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Clarkston School Board OK's pre-Labor Day start

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For Clarkston parent Linda Kisabeth, starting the school year before Labor Day spoils prepaid vacation plans.

"I may be one, but I'm sure there's others out there who are negatively affected," Kisabeth said at the March 27 Board of Education meeting where the

school board voted unanimously to approve the tentative 2017-2018 school calendar including the early start.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said the flexibility of starting before Labor Day will allow staff professional development time.

"We felt like the transition period in August will ease our students and our staff back and help build a little bit stronger, a

little bit more time for teachers to build those relationships and to really get to know students," Rock said.

On the tentative calendar, school begins Aug. 28 and ends June 8, both half days.

Board members said the decision is better for students.

"As a board, we felt that this is beneficial for our students and it is something that

we want to move forward with," said board President Steve Hyer.

Secretary Kelli Horst said she would have preferred more parent input on moving the date and more time to have discussed the issue.

The calendar also includes a half day right before winter break, Friday, Dec. 22,

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Gavin Pittman cheers for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team during ceremony celebrating the state champions in downtown Clarkston, March 29. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Top teacher in the county

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock had a book to read to the student body assembled in the Bailey Lake Elementary cafeteria during the last week of March, reading month.

Meredith Copland took the impromptu visit in stride. She was more surprised when the stage curtain was pulled back revealing her family holding a sign naming her the 2017 Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

"I was definitely not expecting to see my family up on stage, and a sign with my name on it," the teacher said at the March 29 presentation. "I had no idea. I'm shocked. What an honor this is."

The Oakland Schools intermediate school district presents teacher of the year awards at the elementary, middle and junior high, and high school levels.

The awards include a \$2,000 prize from

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The assembled student body of Bailey Lake Elementary cheer for teacher Meredith Copland, who was just named Oakland County's elementary teacher of the year. Photo by Phil Custodio

Local man killed in car crash

Gustavo Leon Angel, a 19-year-old Clarkston resident, was killed the morning of Friday, March 24, in a single-vehicle accident.

Oakland County Crash Reconstruction Unit is investigating the fatal crash on southbound Clintonville Road north of Waldon in Independence Township. The crash occurred at about 3:22 a.m., according to the sheriff's office.

Angel was driving a 2000 Honda Accord when he went left of center, ran off the roadway to the left, and struck a large boulder off the roadway on the east side of Clintonville. He was pronounced dead on scene. No other vehicles appeared to have been involved.

The driver was not restrained, and alcohol is believed to have been a factor.

The crash remains under investigation.

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Elementary school teachers, staff and students honored with Sparkle Awards. Photos by Jessica Steele

Sparkle awards

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Emotions ran high last week at Clarkston's Second Annual Sparkle Awards, an event honoring those who go "above and beyond" for students with different abilities requiring an Individualized Education Plan.

All 130 nominees received an award and an individual or group from each category received an additional Special Recognition Award. A range of people were nominated, including students, bus drivers, custodians and teachers.

"Everything went really well and I think everyone was pretty touched by the readings everyone did from their nominations and we might need a box of tissues up there next year," Sparkle Awards Chairperson Heather Roeser said. "My announcers were getting teary-eyed."

This year the award show saw more nominees, and Roeser hopes it continues to grow.

"I was really happy the amount of students that were nominated this year," Roeser said. "A lot of times they totally get overlooked for things they do."

The show started with a dance presentation by the Easterseals Miracle Dancers and The Dance Shoppe, followed by remarks from Roeser and Clarkston's Executive Director of Student Support Services Kathy Christopher.

Nominees from each category were called onstage to receive their award. Once everyone was onstage, one nominee was surprised with the Special Recognition Award and their nominator remarked on the recipients' outstanding efforts for special education students.

"It was really nice some of the students won special recognition," Roeser said. "It was nice to see a custodian and a bus driver get recognized too. It's probably something they don't normally get recognition for."

Roeser put on the Sparkle Awards with the Clarkston Parent Advisory Committee and a grant from the Clarkston Foundation.

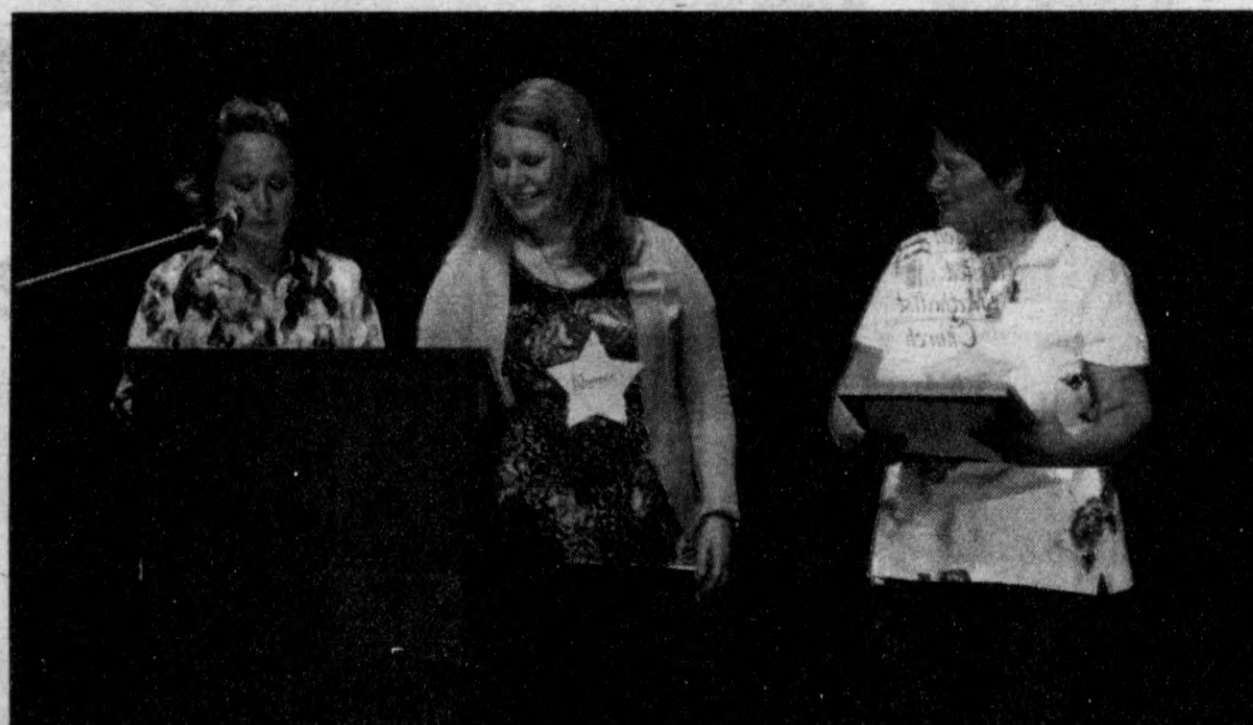
"I couldn't have done it without my committee, and I really appreciate all their help and time spent on it," Roeser said. "It's an uplifting event."



Cross district nominees, from left, Juanita Gilbert and Danielle Wescott.



Middle School Special Recognition Recipient student Harrison (Fletcher) Yosick, with nominator Amanda Snider.



Clarkston High School Special Recognition Recipient Custodian Nikki Roy and her nominators.



From left are Jaxson Wirth, Allison Clark, Seth Stump, Alexander Gavulic, Sean Martin, David Carpenter and Mary Mckillop at the conference. Photo provided by Charles Claus

Government experience for youth

BY JESSICA STEELEY
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Writing bills, debating issues, voting on laws – Clarkston's Youth in Government Club experienced them all at the YMCA Michigan Youth in Government Conference in Lansing last month.

"It was great. We went up to Lansing and we wrote bills," Senior Alexander Gavulic said. "We would get together and basically do a mock version of the Michigan State Legislature, so we would pass bills in the house or the senate and debate them and then there would be a youth governor who

would sign or veto them."

Everyone who participated in the legislative process wrote a bill to be debated by participants, which included over 1,100 students from around Michigan.

"You learn exactly how our legislative system works, so it's just like a really good learning tool," said senior Seth Stump. "It's kind of like a step up from just classroom learning."

Of the bills Clarkston students wrote, one was signed by the youth governor. Senior Allison Clark's bill to allow Michigan citizens who turn 18 in a presidential election year to vote in the election and the primaries was passed. If the bill were real, it would allow you to vote even if you turn 18 after the election. Clark wrote it because she missed last year's election by five days.

The other students bills focused on electoral college reform, encouraging the use of renewable energy, outlawing synthetic pesticides and creating areas for urban farming.

Stump said several bills were debated and some caused heated debates, such as the ones involving transgender bathroom rights, legalization of marijuana, and environmental issues.

"I realized how fun it was and how interesting it was to go and debate real world issues," Stump said. "See different opinions from around the state and just go through the mock legislation process."

"Another really cool thing about it is that we actually got to use the state capital building," Gavulic said. "We got to use the real house and senate chambers in Lansing."

Though fun, the mock legislation process also took its toll on the students.

"It is [frustrating] to debate bills and hear opinions that you don't like or aren't true," said senior Mary Mckillop.

Aside from the legislative process, the conference also had a National Issues Forum, which junior Jaxson Wirth took part in.

"You take a national policy issue and then debate it, it's more debate intensive, but less writing intensive and it applies on the national level," Wirth said. "I'd say that my debate skills vastly improved."

Wirth also applied to attend the Youth Conference on National Affairs, the national version of the conference in North Carolina.

Of the seven Clarkston students that attended, about half want to pursue political science in college.

"I learned essentially what I would like to do as a career," Gavulic said. "I fully intend to eventually run for some government position."

The conference is the main event for the club. In their meetings, Clarkston teacher Charles Claus taught about writing bills, parliamentary procedure and the legislation process. Clarkston students David Carpenter and Sean Martin also attended the conference.



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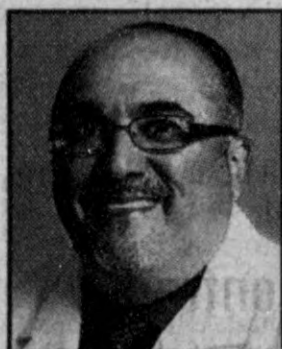
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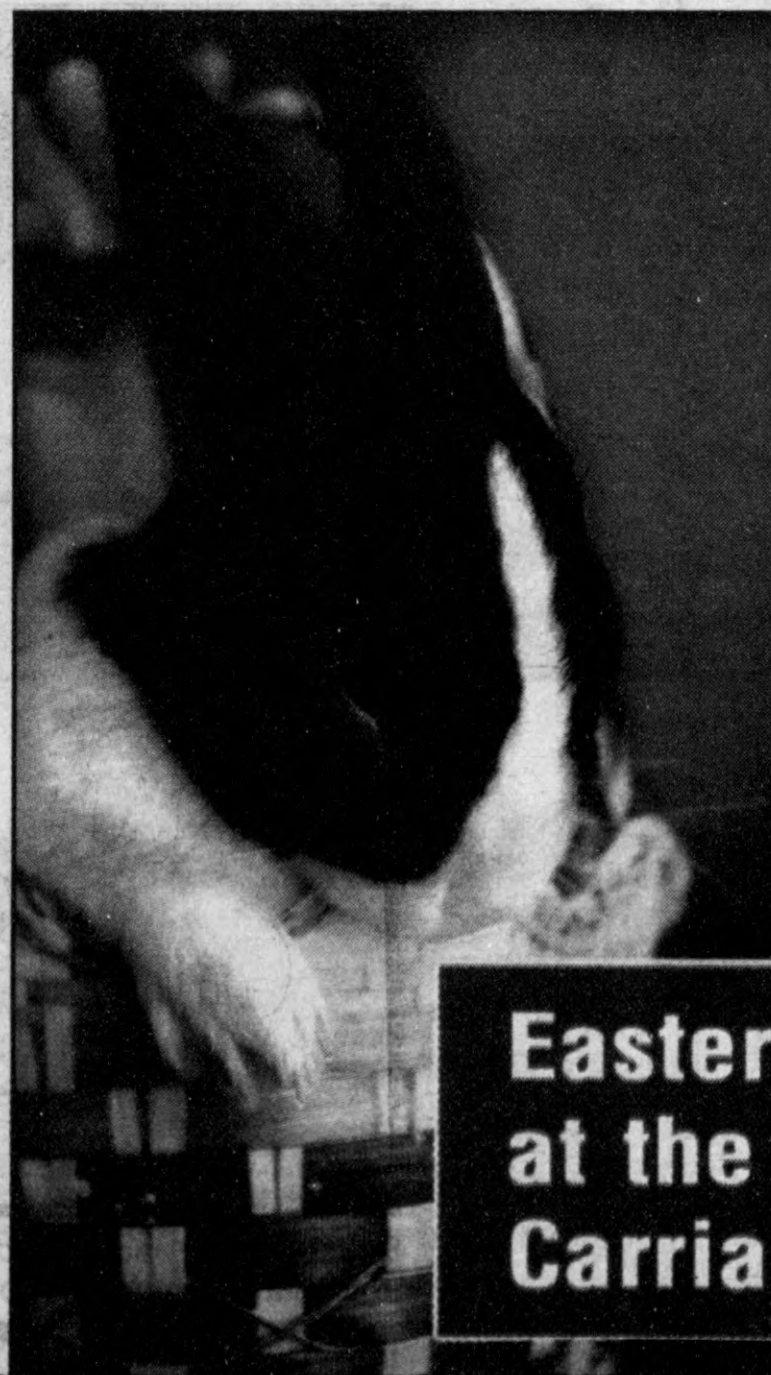
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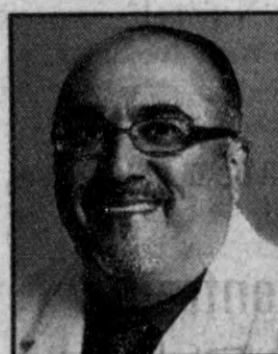
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Congratulations also to the organizers of their victory parade downtown on Wednesday, the only fairly nice day of the week.

