

Pay-to-park by June?

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Paid parking could come to downtown before the start of summer, if a plan by the city Parking Committee comes to fruition.

Committee member Jason Kneisc proposed a pilot paid-parking program in the city lot at Main and Washington streets, during the April 20 committee meeting.

"Baby steps, to ease into paid parking, using the lot as a learning tool for future related efforts," reported committee member Rick Detkowski at the April 24 City Council meeting.

Clarkston Parking Committee, made up of council members Detkowski and Kneisc, Erich Lines, Jennifer Radcliff, Kay Pearson, and Leanna Haun, with Cara Catallo as Clarkston Historic Commission liaison, will meet on Wednesday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m., at city hall.

They will discuss when and how much to charge for parking, and purchase of a used "starter kiosk" and other costs, with a proposed start date of June 1.

Topics will also include plans for potential revenue from paid parking, such as creating an escrow fund for specific purposes, and giving back a percentage to businesses; parking striping on Church Street; and door-to-door surveying of downtown residents.

"Ask if they (Church Street residents) want parking completely off their street," said Mayor Steven Percival. "There should be no parking, or allow parking – permit parking would be difficult to oversee and manage, in



VISIT OF SOME NEW YORK CLARKS: Dale Bond of Clarkston, at left, points out the old Clark house on Main Street to his guests, the Clarks visiting from New York – Doug Clark, at right, and Dave Clark, and their wives, both named Diane Clark, along with Clarkston's own Diane Clark, in middle. Dave and Doug are descended from the first Jeremiah Clark, but their ancestors didn't make the 18th century move to Michigan. See story and more pictures on page 19. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Repairing township roads

BY JESSICA STEELEY Clarkston News Staff Writer

pay for it.

With April showers and May flowers comes the spring bounty of potholes.

According to residents posting on social media, Snow Apple Drive and Parview Drive are the two worst roads in the Clarkston area.

redone if local residents band together and

Pat Kittle, Independence Township supervisor, said the Road Commission for Oakland County doesn't have enough resources for subdivision roads like Snow Apple and Parview, and they can only be

"We've got a bunch of secondary neighborhood streets that I don't know if they'll ever be enough money," Kittle said. "That's why we put together the neighborhood road incentives."

"We don't pay for subdivision road resurfacing," said Craig Bryson, RCOC senior manager of communications.

Residents can create a special assessment district, working with the county, Bryson said.



my opinion."

The committee will report its findings to City Council, which has the final decision, in May. "We will work with them. Ultimately, they will pay for it through a special tax assessment levied over 10 years and they *Please see Work on page 8*

Township Treasurer Paul Brown on Snow Apple Drive. Photo by Jessica Steeley



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Toys of history

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Robert (Bob) L. Jones passed away in 2004, but his toys continue to provide fun for kids.

The handmade creations were given to the Clarkston Early Childhood Center by his longtime neighbors and friends Dr. Tom Stone and his wife, Arlene.

"We had gotten [toys] over the years from Bob and our children and grandchildren played with them," Stone said. "We thought [the Early Childhood Center] would be a nice place for them to be used and they're just delighted to have them. It's really kind of a legacy of Bob. So, they're living on, being played with by youngsters in the community today."

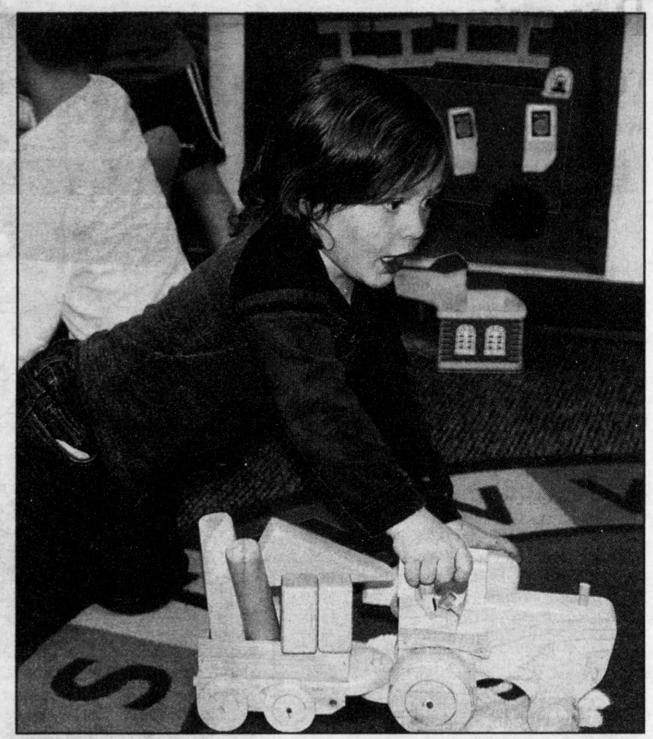
Jones would often duplicate wooden toys and other objects. He could make almost anything in wood, including bird houses, boxes, picture frames and decorations, Stone said.

"Somebody said, you know, I need a box, it's about this big, it's got to hold index cards or I want to do thus and so with it," Arlene Stone said. "He'd come up with something and then if you liked it, he made five more or 10 more of them because maybe you're going to come back and say 'You know what, I could use a second one.""

She said Bob made wooden cars and trucks, tractors, airplanes, etc., a variety of different toys. They donated around 40 to the Early Childhood Center.

"Everybody loved him," said Cheri Jones, Bob's granddaughter. "He did it for the community, he loved his woodshop, he loved making all of this stuff and giving it away, he didn't sell anything, he gave his hobby away."

The toys have real detail and character, like all the objects he made, Stone said. He guessed Bob made over 50 different kinds



Preschooler Laine York plays with a wooden tractor, handmade by Robert Jones. Photos by Jessica Steeley

workshop," Stone said.

Cheri said she always remembers her grandfather during his retired years, building in his woodshop.

"I would always go down to the basement and he's got a work bench and he would set us up there with a little stool and our own little hammer and give us a hunk of wood and some nails," she said. "That was how we did our work stuff and then he would be busy. He would be down there working."

His woodworking was well underway of toys, often donating his crafts to when the Stones moved into the



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shers of: Ad-Vertiser-The Oxford Leader The Lake Orion Review-The Biz enny Stretcher-The Citizen-Big Deal fundraisers and organizations.

"He spent his whole life for the community. When he was healthy he would do that by volunteering and by being involved," Stone said. "He started out as a janitor at the bank and worked his way up to being president of the bank before it was bought by Pontiac State Bank and then he ended up down there and managed their main office branch. But, he had several heart attacks and finally he just had to stop working and he transitioned into his workshop in the basement and he just put that same dedication and effort into producing things with his hands." Stone said Bob retired in 1972 and began

a new life of traveling and creating. "His creativity flourished in his basement

neighborhood in 1974, a neighborhood Bob and his wife, Uldene, lived in since the 1930's.

"They were in that house forever and when we moved in in '74 they kind of adopted us and they were Grandma and Grandpa Jones to everyone in the neighborhood," Arlene said.

"To all my friends, everybody they were grandma and grandpa," Cheri agreed.

Bob was also very involved in the Clarkston community. At one point, he was president or secretary/treasurer of 13 community organizations, Stone said. It was a way for him to give back while he was working, like how his crafts allowed him to give back in retirement.

"Two words which may summarize Bob Jones' life are 'resilience' and 'legacy,"

Preschooler Braydan Odneal plays with a wooden train Robert Jones made.

Stone said. "There are a lot of stories that go with Bob and it's just that the current story is that his last legacy, if you will, is these toys that he made, that his grandchildren played with, are now being played with by the children of others."

Rezoning request tabled

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Plans are on hold for 42 W. Washington Street, after City Council tabled a rezoning request.

Mayor Steven Percival, who made the motion to table, thought the issue was being rushed.

"My concern is we're pushing this to a motion before the council has any time to review the documents and the planning commission's official minutes," Percival said. "We just have the draft minutes – without the proper documentation we need for us to make proper call on these things."

The council voted 4-3 to table. Percival, and council members Rick Detkowski, Eric Haven, and Sue Wylie voted "yes." Council members Sharron Catallo, Jason Kneisc, and David Marsh voted "no."

"This is first time I'm seeing this proposal," Detkowski said.

Frank Schoebel, planning commission member, said draft minutes from their April 17 meeting were available on April 18, and the commission will approve final minutes at its May meeting.

The planners recommended against approving the rezoning at its April 17 meeting.

Property owners with Lehman Investment Co. want to rezone the property from residential to commercial, for use as a wedding and meeting place.

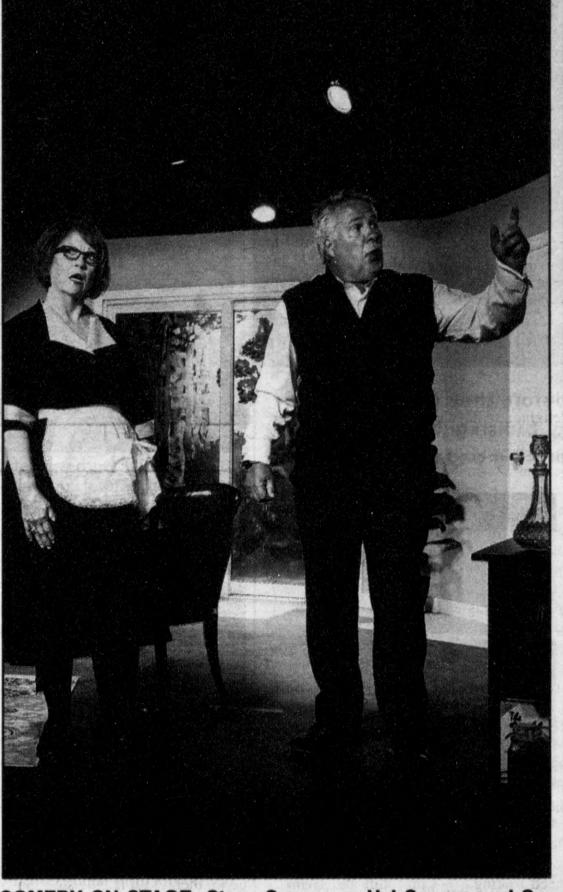
Representing the owners, Jim Eppink said the property should be rezoned because it has been part of the larger commercial Clarkston Mills property since its days as a Ford manufacturing plant in the 1930s.

