it's a lot of plastic and the problem with plastic is it become brittle after years."

He noted they work to try and keep all the elementary playgrounds equivalent to one another.

"Designs improve and this one is by far the least fun looking," he said. "It doesn't have some of the cool rock walls like what they have today and that kind of thing."

"We're not looking for space age, but an upgrade is in order," added Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan.

Playground equipment is also safer, Goodman said.

"Everything today wouldn't have a square post (it would be round) in case a kid fell into it," he said.

Gifford added the playground track was originally woodchips, but over time the track wore away and become more like a ditch.

"Now it pretty much just collects water in the spring and fall," he said.

New lockers would cost about \$106,000. Goodman said the bottom of the new lockers would be about a foot higher off the ground and there would be a tile base underneath so kids could put their shoes and boots there instead of inside their locker.

"It would be like a boot bench with a locker on top," Ryan explained.

There is also \$22,500 in the budget for new windows on the southeast wing of the building.

"Window replacement is going to be selective. There are some windows that are very difficult to open and there is just not a really good fix, so replacement is selective in that," Goodman said. "This building most of the rooms have an exterior door, but the areas where we're having window issues are where we don't have exterior doors."

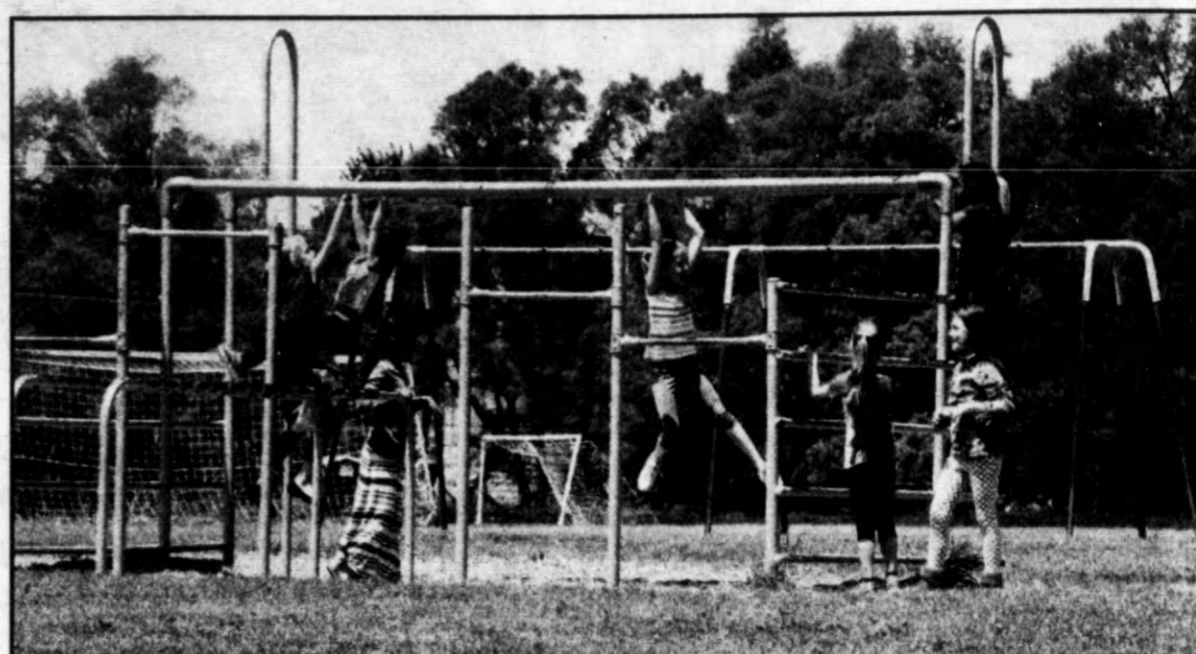
There is another approximately \$1.6 million in building improvements.

Safety & Security

The district is asking for \$524,000 for a secure entry addition and canopy, as well as another \$125,700 for security cameras, fire alarm, building card access, and fire alarm update.

Currently the office monitors visitors as they come to the front doors on a video screen, but once they buzz that person in, they have open access down the hallways to any classroom. Goodman said they have two options for securing the entrance at SPE.

"It's either to put doors here in the corridor that has to be released or move the whole office forward," he said. "Whatever



The district wants to upgrade playground with newer equipment.



A cone marks an unsafe walkway.

we do will restrict people from getting in and going wherever."

Education Technology

Angela Harrison, district administrator of technology, said SPE was the first they did lab reconfigurations to go to Chromebook carts to replace rows of desktop Windows computers.

"Now the majority of their Chrome bases are over four years old, so they need to be upgraded," she said. "I think they have only one cart that is the new Chrome Books we were able to purchase for M-STEP testing."

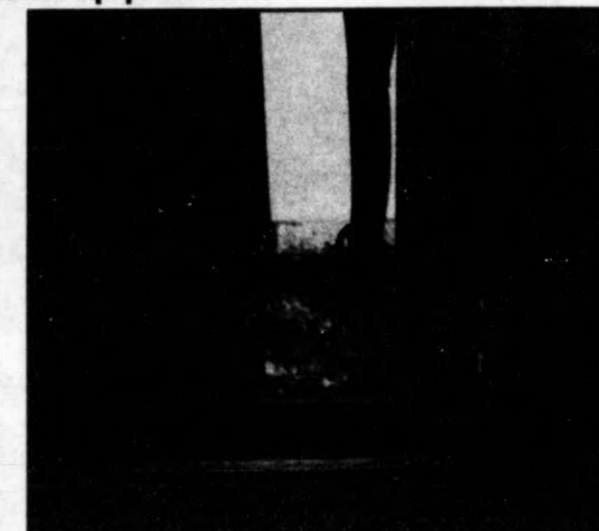
"A lot of the newer stuff was a fact of urgency because we had to have to comply with the state testing regulations," Ryan added.

As in other schools, Harrison noted the Windows machines are outdated and running on XP. The older Chrome books are now almost five years old and in need of replacement as well.

"We're still talking right now about how we would configure per grade level," she said. "A certain number per grade level, but we're not going one-to-one so we would provide carts per grade level or subject area or whatever was required."

They have some carts that hold 32 and some that hold 16 chrome books.

"Hopefully on the ratio that every two classrooms would be able to share every



Lockers are in need of replacement due to rusted out bottoms from winter boots.

three classrooms being able to share two carts of them," Ryan added.

They would also replace the pull-down projector screens with new interactive TV's, which Ryan called longer term technology.

Harrison said she had 540 projectors with warranty end at the same time.

"Of course with anything under warranty as soon as the warranty expires, everything starts going," she said. "We've been replacing those, slowly 40-50 a year for the last few years."

Harrison also said the interactive televisions would have a longer lifespan, longer warranty and wouldn't require maintenance, like the replacement of bulbs.

SPE was built in 1994 and can hold a capacity of 600. Last year they had 489 students enrolled.

Technology is estimated at a total of approximately \$857,000 for audio/visual systems, network upgrades, staff and student device upgrade and computer lab equipment upgrades.

GMB Architecture and Engineering prepared a master capital list including a long-range 10-year plan for all district needs.

For a complete list of bond items and cost, on all elementary schools visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us. See next week's edition for on Clarkston Junior High School, which will conclude our school tours series on the bond.

Gates at Mills

Gates went up at the Mills mall parking lot on Depot Road, July 8, ending unrestricted public parking in the lot.

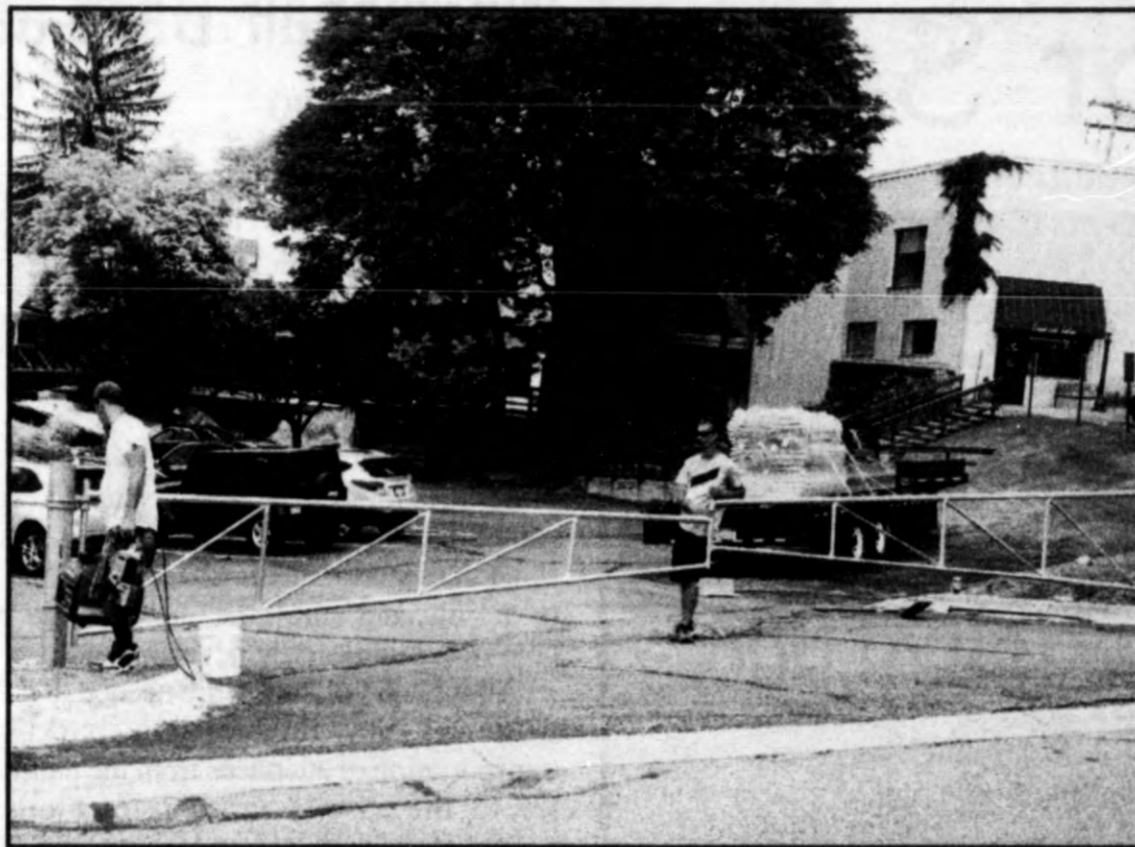
The property owners have a lease with the city, offering use of the lot for five public events and Concerts in the Park, in exchange for city-owned space at the lot's edge.

Clarkston City Council voted on June 27 to name the home tour, Art in the Village, Taste of Clarkston, Habitat concert, and Shiver by the River as the five events.

They will discuss parking with other event organizers, said Ed Adler, one of the property owners.

If the city had assessed property developers for parking, as provided in city ordinances, it would have had plenty of funds to increase parking, Adler said.

"They'd have like \$4 million if they'd assessed as they should have," Adler said.



Workers install a gate to the Mills parking lot on Depot Road. Photo by Phil Custodio

Briefly

DSO finalist

Clarkston High School is one of seven finalists to host the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in September.

Online voting is now open at dso.org/DTEPowersDSO.

"The DSO has been here twice," said Joette Kunse, who nominated CHS. "It is well attended and good for the youngsters of the community, who many times don't have the opportunity to hear such a world class orchestra. It just makes Clarkston such a great place to live with such opportunities."

DSO will perform four free concerts at the winning schools, from Sept. 23-25. They will be conducted by DSO Assistant Conductor Michelle Merrill.

Voting is open through Wednesday, July 20.

Pothole repairs

Road Commission for Oakland County workers are spray patching Sashabaw Road between Maybee and Waldon roads, and north of Walton to Meigs Avenue.

The work includes cleaning out and filling potholes with gravel mixed with asphalt. The road will remain open, with flaggers directing traffic.

The work is weather dependent and should be completed in November.

Football for a Cure

The Clarkston Wolves gridiron gang trade their blue and gold jerseys for pink and light blue for their Eighth Annual Football for a Cure, their pre-season scrimmage, on Saturday, Aug. 13.

T-shirts and jerseys are currently available. The cost to purchase a commemorative jersey is \$100 and a commemorative name plate is \$50.

T-shirts are available for \$15. Also, visit the online store at www.footballforacure.com.

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Citizens call for more funding options

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than 30 years and therefore will "expire" before the bond does.

"For example, should we be financing approximately \$20 million in 'technology' equipment and related expenses over 30 years," Wolson asked. "Most people replace their laptops and smartphones in less than five years."

Resident and former school board trustee Joan Patterson agreed, which is why the money should not be given "in one shot."

"Priorities will change, needs will change, but the money will be already spent. I don't have a crystal ball to see that far into the future and I don't think the school leadership does either," Patterson said in a Letter to the Editor. "We will be basically leveraging the financial future of not only our children but also our grandchildren."

Woloson said serial bonds of 10, 20, 30 year maturities might have made more sense than one 30-year bond, because the interest rate is lower, and they could have matched useful life with serial life.

An example would be a 10-year bond for technology, a 30-year bond for capital improvements, and 20-year bond for items that fall in between.

"I am sure the school board and district are acting in good faith as they make this request for \$75 million. But the lack of disclosure regarding extending the term by 16 years was inappropriate," he said. "Having three bonds maturing in 10, 20 and 30 years would not only have lowered our net interest cost but would better free up the district's ability to borrow when the items with a shorter than 30 year life need to be replaced."

Resident Gunars Ejups said "paying for assets long gone for an additional 20 years

is completely wrong."

"No viable business does that and running the school system should be the same as running a business," Ejup said.

According to resident Dawn Schaller, the current district bond debt will be paid off in seven years and the balance paid off in 13 years.

"The approximate current total of outstanding bonds, 'bond premium', and 'State School Bond Loan Fund' as of June 30, 2016, was \$130,926,898, so the new total could ostensibly be almost \$207 million," she said. "In order to keep the millage the same, they will rewrite and combine the current outstanding bonds with this new bond request should it be approved."

The district's designated \$16.2 million under critical needs for "safety and security" aren't critical, she said.

"Security is already in place in each of the schools with locking doors, intercom systems, and security cameras in all of the schools. Most of these were installed within the last eight years under the most recent bond that and were identified by administration when the monies were spent by the district from the last bond to last the district for a long time," she said. "I agree that something needs to be done to create a better front entrance at the junior high, but in my opinion, not at the other buildings."

The board and district does not seem to be "acting in good faith," Schaller said.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock has made promises to major stakeholders such as band and sports boosters and coaches who have "sway with the community" to help get the bond passed through the use of "glittering generalities," which are "an

emotionally appealing phrase so closely associated with highly valued concepts and beliefs that it carries conviction without supporting information or reason," she said.

"Such highly valued concepts attract general approval and acclaim," she added. "Once the bond is approved, Dr. Rock has the legal right to spend the money any way he sees fit, assuming he has the approval of the school board. The majority of the board consistently votes to approve everything Dr. Rock proposes."

Board members Craig Hamilton and Susan Boatman questioned items from the proposal, but board President Steve Hyer, controls board meetings, deciding what questions will be answered, she said.

"This board is a farce. It is a rubber stamp for Dr. Rock, exactly what he wants to push his agenda on the district," Schaller said.

Alan Lowe, father of a 2015 Clarkston High School graduate, shares similar sentiments.

"My greatest frustration with this and the 2012 bond is the message sent based on the proposal. That message to me is, give us (the district) a windfall payout for us to do maintenance and to do all of our new pet projects or we will just let the schools crumble," Lowe said. "In my mind, keeping the schools maintained is the districts number one priority and should be in ongoing budgets, if they truly can't cover some large infrastructure needs then those should be presented to the community as a bond separate from all the nice to have items."

Lowe said if the district must borrow to cover infrastructure needs, then the district is already "forever indebt with what they have."

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Wheelchair Daze at Independence Oaks

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The 36th Annual Wheelchair Daze Picnic is on course for Aug. 6 at Independence Oaks County Park, but more volunteers are needed.

"We need compassionate, kind people to help people with disabilities," said Lori Gruenberg, organizer.

"The picnic has served people with disabilities for over 30 years," she said. "It's something they look forward to all year, sometimes more than Christmas. It's a chance to get out and enjoy the sunshine, go on boat rides, things they never get to do."

About 200 volunteers are needed to help with set up, registration, parking, transportation of attendees from the parking lot to the event, balloons and other decorations, assist attendees on and off barrier-free pontoon boats, help attendees with carnival games, face painting and temporary tattoos, and information and first aid booths.

In the food tent, help is needed with barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs, distributing food and drinks to attendees, making and serving cotton candy and snowcones, and clean up.

Volunteers can sign up for two-hour shifts, or for the entire day

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The event includes pontoon boat rides on the lake. Photo provided

Wright and Filippis, but the medical and healthcare equipment company dropped out due to the health care reform law, she said.

The Filippis Foundation stepped forward, as well as Oakland County Parks, which is donating use of Independence Oaks, parking, and stage.

"They're very generous," Gruenberg said.

Ideas for next year include a benefit dinner fund raiser at Twin Chimneys pavilion in the park, she said.

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Sewer rates going up in township

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township residents and business owners will see an increase in their sewer rates beginning in the next billing cycle on July 16, according to Department of Public Works Director Dave McKee.

Customers will see approximately \$3.29 per REU (Residential Equivalent Unit) per quarter or \$1.10 more per month.

"We're not increasing any of our operating expenses," McKee said. "I just want to make that clear. This is just strictly the pass-thru for the increases we have from Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), water resource commission for Oakland County and associate other charges that go with that."

The GLWA was established as the regional authority in January 2016. Prior to that, the Detroit Water Sewer Department (DWSD) was the regional authority.

"DWSD still exists, but are essentially like us, they run the City of Detroit. The Great Lakes Water Authority is now the regional authority who has control over waste water and distribution systems throughout southeast Michigan," McKee explained. "In keeping with DWSD tradition, they send out their new rates for sewage disposal approximately every May

to all the communities that are serviced by them."

The current sewage system disposal rate for the township is \$230,834. The new rate will be \$253,144, which is a 9.7 percent increase or \$22,310 a month

In addition to the sewage disposal rate, additional components increasing the township's total monthly obligation for sewage disposal services includes the GLWA Industrial Surcharge and Waste Control rate, which will be \$7,315 per month. McKee said this is a 40 percent reduction from last year's amount of \$12,272.

"Industrial waste charge is essentially anyone who is a non-residential customer," he added. "A 40 percent reduction is some good news right there. So essentially we're going to save a couple bucks right there. That's a wonderful thing."