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There are many more successes for Clarkston High Schoolers and others around the community, of course.

The seniors are putting the finishing touches on their high school careers. Team RUSH looks to do well at their state tournament coming up.

I'm hoping for some success of my own on the stage. Rehearsals are in full swing for the next production of the Clarkston Village Players, of which I am a part. We're working on "Self-Help," a comedy by Norm Foster. I'm playing a character who is a reporter, but one who does things a bit differently.

He likes to use a micro tape recorder to narrate his activities. And he sees himself as a bit of a James Bond. I'm going with Patrick Warburton for inspiration on delivery.

But that's the fun of the theater, taking on whole new personalities for the entertainment of others.

This is my third play and I like how each one is different, with different director styles and interactions with fellow actors, in addition to the new characters and lines.

My roles have been getting a bit bigger each time, but are still of the supporting type. That's fine for now. The leads in this show, Steve and Sara Sanger, have lines on just about every page of the script. I still don't know how they do it.

My current method of preparing for the show is to memorize by rote every line, and repeat it to myself a couple hundred times. That works OK when I have lines on about 15 pages, like on this one.

I don't think that would work as well on a bigger role, with lines on 80 or so pages.



Members of the community are set to place blue pinwheels at their businesses and homes to raise awareness of child abuse and prevention.

Pinwheel kickoff

Business and community leaders met with Clarkston Area Youth Assistance at the Clarkston Mills, March 31, to kick off CAYA's Pinwheels for Prevention drive for April, Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Organizers with Clarkston Area Youth Assistance hope to provide 1,000 blue pinwheels to businesses, community groups, and residents to put in gardens, front windows, and other displays around the area.

Call the CAYA office at 248-623-4313 for more information. Check their Facebook page for questions for children, ways to strengthen families, reach out to neighbors, and give families with children support, and resources to reduce neglect and abuse.



The hope is for the pinwheels to start conversations about child abuse prevention. Photos by Phil Custodio

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Road realignment stirs emotions at board meeting" Some residents of Independence Township shared their frustration of the Board of Trustees' handling of the Deerhill/Big Lake realignment issue due to the Apostolic Church of Christ and school being built in the area.

"It's all about the kids" Independence Township firefighter Mitch Petterson talked to Kindergarteners during their guest reading as part of March is Reading Month.

"Kids have egg-cellent time at Independence Easter festivities" Kids from throughout the area enjoyed an array of different activities during Independence Township Parks and Recreation's Easter event including a visit with the Easter Bunny, coloring, hopping into hula hoops and decorating cupcakes.

25 years ago - 1992

"Dropping everything to read" Throughout Clarkston Community Schools students, staff and faculty dropped everything to read during the countywide Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) project which featured readings and celebrity reader visitors.

"Board asks public to nix 'schools of choice'" The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education wanted to retain its own "school of choice" program rather than implementing one proposed by the state Legislature School State Aid Act. It allowed parents to vote to send their children to any elementary and junior high schools in their district.

"Local museum includes 1,155 biblical periodicals" Independence Township resident William J. Chamberlain turned part of his house into a museum of Bibles - 1,155

different English translations from throughout history.

50 years ago - 1967

"Library construction could start in 1968" Over \$53,000 had been given or pledged in support of a new library for Independence Township. Contributions, pledges and memorial gifts were being received daily.

"Chair caning - not a lost art in Clarkston" Mrs. Glenn Boner reluctantly learning the art of chair caning from her sister-in-law in the early 1920s. More than 40 years later was still doing commercial caning - an art in some sections of the country which had completely died out.

"Round the town" A family party on St. Patrick's Day was held in honor of Patricia O'Rourke, who turned five-years-old on March 20.

Jottings has many ideas, some even believable

These Jottings come from April 13, 2011. Enjoy!

* Ever notice in American Airlines commercials about how easy they say it is to get seating? And the camera shows two guys on a practically empty plane?

* Question: What/who buys the most time on TV these days: lawyers or sellers of gold?

* Three bits of wisdom for golfers: Take extra time when lining up your fourth putt; Now, before your "first round this spring, get your retriever re-gripped; Inhale and exhale deeply before hitting five off the tee.

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This next item is about ma'dog, Shayna. This notice gives anti-animal people a chance to turn the page, and dog lovers a reason continue. I've shared MY home with Shayna for nearly a decade. I let her in, let her out, feed her and thank her for doing her good night

duty on time so I can get to bed on time.

My attitude and respect toward her has changed in the last two months. That's when I got a lift-chair.

You, know, a button-maneuvering chair that stands you up or lays you down.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Shayna noticed immediately it took almost no effort on my part to get up. She has seen me work at getting out of other easy chairs.

Several days passed before I realized Shayna was using me, or playing her games with me, by showing a want to go outdoors much more often.

One evening I timed her. Seven times in a 2-hour period she wanted out and in. When her ploy became obvious, I decided to explain things to her. I took her big

head in my two hands, made her look me in the eyes, and explained:

"Shayna, this is MY house, not yours!"

Her good ear came up, a sign she heard me. Then I explained, "You're a dog. You own nothing. Your only reason for being is to please me! Don't annoy me, get it?"

I think she smiled

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* Secretary of State Hillary Clinton seems to be aging more rapidly. So much traveling and visiting countries which don't have female counterparts could be stressful.

* Even a mosquito doesn't get a slap on the back until it starts to work.

* A line of rabbits walking backwards is called a receding hareline.

* You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard boiled egg.

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Dale K. sent this one.

After having dug a depth of 10 feet

last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wiring dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by New Yorkers, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet and shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: "California archaeologist discovery of 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers."

One week later. A local newspaper in Michigan reported: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Houghton Lake, Bubba, a self-taught archaeologist reported he found absolutely nothing. Bubba has therefore concluded 300 years ago, Michigan had already gone wireless.

Just makes you proud to live in (or be from) Michigan, don't it?

A tale of 2 restaurants, or entrepreneurial stories

"Interesting," thought I, starting to connect imaginary dots in the sky before me. "Two of my favorite restaurants have decided, on their own and separate of each other, to think outside the box and try something new."

What is interesting, at least, to me, is beyond the newness of their actions, were some dichotomies between the two. Sorta like opposites attracting. See if you can follow my dot connecting.

Olde Village Cafe, a mainstay in the old downtown of Clarkston, has been owned by longtime restaurateurs, (man and wife) Pete and Ann. I think the couple has operated their wee-little diner at the southeast corner of Main and Washington streets for about 20 years. They are pretty much a meat and potatoes kinda' place. Open at 7 a.m. for the breakfast crowd, make a killing during the lunch business and close down shop at four.

They are known for their eggs, sandwiches, salads and their friendly (and sometimes saucy) wait-staff.

Smokin' J's Bar-B-Que Pit, is a relatively new eatery up in the downtown area of Goodrich. It was dreamt up and opened up by wife and husband Brandi and Jeff. The couple opened their restaurant/bar about two years ago. Their business is known for smoked meats, ribs, burgers, soups of the day and craft beers. They open their doors at 11 a.m. for the lunch crowd and lock the place up sometime after midnight.

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

Both couples have thought about doing something different with their businesses, but at opposite times of the clock.

Pete and Ann are brainstorming the idea of opening up their diner after hours (after their normal closing time) as a private party place. Brandi and Jeff opened their restaurant/bar for weekend breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

I see, or sense a nice symmetry between these two places I like to eat (just take a look at me): the long standing, 20-year-old diner opening up later, and the two-year-old Bar-B-Que pit opening up earlier. But, I love the irony. The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well; and well, they own their buildings, and are paying for utilities even when they are closed for the day, why not try to make more money during those down times?

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Said Pete one day last week as I was sitting down eating a salad, "I have been thinking about this for about a year."

I nodded for him to continue on and then shoved more lettuce and stuff into my mouth.

"Why not utilize our restaurant. We will rent it out for a flat rate. I know some chefs we can bring in, so whatever they want to eat, we can do. From simple to candle light and white table clothes. Basically, they would rent my restaurant for their family, religious or business party. It would be like having a party at your house, without having to clean up after. I don't think anybody is doing that around here, so why not us?"

Pete and Ann will provide also provide wait staff; the renters will be able to bring in their own beverages, like wine to be served, if they desire.

"I don't know. I kinda like the idea," Pete said, adding they can comfortably seat 70 people.

So, Pete is looking for validation. Do you think it is a good idea? Give him a call with your thoughts, 248-894-1243.

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Brandi and Jeff have already pulled the trigger on their idea of serving weekend breakfast.

"We wanted to try something different," Jeff said. "So far I think people have liked it."

Everything from waffles and pancakes to biscuits and gravy, to breakfast sandwiches and omelettes are being served up -- just like anywhere else that serves breakfast, so what is the difference? What makes them a special place for breakfast, one might ask.

"All our meats are smoked here on site. The bacon is smoked, the ham is smoked, the brisket is smoked. It is really quite good," Jeff said.

(I personally enjoy the Western Omelette with their Hellfire BBQ sauce.)

And, since I do not partake in the Bloody Mary scene, I cannot give testimony about their Bloody Mary bar. But, it looks good, with all the fixin's displayed nicely for folks to make their own to taste. As with all their meals, you can order out or dine in. Give them a call at 810-636-9200, or better yet, stop in and give them a try.

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(And, now that my evil plan has been put into motion it is only a matter of time before I get them advertising in our community newspaper. Muhahaha!)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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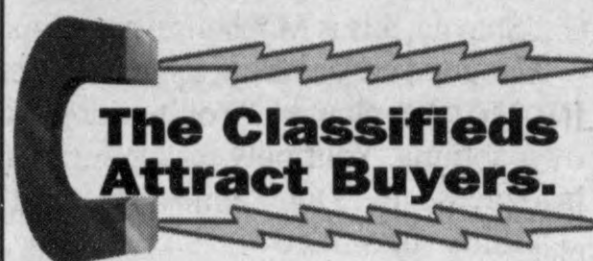
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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 02 27 2017 MINUTES

Call to Order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Mayor Percival, Marsh, Kneisc, Haven, Catallo, Present. Wylie, Detkowski, Absent. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Haven, Supported by Marsh to approve the agenda. Motion Carried. Public Comments: Hello from Jim Tedder contact information is jimtedder@house.mi.gov or 517 373 0615. Mike Cascone complimented Phil Custodio on his article about a young person on the front page of the paper. Consent Agenda: Motion by March, Supported Percival to approve the Treasurer Report and Minutes 01 23, 02 13 2017. Motion Carried. City Manager Report: Motion by Haven, Supported by Percival to hire a new Treasurer, provided the background check comes back satisfactory. Motion Carried. Percival apologized to Cory Johnston for bringing up his name. Cory brought to our attention Ordinance violations that need to be addressed and corrected. We appreciate the information. Motion by Marsh, Supported by Kneisc, to approve the Mission Statement and members for the Finance Committee. Members are Steve Percival, Sharon Catallo, Eric Haven, Jonathon Smith and the new treasurer. After advise from Tom Ryan if Marsh wanted to be on the committee or attend. Motion Carried. Ken Ermer of the Depot Park Committee used a presentation to show each piece that is currently in our playground and alternate handicapped pieces and groundcover. This should be put on Old Business on the April 10, 2017 Council meeting. Committee Reports: Mike Cascone of the Communication Committee spoke about Press releases in the Clarkston News. The second week of each month Clarkston News provides each home with the Clarkston News, along with subscribers. Motion by Percival, Supported by Catallo, to have committee reports to Sandy for the Council packet on the 3rd Wednesday before the 4th Monday of the Month. Motion Carried. Motion by Percival, Supported by Haven, to appoint Carol Eberhardt as an alternate for the Board of Review. Motion Carried. Becky Harrison made a presentation of Hometown Pedicabs. It

is an advertising bike Taxi Service. Tom Middleton gave Oakland County Budget information for 2017. Motion by Marsh, Supported by Percival to extend the meeting past 9 PM. Motion Carried. Motion by Percival, Supported by Marsh to adjourn at 9:01 PM. Motion Carried.
Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Miller, City Clerk



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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

Estate of John Henry Johnson
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: including: Bobby Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Wilhemina Johnson, Bud Johnson, Jr., and Linda Johnson whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on May 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Daniel A. O'Brien for the following purpose:

Petition for Probate Appointment of Personal Representative.

