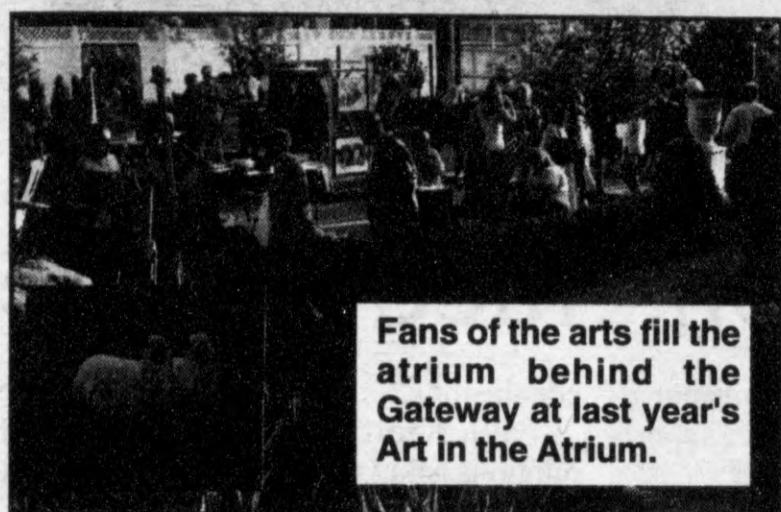
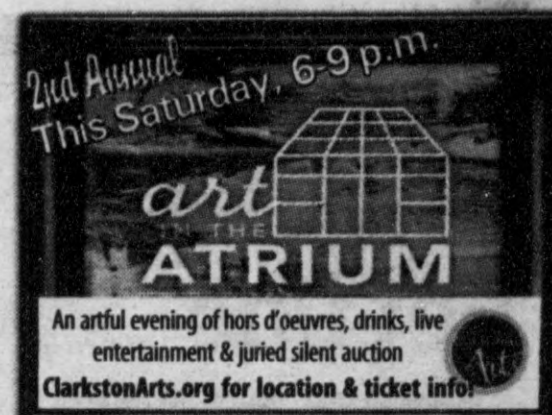


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Fans of the arts fill the atrium behind the Gateway at last year's Art in the Atrium.

Spring into arts

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The arts are blooming along with May flowers throughout downtown this spring. This weekend, the Gateway hosts an atrium filled with artwork at the Clarkston Cultural Arts Council's second annual Art in the Atrium silent art auction.

The May 20 event helps fund the council's ongoing efforts to sponsor public gardens at Main and Washington in downtown Clarkston, Easels in the Park during the annual Concerts in the Park, Harmony in the Park kids events in Depot Park, and Community Sings.

"In the past few years, we've seen a tremendous growth of awareness in regards to making the arts a core of our community placemaking efforts," said Denyse Couture, creative director. "We have much work to do in this continuing labor of love. Visual art, music, performance art, dance, poetry, and interactive art are all examples of concepts we are bringing to life right now."

Art in the Atrium will feature artwork from talented local artists, wonderful offerings for silent auction, as well as unique music, food, and drink at the Gateway, 7150 N. Main Street, Couture said.

"We count on memberships, grants, classes, and project sponsorships to enable us to continue moving forward. If you recognize how extraordinarily impactful art can be to our community, we welcome you to join us for our fundraiser," she said. "We need you. We need your participation."

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HANDS UP FOR ART: Daejah Sotelo, senior, points at her art work at the Clarkston Community Schools art show. See page 20 for story and more pictures. See page 17 for a story on the downtown art display, Community Art Connection. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Thou shalt not park on Church St., sayeth city

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

On-street parking on East Church Street is no more.

Clarkston City Council voted unanimously, May 8, to prohibit East Church Street parking east of Buffalo to the city limits.

E. Church Street residents have been complaining to the city for months about restaurant employees parking in their neighborhood late into the night.

"I call the police when they park in front of fire hydrants," said resident Linda Robertson, speaking during public comment at the May 8 meeting. "It endangers neighbors and myself."

Parking issues should have been addressed when new restaurants, including the Honcho Union Joints establishment and the yet-to-be-opened eatery at 15 S. Main Street, were approved, Robertson said.

"Now we're stuck with employees parking on our street for hours on end," she said. "At 12 at night, there are still cars parked in front of my house. I don't like it."

The city Parking Committee recommended posting "no parking" signs on Church Street.

Committee members conducted a door-to-door survey of Church Street residents, which showed every

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Investigation found a northwest wind helped spread a car fire to six other vehicles on Sashabaw Road, May 8. See page 9 for more information. Photo posted by Robert Waller

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From left are Gail Katz, Judaism; April Cook, Christianity; and Ranya Shbeib, Islam.



From left, Emily McPhersen, Hinduism; Hwa Son Josh Plucinski, Buddhism; and Raman and Kabeer Singh, Sikhism.

Learning about religions face to face

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sashabaw Middle School (SMS) seventh graders learned about religious diversity from worshippers of six different religions during their world religion unit.

The Interfaith Leadership Council paired with seventh grade classes to bring in speakers from the three Abrahamic religions and three of the world's eastern religions. They discussed their scriptures, holidays, beliefs and practices.

"We do lots of panels and interfaith educational events, but we haven't brought it into the schools yet. This is our kick-off trial to see how it goes," Interfaith Leadership Council Program Director Meredith Skowronski said.

For many years, SMS has paired with the council to do religious diversity journeys, but only 25 students are able to go on them, said World History Teacher Sue Wilson.

"They spend a whole day at these houses of worship just eating traditional food, asking questions, learning from the religious leaders,

interacting with members of the community, just as a way to immerse them in a faith," Skowronski said.

Wilson wanted more students to be given this chance so she contacted Skowronski about bringing speakers in as part of project-based learning to teach kids about world religions.

The six religions presented were Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism, which were also taught in the students' world history classes, Wilson said.

"I think it's important kids are exposed to different religions and have a better understanding of it so they can speak more intelligently about it," she said.

Seventh grader Abby Nellis said the focus of the journeys and presentations was to understand different religions and how they work.

"If you see somebody walking around with a turban or walking around with a head covering, it's okay to ask questions," Nellis said. "If you have background knowledge, you don't have to automatically just jump to

conclusions."

Faith Kroll said she learned all the religions belief in treating everyone equally and helping people.

"It's important because you need to learn how other people feel and how they see things, not just how you see it," Kroll said.

Skowronski thinks there's a lot of misunderstandings among different faiths and allowing young students to experience members of other faiths helps break barriers and stereotypes.

"What we do really is try to spread interfaith education and conciliation," Skowronski said. "We try to teach people about other faiths, we try to teach faiths about themselves and provide resources."

Emily Walters went on the religious diversity journeys and said the presentations helped clarify questions she had about the different religions.

"Nowadays, especially in the U.S., we are such a diverse population," Walters said. "We need to be able to be open to other people and know about what they might believe in."

Technology curriculum proposal

Like "library" before it, "media center" may soon be history, to be replaced by "learning commons" and "learning labs."

The change is one of several curriculum proposals presented to Clarkston Board of Education, May 8.

The newly named centers would help improve educational technology curriculum at the elementary level, focused on building technology skills for students, said Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan.

The labs would be more collaborative and innovative, staffed with instructional technologists, and media specialists and techs. Students would work on digital citizenship, digital literacy, tech readiness, library skills, and researching skills, Ryan said.

Another curriculum proposal was for students between the ages of 20 to 22 at

Renaissance High School (RHS), who have extreme barriers to education, such as drop-outs. There are currently four people enrolled in the adult education program at RHS, and Principal Christa Fons hopes to expand the program.

It provides online classes, flexibility in scheduling and modifies graduation requirements to the Michigan Merit Curriculum, which would allow students with 18 credits to graduate, as opposed to the 22 required for regular Clarkston graduates.

Fons has already interviewed more students for the program. One program aspect is to educate the older students separately from current high school students, so they're not intermingled in a classroom.

The deputy superintendent also updated the board on Clarkston Schools' Stars and

Stripes Program. He wants to try out the program for fourth and fifth graders by pairing with Andersonville Elementary. The program is currently open to sixth through 12th graders.

Ryan said the program is for serious athletes. Students who join in fourth and fifth grade already spend 16 hours a week on gymnastics.

The program will allow them to get out of school 45 minutes earlier four days a week to join their older teammates at Stars and Stripes.

Joining the program will give them the same advantages of getting home from practice earlier, thus having more time for other activities, such as homework. They would miss their specials class by leaving school earlier.

— Jessica Steeley

Teachers, volunteers make difference

Many make a difference in Clarkston schools. A few were honored with Difference Maker Awards by the Board of Education, May 22.

Honored were Anne Martinez, fifth grade teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary; Karen Postal, secretary at Springfield Plains Elementary; Adam Kern, principal of Clarkston Junior High School; and Lynn Englehart, English teacher at Clarkston High School.

The Michigan Education Association Friend of Education award was also presented to Mary Herzenstiel, a community parent who has worked throughout the

school district and was very active in the bond initiative.

"She's helped and jumped into a number of different initiatives over the years and I haven't really heard her say 'no' yet, so I hope she doesn't develop that skill any time soon and we look forward to continuing to work with you as your kids still have a ways to go. We appreciate everything you've done to help our community really as a whole and that's certainly commendable and thank you for all your efforts," said board President Steve Hyer.

— Jessica Steeley



School board Trustee Cheryl McGinnis congratulates Mary Herzenstiel on her award. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Public comments on school millage

Clarkston Community Board of Education hosts a public hearing Monday, May 22, at 6:45 p.m. about the district's proposed 2017-2018 property tax millage rate.

Board of Education President Steve Hyer said they're proposing the same millage they've had for several years, 18 mills for non-homestead properties and seven debt mills.

Non-homestead properties include commercial, agricultural and rental properties.

"That makes up our full funding, so that's not extra money we get, but that money is already included in our per pupil dollar amount," Hyer said. "The seven debt mills is for our bond and capital projects and that's the rate we've been at for quite some time now."

One debt mill is a dollar for every thousand dollars of taxable value, which half of a home's value. Seven debt mills is seven dollars for every thousand dollars of taxable value.

"We have to certify our tax rates so the townships can bill out, so we do summer tax collection," Hyer said.

The Board of Education can't adopt the proposed 2017-2018 property tax millage rate until after the public hearing.

The hearing will take place at the district board room.

— Jessica Steeley

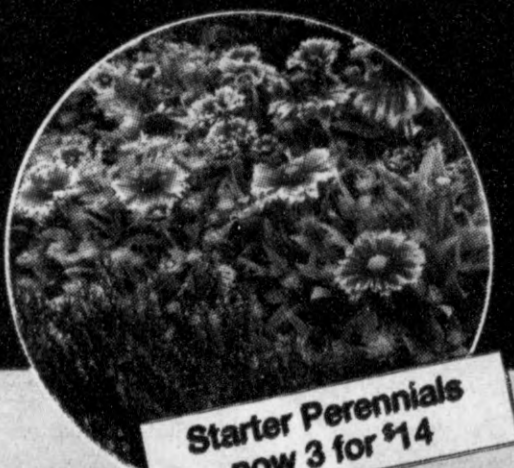
Poetry slam

Twenty student poets will express themselves on stage at Clarkston High School at the 11th Annual Poetry Slam this Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

A committee selected the poets out of 65 students in grades 10-12 based on performances in video submissions.







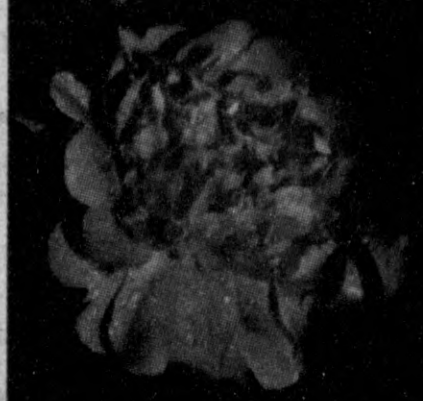

Admission is \$2. Proceeds will go to donations of books for the Michigan Children's Hospital.

Submitted by Courtney Blackett, 10th grade



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New bird group

Folks interested in attracting more and different birds to their feeders and learning more about them are forming a group in Clarkston.

"Our meetings will be casual and comfortable," said Bob McGowan, who founded the group. "We have a much richer and varied bird life in this area than many people realize and it will be both enjoyable and enlightening to share information about birds we're seeing locally."

The inaugural meeting will be Wednesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at The Gateway, 7150 North Main Street.

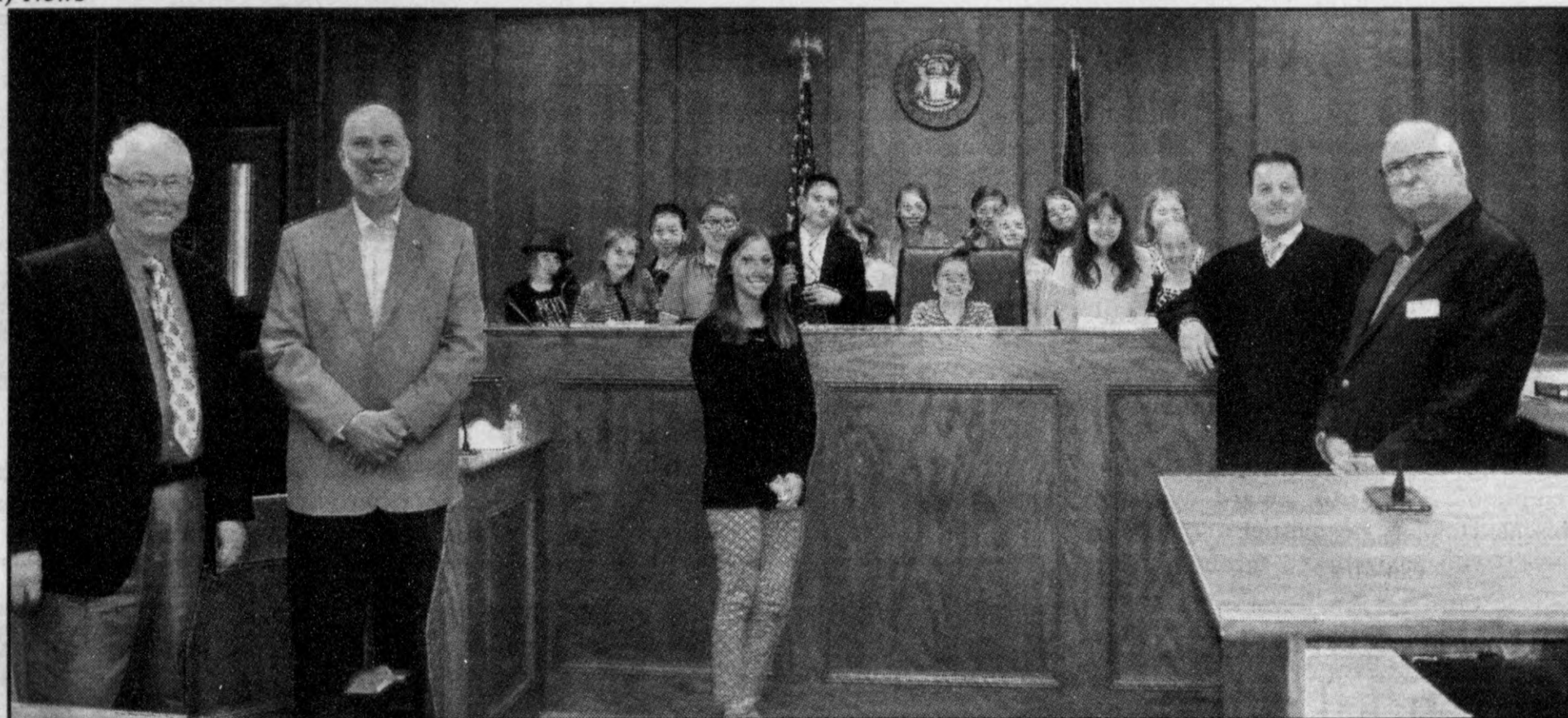
Two veteran birders will be on hand to make brief remarks and answer questions. Daryl Bernard is a noted authority on birds and wildlife of the area and is executive director of Seven Ponds Nature Center in Lapeer County.