The site is unique, so it wouldn't create a "slippery slope" towards commercialization, Eppink said.

Planning Commission member Frank Schoebel said the commission recommended against rezoning because the request did not meet zoning ordinance criteria, the city Master Plan seeks to prevent infringement of commercial into residential, and the adverse effect it would have on Washington Street.

Ed Adler, one of the owners of the property, said the city is treating development requests differently depending on who makes them.

"There's been selective enforcement," Adler said.



COMEDY ON STAGE: Steve Sanger as Hal Savage and Susan Steigmeyer as Bernice rehearse a scene in Clarkston Village Players' comedy "Self Help." Bernice, the maid, needs help using the intercom in the comedy farce, which opens May 5. Call 248-425-5842 for tickets. *Photo provided*

board.

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Oakland County Sheriff's deputies are conducting a pedestrian count on M-15 this week for MDOT, to determine if more crosswalks are needed.

There has to be at least 20 crossings in the timeframe, 7-8:15 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m., to show a need, said Lt. Larry Perry to Clarkston City Council.

Crosswalks are needed at Middle Lake Road and Laurelton for safety, because children have been injured crossing the road, said Mayor Steven Percival.

Mosquito funds

Independence Township authorized the Department of Public Works (DPW) to request reimbursement from the 2017 Mosquito Borne Disease Reimbursement Program at their April 18 meeting. The reimbursement amount available to Independence Township is \$6041.51.

With the reimbursement, the Township will purchase Repel Sportsmen Max Pen-Sized Pump Spray and it will be available to township residents at Township Hall, District Library, Parks, Recreation & Seniors and all DPW buildings.

Data conversion

The township was able to complete the FileBound Document Conversion Project without an outside contractors help and, therefore, rescinded their original motion taken at the Feb. 21 meeting to approve quotes for the work from outside companies.

Rescinding the motion saved Independence Township \$3500, which was reallocated to an account to provide funding for an employee to attend a technology conference in San Diego.

4-H service day

A month of service work culminates

Board considering limited open enrollment

From 20-25 out-of-district Kindergarten students could soon be joining Clarkston schools.

The Clarkston Board of Education discussed limited open enrollment at their April 17 meeting, allowing a limited number of students into the district for their K-12 education.

"I could get to a limited kindergarten proposal for a couple of reasons," said Board Secretary Kelli Horst. "One, it's welcoming students to our district and our culture and our way of doing things and our standards at a very young age, the youngest age, and so they sort of grow up in Clarkston Schools. I think I could get there and I could even get to allowing siblings to come and pay tuition just to keep a family together."

Horst opposed general open enrollment, though.

"I don't think I've made it any secret in the last few years about my lack of support for an open school of choice," she said. "I think it's expensive, I think it diverts resources, I think it's a zero sum game when every district is trying to steal from each

other. And so moving toward that kind of model is nothing I'm particularly interested in."

Board President Steve Hyer said they have time to discuss the issue before they have to make a decision.

"If it didn't work or we decided to try it and it went south, we could immediately eliminate that the next year," Hyer said. There was no proposal or action taken, it was only a discussion item amongst the

-Jessica Steeley

in the 4-H True Leaders in Service Day, Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road.

The free family event is open to the public and includes educational handson experiences in a friendly atmosphere. Activities will include ceramics and other crafts, animal demos, archery, virtual reality experiences and a horse show. Information will be available about 4-H and the Oakland County Fair.

For more information about 4-H or Discovery Day, please contact our office at 248-858-0889.

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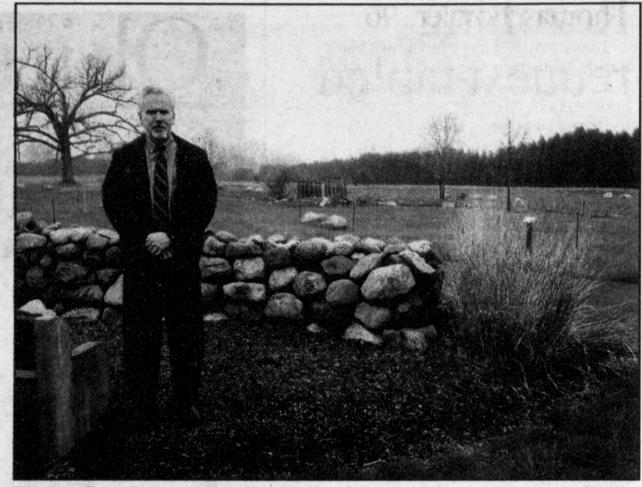
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Director Russ Burns and staff at The Preserve at All Saints Cemetery offer the only green, natural burial site in southeastern Michigan. Photo by Phil Custodio

Final way to go green at Preserve

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

With spring sprung and Earth Day this past weekend, people are looking for ways to go green. All Saints Cemetery offers the ultimate green alternative – all natural burial in The Preserve, 44001 Nelsey Road.

Response has been very positive since they started offering green burials 10 years ago, with over 300 gravesites sold and more than 50 burials so far, said the Preserve Director Russ Burns.

"Mostly environmentalists interested in reducing their carbon footprint, and those who just want to do something nice for the planet," Burns said. "Green burial is a lifestyle decision for many families where embalming and grave liners are not permitted in order to allow the natural rhythms of life to take their course."

The 50-acre site on Maceday Lake is separate from the All Saints cemetery, kept natural with no traditional headstones, nor metal, plastic, or other nonbiodegradable materials in the caskets. Many are buried in shrouds.

"You become one with nature," Burns said. "The property is nice and peaceful. Families like it. They all say it's just wonderful."

The property, which is certified by the Green Burial Council, is decorated with all native plants, including a centuries old tree, with gravel for the unpaved road recycled from millings of the cemetery's old entryway road.

Graves in memorialization areas are marked with natural fieldstones, all found on the property.

"People can pick out a rock and have it inscribed," Burns said.

Other areas are kept free of memorials at the grave, but names can be memorialized on a stone wall.

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Thomas Fowler, 96

Thomas A. Fowler, age 96, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Waterford and Lincoln Park, went home to be with the Lord and Savior April 19, 2017.

He was preceded in death by wife Mary, son Tom, and brothers Ken and Dick. He was the father of Bruce (Terri); father-in-law of Laurel; grandpa of Layne, Meredith, Brenton, Bryce, and Tori; brother of Mert.

Thomas served in the Merchant Marine during World War II.

Later, he was a car salesman and did real estate sales/investments.

Thomas was formerly a member of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Park, Waterford Community Church, and more recently attended Calvary Church, Grand Rapids.

A visitation will take place on Saturday, April 29, from 10-11 a.m. with a memorial service at Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Rapids at 11 a.m. Friends may visit Sunday, April 30, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, with a funeral service at 5:30 p.m. Interment Monday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m. at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Rest Haven Home, Grand Rapids. Online guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com.

Jacquelyn Hyma, 82

Jacquelyn A. Hyma of Bourbonnais, Illinois, formerly of Grand Blanc and White Lake, passed away April 17, 2017, at age 82.

Kimberly (Richard) Shadwick, Alan (Tracy) Hyma and Brian (Melissa) Hyma; grandma of five; sister 1 i 0 v Rosewell; preceded in death by her brother Robert Dillon.

Jackie formerly served First Baptist

Church as secretary. She graduated from Dollar Bay High School.

Funeral Service was April 21 at Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Hillside Cemetery, Grant. Memorials may be made to Woodside

Obituaries &.

John O'Neill Jr., 66

John F. O'Neill Jr. of Waterford passed away April 18, 2017, at age 66.

He was the loving husband of Shari; devoted father of

Michelle (Joe) Landry, Tricia (Jarame) Baldwin, Patrick O'Neill, Johnny O'Neill, Shawn Benscoter; fun-filled grandpa of Jack, Madeline, Zach, Hannah, Skilee, Katelyn; son in law of

Essie (Otis Watts) Dills; brother in law of Eddie (Roberta) Dills, Steve (Michelle) Watts; preceded in death by his parents John and Margaret O'Neill.

Visitation was April 20 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was April 21 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Interment Mt. Zion Cemetery Franklin, North Carolina. Online guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com.

Joyce M. Sandige, 79

Joyce M. Sandige of Waterford went home to be with the Lord, April 21, 2017, at 79 years of age.

She was born in Princeton, West Virginia, the daughter of the late Carl and Evelyn Sandige. She was the loving mother of Debbie Hill (Blaise Lacoursier), Curtis Steven Hill (Lori) and Joel (Ceree) Morris; cherished grandmother of K.C., Joe, Tim, Steven, Brad, Curtis, Bruce, Tony, Joel and Vici; dearest great grandmother of Kayleigh, Joseph Jr., Sophia and Dominic; also survived by her dear brother Carroll (the late Phyllis) Sandige and nieces Tammy and Darlene.

Joyce was the most loving and generous person, she would help any stranger by giving them the clothes off of her back. She graduated from Piedmont Bible College where she received her Masters of Theology; she also taught Bible School for years and was a great spiritual leader to many. Her funeral service was April 25 at Coats Funeral Home - Waterford. Burial at All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorial donations may be considered to the Disabled Veterans of America in Joyce's name. To leave a condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

James D. Wiley, "Jim," of Waterford,

formerly of Alpena, died April 19, 2017, at 69 years of age.

He was the beloved

husband of Linda (nee. Hamp) for 46 years; loving father of Genelle (Michael) Fahey, Derek (Jenna) Wiley and Abby (Colin) Gibbs; dearest grandfather of Colin (Amanda), Logan, Luke, Brayden, Wiley, Brea, Cameron, Travis, Kathryn and Jordan;

also survived by his siblings Lorraine (Jimmy) Patrick, Glynda (the late Tom) Butters, Larry (Patty) Wiley, Betty (Ben) Adams; his brother in law Bob (Linda) Hamp and several nieces, nephews and extended family; preceded in death by brothers Bob and Don, sister Ruth and brother-in-law Ronald.

Jim retired from the Michigan State Police after 25 years of service. He was an avid outdoorsman; he officiated for over 30 years with the Michigan High School sports programs, he also started and coached the Wolf Pack travel team in Clarkston.

He loved his grandchildren and would never miss any of their sporting events.