3/30/17
Timothy P. Flynn
6480 Citation Drive
Clarkston, MI 48346
248/625-0600



Clarkston High School senior Katie Jaffke shares her "elevator speech" with fellow participants at Our Daughters, Their Future. Photo provided

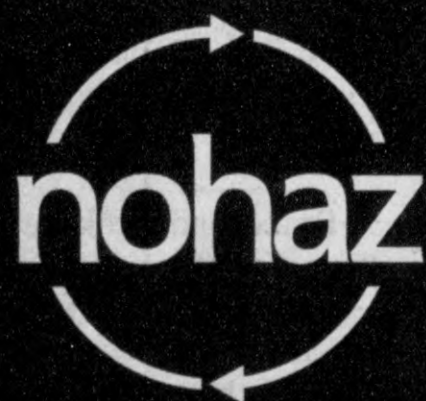
Women's forum for next generation

Clarkston High School senior Katie Jaffke joined more than 150 daughters of FCA US employees at the company's Auburn Hills headquarters, March 28, for a half-day Our Daughters, Their Future program.

The program was designed for employees' daughters in the 11th and 12th grades as part of the company's celebration of Women's History Month.

"For us, the best way to celebrate Women's History Month, and to honor the

enormous accomplishments of women, was to help the next generation gain the perspective and confidence that can help them succeed," said Barbara Pilarski, head of Business Development, FCA-North America and executive sponsor of the Women's Forum. "We hope we were able to help these young women understand how to transform their existing competencies into successful careers in an increasingly diverse and dynamic world."



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SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Oakland University - Rochester
2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester
(Parking Lots 35 & 37. Enter campus on Pioneer Drive, east off Squirrel Road, south of University Drive)

SATURDAY, JULY 22

North Sashabaw Elementary School
5290 Maybee Road, Clarkston

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Oakland Community College,
Highland Lakes Campus
7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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2017 NoHaz Poster Contest Winner



By Nicole Schroeder, Deerfield Elementary School, Avondale School District

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Arraigned for intimidation

Jonathan Geoffrey Lloyd, 31, of Pontiac was arraigned, March 28, on intimidation and computer-use-for-harassment charges.

An Independence Township couple called police after noticing the suspect pacing back and forth in their backyard, 4:30 p.m., March 26.

When they saw him, the lady of the house asked why he was there, and he shouted back her name and said she told him to be there. She recognized him as someone she used to know who would disrupt youth services at her church, and shut the door. Her husband called 911.

Three deputies were sent to find the man, and located him walking on Maybee Road. He said he was on his way to church to talk to his pastor.

He said he was homeless and was in town for the Woodward Dream Cruise. He was jailed on a traffic warrant out of 52-2 District Court, and charges were sought.

He is being held in Oakland County Jail on a \$100, interim bond, stalking misdemeanor, 52-2 District Court; \$2,500, 10 percent bond type, DWLS/DWLR, 52-2 District Court; \$100, interim bond, Computer Used In Commission Of Crime, 52-2 District Court; and \$500, 10 percent bond type, Disturbing the Peace, 52-2 District Court. Pre-trial is set for April 11.



Lloyd

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Suspended license

A deputy on patrol stopped a car for following a truck too closely and almost veering off the road, 10:35 a.m., March 26, on Maybee Road at Sashabaw Road. The driver, a 36-year-old Oxford woman, was cited for driving with a suspended license, no insurance, and following too closely.

Shoplifting

Store employees in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road called police after watching a shopper place items in her purse, 11:36 a.m., March 29. Employees found empty boxes of gloves, and caught her putting six jars of peanuts in her bag. She put the peanuts back, saying she wasn't thinking. A deputy found the shopper, a 35-year-old White Lake woman, in the parking lot with four pairs of gloves she didn't pay for. She was cited with retail fraud.

Expired tags

A 44-year-old Pontiac man was stopped for expired tags on his car, 3:41 p.m., March 30, on Sashabaw Road at Waldon Road. A records' check showed the Secretary of State was requiring plate confiscation due to a fraudulent application. He was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle and the plate was confiscated.

Improper plate

A deputy monitoring traffic on Maybee Road at Bridgewater checked the license plate of a car passing by, found it had no title information on record, and stopped it, 3:36 p.m., March 25. The driver, a 27-year-old Pontiac woman, said she had just purchased the vehicle and put her old plate on it. She was cited for driving with a suspended license, improper plate, and no insurance. The license plate was confiscated.

Threat with gun

A 22-year-old Davisburg man was arrested for felonious assault, 6:26 p.m., March 28, after pulling a handgun on a group of mostly teenagers in the 17000 block of Diane Drive. A 17-year-old Davisburg told deputies she was arguing with the man, her boyfriend, when he pulled a pistol from a backpack and threatened her with it. He also pointed the handgun at other people present in the home, a 41-year-old Davisburg woman, five girls ranging in age from 14-17 years old, and two boys, a 14-year-old and 16-year-old. One of the victims led deputies to where the suspect placed the handgun after learning police were en route. The weapon was confiscated and placed into evidence. The suspect was jailed pending criminal charges. The incident remains under investigation.

Expulsion approved

Clarkston Board of Education approved the expulsion of a Clarkston High School student at its March 27 meeting.

The student violated four items in the Student Code of Conduct: Criminal Acts, Disruption of School, Physical Assault and Violations of a Building's Rules and Regulations.

The school board also approved three paraprofessionals as replacements at North Sashabaw Elementary, Bailey Lake Elementary, and Sashabaw Middle School.

Graft Shows

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Fridays at 6:00pm

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The latest news from our community, plus updates from District Library and Independence Township Parks, Recreation, and Seniors.

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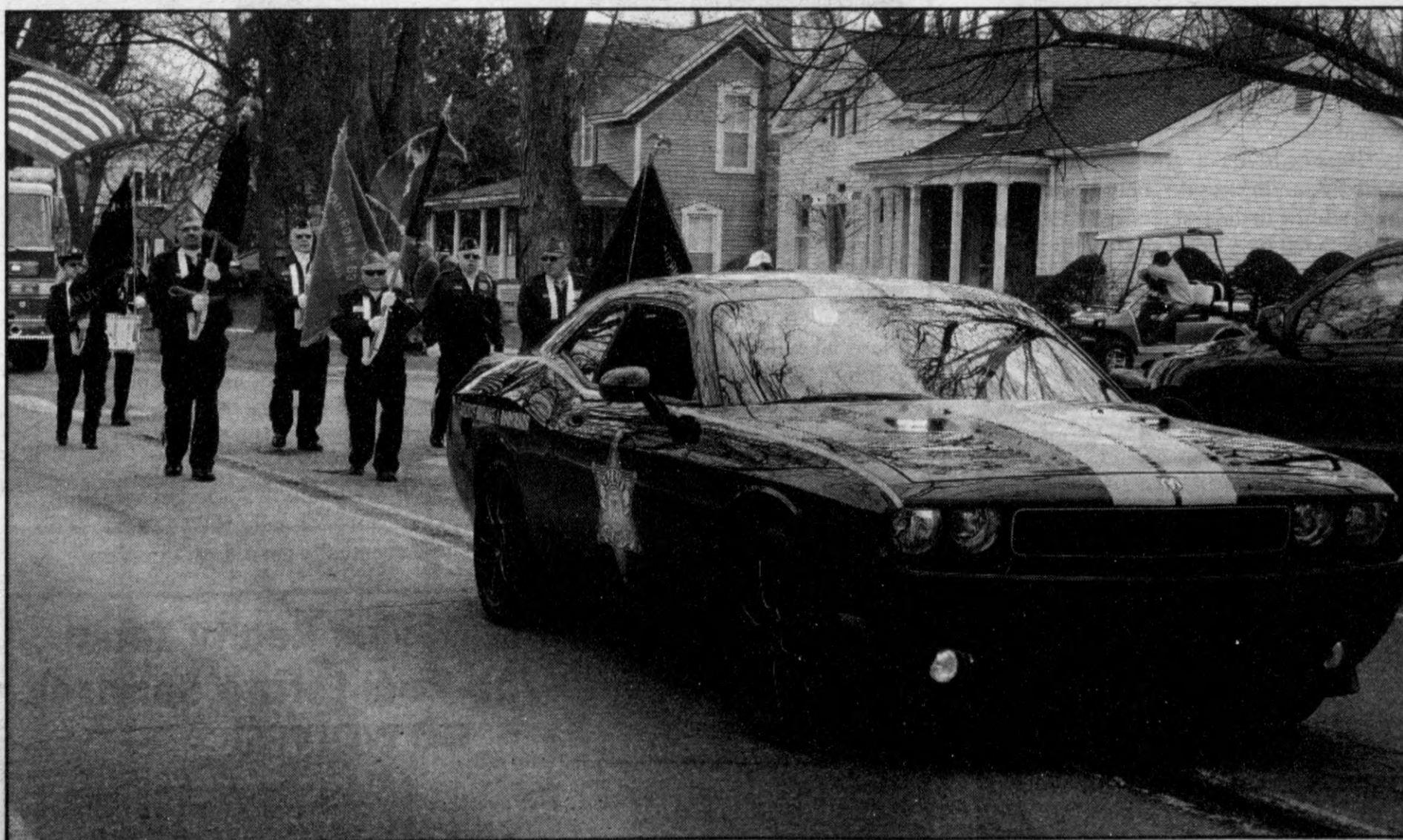
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Fridays at 6:30pm

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office helped lead the parade honoring the Clarkston High School Wolves up Holcomb Road, March 29. Photo by Phil Custodio

Clarkston's Sporting News

Who is the next AOW?
Nominate your favorite athlete by
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First shut out in books

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves are using this week to build on their skills and techniques while they are training during spring break in Florida.

"This week separates us from the pack a little bit," said Brian Kaminskas, head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse. "We will be together more as a team. Our chemistry will be developed."

The Wolves headed into break with a 8-0 win over Solon last Thursday with sophomore goalies Danny Milano and Jake Line putting their first career shutout in the books.

"They played particularly well," Kaminskas added. "On the offensive end junior Dakota Locher really stood out and played well. He is one of the key guys for us. He is starting to take control of offense and lead out there as a midfielder."

Locher opened the scoring for the Wolves with two goals to open the second quarter after both teams were scoreless in the first stanza.

Before the half closed senior Matthew Williamson, sophomore Eric Csizmadia and junior Jordon Sommerville added one goal each in the last three minutes to put the score 5-0.

Sophomore Keelan McKouen struck in the third quarter with his shot to the top of the net less than two minutes in.

"It was a good win," said Kaminskas. "It was a lot of adverse conditions in the cold, rain and wind. The guys did well and they responded well. With the weather we got off to a slow start. As the game continued we just kept going and pushing. They

played together. They played smart, and we saw great results."

Sommerville and sophomore Matthew Atchison scored in the fourth quarter to end the game, 8-0.

The Wolves opened the season with a 8-7 loss to Northville, March 24. Senior Mark VanBuskirk had two goals and McKouen had one. Milano saved 60 percent of the shots on him in the net.

"He did well," Kaminskas added. "He had three Division 1 shooters. His save percentage was good for his first night out."

The Wolves led going into the fourth quarter before a rain delay slowed them down.

"That's when our age started to show," Kaminskas said. "We were playing against a bunch of hungry seniors who had something to prove."

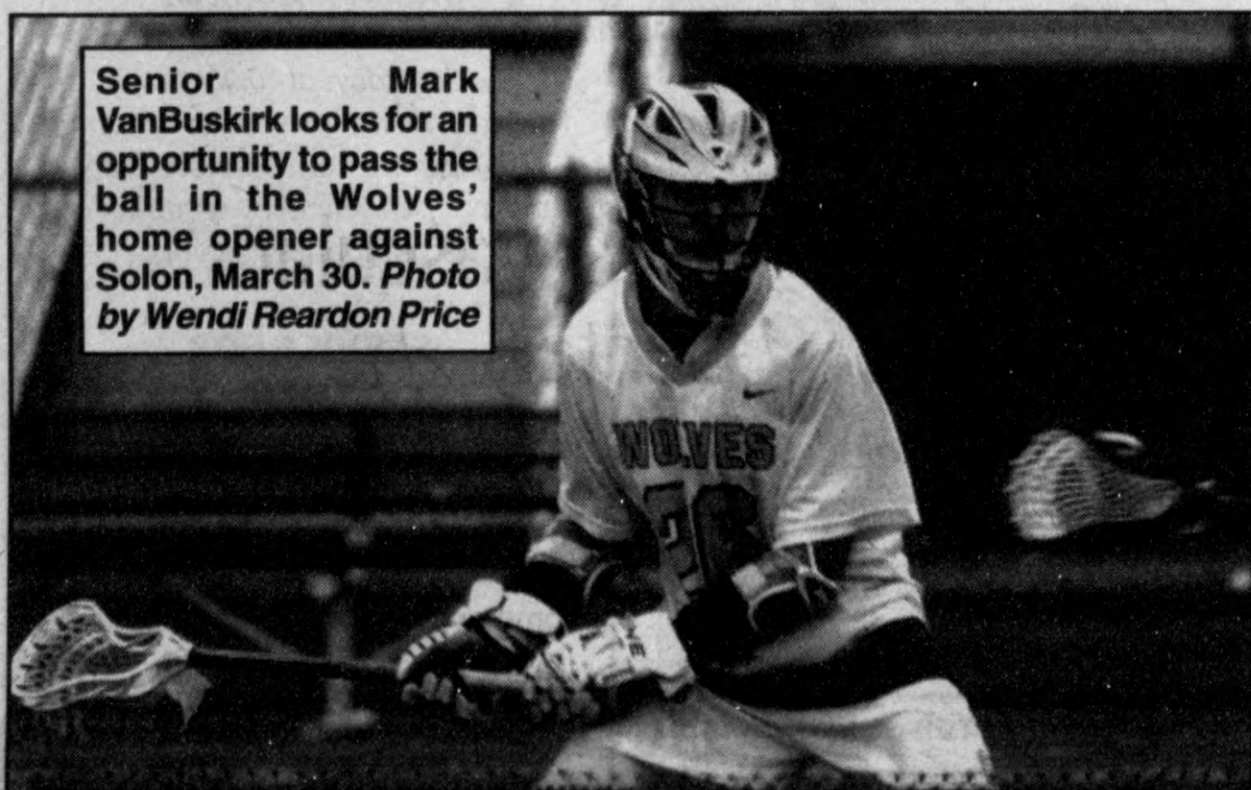
He added the game helped the boys prepare for Solon and the rest of the season.