The Flow Based True-Up Charge will be \$2,382, which is \$982 more than last year's \$1,400. However McKee said the township's percentage share on the cost only is up 0.28 percent.

"True-up costs are due to the reallocation of capital cost and interests on outstanding debt on all the OMI (Oakland Macomb Interceptor) bond issues," he noted. "Essentially what it means is as our interest goes up, we're responsible for more and more

of that debt."

The bond rate debt for 2015-16 is \$26,340 per month. The township's obligation on this debt will be increasing 18.6 percent or \$49,745 bringing the 2016-17 cost to \$316,080.

McKee said the bond debt is paid by all communities serviced by the Clinton-Oakland and Oakland-Macomb Interceptor to pay for upgrades of those systems.

"They were neglected for many, many, many years," he added. "There are multi-million projects they're doing to keep roads in Sterling Heights from collapsing. They found some terrible things, but they're really getting after it now."

The township's total obligation will be \$578,921 a month.

The township's total sewage obligation for the year is 3.4 million. The total number of REU's that Independence Township currently has is 11,000. So the township's quarterly rate will be \$78.87, according to McKee.

The township's current operating charge in Independence Township to residents is \$28 per REU.

"That hasn't been changed in quite some time and I don't foresee it changing this year," McKee said. "I believe we'll be alright right there."



BASEBALL CAMP: Matthew Taverna stretches between stations at the Boys Baseball Clinic at Clarkston High School. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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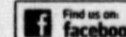
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Baby adventures

My infant son turned seven months old on Sunday, continuing his and our journey in babyhood.

JD's adventures during the last month began with the official word for JD transition to baby food starting with rice cereal which he enjoyed. He enjoyed so much he doesn't mind grabbing the spoon to feed himself. Though, he just holds it in his hand and sucks on the spoon.

It was also a busy month for him as he went to the Oakland County Farmer's Market and the same day was in Lake Orion for the Dueling Fireworks (which throughout the show he remained sleeping in his Grandpa's room).



Next, was the 4th of July parade in downtown Clarkston. He wasn't ready for the candy or ice cream or hot dogs. With only two teeth right now - he can wait. He blinked at the two Air Force A-10 attack jets flying over Main Street and slept through the Clarkston High School Marching Band and Color Guard and the Planters' Peanut truck driving through during their national tour.

This past Saturday JD joined the over 300 people at Deer Lake Beach as Team RUSH 27 Robotics team sailed their cardboard and duct tape boats for the 9th annual RUSH Regatta. He fell asleep before the first race so he missed one of the boats sinking and two members of another boat going through the bottom of the boat while on the lake.

He is also venturing on his own. He has been close to crawling - just the right hand refused to make a move. (I understand, I would love to rollerskate but I have a lazy left leg I can't muster to lift when it's on wheels.)

But the right hand lifted on Saturday and he is now on the go but preferred sticking with rolling during the weekend.

The adventure continued on Sunday when he ate oatmeal cereal which wasn't as much as a hit as rice cereal.

As for PokemonGo - JD will have to wait until he is old enough to have his own cell phone and pay for the bill. As for mommy, if I had time for PokemonGo then I have time to scrapbook, read, write, or sleep. But kudos to Nintendo for getting people out of the house - my Facebook feed was 75 percent filled with PokemonGo memes or with people playing.

Letters To The Editor . . .

'Needs will change'

Dear Editor,

I have been asked by several people what my thoughts are regarding the proposed school bond.

I would not recommend providing \$76 million of other people's money all in one shot, to any local organization in a commitment that lasts 30 years.

Priorities will change, needs will change, but the money will be already spent. I don't have a crystal ball to see that far into the future and I don't think the school leadership does either. We will be basically leveraging the financial future of not only our children but also our grandchildren.

If there is a need for investment in our schools, I recommend approving smaller, itemized proposals, so those people whose money is being spent can be assured of exactly what they're paying for.

Joan Patterson
Independence Township

Support for bond

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in support of the Clarkston Community Schools' bond proposal on the Aug. 2 ballot. As a parent in the Clarkston School district and an educator in Lake Orion, I choose to send my kids to Clarkston Community Schools. I've made this choice because I believe in the quality education students receive in this district. But our district is in need of many upgrades.

I believe the proposed improvements in technology to be first and foremost. I travel to many districts in Oakland County and Clarkston's technology is extremely outdated. I see the struggle this presents for our students who are working very hard in a highly competitive academic world but don't have the tools to compete.

Citizens need to understand this bond, by law, can't be used for teacher salaries. The benefits of this bond in my mind outweigh the impact of extending repayment for approximately 16 years to capture the funds necessary to bring our technology into the 21st century.

The proposal extends our current 7 mils and is not an increase of our current rate. This world of increased technology is that of which we live in. We need to provide high quality education for our children equal to today's world. We need to give our students the platform to compete with students from surrounding districts. It's imperative to maintain strong schools and furthermore a strong Clarkston community. I ask that you vote Yes on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

Derek Mazur
Independence Township

Vote would fix funding

Dear Editor,

As a parent of two children in Clarkston Schools, and as a transplant from Virginia, I write in support of the Aug. 2 bond proposal.

I have learned this proposal extends out approximately 16 years our current 7 mil debt to capture about \$75 million. This will provide improvements to safety and security, facility and site improvements, and educational technology. These improvements will benefit needs for all students and it seems like a win win for our schools and our community as a whole.

Since living in Michigan, I feel the school funding laws in this state need to be addressed. State per pupil funding for Clarkston is the fourth lowest in the 28 districts in Oakland County! This lower level of funding compounded over the years has left Clarkston with major capital needs that can not be addressed by yearly budget allocations.

However, I am very pleased with the fiscal responsibility Clarkston has shown in managing their budget and while managing to increase their fund balance so as not to have to borrow cash to make payroll. Through good stewardship of our tax dollars, Clarkston has raised the bar on rigor for all students while continuing to grow programs and choice for our students.

Anna Muzzy
Independence Township

Bond win-win, reader says

Dear Editor,

The schools near your home affect the value of your home, ask any realtor or person searching for a new home. My husband and I have been homeowners in the Clarkston School District for 25 years and do not have any children, but you better believe this bond proposal on Aug. 2 affects us.

The first question people ask when looking to buy a new home is, "What is the school district like?"

The competitiveness and appearance of our schools has a large affect on our home values. This bond aims to upgrade systems in schools buildings such as roofs, boilers and parking lots; increase safety; and provide students with more technology so they are ready for the demands of today's colleges and work places.

At first, I was concerned when I heard the district was going to be asking for more money. I did my research and discovered tax rates will not be increased. I also found out over 60 percent of this money will be used for safety and security, extending the useful life of equipment; and increasing operational efficiency.

It's a win-win for residents and schools. Join me in voting Yes on Aug. 2.

Joan Badalucco
Davisburg

Please see page 30 for more letters. All letters on the Aug. 2 election due this Friday.

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"July 4 parade keeps tradition alive"

The threat of rain nor Main Street being unavailable due to safety reasons did not stop the Fourth of July parade tradition. Another route was used for the 45-minute parade.

"Relay for Life: A block party with a purpose" Although Relay for Life was in its second year in Clarkston the event was on its way to be a permanent fixture in the community as American Cancer Society prepared for the July event.

"Clarkston teen's wish to meet N'Sync comes true" The day started for with a limo ride to Comerica Park for Sara Razi. Then, she had front row seating for a VIP sound check party with N'Sync where the five sang two songs and answered questions before one-on-one time with her favorite band.

25 years ago - 1991

"New attendance policy draws flak from students" Most students polled about a new Clarkston High School attendance policy did not like the changes which included if a student accumulates 15 or more absences in a semester the consequences will be a four-hour Saturday detention.

"Tests 'pending' on contaminated Clarkston water" The search continued for contaminated water in the Clarkston area. Samples were taken from houses on Main Street, Clarkston Road and Wompole in Clarkston along with Perry Lake Road and Northview Drive in Independence Township.

"Playing video games pays off for CHS student" Russ Robinson turned his hobby for playing video games into a way to curb the cost of the the cost of his pastime by writing reviews for magazines.

50 years ago - 1966

"Cemetery developers seek approval for Hillview Memorial Gardens" The question of whether another cemetery was needed in Independence Township received a great deal of discussion.

"Model egg factory now being constructed" One of the most modern egg factories ever built was being constructed on Clement Road in Independence Township. When done the operation housed 10,000 chickens and produced up to 700 dozen eggs per day.

"Round the town" Tommy and Timmy Walker celebrated their joint birthdays with a movie and hot roast. Each invited four friends and after games ate their way through three pounds of hot dogs and a cowboy birthday cake.

Follow the sounds, and remember Horace

Our exposure to politicians is almost suffocating.

There is a lot of braying around and there will be more of them trumpeting from the other side of the political fence.

Which reminds me of an old joke concerning a mule named Horace.

Horace belonged to Mrs. Wood. One evening she called the vet to report that Horace was sick. The vet was busy and told Mrs. Wood to give him a dose of mineral oil.

"How will I give it to him?" she inquired.

"Through a funnel," the doctor answered.

"But he might bite me," she protested.

"Now, you are a farm woman," the

Doc said, "and you should know about these things. Give the mineral oil to him through the other end."

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

She looked around for a funnel and finally settled on her late husband's gold-plated fox hunting horn. She took it and fixed it properly to Horace, who paid no attention.

She reached into the cabinet and instead of getting the mineral oil she doused Horace with a bottle of turpentine.

Horace raised his head with a sudden jerk, let out a loud bray, jumped the stall

and started down the road at a mad gallop.

Horace was in pain and every few jumps that old fox horn would let out a blast. Which alerted all the hunting dogs in the countryside, who know what a blast on that horn meant, so out on the highway they lit out after Horace.

It was a marvelous sight!

First came Horace with the hunting horn in a most unusual position and trumpeting with every other step. The dog pack came in close pursuit, barking joyously.

By this time it was getting good and dark, and Horace and the dogs noisily approached a draw bridge tended by a man running for sheriff.

The bridge tender who would-be sheriff heard the horn attached to Horace blowing and thought it was a boat approaching, so he cranked up the bridge.

Horace went overboard and drowned.

The dogs went into the water, and managed to struggle ashore.

Come election day, the bridge tender lost his race for sheriff, having collected only seven votes (all from relatives).

It seems the good folks of the county figured any man who didn't know the difference between a mule with a horn at the rear and a boat coming down stream wasn't fit to hold public office.

So, next election time, look out for Horace and the politicians who, like the bridge tender, don't know the difference.

Holy inside the Beltway, Batman

Yeah, yeah. I know. It's old news. Political elites violate tons of rules and with nary a slap on their pocket-picking hands for repercussions. Queen of the Damned Hillary Clinton, those pesky, and mean honky Republicans and of course James Comey, Director of the ever-lovin' Federal Bureau of Investigations.

After Comey completed his July 4 weekend, unannounced, surprise press release in regards to Clinton's e-mail debacle -- many Americans, myself included, were flabbergasted, shocked, angry and down right positive the political fix was put in play.

At the beginning of Comey's announcement, he laid out every reason why Hillary was reckless and careless by having her own unsecured server in her own basement; classified information e-mailed; uncleared folks with access to the classified information; the deletion of tens of thousands of e-mails; the "scrubbing" of servers so cleanly that FBI computer geeks could not retrieve missing emails; and the fact her careless disregard for rules and national security as Secretary of State, most likely opened up national security to be breached by enemies of our nation.

After all that, he then said, the FBI's investigation could not find malicious intent on her part, so he recommended no legal actions be taken.

Americans skeptical of Beltway politics screamed bloody hell! If that were any of us peons, our butts would be locked up in some secret government hoosegow, never to be heard from again.

Midweek, last week, there was a Congressional hearing called to ask Comey, "what the heck were you

thinking?"

And, because I am your huckleberry, over the course of two days, while doing paper work, answering the phone and taking care of work, I watched and paused and watched more of the four-plus hours of this hearing. (If you go on-line, I will post a link to the hearing so you can watch if you want.)

I have never subjected myself to so much political posturing as I did last week. I was so mad, I made myself watch. On some levels, I actually came away with more respect for Comey. He was not defensive. He was respectful and, even with hard questions, answered evenly.

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, of course, is made up of both Republicans and Democrats. Republicans grilled Comey on basically everything I wrote above. They went point by point of what Hillary told Americans versus what really took place.

Was then Secretary of State Clinton:

1. Extremely careless with classified material? Yes.
2. Shouldn't she had known better? Yes.
3. Did uncleared persons have access to classified material? Yes.

On every question the Republicans asked, aside, from should she be charged, Comey answered, "Yes." He further explained, prior to the investigation, he would have assumed Clinton would have known better.

Democrats, all, praised Comey for being totally awesome and apologized about the nasty Republicans questioning his judgement. They said past Secretaries used their own servers before Clinton (to which Comey disagreed).

They made the point only a handful of e-mails were classified out of 30,000 -- never thinking it only takes one e-mail in the wrong hands to really mess things up). Some Dems used their five minutes at the hearing to

not get into the matters at hand, but rather to grandstand on pet issues -- like black lives matter and police abuses of African American males.

A few Republicans and Democrats asked Comey if he thought the hearing was a knock against him. Each time, he answered, "No." Further, he welcomed the opportunity to explain his recommendation not to prosecute Clinton, because he understood most Americans would be dubious of his findings.

Comey said he wanted Americans to believe there are civil servants who are honest; he wanted to show transparency. And, you know what, I believed him. I think he did all he could, aside from, saying Hillary should be prosecuted, that her actions were reckless and careless and she should not have had her own server.

Why he pulled short? Who knows. He said there was no reasonable doubt she knew what she was doing was wrong and that there was no precedent for prosecuting. Political-speak translation: Hillary gets the out of jail free card based on technicalities. That was the only flimsy part of his testimony.

Who knows, the six-foot-eight Comey has six kids. Maybe he's hedging his bets because the FBI has a better understanding what happens those who threaten the Clintons than the rest of the world?

Do I feel better about what has happened? A little. Are there two sets of rules, one for us and the other for political elites? Of course: always has been, always will be. Do I think the investigation was warranted? Hell, yes! And, I think it will and should continue.

Oh, and I believe we Americans really need to start paying attention. Our ambivalence has led to politicians and bureaucrats believing themselves above laws we ourselves are subject to.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush



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Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Abandoned boat

An unoccupied boat was found in a heavy swamp area of Big Lake, 11:05 p.m., July 2. Deputies searched the area but found no sign of anyone ejected into the water. The boat's owner said no one was injured in the accident and he can account for all the boats passengers. The boat posed no navigational hazard and was to be removed the next day by the owner. The OCSO Marine Unit continued with the investigation.

Drug overdose

A 57-year-old Independence Township man was found dead of an apparent heroin overdose, 11:58 a.m., July 4, in the 200 block of Hunters Creek Boulevard. The man's brother, who found him next to drug paraphernalia, said he was a heroin user with a history of high blood pressure. A detective and investigator from the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office responded to assist with the investigation. The incident remains under investigation.

Felony arrest

A 37-year-old Independence Township man was arrested on a felony warrant in the 4000 block of Sashabaw Road, 12:37 p.m., June 19. His father came to the Independence substation saying the man had been increasingly aggressive and intimidating, and asked he be arrested on the warrant.

Dogs at large

A 38-year-old Independence Township man was issued three citations for dogs running at large after his three dogs got loose, attacked a neighbor's dog, then bit the neighbor when she tried to intervene, 2:13 p.m., July 4, in the 5000 block of Everest Drive. The neighbor was taken for treatment at McLaren Clarkston and the injured dog was taken to a veterinarian, and the incident report was forwarded to animal control.

Domestic disturbance

A 51-year-old Independence Township man was cited with disorderly conduct after trying to break into his home in the 6000 block of Deer Cross Drive, 4:33 a.m., July 5. He had been staying with his mother in Flint after he had been arrested for disturbing the peace on July 2, for yelling at neighbors. When deputies arrived, he was hitting a glass back door with a golf club, and his wife and her two young children were hiding in a bathroom. He was arrested and jailed.

Trespassing

Residents called police to report a man harassing people on Sassafras Circle, 1:38 p.m., July 5. A 21-year-old Mann Road resident was cited for trespassing, and transported to Great Lakes Crossing.

Man killed in police chase

A 75-year-old Independence Township man was killed when his vehicle was struck by a van fleeing police, 7:43 p.m. July 7, at Waldon and Baldwin roads. Deputies responded to the CVS pharmacy in the 3400 block of Baldwin Road for a prescription fraud in progress. The suspect had dropped off a fake prescription, and deputies arrested him inside the pharmacy as he attempted to pick it up. Four other suspects in a blue SUV were in the parking lot at the time, and fled when other deputies arrived. The driver refused to stop, ran a red light at Waldon and Baldwin, and struck the van, driven by the 75-year-old. The driver of the van was taken to McLaren - Oakland where he was later pronounced deceased. The four suspects, 30-year-old Pontiac man, 20-year-old Pontiac man, 20-year-old Pontiac woman, and 18-year-old Pontiac woman, were taken to local hospitals for serious injuries. Their SUV was previously reported stolen from Pontiac. The suspect apprehended at the pharmacy, a 22-year-old Pontiac man, was jailed. Investigation continues.

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Anna Skvarce gives the slip and slide a try.

