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In this week's edition

Wit and words

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Get ready for laughs and fun as the Clarkston High School Drama Club presents "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," April 27-29.

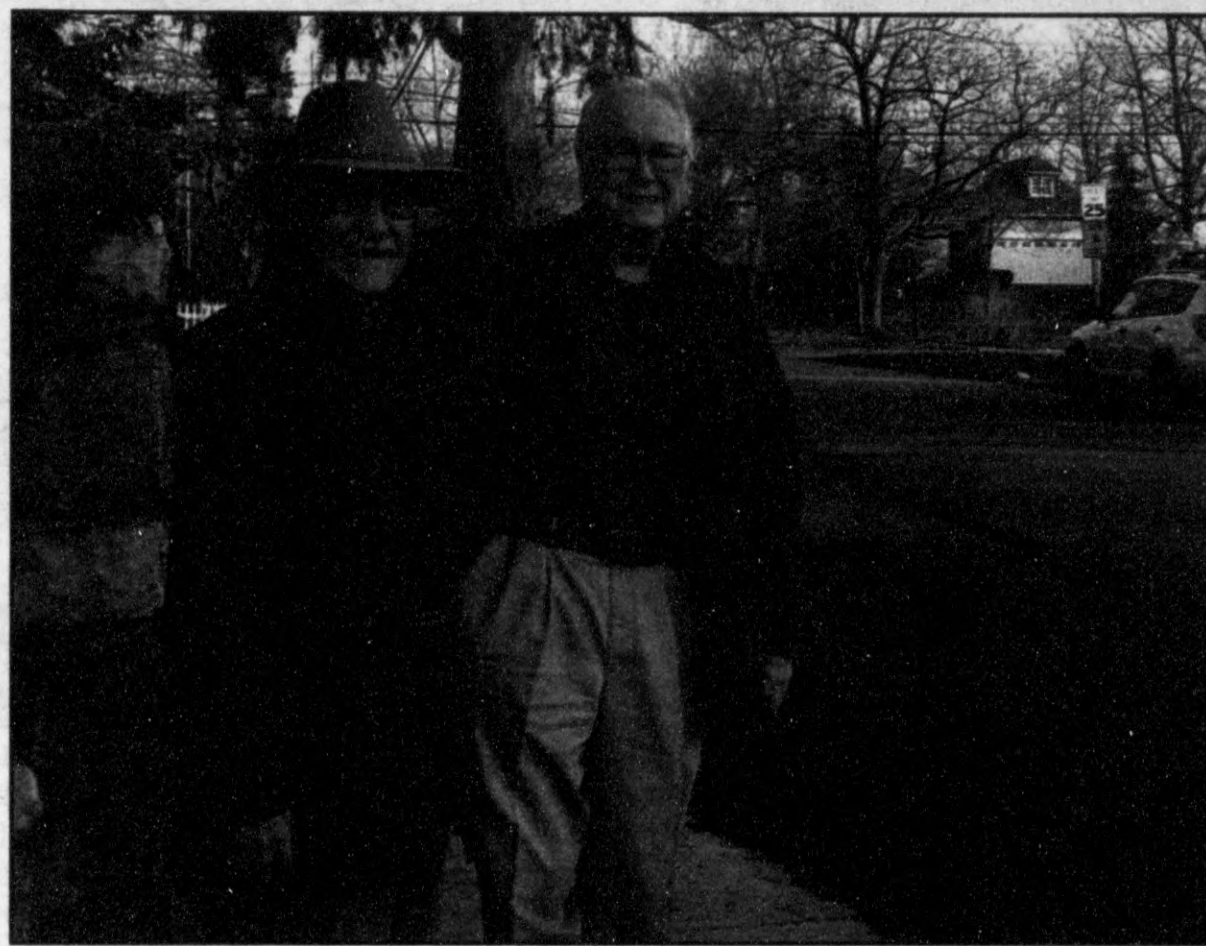
The musical comedy follows six kids battling to be named the Spelling Bee champion, and three adults. It also includes four audience members who get their chance in the spelling bee.

"It is filled with many funny moments," said Brendan Carter, who plays William Barfee. "He is a person who doesn't have a lot of manners. He is quite gross as a person. It has always been his dream to win the spelling bee, but he has

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Lucas Bell, playing Chip Tolentino, holds the trophy high as contestants and judges reach for it.



Charles Gray Robertson III, at right with neighbor and Clarkston genealogist Tom Stone, on Robertson Court, named after his family. Photo by Phil Custodio

The 'Gangs' of Clarkston

Sixth in a series on the families who helped build Clarkston and the descendants who still live here, carrying on their legacy.

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Gangs roamed the streets of Clarkston when Charles Gray Robertson III was growing up, claiming territories around Holcomb Street, Church Street, Middle Lake, and his own Robertson Court.

"Not for anything illegal, but for spirited sporting contests," said Robertson, 81.

His great grandfather Charles Gray Robertson founded the neighborhood, but that didn't make Charles the third the leader of the local gang.

"I don't think it gave much additional

respect," he said.

But Robertson Court did give him lots of stories to share with his children and grandchildren.

"We swam a lot in Parke Lake, a beautiful clean, deep lake," he said. "As kids, we wondered how deep it was. We decided to make ourselves a diving helmet. We made it out of a galvanized steel pail. We cut a round hole in front, and taped in flashlight lens. On the other side, we made a hose connection, for a garden hose."

They used a burlap bag of rocks as ballast, with air provided by a guy on shore, pumping a tire pump as fast as he could.

"We couldn't believe how well it worked,"

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Extra costs for park project

BY JESSICA STEELEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Extra costs for electricity at Brady Lodge led to a \$3,180 project overrun.

Brady Lodge's electricity cost the township a total of \$31,763. In addition to electricity, the electrical work included dimmers for ballroom light switches, variable fan controls for ballroom switches, electrical circuits for a security system, electrical circuits and LED fixtures for the kitchen, exterior plugs and LED exterior security lighting.

"From a practical standpoint, we realized we needed more plugs, we needed more security, we needed more lighting in an effort to try to protect our assets and to provide a facility that would accommodate the types of community functions that we've always talked about," Supervisor Pat Kittle said at the April 4 Independence Township Board meeting.

The approval was a change order not currently allowed under the township's procurement policy, said Clerk Barbara Pallotta.

"We need to tighten up our procurement policy and make it more user friendly, so that we have the ability to do a change order," Pallotta said.

The board voted unanimously to approve the budget adjustment.

"I'm so excited to see this thing, when it's all done," said Trustee Rachel Loughrin.

The renovation work on Bay Court

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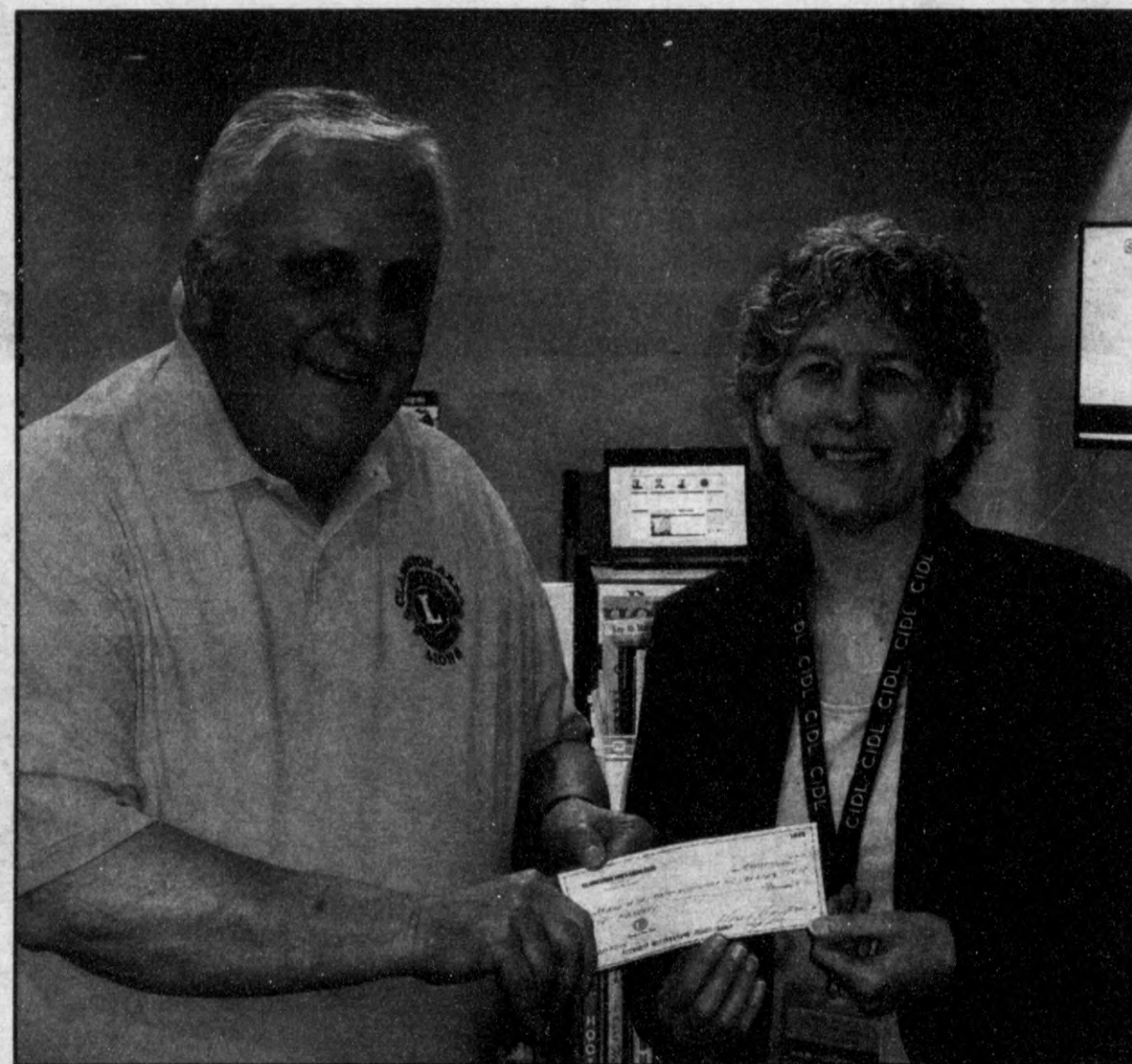
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Cindy Crandell R.N., C.N., Functional Medicine Nutritionist



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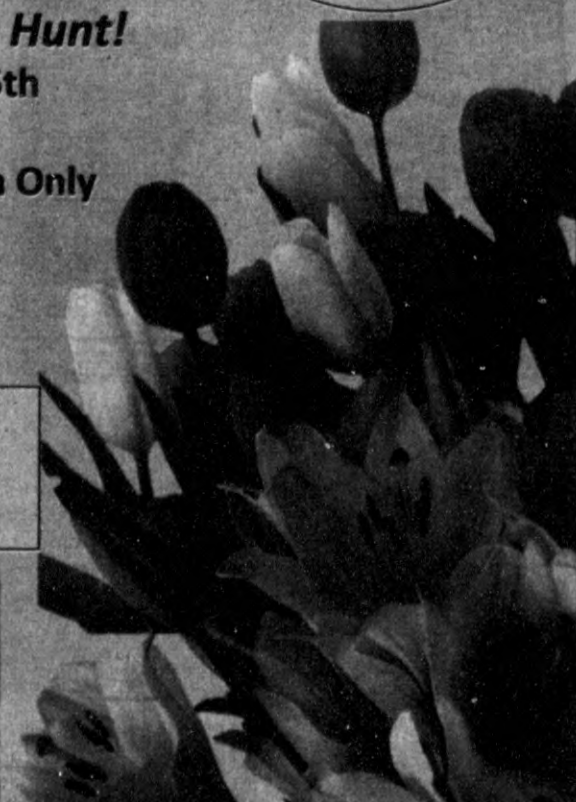
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The event includes magician and escape artist Robert Zarins from Magic and Escapes. Detroit Area Modern Mopar is bringing about 50 vendor cars, and other classic and show car owners can come for \$15 a car, with judging by corporate management.

Scott Hancock from Michigan's Best Entertainment will also host a Karoke contest, \$2 to compete.

Food will be provided by Monkey Business Concession food truck, Backyard BBQ, and a kettle corn vendor. Also there will be face painting by Face Flair, balloon artists, henna tattoo artist, Pure International Ms. Michigan, and Michigan Freelance Mascots.

On May 6 during the M-15 Heritage Route Garage Sale, the Rite Aid will rent out spaces for \$20 to the public, for craft, flea market, or garage sale items. Plans for the event include a food vendor and raffle.

For more information, call Rite Aid at 248-625-5272.

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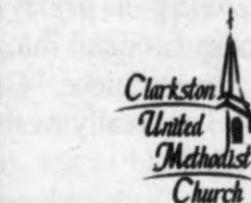
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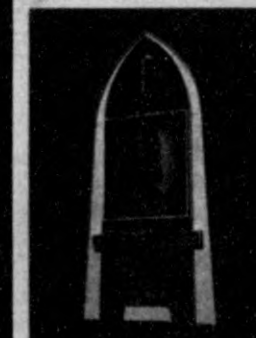
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Gold Key win for young writer

BY JESSICA STEELEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bringing together his love of writing and World War II history, Clarkston High School Senior Alexander Gavulic won a Gold Key award in the 2017 Midwest Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

"There were only a handful of kids who received these awards," Gavulic said. "It was an honor to be able to get such a prestigious award in this competition – top seven percent in the Midwest region."

The short story Gavulic wrote is a historical fiction piece about a former German WWII soldier who returns to Berlin at the end of the war and sees the destruction done to his home.

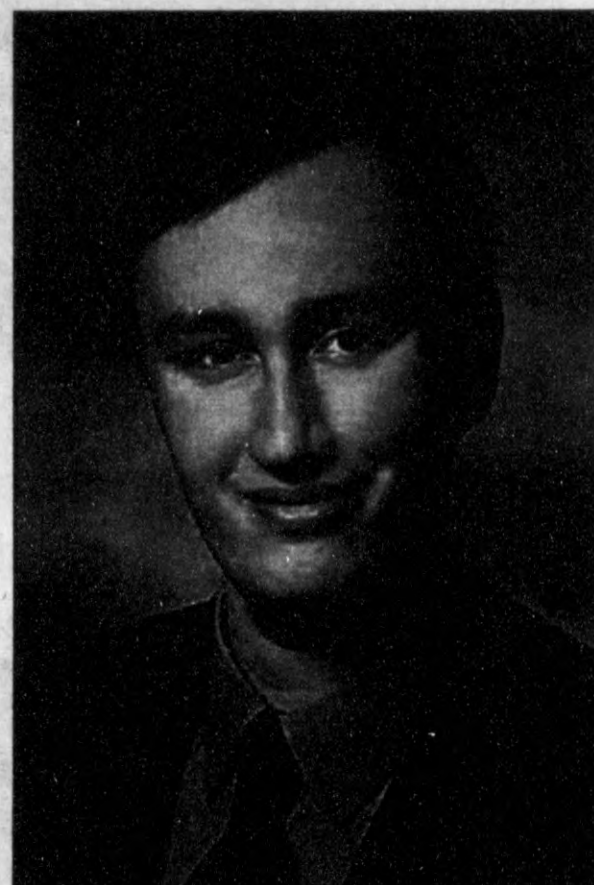
"The story really emphasizes like a change in the characters thought process," Gavulic said. "Going from a former Nazi soldier to realizing, you know, what the whole thing was about and I intended for it to be both a reflective piece and a historical piece because I'm very interested in World War II history."

Gavulic's piece focused on what he knew about WWII and the aftermath when the Soviets came to Berlin and started sectioning off the city.

"The particular idea for it actually came from a song that I had heard," Gavulic said. "It was like an orchestral song, but, basically the art for it was a Roman soldier walking through Rome after it had fallen 2,000 years ago and when I saw that I thought 'What would it be like to return to a once grand, mighty city, maybe once where you lived, and see it have fallen, for a new era to have begun'."

"The End of an Era" is a short story Gavulic began his junior year and mainly worked on for two months before submitting it.

"I really wanted to both capture that returning feel and the feeling that the main character has, that thought process where all this news is coming out about the atrocities that the Germans had committed



Alexander Gavulic who won a Gold Key award in the scholastic writing competition. Photo provided

in the war that he knew nothing about when he was in the army," Gavulic said. "I just really wanted to explore that in the piece and, so, it was just a combination of that World War II history that I love and that idea that I had for the story."

His Advanced Placement Literature teacher, Laura Mahler, encouraged his class to enter their writing in the Scholastic competition.

"It ended up being a pretty cool competition, the more I looked into it the more I wanted to enter my piece," Gavulic said. "I think it turned out really well in the end, I really enjoyed it."

Though Gavulic plans to major in political science, he's going to continue writing. In college, he wants to try to publish a book series he's been writing for several years.

Gavulic didn't win anything when his piece went on to the national competition, but he was amazed by the competition's talent.

"It was a very great experience to do this and I would recommend it to anyone else who hears about it in future years," Gavulic said.