"We were able to play through the early mistakes," Kaminskas said. "It's good to be tested like that early - get that adversity out of the way, make some mistakes and play through them."

The Wolves (1-1) come back from break to play Notre Dame Prep, April 11, and kick off the OAA league with Troy, April 13, both at home.

"It should be a good, competitive game," Kaminskas said about Notre Dame Prep, adding in the last few years the game was decided by a point or two. "It should be a good stepping out on Tuesday night."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Senior Mark VanBuskirk looks for an opportunity to pass the ball in the Wolves' home opener against Solon, March 30. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Placing at the top

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Hard work paid off for Sawyer Haiss as he finished in first place at the 2017 Men's Gymnastics State Competition for his age and level.

"I was really excited," said the 11-year-old who is a sixth grader at Sashabaw Middle School when they announced his name. "I knew I had a higher score but based off the other people who were medaling I wasn't sure I was going to get first place."

Haiss trains at Flipspot Gymnastics and Cheer in Orion Township. He competes in all the Olympic events - floor, high bar, parallel bars, vault rings and pommel horse.

His favorite is the horizontal bars.

"I can do the best skills on it, and I find it the easiest to do more," he said.

"He practices all year long," said mom, Lisa. "They never get a break. It's the only sport he does. For him to work all year long for such a short season is quite a time commitment and a passion."

Sawyer moves on to the regional event this Saturday where he will compete against gymnasts from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

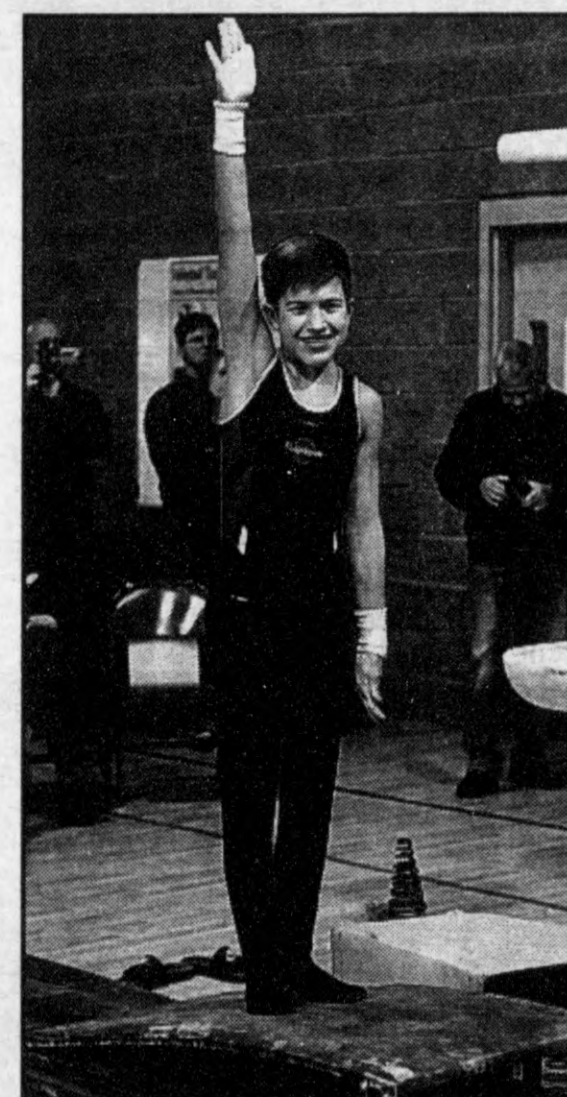
"I am excited by nervous," Sawyer admitted, adding he doesn't know how many competitors will be there.

No matter how many gymnasts are there he will stick to focusing on his routines and blocks out everyone else.

Sawyer joined gymnastics when he was 5-years-old.

Lisa explained the family moved around the country quite a bit when he was younger.

"We were living in Kentucky in a



Sawyer Haiss

temporary condo and he was just bouncing off the walls," she said. "I decided to try him in something he could burn off some of his energy. It progress from there."

Sawyer added he enjoys it because he likes to flip around.

His advice to aspiring athletes is hard work and dedication pays off.

"If you really want to get something practice it over and over," he said. "You will eventually get it. Don't give up."



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Lady Kickers open season with boost in first half

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team opened the season with a 2-0 loss at home against Midland Dow, March 28.

"Overall I was really delighted with the way they played," said Damian Huffer, head coach. "We just didn't get the result their performance deserved. Midland only and three shots on target and scored twice. We probably had 15."

The Lady Wolves had a few close opportunities in the first half including one

from junior Elle Vondette as she broke out of Clarkston's turf and into Midland Dow's territory. She took a shot on the net with it stopped by the goalie.

With nine minutes to go in the half, senior Chrysoula Kondyles made another attempt for Clarkston and it missed its mark going to the side.

"The second half was a little bit more even," said Huffer. "Based on really having a full week of practice outdoors to work on

things - it was a really good performance based on what we were able to achieve."

Midland Dow scored twice in the second half to win the game.

Huffer added it will be a fun season to watch especially for his first season at the helm.

"About 80-90 percent of the girls have played for me at some point," he said, adding it makes it a smooth transition not just for him but the players. "They already understand how I want to play. I try to coach to every player in the system - get everybody

involved in the game. Everybody attacks and everybody defends."

He added some of his goals include putting the fun back into soccer and being as competitive as possible.

Look for more about the season in an upcoming edition of *The Clarkston News*.

The Lady Wolves come back from break with two away games as they head to Oxford on Tuesday and Royal Oak on Thursday, April 13. JV begins a 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price



Anna Lebourdais and Katie Schrei block Midland Dow from closing in on the net during the first half of the Lady Wolves game on March 28. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

EASTER BRUNCH

Seatings At 11:00 AM & 1:30 PM

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Sunday April 16th

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The Wolves descend on Depot Road led by members of the Clarkston High School Color Guard and Marching Band. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

A fine day for a championship parade

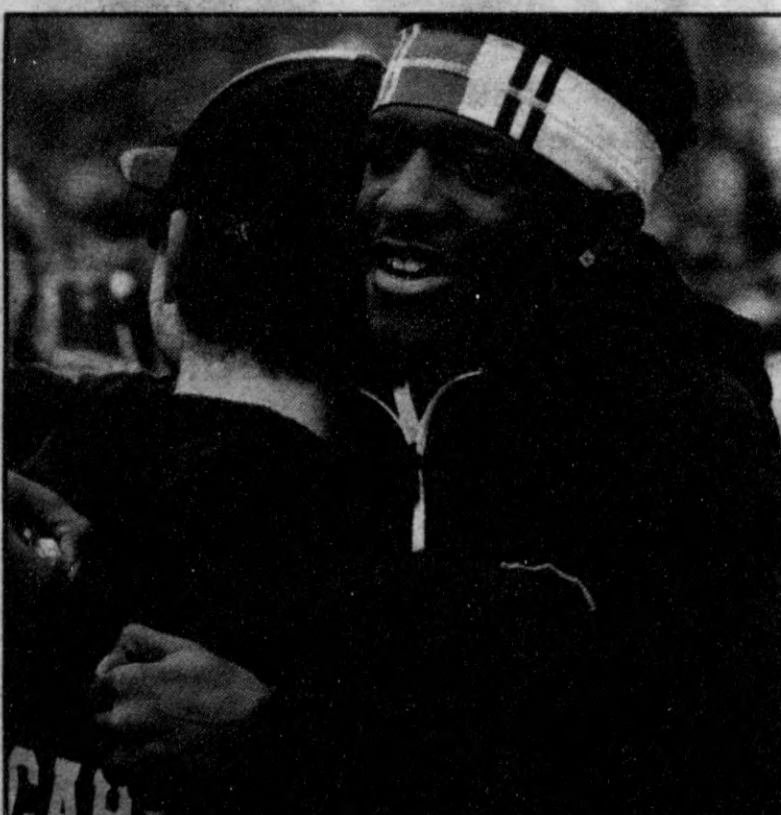
It was an afternoon of smiles and hugs as the community came out for the Clarkston Boys Basketball State Champs Victory Parade and Celebration, March 29.

Before the parade kicked off Dan Fife, long time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball and former player, shared a few words.

"I want to thank all of you for your support," he said to everyone gathered in Depot Park. "To look up in the bleachers on the day of the game and see 90 percent of

Clarkston there was such a thrill and excitement for the players. It's a great town, a great community. We couldn't have done it without your support. I am so happy we can give Clarkston another championship."

Guests shared kind words during the ceremony including Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock, Clarkston Athletic Director Jeff Kosin, Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul, Clarkston Mayor Steve Percival, Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle, State Representative Jim Tedder, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Fox Sports Detroit Personality Mickey York.



Junior Demond Mills-Bradley hugs Jeff Cahn on his way to the gazebo.



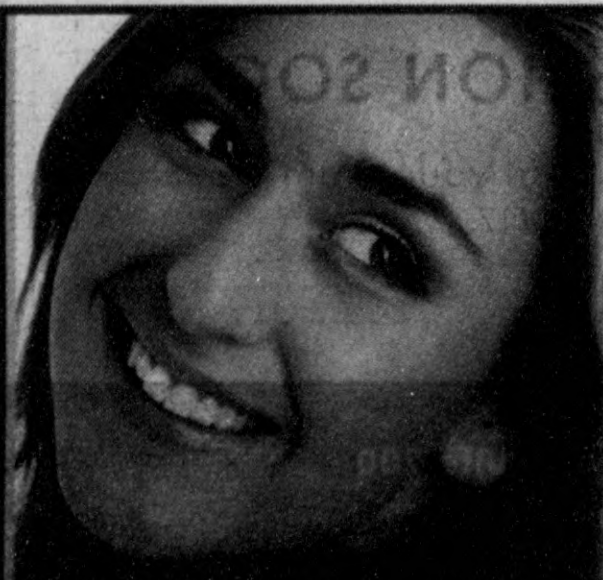
Dan Fife smiles as he holds up one of the many proclamations announcing March 29 as Clarkston Wolves Day.



Junior Tieler Houston shares high fives with Clarkston fans in the crowd as the Wolves walk to the gazebo.



Violet and Zinnia Hallman make their way through Depot Park to see the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team.