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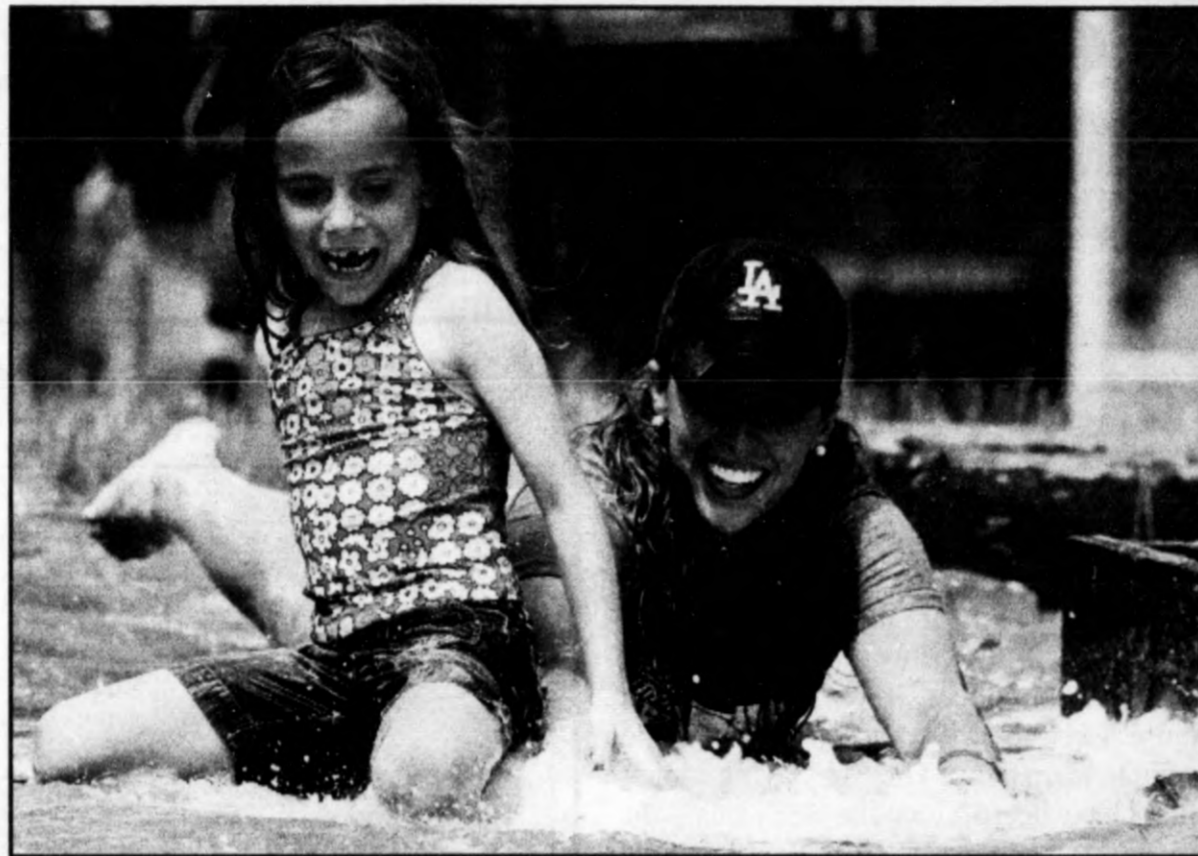
Campers from Adventures in Softball campers ended the week working on their sliding skills, June 29.

One by one they took turns on the soapy wet tarps as they perfected different ways to get the right slide to use during softball games.

Photos by
Wendi Reardon



Violet Bergman finishes her slide.



Mackenzie Kramer and Rachel Vieira go a distance in their slide.



Ava Mazich gets a splash as she finishes.



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Field work at camp

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jack Kuczanski, 2016 graduate of Clarkston High School, tossed the baseballs to young players on the Wolves junior varsity field, June 29.

Kuczanski, as well as other Clarkston Varsity Baseball players and Head Coach Phil Price, were on hand coaching players ages 7-14 at the Boys Baseball Clinic from June 27-30.

"It's awesome," Kuczanski said about coaching the kids. "I used to come here from when I was seven to 14. It was just so fun. I remember it. It's weird being on the other side, but I love it. It's cool to give back. It's an emotional experience."

During the four day clinic players were divided into groups and rotated between different stations as they worked on the fundamentals of the game including throwing, catching, fielding and base running.

Kuczanski enjoyed helping the boys with their hitting.

"They all like to hit especially at a young age," he said. "I like to teach them hitting - that's fun. They like to hit it far."

The players also competed in games at each station with the prize being baseball cards and many commented they needed particular players to finish their dream team.

He added two-ball is always fun and a favorite on the varsity field. During Wednesday's session the boys cheered as Kuczanski was the last player standing after

the final round.

Through the days he noticed the progress each player made.

"Every day they work harder," Kuczanski added. "They seem to like it more. Even the little ones are focused and want to learn more. They are having a lot of fun. I have heard a lot of boys say this is the best week of the year. They just like it and are having a good time."

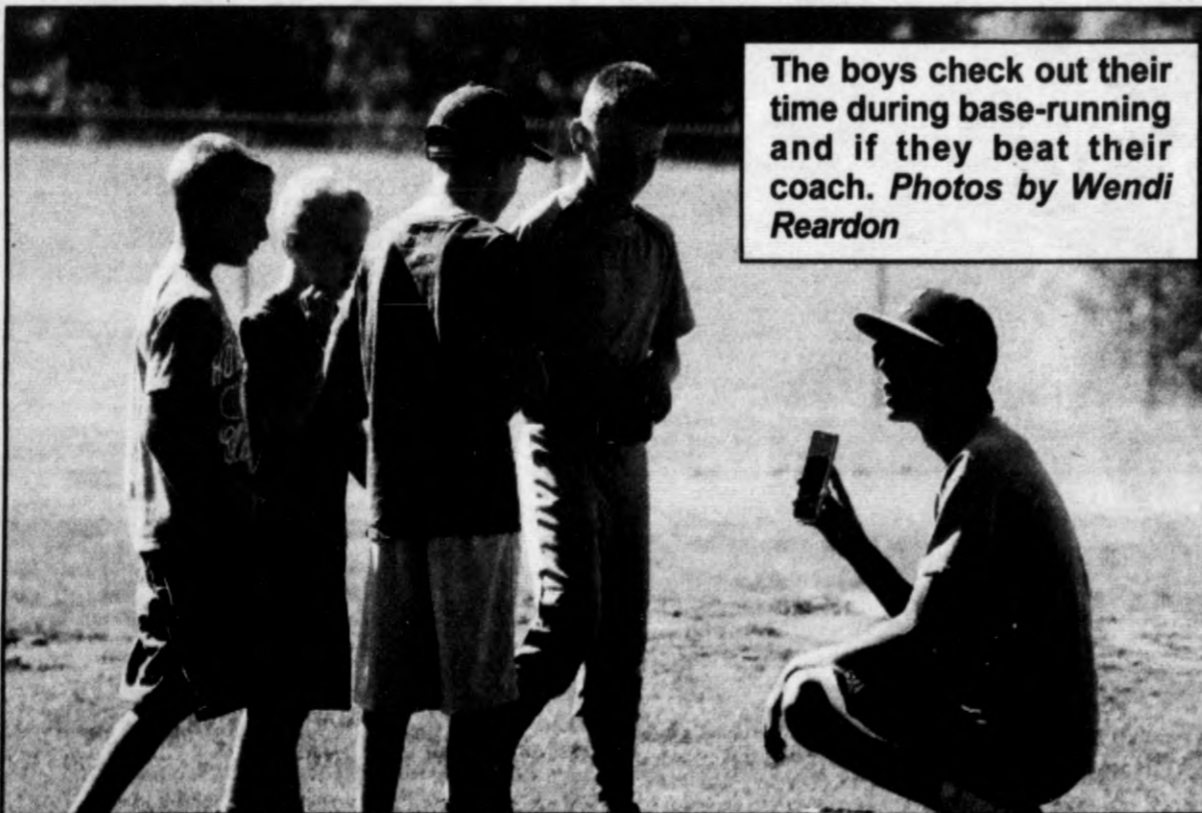
The boys were reminded to keep playing after the clinic was finished - to continue swinging, throwing, and catching.

"Just keep practicing every day," Kuczanski added. "You never know what you can do."

The clinic is offered through Clarkston Community Education. For more information or to find other camps, please visit www.itpr.org or call 248-623-4326.



Brendan Garard tosses one ball back during two-ball.



The boys check out their time during base-running and if they beat their coach. Photos by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Nathan Vandermeer wrestles at the state finals. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Victories for Vandermeer

Nathan Vandermeer is gearing up for wrestling at the collegiate level when he heads to Findlay University this fall.

Before spending the summer practicing with his brothers he was recruited to wrestle with Michigan Gold Pitbulls in the AAU Wrestling Scholastic Duals in Orlando, Fl. at Disney World with over 100 teams attending, June 12-15.

He earned All-American status going 12-2 during the tournament and led his team in five different categories and tied for the most point production.

Vandermeer ended his high school career with Clarkston in second place in 160-pound weight class at the MHSAA Wrestling Individual State Finals in March.

After finishing his senior season with the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team he competed in national events.

Vandermeer and other seniors from the state were selected to wrestle on Team Michigan and went against Team New

York, March 12. The team defeated New York and Vandermeer aided in his 9-5 win over Nunzio Crowley.

Next for Vandermeer was the FLO Individuals Wrestling Nationals in Pennsylvania during the last week in March. He finished in fifth place and finished with a 5-2 record. He was one of five Michigan out of 50 wrestlers from the state to be named All-American.

During the month of May, Vandermeer wrestled in the Midwest Grand Challenge Dual Team Tournament in Battle Creek. He wrestled for the Flat River Wrestling Club and was undefeated in his six matches.

He also competed in the National High School Coaches Association National Duals in Virginia Beach, VA with 160 teams in attendance. He was one of two wrestlers on his team who went undefeated in his matches going 7-0 as his team finished 6-1.

Vandermeer will be at Findlay for six years in their School of Pharmacy.

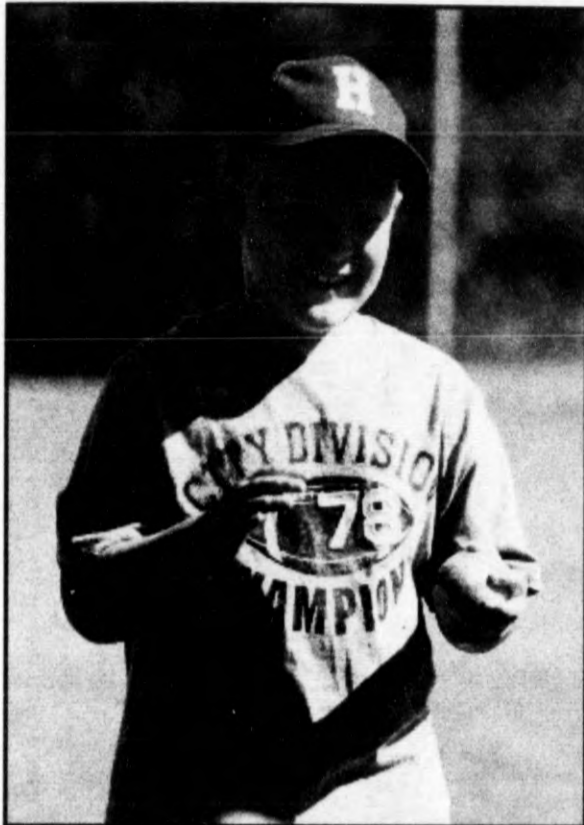


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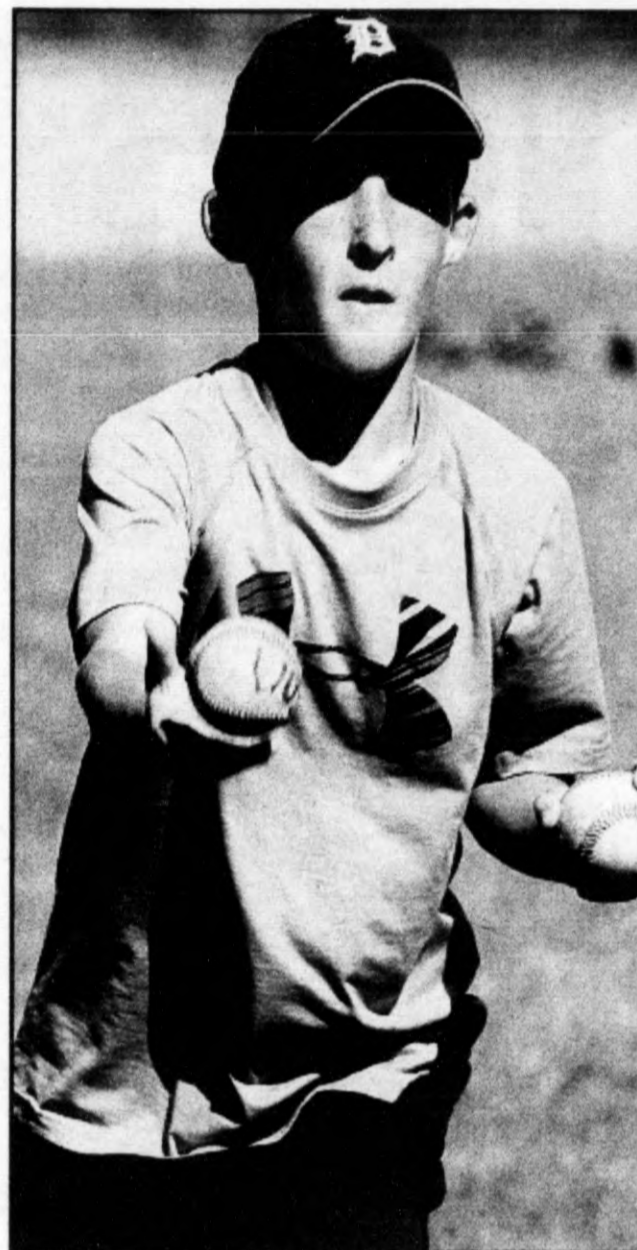
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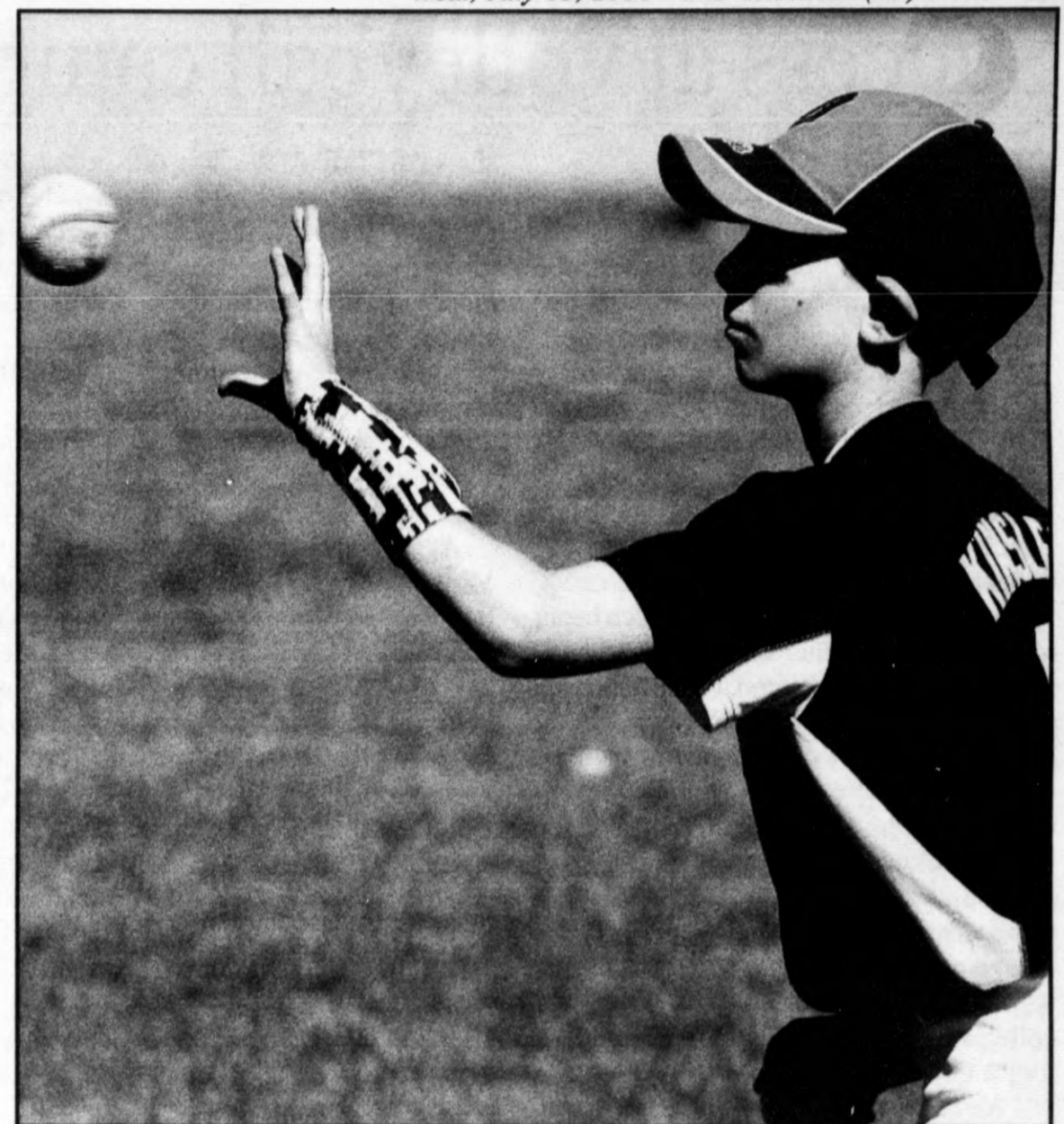
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Jackson Miller cheers during the two-ball competition between players.



Logan Gallo quickly tosses the baseball in his right hand to one of his teammates after catching a ball in his left hand.



Willam Hensler catches the baseball during two-ball competition.

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Ryan Drobot makes a catch at one of the stations at the baseball clinic.

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Success at volleyball camp

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kelly Pinner shared her final tips to the players in the morning session of Clarkston Volleyball Camp, June 30 - to continue working and practicing during summer.

Pinner, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Volleyball, added it will pay off for when the players tryout for the fall season.

Over 150 girls going into grades 5-12 participated in two sessions of the camp, June 27-30 where they worked on improving their skills and learning new techniques.

"The talent level is getting so much better which is good," Pinner said. "It forces me to adjust what we do in camp. If you asked me what we did 10 years ago with these younger kids versus what we are doing now - it's a world of difference. I am giving them more challenging things. Things we were doing with the older kids now we are using the same drills with the younger kids. It's definitely promising for our program."

The campers were guided by counselors who play on the high school level and collegiate level. One counselor had tried out for the Olympic team.

"We had a great group of girls working,"

she said. "I think this was one of our best years in terms of counselors - we had three Oakland University players, a lot of college girls coming back which was nice for our older girls to have that college experience and to be working with them."