Bill Haney, writer and publisher, will share some thoughts and suggestions from the point of view of an experienced amateur backyard birder.

"You don't have to fly halfway around the world, or even get in your car to see fascinating and beautiful birds," Haney said. "All you need is a back yard and a simple bird feeder. Before you know it you're aware of the surprising diversity among those feathered visitors right outside your window."

The event is free and open to the public. Detroit Bold coffee and cookies will be served. Reservations are not required.

For more information, call McGowan at 248-620-0111.



Respect for Law students checks out the court from the judge's point of view, courtesy of the Hon. Joseph Fabrizio and the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. Photo provided

Learning the law

Students learned about the law in local courts during Clarkston Area Optimists Club Respect for Law program this past April.

Fourth graders visited Judge Joseph Fabrizio's courtroom at the 52-2 District Court in Independence Township, April 24. The students viewed several cases, and the judge, his staff, and the participating lawyers explained the proceedings and answered students' questions.

The courtroom visits were sponsored by the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. The Optimists invited the students to their breakfast meeting, May 10, where they met with guest speaker Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Rodney White, and his K9 partner, Diago.

— Phil Custodio



The students get a chance to pet Diago, a K9 police dog. He was at the Optimist Club meeting with his partner, Deputy Rodney White. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Kennel denied

BY JESSICA STEELEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny a special land use request for a dog kennel operation.

Millstones Golden LLC, 7660 Pine Knob Road, requested special land use permit for its golden retriever breeding business on its property, which is zoned rural residential.

"She doesn't have enough acreage for what she wants to do," said Ron Ritchie, Independence Township Board trustee and representative on the Planning Commission. "Acreage is probably the biggest thing. There's vacant land around her, if she could purchase the land around her and have enough acreage and a few other requirements."

Township zoning requires 10 acres for the business.

The issue was postponed from December, and tabled again on April 13 after a site plan and other information related to operations of the facility, how it was managed, barking and cleaning issues, setbacks, and number of visitors was not provided by the applicant.

Dawn Wung, owner of Millstones Golden, apologized for the lack of information.

"I've been knee deep in work right now, with the amount of dogs on the property," Wung said.

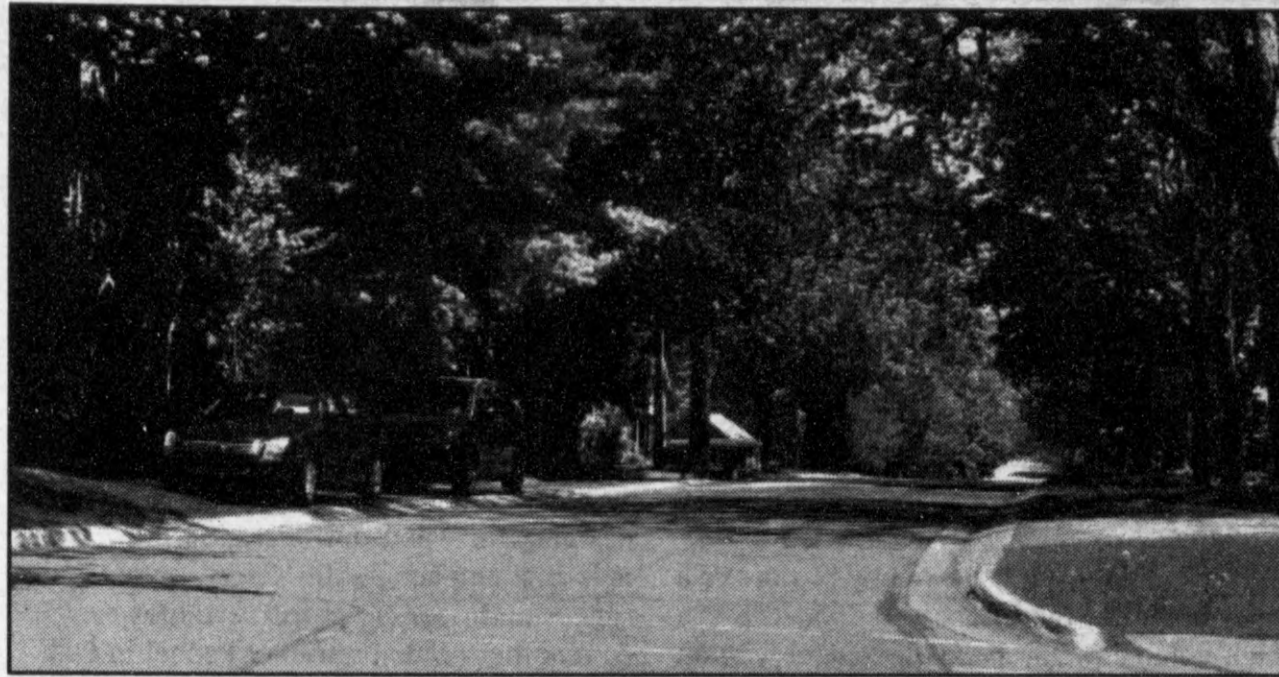
The applicant can reapply for special land use, but until then continued operations would be illegal, Ritchie said.

Enforcement would be by Oakland County Sheriff's Office or animal control, he said.

"In essence she shouldn't be operating because she doesn't meet the criteria," Ritchie said. "Animal control, they would control that – animal control would have to license them and everything to do that, so we're just one step of the process."

The township can issue citations, which it did previously leading to the special land use request, he said.

"She got cited as not operating properly, so she came to the board and applied to try and make everything correct. It got denied because she doesn't meet the criteria," Ritchie said. "They can appeal it if they want, but basically we just denied her because she didn't meet the requirements."



There's no more on-street parking on East Church Street.

Residents called for 'no parking'

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resident supported the parking ban proposal.

"It was unanimously – they do not want parking on Church Street due to health concerns, ambulance access, Pedicab riding up the hill, people walking, biking, skate boarding," said Council member Rick Detkowski.

The committee also recommended no parking on South Buffalo Street. That street was not included in Monday's decision because committee members haven't been able to meet all the residents living there yet, Detkowski said.

"For now, the motion is for no parking on Church Street based on unanimous resident feedback," he said.

Council member Jason Kneisc favored waiting in order to include Buffalo as a "package deal."

"Going down Buffalo is like a game of Frogger," Kneisc said.

Church Street resident Kay Pearson agreed, it's a safety issue.

"I drive Buffalo quite a bit. Only one car can get through there at a time," Pearson said.

The new no-parking zone does not include five spots on Church Street at Buffalo, which are paved and set back from the road, and also next to Council member Sharron Catallo's home.

Catallo said they should have consulted with city engineers first for their views on the design of the road and if it's unsafe.

"We were told by the Mayor (Steven Percival, who was absent from the meeting) to cross all the T's and dot the I's in everything we do, and that's good advice, but now we're choosing to flip it out the window," she said. "I think the engineers would side with you – but you need to have good concrete advice on what to do."

Council member David Marsh said they should find out what engineers think of the new policy.

"I think we should know," Marsh said.

Resident Don Frayer said the city should talk to people trained to deal with this, "to

prevent us from walking into a problem."

"Now's the time to look at the larger picture – recognize we've got to do something about Church. It's part of a bigger issue," Frayer said.

Kneisc said he trusts the input from residents.

"That's the issue. What's best for the community, for the people who live here," he said. "Engineers may say it's perfectly fine – reality may be different."

Speaking during public comment, Curt Catallo, Union Joints owner and Sharron Catallo's son, spoke in favor of restricting parking on Church and Buffalo.

"We're in the hospitality business," said Curt, who said he is not speaking for all businesses in Clarkston. "Employees are parking legally, but they're creating the opposite of good will for us. You have the ability to take those cars off the street. I would rather deal with the negative perception of Clarkston from outsiders coming in who can't find a spot, than put up with negative perceptions of people in the community I call home."

Another issue is whether more residents will come forward, saying their streets are also too small for parking, and request no public parking there as well, Marsh said.

"What would you say," he asked. "Residents on Holcomb might say they don't want parking in front of their houses – you can't only take consideration of a few residents and not all of them."

"Get ready," Sharron warned.

Council member Eric Haven wants to use the no-parking policy as a pilot program, to learn from.

"See how it works," he said.

The Parking Committee was scheduled to meet on May 16, to discuss a public forum at the library, permit parking, residential concerns on South Buffalo, and costs for paid parking in the Main and Washington lot for attendant, enforcement, and signs.

A meeting is also scheduled for May 24, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Briefly

Board shelves open enrollment

The Clarkston Board of Education further discussed limited Kindergarten open enrollment at their May 8 meeting. Though most members of the board weren't against it, no one was enthusiastically in favor of the idea. They decided to shelf the discussion to be held again next year.

Clarkston resident Kevin Webster made a public comment at the end of the kindergarten open enrollment discussion regarding his own son who will be going into kindergarten but is not part of the Clarkston School District.

"Maybe for the people sitting at the board there's not a deadline, but for citizens who live in Clarkston, there is," Webster pointed out.

Road detour

Andersonville Road just north of Hall Road in Springfield Township will be closed for a culvert replacement project on Saturday, May 20.

The project is weather-dependent and could be rescheduled to May 21, according to the Road Commission for Oakland County. The detour for through traffic will be White Lake Road to Dixie Hwy to Davisburg Road, back to Andersonville Road and vice versa. Residential access will be maintained. The RCOC Highway Maintenance Department will do the work, which is expected to be completed in one day.

Artists for tour

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club is looking for local student musicians and artists interested in volunteering at the Garden Walk on Wednesday, July 19.

"Our Clarkston area gardens are always beautiful, and we usually have close to 500 people who tour, so it is a fun way to interact with residents throughout our community," said Pam Marin, club member. "We offer volunteers a free garden tour ticket to show our gratitude and they are listed in our program booklet."

The program will be from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Musicians and artists ranging in age from high school to senior citizens are welcome to perform for two- or four-hour blocks, or all day. To volunteer, contact Pam Marin at pamarin7773@gmail.com or 248-394-0318.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Curtain falls

About now's the time I get hooked on the theater experience, looking at one weekend more for the Clarkston Village Players production of "Self Help."

I have a role in the comedy play, which started back in February during auditions.

Not so much during the weeks of rehearsal leading up to opening night a couple weeks ago. Those can be quite tedious, and may have led to thoughts of "what am I doing here," and "why did I think this was a good idea." But now, with seven of 10 shows under our belts, things are different.

Playing in front of live audiences is a big one. The Clarkston Optimists, who know me from my coverage of their many student recognition breakfasts, cheered my arrival on stage as if I was Fonzie on the set of Happy Days.

That was a bit of a surprise for Susan Steigmeyer, who was playing Bernice the maid. I meant to warn her that might happen, but I forgot.

Thoughts now turn more to "this is awesome" and "I'm going to miss this stuff."

The show, which is soon to be no more, and the set, which will be stricken on Sunday, to be remade into something completely different for the next show.

But mostly the people. Susan, Steve and Sara Sanger, Diane Baker, and Mike Cavin, and director Al Bartlett, producer Vickie Pike, and stage manager Barb Curtis.

I've acted with Steve and Sara before, during "Lend Me a Tenor," but actually exchanged lines with them this time. My character has to rub Sara's leg in one scene, then chew her out in a later scene. Then she gets to smash my cell phone. It's a weird play.

Mike's my fellow second-act-only player, and does a great job keeping the green room stocked with snacks, and beverages from his work. They say the camera seems to add 10 pounds to actors. The stage adds an actual 10 pounds, at least to me.

One more weekend to catch "Self Help" - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at Depot Theater. Call 248-425-5842 for tickets, \$13 for Thursday; \$15 for the last two shows.

Then the show is gone forever.

For me, too, at least until the next auditions roll around.



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Letters, columns & Editorials

A call to deny permit for kennel

Dear Editor,

The golden retriever kennel seeking to legitimize its large-scale breeding operation by requesting an extreme variance permit should be denied.

This is not an average hobby breeder or a neighbor you would want next door. This is a high-volume puppy peddling kennel with an average of 30 licensed dogs each year and an estimated 30 co-owned dogs coming back to the property for mating and whelping rotations.

This is a puppy peddler in disguise operating for profit. To maintain this high volume operation, this kennel is storing dogs in the garage 80 percent of the time - in stacked cages and off limits to the public!

The minimum permit requirements are with reason and very clear: 10 acres, 500 feet lot width, and a 150 feet set-back. This location is only 3.03 acres and 200 feet wide. Not even close!

The precedent it sets essentially removes space requirements for almost every zoning requirement in Independence Township.

Our kennel ordinance was specifically designed to weed out "irresponsible" kennels that impact public safety, create nuisances and degrade property values.

Another golden retriever kennel in Oakland County made the Humane Society of the United States Horrible 100 list in 2013. To date, the kennel has failed 18 inspections. Forcing compliance does not work with these types of businesses.

The safety, size and scope of this operation can not be guaranteed.

Pam Sordyl, founder of Puppy Mill Awareness, SE Michigan, Independence Township

Editor's Note: The Independence Township Planning Commission voted to deny the permit. See page 5 for story.

Thanks for supporting drug collection efforts

Dear Editor,

Thank you, Clarkston residents, for making it a priority to bring your unused prescription drugs to the collection bin, May 3, during Clarkston's "Spring Drug Take Back" Day event.

If you missed this collection day, you may drop them off any weekday Monday-Friday between the hours of 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Oakland County Substation in Independence Township, off Citation Drive.

Transport and arrive with them in the prescription bottle then be prepared to pour them into a plastic bag once inside the building. Please note that liquids, inhalers and sharps are not accepted.

A very special thank you to Oakland County deputies and staff at the Independence Township substation and to

the organizing committee: Patty Collins of the Independence Township Senior Community Center, Grace Lee of Graceful Living, Cheryl Smith of New Oakland Family Centers and Clarkston Coalition for Youth staff, Mary Schleusener and Tonya Cunningham.

Everyone can play a part in keeping unused, expired, unneeded medications out of our drinking water and medicine cabinets by disposing of them properly in this free, "no questions asked" unit.

For more information on prescription drug abuse, visit DrugFreeKids.org or <http://www.clarkstonyouth.org/projects-and-events/operation-medicine-cabinet>

Sincerely,

**Mary Schleusener
Clarkston Coalition for Youth**



SMILES OF THE WEEK: The Clarkston Girls JV and Varsity Soccer teams celebrate the seven seniors on the varsity team during Senior Night on April 25. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Clarkston unites for Day of Prayer"

Clarkston and Independence Township came to together in celebration of the National Day of Prayer during the fifth annual breakfast held at St. Daniel Catholic Church. People from various religions met, forgetting their differences, to ask for God's blessing.