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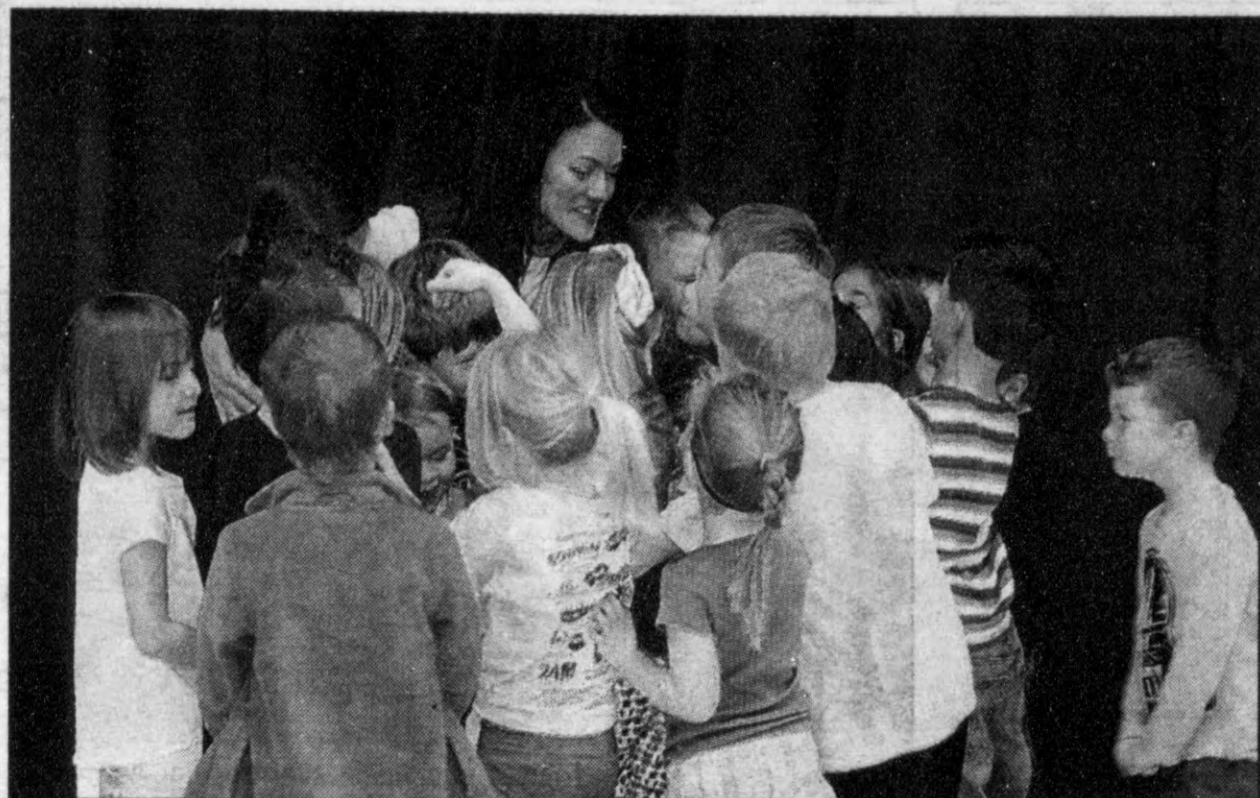
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Meredith Copland's students gather to congratulate their teacher.

Teacher of the year countywide

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the Oakland Schools Education Foundation.

For Copland, it also included the morning off for some breakfast in town for her and her family.

"I think it's incredible. I'm very, very proud of her," said Scot Copland, her husband, who brought their kids to the event. "She works hard. It's good she gets recognized for her hard work."

"This is wonderful - I'm so happy," said Helen Michaelson, her mother. "I knew she was a great teacher - she always wanted to be one. I'm so very proud of her."

Principal Glenn Gualtieri and Bailey Lake staff organized the surprise presentation for about a week.

"We were trying to keep it under wraps," Gualtieri said. "We thought, what can I do to get everyone down here?"

The superintendent's book-reading idea took care of that.

"No one questions when he says he's coming," the principal said. "This is awesome, well deserved."

"I'm really happy for Meredith. She's such a wonderful teacher and person," Rock said. "This may be the first time for Clarkston at the county level. I'm happy they recognize the great people we have here."

For the ruse, the superintendent brought "The Fifth Discipline," a business management book by MIT senior lecturer Peter Senge. With more than 400 pages, he told the young students they were going to be there for awhile.

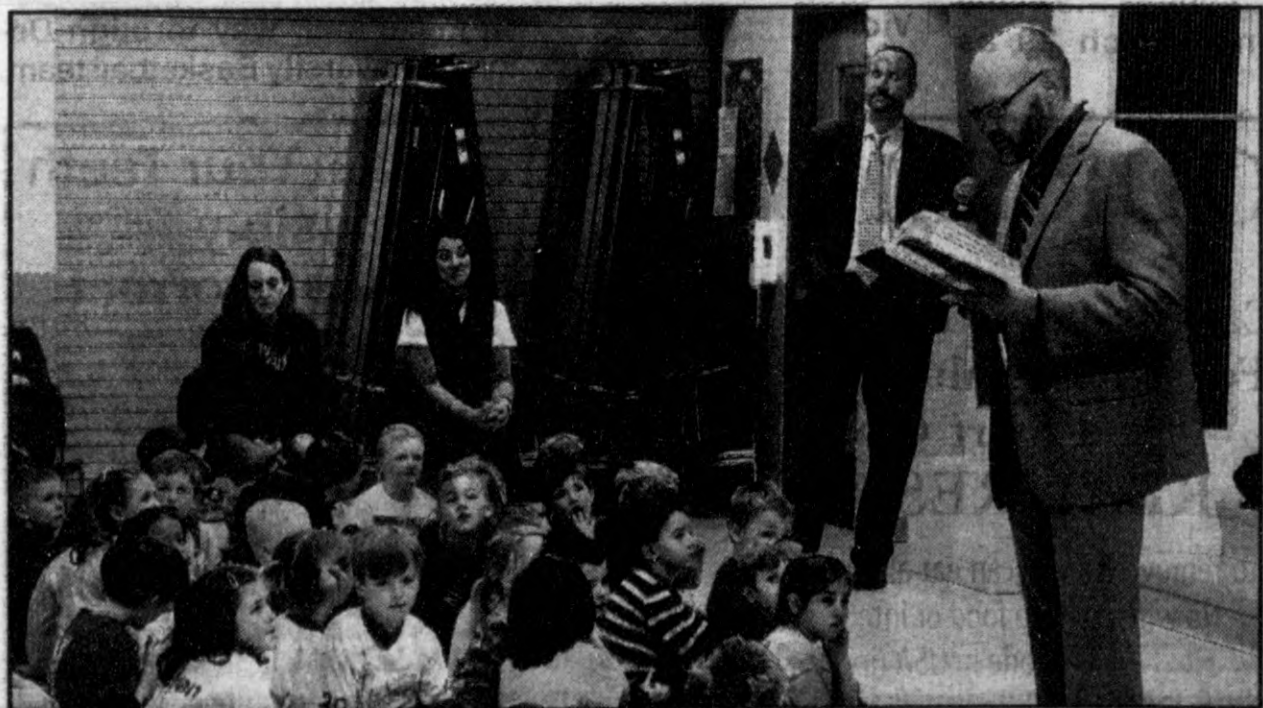
"We'll break for lunch then come back and read some more," Rock said.

Copland didn't bat an eye, keeping watch on her class of students for whom MIT might be something in which to catch a baseball.

"He was being funny as always," she said. "I was just getting ready for one of his stories."

The recipients will be honored at an Oakland Schools event on May 4.

Copland, who has been a Clarkston teacher since 1999, was awarded the 2016 Clarkston Teacher of the Year award last June by the Clarkston Foundation.



Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock sets the stage for the surprise award presentation with a bit of light reading. Photos by Phil Custodio

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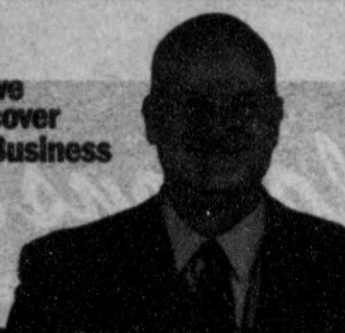
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Early college

An early college program is coming to Clarkston High School next year, and the Board of Education approved the program's model at their March 27 meeting.

Students enrolled in the program would take four college classes at the high school their junior and senior years, and at least eight classes at University of Michigan-Flint during their fifth year in addition to a math or math-related course for high school credit.



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Olivia Maday, second place, discusses what the world gains from optimism.



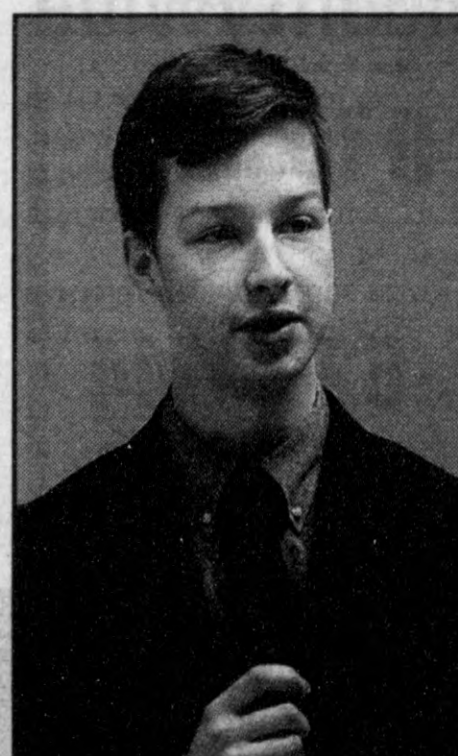
First place winner Heather Burrum, earning a spot at the area competition, talks about how optimism multiplies exponentially in a chain of kindness.

Power of optimism

Clarkston Area Optimists Club honored the winners of its 2017 Oratorical Contest with awards and breakfast at their March 22 meeting.

Winning awards for their speeches about the power of optimism were Heather Burrum, Gold; Olivia Maday, Silver; Jillian Haas, Bronze; Alexander Gavulic, Gold; Nathan Dimmer, Silver; and Austin Burrum, Bronze.

The gold winners advance to the area level of competition.



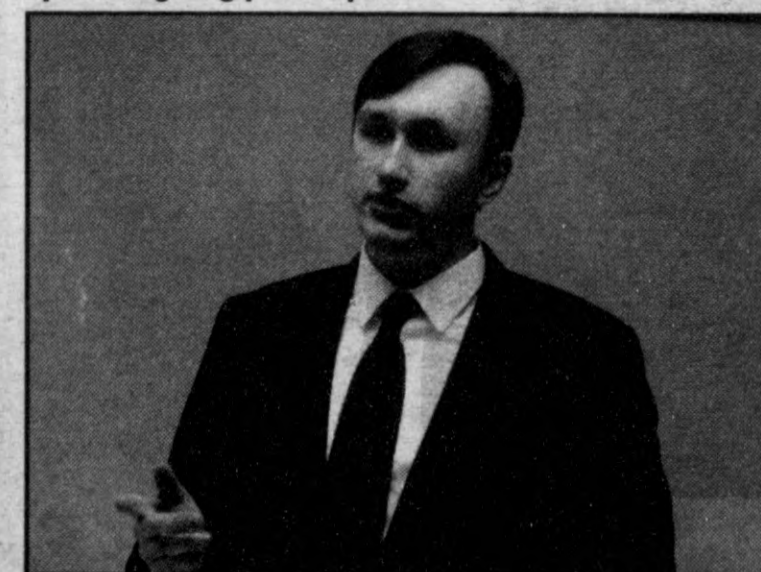
Austin Burrum, third place, talks about how optimism assists in the search for the best possible outcomes.



Jathan Dimmer, second place, speaks about hard work and optimism giving you the power to succeed.



Third place winner Jillian Haas speaks about the power of optimism throughout history.



First place winner Alexander Gavulic talks about how optimism leads to cooperation and enlightenment, survival of the kindest, and united and improved communities around the world.