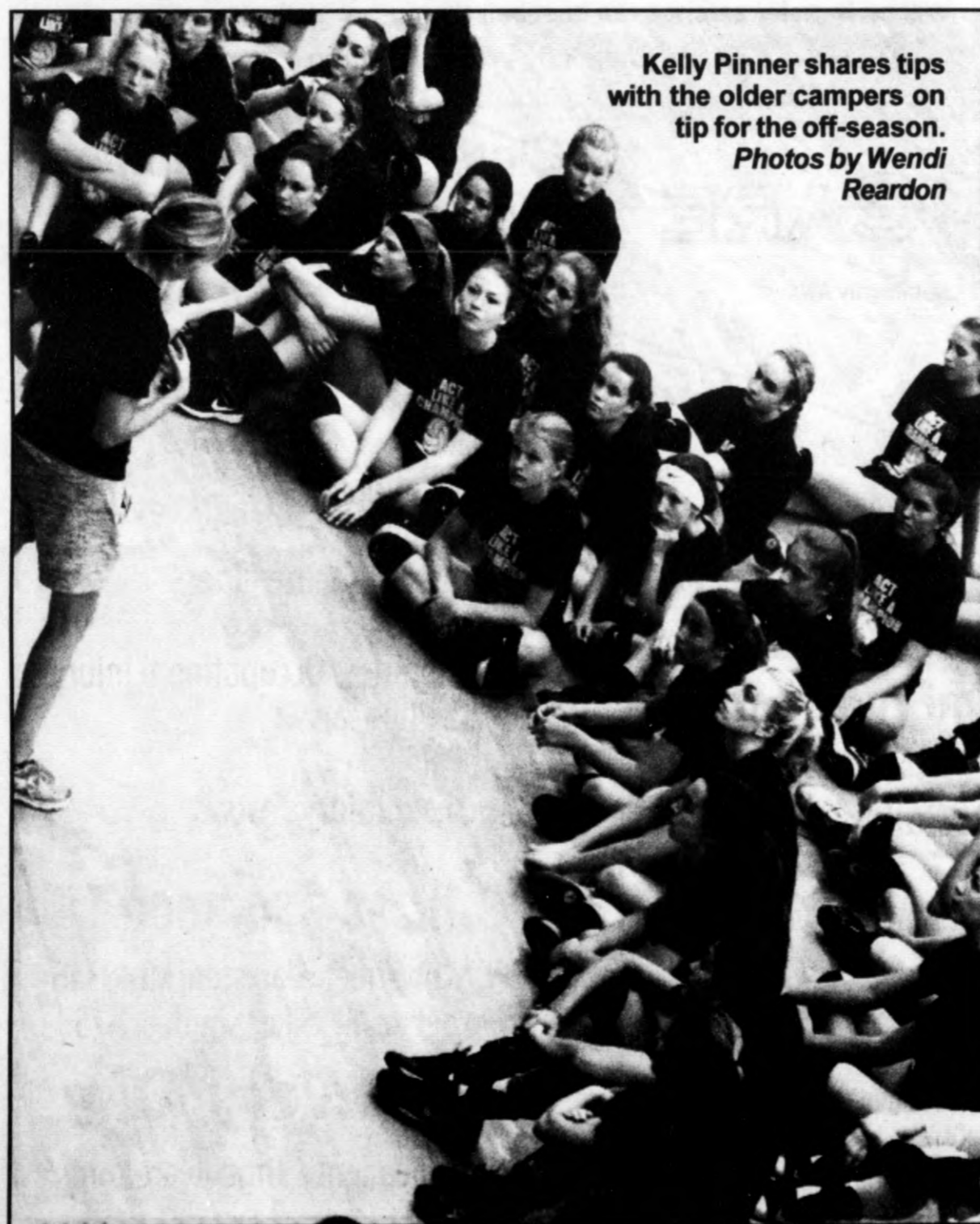
She added the counselors help the campers to focus more.

"To them this person knows what they are talking about," Pinner said. "They can help me - it's nice having that."

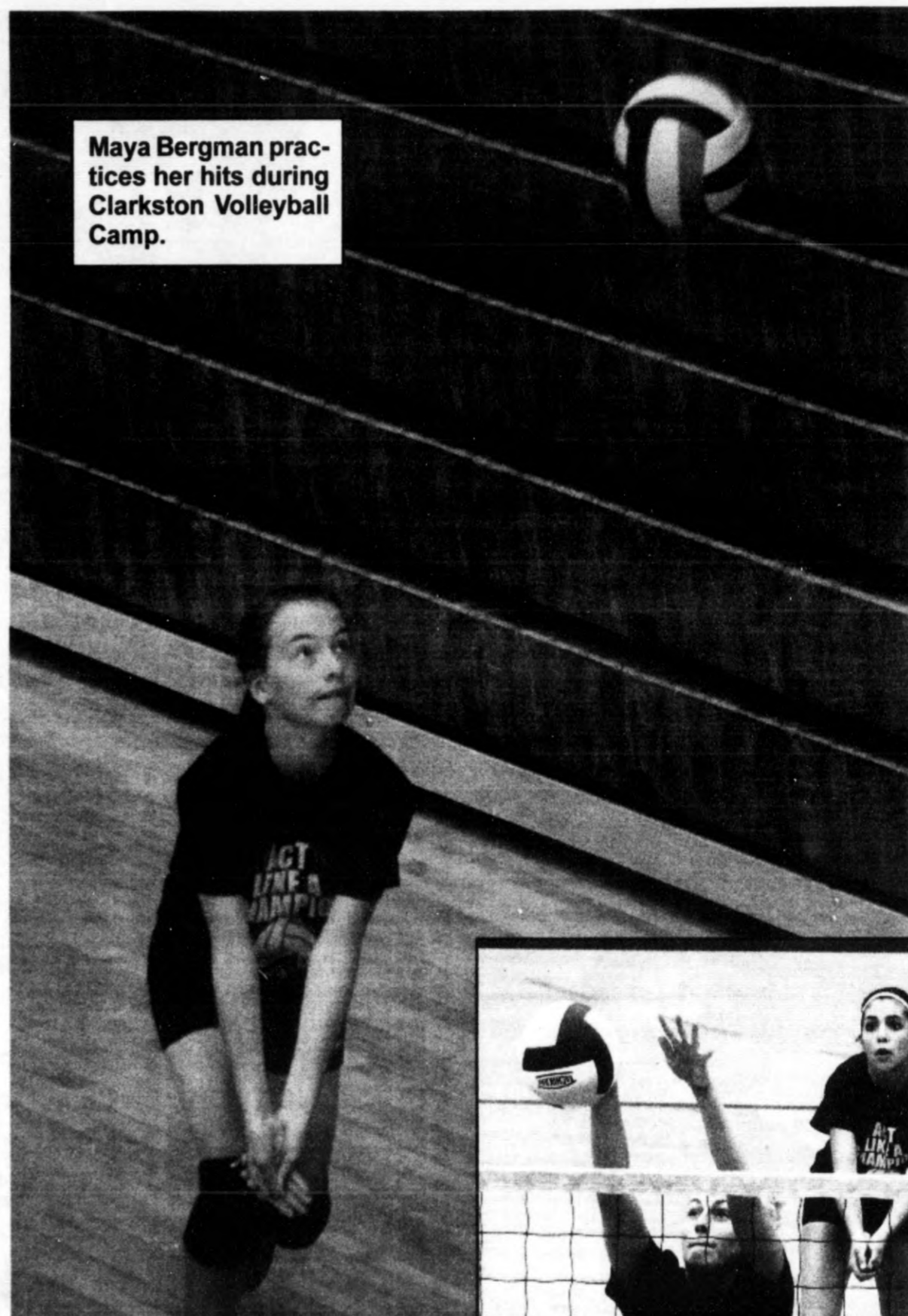
At the end of the week counselors select Most Improved Player, Most Spirited and Best Camper for each session. For the older girls McKenzie Wright was named Most Improved Player; Courtney Fabrugia, Most Spirited; and Sierra Kersten, Best Camper for playing hard, working hard, being positive with teammates and listening to counselors.

The freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams begin their season in August as the younger teams start in the winter. Please check www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics for tryouts and conditioning updates.

The camp is held through Clarkston Community Education. For more information or to find other camps, please visit www.itpr.org or call 248-623-4326.



Kelly Pinner shares tips with the older campers on tip for the off-season.
Photos by Wendi Reardon



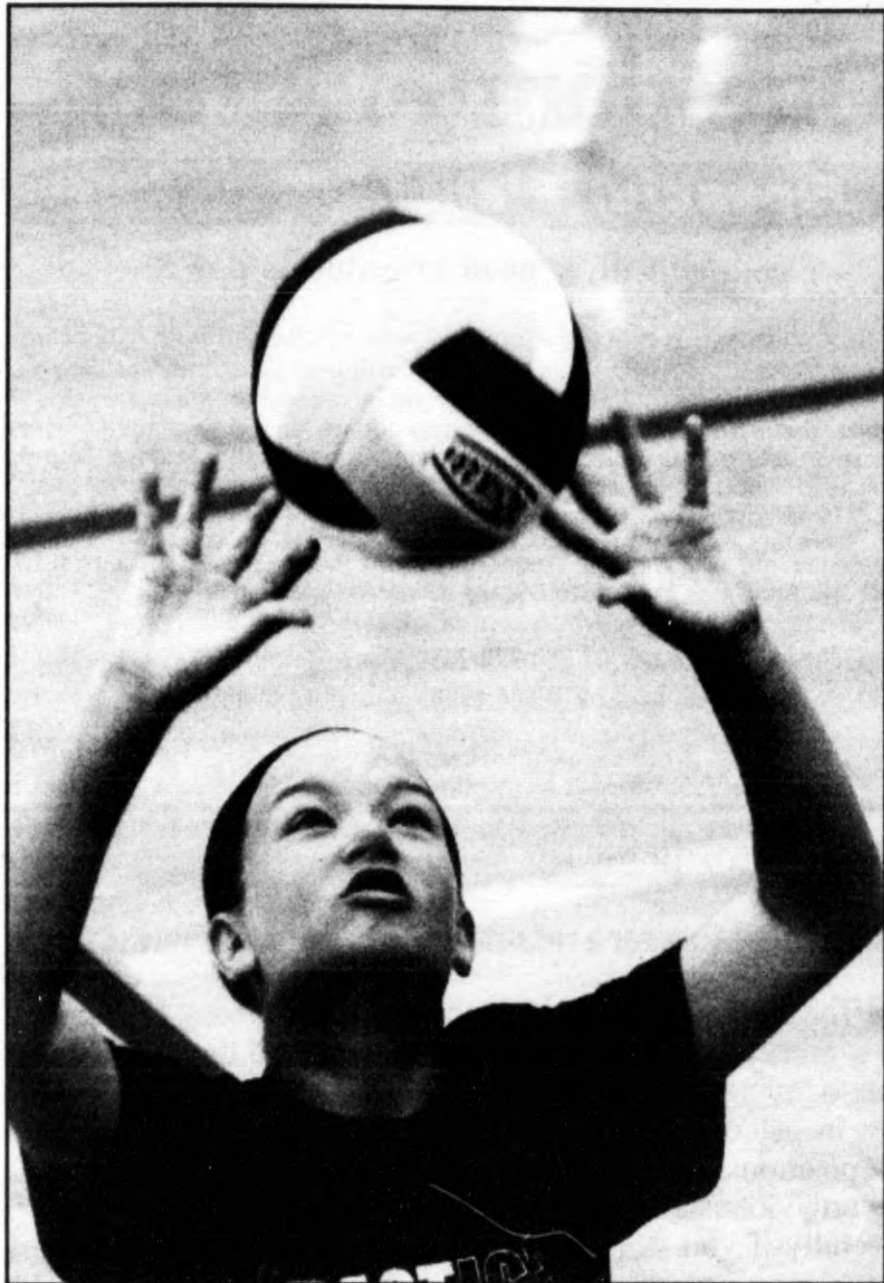
Maya Bergman practices her hits during Clarkston Volleyball Camp.



Madison McGraw practices setting.



Madeleine Wiscombe blocks the opposing team's hit from going over the net.



Ella Cady keeps the ball in the air during volleyball drills, June 29. Photos by Wendi Reardon



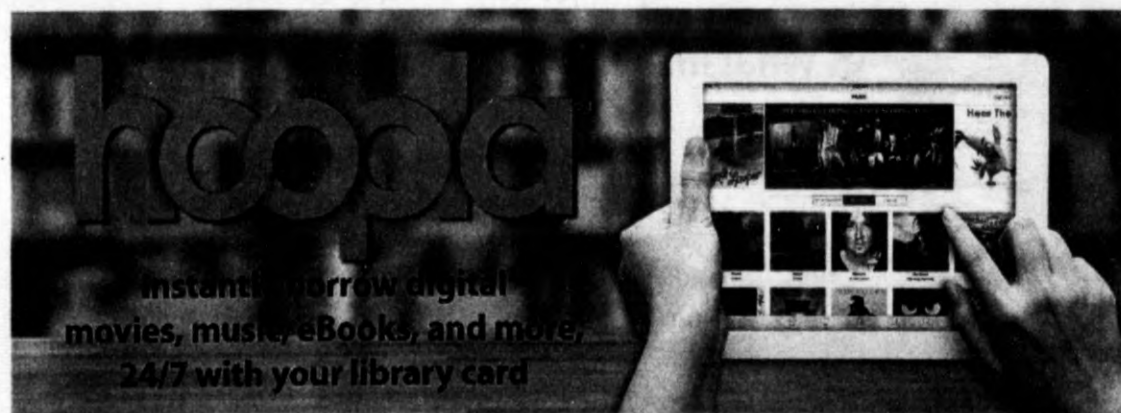
Counselors demonstrate to campers how to do the next drill - including tips on what to do and what not to do.

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John Teelander
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Mortgage



Jason Nolan
Senior Loan Officer

Q: I heard everyone on the news talking about "Brexit" and wondered if that is good or bad for mortgage rates.

A: "Brexit," or "British Exit" refers to the recent referendum vote in Great Britain. The voting result was that the citizens of Great Britain choose to leave or "exit" the European Union. The economic and political impacts of this are significant, far reaching and honestly, not completely known. As a result there has been a massive rally in the US Treasury Market. Consequently, mortgage rates have dropped to a 3 year low. So, at least in the context of mortgage rates, "Brexit" is very good.



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Be certain to ask for the coverage that meets your specific needs. You may have to do some research on this one. When you are deciding on what coverages to purchase (such as collision or comprehensive, aka, other than collision on your auto policy), consider what your vehicle is worth, how much it would cost to replace it, what amount you will have to pay out of your pocket (the deductible) and how much you can afford to spend.

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Don Rush

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Postmarks OK'd for late taxes

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Township taxpayers will get a grace period for payments received late, but postmarked “on-time.”

“There are always better ways to do things and I always try to seek that out from others,” said Independence Township Treasurer Paul Brown. “While there is going to be a little more work in my office to coordinate to make sure we’re able to review those incoming pieces of mail, I certainly think it’s well worth it, so we don’t have to penalize folks who really intended for it to get here on time.”



Brown

Historically, the township doesn’t accept postmarks as a method of deciding payments are timely, Brown said.

“I have the hard task of explaining to residents whose tax payments arrive late, that there is penalty for them being late,” he added.

In recent conversations with other treasurers, Brown said he learned many of them adopted this kind of policy.

For summer tax bills, the treasurer’s office will accept all tax payments postmarked no later than Sept. 14 and received by Sept. 21 to avoid penalty and interest.

Brown said they chose the end date of Sept. 21 because they have a lockbox for mail at the bank. He also doesn’t believe it will be a huge amount they’ll be collecting.

“Maybe it will be a couple of hundred, certainly, something we can manage,” he said. “If we get it after the 21st, we’re not

going to accept the postmark, so we’re giving it a fair enough time, and we’ll eliminate 70-80 percent of the folks getting hit with that penalty because of us not having accepted it.”

Winter taxes will be accepted postmarked by Feb. 14 and received by Feb. 28.

Brown said they will not accept metered mail dates.

“The winter tax bill is different. Feb. 28 is the hard cut off because on March 1 we have to turn over all the taxes that haven’t been paid over to Oakland County by law,” he added. “The county actually pays the township those monies and the county goes through the process of collecting those taxes.”

Metered mail is not acceptable because many places have mail meters, he said.

“You can run an envelope through it and have a date on it. Then, just let it sit around for a week because maybe there isn’t enough money to pay it and you just want a little extra time,” he explained. “For that reason it has to be United States postmarked.”

The board voted 6-0 to accept Brown’s request. Trustee David Lohmeier was absent.

“This is certainly going to be a first attempt at it and if I have problems, I’ll certainly bring it back to the board, but I am confident we can manage this,” Brown said. “I think this is the right thing to do.”

Supervisor Pat Kittle agreed.

“I’ve been up there with Paul (at the treasurer’s counter) on some of the receiving end of those discussions,” Kittle added. “This will be good.”



GETTING AHEAD: Team 2 gets in front of Team 6 after both were stopped by the bouy in the first RUSH Regatta race. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Lily Craighead cheers on the teams.



Team 8, sponsored by *The Clarkston News*, paddles to first during the final race. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Team 5 tries to stay afloat during the time trial.

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RUSH races on the lake

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students on Team 8 celebrated after battling through three races and sailing through the time trial at Deer Lake Beach last Saturday in front of over 300 people.

The team, sponsored by *The Clarkston News*, won the final race at the 9th Annual RUSH Regatta with their Medieval boat. The team with Joe Morgan, Brendan Osentoski, Jessica Ray, Devin Spaulding and Christian Uhlig also won the Wicked Fast Watercraft award.

It was a close race to win the RUSH Regatta Cup but Team 1 with Cody Hughes, Madison MacDonald, Logan Rajala and Drew Waite scored 28 points - with three teams tying for second with 21 points.

"This was the best Regatta ever," said Kyle Hughes, coach for Clarkston High School Team RUSH 27 Robotics team. "The beach was packed with observers. The students of Team RUSH really put on an entertaining show without even planning it."