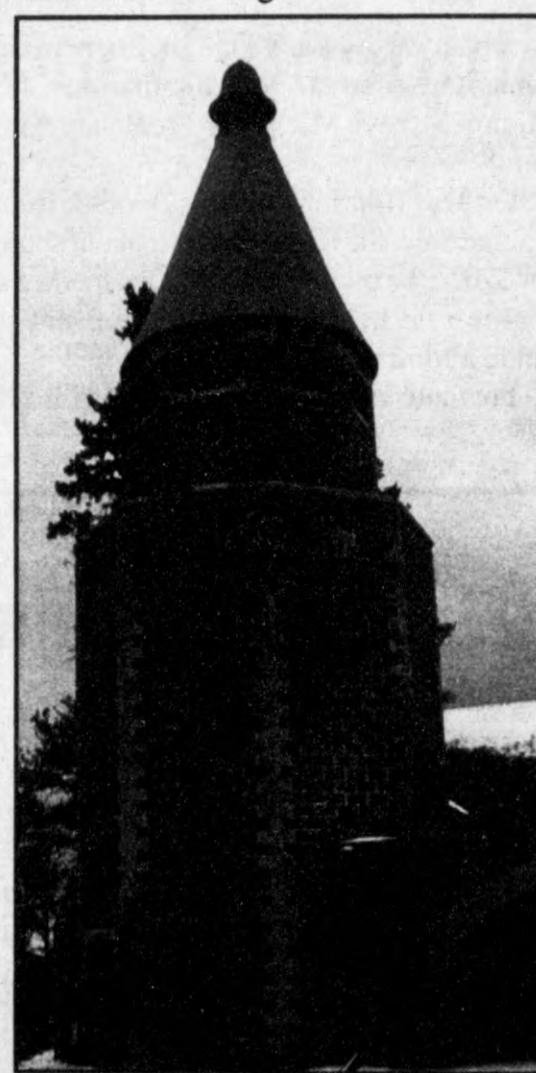
Bay Court work almost complete

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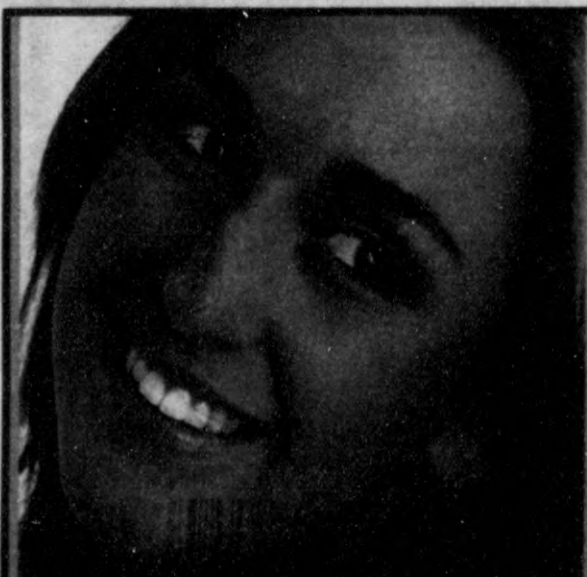
Park's Lakeview Room is in its final stages. With the tile work, plumbing, sinks and countertops done the bathrooms are close to completion. The Parks, Recreation and Seniors Department is now focusing on the building's main room, which needs a new tile floor.

The Independence Township Board accepted a quote for new tile floor and trim in the main room for an amount not to exceed \$5600.

"I have gone over there, it looked great, so, kudos to your team for what they've done," Supervisor Kittle said to Parks, Recreation and Seniors Director Derek Smith at the meeting.



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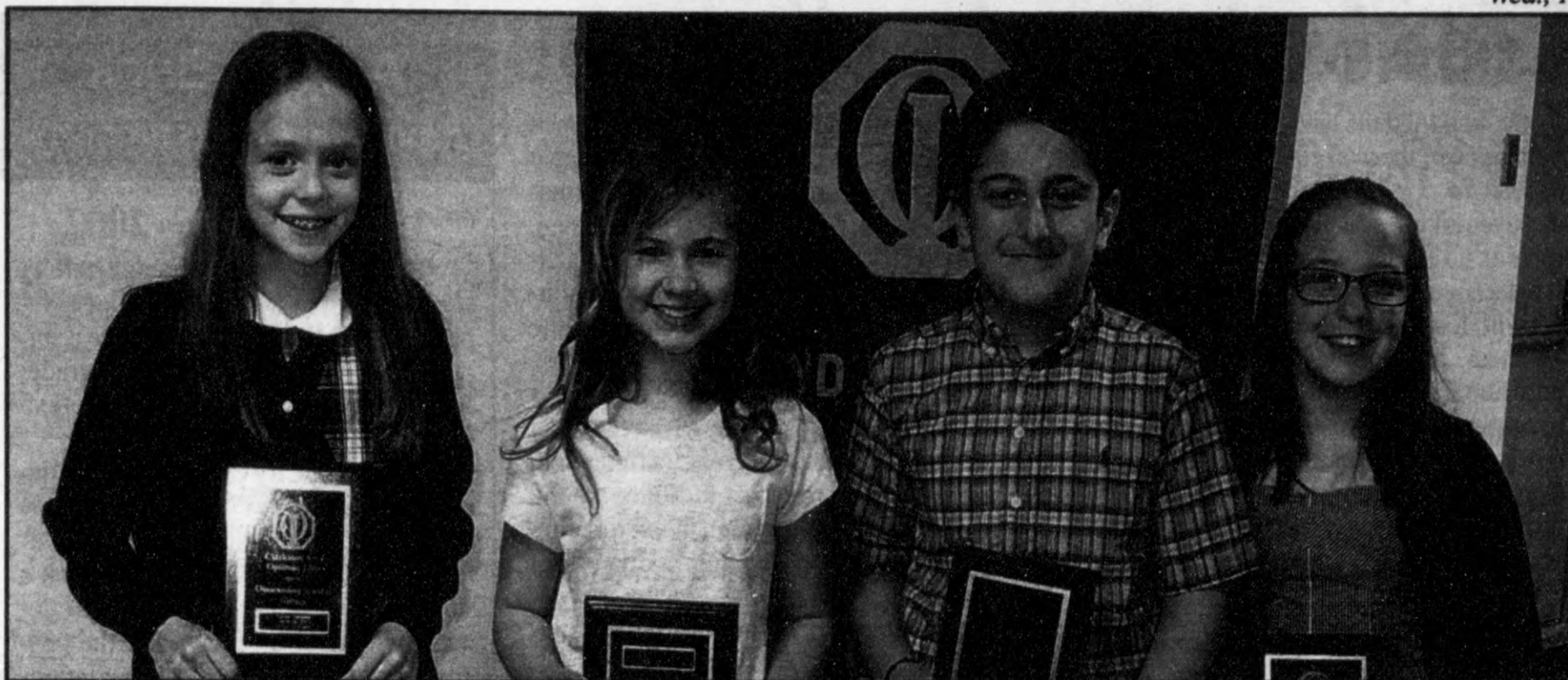
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From left are the Optimist Club's Outstanding Student Citizens Erica Walker, Taylor Henwood, Sean Alanarie, and Maggie Walkowiak. Photo by Phil Custodio

Students honored for citizenship, hard work

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Area Optimists Club honored four Outstanding Student Citizens at its March 29 breakfast meeting, Maggie Walkowiak of Andersonville Elementary; Taylor Henwood of Clarkston Elementary; Sean Alanarie of Independence Elementary; and Erica Walker of Everest Academy.

Maggie Walkowiak is a compassionate, kind leader, hard working and dedicated to everything she does, said Andersonville Principal Kim Fletcher.

"She embodies the Leader in Me habits," Fletcher said. "She considers all viewpoints before making decisions. She truly thinks the best of everybody, always has a beautiful smile on her face wherever she goes, and brings smiles to others."

"She truly represents all that is good in the fifth grade," said her teacher Gary Amick.

She always does her best, is kind and loyal, and leads by example, Amick said.

"She is also an incredible person," the teacher said. "You are a rock star of life and I am so proud of you."

Sean Alanarie is a true Independence

Elementary Bronco, said Principal Nate Fuller. "He's doing a great job," Fuller said. "He is an example of the ideals of perseverance and grit – he brings out the best in everyone."

He plays lacrosse and violin, and is an inspiration to others, the principal said.

"Sean is such a leader in the classroom and school," said his teacher Laurie Stevenson.

He helps students with special needs, Young 5's and kindergarten with lunch, and is filled with kindness, helpfulness, and honesty, Stevenson said.

"I'm really blessed to have you in the building and classroom," she said.

"He goes out of his way to find out what he can do to help and encourage them," said teacher Emily Deachin. "He's always working very hard to get everything done he needs to do."

Taylor Henwood has an amazing ability "to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own," as stated in the Optimist's Creed, said Clarkston Elementary Principal Brian Adams.

"She is a mighty force, powerful and

focused," said her teacher Cindy Pyscher. "Academically, socially, athletically, she is a champion."

Henwood is a champion competitive cheerleader, and perseveres in athletics, creativity, and teamwork.

"She puts grit, determination, and fight into every moment of every day," Pyscher said. "She refuses to settle for any weakness within her – she fights for and defends any person or cause. She is a champion for life. She is the most amazing child in the world."

Erica Walker was selected as Everest Academy's first Optimist student citizen for her responsibility, compassion, and caring leadership, said her teacher Andrea Duhaime.

"She always comes to school with a positive attitude," Duhaime said. "She is eager to help and encourages other students."

Walker has great character, and is humble and caring.

"If anyone needs a hug, or just help on one more math problem, she is right there to help," her teacher said. "She is always first to lend a helping hand."

Briefly

Easter egg hunt

Clarkston United Methodist Church is hosting their community egg hunt this Saturday at 2 p.m.

Hunt for more than 3,000 eggs, enjoy refreshments and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

Due to construction at the church, the egg hunt will be on the field at Renaissance High School, 6558 Waldon Road. All is free and all are welcome.

For more information, please contact Hallie Guzal at hguzal@clarkstonstaff.org or 248-625-1611.

Champs honored

Independence Township Board recognized the achievement of the Clarkston High School Varsity Boys Basketball team by naming March 29, 2017, Clarkston Wolves' Day.

The declaration, approved at their April 4 meeting, honors Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife and the Wolves winning the Class A Basketball State Championship for the first time.

"We're just so proud of them," Supervisor Pat Kittle said. "It's just something we thought would be a neat thing to do to recognize the kids and their coach."

Baseball uniforms OK'd

During the Independence Township Board's March 7 meeting, the board accepted two bids for 2017 baseball uniforms.

One of the bidders was unable to provide baseball hats, so they will now be providing only the pants and socks while the other bidder will provide the hats and shirts. This increases the amount spent on uniforms by \$95, making the new combined baseball uniform bids cost \$22,320.80.

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Jessica's Journal

A column by Jessica Steeley

Community news

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of spending my day with Mrs. Murray's ninth grade history classes at Clarkston Junior High School.

The students were assigned a project to interview someone born before 1955 and the teacher asked me to come in and teach the students some interview techniques.

Since I studied education in college, a classroom environment is a familiar setting.

Besides writing, teaching is a real passion of mine and I love coming into classrooms to take photos or interview students.



Mostly I was just a guest speaker for the classes, but I also got to call some students up during class and do impromptu interviews with them about a topic of their choice. We talked about magic, fishing, dance, the championship basketball game, yearbook, a wide variety of topics.

Students were also able to ask me questions about my career as a journalist.

I encourage high school students and young adults not to shun a liberal arts degree, all my graduated friends have jobs in their chosen fields, mostly education and communications.

As a community newspaper reporter, I'm not only here to write about the Clarkston community, but also to learn about and be utilized by the community.

Part of my job is to get to know the community and its people and, as the school district reporter, I'd like to know Clarkston educators better and form a relationship to find out interesting activities happening in Clarkston classrooms.

Being a guest speaker is also a great experience, for any classes related to reporting or that have an interview-type assignment.

As a recent Michigan State University graduate, I can also speak to high schoolers about my college experience and answer their questions.

I encourage Clarkston Community School members to reach out to me in the future if there's any different, exciting learning or events going on inside their classrooms.

One of the best parts of my job is covering Clarkston schools and talking to students in the community.

Lose weight for the summer

So, you tried the latest weight loss fads to help remove those excess pounds. & buying special food packages, restricting calories and even taking a magical pill. Unfortunately, there is no magic pill when a person makes the decision to embark on a pathway toward weight loss as well as mental health & wellness. However, there are three essential nutritional supplements which help the body in conjunction with exercise and whole foods nutrition to help reduce unhealthy body fat. Garcinia, chlorogenic acid and a seven-strain probiotic, when used together, may help the body reach weight management goals.

Garcinia is a powerful polyphenol nutrient found in Indonesian fruits containing hydroxycitric acid (HCA) which is an essential fat storage blocking nutritional compound. The body uses enzymes, converting unused glucose to fat. HCA in garcinia blocks enzymes responsible for converting glucose to fat. The maximum capacity of glucose storage in the liver in the form of glycogen is approximately 100 grams. Muscles store approximately 500 grams. Excessive glucose beyond these levels is converted to fat. As the body reduces storage of fat through increased metabolism, HCA may also increase serotonin in the brain which increases energy and reduces appetite. Many manufacturers market oral tablet and capsule formulations, however a transdermal patch provides the most absorbable form of garcinia.

Chlorogenic acid is a natural polyphenol antioxidant compound with vast nutritional benefits including weight management. This polyphenol is found most abundantly in the raw green coffee bean extract and helps the body initiate body fat metabolism throughout the body as well as antimicrobial properties within the gastrointestinal tract. Many chlorogenic acid population studies indicate and support this powerful polyphenol as an essential nutrient to help prevent the onset of diabetes. Chlorogenic acid optimizes glucose metabolism. Glucose storage occurs in the liver as the polysaccharide called glycogen consisting of long, branched chain of insoluble glucose molecules. In a process known as *glycogenolysis*, the enzyme glucose-6-phosphatase releases free glucose into the bloodstream, where it circulates to various organs. Additionally, chlorogenic acid inhibits the oxidation of low-density lipoprotein (LDL), bad cholesterol, which may help prevent the onset of cardiovascular disease, the number one killer in America.

Furthermore, chlorogenic acid in nutritional supplement form rather than coffee is a healthier option by optimizing bile secretions for fatty acid metabolism. In a study

by Harvard University, over 80,000 women were assessed on the effects of chlorogenic acid and the reduction of gallstone formation which affects women twice that of men. Researchers concluded that incidence of gallbladder surgery decreased in women consuming chlorogenic acid compared to the non-supplemented women.

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Raw organic apple cider vinegar taking two tablespoons in the evening hour helps support weight management by regulating blood glucose levels. A recent study published in the Journal of Diabetes Care stated that when two tablespoons taken the evening before bed, type 2 diabetes patients had lower blood sugar levels the following morning compared to when they took two tablespoons of water. A secondary study published results comparing pre-diabetic and type 2 diabetic patients after taking two tablespoons raw organic apple cider vinegar prior to eating a high carbohydrate snack with bagel butter and orange juice. The pre-diabetic group improved their blood glucose levels by almost 50 percent and the type 2 diabetic group improved by 25 percent.

E-mail FrankGranett@CAOOY.org to obtain the best supplement sources for transdermal garcinia, chlorogenic acid, and polyphenol phyto-nutrition weight management health before summer.

Frank is the Director of Pharmacy Operations at the Behavioral Center of Michigan, adult psychiatric hospital. Founder of the 501 c3 non-profit Coalition Against Over-medication Our Youth (CAOOY) website www.CAOOY.org and author of The American Epidemic: Solutions for Over-medication Our Youth.

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By Frank J.
Granett R.ph.

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Reflections winner recognized by superintendent" Clarkston Schools Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts made a surprise visit to congratulate fifth-grader Jessica Goyke for her in in the Reflections contest.

"Clarkston City Council amends domestic violence law" As new state laws dealing with domestic violence took affect, the Clarkston City Council took a step toward keeping better track of domestic violence by increasing the penalty for domestic violence convictions from a 90-day misdemeanor to a 93-day misdemeanor.

"Relay team sets mark at meet" The Clarkston Girls Track & Field team started off their 2002 season with two first-place finishes at the Macomb Community College Indoor Meet in the 3,200-meter relay and the distance medley relay.

25 years ago - 1992

"Archbishop visits Clarkston" Archbishop Adam J. Malda of Detroit visited Everest Academy to bless the school's grand opening and acknowledge the efforts of the Legionnaires of Christ, who built the K-8 facility.

"Sketch shows crowded grounds at 'new' CHS" A composite drawing of a "new" high school, where Clarkston High School was located in 1992, drew mixed reactions. The revamping of the existing CHS property with a high school closely resembled one defeated in a bond proposal in 1991.

"Fundamental fun" Andersonville Elementary students and their parents crowded the gym floor with blankets and books during the school's Reading Olympic Read-In. "It's good to get away and spend time with each other," said mom, Debbie Jones, who read "Fudge-A-Mania" by Judy Blume to her son, Ryan Eddy.

50 years ago - 1967

"Honored" Dr. James O'Neill accepted his Distinguished Service Award from Jaycee President Robert Jones. The award was to show O'Neill the appreciation of the community for his dedication.

"Three girls named delegates to Girls State" Susan Bennett, Debbie Head and Joan Willis were chosen as delegates to Wolverine Girls State in Ann Arbor.

"Round the town" Mrs. Robert Jackson had been serving on jury duty for several weeks. It was her first time and she found it very educational. Her mother, Mrs. Frank Scriber, was visiting and watching the children, Bobby and Bruce.

A call to keep folks dog-bite free

Dear Editor,

A dog might be a man's best friend, but is it a letter carrier's?