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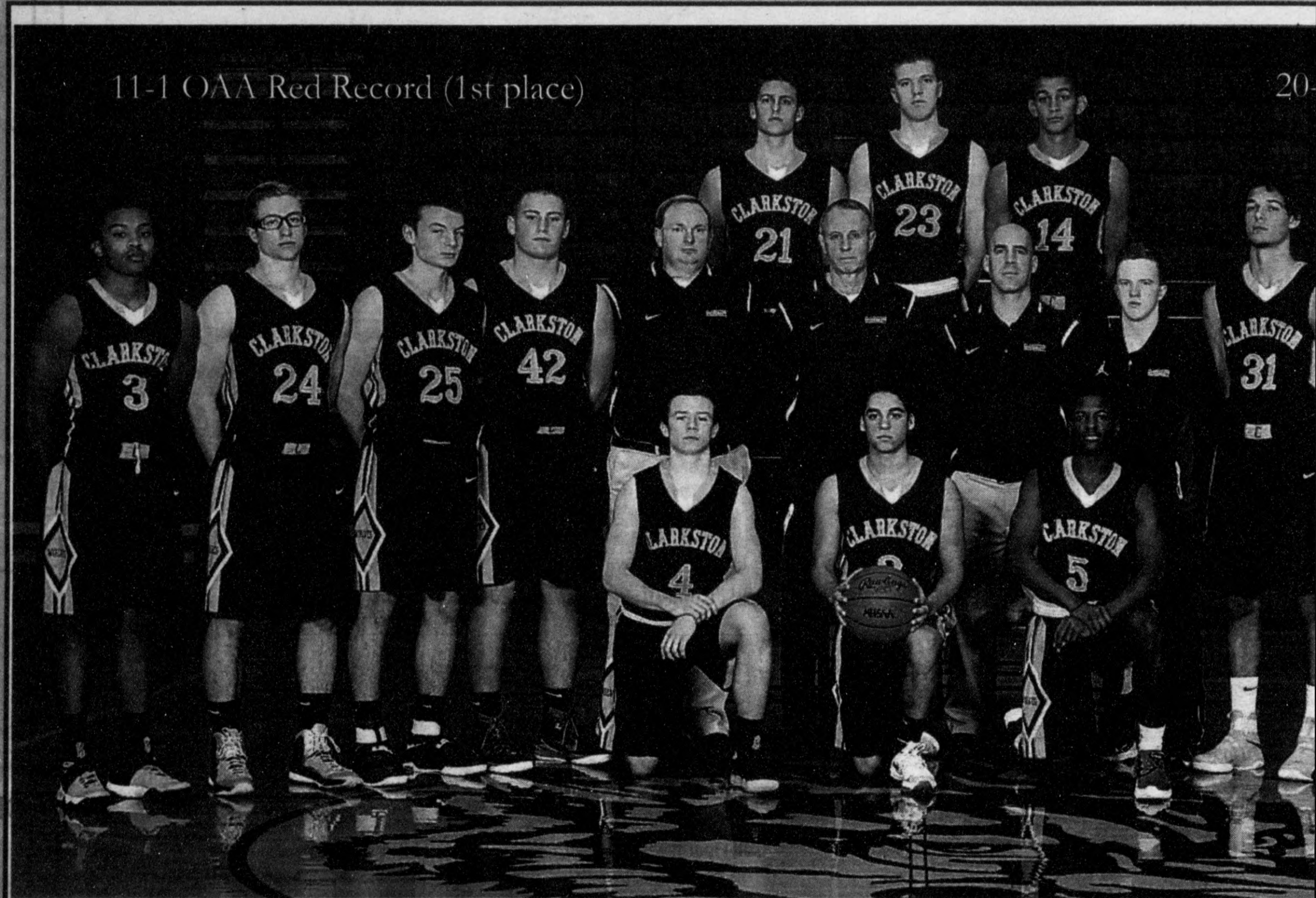
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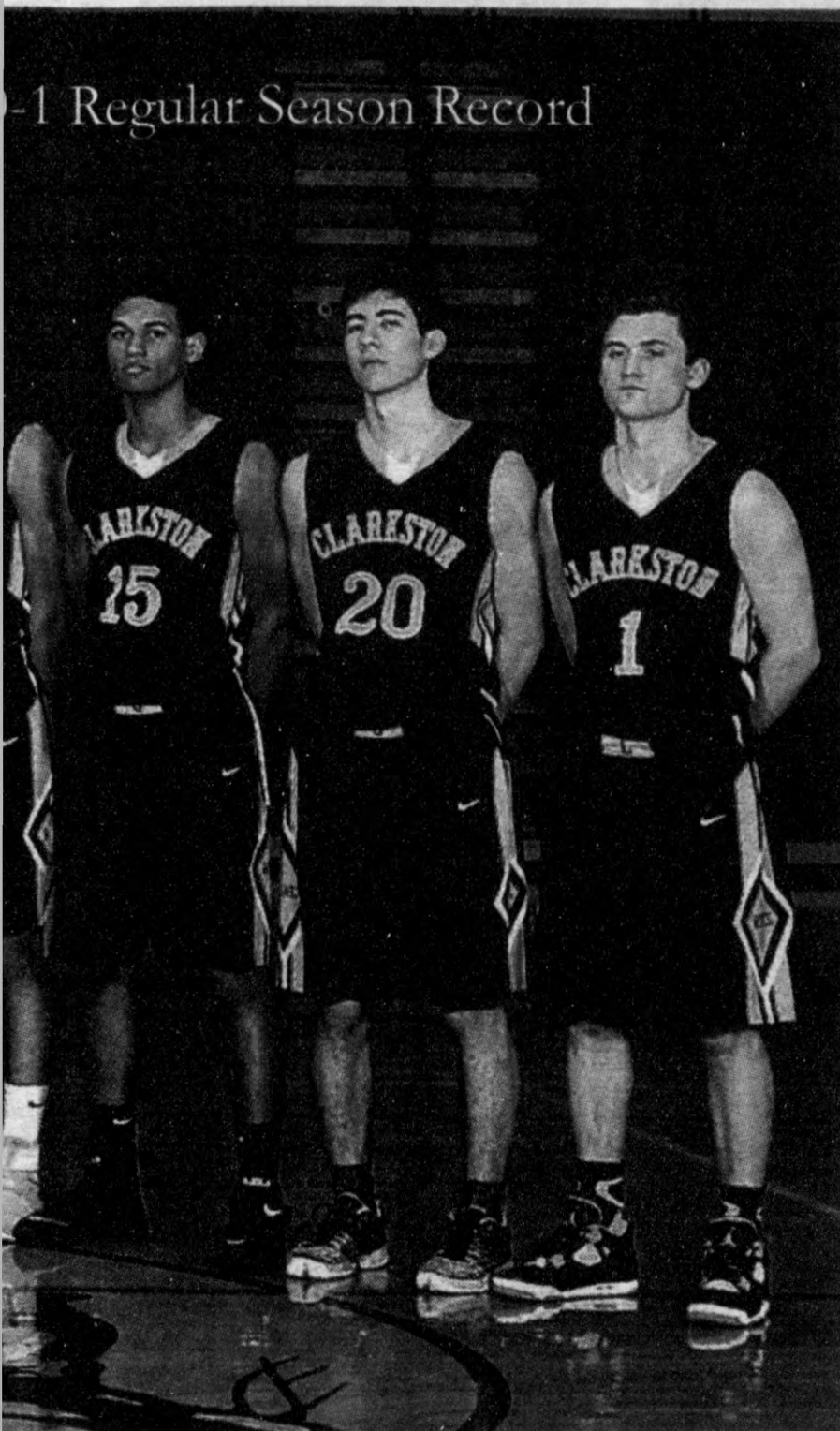
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- 5 Tristen Mysen, Jr. Forward
- 13 Demond Mills-Bradley, Jr., Guard
- 14 Max Anderson, Jr., Guard
- 15 Tieler Houston, Jr., Guard
- 20 John Chrenka, Sr., Guard
- 21 Dylan Alderson, Sr., Guard
- 23 Taylor Currie, So., Forward/Center
- 24 Raymond Pistonetti, Sr., Guard

- 25 Nicholas Wells, Jr., Guard
- 31 Chase Wasilk, Jr., Forward
- 43 Stewart Newblatt, Jr., Forward/Center

Head Coach: Dan Fife (677-169/35 years)

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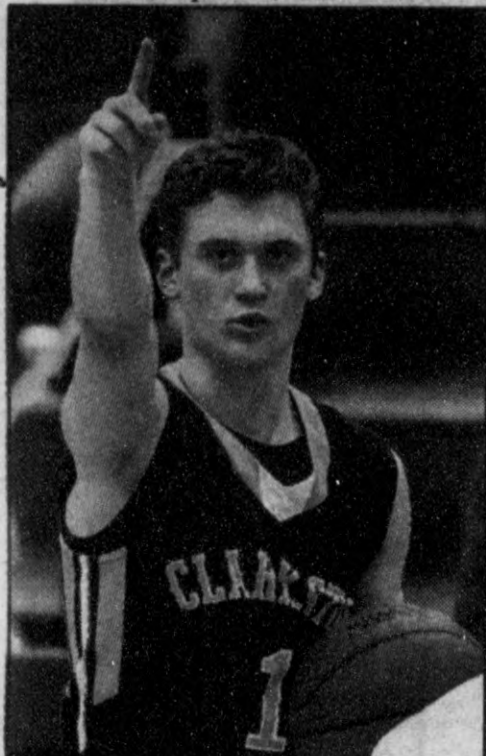
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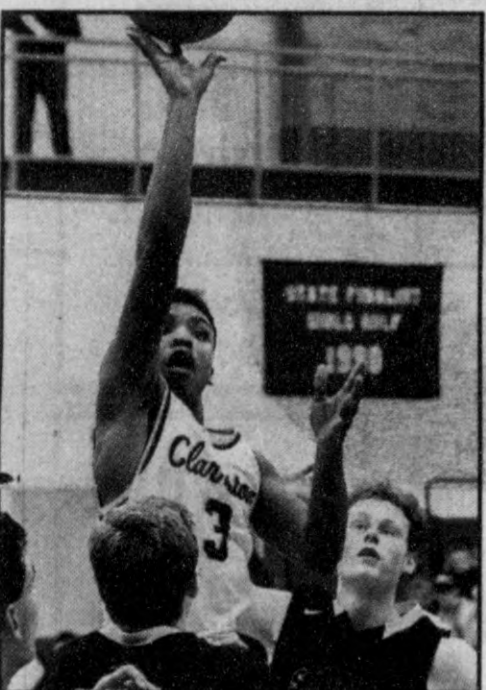
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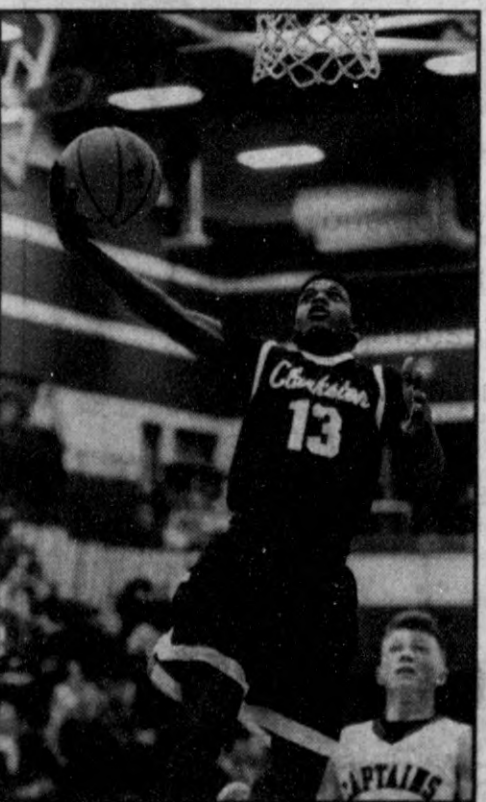
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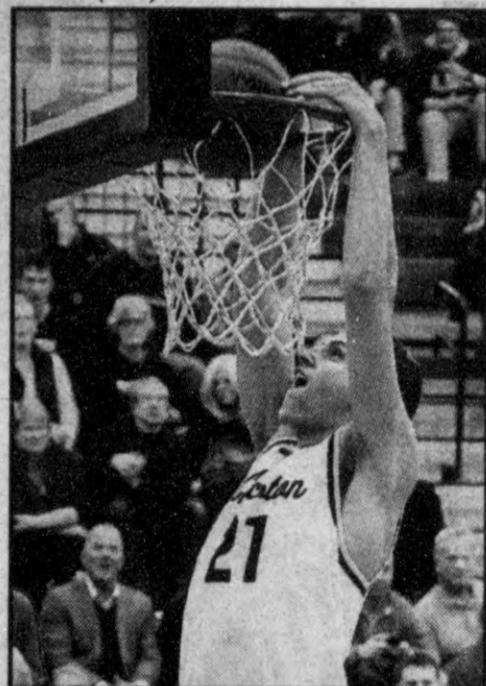
Foster Loyer signals to his teammates in the Wolves' season opener against Lake Orion which ended in a 68-38 win. Photos by Larry Wright



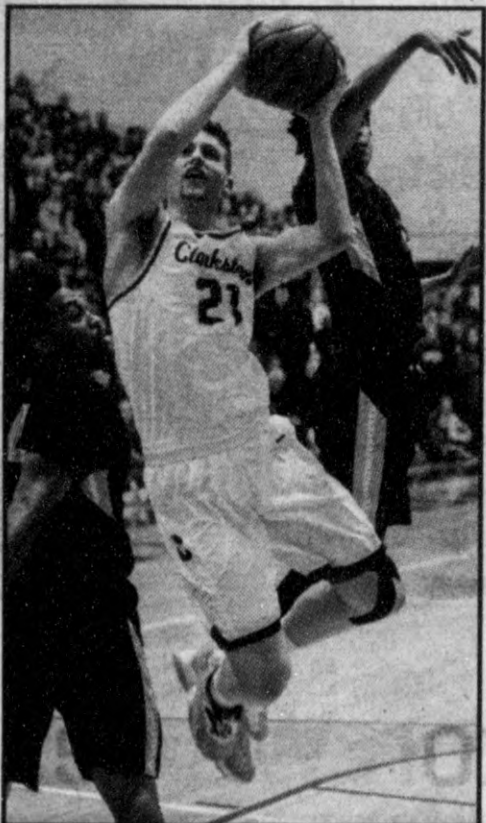
CJ Robinson reaches to score against Stoney Creek during the regional finals.



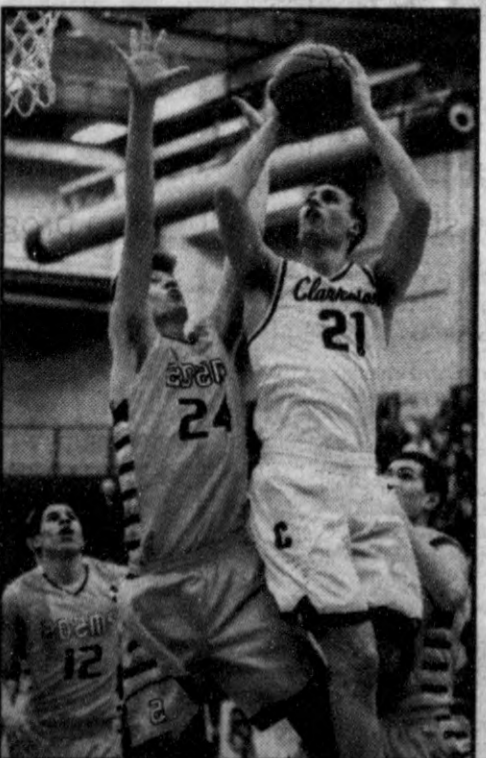
Demond Mills-Bradley jumps high as the Wolves post a 65-7 win over Waterford Kettering for the district title.