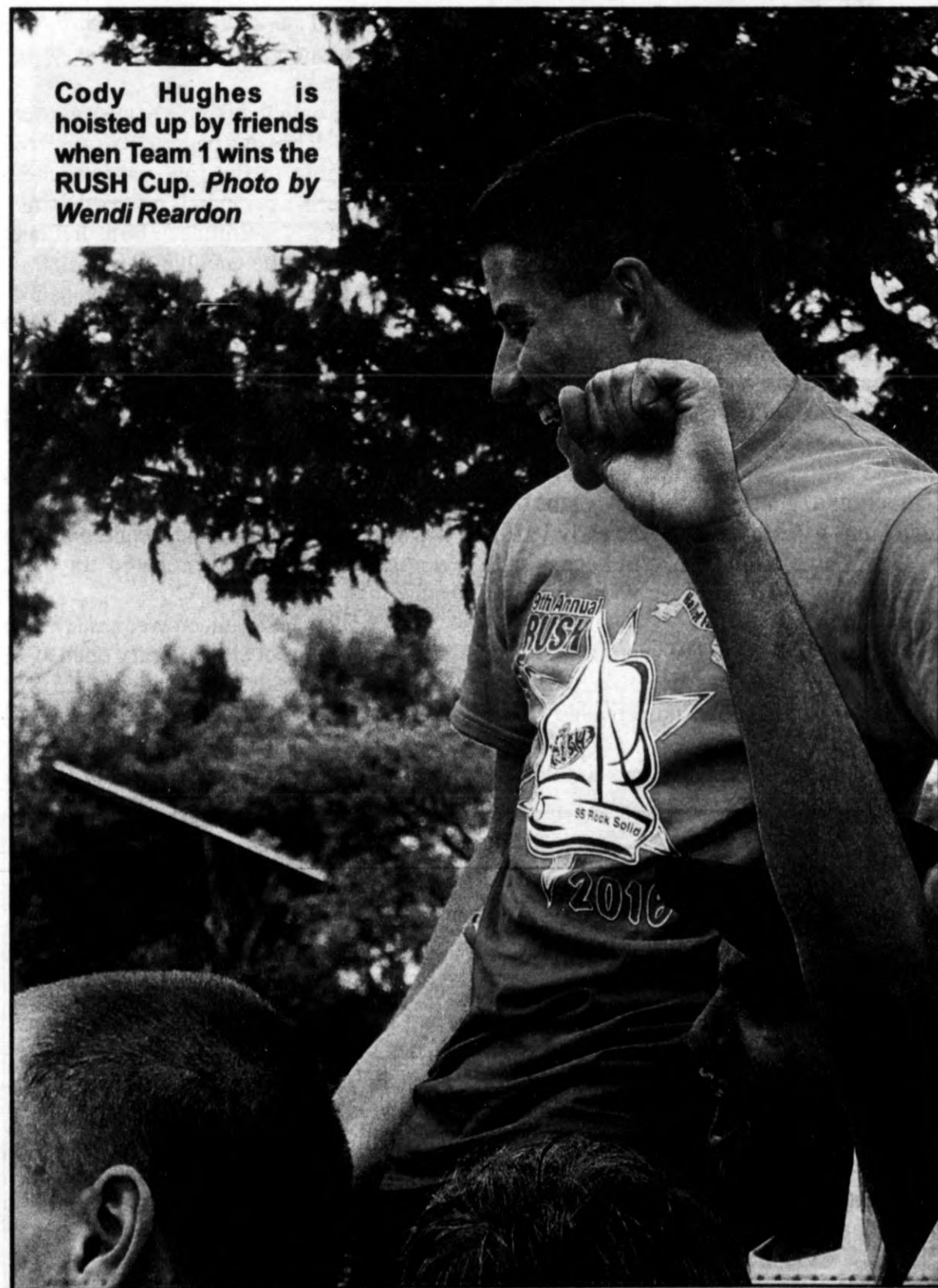
She added the crowds were great and

cheered on the students even when two people fell through the front of their boat and when one team dropped their flag in the water and attempted to turn around to fish it out of the water.

"The crowds erupted with applause at their tenacity and 'never give up' attitude. It was awesome," she said.

More winners for the day included Alyssa Dubre, Ben Halcrow, Grace Havel and Austin Schmitz who won the Cash Crusader award; and Megan Haddad, Brandon Kirk, Val Vargas and Gabe Weir won best theme.

"These students work really hard. Not only for the team, but also for the community," said Kyle. "They volunteer thousands of hours from youth camps, STEM presentations, helping the Chamber of Commerce, mentoring younger robotics teams all year and running the Holiday Lights Parade. We are so proud of what this team does for the community. Thank you all in the Clarkston community who supported our ninth Annual RUSH Regatta."



Cody Hughes is hoisted up by friends when Team 1 wins the RUSH Cup. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Walter Gamble, at the edge of his Rose Garden with mass of milkweed. Photo provided

Experts in garden walk

Legacy garden, old-fashioned garden, city garden, or kitchen garden – the Gamble-Shull garden, featured in the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's 11th annual Garden Walk on July 20, is a little bit of all four.

Walter Gamble's Long Island background and his father's knack for plants came to Michigan about 30 years ago, where Gamble quickly identified the weeping red jade, Carolina Allspice, Buckley's Quill, Kolkwitzia and Chinese viburnum on the Clarkston lot now his home.

Chris Shull, now Gamble-Shull, caught his eye while she was mowing lawns with her grass-cutting business, "Grass Busters." Her artistic aptitude and devotion to growing things made them a good match.

The house was built in the early 1920s, maybe earlier, said Gamble, and he thinks initially as a summer home. Some of the flora and fauna dates at least into the early 1950s.

The Gamble-Shulls like to keep what's healthy, but Walt said "we've no time for fussy flowers."

A fall in his garage last year means much of the gardening chores are now in the hands of Gamble-Schull and a landscape aide, Carrie Robinson.

Buried concrete runners peek through the

surface on the lot's edge, marking where horse-drawn sleighs transported ice from the frozen Mill Pond to the mainland. Giant maples and a couple dogwood are resplendent among the lilacs, roses, irises and hollyhocks.

Gamble called his small city garden, "enjoyable." It boasts a big patch of milkweed at the opening to the rose garden where others of Chris's perennials mix with Walt's favored roses. A multitude of birds frequent the feeders and the Gamble-Shulls claim a "higher power" helps the winged visitors deposit new plant varieties along with those they purchase at the student sales at the Michigan State University gardens.

The Gamble-Shull garden is one of six on the walk, July 20.

"A nice variety this year," Garden Club Chair Beth Kerr said. "Please come and view the wonderful gardens our neighbors have worked very hard and prepared for us to enjoy."

The walk is 12-8 p.m. on Wednesday with the Artisan Market at the library open at 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15; \$18 the day of. Call 248-396-6986 or visit www.clarkstongardenclub.org.

— Susan Sajdak

Summer camps

Camp Invention is coming to Clarkston Community Education Building, the week of July 18.

The weeklong camp for students entering grades 1-6 includes hands-on problem solving using science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), building prototypes, taking things apart, and exploring different types of technology.

For additional information, visit www.campinvention.org.

Camps accepting registrations also include Fife Basketball Camp, July 18-21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., open to boys entering grades 7-9 in the fall; and Clarkston Wolves Football Camp for boys entering grades 6-9 is held July 25-28, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Independence Township Times

Water, DTE and Candidates, oh my!

By Pat Kittle,
Supervisor

My phone is still going crazy from folks asking for updates on the Leaking Underground Gas Storage Tanks in Independence. We are pleased to again announce that (other than Maple Drive), there has been NO EVIDENCE of any form of petroleum by-products or MTBE found in any of the 100+ wells tested in the community. While this is good news indeed, it does not mean that residents with private ground water wells should never get their well tested again. As experienced on Maple, gas plumes do move. And arsenic is still very prevalent in Independence and needs to also be monitored.



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

We all spend a pretty good 'chunk of change' getting our teeth checked and our furnace serviced every year.

Getting your well tested is kinda like that ... just good preventative maintenance. Any questions on well testing ... contact the DPW at 248-625-8222



Maple Drive

The State MDEQ has formally approved the expenditure of \$426,000 for the installation of a new water main with fire hydrants running the entire length of Maple Drive. All Maple Drive residents testing positive for MTBE will be completely connected at ZERO cost to them. Maple residents whose wells have not tested positive for MTBE will be able to connect to Township water for roughly \$4,000, and be able to amortize these costs over several years to take the sting out of the cash outlay. The contractor has been se-



Meet the Candidates

By Matt Bleau, Independence TV

This year Independence Television offered all candidates for Independence Township Board of Trustees the opportunity to talk to the community and explain what they feel is important regarding the Township. This was made into a roughly 20-minute video called "Meet the Candidates 2016." The video will play on Comcast channel 10 and 20 (and AT&T U-verse channel 99). The video is also uploaded to Independence Television's YouTube channel. Please take this opportunity to get to know the candidates and become more informed when voting on August 2. www.youtube.com/watch?v=jR-6b0G980o

lected and is ready to go. The last step in the administrative process was the Township securing all the necessary easement agreements from the Maple residents which we have done. Tentative installation date is late July.

Concert Nights

We all have a PLAN B on how to get home on concert nights. You know what I'm talking about ... like getting off at Joslyn or Baldwin and snaking along the back roads to avoid the back-ups.

But now tell the truth, how many times have you wanted to kick yourself because you forgot there was a concert at DTE Music Theater and got caught up in the traffic?

To help us ALL get through the summer months, the following list of concert dates is being provided for you to tape to your refrigerator door as a reminder. This in-

formation will also be available on the Township website (INDTWP.COM). Drive safely.

DTE Concerts This Summer

DATE START	TIME
Saturday, July 2nd	7:00 PM
Sunday, July 3rd	7:15 PM
Thursday, July 7th	7:00 PM
Friday, July 8th	7:00 PM
Monday, July 11th	7:00 PM
Thursday, July 14th	6:30 PM
Friday, July 15th	7:00 PM
Saturday, July 16th	7:30 PM
Monday, July 18th	7:00 PM
Wednesday, July 20th	8:00 PM
Tuesday, July 26th	6:30 PM
Thursday, July 28th	6:45 PM
Friday, July 29th	6:30 PM
Saturday, July 30th	7:30 PM
Sunday, July 31st	2:00 PM
Tuesday, August 2nd	7:00 PM
Thursday, August 4th	7:00 PM
Sunday, August 7th	7:30 PM
Tuesday, August 9th	7:00 PM
Friday, August 12th	7:00 PM
Saturday, August 13th	7:30 PM
Wednesday, August 17th	7:00 PM
Thursday, August 18th	6:30 PM
Friday, August 19th	7:00 PM
Saturday, August 20th	7:15 PM
Sunday, August 21st	6:30 PM
Tuesday, August 23rd	6:45 PM
Thursday, August 25th	7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 30th	7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 31st	7:30 PM

Sewage disposal rates to increase

Dave McKee,
DPW Director

On January 1, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) began management and control of all regional water and wastewater services which were previously under the control and direction of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD).

According to the GLWA website, this

change in leadership will give "suburban water and sewer customers a powerful voice in the management and direction of one of the largest water and wastewater utilities in the nation." Now, while it is true the new GLWA management team has stripped a lot of waste out of the process, the fact remains that sewage disposal is an expensive business no matter who's minding the store. There

are times rates need to be adjusted to pay for not only the treatment and disposal of sewage, but for desperately needed infrastructure improvements.

Sewage generated from Independence

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DPW Director, Dave McKee

Election News from the Clerk

By Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC, Clerk

In less than a month, Independence Township voters will vote for their federal, state, county and local elected officials.

To assist voters before casting their ballots, sample ballots and election information is posted on the Township's website at www.indtwp.com and also available at the Clerk's office.



Township Clerk
Barb Pallotta

Helpful Election Tips:

Due to the increased interest in 2016's elections, voter turnout is expected to surpass 2008 and 2012 elections. To assist in reducing long lines at the precinct, voters can take the following steps to help improve their voting experience:

■ **Confirm your voter registration status!** Voter registration deadlines are:

August 2 Election: Tues., July 5*: *If you missed this deadline, you may be eligible to vote in your old jurisdiction.

November 8 Election: Tues. Oct. 11: Residents may register to vote at the Township Clerk's office or at a Secretary of State location at least 30 days prior to any election.

■ **Confirm your precinct location! Voting Hours: 7 am to 8 pm**

Contact the Clerk's office or follow the link on the Elections page of the Township's website under *Voter Information/Where do I vote?* at www.indtwp.com.

■ **Don't leave home without one of the following forms of acceptable photo identification:**

Expired or Current: Michigan driver's license or a Michigan issued personal ID Driver's license.

Current: driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state; or

Current: Federal or state government-issued photo ID; or

Current: U.S. passport; or

Current: Military identification card with photo; or

Current: Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education; or

Current: Tribal identification card with photo; and

■ **Have your photo identification READY when presenting your completed *Application to Vote* to the Election Inspector.**

■ **Remember to write legibly and complete all areas of the *Application to Vote*.**

■ **Avoid peak voting times if possible: 7 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. are the busiest times.**

■ **Familiarize and educate yourself about the different races and proposals prior to Election Day. Remember sample ballots are posted on the Township's website and available at the Clerk's office.**

Last But Not Least:

The following 4 ballot proposals will appear on the August 2 State Primary Ballot. Study them carefully so you have an understanding of each proposal before casting your vote.

All Precinct 1-13 Voters:

Oakland County Zoological Authority Renewal Millage

The Oakland County Zoological Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008 and formed to allow for continuing zoological services for the students, residents and visitors of Oakland County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax on real and personal property to provide revenue to an accredited zoological institution for this purpose. Accordingly, as a renewal of the previously approved millage authorization which expires with the 2017 tax levy, to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the County, shall the 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all of the taxable property located within the County continue to be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2018 through 2027? It is estimated that if approved and levied, this millage would generate approximately \$5,609,562 in 2018.

Shall this proposal be adopted?

All Precinct 1-13 Voters:

Renewal of Fire And Emergency Services Operating Millage

Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to continue the previously authorized levy of up to 3.5653 mills for a period of four (4) years, starting with the December 2016 levy, for purposes of funding fire protection and emergency services, including advanced life support, in the Township?

This proposed millage is a renewal of previously authorized millage approved by the voters in 2012 for the above-stated purposes. Approval of this proposal would renew a tax limitation increase of \$3.57 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township (rounded up for estimating purposes). It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$5,197,621.00 in the first year if approved and levied. It is estimated that 99.74% of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence for fire and emergency services and, as required by law, 0.26% would be disbursed to the Township's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority. The amount disbursed to the Sashabaw Road

Corridor Improvement Authority shall be collected solely from properties located in the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

Precincts 1-11 & 13 - Clarkston Community School Voters:

Clarkston Community Schools Bonding Proposal

Shall Clarkston Community Schools, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Seventy-Five Million Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$75,980,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings, in part for secure entrances; remodeling, equipping and re-equipping and furnishing and re-furnishing school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; erecting an outdoor storage building at Clarkston High School; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2017, under current law, is 0 mill (\$0.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.09 mills (\$2.09 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of that borrowing is \$25,515,796 and the estimated total interest to be paid thereon is \$29,394,271. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 19 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7.00 mills. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$121,060,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is approximately \$4,289,535.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Precinct 1 - Lake Orion Community School Voters:

Lake Orion Community Schools County of Oakland State of Michigan

Building And Site Sinking Fund Tax Proposal

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Lake Orion Community Schools to levy a building and site sinking fund tax, the proceeds of which

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will be used to make improvements and repairs to the School District's facilities. Pursuant to State Law, the expenditure of the building and site sinking fund tax proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, maintenance or other operating expenses.

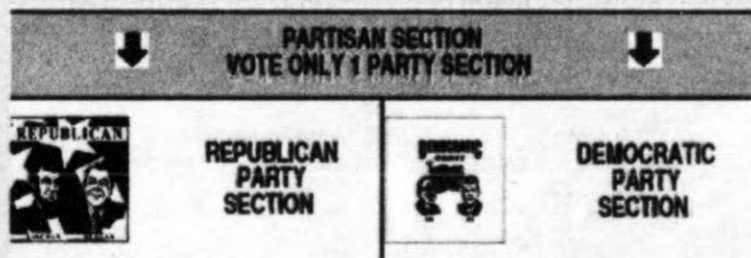
Shall the Lake Orion Community Schools be authorized to levy two (2.0) mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, from [July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2026], to create a building and site sinking fund to be used for the construction or repair of school buildings or any other purpose authorized under Michigan law? This millage would provide estimated revenues to the Lake Orion Community Schools of approximately [Three Million Three Hundred Ninety Thousand (\$3,390,000) Dollars during the 2016 calendar year], if approved and levied.

No Split Ticket Voting In August

August State Primary voters may vote under one partisan section **ONLY**; Republican Party **OR** Democratic Party. Casting votes under **BOTH** parties will **INVALIDATE** all partisan votes.

Absent Voter Ballots

Absent voter ballots were mailed on Tuesday, June



21 to all voters whose applications were received on or before that date. Applications are available at the Clerk's office and may also be downloaded from the Elections page on the Township's website at www.indtwp.com. Contact the Clerk's office at 248-625-5113 if you wish to receive an application by mail.

Also contact the Clerk's office if you wish to be added to the permanent absent voter list. Having your name added to this list means you will automatically receive an application requesting a ballot prior to every election.

Remember: All absentee voters, including those on the permanent list, **MUST** complete and submit an application before a ballot will be issued.

NO EXCEPTIONS!



Persons eligible for absentee voting must meet one

of the following conditions:

- ❖ I am 60 years of age or older.
- ❖ I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- ❖ I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
- ❖ I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
- ❖ I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
- ❖ I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Saturday Election Hours:

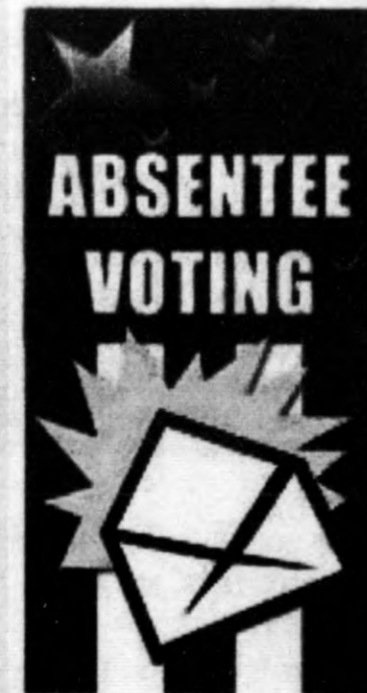
The Clerk's office will be open on: **Saturday, July 30;** 8 am until 2 pm for the purpose of issuing absent voter ballots to voters in-person. This day is also the last day a voter may submit an application to receive an absent voter ballot by mail.

Ballots may be returned by USPS mail or in person. A 24/7 drop box is accessible at the west door of Township Hall.

FYI: Absent voter ballots must be received by the Clerk's office at precisely 8 pm on Election Day to be counted; ballots received after 8 pm will not be counted.

Military & Overseas Civilians:

Voters living outside of the United States are eligible to vote if their voter registration is current **OR** if their last registered address was at an address within Independence Township.



A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) may be used to register to vote if needed. This same form also serves as an application to request an absent voter ballot.

FPCA forms are available online through the *Federal Voting Assistance Program* at www.fvap.gov. For your convenience, a link is available on the Elections page of the Township's website at www.indtwp.com. The FPCA form is also accessible

at all U.S. embassies and military bases.