"CHS students paing the town"

Fifty Clarkston High School students revitalized Vern Pressel's home during the school's third annual Paint the Town project. They painted his house and did some landscaping work during the day event.

"Trim sets tourney record with 78"

Clarkston High School senior Anna Trim was hoping to shake off a slump when she hit the course for the Eccentric Tournament. She set a tournament record with a round of 78 at Fieldstone Golf course as she led a pack of 70 golfers at the event.

25 years ago - 1992

"\$269,000 approved for fire station"

The Independence Township Board of Trustees approved the purchase the former First Federal Bank building on M-15 near Dixie Highway for \$269,000 and would be paid from the fire department's budget.

"...And a partridge in an oak tree"

A partridge appeared one day at the Spencers home in Independence Township while Sandy Spencer was mowing the lawn. "Just out of nowhere it appeared," said Sandy. "It followed me up and down the lawn."

"Girls win own invite"

The Clarkston Girls Track and Field team narrowly won their own invite with 120 points. Livonia Stevenson was a close second with 119 1/3 points. Angie Brown and Kristen Stanton broke two meet records during the meet.

50 years ago - 1967

"Receives appointment to Naval Academy"

Jack Frost received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He began his training at the academy in June.

"Watch where you park" The Village of Clarkston cleared an area on Church Street and graveled it to provide parking for people who parked their vehicles within the village on an all day basis.

"Around the town" Mr. and Mrs. Harold Summers and family enjoyed visiting friends in Detroit. Before returning home they stopped at the Susie Q for dessert.



Savannah Siebold checks out toys on one of the many blankets filled with items for sale. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



Hudson Siebold peeks into one of the bags filled with treasures while deciding what to purchase.

Soon to be summer sales

Kids found new treasures during the popular Kids Only Garage Sale held during Kids Day at the Park on Saturday.

Among the items included toys, bicycles, books and more as kids sold them to other

kids or traded to each other.

Looking for garage sales? Look no further than this week's edition of *The Clarkston News* on page 26 (more than 25 ads including subdivision sales and rummage sales.)

A day late, dollar short: a column on moms

As usual, I am a little late in publishing this week's column . . . it should have run last week. That said, just like every day is Kids Day, every Sunday should be Moms Day.

While moms have held a special place in the hearts of all who ever were, there was a time when there was no "Mother's Day." According to my sources, the driving force behind Mother's Day was Anna Jarvis. Anna must have loved her dear old mom, 'cuz she organized observances in Grafton, W.Va., and Philadelphia on May 10, 1908. That was 109 years ago.

As the annual celebration spread around the country, Jarvis began lobbying politicians to set aside a day to honor mothers. She finally succeeded in 1914, when Congress designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

And, the rest is history.

So, I wanted to know how many moms there are across these fertile plains commonly referred to as The United States of America. Here is what Pew research published in 2014.

"There are about 85 million mothers in America, according to a recent U.S. Census Bureau estimate. Our analysis of census data shows the share of mothers with kids younger than 18 at home has declined. Today, about a third (34%) of women ages 18-64 have young children at home; in 1960, 52% did. And women are having children at a later age than they used to. In 2012, the average age of a first-time mother was 25.8 years, up from 21.4 years in 1970."

**Don't
Rush Me**



A column by
Don Rush

In 1976, the percentage of women between the ages of 40 and 44 who were moms was 90 percent. In 2001, that percentage dropped to 81 percent.

How many kids are U.S. moms having these days? According to the same research at Pew, the average is 1.9 kids per mom. When I last checked this information (a decade ago), I wrote, "According the government, the average is 2.1. Nothing personal, but I'd hate to be the .1 kid."

So, I hopped on the old Google express and typed "how many children are born in the United States." From the National Center for Health Statistics (a sub organization of the Centers for Disease Control), in 2015 . . .

Number of births: 3,978,497

Birth rate: 12.4 per 1,000 population

Fertility rate: 62.5 births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years

Percent born low birth-weight: 8.1%

Percent born preterm: 9.6%

Percent unmarried: 40.3%

Mean age at first birth: 26.4

Get this: Number of live births to mothers age 15-19 years: 229,715.

So, when are kids born? Back to the old government stats: The highest percentages of births occurred during the morning and midday hours.

Births on Saturday and Sunday were more likely to occur in the late evening and early morning hours than births Monday through Friday.

Hey, prospective moms -- the odds of you delivering "multiples" here in the good ol' U.S. of A? The statistics show from 2015:

Number of twin births: 133,155

Number of triplet births: 3,871

Number of quadruplet births: 228

Number of quintuplets and other higher order births: 24

That works out to a 'twin birth' rate of 33.5 per 1,000 live births in the U.S. And, the 'triplet or higher' order birth rate is 103.6 per 100,000 live births.

According to BabyCenter.com, the biggest month for babies being born is August.

"In 2013 more newborns arrived in August than in any other month. The second, third, and fourth most popular birthday months were July, October, and September, in that order."

In 2016, the most popular names for newborns were, Olivia for the girls and Lucas for the boys. Ava and Mia were numbers two and three for the chicks, and Liam and Noah for the young dudes. I went to another site (back to BabyCenter.com) and looked for the name Donald. I have been telling my kids forever, it is a dying name. Yup. Donald was the 488th most popular name for a boy in 2016. What is worse, Donald was beat out in popularity by the likes of Kamden, Dexter, Remy and Albert. Dang, I hate not being first! (Not, too competitive, am I?)

Like most guys, I have "THE BEST MOM EVER!" That said, while I was present and with Mom on her day this year, we never can say it enough. Love you, Mom.



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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

C. ROLL CALL:

D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Case #17-008, Cranberry Lake Building Company, Petitioner, **Requesting:** A 32 foot rear yard variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2, 5510 Rendell Ln., Parcel #08-02-300-045, R-1C Suburban Farm Residential. (TABLED APRIL 5, 2017)

G. NEW BUSINESS:

- Case #17-014, John Hennig, Petitioner, **Requesting:** Two (2) total variances; 1) A 39 foot front yard setback variance for Parcel "A" and, 2) A 43.65 foot lot width variance for Parcel "B", both variances from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 for the purposes of a lot split, 8810 Allen Rd., Parcel #08-17-151-024, R-1A Single Family Residential.
- Case #17-015, Lance Baylis, Petitioner, **Requesting:** Two (2) total variances; 1) A 12 foot sign setback variance from Section 12.03(A)(5) and, 2) A 5.34 foot height variance from Section 12.03(B), Table 12.03 B-1 in order to construct a new ground sign, 7736 Ortonville Rd., Parcel #08-17-451-026, O Office.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2017

I. DISCUSSION:

J. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2017-375, 356-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of Nicole Lynn Christensen, Deceased. Date of birth: 7/10/1975

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Nicole Lynn Christensen, Deceased died December 24, 2016

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William Christensen, 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.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2017-376, 150-DM
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of MADELINE MARIE McTEER, Date of Birth: 12/06/1928

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Madeline Marie McTeer, died 3/07/2017

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michelle McTeer Wisniewski, 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.

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Sixteen food trucks are booked for this year's rally. *File photo*

Food truck rally

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network hosts the second annual Food Truck Rally, with 16 food trucks on Friday, May 19, at the Neiman's Family Market back parking lot at 7121 Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

Event admission is free with many styles of food and beverage available for purchase, from Delectabowl, Matt & Mo's, Shredderz, Nosh Pit Detroit, The Mean Weenie, Monkey Business Concessions, Crepe-Day-Twah, Grillwich Tot Stop Foodtruck, Drifter Coffee, Streetside Sushi, Café Cortina, Marconi's Pizza, Hero or Villain Van, The Salt & Sugar Co. and Curbside Cuisine.

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Two live music stages will feature local musicians Sam Van Waggoner, Adam Plomaritis and Christina Kateri.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, tear down and keep the venue clean. For more information, email Kaleigh@Clarkston.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON SCHOOLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TAX HEARING

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:45 p.m., at Clarkston Community Schools, 6389 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, the Board of Education of Clarkston Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2017-2018 property tax millage rate.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2017-2018 property tax millage rate until after a public hearing.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the 2017-2018 budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Kelli Horst, Secretary

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2017-376, 492-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of Cynthia Ann Eisenbraun. Date of birth: 05/28/1947

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cynthia Ann Eisenbraun

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Wind helped spread parking lot fire

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Winds gusting to 20-25 mph intensified a parking lot fire destroying seven vehicles on May 8, investigators say.

"That definitely contributed to the rapid spread of the fire," said Fire Inspector Greg Brandt of the Independence Township Fire Department.

According to Oakland County Sheriff's Office, a motorist stopped to check on his overheating 2005 GMC at about 3:39 p.m., May 8. He pulled into the parking lot of McLaren Clarkston Medical Center at 5701 Bow Pointe Drive, opened the hood, saw flames coming from the engine compartment, and called 911 after trying to put it out.

"He tried to extinguish it but it got too large for him," Brandt said.

The fire, assisted by the wind out of the

northwest, spread to six other vehicles parked adjacently and caused well over \$100,000 in damage, he said.

Firefighters from the Independence Township Fire Department arrived on the scene and extinguished the fire. There were no injuries reported and no damage done to the structure of the medical building.

The driver was not charged or cited in the incident, according to OCSO.

Witnesses posting to social media reported several popping and explosion sounds. These can happen when tires burst, along with air bags, hatchback gas cylinders, and other vehicle items, Brandt said.

"When firefighters apply water to burning vehicles, some of the metals react violently," he said.

Investigation continues into a fire in the

Wright & Phillipis office in the 5900 block of Ortonville Road, 7:33 a.m., May 11.

An employee arrived to open the building and discovered the interior of the business on fire, according to Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Independence Township firefighters extinguished the blaze. The building was unoccupied at the time and no injuries were reported. OCSO Fire Investigations Unit and insurance are still investigating the fire's cause and origin.



Firefighters put out the parking lot fire. Photo submitted



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Public Safety

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Suspended license

A deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle with an unreadable temporary tag, 8:50 p.m., May 2, on I-75 near Dixie Highway. The driver, a 47-year-old Flint man, was cited with driving with a suspended license and an unregistered vehicle.

Friend of Court warrant

While investigating a child custody matter, 10:45 p.m., May 5, in the 6000 block of Eastlawn Avenue, it was discovered a 34-year-old Davisburg woman had outstanding Friend of the Court and shoplifting warrants. She was jailed on the warrants.

Neighbor trouble

A 63-year-old Independence Township woman got into an altercation with her 57-year-old neighbor when she arrived at her Joy Street home from grocery shopping, 12:16 p.m., May 7. The neighbor, who was walking her dog, said the 63-year-old yelled at her. The 63-year-old said her neighbor threatened to beat her up. The responding deputy filed a report on the incident.

Broken brakes

A 39-year-old Flint woman was driving up to a stop sign when her brakes stopped working, 12:34 p.m., May 8, on Stickney Road at Sashabaw Road. She got scared and jumped out of her vehicle, which went off the road into some brush. The driver suffered some scrapes to her elbows and knees. A records' check showed she had a suspended driver's license. She was cited with driving without due care and caution and with a suspended license.

Restricted license

A deputy on patrol stopped a car for running a stop sign on Sashabaw Road at Bow Pointe Drive, 7:10 p.m., May 10. The driver, an 18-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for violating restrictions on his driver's license. The license was restricted due to a drunk driving charge.

Disturbing peace

Residents in the 5000 block of Dixie Highway called 911 to report someone banging and kicking their door, trying to get into their apartment, 1:21 a.m., May 11. When deputies arrived, they were told the suspect was hiding in a common area closet. Deputies found a 37-year-old Independence Township man on the floor of the closet, passed out. He smelled strongly of alcohol, appeared confused, and could not explain why he was there. He was found to be a resident of an apartment several buildings over. He was turned over to his sister, who lived with him, and cited for disturbing the peace.

Student expulsion

The Clarkston Board of Education approved the expulsion of a junior high student at their May 8 meeting. The student was expelled for violating four items of the Student Code of Conduct – Disruption of School, Failure to Cooperate, Threats, and Violations of a Building's Rules and Regulations.

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Clarkston's Sporting News

Running into post-season

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves have their sights set on Friday as they head into the MHSAA Track and Field Regional meet and a chance to qualify for the state meet.

Kevin Breen, head coach for the boys and girls teams, noted they are looking for individuals to place at regionals.

"Gavin Eisert and Grant Telfer are probably in the best going into states," he added about the boys team. "We have a couple guys who have a shot to get through."

For the girls side, they are looking at the distance crew and some of the sprint runners to place for the state meet.

Both teams had a chance to see where they matched up with the OAA Red meet last Wednesday at Oxford.

The Lady Wolves finished in second place with 121 points as Lake Orion finished in first with 167.33. Rochester Adams took third, 106 points; Oxford, fourth, 51; and Rochester, fifth, 46.67.

"We did as well as we could," Breen said. "We gave Lake Orion a run for their money. We had one of our top sprinters out and it kind of hurt us in some of the relays but Olivia McKinney definitely stepped up and picked up a spot which allowed us to win the 4x100. But we lost out on some other points in the sprints."

The distance crew led the Lady Wolves as Elizabeth Dalrymple, Emily Ferguson and Mia Patria took the top three spots in the 1,600-meter run. Dalrymple finished in first, 5:11.40 as Ferguson finished in second,



Max Salter runs in the 200-meter dash during preliminary race at the OAA Red league meet. Photo by WARP

5:16.68; and Patrica set a personal record in third place, 5:16.90.

Mallory Ferguson led in the 3,200-meter run finishing in first place at 11:19.05 and Patria finished in second place at 11:26.98.

Dalrymple finished in third place in the 800-meter run at 2:21.35 and Emily Ferguson finished in fourth place, 2:23.59.

"Our distance girls are probably still the strongest area we have," Breen said.

Jala Smith finished in second place during the 100-meter dash, 13.28; and 200-meter dash, 27.54. Lauryn Fecko finished the 200-meter in fourth place at 27.77 and finished the 100-meter in fifth place, 13.66.

"Jala had a great day and Lauren ran well," Breen said.

Allie Eriksen finished in fourth place in the 400-meter run at 1:01.32 and Hanna Rostek finished in 11th place, 1:05.76.

Olivia McKinney finished in eighth place in the 100-meter hurdles at 18.85. McKinney, Haley Puskar and Shae Harbaugh set personal records during the preliminary round as McKinney timed at 18.27; Puskar at 18.54 and Harbaugh at 19.15.

"They are really coming along and it's nice to see so much young talent on the team," said Breen.

In relays, the team of Smith, Fecko, Alex Touchstone and Olivia McKinney took the top spot in the 400-meter at 52.08.

Dalrymple, Patria and the Ferguson sisters finished in second place in the 3,200-meter relay at 9:28.25.

"We lost our race plan a little bit in the first race of the day and we lost to Adams in the 4x800," Breen added. "We have to look at it and say 'they ran a second fastest time in the state for the year and we ran the third fastest time.' It's nothing to worry about, but we don't want to watch Adams beat us again. We came from 75 yards back to within once second of them at the finish line."

The relay team of Eriksen, Harbaugh, Emily Ferguson and Hanna Rostek finished in third place in the 1,600-meter relay, 4:11.50. Smith, Fecko, Eriksen and Ashley Graham finished in fifth place in the 800-meter relay, 1:56.45.

For field events, Molly Nicholson led in the shot put with 32-03.5.

"Molly is probably the best shot put thrower we have had in about 7-8 years when we had a quality shot thrower over 30 Please see Wolves on page 12

Who is the next AOW?