Dylan Alderson dunks the ball in the Wolves' 67-43 victory over Walled Lake Western, Jan. 6.



Dylan Alderson helps the Wolves break out of quarterfinals as he scores 21 points against Saginaw.



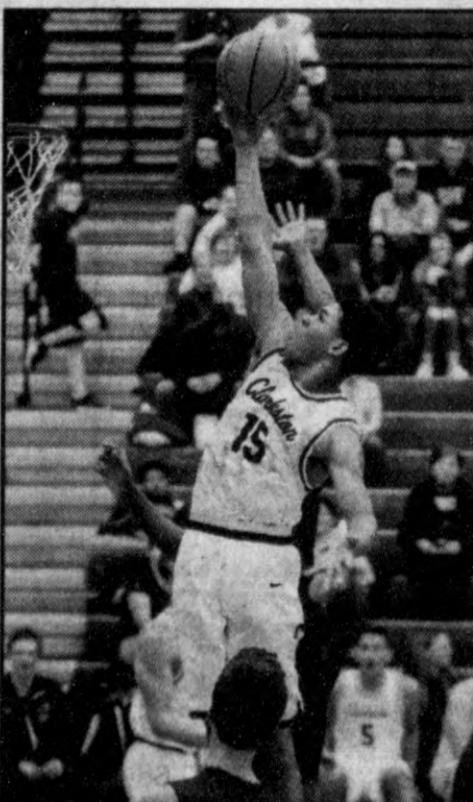
Dylan Alderson closes his final game at Clarkston High School as the boys post a 76-37 win over Rochester Adams.



During a time out at Bloomfield Hills the Wolves use the few moments for a plan.

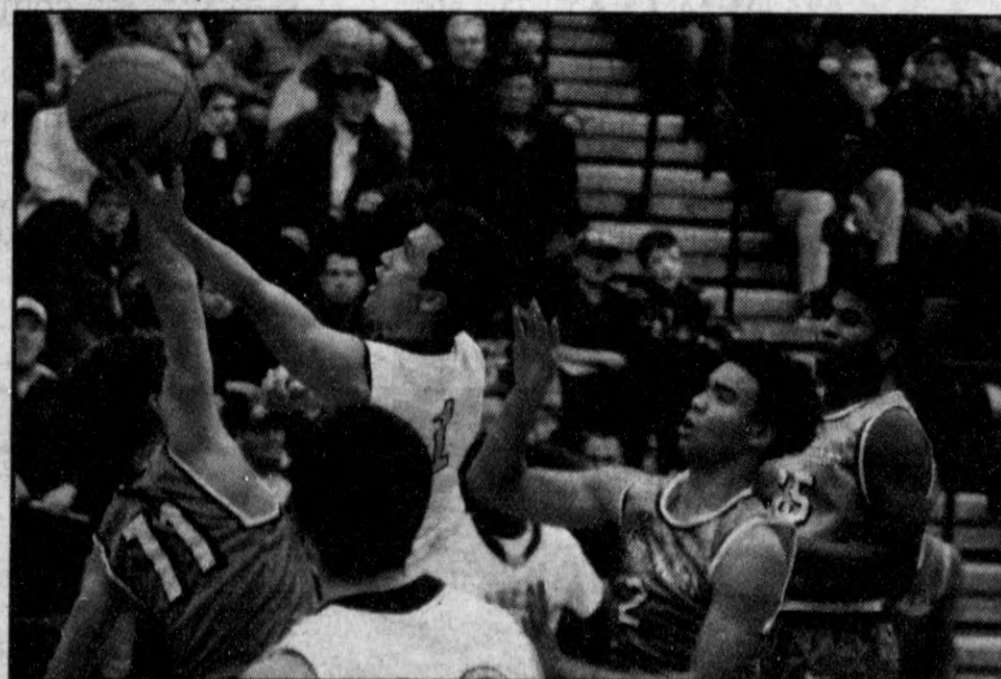


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Tieler Houston jumps to score at home.

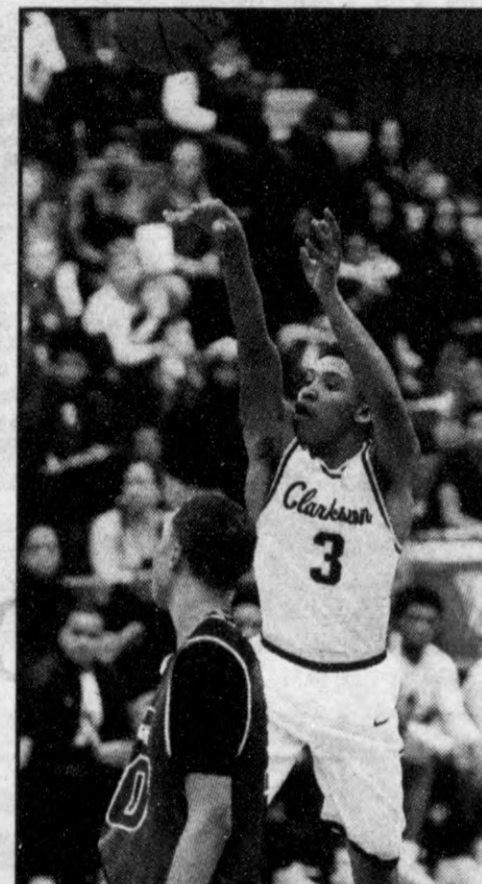
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Foster Loyer scores as Clarkston posts a 100-90 win over Ann Arbor Skyline before their holiday break in December.



Taylor Currie stays out of North Farmington's reach in the boys 66-41 win.



CJ Robinson shoots against Southfield A&T in the Wolves' lone loss in the season, Feb. 17.




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Blood drive, American Red Cross, April 11, 2-7:45 p.m., St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road; April 30, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

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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.

Around Town

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



State Representative Jim Tedder reads to students at Clarkston Elementary. Photo provided

Fostering a love for reading

State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston read to 10 elementary schools to celebrate March is Reading Month, including Clarkston Elementary.

Every year, schools across Michigan use this opportunity during the month of March to emphasize the importance of reading.

As a former schoolteacher, Rep. Tedder al-

ways enjoys coming back to schools and interacting with students.

"Fostering a lifelong love of reading is one of the most important things you can do for a child," Rep. Tedder said. He read "Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum" by Michigan author Lisa Wheeler.

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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.

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.

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Clarkston Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, north of I-75, www.clarkstonoptimist.org

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

Coffee and Conversation, Thursdays quarterly, April 27, July 27, 10:30 a.m., Bartsch Hall, senior center in Clintonwood Park. Moderator, Tom Stone. All invited. \$1 donation for coffee.

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

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Big Boy restaurant, 6644 Dixie Highway. 248-802-8603.

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

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

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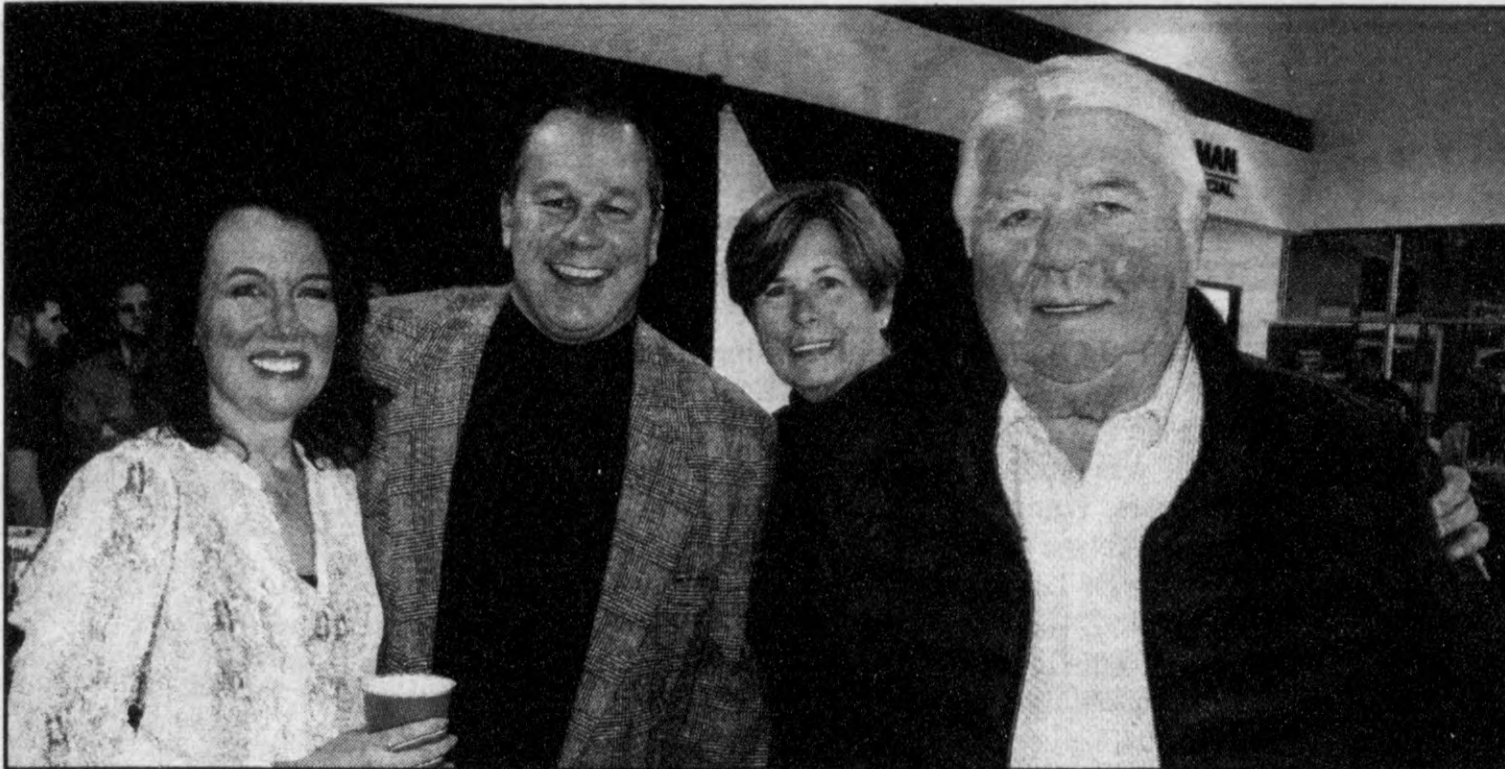
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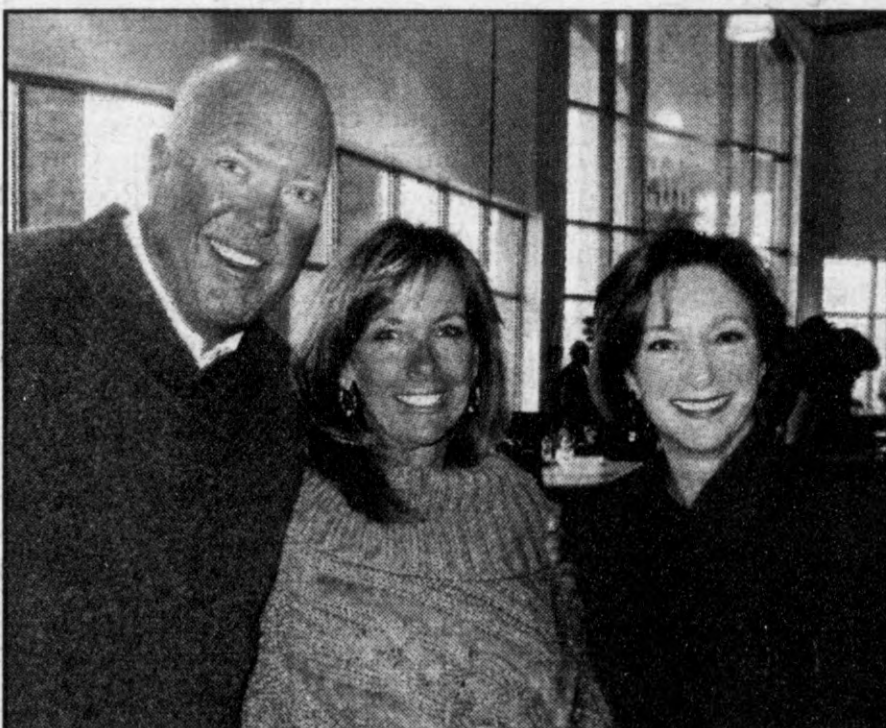




Heather and Grant Smith and Sue and John Welker enjoy the local food, beverages, and entertainment at Spring into Action.