Former Michigan registered voters who move and register to vote in another state are not eligible to register to vote in Michigan until Michigan residency is reestablished. Military and civilian voters, and their spouses and dependents meeting the Michigan residency requirement are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot. The law permits such voters to receive their ballot electronically via email or fax if they are

stationed out of the country. Military and overseas ballots are commonly referred to as MOVE ballots (Military and Overseas Empowerment Act).

Question: Another Precinct Relocation?

Answer: Maybe!

Now that the dust has settled, relocating all Independence Township precincts from Clarkston elementary schools to churches and Township buildings has proven to not only provide a safer environment for Clarkston students but has also improved parking conditions and offered more options for polling locations should we have to relocate a precinct.

The benefit of realigning precinct boundaries allowed us to reduce the number of precinct splits giving us the opportunity to combine all Waterford School District / Precinct 12 voters into a single precinct; these voters currently vote at the Senior Center. At this time, we are considering the Lakeview Room at Bay Court Park as a location for Waterford voters. We are hopeful that this move will take place in time for the November 8 Presidential Election. We will keep Precinct 12's voters posted as we move forward.

REMINDER: ALL Precinct 12 and Precinct 13 voters are currently registered to vote at:

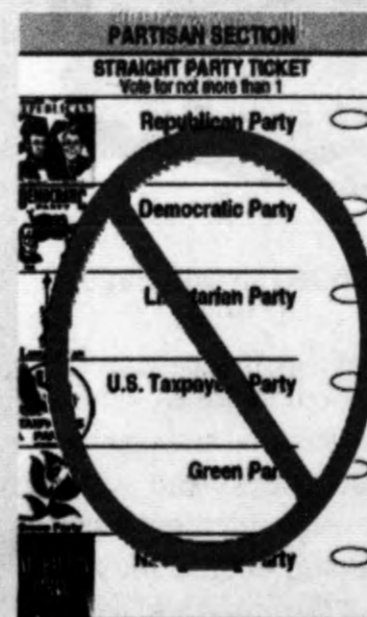
**Senior Community Center
Clintonwood Park
6000 Clarkston Road**

Precinct 12 and Precinct 13 voters previously voted at the Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building.

ELIMINATED: Straight Ticket Voting

Governor Snyder signed a bill in January 2016 eliminating single-party, straight-ticket voting. This voting option is typically found on the November general election ballot. The straight ticket voting option allowed voters to vote under a single party for all candidates by making a single mark on the ballot. Voters must now select individual candidates in each race rather than selecting all candidates under the entire party when casting their vote.

Voters can be prepared by examining the ballot before casting their votes on Election Day. Each precinct's sample ballot is available at the Clerk's office AND available on the Township's website as early as 45-days prior to Election Day. Be prepared to help keep those voter lines moving.



The new guy's take on the Independence Fest

By Derek Smith, Director
Parks, Recreation & Seniors

From the very beginning, my very first day on the job and even before that, during the interview process, all I have heard about was this "Independence Fest".

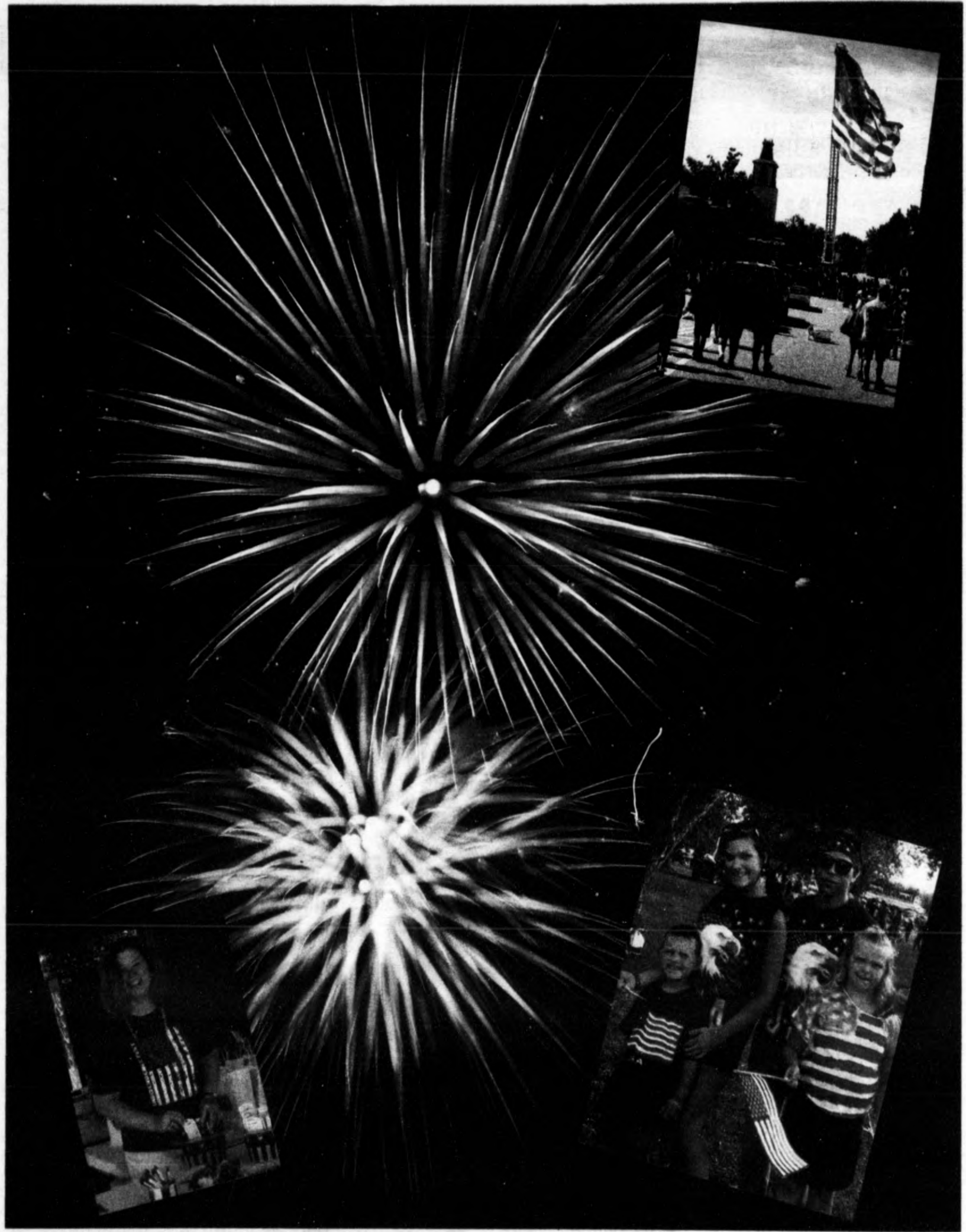


Derek Smith

Rumblings of "Staffing this" and "Logistics that" have buzzed throughout the office for months. Before my eyes the deadlines grew smaller and the level of intensity grew stronger (along with the amount of red, white and blue in the office). As I continued to sit in on event meetings I found myself growing more intrigued and dare I say, downright anxious for the day to get here. My staff (the well-oiled machine it is) was flawless, constantly exercising nothing but

professional decorum and a heart-felt sense of community and then, before I knew it, the day was here.

It was perfect. The sun was shining, there was a smile on every face and for me personally, I was overwhelmed with pride. I have worked with Independence Township for about 2 months now, I'm still learning the ropes and every day I meet new people but I feel as though I've already expanded my family. To my dedicated staff, volunteers, sponsors and every resident of Independence Township and those in surrounding areas who showed up to make the 2016 Independence Fest a roaring success, I thank you.



Sewage rates, continued from Page 1

residents and businesses now flows to the wastewater treatment plant in Detroit, under the oversight of the GLWA, via the Clinton-Oakland and Oakland-Macomb sewage interceptors. Like the sewage treatment plant, these two sewage interceptors also have their own maintenance and capital improvement costs. These costs are determined and administered by the Oakland County Water Resources Commission (WRC) and are also figured into customer rates.

So what does this mean for Independence Township? It means once the Township is notified by the

GLWA stating our sewer costs are going up, Township sewer rates to our residents will need to be adjusted.

So what's the bottom line?

- Sewage generated by Independence Township accounts for 8.4% of the Clinton-Oakland Disposal System.
- Monthly sewage disposal fees and associated charges have increased approximately 9.7% or \$22,310 over last rate year or \$267,720 annually.
- Total obligation to the Township has increased from \$3,202,449 in 2015-2016 to \$3,470,169 in 2016-2017.
- For residents on the Township Sewer System, this represents an estimated \$3.28 per quarter increase.
- For businesses, the average increase will be higher

based on Equivalency Units allocated for the specific type of business.

Residents have told us to keep water and sewer rates in line with actual costs. That smaller, more frequent (if necessary) increases are easier to budget for than big adjustments. And, while no one in the Township likes raising fees, the Township Board did approve such a strategy last year based on this input and the need to maintain an adequate cash reserve for service related emergencies and repairs.

You can expect this rate increase to impact your sewer bill in October for July thru September service. Call the DPW at 248-625-8222 if you have any questions.

Partnership, collaboration key to school district future

As the class of 2016 graduated, we had the opportunity to celebrate their amazing achievements and to reflect on their contributions to our community and beyond.

Congratulations again, and our very best wishes to each of you.

Beyond academics, athletics, the arts, and community service, our district, under the direction of our Board of Education, has achieved outstanding financial status.

In the school year 2015-2016, the district met all board budget parameters and maintained a balanced budget for the third consecutive year.

We have also added to the district's fund equity, thus ending the need for cashflow borrowing, which will save the district \$30,000 each year.

The district has settled contracts with our employees, increased compensation, and continued to control benefits costs.

We could not do any of this without positive collaboration with our employees.

Meeting the Board's budget parameters has allowed the district to maintain reduced class sizes, grow world language opportunities, and increase students' time in music and art, at the elementary level. The district has also expanded the Leader in Me initiative and added social work services to better meet the social and emotional needs of our elementary students.

This fall, our preschool and Young Fives programs will engage a new curriculum, High Scope, focused specifically on young children.

At the secondary level, we have, in

partnership with the University of Michigan - Flint, expanded dual enrollment options for students.

The district now offers two U of M - Flint programs, exclusively for high school students, on the CHS campus, during the school day, taught by U of M - Flint faculty members.

CCS continues to enroll more secondary students in career and technical education programs, compared with the rest of Oakland County.

Our students have expanded their community service contributions and our junior high school hosted their first student learning showcase.

CCS will add counselors and deans of students at the secondary level to better meet the needs of our students.

As the superintendent of schools, I am extremely pleased to lead a fiscally responsible school system.

Financial responsibility ~ a focus on the whole child ~ excellent teachers and leaders ~ high expectations ~ hard working and gritty students ~ and collaborations with our community foster outstanding achievements.

Thank you to everyone who takes time to make a positive difference in the lives of our children.

Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

In our local churches...

Celebrant Singers in concert, 7 p.m. July 28, St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Free. Contemporary Christian music and missions ministry, headquartered in Visalia, Calif. It was founded in 1977 by Jon Stemkoski. It is interdenominational and has performed in all 50 states and 100 other countries around the world. A freewill offering will be received. www.celebrants.org.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass

Drive. Call 248-625-3288 or check www.calvaryinfo.org

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

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

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What do our elected leaders do in Clarkston?

What is going on with the Village of Clarkston government? First, they can't figure out what the name of their city is. Is it the City of the Village of Clarkston, City of Clarkston, Village of Clarkston, Clarkston? They no longer know.

They spent almost \$60,000 to design a garage they can't afford to build, budgeted only \$23,000 to do that, and then at the very end of the budget year they have to transfer \$54,000 from their reserves to pay for all the things they didn't budget for. When the public forces them to address this (we are not sure they would have if not for the public) they say it was wrong but probably not illegal. They then approve next year's budget without asking any questions.

City council members, read the City Charter and Michigan's Uniform Budget Act. Section 7.7 of the charter says, "After the budget has been adopted, no money shall be drawn from the treasury of the City nor shall any obligation for the expenditure of the money be incurred, except pursuant to the budget appropriations." You never appropriated these funds, you never asked a single question about them.

Section 19 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act says, "A member of the legislative body, the chief administrative officer, an administrative officer, or an employee of a local unit shall not authorize

or participate in the expenditure of funds except as authorized by a general appropriations act. An expenditure shall not be incurred except in pursuance of the authority and appropriations of the legislative body of the local unit."

The interpretation and recommendation by the Michigan Department of the Treasury puts it in simpler terms, "When necessary, the budget must be amended. The amendment must be approved by the legislative body prior to the expenditure being made. This is not only a requirement of the Budget Act but also a requirement of sound budgeting theory. The purpose of a budget is not only to approve expenditures but also to control expenditures." There doesn't appear to be much control in the Village office.

How did someone in the city office spend \$54,000, perhaps more, without anyone knowing? The public knew about it. What were those elected to represent the public doing? Watch the recording of the last council meeting and you can see them saying nothing when questioned by the public who were far better informed than

those who can actually vote on the budget.

What about the bridge and path at the south end of Depot Park? Over budget from the beginning, no competitive bidding, no review of contracts or approval of those contracts by the council, no review or inspections of the work, built wrong, and still not completed. There is no money in the budget to finish it or do it right.

The response from one of the council members on whether it is built correctly was "that's just an opinion." No it's not, it is in fact documented in the city records, by the city engineer, and by anyone who bothers to look at it. But no one on the council has bothered to look. They accept whatever they are told by everyone except the public they work for.

What do our elected leaders do? The mayor who is the chairperson of the budget committee that helps establish the budget, has not attended the public hearing on the budget two years in a row. He says it is the public's fault for the DPW building going over budget. No, mayor it is not. The public has been telling him and everyone from the beginning it was too expensive and the mayor's handpicked committee was going in the wrong direction. The public did not and cannot order the architect and engineer to do anything. The public agreement is with the mayor and the rest of the Council but

none of them want to do the job they were elected to do.

And what about the city manager who appears to do whatever she wants and answer to no one? In addition to spending money that shouldn't be spent, she seems to be a little paranoid. Falsely accusing residents of stalking, harassment and threatening violence, installing security cameras in the park, and now she wants to isolate herself and staff from the public with more walls and security in the office. If the city manager thinks the public is getting violent, it might be a good idea to find out why instead of building more walls at the expense of those she is afraid of and pay her salary.


My recommendation is to not vote for any of the incumbents in November. They may be our neighbors and friends, but if they are unwilling or unable to do the job they need to move on, and they do need to move on. Once that is done, find a new city attorney who will correctly advise the council and staff to follow the law. We obviously don't have that now. Then, look for a new city manager capable of managing within the law, not one who seems to incite violence.

Cory Johnston is a city resident and former council member. Mayor Joe Luginski and City Manager Carol Eberhardt did not respond to a request for comment.

Guest viewpoint



Cory Johnston




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What is your favorite thing about the Oakland County Fair?



"Probably all the rides. The Alien Spin is my favorite."
- Ryan Barrett



"Getting a goldfish."
- Thompson Finke



"Alien Ride because it feels like you weigh 600 pounds."
- Jack Barrett



"The rides. My favorite is probably the Fireball because I like to get as dizzy as possible."
- Anthony Hoffman

BY TREVOR KEISER

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Runner shares lifelong lessons

BY JESSE LEMON
Clarkston News Student Writer

"The more you put in to it, the more you get out of it."

That's good advice for life in general, but the boys on the Holly High School Cross Country team have run with it. Many of them have achieved state qualification, and if you ask, they'll tell you their coach, Rich Brinker of Clarkston, has been key to their success.

Brinker, seven-year boys cross country coach, is a four-time representative of the United States on a world team and three-time All-American runner.

During his running career, he learned about hard work and pushing yourself to the limit. He pushes his runners very hard, too, but reassures them he will never push them past their capabilities.

"I'll never ask them to do something I've never done," he said.

Brinker said he's living his dream. Just like his high school coach, Wayne Roberts, he is a Physical Education teacher at Davisburg Elementary in Springfield Township and Rose Pioneer, as well as high school cross country coach.

"I thought my coach had the coolest job in the world," he said. "He just comes and gets to hang out in the gym all day."

When Brinker was in eighth grade, his PE teacher was constantly on him about running in high school, but Brinker wanted to be a basketball player.

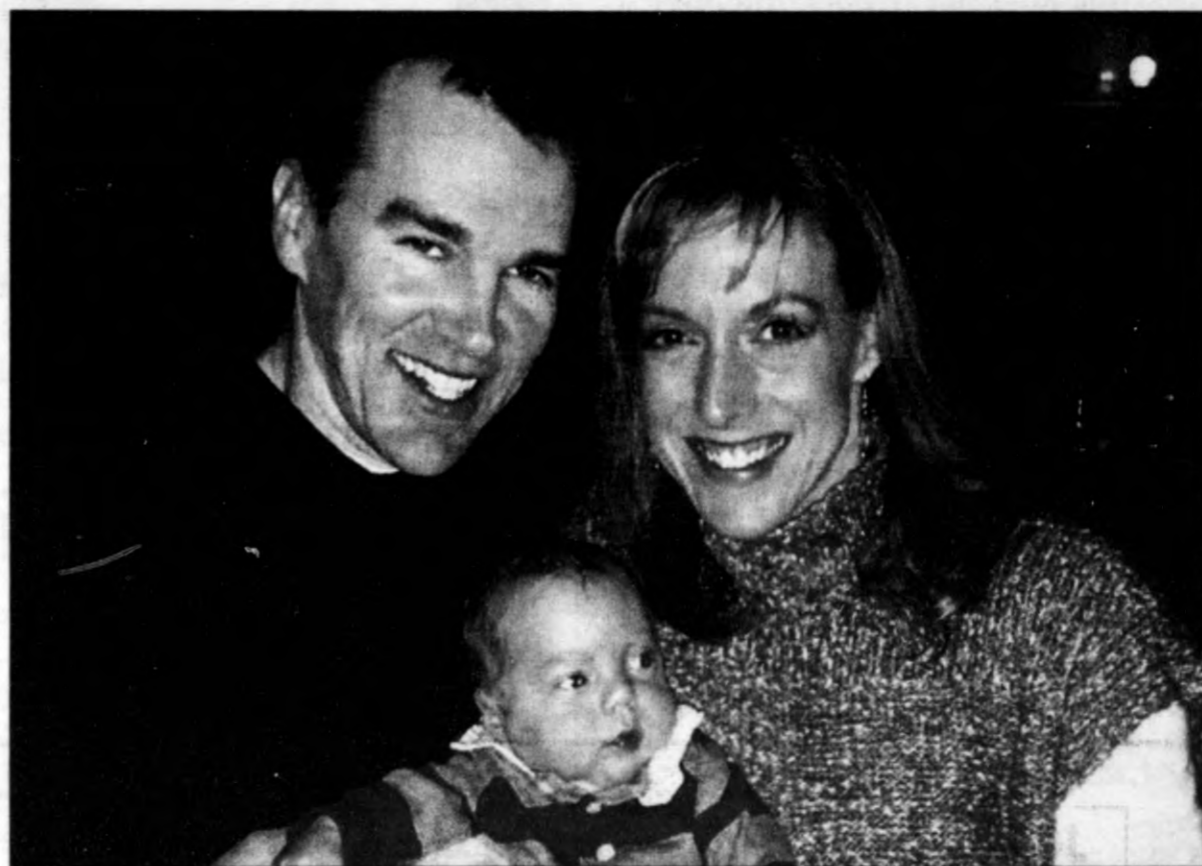
"Being a whopping 4 feet, 6 inches, and weighing about 55-65 pounds, I was going to be a football player," he said.