Nominate your favorite athlete by contacting Wendi at 248-625-3370 or at clarkstonnews@gmail.com

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Playing strong on varsity

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Hitters have a few more weeks until the MHSAA Softball District playoffs on June 3 and freshman Hannah Cady is ready to help her team win the title.

"Cady is a pretty impressive athlete," said Don Peters, head coach of the Clarkston Varsity Softball team, after the Lady Wolves defeated Lake Orion in two games, April 25.

Against the Dragons, Cady had three doubles and a triple. Most recently, she went 4-for-4 with one RBI at the plate during the Lady Wolves' second win over Stoney Creek during their double header last Thursday.

She explained when it comes to hitting to trust your swing.

"You don't want to go in there and be worked up," Cady said. "Just trust yourself and hit the ball square."

For her first season with the Lady Wolves she said her and her teammates are growing as a team.

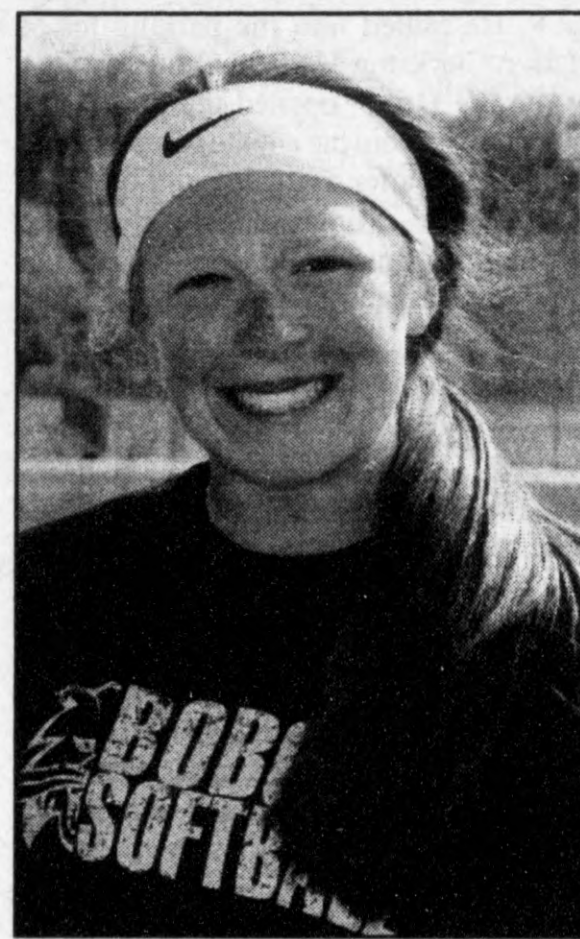
"We are such a young team as the years go on we are going to get better," Cady explained.

She added she is also learning a lot from the upperclassmen that will help her for years to come.

As her hitting is spot on, plays on defense have led to some of her personal highlights so far this season.

"With Paige (Blevins) when are catching we do these plays at second where we pick a girl off at second," she explained. "Those are always exciting when it happens because they don't expect it."

Cady began playing softball right before she went into second grade and



Hannah Cady

explained her mom played softball and her dad played baseball - it was natural.

She added what she enjoys about softball is the competitiveness.

"I like the atmosphere it brings because we are all close to each other," she added. "It's a great thing to be a part of."

Cady is only a freshman but has her aim on continuing her softball career in college.

"It is the ultimate goal," she smiled. "This is what we have been working for. It's the ultimate stage where you can show everyone what you are made of."

Cady currently has a 4.0 grade point average and is taking honor classes.

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Hits drive way to wins

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Hard hitting and tough defense toppled two OAA Red teams for the Clarkston Varsity Softball team last week.

"They got the job done," said Don Peters, head coach of the Lady Wolves. "They were all business. It's four more league wins - that's always good."

The Lady Wolves defeated Stoney Creek last Thursday in a double header opening with a 15-2 game.

Abbey Tolmie went 2-for-3 at the plate with four RBIs. Sierra Kersten hit a home run and Abbey Barta had a double with three RBIs. Olivia Warrington was the winning pitcher.

The girls opened the second game with seven runs as they defeated the Cougars 14-5.

"They hit whatever they threw out,"



Abbey Tolmie runs to first during the Lady Wolves first inning against Stoney Creek. Photo by WARP

Peters added.

For hitting, Hannah Cady and Paige Blevins went 4-for-4 with one RBI each. Blevins had four runs scored. Kersten went 3-for-3 with three RBIs. Warrington and Tolmie both went 2-for-3. Warrington had two RBIs. Barta went 2-for-2 with three RBIs.

Warrington was the winning pitcher with five strikeouts.

The Lady Wolves opened the week with 12-1 and 11-1 wins over Troy, May 9.

"The girls were just hitting the ball," Peters said. "Sometimes you have that rhythm going and they had some great hits. The whole team was hitting the ball hard and playing hard."

He added playing in the Michigan Stars tournament, May 6-7, helped the team.

"You get five games in and played some very competitive teams," he said. "It's one of the things going into tournaments like that you get multiple games in and you can grow as a team. In a weekend you can get 20 at bat. The more at bats you get the better hitter you become and the more pitches you see."

The Lady Wolves opened the week against Troy Athens.

They head to Ann Arbor for the River Rat tournament with their bracket filled state-ranked teams.

"That's why we go," Peters said. "We want to get better. The more competition and the tougher the competition, the more you find out about your team and areas you are strong at and where you need to improve. It is going to be very challenging. I am looking forward to it."

They head to North Farmington on Tuesday and play Lapeer on May 31 before heading into district playoffs on June 3.

Wolfpack update

The Lady Wolves put up a fight against the Berkley Bears last Saturday finishing the game with a tie at zero.

"They created a host of chances," said Damian Huffer, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team. "But found the keeper in great form, making several fine saves especially in the second half."

The girls were ready for the match after losing two games earlier in the week as they lost to Bloomfield Hills, 4-0, and Oxford, 1-0.

Bloomfield Hills scored in the first attack on May 8 and scored three more before the first half finish. Clarkston defense slowed them down in the second half to keep them from scoring again.

The Lady Wolves had an opportunity to score at Oxford on the Wildcats when they were rewarded a penalty kick when Caylee Ludwig was fouled in the box. The attempt was saved.

The hosts took the lead with 20 minutes remaining in the game.

The Lady Wolves opened the week against Lapeer on Tuesday. They head to Berkley on Wednesday and are back home next Tuesday as they host Lake Orion. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team posted a 9-6 win over Troy Athens.

The Redhawks stayed with Clarkston the whole game putting up a fight and through working hard and smart the Lady Wolves prevailed.

The Lady Wolves host Rochester on Wednesday at Clarkston Junior High School when they host Senior Night. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The varsity team heads to their first round of the regional playoffs against Midland next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Lake Orion.



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Wolves set personal bests during league meet

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feet," said Breen. "Right behind her Alysa (Perez) did a good job, too."

Perez finished in seventh place with 30-05.5 and Sloan Curtis finished in 11th place, 26-08.75.

Nicholson finished in sixth place in the discus with 101-09. Curtis finished in eighth place, 85-05; and Jordyn Rumbold finished in 12th, 81-03.

Alyse Cross and Allison Osborn both set a personal record in the high jump, both with 4-06. For the long jump, Trinity Roodbeen

finished in fourth place, 15-2.50 and Touchstone finished in fifth place, 15-02.25.

Tiana Phillips finished in fourth place in the pole vault, 8-06 as Dana Demrose and Allyse Modia tied for fifth with seven feet. Phillips and Demrose PR'ed during the event.

The Wolves finished in fourth place with 75 points. Lake Orion topped the league meet with 123 points for first place. Oxford finished in second with 121 points; Rochester Adams, third, 106; and Rochester, fifth, 46.67.

"It was along the lines of what we thought would happen," Breen said. "We had a couple

of impressive performances on the boys side - we saw a lot of boys who were running their PR and really saw a lot of improvement from the boys. We have a few athletes who are a little banged up like Grant Telfer. We didn't see a performance out of him in the 200-meter finals but Max Salter stepped up in the position. He did really well."

Telfer finished in first place during the 100-meter dash, 11.47. Salter finished in second place in the 100-meter dash at 11.66, and in the 200-meter dash, 23.49.

The Wolves achieved a lot of personal records in the 400-meter, 800-meter, 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter events.

For the 400-meter run all top three runners set a PR with Matthew Baker finishing in fifth place, 52.73; Devin Parkison, seventh, 53.28; and Ben Allen, 13th, 55.60. Nickolas Favazza finished in tenth place in the 800-meter run, 2:12.17.

Eisert finished in second place in the 1,600-meter run at 4:30.74. Nate Sesti finished in fifth place, 4:33.56; and Favazza in seventh place, 4:34.56.

Shawn Slater finished in fourth place in the 3,200-meter run at 9:52.70 as Brendan Favazza finished in seventh, 10:09.92; and Jacob Dolan finished in eighth place, 10:13.61.

"We saw a lot of improvement from the boys," Breen added about the boys hitting their PR.

The team of Telfer, Salter, Gino Paese and Dalton Sampson ran to victory in the 400-

meter relay finishing in first place at 44.77.

Other relay top finishes included the 1,600-meter relay finishing in fourth place with Sampson, Allen, Baker and Parkinson running at 3:38.79.

The relay team of Allen, Eisert, Slater and Nickolas Favazza finished in fifth place in the 3,200-meter relay run, 8:58.79.

For hurdles, Anthony Ramirez finished in fourth place in the 110-meter at 16.54. Ethan Wise finished in fifth in the 300-meter at 44.47 as Ramirez finished in sixth place, 44.47 and Drew Erksine finished in 14th place, 56.67.

For field events, Carter Hoogewerf finished in third place in the pole vault with 10-06 and Miguel Gonzalez finished in sixth place, 9-06.


Paese led the pack in the long jump with his fifth place finish at 18-05.75. Josh Kelley finished in sixth with 18-04.5 and Jayden Hutchons finished in 11th at 17-07.75.

Brett Cook finished in ninth place in shot put with a 37-06 throw. Paese finished in 13th place, 35-02.50 and Brandon Marcks threw 32-02 for 14th place.

Cook also led the Wolves in discus with a seventh place finish, setting a PR at 117-08. Jermaine Roemer finished in 11th place with 107-10 and Marcks finished in 13th place, 92-07.

Jayden Hutchons tied for second place in the high jump with 5-11. Kelley finished in seventh with 5-09 and Matt Nicholson tied for eighth with 5-06.

The regional meet this Friday at Lake Orion begins at 2 p.m. with field events.




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The school year is close to the end and registration is open for summer camps through Clarkston Community Education.

Clarkston Varsity Baseball Head Coach Phil Price hosts **Summer Baseball Clinics** for players ages 7-14 with two sessions.

The first session is for beginner to intermediate level players, June 19-22; the second session is for high level players, June 26-29.

Both are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$165 and will focus on the fundamentals of the game including throwing, catching, fielding, baserunning and rules of the game. The players will learn from Price, his coaching staff and varsity players who are assisting.

Varsity Coach Kelly Pinner and staff host **Clarkston Volleyball Camp**, June 26-30, at Clarkston High School for girls going into grades 5-12. The cost is \$100. For more information, please contact Coach Pinner at kjpinner@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp is July 10-13, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. for boys entering grades 4-6. Learn the fundamentals of the game from Clarkston Boys Basketball Varsity Head Coach Dan Fife and his coaching

staff. The cost is \$160 and is open to the first 80 applicants.

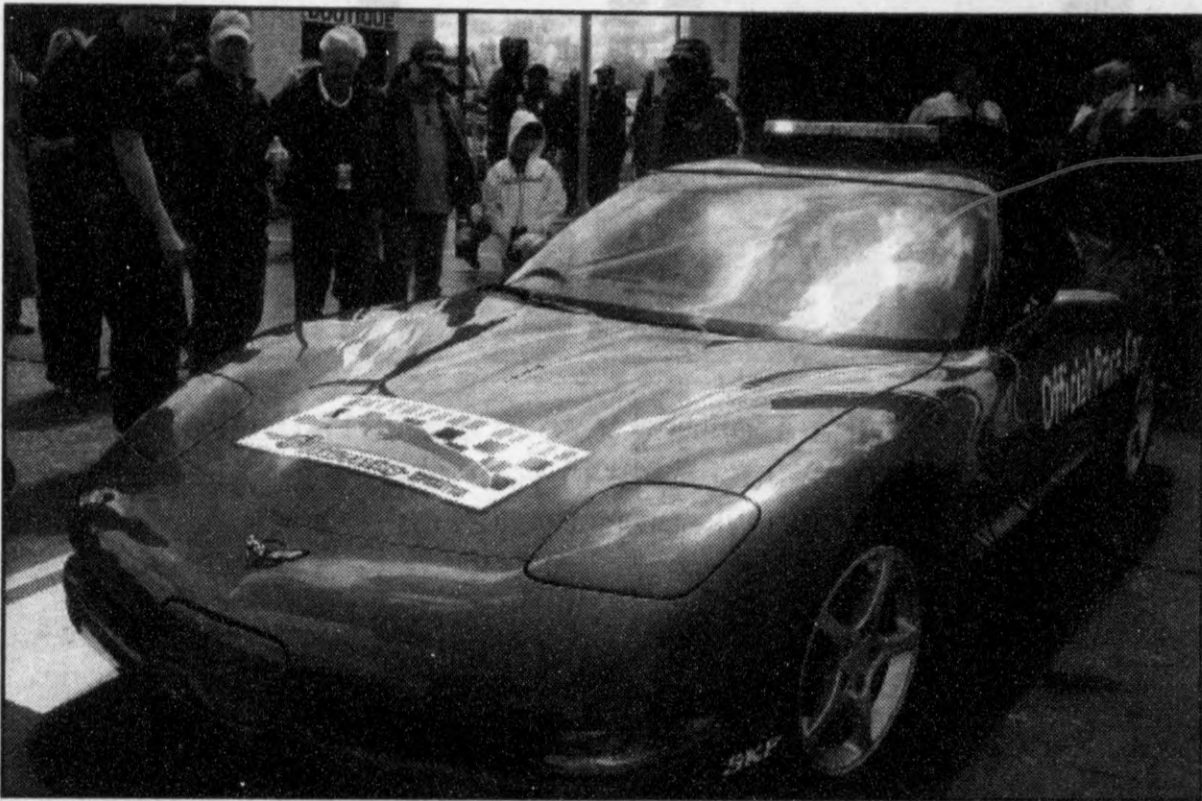
Fife Basketball Camp, July 17-20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., is open to boys entering grades 7-9 in the fall. The camp is coached by Dan Fife and his Clarkston High School Basketball staff. It is open to the first 104 applicants and costs \$260.

For more information on either camp, please call Coach Fife at 248-625-9749.

Mini Ballers Basketball Camp, July 10-13, is open for boys entering grades 1-3, and for girls entering grades 1-2. There are two sessions to choose from: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. and 2:45 - 4:45 p.m. at Clarkston High School. Each session is limited to 80 players. The cost is \$85 and includes a T-shirt.

It is led by Tim Wasilk, Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach. For more information please email Wasilk at tlwasilk@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Registration for all camps is through Clarkston Community Education with checks payable to Independence Township, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, which is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and closed for holidays.