Memorial service was April 22 At Coats Funeral Home-Clarkston. Memorial donations may be made to Wolf Pack in c/o Chris Wasilk (6710 Sun Valley Dr, Clarkston, MI 48348). To send an online condolences, please visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com

Walter Johnson, 61

Walter R. Johnson of Waterford passed away April 20, 2017, at 61 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of Leesa for 40 years; loving father of Hannah and Evan Johnson; dear brother of Katrina (Gordon) Edens and Scott (Nicole) Johnson.

Walter had retired from GM in 2008 after 30 years of service as a journeyman electrician. He enjoyed the outdoors and working in his yard but above all he loved his family. Memorial Service Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 2 p.m. at Coats Funeral Home - Waterford. Family will receive friends Thursday from 12 p.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be made to National Kidney Foundation. To send a condolence visit www.CoatsFuneral Home.com.

Wed., April 26, 2017 The Clarkston (MI) News 5 John C. Sheffield, 82

John C. Sheffield of Burton, formerly of Clarkston, passed away April 21, 2017, at age 82.

He was preceded in death by his wife Nancy, siblings Willis "Bill" (Celia) Sheffield, Jr. and Ruth Evans. He was the beloved father of Timothy (Jayne) Sheffield; proud grandfather of Wesley (Amber) Harden, Jonathan Sheffield and



Rebecca Sheffield; great grandfather of Shea Burke, Emma Harden and Samuel Sheffield; brother of Thomas (Dana) Sheffield and Theodore (Bonnie) Sheffield; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

John retired as a mail carrier after 35 years of service.

Funeral Service, Friday, 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Clarkston, where friends may visit, Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Memorials may be made to Bethesda Children's Home. Online guestbook www. wintfuneralhome.com.

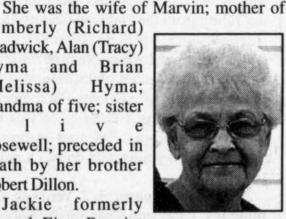
White Cane Week

Clarkston Area Lions Club members will take to local streets and store fronts from April 28 through May 6, White Cane Week.

Donations will be used to support sight and hearing projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Lions Bear Lake Camp for Physically Challenged Youth in Lapeer, Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Beaumont Silent Children Fund, and the District 11A2 Lions Hearing Program for Oakland and Macomb Counties.

"Money raised during White Cane Week will also allow Lions to meet the needs in our community, including such items as eyeglass and hearing aid support for those in need and vision screening of pre-school children," said club President Dan Wung.

Prior year White Cane donations helped



James D. Wiley, 69

Bible Church. Online guestbook www.wint funeralhome.com.

Railroad work

Canadian National are working on the railroad crossing at Clark Road between Dilley Road and Hogback Lake Road in Springfield Township.

The road will be closed during repair. Detour is Hogback Lake Road to Andersonville Road back to Clark Road, and viceversa.

The repair work should be completed on Monday, May 1.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

the club purchase an automated vision assessment tool used at monthly vision screenings at the Clarkston Independence District Library and other local events.

The Lions also assist the Clarkston Independence District Library to provide reading facilities and materials for the sight impaired, and support other local organizations, including Clarkston Lighthouse and O.A.T.S.

"Lions Club members thank everyone who contributes to this important work. You are truly helping Lions make a difference in our community," Wung said. Check www.clarkstonlions.org for more information.

Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

The past can hurt

Phil in the Blank columns through the past few years have well documented my efforts to be healthier, lose weight, run faster and farther, etc.

One thing I've learned throughout the whole experience is the futility of looking backwards. Worrying about overindulging for the holidays doesn't help anything, and since eating is a coping mechanism, can actually hurt the effort.

Only what happens now and in the future matters. So it's always the first day of a healthy lifestyle, since changing the past is impossible anyway.

That's the sort of thinking I heard at

Monday's City Council meeting. Not about losing weight, since everyone up there seems in decent enough shape.

But in the rezoning request discussion about 42 W. Washington, when Mayor Steven Percival responded to property owner Ed Adler pointing out perceived differences in city treatment of his versus requests from business owner Curt Catallo.

The mayor said the current council was seated in November and they can't argue what happened in the past.

The mayor noted there are other recourses, referring to the courts, and he's right.

The court can and will consider what happened in the past when making its decisions. It already has.

In the 59 S. Main Street lawsuit, filed by CBC Joint Venture against the city, the judge found the city's denial of a rezoning request for a restaurant to be arbitrary. It ruled the city singled out the plaintiff's property "to apply different standards as applied elsewhere in the area. Defendant's decision to do so is arbitrary and capricious and not based on any legitimate rational reason."

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Reader warns about lawsuit in rezoning

Dear Editor,

I don't think anyone has presented a valid reason for not rezoning the property in question or for rezoning (42 W. Washington Street, "Planners against rezoning Mills neighbor," April 19). All there has been is unsubstantiated opinions, many of which are contrary to the past and current actions of the city.

What are the "adverse affects"? What "dangerous door" is being opened any wider than all the other commercial, high occupancy uses that have already been approved? What about the numerous commercial entities that are adjacent to and in some cases surrounded by residential? I don't hear anyone saying how terrible those are and that precedent was set long ago.

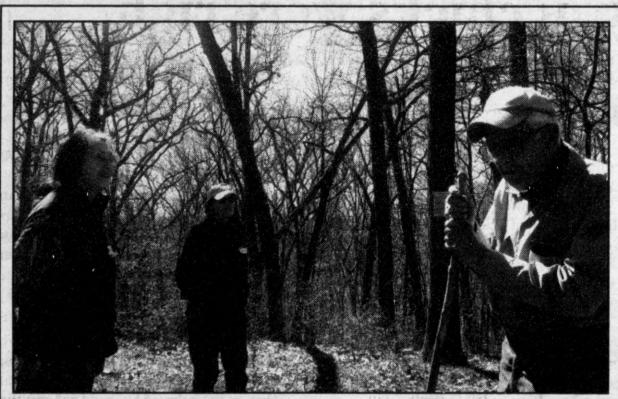
Traffic and noise? That issue has been

raised for many, many years and the city has allowed the downtown traffic, noise and activity to increase by doing nothing to stop or control it.

The ongoing development of the areas around the Village of Clarkston will have a far greater impact than one house being used for unspecified commercial use.

There are reasons to not rezone, just as there are reasons to do it, but until the city can present something better than vague opinions and fear, they are simply asking for yet another law suit against the city that they generally lose, as they did the last rezoning they denied, and the one before that and just about every case they go to court on.

> Cory Johnston, Clarkston Posted on Clarkstonnews.com



Tom Hall introduces new inspectors Gisela and Beth to his preserved property just north of I-75.

New volunteers with conservancy

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Property rezoned" Despite resident concerns the Springfield Township Board voted 6-1 for the go-ahead for property of 7701 Lavon, a residential property, on Dixie Highway near I-75 to be rezoned for commercial.

"Clarkston Elementary celebrates life in the U.S." Students at Clarkston Elementary participated in a full day of fun and educational workshops for Festival U.S.A which focused on different aspects of history, culture and freedoms in the United States.

"Local official to be honored at MHSAA banquet" Clarkston resident Kenneth Wikle, a soccer official working primarily in Oakland County, was one of more than 300 individuals recognized at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Annual Officials' Awards and Alumni banquet.

25 years ago - 1992

"Supreme Court showdown" The two-year fight over Clarkston cityhood moved to a bigger ring - the Michigan Supreme Court. Independence Township filed the appropriate paperwork after the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld an earlier ruling from the Oakland County Circuit Court for Clarkston to become a city.

"Meeting Mother Nature" Lynn Conover, an assistant parks naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park, entertained kids during Tuning Your Tots to Spring. Her puppet, "Mother Nature," was a hit with youngsters during a puppet show.

"Defense keeps 3-2 Wolves in matches" Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer defense helped the team by blocking two Greater Oakland Activities opponents from wins as the Lady Wolves defeated Southfield, 6-1; and Waterford Mott, 2-0.

50 years ago - 1967 "Latest electronic methods to be employed in township water-sewer studies" Independence Township officials met at Pontiac office to sign contracts authorizing use of IBM 1130 computer for the preparation of sanitary sewer and water systems program. "Olympics at Bailey Lake" Fourth graders at Bailey Lake School held their own Olympics after studying a unit on Mediterrean lands. "Round the town" Carrie Evans was treated with two birthday cakes for her eighth birthday as she celebrated with friends and family later during the weekend.

The city's case against rezoning 59 S. Main, the Sutherland Building, was partly based on the slippery slope argument, which was also applied to the Washington property request, next to the Mills.

No one on City Council can change the past, of course. But what happened then makes a huge difference when making decisions now. A judge might think so, anyway.

Six new volunteer property inspectors joined the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, April 23, at the Clarkston Family Farm to learn how to inspect property managed by NOHLC.

"They are looking for new plants and animals observed on the site and the success of any plantings done in previous years," said NOHLC Land Specialist Sue Julian. "The overall goal is to keep increasing diversity and the conservation value of a particular property."

The NOHLC manages 59 properties in Northern Oakland County. Volunteer inspectors are needed to make sure no dumping occurs on the property, to track

invasive species and to document the integrity of the land.

"Over our many years of conserving land, we've found that you can't just put property aside. You have to make sure it stays in good condition and improve it if possible," Julian said.

With the addition of Sunday's new volunteers, the NOHLC now has 25 volunteer inspectors covering 1,504 acres. Leading the inspectors is long-time volunteer Lora Perkins, NOHLC Stewardship Leader and recipient of the NOHLC's 2015 Bullen Award.

For information, contact NOHLC at 248-795-2808 or go to www.NOHLC.org.

State looks at subs

State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston supports legislation to address a shortage of substitute teachers.

"Our students and local school districts need our help," said Tedder. "Many classrooms face the possibility of not having qualified teachers, even in a substitute capacity for a few days, and we cannot allow that to continue. This bill will allow districts to work with more professionals without being limited by burdensome restrictions."

House Bill 4069 would allow school districts to consider substitute teachers who have completed a minimum of 60 college credit hours or have earned an associate's degree.

"This legislation will give college students studying for a career in the classroom an added opportunity for real world experience," the state rep. said. "School districts know what works best in their own classrooms and we have to give them the flexibility to make that decision for the education and safety of their own students."