Warmer temperatures mean children playing, letter carriers delivering, and dogs barking.

Most dogs are safely behind a fence or on a leash. However, there are some situations when a dog can be potentially dangerous.

Several of our letter carriers know first-hand about the prevention and pain of animal attacks, and we want to help educate the community — especially during National Dog Bite Prevention Week, April 9-15, 2017.

More than 4.5 million people are bitten annually by dogs.

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were victimized by dogs across the country, an increase of 206 attacks over calendar year 2015. And children are the majority of victims and are 900 times more likely to be bitten than letter carriers.

Dog attacks are the most commonly reported childhood public health problem in the United States. Dog bite victims account for up to 5 percent of emergency room visits.

So what can you do to avoid being bitten? Don't run past a dog.

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What can a responsible dog owner do to keep the community safe?

Take your dog to obedience training. It can teach dogs proper behavior and help owners control their dog in any situation. When the letter carrier comes to your home, please keep your dog inside, away from the door, in another room, or on a leash.

To learn more about National Dog Bite Prevention Week, ask your letter carrier, contact your local post office, or visit www.avma.org.

Denise Owen
Clarkston Postmaster

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Hey! It is Easter time, a time of renewal, love & reading

As I write, I am still a little stiff from being up north to sister Patty and her mainsqueeze Wes' new cabin in the north.

Did a little brush moving and a little fire wood staking (very little), did some reading and some walking in the woods. Oh, and I got a little sun on my face, so if you see me within a few days, I am not having a heart attack, it's a little bit of a sunburn.

First, "thank you, Wes and Patty!"

* * *

Was able to read a number of things this weekend. One was a new book from the library called, *The Complacent Class -- the self-defeating quest for the American Dream*, by Tyler Cowen. Wow, what a good, thought provoking read.

What is it about? Here is what the inside jacket says, "Since Alexis de Tocqueville, restlessness has been accepted as a signature American trait. Our willingness to move, take risks, and adapt to change have produced a dynamic economy and a tradition of innovation from Ben Franklin to Steve Jobs.

"The problem . . . is that Americans today have broken from this tradition? We're working harder than ever to avoid change. We're moving residences less, marrying people more like ourselves and choosing our music and our mates based on algorithms that wall us off from anything that might be too new or too different. Match.com matches us in love. Spotify and Pandora match us in music. Facebook matches us to just about everything else.

"Of course, this 'matching culture' brings tremen-

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A column by
Don Rush

dous positives: music we like, partners who make us happy, neighbors who want the same things. We're more comfortable. But . . . there are significant collateral downsides attending this comfort, among them heightened inequality and segregation and decreased incentives to innovate and create.

"The Complacent Class argues that this cannot go on forever. We are postponing change, due to our near-sightedness and extreme desire for comfort, but ultimately this will make change, when it comes, harder."

Like I said, wow. Totally recommend you checking this out from the library, reading it and then getting back to me. I see this happening right here in our own communities.

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While on the library website, I also stumbled across this book, *Kolchak and The Lost World*. By CJ (not Oxford leader editor Carnacchio) Henderson.

Total, cheap thrill, fun to read 124 page paperback (in one night). I wanted to be a reporter since ABC TV ran the series, *Kolchak: The Night Stalker*, in the early 1970s when I was yet to hit double digits in age.

Carl Kolchak (portrayed by actor Darren McGavin -- later the dad in *A Christmas Story*) was a reporter and reluctant monster slayer. It captured my imagination then, and when I was reading this book, written in the first person, I read it in McGavin's voice. It was awesome!

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As Alfred Tennyson wrote in the 1800s, "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." It was really spring-like this weekend and I also read the 2017 Preview from the Old Farmer's Almanac, whilst in the cabin in the woods. I found this bit of advice from 1896, headlined, The Art of Kissing.

"Don't peck a woman on the forehead or end to the

nose, or jerk her bonnet strings in haste to get through. Now--take the left hand of the young lady in your right; let go of your hat--just let it drop.

"Throw your left hand over the lady's shoulder and let it fall down to her waist. Draw her gently and lovingly to your heart. **Don't be in a hurry.** Her left hand is in your right . . . clasp it firmly, gently and with thought and respect.

"Don't be in a hurry.

"Her head lies on your shoulder. Look into her half-closed eyes. Gently, manfully, press her to your bosom.

"Don't be in a hurry.

"Her lips are almost open. Lean forward with your head, not your body.

"Take good aim . . . the lips meet . . . the eyes close . . . the heart opens . . . the soul rides the storms, troubles and sorrows of life (**don't be in a hurry**) . . . the heavens open before you and the world slips from under you as a meteor rides across the evening sky (don't be afraid) . . . the nerves dance . . . the heart forgets all bitterness and the incomparable art of kissing is learned."

Who woulda' thunk it?

* * *

Speaking of spring and of love, Easter is upon us. A time for renewal as life re-awakens from its time of slumber. Easter, a time to open our hearts to let the light from above inside.

A time to grow your love; you love of self, you love of family, friends and a time to grow your love of your beliefs. Those are the easy things to grow your love in. How about this Easter you try growing your love of those you do not like; love those you do not understand.

This Easter is a great time to commit yourself to love. Happy Easter!

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Walt Renn

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A. Gap insurance covers the difference between what you owe on your vehicle and how much the vehicle is actually worth. Here is an example: You buy a car for \$15,000 and finance it or lease it. You put down \$300 dollars as a down payment and \$200 as your monthly payments. Now let's say you total your vehicle on the third month. You have paid a total of \$900 for the vehicle. The insurance company places a fair market value on the vehicle to be \$13,500. You would still owe \$600 on the vehicle. If you have gap insurance, it will pick up the \$600. For more information on gap insurance and to see if it's right for you, please contact one of our agents at 248-627-2020

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A. Not necessarily. Cashing in (selling investments while the market is high and putting that money into a savings or other fixed account) may hurt you in the long run as inflation erodes the purchasing power of low-interest savings. Plus you could face unexpected tax consequences. Before you make any decisions, we can review your personal situation and work together to determine the option that is right for you. Call me to discuss your options, or be my guest at our next community gathering, Waddell Wednesday, on April 26, from 4:30 to 6:30 at Andiamo's Trattoria on M-15, just south of I-75.

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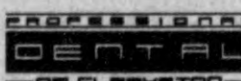


Q. I'm going to be buying my first home this summer. Are there any new programs for first time homebuyers?

A. Congratulations on purchasing your first home! As far as programs are concerned, yes, there are some new options in the marketplace. First, and most exciting, is a new, 1% down, conventional product that has been rolling out over the past few months. Additionally there are two other 3% down conventional options have increased flexibilities to accommodate more borrowers. Many areas in Michigan (and certainly around the Clarkston area) are eligible for the Zero Down, USDA Rural Development loan, as well. **BOTTOM LINE:** There are many options for first time home buyers. Reach out to a mortgage professional to get pre approved and find out what programs are a fit for you.

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Don Rush



Q. What makes a good print ad?

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RIBBON CUTTING: Friends, family, and representatives of Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce join owners Sarah Lewis and Julian Thomas in celebrating the opening of their New Heights Assisted Living center, 9402 Michigamme Road, with a ribbon cutting ceremony, April 6. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Marijuana arrest

A deputy on patrol stopped a car with too much tint on the front side windows, 7:43 p.m., April 2, on Clintonville Road at Mann Road.

The driver, a 37-year-old Auburn Hills man, was found with baggies of a suspicious white powder, glass marijuana pipe in the center console, and six smoked marijuana joints. He was cited with possession of drug paraphernalia and tinted windows.

Motorcycle safety bill

State Rep. Jim Tedder's bill to create a fund to promote motorcycle safety awareness to the general public was approved by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, March 28.

The bill increases the motorcycle original and renewal endorsement fees to create the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Fund administered by the Secretary of State.

"We must do all we can to keep Michigan motorcyclists safe on our roads," said Tedder, of Independence Township. "Making sure Michigan automobile drivers are aware of their presence will go a long way to save



Motorists take it easy at the intersection of Walcon and Walters roads after winds knocked out power to homes and traffic lights, April 7.

lives."

The increases will be dedicated to motorcycle safety and also be used to educate both new and current riders.

Additionally, the bill increases the motorcycle license plate fee from \$23 to \$25 to make up for the loss in revenue suffered by the Motorcycle Safety Fund.

The Safety Fund is the sole source of funding for the motorcycle training courses and tests required to obtain a motorcycle endorsement.

House Bill 4306 moves to the full House for consideration.



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Lady Wolves' win on track

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Wolves are ready to run and jump over their OAA Red competition on Wednesday at home against Rochester Adams.

"Rochester Adams coming back are one of the top competitors (in the league)," said Kevin Breen, head coach for the Clarkston Boys and Girls Track and Field teams.

The Lady Wolves posted their first win against Oxford on March 29, 91-39.

For the track events the girls team finished first in 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter run, 800-meter run, 1,600-meter run, 400-meter relay, 800-meter relay, 1,600-meter relay, 3,200-meter relay; second in the 200-meter dash, 400-meter run, 800-meter run, 1,600-meter run, 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles; third in the 100-meter dash and 300-meter hurdles.

"We've got our distance crew who is among the best in the state with Elizabeth Dalrymple, Emily and Mallory Ferguson," Breen said, adding Allie Eriksen and Jala Smith help out in the track events.

"Allie is an extremely talented athlete and will help us out. She's talented enough to run anything from the 100-meter up to the 800-meter and score points in those events. She's a tough athlete and very talented," he added. "Jala is our veteran sprinter coming back. She leads our sprint crews from the 100- through 200-meter."

The Lady Wolves finished first in the high jump and third in the long jump.

"We lost Megan Nicholson and Courtney Roland," Breen said. "We've got some young freshman and sophomores who have been starting to try out the high jump to replace them. Olivia McKinney will probably help us in high jump. She is a very talented athlete."

They also took first and third place in the shot put field event. Molly Nicholson threw 82-3 in the discus event.

The boys team lost to the Wildcats, 68-55.

"Oxford's got a good distance crew," Breen said. "They are always a tough one with field events."

For track events, the boys finished first in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, 800-meter relay; second and third in 400-meter and 800-meter runs, 300-meter hurdles; second in the 200-meter dash, 1600-meter and 3,200-meter runs, 3,200-meter relay; and third in the 100-meter dash, 110-meter hurdles.

"We've got a couple people coming back from last year that are going to be pretty solid like Max Salter, Dalton Sampson, Matt Baker and Maurice Blevins. He didn't run for us last year but he has run for us in the past. He looks like he is going to be a standout athlete."

For distance crews, the boys have Tim Darymple, Nick Favazza, William Eisert and Jake Dolan, who helped the cross country team win the regional title last season.

"They will help us out this year," Breen said. "The boys lost a couple of good runners last year, but, overall, I think the boys team - with another year of development - will be in pretty good shape."

For field events, Brett Cook threw 35-8 in the shot put while Brandon Marks threw 33-5, and Trevor Townson threw 32-6.

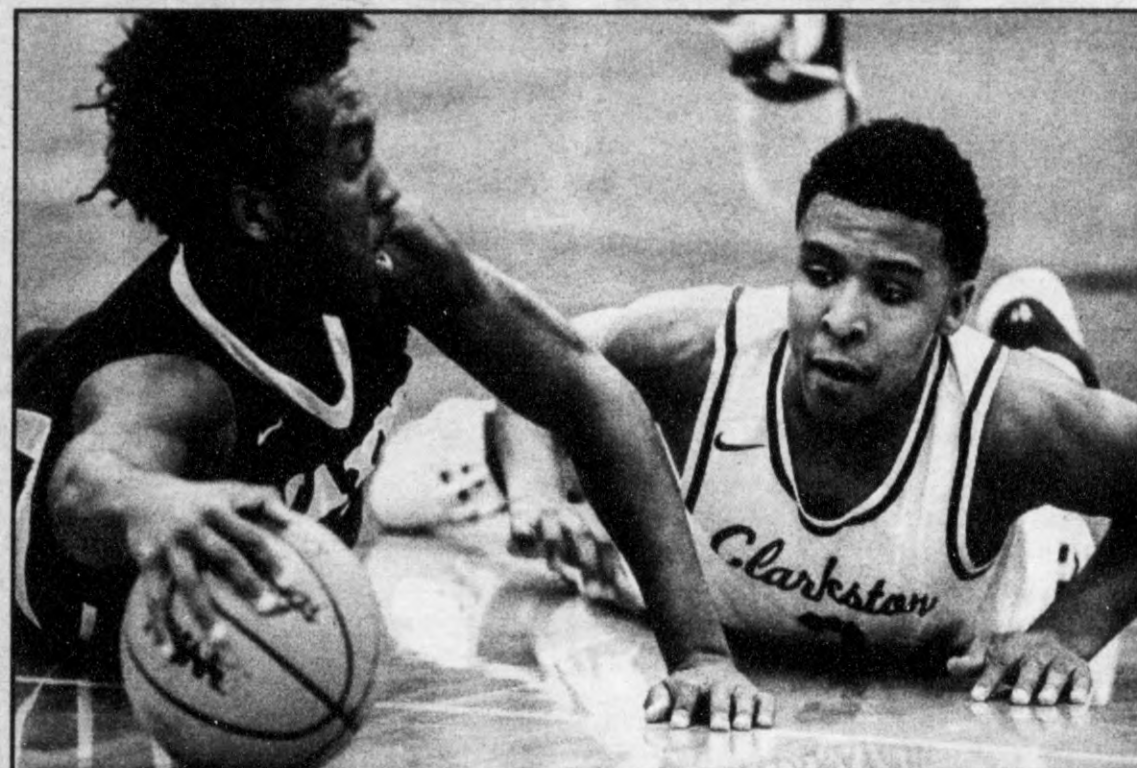
"Our throw guys are getting better. A couple of the boys put time in this winter and we saw them at a few meets get reps in," Breen said.

Gino Paese finished the long jump at 17-10.



Jala Smith runs in tone of the relay events in the Lady Wolves' first meet against Oxford, March 29. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Junior CJ Robinson dives for the ball in the Wolves' home win against Wayne Memorial on Feb. 6. Photo by Larry Wright/WrightActionPix

Reflections on championship

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

With a minute left in the MHSAA Boys Basketball Class A State Championship game, junior CJ Robinson looked at the clock and the score, quickly doing the math in his head.

"I felt we had a good chance of winning," he said, adding when he made two free throw shots putting the score 71-60 he knew the Wolves had the win over Grand Rapids Christian.

"It was really good," Robinson added about the rest of the weekend as the boys celebrated bringing the first state championship home in basketball with a 75-69 win over the Eagles.

"I wanted to do what we needed to do to win to get Coach (Dan) Fife the state championship - that was the goal," he reflected. "I wanted to do my best to contribute."

The Wolves finished the season with and overall 27-1 record.

"It was a good season," Robinson said. "We had a lot of ups and downs. We didn't play to our full potential and we knew that. We pulled it together as a team. Going into the playoffs, I felt like we were very serious and wanted to accomplish a goal everybody wanted."

He added one of the competitors which helped him prepare for the playoffs was Macomb Dakota - the team Clarkston lost to last season in the regional playoffs.

"We knew after our district finals they would be waiting for us in the regionals," Robinson said. "It was our main goal going into playoffs to get revenge on them for beating us the year before. They helped us really focus in. We knew if we got past them we could beat anybody in the state."

Please see Robinson on page 11



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Hannah Chadwell slides into home during the Lady Wolves' Pink Classic last year. *File photo*

Lady Hitters prepare for season with charity

Lady Hitters swing into the spring season this Saturday for their annual Mel and Josephine Vaara Pink Classic at the Clarkston High School Softball fields.

"We are doing some really cool things," hinted Don Peters, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Softball, for not only the tournament but also for the season.

The Pink Classic raises money and awareness for breast cancer while the girls take on different competition during the round robin tournament. It also allows the team to give back to the community.

The girls are also excited to get onto the field to play after practicing for the last few weeks.

"We will have lots of fun, work hard and be competitive," Peters said getting ready

for the first round of games.

"They are young but their skillset is very high," he said, adding they have seven new players and ten returners, including Hannah Chadwell and Paige Blevins who have committed to playing softball on the college level.

Some of the strengths to this year's team include the depth of their speed in the outfield, catching and pitching as they have added more pitchers to the team.

"The pitching level is high," Peters said. "They are very athletic."

The Lady Wolves are back home on Tuesday, April 18 as they host Oxford, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Look for more in an upcoming season preview in *The Clarkston News*.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price

Basketball confidence boost for Robinson

Continued from page 10

Robinson began playing basketball 13 years ago and it started to get him out of the house and interacting with other kids.

"I really started to enjoy it so I continued to do it," he said, adding the sport was perfect for him. "I think it was the constant movement because I was a really hyper kid."

He added winning games and helping to contribute to his team's success were also big factors to him.

He joined Clarkston's varsity team during his sophomore year as a starter, making huge contributions on offense and defense.

"CJ is a role player in our system," said Fife after the Wolves' win against Saginaw in the quarterfinals. "He's an outstanding role player because he can score. He can make plays."

Robinson is going into his fifth year playing for the North Oakland Wolfpack

"It helps me by building my confidence because you not only get to see kids in your state, but you get to see kids from other states," he said, adding he can see how his skillset matches against the competition.

He hopes to continue playing basketball in college.

He currently has a grade point average of 3.3 and is taking Advanced Placement Psychology, Ecology, Algebra 11, Modern Media and Language Arts during his second semester.