RED CORVETTE: Waterford Hills Road Racing track next to Oakland County Sportsmen's Club celebrated the debut of a new Pace Car, May 6. The donation of the magnetic red Corvette Pace Car is a joint effort by Matick Chevy in Redford, and AES Auto Parts in Wayne, Mich. It is a replication of the Corvette 50th pace car used for the Indy 500. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Council spreads art throughout town

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icipation. We need your support. We need you to talk about the arts, to learn about the arts, to understand what the arts bring to a community as a whole, and as individuals."

The council recently received its non-profit, 501c3 status, is 100 percent volunteer run, and working towards acquiring a brick and mortar home.

"This year we have again succeeded in having the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside! Out art presentation back to the Clarkston area with plans for a permanent art walk," said Cory Johnston, vice president.

Art classes are ongoing in cooperation with Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors.

"We have planned partnerships with Clarkston Community Schools, Clarkston Family Farm, and ongoing cooperation with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and My Habitat Clarkston, all of which is probably the reason the Clarkston Cultural Arts Council is receiving the Clarkston Community Award for Community Collaboration this year," Johnston said.

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For details on joining the Clarkston Kiwanis Club, or for more information about Kiwanis, check out our Facebook page at Clarkston Kiwanis club. If you would like to make an appointment to talk to a Kiwanis representative when they are in the area, contact Larry Memmer at larrymemmer@gmail.com or Greg Smith at executivedirector@mikiwanis.org

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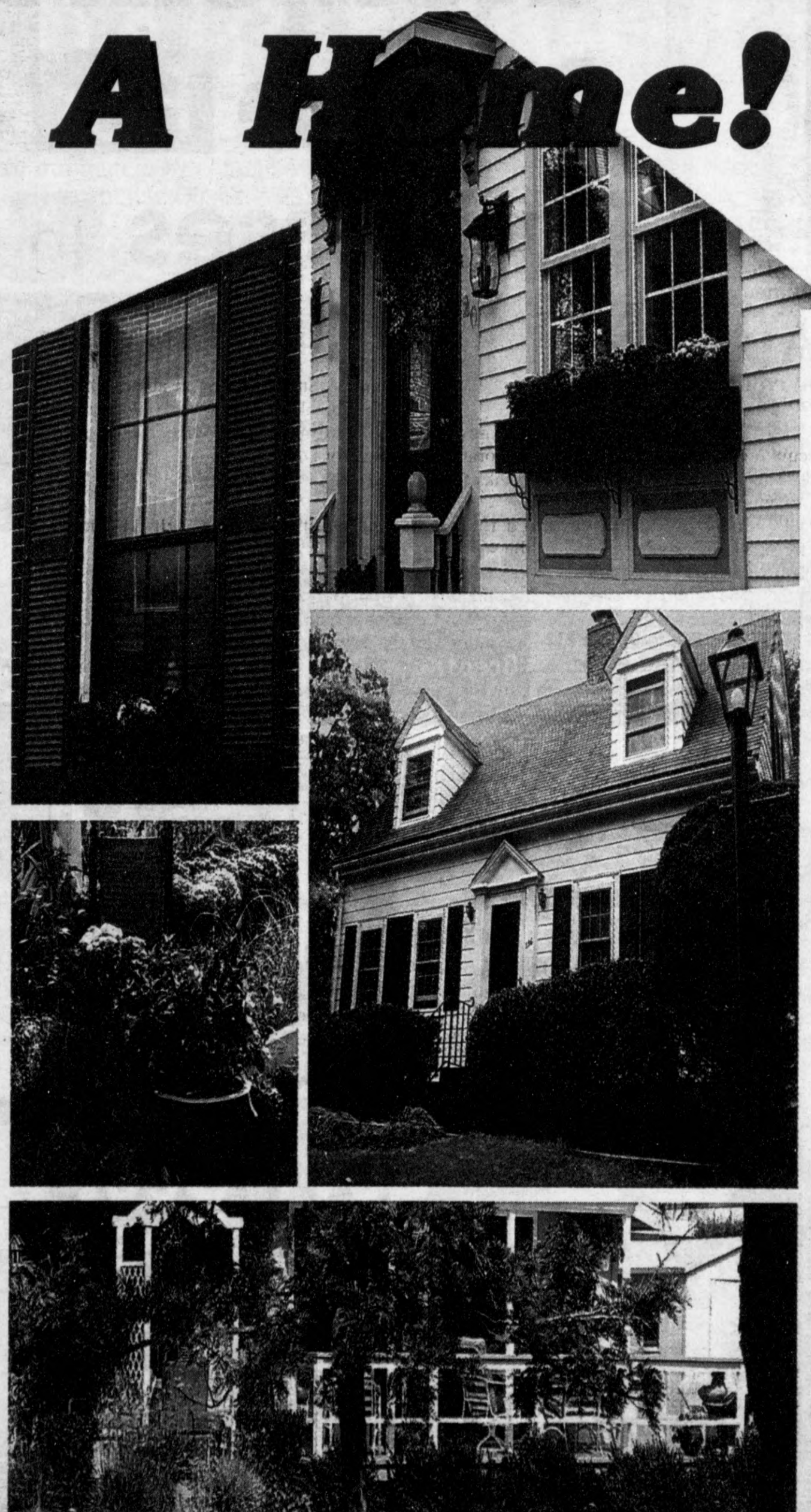


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Peg Roth, Alan Partington, and Jessica Hall display some Clarkston Art Connection artwork, displayed in the CNews office. Photo by Phil Custodio

Artwork on display downtown

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

More than 500 paintings, drawings, sculptures, and other works of art decorate downtown Clarkston this spring, thanks to Community Art Connection.

Local businesses volunteered their storefronts and front offices as exhibit space for young artists through the end of the month. The public is also invited to a guided tour of the art on Saturday, May 20.

"This is a new part of it, to draw more attention to the pieces of art displayed in the community," said Alan Partington, member of the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, which is partnering with Clarkston Community Schools and Clarkston Retailers Group.

"The artwork is beautiful, really incredible," said Peg Roth of Clarkston Retailers Group.

"This has grown into such a great event," said Jessica Hall, CCS subject area coordinator for fine art and art teacher at Renaissance High School. "We've received calls from the Fine Arts Council for Oakland County and Ferndale Waterford - reaching out to us to start their own programs with their public schools. It's very cool."

Members of the Clarkston Cultural Arts Council will lead the tours from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet in front of the Clarkston Mills at 20 W.

Washington Street starting at about 10:45 a.m., then breaking off into groups for tours.

Admission is free, with donations accepted for DRAW.

This is the sixth year of the partnership effort.

"The Optimists are so helpful. They deliver the artwork and really help the art teachers," Hall said.

Art instruction is expanding in the school district, which is showing up in the quality of the artwork on display, she said.

"This is the first year in probably 20 years grades 3-5 are receiving an hour a week of art rather than a half hour," Hall said. "Their art has just really blossomed."

Art helps students make cross curricular connections with science, reading, and many other subjects, the teacher said.

"There's a lot of visual thinking strategies in art and music, using both sides of the brain," she said.

Artwork is on display in downtown businesses including Village Fashion Boutique, Essence on Main, Picasso's Grapevine, Health Quest/Fitness Quest, Union General, Honcho's, Kinetic Systems, Salon 20, Morgan and Milzow, Clarkston News, Clarkston Mills, Clarkston Makeup Studio, Rudy's, and Berkshire Hathaway.

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Carolyn Sexton, at left, and Lisa Loridas have co-owned and operated G's Hair Junction for 30 years.

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G's Hair Junction, formerly Mr. G's, recently relocated to 6653 Dixie Highway in the Clarkston Oaks Shopping Center.

Co-owners Carolyn Sexton and Lisa Loridas, who have operated the business for 30 years, said the salon has been open at its new location since April.

In addition to Loridas and Sexton, stylists currently serving customers at G's Hair Junction include Sheila Brady, Amy Dougherty and Kristine Moore.



RIBBON CUTTING: Harrison's celebrated the opening of their new home accessories store located at 5932 S. Main Street with a ribbon cutting ceremony with family, friends, and fellow Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members, May 5. Owner Kevin Harrison and Amanda Browe and Melanie Johns-Secreto offer a variety of stylish lamps, furniture, and other items for the home. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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From left, Don Short, Jr., Ryan Holderbaum and Don Short Sr. of CB Brandon Glass.

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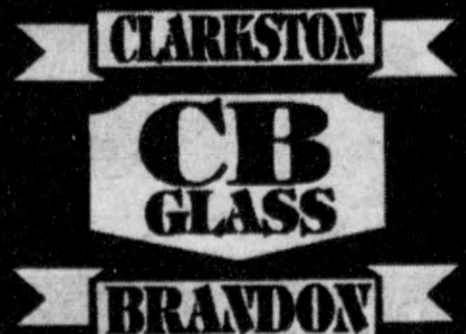
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Senior Jessica Fay, with her expressive self-portrait.



Junior Christine Wakefield and shoes she designed.



Sophomore Andrew Gilbert stands next to his two pieces on the bottom displayed on the bottom.



Senior Jordan Smearman, with her photograph piece in the top right corner.



Senior Maya Neideck, next to her expressive self-portrait piece.

Student art wows community

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Art aficionados appreciated a diverse selection of mediums at the opening reception of Clarkston High School's Art Show.

"The nice thing about the art show here is more students have the opportunity to see it, given it's in school for two weeks. So students who can't come to the reception still have the opportunity to view all the art," said Nichole Kaplan-Rudolph, high school art teacher.

The show has about 350 pieces, from paintings to photography to 3-D art.

"I pick the best examples of the things kids have been working on. Somebody who's gone above and beyond with the projects that we give them," said Meg Messina, high school art teacher.

Kaplan-Rudolph added they pick a variety of projects so they can represent all the different art classes offered and all types of art

created.

"It's pretty selective," Kevin Breen, also a CHS art teacher, said. "I think we have a nice, wide variety of mediums."

Senior Jordan Smearman's main medium is photography. She has a few pieces in the high school art show and she was featured in the district art show at the administration building as well.

"It was a complete shock and I was freaking out because I didn't realize my stuff would be in there," Smearman said. "I think it's awesome to see this stuff in here and to see everyone else's artwork is in here and they can really celebrate it."

Junior Christine Wakefield designed a pair of shoes featured in the show.

"There's a Vans opportunity to design our own pair of shoes and I was like that's kind of something crazy, I've never done that before," Wakefield said. "I just used acrylic

paint and sharpies and put it on the shoes. It was a super cool opportunity."

Messina described other showcased work, some of which were drawings done by Clarkston Kindergarteners and transformed by advanced art students.

"We drafted a lot to see what kind of idea we wanted to go with and we all choose completely different things. None of them turned out like similar at all. Even if someone did the same piece it turned out completely different, which I liked. It was neat," said senior Jessica Fay.

Fay's matched kindergarten piece was on display at the show, along with some other pieces she created.

"We have a lot of students who are moving on and doing this in college too," Breen said. "So, [we're] showcasing some of those students and their achievements and what they've done."

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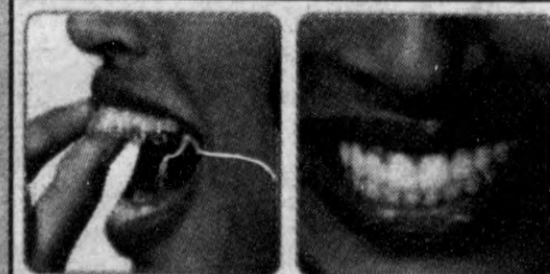
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People Poll

What's your favorite, unique thing about your mom that makes her so special in your life?

"From the 6 a.m. wake ups for hockey games, to my siblings and I constantly bickering. No one else I know could do so much for her kids as my mom. Thank you for always dealing with us even though we can be aggravating. Love you, mom."

-Collin Lynch with his mother, Adrienne



"There are not a lot of people you can unconditionally rely on in life, but my mom is one of those people. Even when I am less than thankful for everything she does for me she still tirelessly works to keep me safe and happy at all times."

-Cameron Pawlik with his mother, Lisa



"My favorite thing about my mom is she is always pushing me to grow as a person while also giving me room to do so. She has always embraced my quirks because she is such a welcoming and kind soul."

-Emma Morris with her mother, Amy



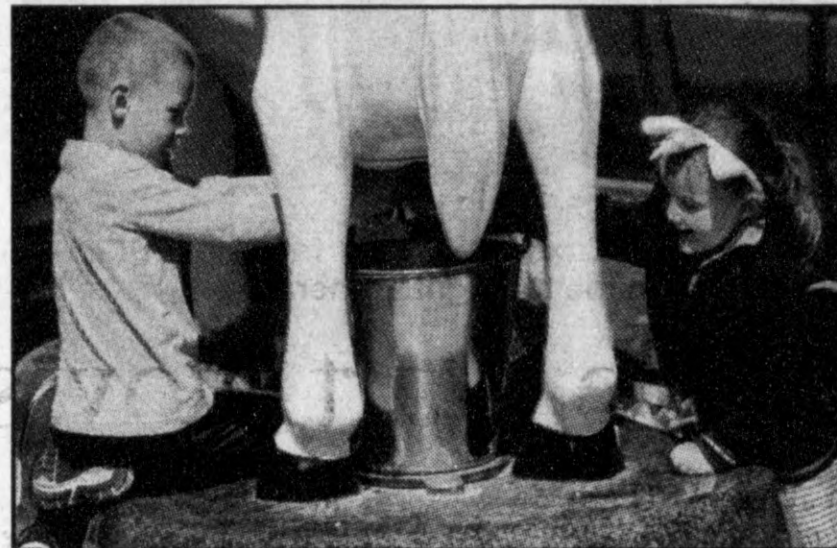
"My mom is the type of person everyone wishes they could be. Positive, kind and selfless. She is the best role model and who I aspire to be in every way possible. Happy Mother's Day and happy birthday to my best friend!"

-Maria Tremblay with her mother, Michelle



"My favorite thing about my mom is definitely her cooking. Coming home to a 36 course meal is quite the treat for a growing boy like me."