His gym teacher, and future coach, didn't take Brinker's football dream too seriously, and when his freshman year rolled around, Roberts had convinced Brinker to run for him, "just to get in shape for basketball," he said.

Like almost every other runner, he started out with lots of room for improvement. In his very first meet, he ran a 23:30 in a 5K.

"I'm glad I didn't run against any girls because a lot of them would have murdered me," he said.

Though Brinker had a long season of hard work ahead of him, he was suddenly excited to get better, and his competitive nature drove him to work hard at practice especially after a fellow teammate said that he would never,



Rich Brinker of Clarkston, with his wife, Molly, and son, Finn, shares a lifetime of running experience with his students. Photo provided

ever beat him.

"To this day, I've never lost to him again," he said, with an underlying tone of pride shining through his modest persona.

Brinker ran throughout his high school career, and by the time he was a senior, he had taken more than seven minutes off of his starting 5K time and went on to Central Michigan University to run, with dreams to become an Olympian.

But running in college was just like starting out in high school again. Once more, Brinker found himself in the middle of the pack with lots of room to improve—a freshman.

He admitted when he started college, all he cared about was running, and though he didn't cut classes, he said he definitely didn't study as hard as he should have in the beginning. He was grateful to his coach for reminding him to focus on his life after running.

Brinker realized how easy it was to forget the journey once you've reached success.

As a result, he developed an alumni program for his team so Holly Cross Country graduates could stay connected to the team and see the journey through different eyes.

Welcoming Holly graduates to team prac-

tices also allows them to have people to train with, even when they're away from their college team or running group.

Brinker knows first-hand how hard it is to motivate yourself when you're running alone and said running with a team helped him a lot, even though it takes a lot of internal strength to run well.

"It's a daily grind," he said. "You're going to hurt at some point in time. It's really easy to back off, but that one time you pushed a little harder and saw how much faster you could run is how you get better."

Rich Brinker lives in Clarkston with his wife, Molly, and almost one year old boy, Finn.

"It takes a village to raise a child," the coach said. "Being a father makes me value the time with the guys even more, knowing that while they are at practice or camp, parents are trusting me to take care of their kid."

Seeing Brinker with Finn, it is clear he is loving being a father, too, and they plan to stay in Clarkston for a long time.

"We liked it was in a small town, but we still had easy access to everything. We knew we were buying a house that would stand the test of time," Molly said.

Events

Vietnam Veterans of America Oakland County Chapter 133 dedicates a map of Vietnam in black granite, 2 p.m., Sunday July 17, at the Oakland County Vietnam Veteran's Memorial on Airport Road north of Highland Road in Waterford Township.

Superhero Family Ice Cream Night, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, July 20. \$3. Shiawassee Basin Preserve, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6558.

Blood drives, American Red Cross, July 22, 12-5:45 p.m., MSU Federal Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road; July 23, 2-7:45 p.m., Everest Collegiate High School, 5935 Clarkston Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Monarch Butterfly Festival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21, Shiawassee Basin Preserve, 12000 Davisburg Road. Workshops on raising monarchs and other butterflies, and how to plant a butterfly flower garden. 248-846-6558.

Golf for Scholarships, for Oakland Community College's endowment fund, 8:30 a.m., Aug. 26, Pine Knob Golf Course. Prizes, giveaways, dinner. 248-341-2137.

Bucks for Buses, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, Overtyme Grill Taproom and Smokehouse, 4724 Dixie Highway. Diner, dessert. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 248-625-8231.

Coffee and Conversation Focus Group gathering, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 28, Independence Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road.

50-year-reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1966, Saturday, Oct. 1. Call Elaine Keeley Schultz at 248-673-6542.

Monday

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

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

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

Around Town

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



Principal cast members in the upcoming production of "My Fair Lady." From left: Benjamin Moy (Henry Higgins), Kay Lichtenberg (Eliza Doolittle), Aaron Rusch (Colonel Pickering), Dietrich Sinkevitch (Alfred Doolittle), and Samantha Ugo (Mrs. Pearce). Photo submitted

Locals perform in "My Fair Lady"

Oakland Homeschool Music performs the Broadway musical "My Fair Lady," 7 p.m., Aug. 4-6, at the Waterford Kettering Performing Arts Center, 2800 Kettering Drive. Musical numbers include "The Rain in Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," and "Get Me to the Church on Time." Students in leading roles include Kay

Lichtenberg, Benjamin Moy, Aaron Rusch, Jarrot Cloutier, Samantha Ugo, and Dietrich Sinkevitch.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; and for families, \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door, at ohmimusic.com/concerts/tickets-for-my-fair-lady. For more information, visit www.ohmimusic.com.

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

Outdoor 50+ Pickleball, Monday through Saturday, 9-11 a.m., Clintonwood Park outdoor courts, 6000 Clarkston Road. 10 punch card, \$18; 20 punch card, \$34. 248-625-8231.

Tuesday

Caregiver Support Group, July 12 at 2 p.m.; July 26, 7 p.m., Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Guided by Dr. Thomas K. Stone, former licensed counselor. 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

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

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap

sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

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

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watki Lake Road. Call Walt, 248-922-9090.

Wednesday

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8: 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 meeting, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, 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 Activity Center. \$30/members, \$35/non-members. 248-625-8231.

Grief Support Group with Coats Funeral Home, third Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Fireside Room, 4101 Monroe Ave, Waterford. 248-674-0461.

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

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays 3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 B Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-966-6610.

DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 1. 248-625-1611.

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

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Amy M. Eiden, 47

Amy Madeline Eiden of Davisburg passed away July 5, 2016, at age 47.

She was preceded in death by her parents Jack and Betty. She was the sister of Joan Kendall-Rozman, Janet (late Patrick) Willard, Lori Taylor, Mark (Lisa) Eiden and Lisa (Jeff) Jennings; honorary auntie to many nieces and nephews.

Amy will be sadly missed by the close friends who have traveled this journey alongside her.

Amy graduated from Clarkston High School in 1986 and received her Registered Nurse Degree from Oakland Community College in 1991. She was a Registered Nurse for over 25 years. Scripture Service was July 8 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was July 9 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Rainbow Connection. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



David T. Hocking, 78

David T. Hocking, born in Sault Ste Marie, Mich., of Holly, Mich., formerly of Atwater, Calif., passed away suddenly July 2, 2016, in Clarkston, Mich., at age 78.

He was the father of Christopher and David; son of Beth (the late Thoburn) Hocking; grandfather of Chandler, Chloe, Jonathan, Mark, Benjamin, Brittany (Sami), Donovan, Bethany and Isabella; preceded in death by his grandson Ryan; great grandfather of Adam and Andrew; brother of Glenda Haire, Greg (Dolly) Hocking, Kathy (Tom) Dobosenski, the late Robert (Judy) Hocking and Judy (Curtis) Ahlden.

Dave retired from the U.S. Air Force. He enjoyed square dancing and riding motorcycles.

Funeral Service was July 8 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Cemetery Service with military honors was July 12 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Hal L. Haverstick, 63

Hal L. Haverstick of Atlanta, Mich., formerly of Clarkston, passed away July 3, 2016, at age 63.

He was the husband of Kim (Barnett); father of David (Liz) and Steve (Stacy); grandpa of Emma, Ava, Owen, Mackenzie and Evan; brother of George; brother in law of Lisa (Brian) Cain; son in law of Shirley and Ken Barnett; preceded in death by parents Harold and Beulah and grandparents Helena and Clayton Adams.

Hal served in the U.S. Army and retired from General Motors. He was an avid conservationist.

Visitation was July 8 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was July 9 at Waterford Church of Christ. Cemetery service with military honors, July 12, at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, God's Helping Hands or Michigan Hunting Dog Federation. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Louise M. Mauti, 87

Louise M. Mauti, longtime resident of Clarkston and wintered in Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Rogers City, passed away suddenly July 5, 2016, at age 87.

She was the wife of Dominic; mother of Margaret (the late John) Naylor, Tom (Debbie) Mauti and Steve (Nancy) Mauti; grandma of Thomas (Paula) Mauti Jr., Daisy (Gabriel) Borreson, Joseph, Reid, and Cole Mauti; survived by seven great grandchildren; sister of Leopold, Edwin, and Father Raymond Mulka; preceded in death by her parents Stanley and Victoria Mulka.

Louise formerly worked at American Airlines and retired from Clarkston Community Schools. She volunteered with many local community clubs and was very active with the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club and Friends of the Library. She volunteered at Blake Hospital, Fla.

Visitation was July 7 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was July 8 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to St. Daniel Catholic Church or Independence Township District Library. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Wanda A. Skarritt, 99

Wanda A. Skarritt of Clarkston passed away July 3, 2016, at 99 years of age.

She was the beloved wife of the late F. Hawley Skarritt; dear mother of Linda (Dale) Schramski; grandmother of Brian (Jonc'lyn) Kath and Lori (Rob) Couzens; great grandmother of Starrlin, Tyler, and Gwendolyn.

Funeral service was July 9 at **Coats Funeral Home**-Waterford. To send a condolence message for the family, visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

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More Letters to the Editor . . .

Too many expenses

Dear Editor,

Dr. Rock's initiative to put the district into an additional \$76 million debt, on top of the current \$130.9 million debt, is being made to look like it won't cost taxpayers any more than they are already paying because the millage rate will remain the same.

That is true, but they didn't happen to say how many more years this bond request would extend the current debt. Based on the current bond debt, the majority of it will be paid off within seven years, and the balance will be paid off within 13 years.

If this new bond proposal is passed, it would delay the payoff of the district's current outstanding bonds and the new \$76 million bonds to 2045, 29 years from now.

In reality, this new bond will still be collected from property owners for items long past their useful lives. This is like financing a four year old used car for 10 years. It might be cheaper than financing for a reasonable time, but by the time the car is no longer running, you may still owe thousands of dollars, your car will be worth nothing, and you will still have to pay the payment to the bank.

Repair and maintenance expenses are not legally allowed to be included in bond expenses. Many of the school parking lots are in need of repair/recoating which is a maintenance expense.

The district doesn't want to have to pay for the paving expenses out of operating funds, so the district has plans in the bond proposal to add some parking spaces, in some cases very few parking spaces, and "realign" bus and parent drop-off areas for "safety," a category that can be paid for out of bond funds.

In reality, the "realignment" of the parking/drop-off areas is all to get the parking lots repaved through the bond. I do not see that there are any real safety issues related to the drop off areas.

There may be some "self-important" or "clueless" parent problems in the parent drop-off areas the school administration is not willing to address, but the real issue is the district wants to repave the parking lots out of bond funds instead of operational funds.

The information reported by Trevor Keiser in his article in the July 1 *Clarkston News* on proposed spending at CHS stated, "according to the budget, the secure entry addition would cost \$228,000."

However, the critical needs document on the district website says it is \$600,000 for the secure entry addition at the high school, so which is it? Trevor was also told, "the bond proposal includes a new high school roof."

However, the official proposal for the things covered by the bond provided to the school board did not include the replacement of the roof on the high school.

This whole bond request is in so much flux, the district doesn't even know what they want covered by it.

The district wants to spend \$8 million, an average of \$666,000 per building, to build a "Secure Entry Addition / Secure Front Entrance" to the front of each school in the district. Are you kidding me? The schools already have security systems and protocols in place at the front entrances. I have no idea why they are asking for this.

The district does not need additional sports fields at the high school. The recently proposed stadium for lacrosse and soccer had its name changed to "multi-purpose field and seating with scoreboard for use by marching band and athletics" after people disputed the need for a lacrosse stadium, but we still don't need it.

I wonder if this would have been put on the bond proposal if two current board members didn't have kids playing lacrosse. We also do not have a critical need for improvements to the sports fields, or a \$170,000 baseball press box, yet they still intend to spend \$1,890,000 on such unneeded items.

This is another example of Dr. Rock's attempt to further his political agenda and gain power by ramping up his "Cultures of Thinking" and "Project Zero" untested educational theories/programs by "stealing" from the future borrowing opportunity of the district.

There are enough glittering generalities, changed descriptions, amount changes, and woefully under-defined items in the proposal information for Dr. Rock to spend the bond money however he wants, especially since he has 5-2 control over his rubber stamp school board.

I do not doubt that the district needs bond funds in order to do some of the items Dr. Rock has identified as "critical", but the district would be better to ask for less money for reasonable expenses and for the bond to be paid off over 15-20 years instead of 29 or 30 years. No surprise, just another crock from Dr. Rock. Please vote "No" on the \$76 million CCS bond proposal on Aug. 2.

*Dawn Schaller
Independence Township*

Support from residents

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, Aug. 2., Clarkston Community Schools will ask their community to support an extension of the existing 7 mil bond debt for district-wide improvements to address identified and ongoing facilities, safety and technology needs benefiting all students.

We are a group of concerned citizens working to inform our community of this bond and the benefits of its passage. We believe the board of education and administration

have developed a comprehensive plan that addresses aging infrastructure and capital needs through an extensive seven month review of the district facilities and through community input.

This group is organized under the name "ClarkstonYES8.2." We believe "Strong Schools equals Strong Community."

Under the leadership of Phil Bertolini, Paul Carpentier, and Mary Herzenstiel, ClarkstonYES8.2 is available for speaking engagements at your neighbor association meetings, parent group and boosters.

It is estimated, based on a conservative financial evaluation of property value trends over the prior six years, as required by state treasury, this request will extend the current bond debt out an additional 16 years with no increase of the current rate to capture approximately \$75 million.

State requirements during preliminary Treasury approval require this proposal must provide for repayment of technology within five years and infrastructure in seven so as not to exceed their useful life. This proposal does not provide for a device for each and every student.

You can review our information on our Facebook page at ClarkstonYes8.2. If you have any questions you can contact us at: ClarkstonYES8.2@gmail.com, Twitter: @ClarkstonYES, Instagram: ClarkstonYES8.2. We ask that you vote Yes on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

*Phil Bertolini - Independence Township
Paul Carpentier - Springfield Township
Mary Herzenstiel - Springfield Township*

Thanks for 4th help

Dear Editor,

We celebrated our Sixth Annual Independence Fest Veterans Celebration in Clintonwood Park on Monday, July 4. We showcased our Military Museum in Bartsch Hall in our Senior Community Center. We had displays this year from the Revolutionary War through our most recent war in Afghanistan.

I want to thank all of the veterans who brought their personal items to display in our museum between 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. It was great to be able to visit with our veterans and the organizations that work with them.

The weather was perfect for us to honor all of our veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Special thanks to our Planning and Organizing Committee members, Bart Clark, Gordy Cloutier, Phil Custodio, Edward and Martha Henderson, Amy Laboissonniere, Mary Melega, Peg Roth, and Lois Seddon.

We opened this year's ceremony with the Flag Raising, Moment of Silence, 21 Gun Salute, and Taps, performed by Don Cremer and the American Legion Chief Pontiac Post 377 Honor Guard.

Our opening entertainment was the Barbershop Quartet 4GVN and in the afternoon the Rick Leider Trio performed on

stage in front of the Center.

This year's lunch was graciously provided again by Sportsmen's Great Northern Grill. They provided a special pulled pork lunch for all of the veterans and their families that were registered. Special thanks to all of our bakers who treated our veterans with homemade desserts. Without all of our staff and our volunteers Sandy Bailey, Pam Marie Pat McLaughlin, Jeanne Messing, Carolyn Morrison, Sophia Nakis, Sue Shubert and Dan Swope, that day we would not have been able to have such a successful event.

Piper MacConaghy, third grader and daughter of a United States veteran, Brian from the Afghanistan War, sang our National Anthem. Bart Clark, captain U.S. Navy retired did a wonderful job recognizing all of our veterans at this year's event. Special thanks to Phil Custodio, Desert Storm veteran, for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Independence Township Supervisor Patricia Kittle read a special proclamation commemorating active duty military personnel that was signed by our Independence Township Board.

Thanks to all our special sponsors this year: Platinum Level sponsor, Sportsmen's Great Northern Grill who provided lunch. Silver Level sponsors American Legion Auxiliary Campbell-Richmond Unit 63, Ron Wagner and The Frusciano Agency; Equi Financial, Bronze sponsors All Saints Cemetery and The Preserve, Lockwood Waterford and the Bart Clark Family. Our Event Support this year was from American Legion Chief Pontiac Post 377, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 63, Coats Funeral Home, Pat Kittle, Lewis E. Wint and Sons Funeral Home, Visiting Angels, and The Clarkston News.

Without all of the support of everyone listed above we would not have been able to recognize our veterans in the way they deserve.

I am grateful to everyone for their support and making our 6th Annual Veterans Celebration a huge success.

*Barbara Rollin, senior division supervisor, Independence Township
Parks, Recreation & Senior*

Golf outing

The Wolves host their 16th Annual Clarkston Football Golf Outing at Pine Knob Golf Course, Friday Aug. 5.

The cost is \$106 per golfer and includes dinner, door prizes, golf contests and awards.

Registration is at 12 p.m. and the 18-hole scramble format fun begins at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start.

A 50/50 raffle will also be held to benefit the Clarkston Football Program.

You can register and pay online by going to <https://sites.google.com/site/clarkstonwolvesfootball>.

Business news

Ashley DeGrendel is the newest employee of Pink the Salon and Spa in Clarkston.



DeGrendel

DeGrendel is a happily married mother of two who lives in Clarkston. She is an eyelash extension technician, providing expert precision when applying elegant, long lasting, high quality lash extensions. Call 248-620-4444.