State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston speaks to the House Education Reform Committee today in support of House Bill 4069. At right is Clark Galloway, the president of EduStaff, which works with over 30 intermediate school districts in Michigan. Photo provided

Wed., April 26, 2017 The Clarkston (MI) News

Voice of a free people

Letters to the Editor should deal with issues affecting our community. They not only criticize, but also praise.

The Clarkston News reserves the right to edit for accuracy, brevity, or clarity. Letters must include the full name of the writer, home address and daytime telephone number (which will not be published). Anonymous letters will not be published.

For consideration for each Wednesday's edition, the deadline is noon the Friday before (earlier is better!). Submission does not guarantee publication. Drop them off or mail them to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346; or e-mail ClarkstonNews@gmail.com. Any questions, call The Clarkston News at 248-625-3370.

I guess all you chicks were right. I, Neanderthal.

If you are to enter the arena of ideas, it is best to go in 2008. in as a gladiator. Having ideas these days is not for the faint of heart, or thin of skin. Especially if you go against all the feel-good mumbo-jumbo frequently espoused these days.

Having a well-thought-out, logical opinion and then sharing it, is akin to throwing the lone Celtic barbarian into a Roman colosseum for a fight to the death as

entertainment for the masses. When I wax eloquently about a topic I have researched, but know will cause the darts and laurels to be slung my way, I get ready.

In my mind's eye, I grab my mighty, mighty pen, don my leather loin cloth, wide leather cingulum belt, those awesome metal shoulder guard thingies (called Galerus), forearm and leg protection as well as all the under garments to avoid mental chaffing. I am ready for the fight.



Don't

A column by

Dear Bone Head,

I can see you are very lonely man.

It's an obvious deduction by the subject matter of this week's column; the majority of your column's followers (or rather responders) are women. As my deductions go, we women are not waiting with baited breath by the mail box for your divine thoughts, observations and rantings. Life is beautiful, birds are signing, flowers need tending, lemonade is to be made, fireflies to catch, sprinklers to be danced in and hammocks that need to be swung.

I can only imagine you sitting at your desk, refreshing your 'Check E-mail? button over and over 'til it hurts. Donny Boy needs some attention

Blah, Blah, Blah . . .

Actually, as I read that e-mail for the first time, I am sure in my head I heard the adult voices in all the Peanut cartoons.

the facts of this just the other week. My sister Patricia did one of those swab-your-mouth and send-it-in DNA testy thingamabobs.

First, I will give you the general information for my sister's DNA and therefore (unless the Milkman rang twice) my own DNA.

99.3 percent European (I kinda' figured that out by the amount of pasty white kin we have).

Of that 99.3 percent Euro DNA. 96.3 percent is from Western Europe. Of that 96.3 percent, 71 percent of our DNA makeup is Irish & British; just under five percent French and German; four percent Scandinavian (thank you Viking marauders); point one percent Ashkenazi Jewish (Eastern Europe); point four percent Sub-Saharan African; and point two percent East Asian & Native American (dang, not enough to get any funding from the Great White Father in Washington, DC).

So, it is pretty accurate to call me a Cracker, Honky, Pale Face or Thrice Removed Eurotrash. Your choice. But, what I thought was REALLY interesting about the

When I write something innocuous Don Rush (at least to me), like potty training my

sons years and years ago, I do not put up my guard. That's when I get the sharp end of a spear to the spleen from the angry mom's club. It's awesome.

Over the years, folks who have disagreed with something I have written have disparaged not only me, but my kids, too.

They have written me anonymous letters telling me the paper has been chemically treated and that in 24 hours a certain part of my body will fall off. I have been called a jerk, curse words, unrepentant, anti-Christian, brain-dead, stupid, Neanderthal, sexist, racist, fat and worse.

Don't believe me? Here's part of an e-mail I received

"Dear Bone Head, Wah, wah wah, wah . . ." What caused that woman's obvious ire? I had the audacity to write about a then new trend for local chambers of commerce to have "women" only chamber events when they don't have "men" only chamber events. It seemed unfair.

Anyway, survival is a part of my genetic makeup. And, since -- oh, forever -- I have given up on the idea of your hero (that would be me) being a Renaissance man of impeccable breeding. I have come to, at least, figuratively, embrace that yours truly is truly a knuckle-dragging Neanderthal.

Guess what.

All those chicks, all these years were right (which means, I was correct, too): I AM a Neanderthal. I learned

previously mentioned DNA test results was this little snippet about Neanderthal variants.

Said, the report, "Neanderthals were ancient humans who interbred with modern humans before becoming extinct 40,000 years ago. This report tells you how much of your ancestry can be traced back to Neanderthals ... You have 285 Neanderthal variants ... you have more Neanderthal variants than 61 percent (of the tested population)... However, your Neanderthal ancestry accounts for less than 4% of your overall DNA."

Who would a thunk it, I really am a Neanderthal. Your thoughts?

Send them to me via e-mail to this address: DontRushDon@gmail.com



TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **APRIL 18, 2017**

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:02 PM at Independence Township Hall
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 11th grade student of Friends Interested in Sharing High School, Marianna Orth
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder
- Absent: Aliaga
- There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Mark Brown, Fire Department; Doreen Groth, DPW - GIS Manger; Lt. Larry Perry, Oakland County Sheriff's Department; Barbara Rollin, Senior Division Supervisor; Derek Smith, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget & Operations Analyst; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.
- **CLOSED SESSION: Approval to enter into Closed** Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) of the Open Meetings
- The Meeting recessed at 7:05 PM
- The Meeting reconvened at 7:43 PM
- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta, **Trustee Schroeder**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT: None** G.
- H. PUBLIC HEARING:
- Reprogramming of 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds (Barbara Rollin, Senior Division Supervisor)

The Public Hearing opened at 7:46 PM

There was no comment received from the public. The Public Hearing closed at 7:46 PM

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- Presentation: Workforce for ArcGIS Application -2016 Taste of Clarkston (Mark Brown, Fire Department; Doreen Groth, DPW - GIS Manger)
- Report: Supervisor's Report (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None CONSENT AGENDA:
- Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meet-1. ing Minutes of April 4, 2017
- Approval of the Payroll of April 7, 2017 and the Check Run of April 11, 2017, for a Total Amount of \$519,990.91
- Adoption of Proclamations Recognizing 2017 **Clarkston Community Awards Recipients**
- Adoption of Resolution 2017 Mosquito Borne **Disease Reimbursement Program**
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - Rescission of Motion #'s 2017-02-029-a&b & Approve Budget Amendment #10 - FileBound Document Management Conversion Project Reappointment of Board and Committee Member
 - Construction Code Board of Appeals Appointment of Member to Boards and Commit-
- es Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA)
- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / **REPORTS:**

Work slated for Maybee, Sashabaw

Continued from page 1

have to get 51 pelrcent of the property owners in the subdivision to agree," he said. The RCOC will then design the road, hire

a contractor, and assess property taxes to pay for the project, Bryson said.

Kittle said if a neighborhood wants to create a special assessment district, the township will provide up to \$20,000 to help with the road project.

The township receives information from the road commission about what roads need attention the most, then Kittle reviews the information and either signs off on it or tweaks the plans.

"They've been very good at setting priorities in terms of where are we going to get the best bang for our buck," Kittle said. "It's a tough decision. I just wish there was enough money to go around to fix it all."

Other than that, there's not much the township can do, the supervisor said.

"We don't pay for roads," Kittle said. "That's the responsibility of RCOC, there are times that we will partner with them. For

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Independence Township will be conducting hydrant flushing on the Hillview Estate's water system on Monday, May 8, 2017. This work will be performed between the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Customers may experience some discolored water. Please run cold water to clear your lines and avoid doing laundry until the water is clear. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

For further information contact the DPW at 248-625-8222

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

Estate of SHEILA BOWMAN, Date of birth: 5/05/1945 TO ALL CREDITORS

6480 Citation Drive

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sheila Bowman, died 01/2017

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the esta will be forever barred unless presented to Roger E. Bowman, persona entative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice Roger E. Bowm Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723)

3701 Cliontonville Road Waterford, MI 48329

example, like on the North Sashabaw stretch between 1-75 and Clarkston Road; cost of that project is going to be about \$5,000,000 all said and done, you know, but there's a myriad of sources of funds there."

Two major township roads are slotted to be repaired. Maybee Road between Marvin and Clintonville will be milled and given an asphalt cap during the week of April 24, 2017, Bryson said.

They will also be doing work on Sashabaw Road between Maybee and Waldon, replacing some bad concrete slabs with new ones.

"I would say that by far that stretch of Maybee is the worst in the township when it comes to paved roads, so, I'm hopeful that the money will continue to come in from the state," Kittle said. "I hope that we get our fair share so that our residents can drive without worrying about blowing a tire in a pothole."

Treasurer Paul Brown said large recycling and waste trucks are significant contributors to the bad conditions of subdivision roads.

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENCE TWP. PUBLIC NOTICE

Independence Township's Consumer Confidence Report with the 2016 Water Quality Results is available online and can be viewed on the township's websitehttp:/ /www.indetwp.com/ www.indtwp.com. You can also pick up the report at the Department of Public Works, 6050 Flemings Lake Road. Normal business hours are 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

> Barb Pallotta, Clerk Charter Township of Independence

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| | COUNTY OF OAKLAND | |
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4-17-2017 117 N. Eastwa Pontiac MI 48342 248-462-1965 **STATE OF MICHIGAN** FILE NO: **PROBATE COURT** 2016-368, 806-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** Estate of Wilma Jean Ferguson aka Wilma J. Ferguson. Date of birth TO ALL CREDITORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Wilma Jean Ferguson, died 1/12/2016. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Connie Morgan, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 4-17-17 Connie Morgan P.O. Box 185 Wolverine, MI 49799 248-240-6815

ALL REAL PROPERTY AND A STATE

Neighborhood residents use several different waste services, as opposed to one, and those heavy weight trucks leave the roads worse-for-wear.

Primary roads are often where the RCOC puts the biggest emphasis, Kittle said. Roads such as Clarkston, Waldon, Maybee and Clintonville.

"It seems like the state legislature has taken some actions recently that over the course of two or three years there should start to be some funds coming in that will allow the RCOC to do their job," he said. "Hopefully now with some of these additional state funds coming in, the road commission can get ahead of the curve a little."