-Jack Muhleck with his mom, Katie



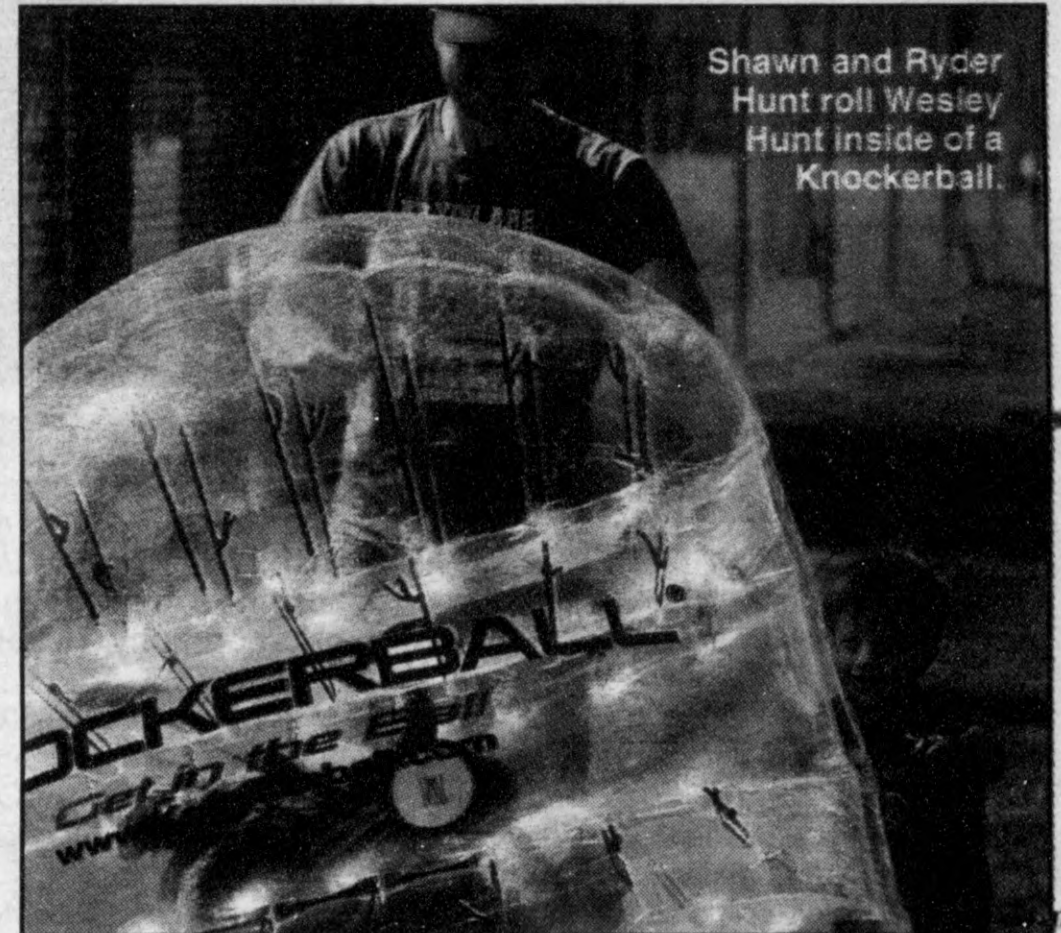
Joey and Lizzie Rickard try out milking a cow at the Oakland County Fair booth. The fair is at Springfield Oaks County Park, July 7-16.



Blake Abate and Michael Harper try archery with the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.



Jonathan Price meets a furry friend at the petting zoo.



Shawn and Ryder Hunt roll Wesley Hunt inside of a Knockerball.

A fine day in the park

Mother Nature gave families a sunny, warm day to enjoy Kids Day in the Park at Clintonwood Park, held by Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors.

The free event included over 20 activities sponsored by local businesses. Activities included making a bird feeder, making bubbles, archery, milking a cow, visiting the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Independence Township Fire Department trucks.

Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



Cian Mueller sits in an ambulance.



Macy and Aniston McHale create giant bubbles.

Events

Blood drive, American Red Cross, May 18, 2-7:45 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road; and May 28, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

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.

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

Rummage Sale at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, May 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Clarkston Community Awards, 7:30-9 a.m., 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.

Annual Perennial Plant Exchange, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 8:30 a.m., June 3, Washington and Main parking lot. Bring divided, potted and labeled perennials for exchange with other gardeners. clarkstongardenclub.org.

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

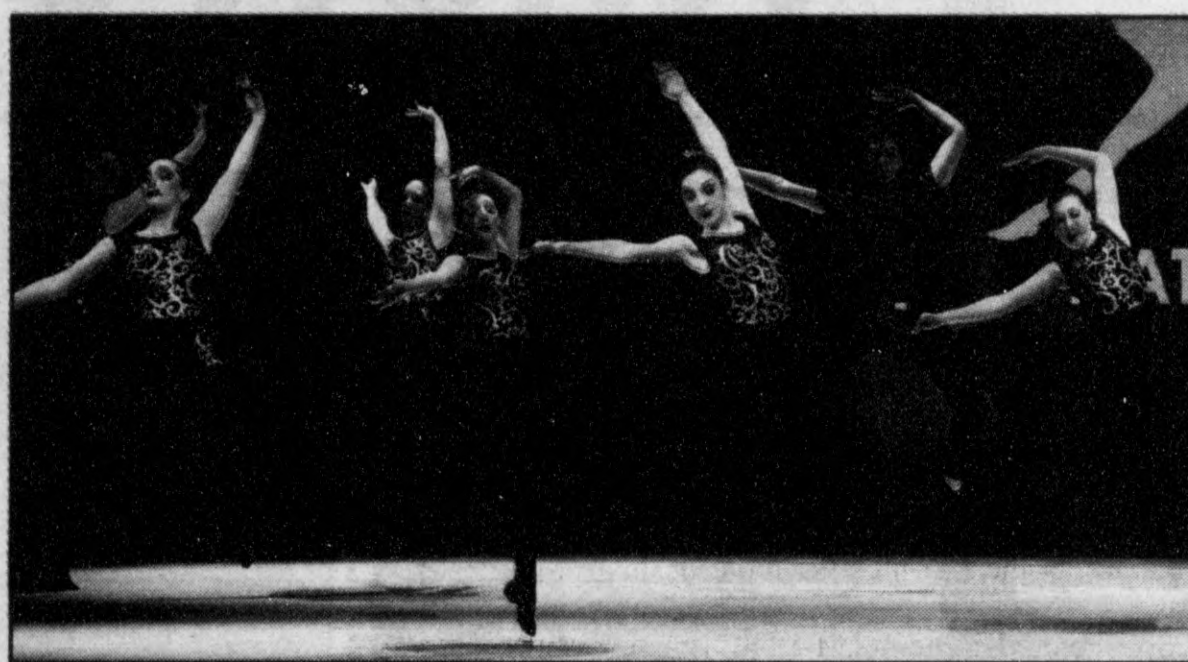
Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway behind Pete's Coney. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Se-

Around Town

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



The Mt. Zion School of Performing Arts dance competition teams perform their annual recital, *Unlimited: The Power of Imagination*, May 19-20. Dance routines include high-energy hip-hop, ballet, and contemporary choreography. Tickets start at \$8. Call 248-393-1407.

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

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

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

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

Grocery Store Class by Nuview Nutrition, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., smart shopping for wallet and diet, at Kroger store, Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. Group tours, \$20. Private classes by appointment, \$80/person. 248-625-5143.

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

Tuesday

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., June 13, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Topic: "How can I help myself to not feel so lonely?" Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

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

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

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

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

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway

Suite 500. Pre-register, 248-625-5143.

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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M-Step presents poor reflection of student learning

There are many students, teachers, and parents who dread the M-STEP, which is one of the largest tests in the school year, but there are more problems than just the length of this test. In fact, the most recent M-STEP results have shown that "roughly half of Michigan's students in grades 3-8 have failed to score in the section of proficient in all four subjects" since the M-STEP came into the picture.

In other words, the M-Step causes too much stress and does not accurately show what children and teens are capable of in terms of their learning and growth.

Alarming, the amount of stress caused by the M-Step is actually causing some parents to opt their children out of the test.

According to the Detroit Parent Network, "More than 650,000 students in 15 states in the nation have opted out of taking mandatory assessments including the M-STEP."

This shows how thousands of parents across Michigan do not value what the tests will do for the school and their children. They

question how accurate the test results are in showing what students actually know.

Furthermore, many parents and students have been willing to share their thoughts about the M-STEP, and very few happen to be positive.

For instance, sixth-grader Elliot Corbin from Mt. Clemens claimed she had terrible headaches before the test, stomach pains, and extreme anxiety about the M-STEP days before it actually occurred. This young girl knew very little about the whole point of the M-STEP, but she did know she had a say in whether or not she would ever take the test again. After informing her parents about what she goes through during the month of these tests, her parents made the decision to opt her out of the M-STEP. Now, thousands have followed in their footsteps and made the decision to opt their own children out of this test.

Some would argue the M-STEP is actually extremely helpful in terms of detecting the amount of education being provided by a certain school or teacher, and the real problem is the lack of useful education being taught by local teachers. However, what they fail to recognize is each year the student results coming from the M-STEP are slowly declining by more than 20 percent.

Student viewpoint



By Sophia Fabrizio

Award-winning student poetry

Katharine Rottach, freshman at Clarkston Junior High School, earned second place in the Poetry Category in the Kappy Family Anne Frank Art and Writing Competition at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

Open to Oakland County students in grades 8-12, competition categories included drawing, painting, photography, poetry, essay, and short story.

The Hand: by Katharine Rottach

A hand reaches out.

This hand has touched many things before

And many things have touched it back.

It was The Hand.

But *they* didn't know that.

They didn't know of the other things that have touched The Hand.

Large and tiny things.

Soft and rough things.

Thick and thin things.

The Hand has passed along items.

Given away items.

Thrown items.

Held items.

The Hand has done everything a hand can do.

What The Hand loves to touch the most, though, is its own kin.

Large and tiny hands.

Soft and rough hands.

Thick and thin hands.

All hands are loved by The Hand.

The Hand will touch any foreign hand.

Dirty and clean hands.

Broken and bruised hands.

Manicured and polished hands.

Brown hands, tan hands.

Black hands, white hands.

A mixture of in-between.

Christian hands, Jewish hands.

Muslim hands, Buddhist hands.

Billions of hands coming together

Hands that The Hand loves to touch.

The Hand touches so much

And gives so much back.

It may seem like nothing to *them* at first.

But later, far later in life, *they* will see the gifts given to *them*.

Kindness.

Warmth.

Love.

Support.

The Hand gives all of this to its kin.

Kin, such as *them*.

The Hand reaches out.

They reach back.

The competition's theme was "The Power of One," which emphasized the impact that an individual can and must make in the world. Youth were invited to create a written or artistic response to Anne Frank's quote, "How wonderful it is that no one need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

The winning submissions are on display at the museum, 28123 Orchard Lake Road. Call 248-553-2400.

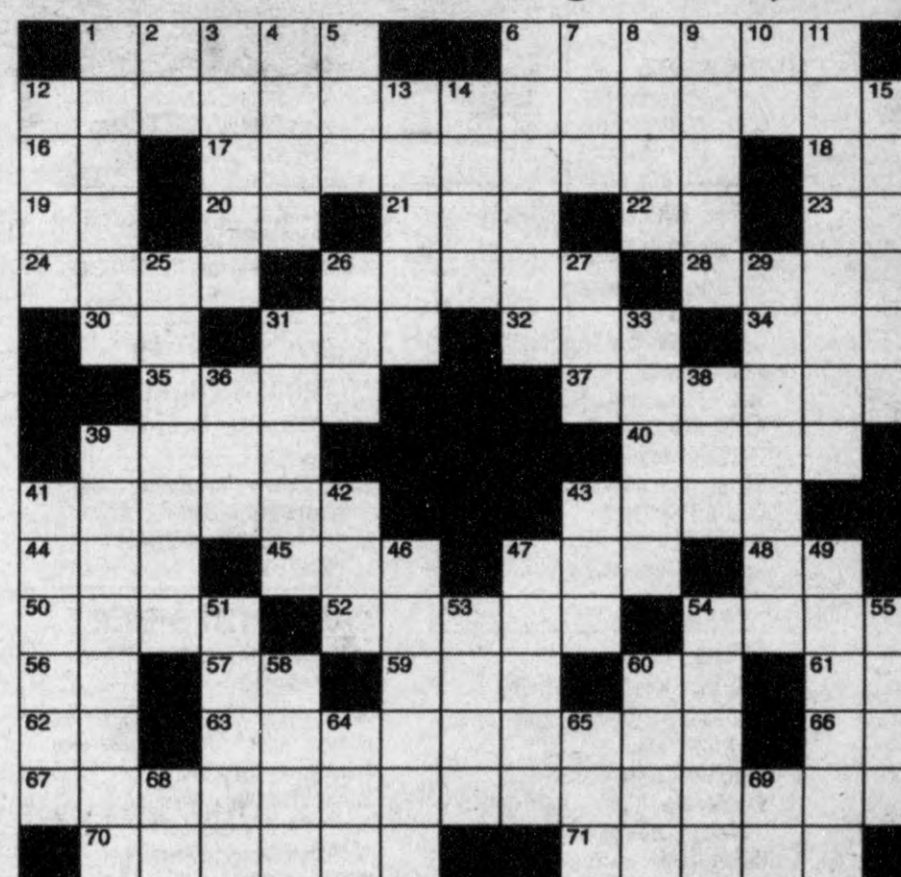
Moreover, most, if not all students, find it nearly impossible to perform on a test that involves remembering everything taught in a whole school year. This causes stress, which leads students to underperform, giving the state of Michigan a false impression of student growth, and impacting schools as to what and how much technology they have access too.

A simple solution could be something as easy as dividing this test into sections, and giving a small portion of the test once every quarter of the year, making it so students will

only be tested on roughly three chapters every quarter. In fact, the length of the M-STEP has actually shortened each year in the three years it has been used, allowing for quicker test results. Dividing the M-STEP will help relieve stress for students and teachers, and will help the state of Michigan get a precise look at what students are learning and what teachers are teaching.

Sashabaw Middle School seventh grade students in Allie Dennis' English Language Arts class are writing proposals in the form of newspaper op-ed articles.

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7. Utah athlete
8. Abnormal sound
9. Scandal vocalist Patty
10. Atlanta rapper
11. Takes without permission
12. Apple computers
13. Hymn
14. Clue
15. Makes happy
25. Close to
26. Mimic
27. Cool!
29. Simplest
31. Preface
33. Represents the Tribe of Judah
36. Boxing great
38. Birth control means
39. English cathedral city
41. Refurbish
42. Test for high schoolers
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Most adorable
47. Large Pakistani tribe
49. Enemy to grass
51. Along the outer surface of a hull
53. Travels on water
54. Innermost Greek temple sanctuaries
55. Fire and
58. Singer Turner
60. "the Man" Musial
64. de plume
65. Frozen water
68. An alternative
69. Intensive care

CLUES ACROSS

1. Member of Jamaican religion
6. Explodes
12. "Walter White" produced this
16. Promo
17. In a harmful way
18. Aluminium
19. Cerium
20. Female title
21. Singer DiFranco
22. Beloved alien
23. Free agent
24. Tax
26. Change
28. Heaviness
30. Third note of the solfège
31. Printing speed

measurement

32. Pouch
34. Brew
35. Female of a horse
37. Platforms
39. Type of hemline
40. "Traffic" actor Guzman
41. Counts on
43. Inhabitant of Media
44. Pitcher's statistic
45. Beloved dish and cheese
47. An association of criminals
48. Samarium
50. Describes an action
52. About oviduct
54. Holy fire
56. Audio frequency

57. Stephen King novel

59. Rocky peak
60. South Dakota
61. Gallium
62. Larry and Curly's buddy
63. One-dimensionality
66. Soldier
67. Act of foretelling future events
70. Envisaged
71. Establish by law

CLUES DOWN

1. Regain possession of
2. Indicates position
3. Con games
4. Checks
5. Atomic mass unit
6. Large groups

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The Ryan Kennedy Memorial Playground opens with a ribbon cutting last Saturday at Clintonwood Park off Clarkston Road. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Day to celebrate Ryan

The legacy of Ryan Kennedy continues to live on in Independence Township as the memorial playground built in his honor opened with a ribbon cutting on Saturday morning.

"Today is a beautiful day," said Kim Karp, Ryan's mom, before apologizing she might cry. "It's okay because it's a happy day and sad day all in one. Today is a beautiful day, my friends will now be able to take their kids to a park and play. They send me pictures letting me know they are remembering and honoring Ryan."

Ryan passed away five years ago on May 26, 2012 after a five-year battle with Ependymoma, a form of brain cancer.

"His No. 1 desire was for us to live our lives like we never had cancer," she shared.

She thanked and recognized everyone for their efforts.