Local church leaders including pastors Daniel Whiting, Chris Horvath, and Greg Henneman are key partners in the group.



Scott and Shelly Thams, and Leslie Welbourn help the community at the fundraiser.

Spring into Action

Local volunteers, supporters, and members of the community rallied to help My Habitat Clarkston at the inaugural Spring Into Action fundraiser, March 25, at Bowman Auto Center.

My Habitat Clarkston is a grassroots movement of Clarkston-area residents, community organizations, churches and businesses building homes and providing services for those in need.

My Habitat Clarkston joins other community groups in the Spring Community Impact Weekend, April 29-30, working on volunteer projects throughout the area. For more information, call 248-625-1323 and ask to speak to the Community Impact team, and check www.impact-weekend.org.



From left, Clarkston Cultural Arts members Aimee Baker and Denyse Loveless Couture, with Julie Nemeth, marketing volunteer for My Habitat Clarkston.



Community leaders from business, government, churches, and neighborhoods gathered for My Habitat Clarkston. Photos by Phil Custodio

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Death notices & Obituaries

Elmer G. Barnes, 98

Elmer G. Barnes of Saginaw, formerly of
Davisburg, passed away March 31, 2017, at
age 98.

He was preceded in death by his wife of
69 years, Laurene. He was the father of
Adrian (Nancy) and Eugene (Eleonora);
grandpa of David (Lisa), Scott, Matthew
(Elizabeth) and Samuel (Chloe); Great
Grandpa of Claire and Joshua; preceded in
death by siblings Irene Christie, Rose Semple
and Otto Barnes.

Barney retired from the Department of
Army in 1970 and retired as maintenance
supervisor for Clarkston Schools in 1981.

He was a member of Calvary Lutheran
Church.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint &
Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Thursday, 3-
5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service, Friday 10
a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, Clarkston.
Interment, Friday, 2 p.m. at Cadillac Memorial
Gardens East. Memorials may be made to
Calvary Lutheran Church. Online
guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Diane Hennessy, 64

Barbara Diane Hennessy, 64, of Clarkston
and formerly of Lake Orion passed away on
March 30, 2017.

She was preceded in
death by her husband
Michael Hennessy in
2012, parents Mike and
Joan Miller, and her
siblings Jim Miller,
Susan (Nate) Kean, and
Chris Miller. She is
survived by her children
Andrea (Charlie)
Romines, Matthew

(Laura) Hennessy, and she was the devoted
Me-maw to Makena and Ashley Romines
and Joshua Hennessy as well as siblings
Cathy (John) Mathers, Sharon (Kevin)
Whitehill, Linda (Jim) Szablinski, Joyce (Kip)
Miles, Walter Miller and Nicole (Jason)
Beaudette.

A memorial will be held at Pilgrim
Congregational Church 3061 North Adams
Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 at 12
p.m. on Saturday, April 8, with light
refreshments to follow. In lieu of flowers, the
family requests that donations be made to
Bethany Christian Adoption Services 901
Eastern Ave. NE P.O. Box 294 Grand Rapids,
MI 49501.

James S. Tinson, 83

James S. Tinson, "Jim," of Waterford
passed away March 29, 2017, at age 83.

He was the loving
husband of Jean for 60
years; beloved father of
Dawn Stoutenburg, Jim
Tinson and Steven
(Lisa) Tinson; proud
grandpa of Jenna (John
Kroll) Stoutenburg,
Cassie (Ross Nickels)
Stoutenburg and
Jessye Tinson;

cherished great grandpa of Angela and
Kegan Collins; dear brother of Pat (Gay)
Tinson, Joe (Shirley) Tinson, Sue (Tubb)
Berridge, Sandy (Ray) DeGrow, Sally (late
Tom) Hoolihan, Don (Debbie) Hutchings and
Jack (Barb) Hutchings; also survived by
many loving nieces, nephews, extended
family and friends.

Jim retired from the Oakland County Road
Commission but he was most proud of
owning Tinson Tax Service for over 50 years.

Memorial Mass was April 1 at Our Lady
of the Lakes Catholic Church,
Waterford. Private Inurnment Great Lakes
National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers,
memorials may be made to Our Lady of the
Lakes Catholic School. Arrangements
entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral
Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbookwww.
wintfuneralhome.com

Phyllis E. Daigle, 78

Phyllis E. Daigle of Clarkston passed away
unexpectedly March 31, 2017, at age 78.

She was the wife of
Ralph for 54 years;
mother of Robyn
(Dennis) Frantz, Jeff
(Denise), Keith (Tina),
Renee (Doug) Kotula,
Paula (John Wiitanen)
Daigle; grandma/nema
of Kaitlyn, Nathan,
Kylie, Brittnee, Isabella,
Danielle (Caleb),
Sydney, Marisa, Adrianna; sister of Lee
(Gloria) Alati, Fred (Diane) Alati, Angie (late
James) Stafford; sister in law of Lloyd, late
Tim (Pat), Sharon, Mike (Betsy); many
nieces, nephews, cousins.

Friends may visit at **Lewis E. Wint & Son
Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Friday, April 7,
2017, from 3-6 p.m., concluding with a
Celebration of Life Service. Online
guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Obituaries posted daily
at Clarkstonnews.com

Helen Marie Sakalian, 88

Helen Marie Sakalian of Clarkston and Plantation Key, Fla., passed away March 30, 2017, at age 88.

She was the loving wife of 51 years to the late Hrand "Moose" Sakalian; dear mother of Harold (Michele) Sakalian, Jacquelyn (John) Judge, Joseph Sakalian, Mary (the late Al) Peterson, Philip (Kelly) Sakalian, Martin (Lori) Sakalian, Leo (Angela) Sakalian, Sandra (John) Mulvihill and fondly loved by Mary Ann (Doug)



Schires, Joan (Joe) Rogers and Chuck (Pamela) Hoffman; sister of Audrey, Charles, Frank, John, Celia and the late Violet and Elmer; grandmother of Matthew (Ami) Sakalian, Anne (Steve) Zdankiewicz, Sandy (Jeremy) McKinnon, Martin (Danielle) Judge, Sheena (Sam) Catinella, Rachael (Mike) Zervos, and Amy Sakalian, Bill Herzfeld, Philip Jr, Daniel, Andrew, Ben (Jo Beth), Morgan, Jordan, Alexandra and Ara

Wendy McMaster, 51

Wendy McMaster passed away March 27, 2017, at age 51.

She was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Martha McMaster. Wendy was loved by many caregivers over the years. She was treated like family by the staff at Groveland Pines, Dunwoodie Home, Truax Home, Medilodge of Farmington, Redwood, Inc. and Macomb-Oakland Guardianship.

She enjoyed being "fussed over" with her hair and nails and attending workshop at Lahser III. She liked lights and action and soft rock/music from Grease. There will be no public services. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

Please leave a memory at the Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Students achieve success

Evan Borgerson, a student at Clarkston Junior High School, won the Silver Medal and special recognition on the Presidential Honor Roll for outstanding performance on the 2016 Naonal German Exam for High School Students.

Borgerson, a student of Veronica Trapani, German teacher at Clarkston Junior High and Sashabaw Middle School, scored in the 85th percenle on the Level 2 2017 Naonal German Exam, sponsored by the American Associaon of Teachers of German.

Grand Valley State University students who graduated at the conclusion of the Fall 2016 semester in December include Clarkston residents **Morgan N. Addis**, BS; **Laura L. Ayoub**, BA; **Shannon L. Brisse**, BA; **Alicia T. Chiasson**, MSW, MPA;

Sakalian, Maria, John, Anna and Meaghan Mulvihill; great-grandmother of Stevenson and Madeline Sakalian, Grace, Avery and Lily Zdankiewicz, Emilia, Elena and Olivia Catinella, Jack and Maggie McKinnon, Leightyn and Ryer Sakalian and Caleb Judge and his mother Chelsea. She is resting in heaven with her cherished Grandson Robert Judge.

Mrs. Sakalian was born in Detroit where she met her loving husband Moose. Together they raised 11 children and later retired in the Florida Keys and Bellaire where they spent their happiest days in the places they both called paradise. She was a devoted homemaker and dearly loved her family. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral Mass was April 3 at St. Perpetua Catholic Church, Waterford. Celebrant Father Jack Baker. Rosary Service was April 2 at **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Lighthouse North. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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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.

Connor M. Corbin, BS; **Andrew T. Heuerman**, BS; **Sarah L. Hurd**, BA; **Danielle N. Johnson**, BA; **Tyler R. Joyce**, BS; **Olivia C. Lohmeier**, BS; **Mason L. Porritt**, BBA; and **Lindsay R. Viviano**, MPA and Davisburg residents **Dylan L. Runions**, BS; and **Brett R. Trantham**, BBA.

Lauren Suna of Clarkston, an Emerging Media major, was named to the Dean's List in Ithaca College's School of Humanities and Sciences for the fall 2016 semester.

Kaitlyn Cavallo of Clarkston has been included on the dean's list for the fall semester at Lake Superior State University. Cavallo is majoring in Nursing at LSSU. She is the daughter of Rhonda and Mark Cavallo of Clarskton, and is active in cross country and track.

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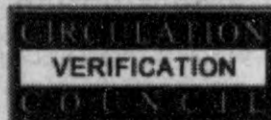
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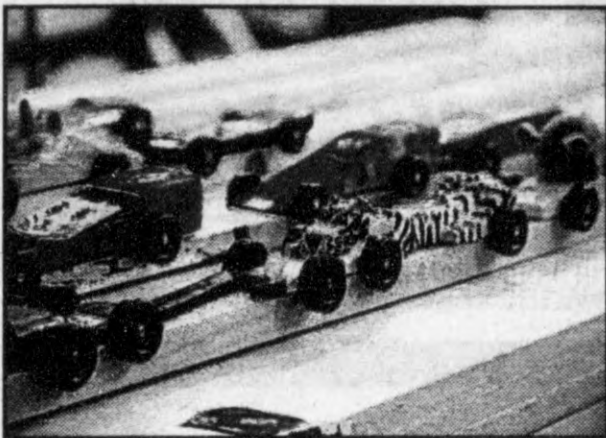
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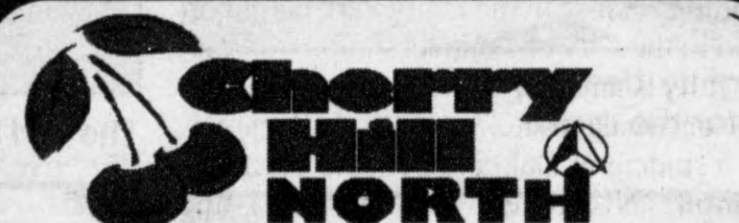


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From left, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest Dean Chuck Locklear; and Clarkston students Will Arnold and Austin Beckman. Photo provided

Students learn skills, help neighborhood

Eight Clarkston students are hard at work building a house in the Unity Park neighborhood in the City of Pontiac.

"It feels amazing to have the opportunity to be on a real job site," said Austin Beckman, 17, a student at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest (OSTC NW) and Clarkston High School. "I'm very excited to be able to use my skills on this build."

"Students must get through their core construction technology classes before coming onto a job site," said Chuck Locklear, OSTC NW dean. "Over the years, Oakland Schools has worked on 12 different houses in this neighborhood, and we are thrilled to

be back."

Oakland Schools construction technology students from nine school districts, also including Rochester, Lake Orion, Oxford, Avondale, Pontiac, Holly, Brandon and Waterford, started work on March 27.

This project gives students construction skills first-hand, while becoming an important part of the effort to rebuild one of Pontiac's oldest neighborhoods. It's a partnership with Community Housing Network, a nonprofit organization providing housing and housing resources for vulnerable residents of Southeast Michigan, and managed by West Construction Services.

State considering change to Labor Day law for all

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through Monday, Jan. 8. Mid-winter break will be Feb. 19 and 20, and spring break will be Friday, March 30, to Friday, April 6, over Easter.

The calendar is pending Clarkston Education Association (CEA) ratification. The CEA expected to get the results back on Friday, March 31.

Trustee Cheryl McGinnis said the Michigan Legislature is also discussing rescinding the statute for schools to start after Labor Day all together.

"I see this as a positive thing for our students," McGinnis said. "I understand there are some families who have vacations and stuff planned, and I really appreciate the administration working with those families to make sure those student needs are taken care of. I think that moving forward this is a win-win both for the district and how we have to manage our manpower and the cost of our manpower and what's good

for our kids."

The state Senate Committee on Education voted for legislation allowing school districts to begin classes before Labor Day, March 28.

"The bill does not change the state's yearly requirement of 180 school days; it would just allow school districts the freedom to create a schedule that best meets their needs," said state Sen. Marty Knollenberg, the bill's sponsor.

Under current state law, school districts can't begin classes before Labor Day weekend, unless, like Clarkston, they get a waiver. Senate Bill 271 would modify the law to allow schools to open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in August, allowing schools to start before Labor Day weekend, but also maintaining the section prohibiting classes on Monday or Friday in August.

The bills have been referred back to the full Senate for consideration.

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