Community impact

Volunteers will make an impact all over the area during the Clarkston/Davisburg Community Impact Weekend.

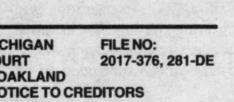
Projects during the event on Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, include saddle and counter cleanup, gardening, building a vegetable stand, painting, and other work at O.A.T.S.; yard cleanup and work on the irrigation system at Ferry Farms; stock and organize food pantry and thrift shop storage at Oakland Hope; floor and window installation at Mission 32 in Pontiac;

plantings and building raised beds at Clarkston Family Farm; projects at Kensington Spring Serve; grounds work at Pine Knob Elementary, Clarkston Elementary, Independence Elementary, Clarkston High School; trail work at River Run Preserve Trail; plantings, garden work at White Lake Community Garden;

book sale clean up at Clarkston Independence District Library; letter writing and other services at Clarkston Community Church and Waypoint Church; spring cleanup and gardening at Independence Township Senior Center; garden cleanup at Clarkston City Gardens and Clarkston Cultural Arts Council city garden Main and Washington parking lot:

warehouse work at DRAW (Disaster Relief at Work); tree and yard cleanup for local families in need; home improvement work at Mission 32; help seniors at Heather Pines; Depot Park cleanup; Adopt-a-Highway work on M-15; and other projects for local communities, churches, schools, businesses and non-profit organizations. Neiman's Market will provide free lunches for volunteers. Oakland Hope is also taking donations of personal hygiene items, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant; paper products, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates; baby Items, diapers, wipes; and cleaning supplies. For more information, call 248-625-1323 and ask to speak to the Community Impact team. Sign up at www.impact-weekend.org.

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| Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Com- mittee (ITOC) – Final, March 7, 2017 Report: Fiscal 2017 Actual to Budget Update for Period Ending March 31, 2017 | Clarkston, MI 48346 248/625-0600 | |
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| Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report – March 2017 Communication: CAYA Pinwheels for Prevention BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Schroeder, Supervisor Kittle ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk Published: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 | STATE OF MIC PROBATE CO COUNTY OF C NO Estate of Wayne R TO ALL CREDITO NOTICE TO CRED died 10/26/2016 Creditors of the dea will be forever barred | |
| MAD, GLAD] OR SAD? Write a letter to the Editor clarkstonnews@gmail.com | personal representat the probate court at proposed personal re- lication of this notice. Jon M. Gaskell P245 20 W. Washington St Clarkston, MI 48346 (248) 625-8010 | |

-0600 248-238-5675 **E OF MICHIGAN** FILE NO: BATE COURT 2017-376, 168-DE NTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** of Wayne R. D'Autremont, Deceased. Date of birth: 02/08/1943 CREDITORS ICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Wayne R. D'Autremont, 5/1/26 26/2016 tors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estat orever barred unless presented to Scott D'Autremont, named al representative or proposed personal representative, or to both bate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac and the named/ ed personal representative within 4 months after the date of pubof this notice. 4/18/2017 skell P24559 Scott D'Autremont 4975 Pine Knob Road ashington Ste 11 n, MI 48346 Clarkston, MI 48329 (248) 881-6572 5-8010

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Special-needs workshop

Waypoint Church is sponsoring a workshop by Dr. Diana Walters, "Touch of Grace" for caregivers, family and those who work with the elderly with special needs or dementia on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church, 8400 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township.

"There are many older individuals where no one comes to see them in their 'end of life situations," said Clarkston resident Carolyn Place, who visits her husband daily at a memory unit in a local facility. "We have five care homes within two miles of the Waypoint Church."

Walters has a doctorate in gerontology and 20 years of experience working with adults in care homes.

Cost of the workshop is \$30. Each participant will receive two books to help work with older adults. The workshop will offer role playing and kinesthetic activities to work with older adults with special needs.

Register at 248-623-1224 by Thursday, April 27.

Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Driver injured in crash

A 24-year-old Oxford Township man lost control of his SUV while driving eastbound on Rattalee Lake Road west of Bridge Lake Road, went off the south side of the road, and struck a tree, 8:37 p.m., April 18. The driver required extrication by the Springfield Township Fire Department. He was taken to Genesys Regional Hospital where he was listed in stable condition. The driver appeared to be wearing a seatbelt and alcohol is believed to be a factor in this crash. Deputies obtained a search warrant for the driver's blood. Blood results were pending.

Medical crisis

A deputy on patrol stopped to check on a pickup truck stopped in the northbound lanes of Sashabaw Road, blocking traffic, 9:45 a.m., April 18. The driver, a 53-year-old Independence Township man, appeared

confused and accelerated away from the officer, driving erratically. The truck crossed the center line, hit a truck waiting in line in southbound traffic, weaved back and forth, left the roadway on the right shoulder, hit a large stump, crossed back into the northbound lane, and came to a stop. The driver appeared very confused, sweating heavily, and was unable to comply with instructions to put the truck in "park" and roll down the window. The deputy broke out the driver's side passenger window, unlocked the door, put the truck in park, and retrieved the keys. Paramedics arrived to treat the driver, who was found to be diabetic with extremely low blood sugar. He said he was in a hurry that morning and when he changed his insulin pump, he did not eat. He became alert and responsive after an IV treatment.

Call the Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP



Building autism awareness on wheels

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Kathleen Weger of Independence Township is raising awareness of autism with a colorful car she painted herself.

She painted puzzle pieces, a symbol of autism, on her auto in honor of her son, Joseph Adam Weger, for the National Autism Awareness Month of April.

Folks are invited to paint the names of loved ones with autism on the car, as well, for as long as it lasts.

"I have paint and brushes in my car – stop me when you see me around," Weger said. "I did it myself. It's kind of an 'ehh' job, but it's an old car and I don't care if it's messed up. It'll look pretty in the junk yard."

In addition to the puzzle pieces on the car, she's labeled some of the parts, such as



the gas cap.

"Pictures and word recognition, transition cards, help people with autism move from one task to the next," she explained. "They show you a card if they're having trouble communicating."

This is the first time for the painted car, but she does something every year to raise awareness of autism.

Joseph, 23, was diagnosed with autism when he was 4 years old. His mother has seem some advances over the years in teaching children with autism.

"Clarkston has a good autism program – he did really well here," she said. "Clarkston educated him from fourth grade, teaching him one-on-one."

Since then, he has taken post high school

Kathleen Weger hopes to spread awareness of autism with the help of her car. Photo by Phil Custodio

classes and works at a cabinet manufacturer in Dexter. Over the years, Kathleen has learned the value of patience.

"You need to be really patient with people with autism, kind and patient," she said. "Take time to listen and understand. With my son, if you're nice to him and take your time, everything works out good." Contact her at Kathyweger2004@yahoo. com. Independence Township Board of Trustees Clarkston School Board Clarkston Independence District Library Board ...and more!

PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR:

Clarkston City Council

On Comcast channel 20 & AT&T Uverse channel 99 For a complete schedule, visit our website: www.independencetelevision.com or find us on Facebook.

porting News

Facility change

Beginning May 1, all stadium events will be at Clarkston Junior High School during renovations at the high school.

Pitching prowess leads to wins

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Hitters took down two state ranked teams last week as they split a double header against a familiar foe.

The Clarkston Varsity Softball team ended the week going 2-1 on Saturday at the Macomb Classic.

"It was fun," said Don Peters, head coach. "It was a beautiful day. We played three good teams, two state ranked, which we beat. All three games, they played well and the pitchers battled."

Clarkston opened the tournament with a 5-2 win over St. Clair.

Hitting highlights include Paige Blevins went 2-for-4 with a homerun and two RBIs.

Hannah Cady went 2-for-3 and had three stolen bases. Nyah Ansel, Anna Skvarce and Abbey Barta had one RBI each.

Abbey Tolmie pitched for three innings and had two strikeouts. Sarah Gladding pitched three innings and had eight strikeouts.

"We had good pitching and good defense behind it," Peters said. "We had some clutch hits."

The Lady Wolves went on to lose a close game to L'Anse Creuse, 9-8.

"We hit the snot out of the ball, but we couldn't hold onto our lead," Peters said.

Hitting highlights included Blevins had another homerun and a double as she went 3-for-3 at the bat and had four RBIs.

Gladding and Hannah Chadwell both hit homeruns off their lone hits. Chadwell brought in two runners and Gladding had one RBI.

Sierra Kersten hit a double off one hit and Hannah Cady hit a double, had one RBI



and went 2-for-3.

Tolmie pitched for three innings and had one strikeout. Gladding pitched for 1.1 innings and also had one strikeout.

Clarkston went on to defeat Waterford Kettering in their final game, 6-5.

"It was awesome," said Peters, explaining Kettering was up to bat with bases loaded with two outs. "We got the ground to the short stop. Clutch pitching situation when we needed it again from Gladding."

For hitting, Cady, Kersten, and Ansel hit a double and had one RBI each. Tolmie, Blevins, Kassidy Moonen had one RBI each and Skvarce hit a double.

Barta pitched for 4.1 innings and had six strikeouts, while Gladding pitched for 2.2 innings and had two strikeouts.

"I like what I see," said Peters. "Sierra and Nyah battled. They both seemed unfazed by pressure."

The Lady Wolves split their double header against Oxford on April 18 with a 5-3 loss the first game and a 7-4 in the second game.

"They have two really good pitchers and we battled," said Peters. "I liked that they stayed focused and stayed tough and put some runs together. They did a nice job hitting. They battled and that's a good thing. I was very pleased."

Tolmie went 4-for-7 during the double header hitting two doubles and had two RBIs. Moonen and Cady had two RBIs during the night while Blevins, Chadwell and Barta had one RBI each.

Tolmie pitched the entire first game and had three strikeouts. She pitched for six innings in the second game and had five strikeouts. Kuenzel pitched the final inning. The Lady Wolves opened the week against Lake Orion on Tuesday.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Chasing a goal

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE Clarkston News Sports Writer

Chase Nidiffer made a statement when

he finished his wrestling season last year at the MYWAY Youth Wrestling State Championship - he was going to be back and he was going to place.

The Bailey Lake Elementary Kindergartner fulfilled his goal this season by finishing in second place in the 46-pound weight class at states, March 31-April 1.