"We appreciate everything you have done," Kim said. "We are looking forward to you enjoying this park and continuing to let Ryan's memory live on. There will never be a day that goes by I won't think about Ryan and remember his touch or his laughter. He was such a kind and compassionate soul. I was blessed to have been chosen to be his mother for ten years. Our family and our community will remember and honor him

because his life mattered. I pray everyone will enjoy this playground. God Bless you all for making this playground a possibility."

"As a father of two children, no parent should ever suffer the loss of a child," said Derek Smith, director of Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors. "The love is never lost. In Ryan's case the love for him brought this community together to the love of every child. Today we celebrate Ryan, his family and the bond of our community in his memory by opening this playground of \$200,000 of climbing. It's amazing."

The Ryan Kennedy Memorial Playground was made possible through fundraising by volunteers and the township's board of trustees; as well as effort and support from the parks, recreation and seniors department and every donor.

"This is truly a community built effort," Smith said. "This is what makes Independence Township and Clarkston an incredible community to live, work and play in when a community can come together for a love of a child to make sure children of the future always have a safe and inviting place to play. For Ryan's legacy, he lives on touching the lives of every child who plays here."

~Wendi Reardon Price

Death notices & Obituaries

Richard Parker, 81

Richard D. Parker, age 81, of Swartz Creek, formerly of Clarkston and Cheboygan, died May 12, 2017.

Funeral services were May 15 at **Sharp Funeral Homes**, Swartz Creek, Pastor Scott Distler officiating.

Those desiring may make contributions to the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church.

Richard was born Feb. 20, 1936, in Detroit, the son of Raymond and Opal (Cutright) Parker. He married Marsha Haglund June 5, 1965.

He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army. He taught Accounting at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, and also at William Tyndale College, Wayne State, Olivet College, Chadron State College, Iowa Central Community College, Tarkio College in Missouri.

He loved hockey and boating up north. He played hockey and baseball, and was an avid Red Wings fan. He was a member of the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church. He was passionate about his teaching. He was in the process of authoring an online accounting tutorial.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha Parker of Swartz Creek; three children, Bruce (Rhonda) Parker of Hartland, Greg (Michele) Parker of Swartz Creek, Kelly (Curtis) Wittenberg of Lake Linden; three grandchildren, Brett, Elizabeth, Bryan; sister, MaryLou Cullen, June Parker; brother, Harold (Yolaine) Parker; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bob.

Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Frank W. Reid, 92

Frank W. Reid of Clarkston died May 7, 2017, at 92 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of the late Maryjane Reid for 66 years; also survived by his children Judy Tyrer, Nancy Bruckman and Frank Reid; in addition he had seven grandchildren and many great and great great grandchildren.

Frank had retired from GM after 32 1/2 years of service.

Private services will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston. Arrangements entrusted to **Coats Funeral Home**. For on line condolence to the family, go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com.

Frank E. Banner, 82

Frank E. Banner of Shelby Township, formerly of South Bend, passed away May 11, 2017, at age 82.

He was the loving husband of Marilyn for 62 years; beloved father of Shelly Rivera, Devin Banner, Darin (Deanna) Banner and Shannon Banner; preceded in death by his daughter Denise; proud grandpa of Joshua, Benjamin and Stephanie McIntosh, Rachel Davis, Kyle, Jack, Trent and Livie Banner; great grandpa of eight; dear brother of Martha (Don Sr.) Anglin; also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Frank enjoyed serving God, his family and church community with love.

Memorial Service was May 15 at Clarkston Community Church. Memorials may be made to Clarkston Community Church. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Dolores Blaylock, 88

Dolores Blaylock, nee Koskela, of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford and Pontiac, passed away May 7, 2017, at 88 years of age.

Born in Detroit, the daughter of the late Ben and Lila Koskela, she graduated from Pontiac High School in 1947. She was the beloved wife of Jack for 67 years; loving mother of Mark (Sue) Blaylock, Nancy (Pat) Breen and Scott Blaylock (Pam); cherished grandmother of Rachel, Audrey, Kevin, Andrew, Ryan, Jack, James, Pearl and the late Mark and great grandmother of four; dear sister of the late Robert (the late Helen) Koskela.

Dolores was an avid animal lover and a talented home decorator, she loved to travel, read and especially spend time with her family.

There will be a private Celebration of Life get together at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Michigan Animal Rescue League. Arrangements entrusted to **Coats Funeral Home**-Clarkston. To leave a condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

Burt S. Fangel, 85

Burt S. Fangel of Clarkston died May 15, 2017, at 85 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of Phyllis (nee. Brinker) for 62 years; loving father of Kim (Dennis) Burling, Kevin (Mary) Fangel and Kristi (the late Bill) Beno; dearest grandfather of Elizabeth (Ben), Kristina (John), Stephanie (Justin), Jacob (Kelsey) and the late Jenna; great grandfather of Andruw, Joyanna, David, Savannah, Sean, Tyler and Kaley; step brother of Phillip (Pat) Christos; also survived by a large extended family and preceded in death by his beloved dog Buddy.

Burt was the previous owner of Brinkers Plumbing in Waterford for many years.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force, Korea era, and was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church.

In his free time Burt was an avid Scuba Diver.

Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, 5481 Dixie Highway. Family will receive friends Friday from 2-8 p.m. with a Rosary at 4 p.m. at **Coats Funeral Home**-Clarkston, 8909 Dixie Highway.

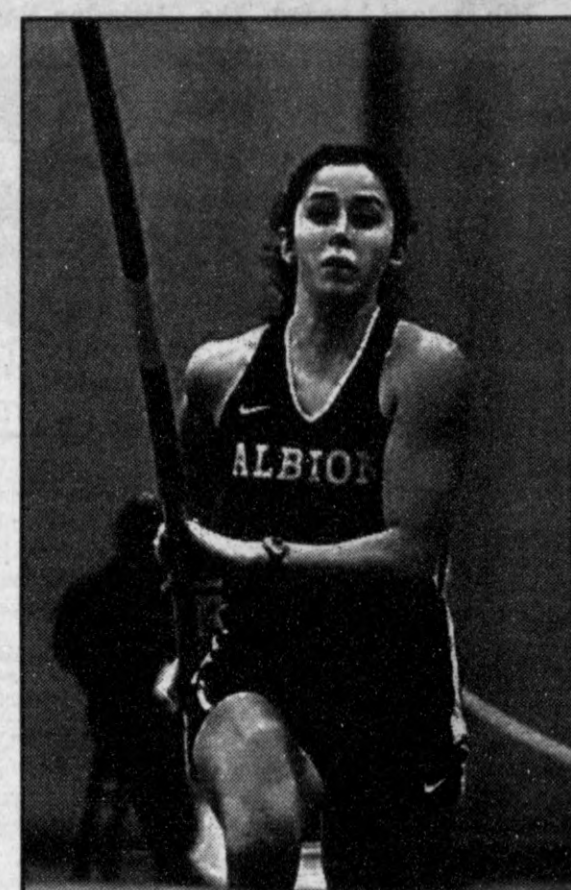
Memorial Donations may be made to Parkinson's Foundation, Michigan Animal Rescue League or Michigan Biker's Helping Veterans. To send an online condolences, please visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

Memorial Day parade

Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post 63 will lead Clarkston's annual Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 29. The Clarkston High School Marching Band will join the post Color and Honor Guard, Squadron 63 Sons of the Am. Legion (SAL), and Unit 63 Auxiliary in the parade. Also joining will be vintage military vehicles provided by Terry and Muriel Shelswell.

The parade will form-up in Depot Park beginning at 9 a.m. and will begin the march to Lakeview Cemetery at 10 a.m. The route to Lakeview Cemetery will be west on Depot Road, left on Holcomb Road, and continuing south to arrive at Lakeview Cemetery at about 10:20 a.m.

The program honoring our deceased veterans and recognizing those veterans still with us will begin with the "National Anthem" and the raising of the Flag. Guest speaker will be Mayor Steve Percival. Students from Clarkston Junior High School will read their Essays on Memorial Day. The Clarkston High School Marching Band will salute our veterans with patriotic music. The ceremony will close with the presentation of a Memorial Wreath, rifle volley, and the playing of "Taps." Call Post 63 Sgt.-At-Arms Don Carter at 248-563-2043 for comments and questions.



Maicey Peterson

Personal best

Maicey Peterson, a senior at Albion College, achieved a personal record to win the pole vault as Albion College finished third in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Outdoor Track & Field Championship.

The 2013 graduate of Clarkston High School, cleared the pole vault bar at 11' 1 3/4".

She also won a silver medal as a member of the 400-meter relay. She finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles.

New Kiwanis Club

Michigan Kiwanis will be in Clarkston to form a new club, May 23-25.

"Kiwanis is an organization dedicated to serving the needs of children and we believe a new club can have a positive impact on Clarkston," said Larry Memmer, Kiwanis of Michigan District chair for membership.

The Clarkston Kiwanis Club is one of several planned to be opened in Michigan this year. These clubs will join a global organization of clubs and members founded in 1915 and dedicated to serving the children of the world.

Projects include giving a dictionary to every third grader in the district, working with schools on mentoring, helping the elderly with their needs, community flag projects, and other community projects, Memmer said.

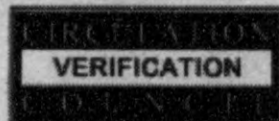
For details on joining the Clarkston Kiwanis Club, or for more information about Kiwanis, check out "Kiwanis club of Clarkston" on Facebook. Contact Memmer at larrymemmer@gmail.com or Kelly Dougherty at kellyjdougherty@gmail.com.

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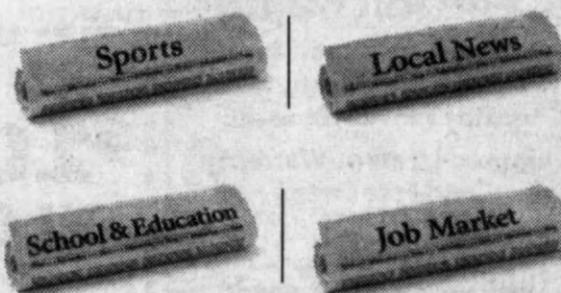
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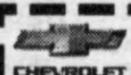
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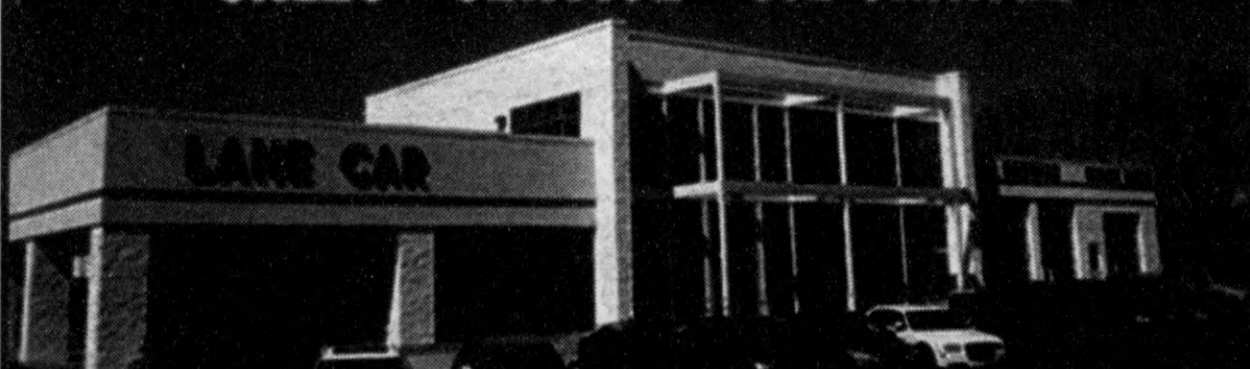
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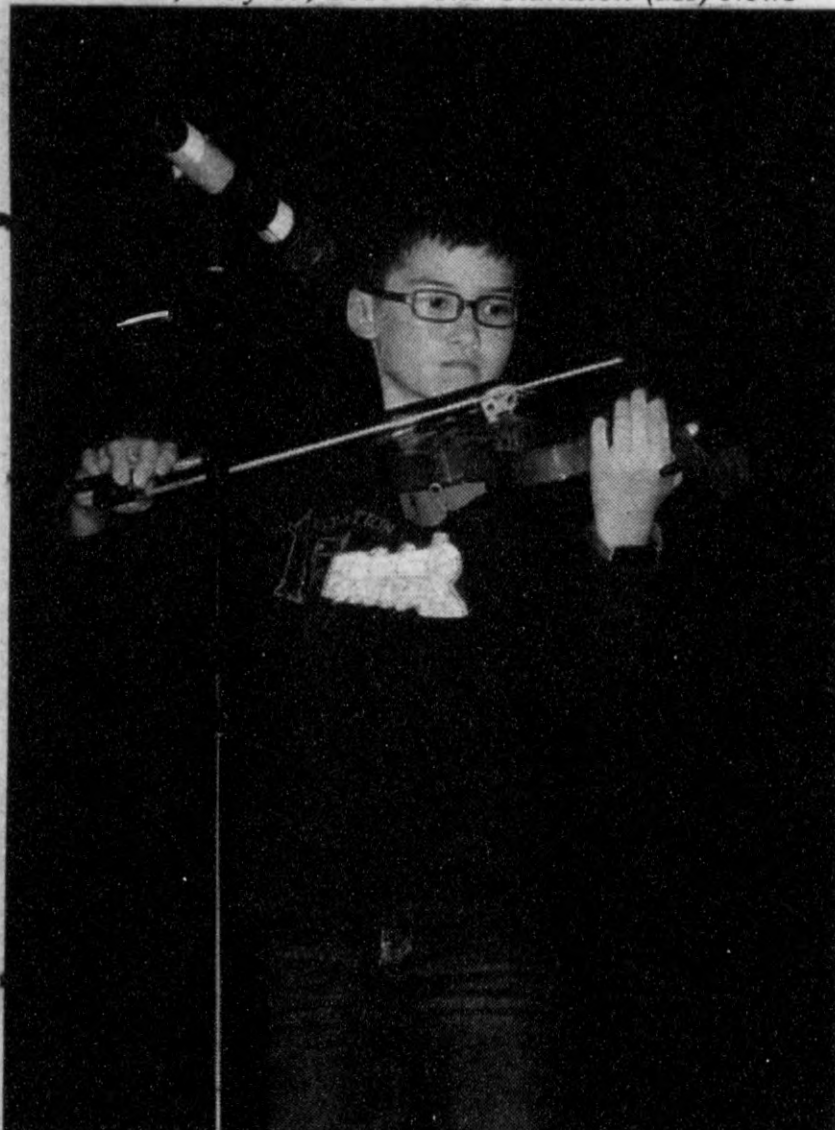
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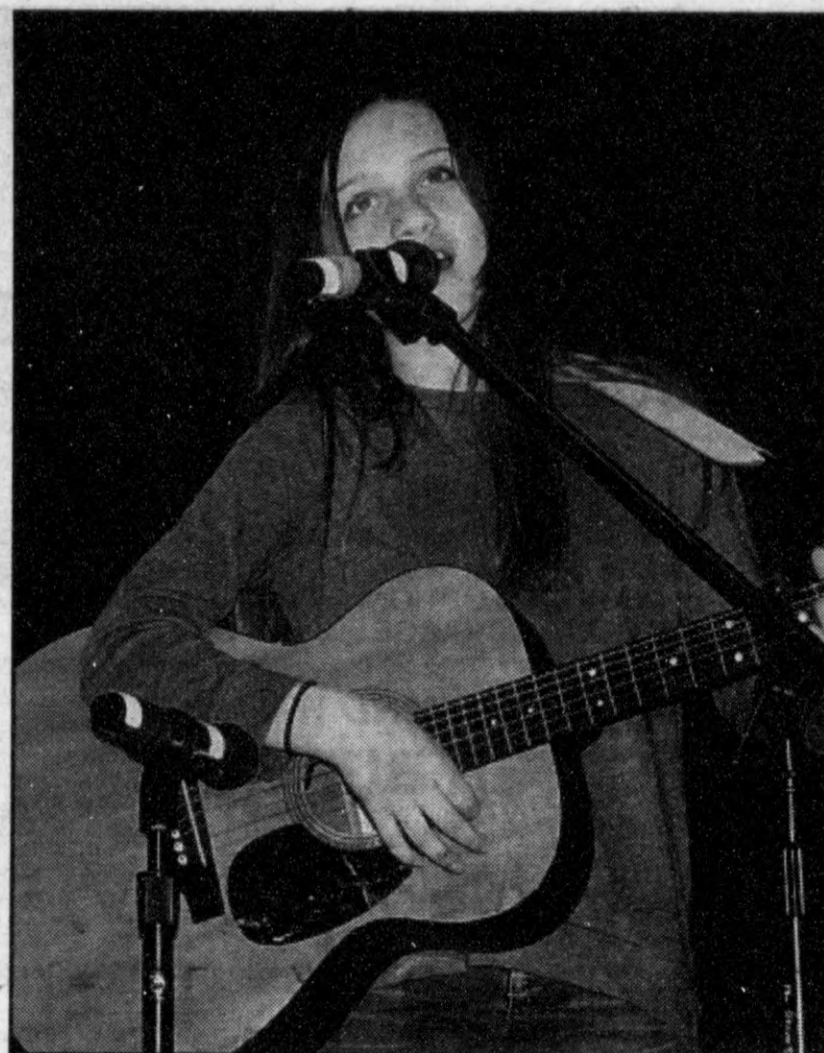
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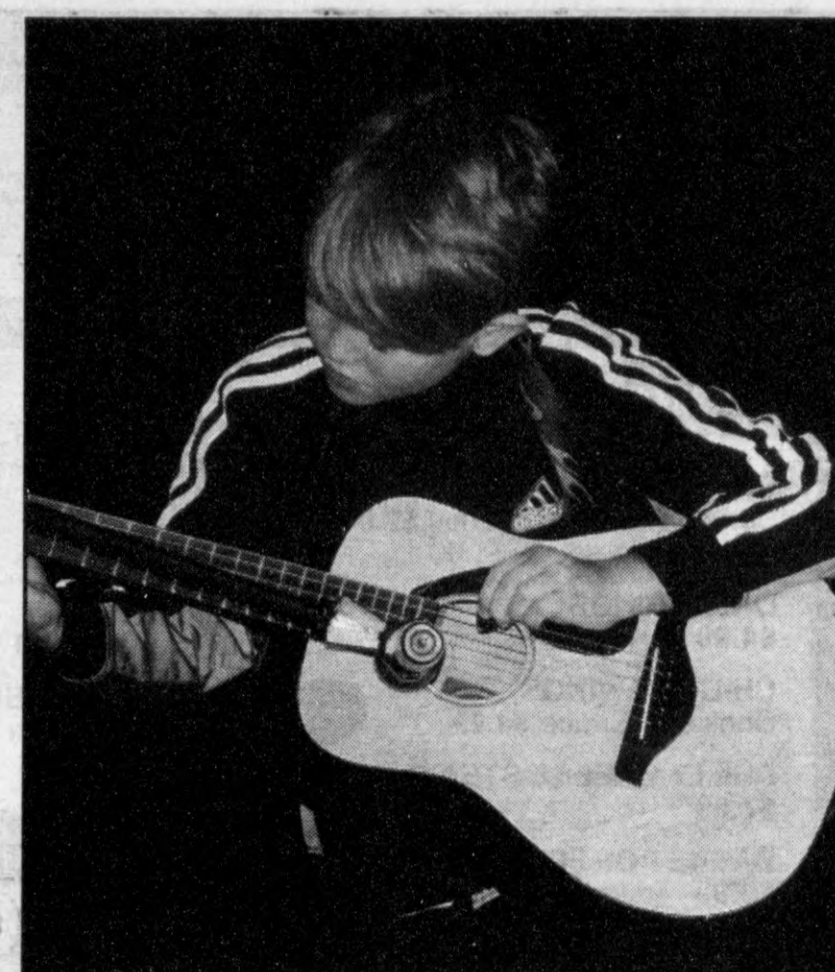
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The night exposed just how talented and creative Clarkston kids can be.