He enjoys hanging out with his friends and going to movies when he isn't playing basketball or studying.

His advice to aspiring athletes is to be the best you can be.

"If you put the time in to whatever you do, you will see the reward," he said. "Give it time, continue working hard and success will come as time passes."

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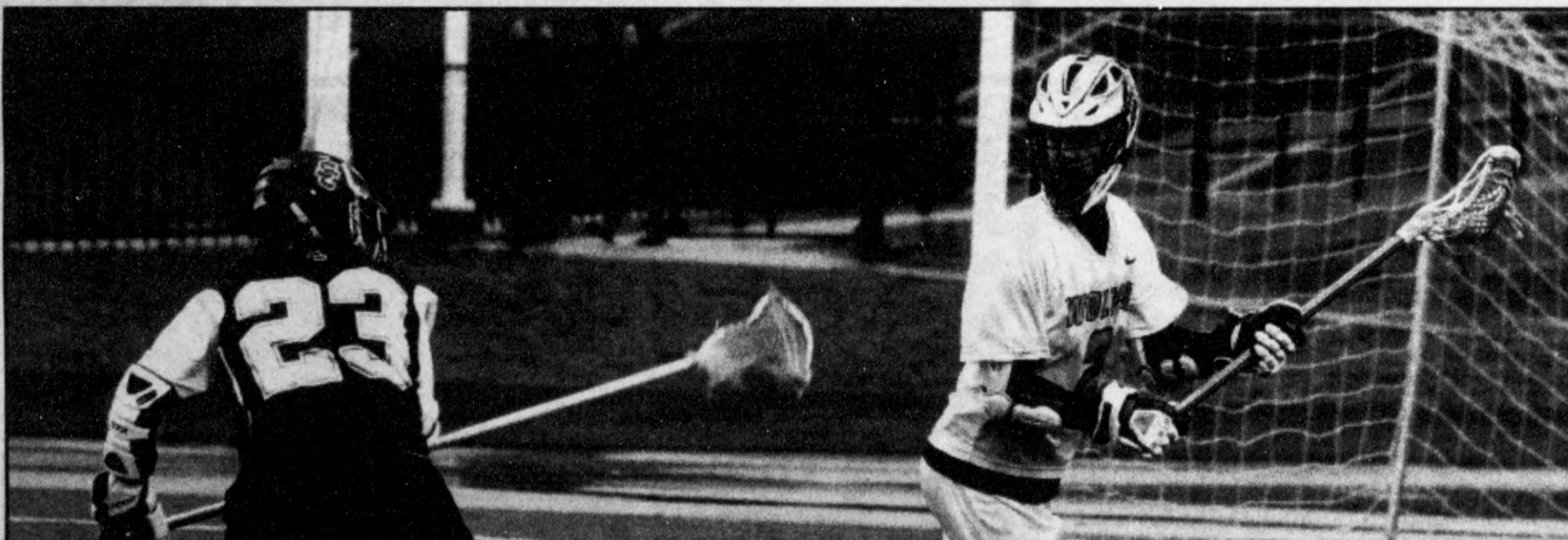
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Sophomore Casper Schichtie takes off after Solon after Clarkston gains control of the ball during face off.



Senior Aidan Nolan puts Solon's Michael Rapposelli on a chase.



Back from break

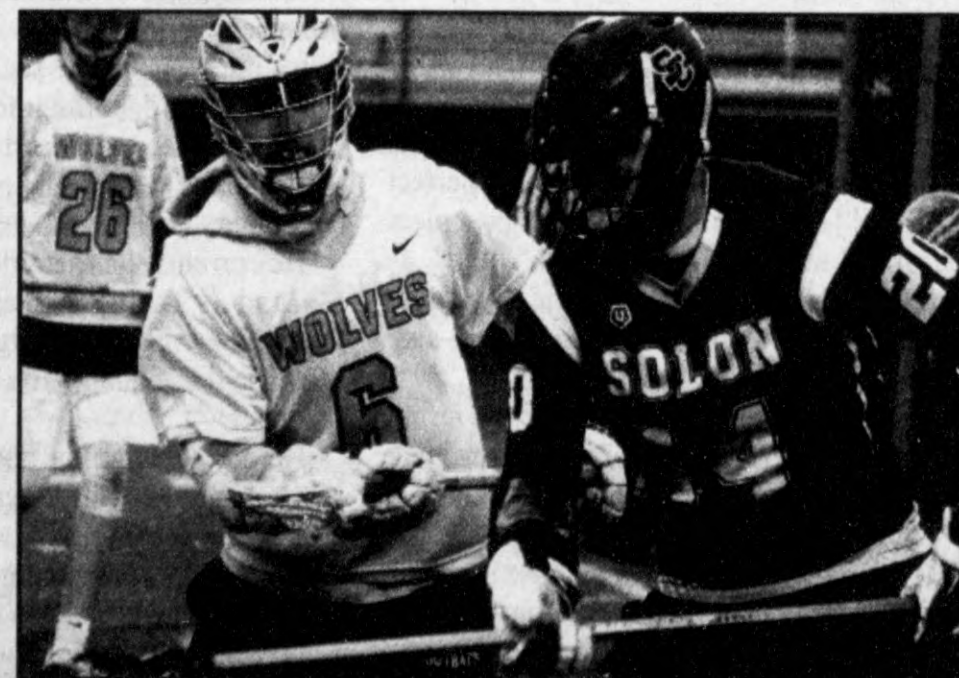
Clarkston athletes are back from break and ready to compete. Here are a few of this week's events.

On Wednesday, the Varsity Baseball team hosts Everest Collegiate, 4 p.m.; Boys and Girls Track and Field teams host Rochester Adams, 4:30 p.m.

The Lady Wolves JV Tennis hosts Troy Athens on Thursday, 4 p.m. The Boys Lacrosse teams host Troy. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The Varsity Baseball team heads to Comerica Park on Friday where they host Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

The Varsity Softball team host the Pink Classic on Saturday, 10 a.m.



Sophomore Jaydon Septer closes in on Solon defense to gain possession of the ball. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

On the courts

The Clarkston Girls JV Tennis team opened their season with a 6-2 loss to Macomb Dakota, March 24.

Highlights from the match included Ella Zielke winning her first high school match on Singles No. 2 Court with a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

Another highlight was team captains Bryna Halligan and Danielle Stolzenfeld winning the lone doubles victory on the Doubles No. 1 Court, which they won 6-2, 6-0.

Claire Durkin and Elise Lowell lost their first match on the Doubles No. 2 Court, 0-6 before winning the second match 6-4. During the third match, they lost 3-6. Miranda Pelton and Sophia Wilhelm also split their first two matches on the Doubles No. 4 Court, 4-6, 6-0 before they lost the third match.

They host Troy Athens on Thursday as the varsity team heads to Athens. Both begin at 4 p.m.

The varsity team heads to the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational on Saturday and are home against Troy on Tuesday, April 18.

Season wrapped

The Clarkston 8th Grade Volleyball teams finished their season with the traditional Blue versus Gold game on March 29.

The Gold team prevailed with a 3-0 victory, ending the season with a 12-2 record. Prior to the win, the Gold team also defeated Pontiac Middle School on March 28, 2-0 (25-3, 25-19).

The Blue team lost to Oxford Middle School on March 27, 2-1. They stopped the Wildcats from sweeping the match by winning the third game, 25-21. The Oxford won the first two games by less than ten points, 25-21 and 25-19.

Mackenzie Ming served ten aces during two games at Oxford.

Business achievements

Melanie Popiolek, MA, LPC, recently joined Triad Counseling Centers, 8062 Ortonville Road.

Popiolek is a licensed professional counselor and president of the Michigan Counseling Association. She works as an outpatient therapist at Triad Counseling Centers where she helps teens and parents to navigate their relationships with themselves, and with each other.



Popiolek

Specialty areas include families dealing with substance abuse, self-harm, trauma, military families, and career counseling/college major selection. Melanie is trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR).

Susan Hickey of Clarkston, first vice president and assistant portfolio manager at Crestmark Bank, was a panelist at the Women in Commercial Finance Forum at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on March 14. The South Florida Chapter of the Commercial Finance Association is putting on the event.

Hickey and fellow panelists shared insights about career opportunities for women in banking and finance, examples of successful career paths, the role of mentoring in career advancement/skill mastery, and challenges overcome along the way.

"I highly recommend a career in banking and finance to young women starting out because of the diverse options, and many different paths available," she said. "In addition, I've appreciated the opportunity to give back to the community with initiatives in financial learning. The Women in Commercial Finance Forum is offering a great opportunity for me to share some of the things I've learned along the way."



Hickey

Hickey began her career in banking and finance more than 25 years ago and has been with Crestmark since it received its bank charter in 1996. She has had a front row seat and has been an important contributor to Crestmark's growth from a Michigan-based start-up to a highly regarded national lender offering a wide range of financial solutions to small- and medium-sized businesses in diverse industries. In her role, Hickey has worked with clients in transportation, manufacturing, staffing, petrochemical, government contractors, and apparel and furniture manufacturing/distribution. As portfolio manager, Hickey works closely with the team of East Division account executives

to ensure that Crestmark's clients' financing needs are met, to assess portfolio risk, and to improve department efficiencies.

Hickey heads a Crestmark community outreach program that provides high school students with an interactive learning experience on personal finance, including how to manage a monthly budget and what to consider when making key financial decisions as adults. The program reaches more than 600 high school students annually.

Account Director **Rob Vogeley** of Clarkston was recently appointed to the Cambridge Consulting Group's leadership team as a Partner and Shareholder.

In addition to his role as Account Director within the Benefits Consulting Practice Group, Vogeley will help lead the firm in the development and implementation of core growth initiatives, business development and overall vision, direction and strategy.

"Cambridge is an industry leader with a 30-year track record of success providing unbiased guidance and making a difference in people's lives," Vogeley said. "I am honored to be chosen as the next leader of this innovative and pioneering business. The opportunity ahead for Cambridge is tremendous, and to take advantage of it will require a clear focus on meeting the evolving needs of clients while moving quickly to stay ahead of the trends shaping our business," said Vogeley. "I look forward to working closely with the entire Cambridge team to further our vision for 2017 and beyond."



Vogeley

"Rob exemplifies the dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence that Cambridge represents. He understands and values our client-driven philosophy and embodies our core values of integrity, compassion, embracing a team approach and consistently delivering results. It's the defining element of our culture," said Dan Cornwell, CEO of Cambridge Consulting Group.

Vogeley has a Bachelor of Science in Interpersonal Communication with a Minor in Business Administration and Sociology from Michigan State University. With more than a decade of experience in benefits management, he designs and manages employee benefits programs, focusing on long-term financial planning and risk allocation. His current clients include municipalities, closely held businesses and publicly traded companies and encompass a number of industries including automotive, manufacturing, and financial services, among many others. Prior to joining Cambridge in 2009, he was as an account manager at a major insurance carrier, where he specialized in experience-rated and self-funded medical plans.

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DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon

Road. Call 248-625-1611.

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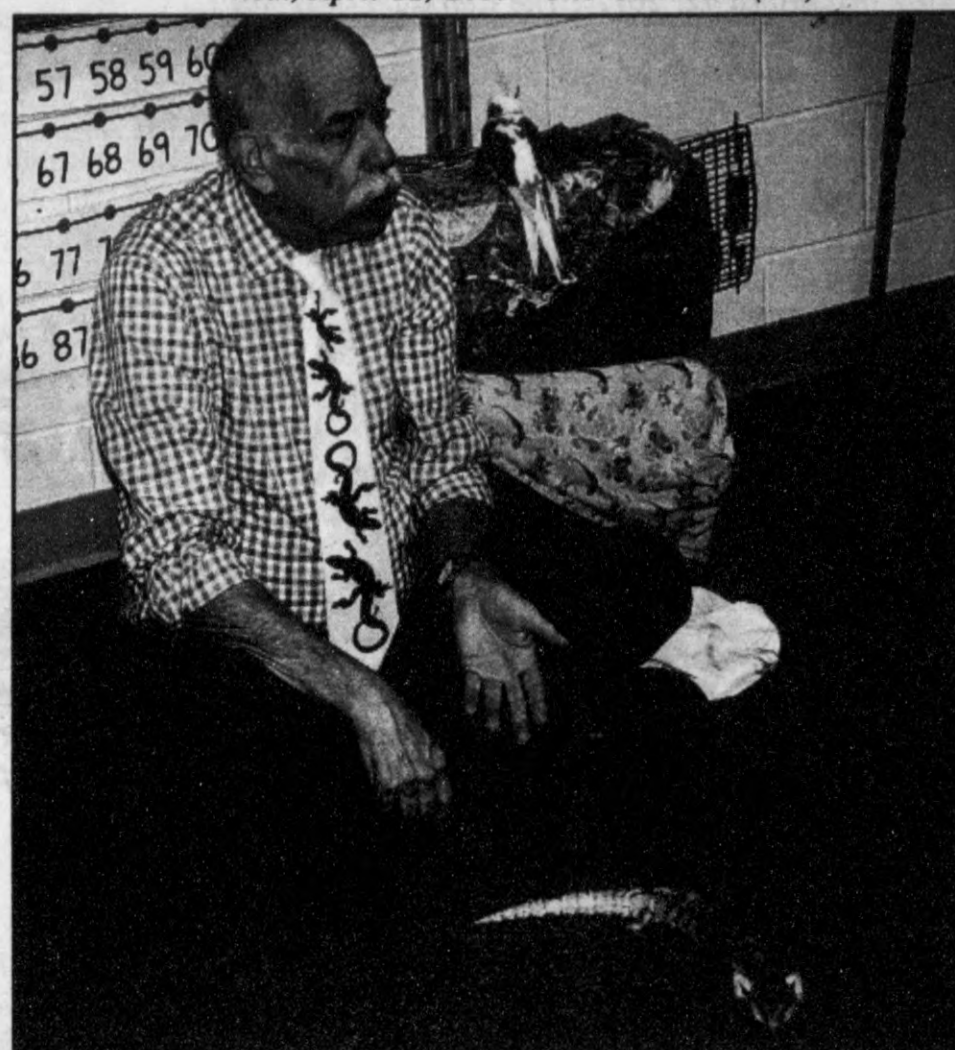
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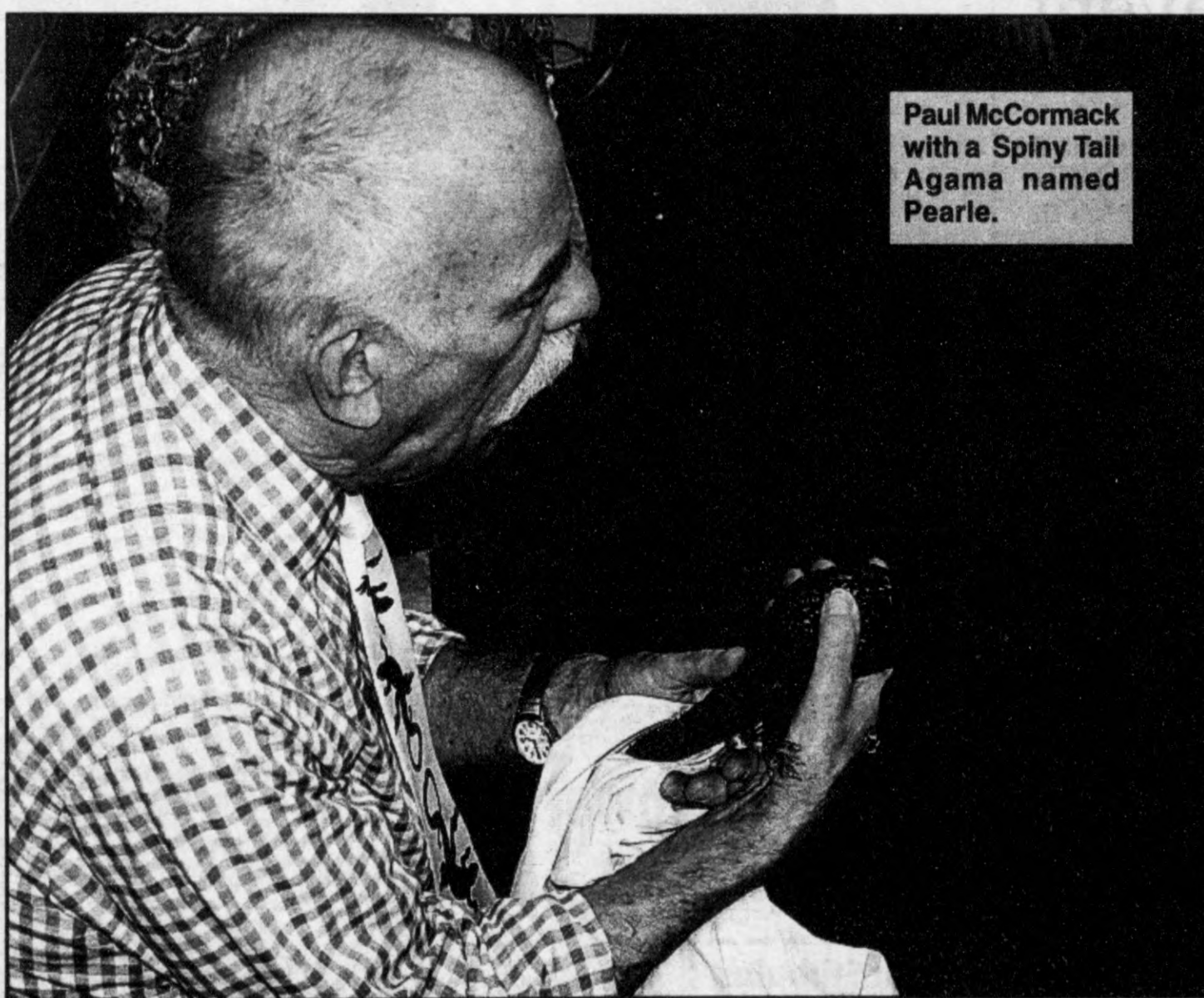
Pine Knob Elementary first grade teacher Mrs. VanDenBrouck with Pearle the Cockatiel.