"It was good," he smiled about the accomplishment. "I reached my goal."

"I was very proud of him," said mom, Beth.

"He has worked hard," added dad, Mike. "He worked hard all summer, fall and winter to get there. We are very proud of him."

Chase said he knew he was going to place in the top eight after the first day because he finished 3-0.

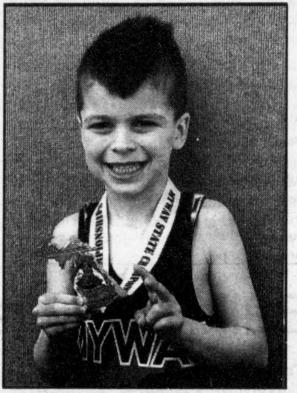
His favorite part about the championships was the semifinal match.

"It was probably the best he wrestled all year," Mike said. "He wrestled a really good kid and won pretty convincingly."

Another highlight from the event was the second round match. Chase was losing 4-0 and came back to win 12-8.

"He kept wrestling and didn't stop," Mike said. "He never got worried he was losing, and then he won it in the last 30 seconds."

Chase explained he was focused on getting the job done and his coach said to keep wrestling.



Chase Nidiffer

other tournaments.

"He wrestled the best kids in the state," said Mike. "We were all over the state looking for those good kids. Wrestling them earlier in the year when he lost to some helped prepare him for the state meet even more so than the tournaments he had won."

Chase practices three days a week in Davison with Team Donahoe and is in his second year wrestling.

He just completed his folk style season and is now in freestyle wrestling which goes until the end of May. He began the sport because Mike wrestled his whole life and even coached in Woodhaven before the family moved to Clarkston. Chase admitted it does help dad wrestled and coached.

Abbey "T" Tolmie winds her throw against Hartland during the Pink Classic. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

"It is a big rivalry and we are looking forward to seeing where we are at in pecking order in the league, and how the girls stack up in another big game," Peters said. They host Brandon on Thursday at 4:30

p.m. before heading to a tournament at Midland Dow on Saturday.

"This weekend going into another tough tournament with multi-state ranked teams," Peters added. "We play a tough schedule. We play a lot of state ranked teams and the goal is to keep getting better and learn from that. I am looking forward to it and I think the girls are, too."

Chase went 4-1 for the weekend putting his overall record to 43-13 which included winning the Northeast Regional tournament, winning five individual tournaments, and placing second in six

"He's very competitive," Mike added. Please see Future on page 22



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Wolves top opponents on the green

Golfers opened their Oakland Athletic Association with second place at Oakland University's Katke Cousins course last week.

They finished with a 306, just one under Birmingham Seaholm who finished with 305.

Senior Brady Dice hit a 71, one under par, and finished tournament medalist.

Sophomore Patrick Deardorff hit a 77; senior Noah Sampson, 78; Sophomore Noah Bridgeman, 79; junior Terry Fortuna, 83, and sophomore Harry Bowman, 84.

Lake Orion finished in third place at the OAA league meet with 334. Rochester Adams

finished fourth, 338; Bloomfield, fifth, 343; Rochester, sixth, 356; and Troy, seventh, 363.

The boys finished in third place after two days at the Southern Swing Invitational with a 606, with a 302 from round one on Friday and 304 from round two on Saturday.

Sampson finished tied for sixth place tournament individual with a 148 after two days, four under par. He hit 76 on Friday and a 72 on Saturday.

Dice hit a 152 during the tournament with 75 and 77. Deardorff and Bowman hit a 153, both hitting a 76 and 77 pars during the two days.

Fortuna and freshman Smaka both hit a 79.

The Wolves opened last week at the Red Run Golf Club tournament where they finished in second place with a 310 score on April 17.

Dice led the team with a 73 and was also an individual tournament runner up. Sampson hit a 76; Fortuna, 79; Deardorff, 82; and Bridgeman, 84.

The boys head to Twin Lakes Golf Club for their third OAA league event. They have their fourth OAA league event at Orchard Lake Country Club on May 1.

goals and Nick Atchison scored three goals.

McKouen, Aidan Nolan, Jordon Sommerville

Sheldon Bourdeau, Joel LaBruzzy, Keelan



Noah Sampson shoots during last week's tournaments. Photo provided

Canada trip result in win, loss for boys lacrosse

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves are ready to take to the field this Saturday as they raise money during Game for a Cure and take on Stoney Creek.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team used their two wins and one loss from last week to prep them.

They finished their weekend with a 13-9

win over Upper Canada College on Sunday.

"It was good," said Brian Kaminskas, head coach. "We don't often play back to back such difficult games like that. The guys were a little slow, they were a little tired, but they responded well. We told them it's about overcoming the mental issues more than the physical. They did extremely well."

Dakota Locher led the team with four

and Drew Vandenberg scored one goal each. Sommerville and Eric Csizmadia had one assist each. The boys opened their weekend in Ontario, Canada with a 10-9 loss to St. Michael's College on Saturday. Atchison opened the scoring for the Wolves less than two minutes into the game

Wolves less than two minutes into the game and Nolan added a second goal after St. Michael's took the lead with their three goals.

Two goals from McKouen and one from LaBruzzy put the boys up 6-4 with nine minutes to go in the third quarter. St. Michael's responded back by tying the score before the quarter closed.

"It came down to the last minute and 13 seconds," Kaminskas explained. "They got the last shot off. We just didn't get the ball back. It was one helluva a game. Danny Milano, our goalie, did extremely well. We were pretty happy with him. Everybody played so we ran the whole bench, which was great. They did extremely well. It is a tough place to play."

Atchison, Locher and McKouen scored two goals each while Nolan, LaBruzzy, Vandenberg had one goal a piece during the game. Matthew Williamson aided in three assists and McKouen had one.

The Wolves also defeated OAA Red foe

Rochester Adams on April 18, 13-4. They jumped to a 5-0 lead to end the first quarter and added six more to the board before the half closed.

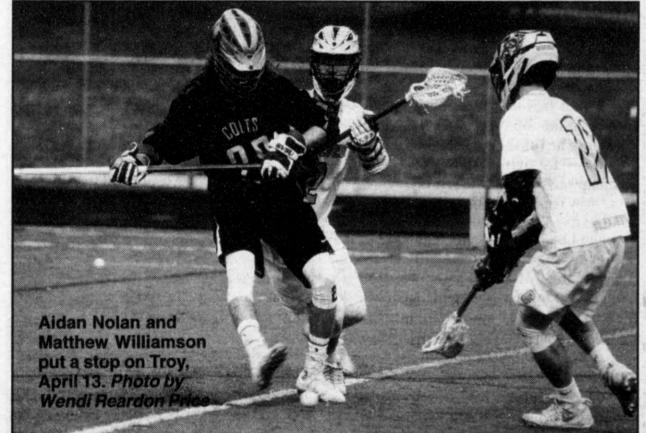
"We expected a bigger task against them," Kaminskas said. "You have to step back and look at our record. We have lost two games by two goals - both within the last few minutes of each game. It's a pretty strong team and a pretty smart team. There is some confidence there and there should be."

The Wolves (5-2, 2-0 OAA Red) opened the week against Lake Orion on Tuesday.

"Coming off the weekend the guys are going to be a little sore, a little beat up and tired; but mentally they are in the right place," Kaminskas said. "Last year around this time we were down a bit mentally. We weren't playing our best ball, but we were winning -Orion took advantage of it. This year we aren't in that place - we are smart, we are moving, and we are playing well. It's a good way to go into this game."

The boys head to Bloomfield Hills on Thursday and are home on Saturday against Stoney Creek.

"We are in the OAA grind," Kaminskas said, adding they play Birmingham and Troy Athens next week. "It's going to be a grind no matter what - if we beat them by 20 or get beat by 20."



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Win, loss for lady lacrosse

The Lady Wolves went 1-1 during their road games last week.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team ended the week on a high note on Friday as they defeated Waterford in overtime, 16-13.

"It was an exciting atmosphere for the players and the fans," said Kirsten Isbell, head coach. "Waterford was a tough team. They were competitive and forced us to play as a team. It was a close game that kept you on the edge of your seat the entire time. The girls played strong and finished the game as a team."

Goalie Grace Forbush saved numerous shots in the net to keep Waterford from the week and was surrounded by strong defense from teammates Isabel D'Autremont, Gillian Anderson, Emily Bragg, Hannah Seaman and Christine Wakefield. For offense, Jenna Sommerville, Melanie Alnaraie, Elizabeth Oda, Lindsey Fredrick, Moira Moraco and Claire Austin played strong with goals and smart plays, Isbell added.

"Maya Roy did an exceptional job on the draw," she said.

The Lady Wolves opened the week with a 18-8 loss at Lake Orion on April 19.

"It was a tough game as they are a competitive team," Isbell said. "The girls lost but came out stronger as a team."

The girls head to Birmingham on Wednesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

They are home on Saturday as they host Flint Powers Catholic during Game for a Cure at Clarkston High School.

JV plays at 2 p.m. and varsity follows at 3:30 p.m.

Feeling the blues on the diamond

Extra innings stopped Clarkston Varsity Baseball from taking the win from Lake Orion last Wednesday in the 5-2 loss.

The Wolves took the lead at the bottom of the third inning one run off a hit from Dylan Perry. Joe Kuczmanski was next up and hit the ball, taking his place on first. But Lake Orion defense caught the next two hits from Seth Bacon and Joe Halligan to close the inning.

Clarkston added one more run at the bottom of the fourth inning off a hit from Ryan Barber to put the score 2-0.

The Dragons tied the game at the top of the second inning.

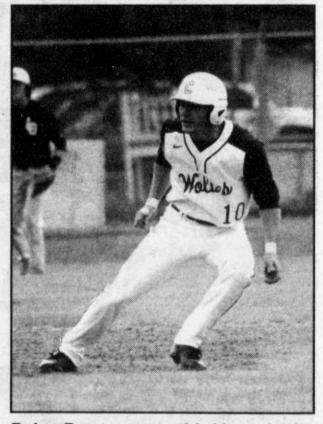
The boys opened the 3-game series with 3-0 and 5-1 losses against the Dragons.

Lake Orion took the lead quickly in the first game during the first inning.