Nick and Becky Thomas recently started a new business, Clarkston Food Express.

They have 25 restaurant menus on their website, www.clarkston.express. Click or call 248-846-0100 to order, with delivery under 60 minutes. Delivery is \$5 and the food arrives hot.



Nick and Becky

"People are busy, people are hungry, and everyone has a smartphone," Nick said.

Digs Consignment Studio's new location is open at 5880 Dixie Highway.

Owner Regina (Gina) Leehy, an entrepreneur who is a designer at heart, turned her love of auctions and estate sale shopping into a business back in 2008. Call 248-625-4230 or visit www.digsconsignment.com.

Student success

Stephanie Dellinger of Clarkston, a junior studying Psychology within the College of Arts and Sciences, was named to the Spring 2016 Dean's List at Kent State University.

Dustin Clarno of Clarkston was named to the Trustees' honor roll list for Spring 2016 at Southwest Baptist University.

Patrick Nalepa graduated cum laude from Hillsdale College on May 14, 2016, with a BS in Finance. He has acquired employment in his field working for Gainplan, a financial planning firm in Bloomfield Hills.

Patrick is the son of Mike and Kathie Nalepa of Clarkston, and is a 2012 graduate of Everest Collegiate High School, Clarkston.

Clarkston students named to the Miami University dean's list for second semester 2015-2016 include Amber Hallmann and Phoebe Morris.

Luke Rodgers of Clarkston has been named to the Spring 2016 Dean's List at American International College. Dean's List students are full-time students with a grade point average between 3.3 and 4.0.



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L322

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ESTATE SALE Moving to Florida. Furniture, household goods, women's clothes sizes medium-large and men's clothes size large. June 14, 15, 16, and 21, 22, 23 9am-5pm. !!L331

LARGE GARAGE SALE Oxford, Waterstone Sub. Crafts, household decorations, too much to list! 970 Cross St., Oxford. 7/14-7/15, 9am-3pm.

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GARAGE/ MOVING. 40 years of treasures and trash. Thursday, 7/14 9am to noon, 9900 Dartmouth, Clarkston. !!L331

WOODBRIAR VILLAGE, Oxford will be hosting a sub sale: July 22-24. West on Draher off M24. !!L332

ONE DAY MOVING SALE! Friday, July 15th only, 8am- 6pm. 4787 Glen Arven Dr., Clarkston. Moving sale located inside home in subdivision off Clintonville Rd. Items for sale include: tools, bikes, bedroom set, house decor, formal dining set, living room couch, end tables, lamps, kitchen items, rugs, too much to list. Cash and carry only. Call 248-792-1061 for personal appointment!!LZ331

LARGE GARAGE/ Yard sale: 7/15, 7/16/ 7/17 (9am- 5pm) 3447 Aquarius Circle, Oakland (Adams & Cairncross) many household items- some new, incl. china, Christmas items !!L331

JULY 14- 15, 9am- 4pm. 490 Timberwood Trail (corner of Oakwood in Ortonville). Antiques, collectables, camping and biking gear, tools. !!ZX501

GARAGE SALE Thursday, July 14-Saturday, July 16, 10am-4pm. 10103 Windy Knoll Ct., Clarkston. (Near Sashabaw & Oakhill). Many household items and decor, Christmas, Halloween. Ice fishing equipment, 2 stage snowblower, yard items, scuba gear, wet suits (men's large 6.5mm, ladies medium dive skin.) Some audio equipment, acoustic guitar with gig bag. !!L331

GARAGE SALE- 885 Heights, Lake Orion. July 14-16, 8am-5pm. Stove, luggage, toys, and more! !!L331

CLINTONVILLE RD. and Lake Angelus. July 14th and 15th, 9am-6pm; July 16th, 9am-12pm. 3808 San Mateo Rd., Waterford, off Costa Mesa. Bikes, household, collectibles, advertisements. !!C21

MOVING SALE: Chairs, lamps, dressers, rugs, crafts, holiday supplies. 30 years of residence! 3820 Davison Lake Rd., Ortonville. Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 15-18 & 22-24. 8am-5pm !!L332

INDIVIDUAL FAMILY garage sale taking place inside New Beginnings Church. 985 N. Lapeer, Lake Orion, July 13- 16, 10- 4pm. !!L331

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BAY VILLAGE SUB SALE. July 14-16, 9am-4pm, in Waterstone off M-24/ Burdick in Oxford. Furniture, tools, sink, American Girl, kid's stuff, crafts. Something for everyone. !!L331

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Majority support on school board on bond proposal

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mills on their property value each summer through 2045 rather than 2029;

- The school district will not be able to borrow any additional money from the state until 2046;
- Schools were updated in 1999 and 2005 with bond money. A requirement of the new bond is that the full amount must be spent

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SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
JULY 5, 2016

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:04 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Ritchie, Schroeder
Absent: Lohmeier
There was a quorum present.
Also Present: David McKee, DPW Director, Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- CLOSED SESSION: None
- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Kittle, Trustee Schroeder, Trustee Aliaga
- PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Tedder, State Representative; District 43
- PUBLIC HEARING: None
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
 - Report: Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal System - 2016-2017 Rate Change (David McKee, DPW Director)
 - Report: DPW Addition Construction Project - City of the Village of Clarkston (David McKee, DPW Director)
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- CONSENT AGENDA:
 - Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2016.
 - Approval of Payroll of July 1, 2016 and the Check Run of June 29, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$575,025.62.
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - Approval of 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amendment to Chapter 48 - Utilities; Articles II & IV
 - Adoption of Policy - Receipt of Tax Payments / USPS Postmarks
- COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
 - Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC) - May 24, 2016
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Ritchie, Trustee Schroeder
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, July 13, 2016

within five years. If additional critical needs arise during the next 25 years, seeking other sources of funding would be necessary;

- Remodeling the front entrances of schools would cost around \$20 million;
- About \$5 million is included for staff and student devices with a five-year life expectancy; and
- Another stadium will be built for \$1.5 million, along with two artificial turf fields needing replacement about every 10 years, costing \$550,000 per field.

"While I believe there are some worthwhile expenditures in this bond proposal," she added, "it behooves everyone to decide if this is the right proposal for our community."

Hyer said the district reached out to get community, staff, and resident input through surveys, public hearings, and forums, as well

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., on July 5, 2016, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance #2016-003 for purposes of amending Sections 48-22, 48-30 and 48-70 of Chapter 48 of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances. A summary of the Ordinance is set forth below, and a true copy of the full Ordinance can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Township Clerk at the Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Independence, Michigan 48346.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
CHAPTER 48 - UTILITIES;
ARTICLES II & IV
ORDINANCE SUMMARY

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE: Amends Independence Charter Township Code Chapter 48, Article II, Subsection 48-22 (e) "Responsibility for Service Pipes" to allow the Township to assist homeowners with the installation of a service pipe connection in certain instances provided the owner signs an agreement and pays the Township the costs and expenses incurred.

SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE: Amends Independence Charter Township Code Chapter 48, Article II, Section 48-30, "Collection of Fees and Charges," to allow payment of a service pipe connection fee in installments over a period of up to ten years and to update the provisions to be included in an installment payment agreement.

SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE: Amends Independence Charter Township Code Chapter 48, Article II, Section 48-170(d), "Determination of Capital Connection Charges," to update the provisions to be included in an installment payment agreement for sanitary sewer capital connection charges.

SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE: Repealer. Repeals any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5 OF ORDINANCE: Severability. Provides for the severability of any part of this Ordinance if declared by the courts to be invalid.

SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE: Savings. Saves any acts, forfeitures, punishments, liability, or pending offenses incurred prior to the amendments.

SECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE: Effective Date. Provides that the Ordinance is effective upon publication.

SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE: Enactment. Declares the Ordinance enacted.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Clerk of the Charter Township of Independence

Introduced: June 21, 2016
Adopted: July 5, 2016
Published (Clarkston News): June 29, 2016
July 13, 2106
Effective: July 14, 2016

as informed the public through direct mailing and social media.

The board adopted a goal at the beginning of the school year to address both the facility and technology infrastructure needs of the district. Through the process of identifying the critical needs and looking at funding options, Hyer noted that is when they began to focus on a "no tax rate increase bond proposal," he said.

"We surveyed the community on this option and another option we looked at that would raise the tax rate to address the needs," he said. "We felt as a board, that the no tax rate increase proposal would fit best with our community and was the best way we could address our critical needs now."

The school board's duty is to make schools as safe and welcoming as possible, make sure teachers and students have the resources needed, and make sure buildings are safe and efficient, he said.

"This bond proposal will allow us to do that," Hyer said.

Board Vice President Elizabeth Egan is asking voters to consider the bond proposal because it's a no mil increase and will fund needed improvements,

"The board has been working with our administrative team in developing this proposal. Our conservative approach to defining the critical needs list aligns with our Strategic Plan and includes feedback from our community, staff, students and consultants," Egan said. "There is no cost to the school district to add this initiative to the existing August ballot."

Board Treasurer Kelli Horst says the bond addresses the "vital elements," security and safety, site improvements, and educational technology.

"If our students and staff don't feel safe and secure in our buildings, in the parking lot or on the playground, how can learning take place? This bond will ensure our buildings meet industry standards when it comes to secure entrances and additional safety measures," Horst said. "It's a reality I wish we didn't have to consider, but one that cannot be ignored."

The same goes for technology, she said.

"If we don't have modern technology and facilities in place to facilitate teaching and learning and to run the district effectively and efficiently, how will our students be prepared to compete and succeed in a global economy and society? How will we be competitive with other districts when families are choosing a community in which to live and invest," Horst asked. "These are the important questions that will shape our future success as a school district."

While Trustee Greg Need says he is "in full support" of putting the issue on the ballot" and "believes everything in the proposal is needed and important," he has

"particular concern" about three of the items.

"When I was interviewed for this appointment I noted that our technology was obsolete and unacceptable for a quality school district. GMB (our consultants) concluded that our students are using outdated computers with an operating system no longer supported, and our infrastructure is similarly outdated and substandard. The bond will raise funds that will allow essential upgrades to our network and purchase new computers and tablets for our classrooms, teachers, and staff," Need explained. "Next, I also believe it's critical to implement the proposed safety and security upgrades to allow for secure building entries and improve traffic flow at all of our schools. Finally, while our district staff has done an outstanding job patching and repairing our facilities, we have reached a point where we must have many identified roofing, flooring, mechanical, plumbing and electrical upgrades."

Another way to pay
According to the critical needs budget, approximately \$26.3 million of the proposed \$75 million bond is for technology upgrades and for "safe and secure" entrance ways district-wide.

In June, the Michigan House of Representatives passed House Bill 4388, which would allow school districts to use a sinking fund to "purchase real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, or the acquisition or upgrading of technology."

However, the bill still needs state Senate approval and signature by the governor.

Clarkston resident and state Rep. Jim Tedder was a co-sponsor on the bill.

"Because of the narrow scope of how sinking funds can be used, school districts have pushed for more than 20 years to expand the use of these funds," Tedder said in a press release. "This legislation allows sinking funds to be used for school security and technology improvements."

The bill also reduces the amount of mills districts can request to three- to-five and shortens the time period for which they may be levied to 10 years.

"The reduction in mills will help save taxpayer money and decrease taxes on citizens," Tedder added. "Otherwise schools would have to use bonded debt to cover these costs, which is more expensive."

Hyer said, "the sinking fund legislation has come up many times in the last several decades, but has never reached the finish line and been enacted into law."

However, he noted the school board supports the legislation.

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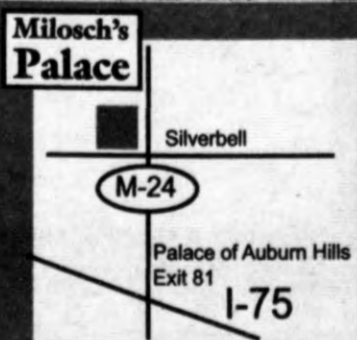
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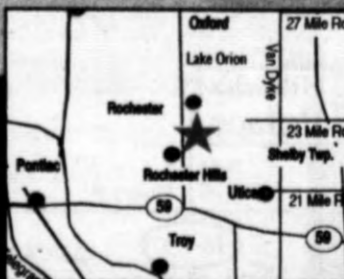
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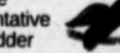
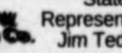
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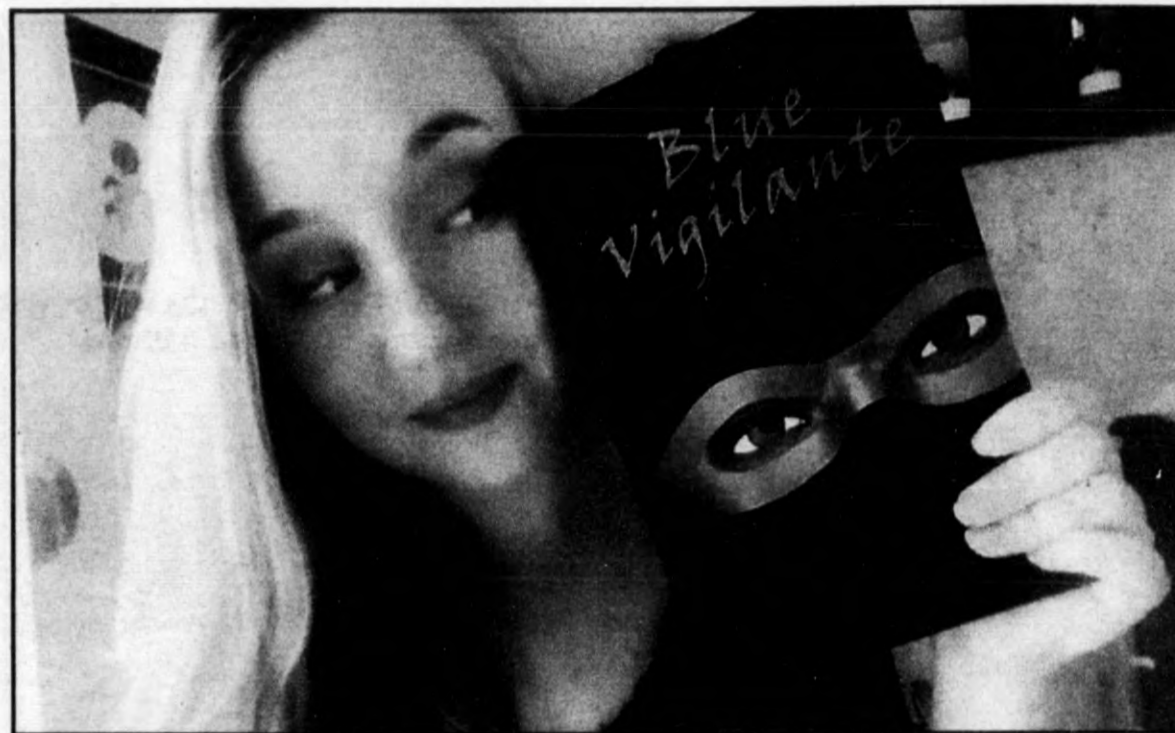
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Clarkston High School graduate Susan Arnold self-published her first book *Blue Vigilante*. Photo provided

Writer's journey started with junior-high assignment

Six years ago Susan Arnold began writing her first novel *Blue Vigilante* which she just self-published.

Arnold, a 2015 graduate of Clarkston High School, explained the series began in her eighth grade English class at the junior high school.

Her teacher, Robert Albee, gave the class a short story assignment.

"As we were writing, I struggled keeping the short story short," Arnold said. "Mr. Albee, after grading the assignment, told me that he could see there was so much more potential to the story. I just kept writing and writing and turned the short story into a four-novel-long series. The writing journey was crazy."

During the writing journey, Arnold takes readers into the world of Marybeth, also known as "Bat."

In *Blue Vigilante*, Marybeth chooses to join the most feared gang in America, Black Bullet, in a rash revenge-fueled decision, Arnold explained.

During her initiation, she proves herself to be an amazing fighter, the best the gang has ever seen. She quickly works her way up the ranks to third in command.

When she witnesses a ruthless murder during a gang fight she is faced with a moral choice, leading to the decision to quit fighting for Black Bullet. But making the decision isn't as easy as she thinks.

"As third in command, she knows too much to simply stop fighting and she isn't old enough to drop out of the gang, so the leader, Trigger, decides the only way to solve the problem is to kill her," Arnold explained.

Arnold finished the first book only a few months ago and mixed in writing with being a full-time student, learning how to drive,

working a part-time job and that was before she graduated from Clarkston and went to Northern Michigan University.

"Not to mention that I matured and that changed my writing voice," Arnold added. "Though I wish that I could have published *Blue Vigilante* sooner, I'm glad I didn't. If I had published the book as a 13-14-year-old, the pace and tone of the book would not match the rest of the series."

She added writing the book wasn't the hardest part or publishing - it was editing.

"It's a constant back and forth between writing and then polishing, cutting and rewriting. I've edited and re-edited *BV* so much, that I practically know it by heart," she said.

Arnold enjoys *Blue Vigilante* because it's the first book and series she wrote and a project she continued working on.

"I have a stack of written works I started but never finished," she explained. "*Blue Vigilante* captured my imagination enough to make me stick to it. Also, I think entire parts of the plot is something that hasn't been really been explored before, which makes it very interesting."

The target audience for *Blue Vigilante* is young adults, but Arnold added anybody would enjoy reading it.

"As long as they're mature enough to read it," she said. "This book involves a gang, which means violence, drinking and drugs. I wouldn't recommend the book to kids under 12."

Arnold is attending Northern Michigan University and pursuing a master's degree both in English Writing and Photography.

Blue Vigilante is available online. She is available for book signings by email susanarnoldbooks@gmail.com.

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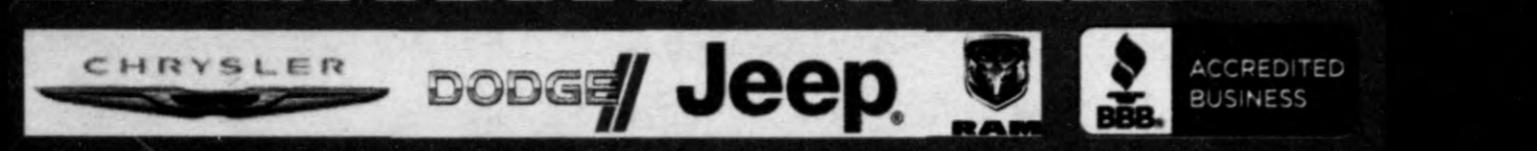
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