Cotton the chinchilla.



Paul McCormack with a blue tongue skink named Chow Chow.



Paul McCormack with a Spiny Tail Agama named Pearle.

Real-life learning

Critter Guy Paul McCormack visited first grade classrooms at Pine Knob Elementary last Friday.

He brought in a trove of animals for the students to feel, hold and learn about. First, he brought out Woody, an Australian tree frog.

Then he brought out Pearle the Cockatiel. The colorful bird walked along students arms and stood on their heads.

Pearl was followed by Chow Chow, a blue tongue skink who didn't move much, but McCormack brought it to the kids to feel, describing his body as having a corn-on-the-cob feel to it.

A second lizard followed Chow Chow, a Spiny Tail Agama, also named Pearle. McCormack said people have the same name, so

why can't pets?

Pearle the lizard was livelier than the skink, moving quickly across the floor towards the students.

McCormack switched things up with the next critter, Cotton. Cotton is a Chinchilla and the only mammal shown to the students. He explained Chinchilla's are nervous creatures, so they don't usually make good pets. He brought Cotton around for students to pet, many exclaimed how soft he was, like a pillow.

The last animal McCormack brought out was Slither, an Albino Chain King Snake. He put Slither around the kid's shoulders and even stuck the snake in one boy's hood. Slither was very friendly and allowed the students to pet him.

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Isabel Holloway of Clarkston and her team Harmony Theatre Company are busy rehearsing for new Theater On Ice competition. Photo provided

Skaters train for world event

Isabel Holloway of Clarkston is training hard with the Harmony Theatre Company to compete in the 2017 Nations' Cup Interclub Theatre On Ice Event featuring top teams from six countries at Ann Arbor's Yost Arena, April 20-23.

Holloway, 15, and her team trains at the Ice House Skating Academy in Hartland, Mich., in Theatre On Ice (TOI), a form of competitive figure skating combining figure skating with theater and dance.

Teams consist of 14-20 men and women performing programs including elaborate costuming, entertaining themes, portable props and various elements of pairs, ice dance, freestyle and synchronized skating combined in a routine of up to six minutes set to music. The programs will be judged by U.S. and international officials and are evaluated on technical merit and presentation with emphasis on originality, costuming, artistry and musicality.

More than 30 teams from six countries, including France, Russia, and Australia, are expected to perform in the novice, junior, senior and adult divisions. Teams will be selected to participate by their respective nation's governing body, with American teams being selected by the U.S. Figure Skating Theatrical Skating Committee. This will

be the second time the U.S. has hosted this international interclub event.

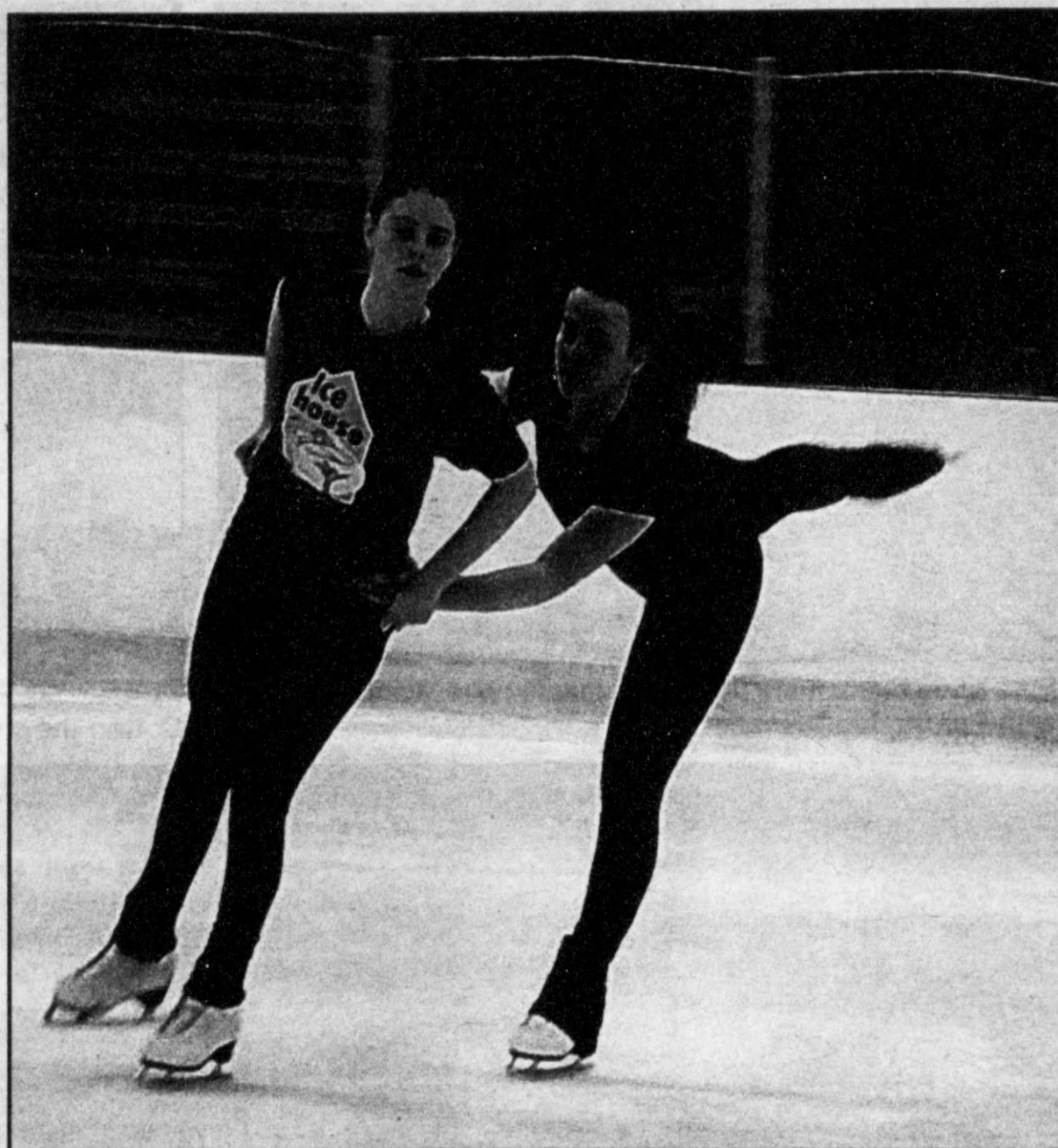
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Holloway



The local skaters are preparing to take on international competition at the new event. Photos by Phil Custodio



Holloway trains at the House Skating Academy in Hartland, Mich.



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TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE: Gary Zirwes collects donations on Main Street during the Clarkston Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit those with intellectual disabilities, April 7. The knights were collecting donations at intersections and stores throughout the area during their annual fundraiser, the weekend before Easter. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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From left, Kay Johnson of Clarkston, Susan Schoonover of Orchard Lake, and Lyn Schwartz of Waterford of Tuesday Musicale are planning a fundraiser concert featuring the Troy Country Fiddlers. Photo by Phil Custodio

Concert for Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac hosts the Troy Country Fiddlers at 6:30 p.m., April 25, at Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road in Waterford.

The Troy Country Fiddlers are one of three orchestras at Troy High School, directed by Bryan Kolk.

"Their music is wonderful," said Musicale member Kay Johnson of Clarkston. "It's just a moving experience to see all the talent they bring in."

The group has performed for Tuesday Musicale on five other occasions with rave reviews, said Lyn Schwartz of Waterford, president of Tuesday Musicale.

"They will leave you begging for more," Schwartz said.

"I'm looking forward to a wonderful performance," said Susan Schoonover of Orchard Lake. "They're full of energy. You don't want them to stop. They're very talented."

The performance is a fundraiser for the group, which provides musical programs and annual music awards to deserving high school and college musicians.

The event includes light supper of pulled pork sliders, chips, dessert, and beverages. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 248-683-2949.

— Phil Custodio

Friendship Tea with ESTHERS

ESTHERS Ambassadors of Clarkston hosts their 10th Annual Friendship Tea, Saturday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. at The Holly Vault, 202 S. Saginaw Street, Holly.

The menu includes homemade scones, muffins and ESTHERS' signature rosemary shortbread, followed by a slice of quiche, chicken salad sandwich, and small salad, with a variety of desserts.

Fresh pots of loose leaf tea will be available throughout the luncheon.

The event will include a presentation by ESTHERS about how to prevent sex trafficking and empower women in Brazil through sustainable employment with Threads of ESTHERS.

Music will be provided by local Harpist, Michele Roger. Raffle drawing for a variety of prizes will occur at the end of the event.

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Best of the Best

By Pat Kittle
Supervisor

It was an honor to be asked to participate in the special recognition Pep Rally and Parade on March 29, 2017 at Depot Park to recognize the Varsity Basketball team for winning the 2017 Class A State Championship on March 25. The Clarkston Wolves Varsity Basketball Team has really taken the meaning of the **BEST OF THE BEST** to a whole new level.

And while the basketball team is to be commended for a great season, none of this would be possible without their great Head Coach – Dan Fife. How about this for a resume:

- A 20 year veteran as the Clarkston Athletic Director
- A finalist for the 2017 National Coach of the Year award
- 35 years as Head Coach



Township Supervisor
Pat Kittle

- 28 League Championships
- 9 District Championships
- 12 Regional Championships
- 3 State Semi-Final appearances and
- 677 career wins

And, what a 677th win it was, bringing home the Class A State Basketball Championship. As a sign of the Township's appreciation for all of the players and coaches hard work and dedication to their team, school and community, the Township Board on Tuesday, April 4, formally declared **March 29, 2017** as "**Clarkston Wolves' Day**" in recognition of the Clarkston Wolves Basketball Team bringing home the 2017 Class A State Basketball Championship trophy.

Well done Team. The entire Township is proud of you!



Keeping Taxpayer Funds Safe

By Paul Brown
Treasurer

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) **Safety:** Safety of principal is the foremost objective.



Paul Brown,
Township Treasurer

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New Development Project Info on Website

By Brain Oppermann
Planning & Zoning Administrator

The Township receives numerous calls every day from Independence residents looking for information or asking questions about a new development going up in the community. To help better serve our residents,

the Building Department is pleased to announce that a new link has been added to the Building Department website that will allow you to see first-hand what new building or development projects are going up in the community and check where the project is in the approval

/ development process.

The Building Department has added a new tab titled "**Planning & Zoning**." Clicking on this link will open a map of the Township indicating locations of developments that are either under construction or are in the planning stages. In addition to the map, an interactive chart can be viewed with up-to-date information on each project, including meeting dates, site plans, consultant reports, and what stage the development is in at the moment. This site also contains information on Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting dates with a link to the current agendas.

The Department has further plans for 2017 on providing a more interactive experience with the map and project status updates. Check it out and let us know what you think. If you have any questions or suggestions for improvement, please contact me, at 248-625-8111 or BOppmann@IndTwp.com.



From the Treasurer's Office

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2) **Liquidity:** The ability to access the funds as needed to meet our needs.

3) **Return on Investments:** Return on investment is always secondary to safety and liquidity.

As you might imagine, the return on investments is quite low as compared to what individual investors are earning, but we have significantly improved the return by cutting costs. For many years, the Treasurer's Office paid a management fee of approximately \$30,000 per year to a financial advisory firm to advise the Treasurer on investment strategy. Given that over 90% of our investments were in U.S. Treasuries, the safest investment on the planet, I questioned why we needed to pay for advice when Public Act 20 is so restrictive.

After presenting all of this to the Township Board in 2013, I requested that we establish an Investment Advisory Committee of residents with investment and banking backgrounds who could assist in reviewing investment strategy. The Township Board agreed and we were able to eliminate the financial advisors and save \$30,000 each year.

One of the strategies that has helped to improve our return that we request quotes from multiple qualified Securities Companies when we are looking to invest. Generally speaking, we save about 0.1% when we get competitive quotes. While one tenth of a percent might not seem like much, when you're investing millions of dollars, it adds up.

Need a copy of our tax receipt? We Work for You.

Seems like every year around this time we get lots of phone calls from residents who are working on their Income Tax returns. They run into trouble because they can't find the receipts from their property tax payments needed for Schedule A. They will typically apologize for having lost the receipt and ask if there is any way we can help. The answer, whether from my staff or myself, is always an emphatic yes.

The payment records in the Treasurer's Office are all automated, which really helps us to solve this problem quickly for residents. We can email a receipt showing the taxes billed and paid for the entire year, including the dates the payments were made, in less than 60 seconds. We can even run them for prior years as well, when needed.

While we are always happy to get you this information during business hours, but if you need it when we are not open, you can access your payment history on the Township's website at www.IndTwp.com and then clicking on the "Property & Tax Information" tab.

We are here to help with requests like these and we look forward to your calls.



Volunteers Are Indispensable at the Senior Community Center

How important are our volunteers to the Senior Community Center? We definitely could not run our Center without the support of all our community volunteers.

How many volunteers are we talking about? In 2016, we had over 175 volunteers in a variety of roles logging in more than 10,000 hours, performing a variety of jobs including administrative work in the office, Program Site Supervisors, AARP Taxes, gardening, knitting chemo hats for cancer centers and baby hats for area hospitals. Others offer senior services support such as Meals on Wheels drivers and helping prepare and serve food in our kitchen for lunches and special events.

We also have many individuals who serve on various fundraising committees, which include Bucks for Buses and our "Friends of the Senior Adult Activity Center," who help us purchase needed items for our Center. Our Senior Advisory Committee provides input by presenting ideas and programs that support the Center. Our July 4th Veterans Celebration committee works together to plan this event for our veterans and community every year. We have over 15 volunteers who log-in over 200 hours a year and another 15 who log-in more than 100 hours.

Many of our Meals on Wheels drivers fall into this category when they volunteer to deliver meals up to seven days a week to our 50 clients a day. This is very

important because many of these clients are unable to get out of their homes and look forward to the hot meals and seeing a friendly face. All of our volunteers are very important to us. We see them as an extension of our family and support services.

Every April during National Volunteer Month, we celebrate their accomplishments by hosting our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party. This year's "Spring Fling" will be Friday, April 28, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

All volunteers who put in 10 hours or more in 2016 are invited to attend and have received a special invitation in the mail. We plan on hosting 100 volunteers for this event. For the last several years, our local restaurants donated food for this event. Our volunteers look forward to attending and sampling all of the food donated by our area restaurants. They truly make this event very special and we appreciate everything our local establishments have done for us over the years.





CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE



SASHABAW ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (I-75 TO DTE MUSIC THEATRE) PUBLIC INFO MEETING IS APRIL 17

The Charter Township of Independence and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will conduct an informational meeting Monday, April 17, 2017 to receive public input on the proposed improvements planned for Sashabaw Road between I-75 and DTE Music Theatre.

MEETING DETAILS

When: Monday, April 17, 2017
Time: 6 to 8 PM
Where: Independence Township Hall
 6483 Waldon Center Drive

The meeting will be an open house format, with no formal presentation. Graphic displays of the proposed project will be available for review and comment. Staff will be on hand to describe the proposed improvements and answer questions.