A highlight from the game was a single from Bacon in the fifth inning. Kuczmanski pitched five innings and had two strikeouts.

During the second game, Halligan went 2-for-3 hitting and Barak Momrik pitched four innings and had three strikeouts.

The boys finish this week's series against Rochester at home on Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. They open next week's series against Stoney Creek on Monday at 4 p.m.



Dylan Perry runs to third base in the Wolves' home game against Lake Orion. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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Audrey Cramer adds more paint to the shaving cream before she swirls it and captures her unique design on a blank sheet of paper.



Laney Forbes and Stella Mazei excitedly jump to launch their bottle rockets before going to the next activity outside at Clarkston High School.



Morgan Johnson packs a care box for Troops Need Love Too.



Mackenzie and Taylor Ziegler stop at the popular Maker Girl Mania Millie operation activity.



Maker Girls build future

Clarkston High School was closed last Saturday, but it didn't stop hundreds of girls from filling the cafeteria to continue their learning during the weekend.

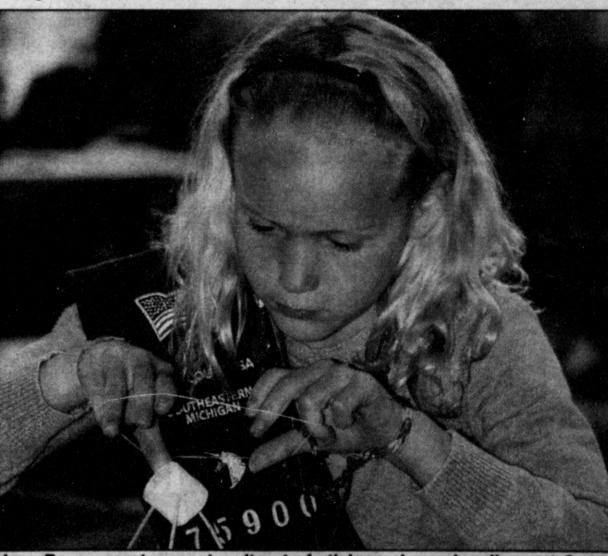
Smiles filled inside and outside the school as girls in Kindergarten through seventh grade experienced activities in engineering, math and science at the third annual Maker Girl Mania, April 22.

The girls were hands-on at the various

booths including MakerSpace sponsored by Clarkston Independence District Library, Clarkston's Team RUSH Robotics team, Brick It Up, Foundry in a Box and more.

Maker Girl had three sessions this year and organizers Laura Kalinowski and Lori Banaszak excitedly shared interest continues to grow every year.

For more information, visit Maker Girl Mania on Facebook and Twitter.



Lainey Brown creates a catapult out of sticks and marshmallows at Camp Invention's booth. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

Field fight for cure in honor of 'Big Poppa'

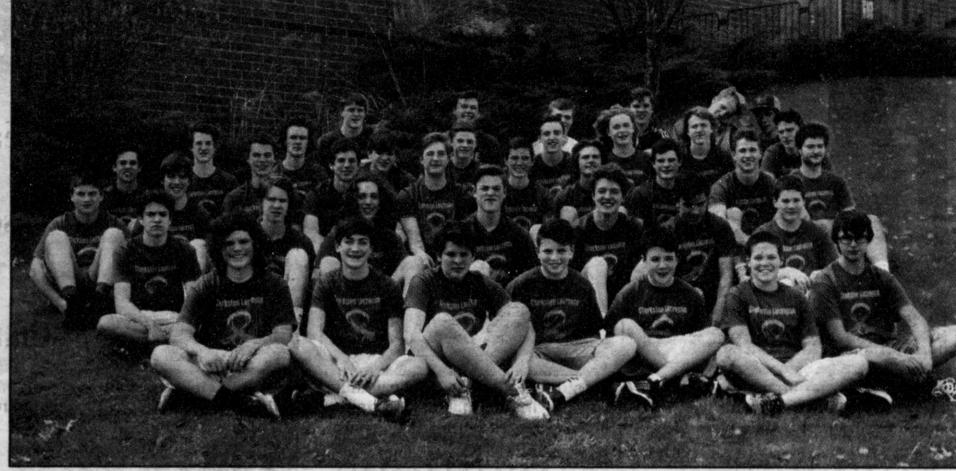
The Clarkston Lacrosse Community hosts the 12th Annual Game for a Cure at Clarkston High School this Saturday.

Lacrosse games are played throughout the day as many remember and celebrate the people in our lives who have been affected by cancer while raising dollars for St. Joseph-Mercy Oakland's Cancer Research Center.

Game for a Cure Schedule: 9 a.m. 3/4 Clarkston vs Troy 10 a.m. 5/6 Clarkston vs Troy 11 a.m. 7/8 Clarkston vs Sharks 12 p.m. 5/6 Clarkston Select vs Sharks 1 p.m. 7/8 Clarkston Select vs Sharks 2 p.m. Girls JV vs Powers Catholic 3:30 p.m. Girls Varsity vs Powers Catholic 5:30 p.m. Boys JV vs Stoney Creek Check Presentation

2008 1997 7:30 p.m. Boys Varsity vs Stoney Creek, during half time watch the Little Laxer Scrimmage.

T-shirts are available for \$15 and are available before the event by contacting Theresa Bordeau at bourdeaufamily@ comcast.net. Wearing this year's Game for a Cure T-shirt is accepted as your entry to the event. They are also asking for a \$5 donation at admission for all of the games during the event.



Lacrosse players invite you to their 12th Annual Game for a Cure this Saturday. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

www.gofundme.com/gameforacure2017 or donating your time by volunteering.

Game for a Cure began as a tribute to You can also help out by donating at Frank "Big Poppa" Kaminskas, a great father, grandfather, uncle, coach and friend whose positive influence has made a lasting impact on so many. Clarkston Lacrosse continues to recognize Big Poppa each year

through Game for a Cure, to honor his legacy of teaching lacrosse to a new generation of players, and giving back to others in the community.



OTC student Teagan Arndt with her nominee, Instructor Mike Ales.

OTC student Alexis Johnson with her nominee, Instructor Bob DuCharme. **Photos Provided**

Students break traditions

Teagan Arndt and Alexis Johnson, students at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest in Springfield Township, won Breaking Traditions Awards recognizing accomplishments in nontraditional career and technical education programs.

"I was really excited to hear that I won that because it's not an award that everyone wins, it's not like a perfect attendance or something, it's something you actually have to stand out to win," said Arndt, a junior in the collision repair and refinishing program where she works on damaged cars, fixing dents, stripping down to the frame, and repainting.

She's considering two options post-high school: going to trade school to be an aviation mechanic or joining the Air Force.

Johnson, a senior in the engineering and emerging technologies program, plans to study robotics after high school.

"We learn how to program robots, we

learn how to work with them and on the computers," she said. "We write programs and we use like the software on there to write them."

Johnson was also excited about the Breaking Traditions Award. She'd wanted to try for it since first hearing about the opportunity last year and was elated when her instructor nominated her.

"I think [the award's] really important because it's setting an example for other kids who want to go through with being in careers that aren't traditional for their gender," Johnson said. "I feel like there's a lot of 'oh, engineering's for boys' or 'health sciences is for girls,' stuff like that and I feel like it's really important to tell these kids, recognize them for stepping out, breaking the barriers."

The award honors students pursuing careers in fields nontypical to their gender. - Jessica Steeley Wed., April 26, 2017 The Clarkston (MI) News 15

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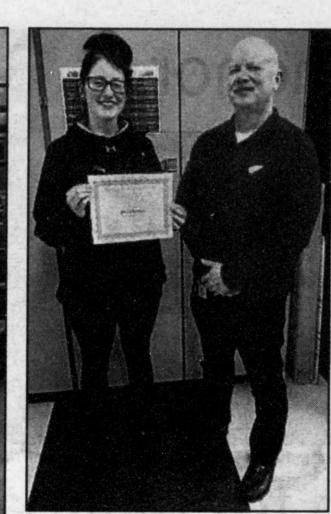
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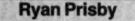
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Sarah Austin



Tyler Retford



Kristen Page and her Varsity Soccer teammates. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

Seniors sign for future field work

Eight seniors at Clarkston High School are taking their athletic talents to the collegiate level after signing their letters of intent, April 12.

For fall sports, Ryan Prisby and Tyler Retford will continue to be teammates on the football field as they both head to Siena Heights University. For volleyball, Sarah Austin heads to Marist College and Kelly Nickelson joins Kalamazoo College. Meghan Deardorff will be found on the links playing golf for Central Michigan University.

Three spring athletes will make their last

season the best after signing to college. Kristen Page lends her goalkeeper skills to Adrian College's soccer team. Grace Forbush will play lacrosse for Olivet College and Dylan Perry heads to Albion College for baseball.

"I commend you on your efforts," said Jeff Kosin, athletic director, adding for the athletes to thank parents, coaches, teachers and whoever helped them during the years to get to where they are now.

Watch Page, Forbush and Perry this week as their respective teams play at home.

Perry and Clarkston Varsity Baseball host

Rochester today, April 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Page and the Lady Wolves on Clarkston Varsity Soccer host Rochester Adams during Youth Soccer Night on Thursday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows.

Forbush and Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse help raise awareness and funds for cancer during Saturday's Game for a Cure. They host Powers Catholic at 3:30 p.m.

Congratulations to all signees and seniors for your accomplishments during your years with Clarkston Community Schools.

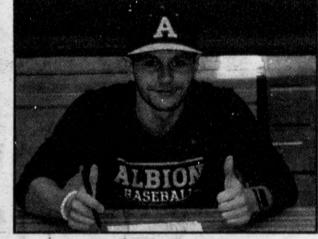
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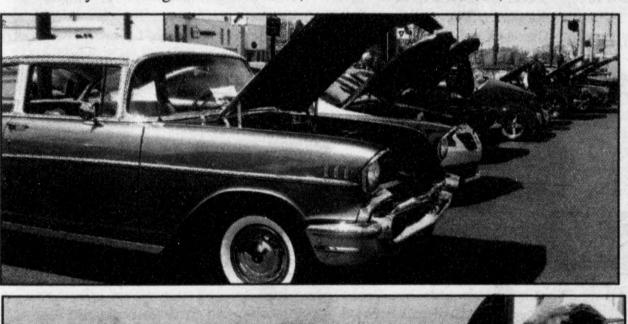
Bob Johnson won the top prize at the car show with his 1955 Chevy Bel Air Hard Top. *Photos by Phil Custodio*

Bowman's classic car show

Classic cars filled Bowman Chevrolet's front lot during its annual classic car show and Easter Seals Michigan raffle, April 22.