Avery and Sidney Fischer dance to Tik Tok.



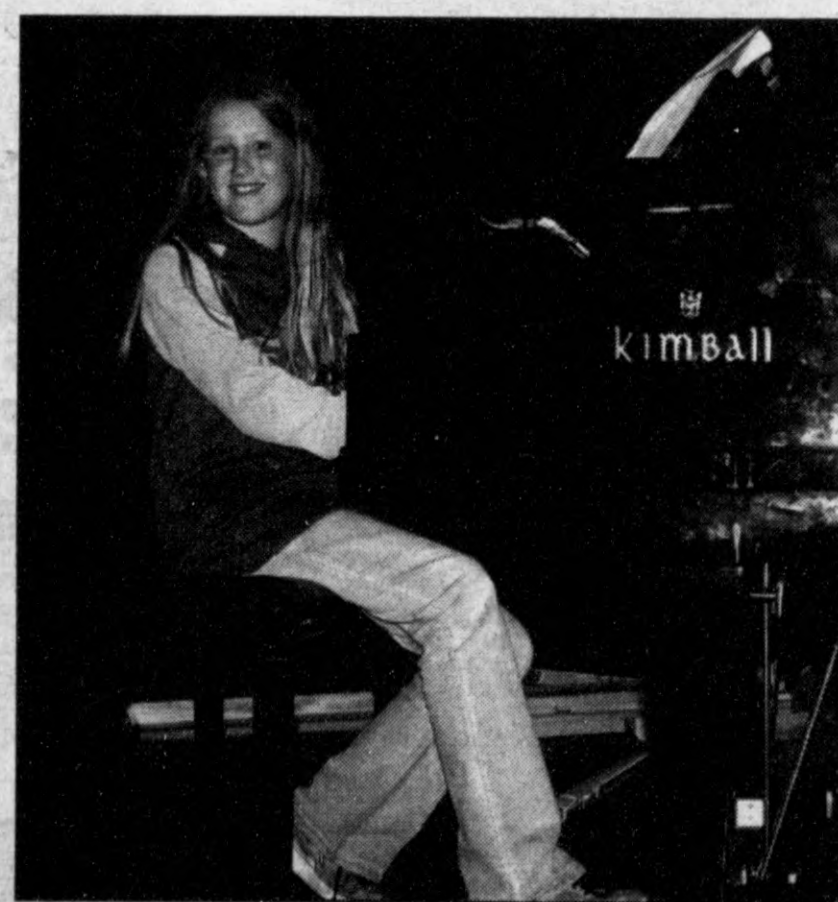
Megan Wilson, Annie Malys and Lizzie Nofar perform some gymnastics.



Cousins Reid Logan and Marco Richardson tell jokes. Photos by Jessica Steeley



Christen, Carly and Cayla perform "You are my sunshine."



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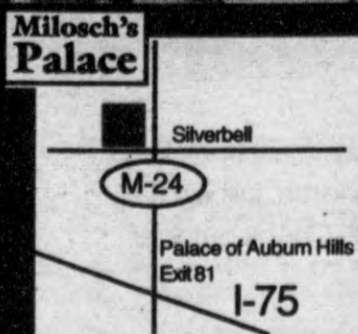
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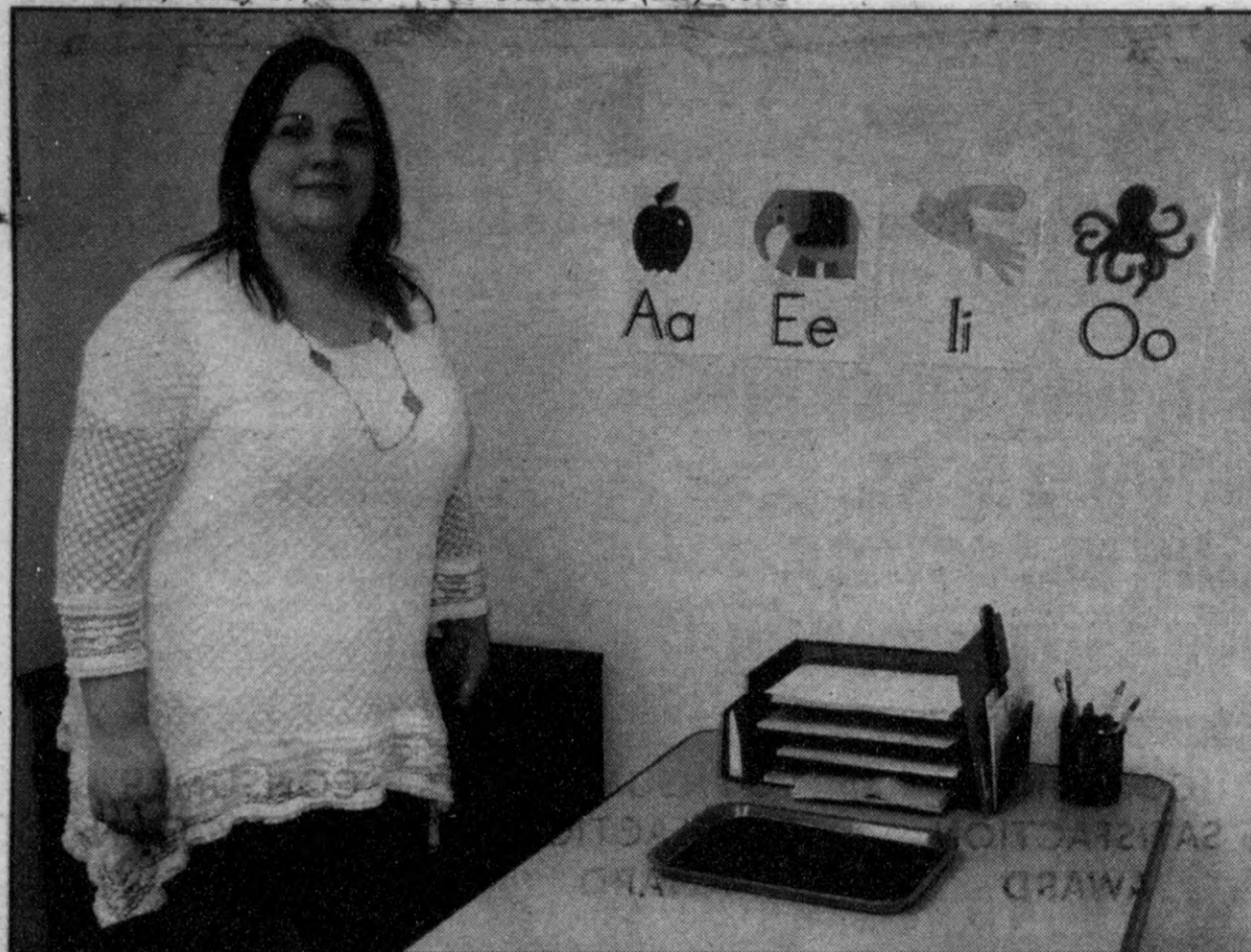


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Grad returns home to teach

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"Clarkston is my home – this is the perfect community," said Castillo, MA, CDP, class of 1995. "I'm excited to be involved with the community this summer."

The tutoring center specializes in reading remediation, working with children of all ages,

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All-in raises \$40,000 for cancer fight

About 150 supporters enjoying cocktails and a strolling buffet at the All-in for a Cause Casino Night raised \$40,000 for breast cancer awareness and McLaren Oakland's Sis-



Diana Cantu of McLaren Oakland.

ter & Sister free mammogram program, April 13 at the Pine Knob Mansion Carriage House.

Developed and facilitated by the McLaren Oakland Foundation, the Sister & Sister program provides free mammograms and other breast cancer support needs to women who might otherwise not have access to critical screenings and care.

With funds raised that evening, along with additional grants and community support, the program is able to financially assist women in their fight against breast cancer.

This was illustrated in the emotional high-point of the evening, when Diana Cantu, a McLaren Oakland employee and breast cancer patient who benefitted from the program, addressed the crowd, telling her story.

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\$99* PER MONTH
2017 CRUZE LT
24 MONTHS / \$0 DOWN / 10K MILES PER YEAR



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CERTIFIED SERVICE

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FREE

**INSTALLATION ON PURCHASE
OF WIPER BLADES**

PLUS TAX IF APPLICABLE. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER.
MUST PRESENT OFFER AT TIME OF SERVICE. SOME MODEL
PRICING MAY VARY. EXPIRES 5/31/17

\$20 OFF

**ANY DEALER
RECOMMENDED SERVICE**

PLUS TAX IF APPLICABLE. EXCLUDES LOP AND TIRE ROTATIONS.
NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER. MUST PRESENT OFFER AT TIME
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FULL VEHICLE DETAIL

PLUS TAX IF APPLICABLE. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER.
MUST PRESENT OFFER AT TIME OF SERVICE.
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SELECTION OF CERTIFIED
PRE-OWNED VEHICLES!**

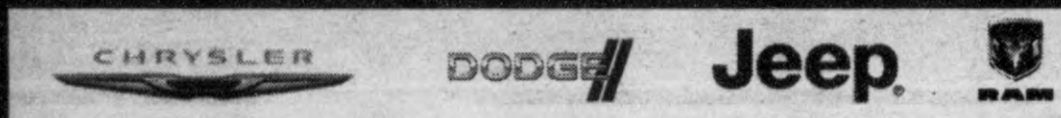
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36 MONTHS
10,000 MILES

CASH PRICE \$18,150



MSRP 26,740

**\$1000
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$137**

**\$0
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$167**

2017 CHRYSLER 300S AWD

36 MONTHS
10,000 MILES
MSRP \$40,265



CASH PRICE \$30,623

**\$1000
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$140**

**\$0
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$180**

**2017 JEEP
RENEGADE LATITUDE FWD**

24 MONTHS
10,000 MILES
MSRP \$24,870



CASH PRICE \$18,788

**\$1000
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$95**

**\$0
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$111**

**2017 JEEP PATRIOT
HIGH ALTITUDE**

36 MONTHS
10,000 MILES
MSRP \$29,970



CASH PRICE \$21,197

**\$1000
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$144**

**\$0
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$169**

**2017 CHRYSLER
PACIFICA TOURING**

24 MONTHS
10,000 MILES
MSRP \$27,585



CASH PRICE \$26,705

**\$1000
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$186**

**\$0
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$224**

**2017 JEEP COMPASS
HIGH ALTITUDE 4X4**

36 MONTHS
10,000 MILES
MSRP \$29,790



CASH PRICE \$18,236

**\$1000
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$94**

**\$0
DOWN**

LEASE FOR **\$109**

**2017 RAM 1500
BIG HORN 4X4**

24 MONTHS
10,000
MILES
MSRP
\$45,955



CASH PRICE \$29,758

**\$1000
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