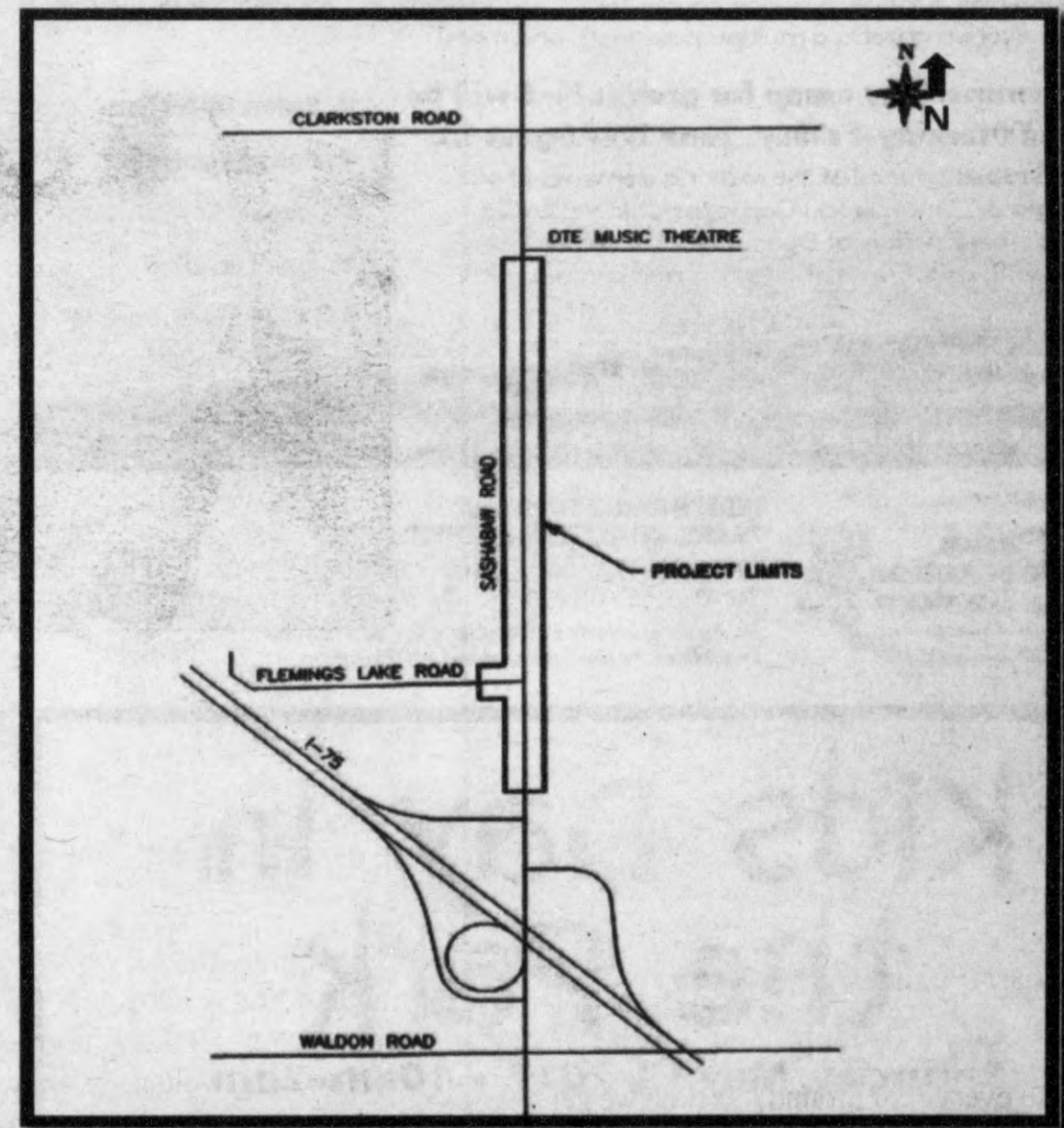
PROJECT DETAILS

The proposed improvements to be constructed from the I-75 Interchange to DTE Music Theatre will improve safety and ease congestion including the following:

Infrastructure Improvements

- Widen existing Sashabaw Road to 5 lanes between I-75 and DTE Music Theatre
- Construct a continuous center-left turn lane and an additional southbound through lane
- 8' wide sidewalk along the east side of the road from Sashabaw crossings to north of DTE Music Theatre
- Street lighting
- Sanitary sewer

PROJECT MAP

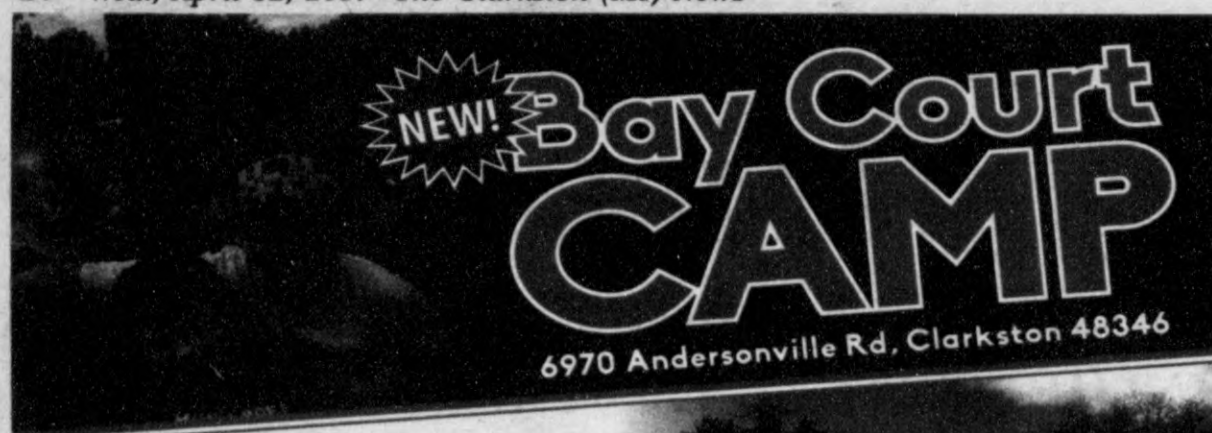


PROJECT SCHEDULE

The goal is to construct the project in 2018.

PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The project is expected to cost approximately \$4.6 million. The project will be funded by various sources.



Independence Township is excited to announce the opening of **Bay Court Camp** at Bay Court Park due to high demand! Bay Court Park is a wonderful historic landmark featuring a community built playground, the famous Brady Lodge, a walking trail, a 9-hole disc golf course, two picnic shelters, a gazebo, a multipurpose room and more!

This summer day camp for grades K-5 will be offered Monday-Friday, June 19-August 18.

This camp will offer all of the exciting elements of our very popular Clintonwood Camp including exciting field trips, beach days at Deer Lake, and summer days packed with arts, crafts, sports, fun, and excitement!

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Kids Day in the Park

Saturday, May 13, 2017 • 10am-2pm
Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road

Join us as we celebrate the Grand Opening of the **Ryan Kennedy Memorial Playground**. Ceremony to begin at 10am. In addition, over 25 community-based organizations will join us with unique and exciting activities specifically designed for kids and families!



Shop the Kids Only Garage Sale!
"A sale for kids, by kids!"

Saturday, May 13. Sale opens for shoppers at 10am and ends at 2pm. **NO ENTRANCE FEES** for shoppers! Held light rain or shine at Clintonwood Park. To register, call Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors at (248) 625-8223 or visit www.itprs.org.



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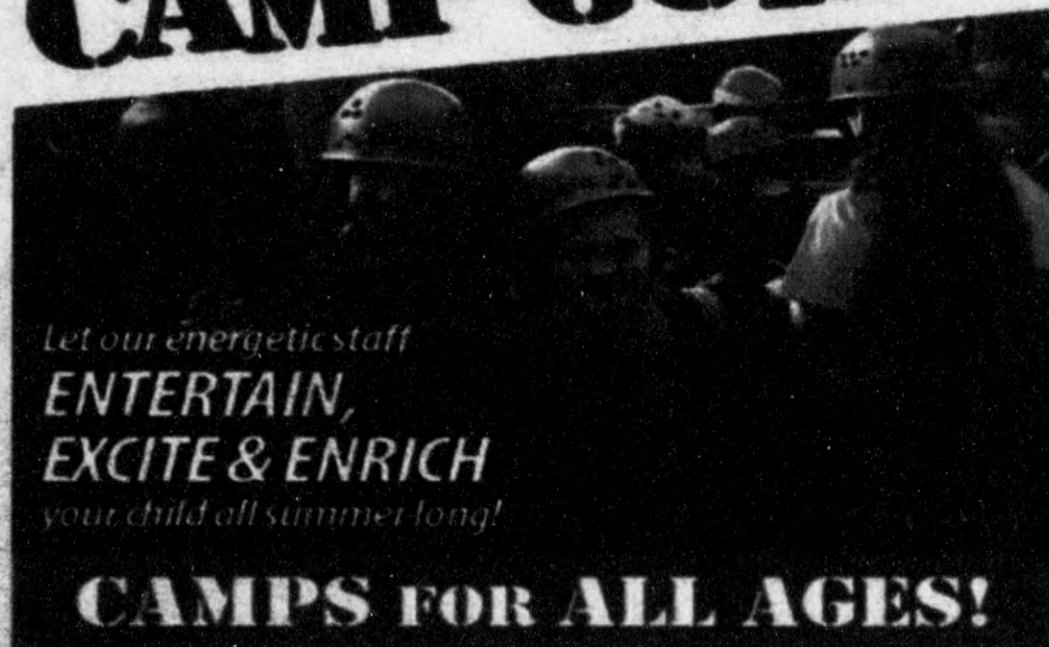


GOT CAMP?

Camp registration starts on Friday, April 21 from 8am to 7pm for Returning Camp Families. Then on Saturday, April 22 from 9am to 2pm for Independence Township and Clarkston School District residents.



SUMMER 2017 CAMP GUIDE



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McLaren Clarkston Emergency Center is located near Sashabaw Road and I-75.

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Events

Health & Wellness seminar and educational workshop to help your family optimize their physical & mental health, Sunday, April 23, 1pm-2:30 p.m., free admission, food and drinks available, at Canterbury Village, 2325 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion Michigan 48360. E-mail FrankGranett@CAOOY.org for more info.

Marcello Rossi in Concert, church fund raiser at St. Daniel Cushing Center, Sunday, April 30, 5:30 p.m. Musical extravaganza featuring original, Broadway, Christian, pop and Italian music. Cash bar and snacks provided. 248-625-4580.

Chiropractic Event with Dr. John Johr, DC, Tuesday, April 25, 6:30-8 p.m. Sample Network Spinal Analysis, learn Stage 1 in Somato Respiratory Integration. Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. Register, 248-505-8010.

Community Impact Weekend, April 29-30 and Nov. 4-5, projects for qualified low-income families and seniors, local veterans, non-profit service projects. 248-625-8055.

Golf Outing for Amyloidosis Foundation, May 13, Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Registration, 8 a.m.; www.amyloidosis.org.

Daffodils & Duds, Springfield Garden Club of Davisburg, style show from Christopher & Banks plus luncheon, 11:30 a.m., May 10, Captains Club at Woodfield in Grand Blanc. Quilt raffle, door prizes, silent auction. \$38. 248-318-9601.

Michigan Wine Tasting, Clarkston Rotary, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 18, Fountains Golf & Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. \$40/advance, \$50/at the door. 248-625-9741.

Annual Friendship Tea, ESTHERS Ambassadors of Clarkston to protect children from trafficking, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., May 20, The Holly Vault, 202 S. Saginaw St., Holly. \$50. 248-882-5334.

Sunday

Blood drive, American Red Cross, April 30, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway behind Pete's Coney. All welcome.

Around Town

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



Springfield Township hosts its annual Easter Egg Hunt from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, April 14, at Springfield Oaks Activity Center. The Easter eggs will be filled with candy, toys, and prizes, and the Easter Bunny will there for photos. Children must bring their own Easter basket. Egg hunt will be held rain or shine. Registration required by 5 p.m. on April 13. File photo

248-770-5388.

Monday

Meditation Class, Intuitive Exercise, Monday, April 17, 7-9 p.m. \$25. Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. Register, 248-505-8010.

Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3.

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

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Commu-

nity Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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

FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 63, Ortonville Road.

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

Grocery Store Class by Nuview Nutrition, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., smart shopping for wallet and diet, at Kroger store, Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. Group tours, \$20. Private classes by appointment, \$80/person. 248-

625-5143.

Indoor Pickleball, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9-11:30 a.m., all skills, \$3 drop in; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., experienced and competitive, \$4 drop in, First Congregations Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Call Mary, 248-625-8231.

Tuesday

Emotional Wellness Class, April 25, 6:30 p.m., Nuview Nutrition, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. How to improve emotional health through coaching, diet, supplement support. \$15. Pre-register, 248-625-5143.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. April 18: Susan Coventry, author of "See you Then." 248-623-9462.

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 Watkins Lake Road. Call Walt, 248-922-9090.

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register, 248-625-5143.

Wednesday

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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Monday, April 17
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For the Easter Holiday



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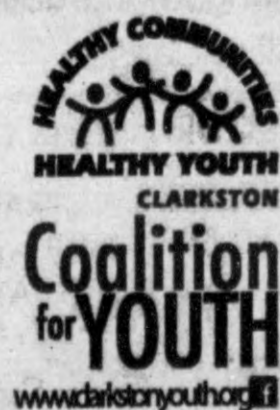
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 • 7am–4pm

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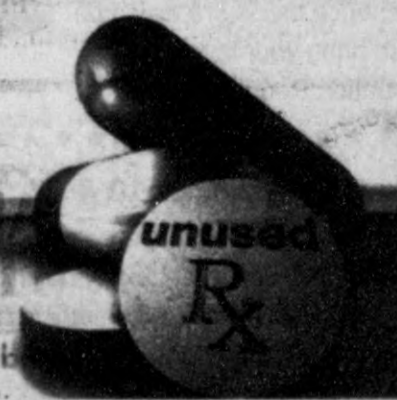


Can't make this date? Citizens can drop off medications at the Independence Township Oakland County Sheriff's Substation off of Citation Drive in Clarkston, Monday–Friday, 7:30am–4:30pm.



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Growing up in vintage, small-town Clarkston

Continued from page 1

Robertson said. "We went down 20 feet, and found out it was solid clay down there. Our parents found out about it and thought it was a little bit too dangerous."

They did lots of things until their parents found out about them, he said.

"One winter, a late January ice storm created a thick crust on top of the snow, over two inches," he said. "When it started to melt, you could slide down from the north end of the hill off Parke Lake, all the way across to the south end and back. We did that all day long, all the way across the lake, back and forth. It lasted a couple of days."

Summer also meant outdoor games, mostly sandlot baseball and football sans safety gear, with some basketball thrown in too.

"We'd sneak into the high school, now Renaissance High School, at night. The little guy would go through the window and come around to open the door," Robertson said. "We didn't do anything bad. We turned off the lights and locked up after we were done."

Camping was a popular activity, he remembers, especially in the years right after World War II when there were tons of war surplus material available for pennies on the dollar — tents, sleeping bags, camping stoves, everything they needed.

"Kids did a lot of camping back then. The

surrounding area was open territory, so we camped where we wanted to," he said. "My favorites were the hills and woods around Cranberry Lake, sometimes 2-3 nights. Parents assumed things were alright. It was a very different time."

Bicycles were the preferred mode of transportation all over the township and beyond, he said.

"Back then, Sashabaw was a fairly narrow dirt road. We'd bike south to the theater in Drayton Plains, watch a matinee, root for our favorite cowboys Roy Rogers, Gene Kelly, Hoppilong, a plethora of heroes, a quarter would buy a ticket, popcorn, and a drink," Robertson said. "Money went a lot further back then. My brother and I got dime allowance. You could buy two Hershey bars, double size, candy by the armload for 10 cents."

For extra money, most kids got jobs.

"I was lucky enough to get a paper route, for the *Pontiac Daily Press*. They would drop off papers outside the dairy bar at the southwest corner of Depot and Main Street," he said. "It was a teen hangout, with a juke box, dance floor, pingpong table, pool table. We'd play pool before we got the papers. I needed a note from my mother before I could do that."

He and a lot of kids also worked as



The Robertson house was on Main Street before it was moved to make way for the road for Parke Lake subdivision, pre 1920.

carryout boys for Rudy's Market on Main Street.

"There were three grocery stores at the time," he said. "We'd deliver groceries and take them out to cars."

Residents had quite a few animals in town, even on Main Street.

"Dad had flock of chickens in the second story of the garage, 20 laying hens," he said. "Unfortunately my job was to feed the chickens and collect the eggs. In winter, I had to thaw out the water troughs and put coal in the furnace before I went to school."

Downtown residents had cows, sheep, horses, and flocks of chicken.

"I always had a dog," he said. "One day,

my dog Chum killed six chickens. Thank God dad came to the rescue and paid for the chickens, and Chum lived see another day."

The pooch's luck eventually ran out, though, and he was run over by a garbage truck, he remembers.

Robertson graduated from Albion College and went to work for the pharmaceuticals company Park Davis. He and his wife, Kay, raised their children Patricia Kay Robertson, Charles Gray Robertson IV, and Gregory Robertson in the "birdland" neighborhood off Maybee Road until his parents passed away, and they moved into the house on Robertson Court.

"We still live there. I hope we live there the rest of our lives," Robertson said. "One of my sons (Charles Gray IV) expressed an interest in living there, as did one of my grandsons (Charles Gray V). We may live there another 150 years."

Robertson Court was always considered home, he said.

"It was nice living in Birdland, but I didn't have roots there," he said. "I appreciate the fact we're living in a rather unique community. It's something we treasure."

The *Clarkston News* and Tom Stone, longtime resident and genealogist, are highlighting every month local families who have lived in the area for at least 100 years.

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THROUGH HER EYES WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS Tuesday, May 9 7 pm

DIA speaker, Carlene Van Voorhies, will introduce you to the impact of art photography by some of the leading women artists in the 19th and 20th centuries. Registration Required

Wednesday, May 10 7-8 pm

Are you a foodie? Do you love to cook? Join our new food lovers group Books & Bites. Home cooks and self-proclaimed foodies of all experience levels are welcome. Is that summer I smell? Please bring your favorite summer BBQ to share. Registration Required

BOOKS & BITES



Wednesday, May 10 & 24 7 pm

Whether you are an experienced knitter or crocheter or someone taking up knitting for the first time, Got Yarn has something for you. Beginners, experts and any level in-between are welcome.

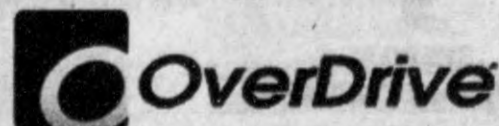
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Join us for a special all ages celebration of all things Star Wars! Take part in fun Star Wars-themed activities throughout the library and have a "yub-nub" good time!

KIDDIE-PALOOZA

Monday, May 22 6-8 pm

Featuring Leonardo Music and Miss Carissa

Join us for a fun outdoor concert for your little ones! We will sing, dance, and have a blast!