Hosted by Red Wing Justin Abdelkader,

the event raised money for Easter Seals with family-friendly activities, a bounce house, face painting, music, food and a raffle for a 2017 C7 Corvette and \$50,000.





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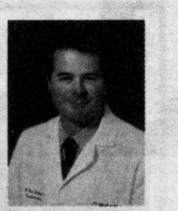


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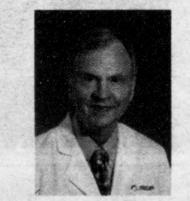
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The Clarks, along with Clark descendent Mary Jo Cobb-Bond, at right, visit the Clarkston News building on Main Street during their tour of town. Photos by Phil Custodio





A reunion of Clarks

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

When Nelson and Jeremiah Clark III left New York with their father Jeremiah Jr. to eventually settle in Michigan and get a town named after the they left some of their family behind.

Descendants of those New York Clarks took the trip to the Mitten State via Canada to see what their distant cousins have built.

"This is a cute little town you live in," said Doug Clark, visiting with his father Dave Clark and their wives, who are both named Diane Clark but are otherwise unrelated. "It's like the town I live in (East Aurora, outside Buffalo, population of about 12,000), except smaller."

Dale Bond of Clarkston made the connection, with help from a cousin, also named Dale Bond but who lives in Alaska.

The New Yorkers, who were descended from Jeremiah Jr.'s brother Henry Clark, decided to visit about a year ago. They and Bond have been planning the trip for about a month.

The visitors talk Clarkston history in the News office.

Diane Clark of Clarkston, wife of the late Bart Clark, was also there to welcome them.

"I know Bart would have really enjoyed experiencing this day," Diane said. "This is really interesting."

Mary Jo Cobb-Bond, great-great-granddaughter of Jeremiah, was also on hand.

"This is very interesting," Cobb-Bond said. "It's very nice to meet them."

Bond arranged a day of touring the site of the Clark's old mill and the rest of the City of the Village of Clarkston, presented them with a map of 1860 Clarkston he drew up himself, and presented lots of other historical information about the area. "My great grandfather was in the lumber mill business and had a mill, too," Dave said. "A lot of people were in the lumber business, I guess."

Events

Blood drive, American Red Cross, 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., April 26, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Road. Hosted by Leadership club. Sponsor code, "Sashabaw Middle," at www.redcrossblood.org.

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.

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.

Feather Fest, 1-4 p.m., May 6, Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Bird hikes, make bird Teeder, crafts, games, live birds of prey. 248-858-0916.

SCAMP Walk and Roll, May 7, Depot Park, registration starts 11:30 a.m. ***

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.

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

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.

Food Truck Rally, The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Young Professional Network, 5-9:30 p.m., Friday, May 19, Neiman's Family Market back parking lot, 7121 Dixie Highway. Free, with food and beverages for purchase.

Around Jown

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



Clarkston A Cappella group Detroit Voice performs a special concert at 8 p.m. on May 1 at Clarkston Junior High's auditorium. The group is collaborating with University of Michigan A Cappella group Amazin' Blue, of which Clarkston schools and Detroit Voice alumna Mason Van Gieson is a member. Concert tickets will be available at the door, \$3 for students and \$7 for adults, free for children under 10.

Tuesday, May 23, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Honors outstanding people, organizations, endeavors making Clarkston great. \$12. 248-625-1323.

Historical tours of Ellis Barn and Davis House at Springfield Oaks County Park, May 31, June 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tours include barbecue lunch. \$22. 248-424-7081. ***

20-year reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1997, 6 p.m.-12 a.m., June 23, Fountains, 6060 Maybee Road. \$40 by June 1. angie.ruth@gmail.com.

Sunday

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

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

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.

Say Yes to KVASS! Fermentation 101, May 9, 6:30 p.m., Nuview Nutrition, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Make beet kvass and fruit kvass, taste-test kvass recipes, and explore key ingredients for fermenting, Himalayan pink salt and whey. \$25. 248-625-5143.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-623-9462.

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

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

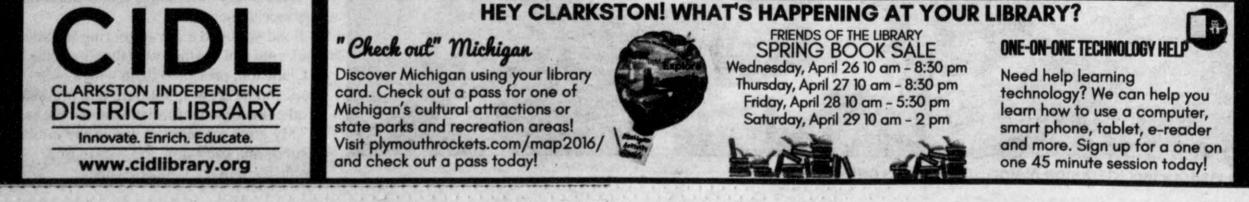
Friday

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

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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. child's eyes to check for

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With that said, it is not primarily the death of Christ that has been under scrutiny, it is His resurrection.

Most people are willing to acknowledge the death of Jesus, but the resurrection is where the controversy exists.

I find it interesting to note that the disciples never offered any proofs of the resurrection. They never tried to explain it.

Instead, they just said, "He is risen, and we are His witnesses." They were basically saying, "We are the proof of the resurrection. Look at our lives. We were once bound by fear, but now we are bold in faith because we've encountered the risen Lord."

They gave no proofs, just the power of a transformed life.

Following in the disciples' pattern, I am not going to offer any proofs of the resurrection. Even if I did, you might not of the resurrection-a life transformed believe them.

one time were enslaved to sin, have encountered the risen Jesus and it has changed their life. It has been happening since Jesus rose, and it is still happening today.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus Christ died on the cross, He did not die for crimes that He committed.

Rather. He died to be the substitute for your sins and for my sins. Where we deserved the just penalty for our sins, Jesus bore the punishment that we deserved. God was pleased to pour out His wrath against sin on Jesus. He took our place.

Yet, Jesus did not stay dead. After He bore the sins of the world, God raised Him from the dead, as if to say, "I approve of what you have done and you find favor in my sight."

Because Jesus lives, so can we. We must recognize that we are sinners and that our sin separates us from a holy God. If we will ask God to forgive from our sin, and if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, then we can be forgiven our sin and adopted into God's family. To repent of our sin and believe in Jesus is what it means to encounter the risen Savior.

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Christ becomes our master and our lives are transformed by His grace. It is not long before we become another proof by an encounter with the risen Lord. The Rev. Joey McNally is senior pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church, Clarkston



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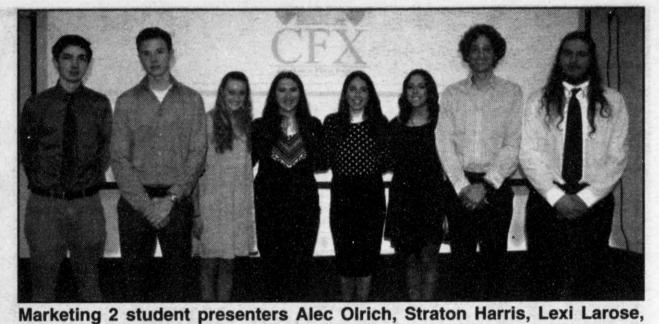
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Gretchen Bennett, Riley Kloostra, Grace Hamann, Gavyn Eisert, and Sean Croston. Presenter Brady Dice not pictured. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Students get the word out

BY JESSICA STEELEY Clarkston News Staff Writer

Classroom learning was applied to a real business last week when Clarkston High School's Marketing II class presented advertising models for a local company, Clarkston Food Express (CFE).

"We did a very good job, better than what I thought we would," marketing student Sean Croston said. "This has just been a very good experience and I think that this project specifically has built our skills."

The presentations included a mission statement, social media marketing plans and tips, postcard and business card designs, public relations techniques and event marketing ideas.

High School Marketing Teacher Christy Moore said CFE member Nick Thomas, a Clarkston graduate, discussed what the business needed with the class in December and they worked on it until their presentation on April 20.

"We were able to do all this marketing work and just take the things that they learned in class and be able to apply that to an actual business," Moore said. "It's just, I think, really cool and impactful for the kids to get to see their work and get to see it being used in a real-life business."

Croston said the project helped them

were put into groups and then worked to complete their projects step by step, starting with the mission statement and going from there.

"We got about a week to two weeks for each thing and just threw out ideas and pasted it all together," Eisert said.

This is the second year the Marketing II class has helped a local business and Moore hopes her class can continue the project in the future.

She said it was a good experience for the kids to be able to talk to Nick Thomas as a Clarkston alumni currently working professionally in the marketing field.

"I know last year the kids that worked on Pine Knob Urgent care, their logo's being used today and it's all over, and I think that they're just really proud to see that," Moore said. "I think the same thing's going to happen this year as these kids see Nick out in the community and the mailers going out and utilizing some of the things that they came up with and the tips that they came up with. I think that they're really going to have something to be proud of."

Moore stressed the project focuses on the kids and their learning experiences, but she thinks CFE will also benefit.

"I think Nick got a lot out of it, being able to come back to his former high school and give back a little in the community and spend some time with kids here," Moore said. "He was absolutely great at answering questions and telling about his business and really. inspiring them for entrepreneurship and how to start a business and how to take an idea from an idea into making it a real concept."



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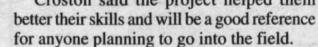
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"I'm going into marketing, so I felt like it helped me with real life experience that prepares me for the future," student Gretchen Bennett said.

Marketing student Gavyn Eisert said they

Future bright for young wrestler

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"He is already asking, 'Dad, did you know how to do this move when you were 6-yearsold? Dad, how many tournaments did you win?' He is motivated to do better than I did." "I am more than halfway to beating him

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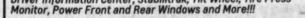
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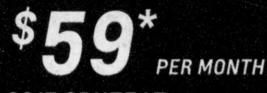
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