Family history preserved

The first Charles Gray Robertson, Charles Gray III's great grandfather, was a pillar of downtown Clarkston after moving there in 1880 with his family.

Charles Gray III wrote about him in a family history so his descendants would know his story.

"I didn't listen when I was younger, but I'm starting to listen now," he said. "If you don't do that, memories fade as time goes on."

The first Charles Gray was the town doctor, his great grandson wrote. He saw patients on Wednesdays and Saturdays in an office building, since burned, that once stood on Main Street. Often, Dr. Robertson did not receive any money for his care. Instead receiving produce from his patients' gardens or grain for his horses or poultry such as chicken and geese. To supplement his income he also sold gravel, which was found in abundance on his property, to the village for use on the roads.

Charles Gray Robertson was born Nov. 24, 1829, in Scotland. His family arrived in America at the port of New York City on June 7, 1836, traveled to Detroit via the Erie Canal and Lake Erie, and settled in White Lake.

Great-grandfather Charles remained on the farm until he was 16, when he began to prepare himself for a career in medicine. He taught school during the winter months to earn the money to pay his expenses while pursuing his studies in the summer. In 1850 and 1851 he attended lectures at the Medical College of the University of Michigan and in 1852 he began his practice in Waterford and also operated a drug store there. He was the first resident physician in that village.

On Sept. 13, 1853, he married Jessie Newton at the Hodges House Hotel in Pontiac. The same year he sold his practice in Waterford and hired on as assistance surgeon for the Clift Mines Co. in the Upper Peninsula. He practiced there for three years, but he wasn't satisfied with the amount of technical knowledge he possessed. So he left to continue his study, and in 1862 he graduated from the Buffalo University of Medicine in New York with a doctor of medicine degree.

Dr. Robertson returned to Waterford to resume his practice, but soon after he decided to join the Union Army during the Civil War. He personally abhorred slavery. He enlisted March 12, 1863, as an assistant surgeon in the Eighth Michigan Cavalry and was promoted to surgeon Sept. 12, 1864. His regiment took part in Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's March to the Sea.

On July 31, 1864, near the settlement of Sunshine Church, Georgia, part of Dr. Robertson's regiment was encircled by the Rebels during Gen. Stoneman's raid on Macon, Georgia, and he was taken prisoner. The South was still accepting prisoner exchanges and he was released Sept. 3, 1864.

He returned to his regiment after 30 days leave.

On another campaign in Tennessee against Confederate Gen. John Bell Hood's army, he was involved in the Battle of Franklin and Columbia. A correspondent for the Detroit Advertiser and Tribune, Dec. 3, 1864, wrote "too much cannot be said in praise of Surgeon Charles G. Robertson and Assistant Surgeon Samuel D. Toby for their service in caring for our brave wounded boys."

After the war Dr. Robertson returned to Michigan and set up practice in White Lake, where grandfather Milton Gray Robertson was born on Dec. 17, 1868 and where the family's original home was located when they first came to America. He remained in White Lake until 1875 and then moved to St. Clair. Still looking for the best location to live and work, he came to Clarkston in 1880 with his wife, Jessie, daughters Ada and Clara, and son Milton.

He purchased eight acres on Main Street next to the Union School property and built a home that stood at the west end of what is now Robertson Court. The rest of the property was used to pasture his horses. Dr. Robertson admired good horses and was an experienced rider, having served in the cavalry. Also, horses were a professional necessity in the 19th century as most of his patients were cared for by house calls.

He was a Mason, belonging to the Clarkston Cedar Lodge No. 60, and a charter member of the Knights of Maccabees.

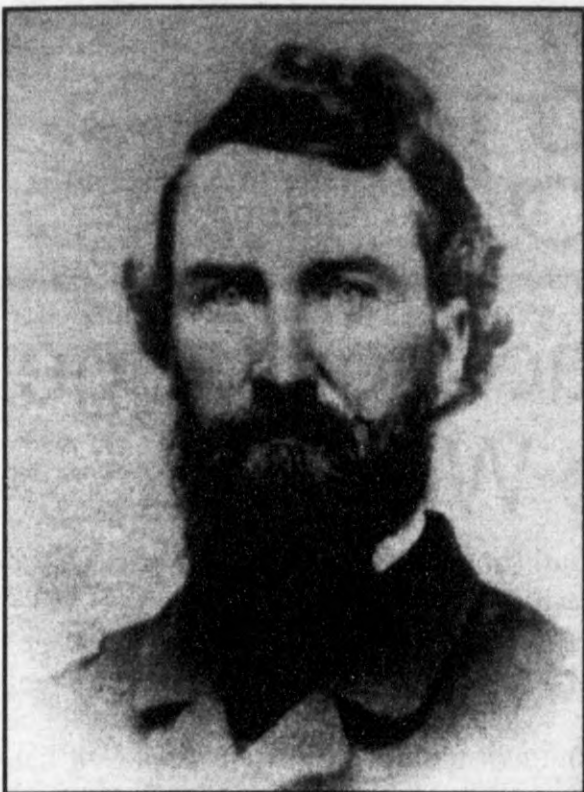
In 1891, Dr. Clark J. Sutherland, who had just graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School, joined the practice. Together they served the community for 10 years. In July 1901, while helping to mow hay on his small farm, Dr. Robertson, "by over-exertion, some of the tissues about the heart were ruptured, which caused several hemorrhages and resulted in his death," according to his obituary.

He did not leave much of an estate to his wife, Jessie. However, the U.S. government provided a pension for widows of Civil War veterans. Also, her son Milton, part owner of a profitable department store in Pontiac called Waite Brothers and Robertson, drove out to see her every week, first by horse and buggy and then by automobile, which he was one of the first in the area to own.

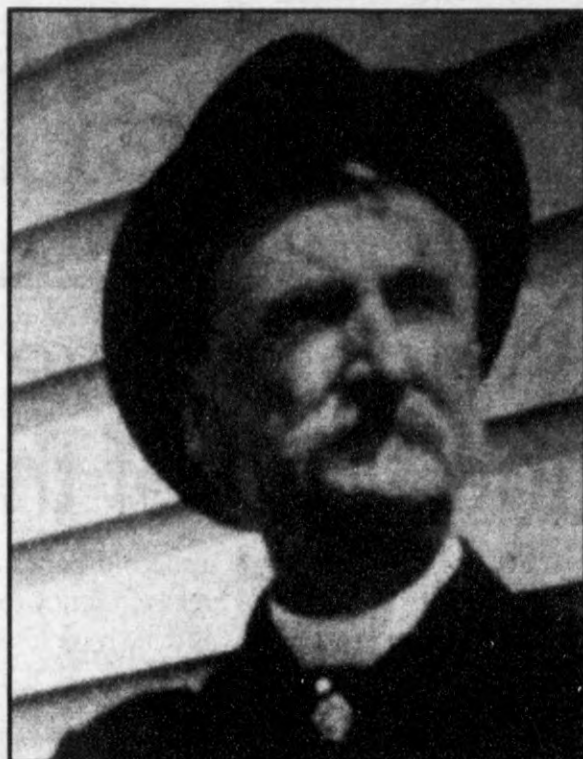
After his mother died, Milton subdivided his father's property, moving the doctor's home on Main Street to its present location a 10 Robertson Court.

He also built several other houses in the subdivision and Charles Gray III's father, Charles Gray Robertson II after his grandfather, built two more houses, one of which Charles the third now live.

Dr. Robertson was buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston. Also in the same plot are his wife, Jessie, his oldest daughter Ada, and one of his sisters, Elizabeth.



Charles Gray Robertson served in the Civil War as a surgeon.



After the war, Dr. Charles Gray Robertson, here circa 1900, settled with his family in Clarkston.



Milton Gray Robertson, Charles Gray's son, with his sons Charles Gray Robertson II and Bruce Chaffee Robertson, on right, circa 1910.



Charles Gray Robertson II, Charles Gray's grandson, was a student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1922.



Charles Gray Robertson II and his wife Mary Lucille Robertson, in back of their home at 37 Robertson Court, about 1933.

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Religion

Events Preaching

When will we acknowledge the truth of the Word?

I was looking through some old papers the other day. As a child, I had a tendency to save everything I thought was even remotely important.

At the age of 10, I began to develop a great interest in politics. As such, from the late 60's, I started to collect *important* information.

I came across magazines from the 60's, including a scrapbook with articles about the Kennedy assassination, indicating that I began collecting articles at just 9 years of age.

Anyway, I figured it was time to get rid of some stuff. I also saved the letters I got from congressmen. Since they came from a congressman, I thought it was essential information.

A congressman from the 70's reported how necessary it was that we deal with the national debt. He said it would not be long before our debt would surpass 1 trillion dollars!

I laughed at that one since it is now around 20 trillion, and when you add the pension liabilities many government entities have accumulated, it is almost impossible to comprehend the enormity.

Since that time, many politicians have run campaigns on the "need to do something about the debt," but even the ones who have won simply added to the debt.

Debt is not always bad; when making investments for the future, it can actually be very good. This is especially true when investing in tangible assets. Once you pay them off, you can add to your net worth. Unfortunately, this is not the case with the government, or with many of the businesses of our day.

In fact, businesses have recently used the low interest rates as an opportunity to buy their own stock in order to increase the value of the stock; then carrying unnecessary debt.

It appears that we have become a nation of delusional people, not recognizing the increasing loss of capital for the future. This

collective delusion seems to pervade our whole society.

The Problem Is Man!

As a person observing current events and history, I have noticed something about human nature. We often display a herd mentality.

When people "think outside the box," they often succumb to group thinking once they become a part of the establishment. This has proven true in Washington, as both political parties have made enormous contributions to the national debt.

When do we usually deal with major problems? Unfortunately, when we are forced to! Even the tremendous economic shaking of 2008-2009 had little lasting impact on our economic direction.

The Bible pinpoints the problem with man. It goes all the way back to the beginning in the Garden of Eden. Mankind's natural response is to be motivated by the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes.

The third component, the pride of life, blinds us to the possibility of the consequences of our behavior. The signs of this are everywhere.

The economic signs are the most evident, but our refusal to acknowledge the wisdom of God's Word, and the need for restraint upon the human condition, is taking us down the road of catastrophic consequences.

Our society is demanding unrestrained behavior, with the only goal being self-satisfaction.

The Bible tells us that ultimately, God will give us what we desire. In 2 Thessalonians it says, "He who restrains will be taken out of the way in order the consequences of human lawlessness can be revealed."

This sounds scary to me until I read the end of the plan of God. After our failure, He comes to save us "with the brightness of His coming and the breath of His mouth."

In other words, the power of "His Word." I hope that you will join me in declaring His Word, which speaks of both warning and mercy. I know that if we will hear His Word, we will not need the mercy; we will be able to shine with Him in a time of great distress!

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion

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Death notices & Obituaries

Eleanor Navarre Barlow, 89

Eleanor E. Navarre Barlow of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away April 5, 2017, at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Warren Navarre and second husband Bill Barlow. She was the mother of Karen (Mark McCaslin) Helland, Amy (Lester) Hubbard, Cathy (Wally) Ross and Carol (Steve) Peterson; grandma of Michael, Tracy, Eric, the late Andrew, Brett, Sydney, Cameron, Alison, Josh and Bailey; great grandma of eight; sister of Marilyn McKee and Richard (Judy) Selle; foster mother of Jonobia Pankey; preceded in death by her foster son Brian McFadden.



Eleanor was a teacher's aide for Waterford Schools, a dedicated foster parent and had volunteered at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Visitation was April 10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was April 11 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Waterford. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Stephen Lutheran Church or Hospice of Michigan. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Rosemary Watson

Rosemary Watson, formerly of Independence Township, peacefully passed away and went home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Rosemary grew up in Goodrich, Mich., where she met her late husband Henry Watson and they married Oct. 13, 1956 and moved to Independence Township in 1958 where they raised their three children.

They left Independence Township in 1997 when they moved to Linden and lived there almost 20 years. Rosemary spent the last two years of her life living in Davison, so she could be closer to family.



Rosemary was known for her artistic talent as a painter, piano player and seamstress. Her family always loved her cooking and her baked goods at Christmas. She loved to laugh and had a prankster side to her. She was also a diehard Detroit Red Wings fan. She kept the schedule on her cell phone so she would know when they were playing and to turn on her TV. Rosemary was a faithful attendee to Faith Tabernacle Church in Burton, Mich., for five years.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her husband Henry Watson, parents Allen and Melvina Hutchinson, her brothers Lesley, Delbert, Melvin, Robert, Stuart, Paul and Russell; sisters Gladys, baby girl, Ruth, Dorothy, Esther. She is survived by her son Daniel (Nancy) Watson of Lapeer, daughter Pandora (Dennis) Keiser of Lapeer and son David Watson of Milford. She is also survived by her grandchildren Shivonne (Pat) Costa, Nathan Watson, Trevor Keiser, Noah Watson, Jacob Watson and Josiah Watson, and her great-grandchildren Cameron, Taylor, Isaac and Wyatt Costa, and Konner Keiser, and her sisters Emma May Lindsey and Shirley Berry.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 11, at Lewis E Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Mary Kathryn Will, 73

Mary Kathryn Will, "Kathy," of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly April 6, 2017, in South Carolina at age 73.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1943, in Rye, New York, daughter of the late Arthur and Dorothy (Hughes) Poschen. She was Class President and Graduate of St. Joseph's School of Nursing and The Foundling Hospital New York, 1964 where she began her nursing career.

Kathy married John Leo "Jack" Will on May 22, 1965, where they started their life and family together in Yonkers, NY. Throughout the years they moved to Baldwinsville, NY; Westerville, Ohio; Westminster, Maryland, and finally to Clarkston.

No matter where they lived, she always developed close friendships with her neighbors and those in her local Parish community. She was a dedicated and true friend to those blessed to have known her. She was deeply devoted to her Catholic Faith as she demonstrated through her countless hours of volunteer work at St. Paul's and St. Daniel's Parishes.

She was even recognized, among her many awards, as "Woman of the Year" for her outstanding contributions to St. Daniel Parish. She was past President of The Ladies Auxiliary of The Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul Council 5436 where she organized, prepared and delivered many meals in support of the parish community. She always cared for others before herself.

Besides being a Devoted Wife and Loving Mother and the Best Sister she could be, Kathy's passion and gift was caring and advocating for the elderly in her community or as she would refer to them as "Her Friends."

Whether it was being a Eucharistic minister, educating and registering the elderly with changes in Medicaid; befriending, reading to, spending time with, or simply holding the hand of those who were lonely or forgotten - and in many cases being the one to hold and care for them as they left this world - Kathy gave of herself so "Her Friends" would be comforted.

Her Family and Friends will miss her deeply.

She is survived by her beloved Husband Jack of 51 years; her loving children; Thomas (Micheline), Kevin (Christa), Kathryn (William) Abel, James (Dawn), Patricia (Evan) Thomas; 13 Grandchildren; Kelsey, Halle, Grant, Abigail, Gretchen, Cody, Samuel, Michael, Joshua, Ashlee, Jordin, Emma and William; her Great Grandchild Bella, her sisters; Barbara (John) Deyermont, Christine (Raymond) Metzemaekers, Gay Asmega, and Patricia McGrath and many other nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister Ruth Ann (Poschen) Daly.

Knights of Columbus Rosary was April 11 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass Wednesday, April 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



He was the beloved husband of the late Mabel; loving father of the late Linda (Michael) Sadler, Gary Quick and Gordon (Lynn) Quick; also survived by seven grandchildren, numerous great and great great grandchildren; brother in law of Ruth Shoemate and Pete Pelez.

Robert retired from General Motors after 31 years of service.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War.

Visitation Wednesday, April 12, 2017, from 10 a.m. until the funeral at 1 p.m. at **Coats Funeral Home**-Waterford. Burial at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. To send a condolence visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com



Earl Lawson, 91

Earl Lawson, age 91, of Marcellus, Mich., formerly of Holly, Mich., left the loving arms of his family and entered rest awaiting the second coming of Christ on April 9, 2017, at his home surrounded by loved ones.

Earl was born Dec. 28, 1925, in Pontiac, Mich., the son of Matt and Eva Belle (Ball) Lawson.

On April 26, 1944, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Earl was drafted into the United States Army, as Private First Class, Co F 314 Infantry Regiment, 79th Infantry Division. He served campaigns in Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving the American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Victory Medal World War II WD Cir 326, and the Good Conduct Medal.

His military qualifications include Marksman Rifle MI 20 cal. and Marksman Carbine MI 30 cal.

He was captured and taken prisoner of war Jan. 20, 1945, and was liberated April 2, 1945.

Upon his return from service, Earl worked at General Motors Truck and Coach in Pontiac, Mich., until he retired after 44 years, in 1987.

In 1955, Earl was united in marriage to Evelyn June Schram, raising their children in the Holly, Mich., area until the time of her death in January 1985. His hobbies included yard work and gardening. Earl had a real green thumb and loved being outdoors and planting trees.

Earl is survived by his siblings Hattie (Norman) Gunn, Lula (Robert) Church, Elizabeth (David) Frick, Frances (Jim) Robinson, and Matt (Annie) Lawson, and his children Peggy (Stan) Foltz of Mattawan, Richard (Tammy) Lawson of Marshfield, Wisc., and Jeffrey Earl (Beverly) Lawson of Marcellus, along with seven grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Evelyn, daughter Diane, and three brothers, Orville, Vernon, and Evert.

Funeral service Thursday, April 13, at 1 p.m. at **Lewis Wint Funeral Home**, Clarkston where friends may visit Thursday at 12 p.m. Interment with Military Honors to follow at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com



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Musical encourages community experience

Continued from page 1

been held back due to things such as allergies. Everything is funny and interesting to him, but he takes this spelling bee extremely seriously."

He also has a quirk, Carter shared.

"His whole thing is a 'magic foot' which is able to spell out his word."

William Barfee isn't the only character with a quirk.

Leaf Coneybear, played by Max Lies, goes into a trance when he is given a word.

"He is very forgetful and absent-minded," Lies said about Leaf. "He typically doesn't know what the word is and has never heard of it."

He added it's easy to step into the role.

"I can really do, in some sense, whatever I want," Lies smiled. "Coneybear has a bit of comic relief - I fall off chairs, have my own tap dance ballet sole where I just imagine I am playing with toys. I am kind of my character in real life."

Also vying to win the spelling bee is Marcy Park, played by Sam Carter, who finished ninth in the nationals and is able to do everything.

"She is a very good speller," said Sam. "She is on her 'A' game and this is her place. Marcy is good at everything. There's not a thing she can't do. She is overachieving at every aspect of life. She sometimes finds it can be a little stressful having to be good at everything. She doesn't want to disappoint anyone by being bad. Her inner struggle is finding the balance between being successful and also being happy."

Sam added it's fun to play Marcy because she is learning new skills because her character excels in them like playing the piano and drums.

"All of the children are very individual," said Sam. "They all have their own thing and their own struggles trying to win."

Running the Spelling Bee is Rona Lisa Peretti, one of the top realtors in Putnam County, played by Alyssa Harbaugh.

"She is living through her elementary life through a vicarious kid of way," Harbaugh shared. "She is stuck in those years because of it she runs the Putnam County Spelling Bee. She comments on in like a sports commentator. She is very excited about the whole event. She holds her dreams vicariously through all these kids and as she is commenting on it and seeing everything happen she is getting more progressively excited."

Harbaugh shared it's been an amazing experience.

"She gets to spend a lot of time with improv and working with audience volunteers," she added. "She has the entire stage in her hand."

Vice Principal Douglas Panch, played by Ryan Weaver, lends a hand giving the competitors their words and also



The Clarkston High School Drama Club invites you to a hilarious spelling bee you won't forget. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

pronounces and defines the words for the kids.

"I personally think Douglas Panch is one of the funniest characters in the show," Weaver said. "I feel happy and honored to portray such a fun character."

Mitch Mahoney, played by Evan Maconochie, also helps out but reluctantly as a convict volunteering to fulfill his community service.

"At first he doesn't want to be there at all," Maconochie shared. "Then, he finds he likes to help the kids. But he is such a tough person he doesn't know how to. He gets really angry trying to figure that out. By the end he really likes doing it."

He added it's a different experience to play Mitch because the character is angry.

"I am usually an upbeat person," he explained.

"He is the nicest," Sam added.

"It's me realizing I can be angrier than I usually am," Maconochie said. "I have to realize inside of me there's anger. I let my bad feelings get to me but then leave them on the stage when I am done."

The cast invites the community to come out and see the show.

"It is hilarious," Harbaugh smiled. "I have been in a lot of shows, but I have never been in one that made me laugh this hard. It's an amazing experience because it's something you can interact with. It's a community experience and more like a comedy show than a theater production. I think that is really amazing and something everybody can get into because there are so many different levels of humor and different aspects."

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is rated PG for mature humor.

Tickets go on sale Monday, April 17. They are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. They are for general admission season in the high school's performing arts center.

Tickets can be purchased in person Monday through Friday during school lunches, 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m., by calling 248-623-4024, or online at www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/clarkstonhigh.

Performances are April 27-29 at 7 p.m.



Brendan Carter and the cast perform to "Magic Foot."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
 6483 Waldon Center Drive,
 Clarkston, MI 48346

- CALL TO ORDER**
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES**
- ROLL CALL:**
- REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.
- PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- NEW BUSINESS:**

- Case #17-012, USA 2 GO, Petitioner, **Requesting:** A 12.6 foot side yard setback variance from Section 4.18(D), Table 4.18 in order to construct a new Tim Horton's, West side of Sashabaw Road, north of Interstate 75, Parcel #08-22-327-001, C-2 Planned Shopping Center (Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District).
- Case #17-013, Gene Mortensen, Petitioner, **Requesting:** A 10 foot rear yard variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2 in order to construct a new accessory structure, 5395 Stickney Rd., Parcel #08-11-351-010, R-1R Rural Residential.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017

I. DISCUSSION:

J. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Building Department at (248) 625-8111 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt shall be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 27, 2017

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

At Independence Township Hall Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston MI, 48347-0069, to consider the following:

PC File # 2017-003

Petitioner: Deer Lake Knolls Subdivision

Project Name: Deer Lake Knolls

PETITIONER REQUESTS SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL UNDER ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 11.08 "LAKE ACCESS REGULATIONS" AND ARTICLE 7.0 "SPECIAL LAND USE" TO USE THE FOLLOWING PARCEL AS PRIVATE ACCESS PROPERTY FOR UP TO 10 WATERCRAFT.

Parcel # 08-19-476-001

West side of Deerhill, south of Deer Park Trail

5.02 Acres

R-1A Single Family Residential

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48347-0069 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
 PROBATE COURT
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO:
 2015-366, 389-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of William Trout. Date of Birth: 4/5/1930

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, William Trout, died 3/4/2015

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, personal representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

April 6, 2017

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

APRIL 4, 2017

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Aliaga, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder
 Absent: Brown

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Larry Hess, Superintendent of Parks; Lt. Larry Perry, Oakland County Sheriff's Office; Derek Smith, PR&S Director

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.

E. CLOSED SESSION: None.

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta, Supervisor Kittle

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2017
- Approval of the Payroll of March 24, 2017 and the Check Run of March 28, 2017, for a Total Amount of \$1,097,980.94

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Adoption of Proclamation - Clarkston High School Varsity Basketball Team
- Approval of Public Services Contract - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Approval of Request to Amend Previously Adopted Motions #2017-03-035-a & -b - Acceptance of Quotes - 2017 Baseball Uniforms
- Acceptance of Proposal - Master Recreation Plan / 5-Year Update
- Acceptance of Quote - 2017 Capital Improvement Project - Lakeview Building / Baycourt Park
- Ratification of Donation - Senior Community Center Parking Lot Paving Project
- Approval of Budget Adjustment - Brady Lodge Electrical Project

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

- Minutes: Walters Lake Improvement Board-March 13, 2017
- Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report-February 2017
- Communication: March 22, 2017 - Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Traffic Control Orders-Speed Limits on County Roads
- Communication: Independence Township Support of Orion Township Safety Path Project
- Communication: Parks, Recreation & Seniors: Save the Date-Clintonwood Park Fields Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

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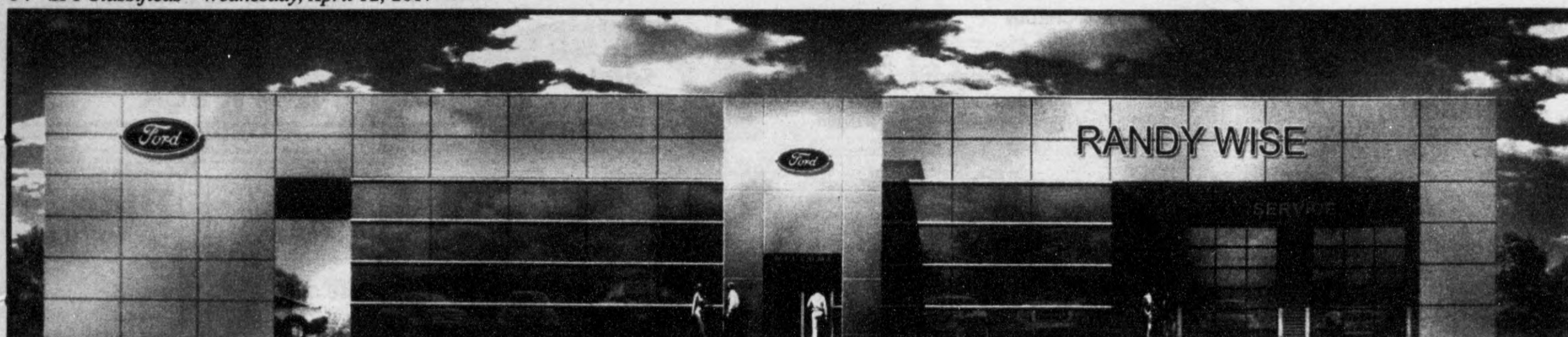
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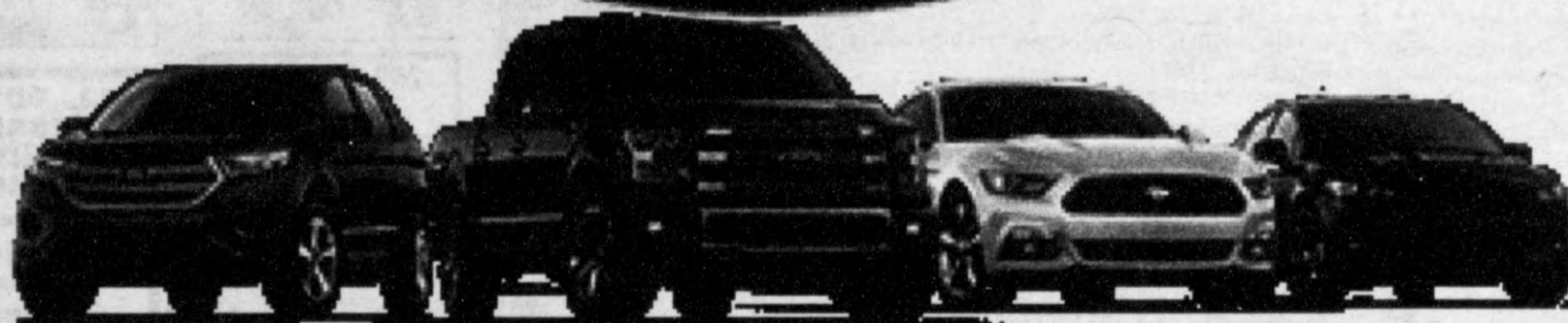
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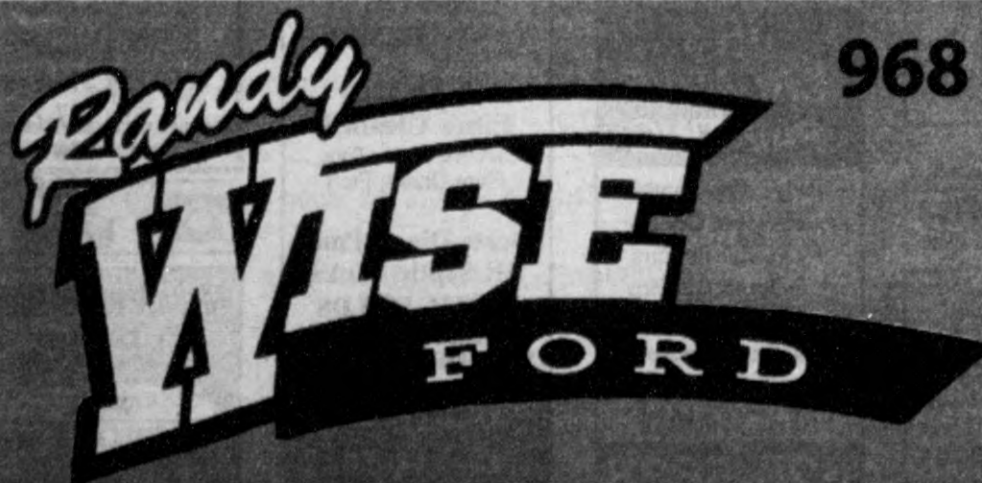
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Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Thursday

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

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.

Individualized Computer Tutoring, fourth Thursday, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center. \$30/members, \$35/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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

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

50 Plus Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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

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

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

Friday

Line dance class, Fridays, 2-4 p.m., Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Road. \$4, all levels. 248-682-9450.

Saturday

Holistic healing center, Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. Book appointment, 248-505-8010.

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

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; **McLaren Hospice**, not-for-profit, companionship-type for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County**, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3911; **Meals on Wheels**, for homebound elderly or handicapped individuals in Independence Township and Clarkston, 248-625-8231.

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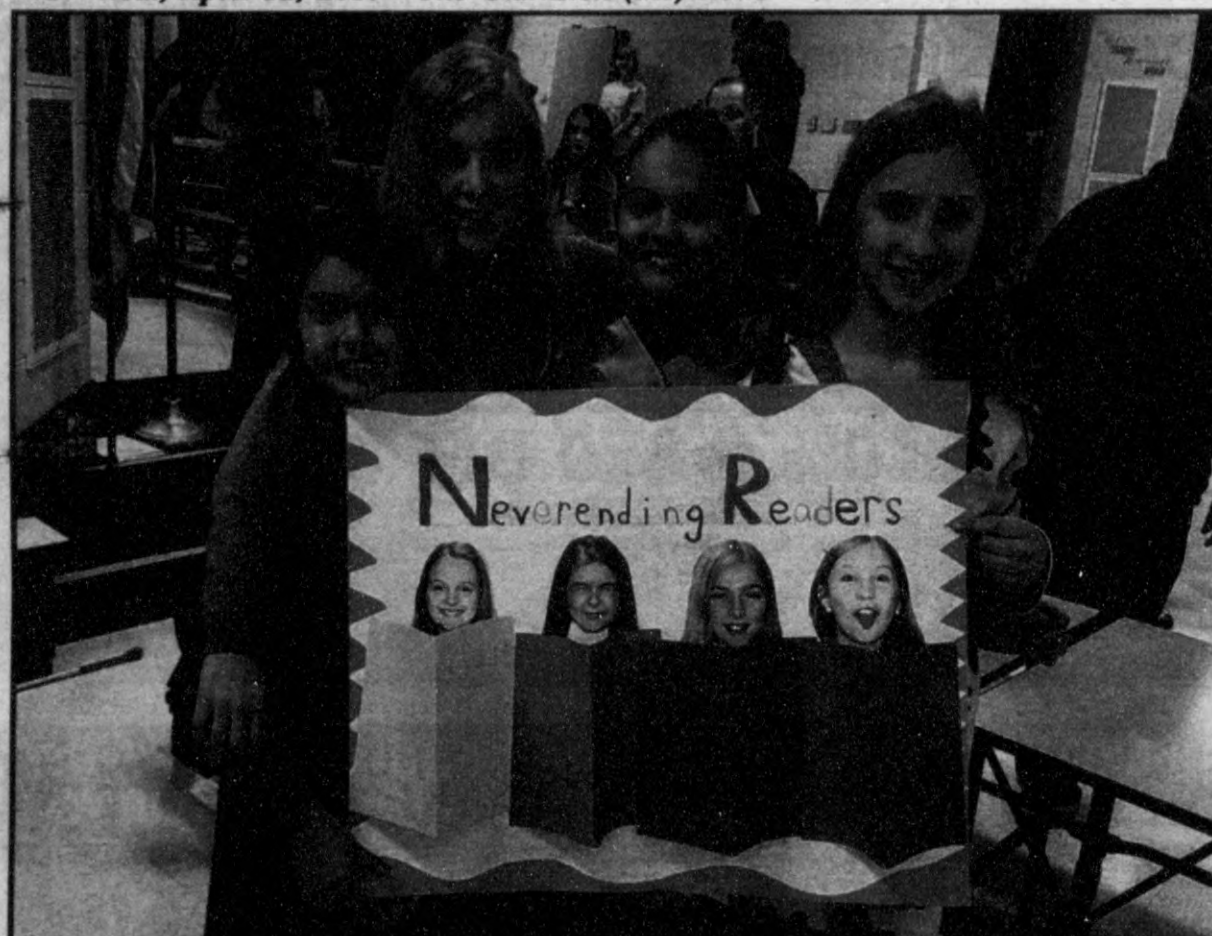
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From left, North Sashabaw Elementary fifth-grade students Eva Bousho, Lily Walbridge, Maddie Schmidt, and Kate Meyer took first place at the school Battle of the Books competition for the third year in a row, March 14. In Battle of the Books, students read 10 books each and answer questions in a quiz show format. Photo provided

Students achieve success

Dustin Clarno of Clarkston was named to the Honor's List at Southwest Baptist University for the Fall 2016 semester.

To be listed on the semester's honor roll, students must carry at least 12 hours of college work at Southwest Baptist University and earn at least a B (3.00 GPA), with no grade below C: Trustees' List, 3.85-4.00; President's List, 3.70-3.84; Deans' List, 3.50-3.69; and Honor's List, 3.00-3.40.

Clarkston students honored at Oakland Community College Foundation's 25th Annual Scholarship Luncheon included Gabrielle Bright, OCC Golf for Scholarships Endowment; Jake Bronchetti, OCC Golf for Scholarships Endowment; Maegan French, Doris and George Mosher Endowed Scholarship; and Erin Motto, Harriet H. Gabori & Richard F. Gabori Scholarship.

The OCC Foundation awarded 257 scholarships totaling \$220,000 in the 2016-2017 academic year.

"OCC is the pathway through which we educate students to meet the increased demands of our region's workforce in industry, technology, health care and more. With these scholarships, students can readily achieve their goals and contribute to our community," said Dr. Timothy R. Meyer, chancellor of Oakland Community College.

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