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Clarkston kids at ArtPrize, on page 17

No info for you

FOIA'd records also withheld from city council

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

Eighteen records central to a city Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit aren't just a mystery to the public. City Council is in the dark about them, too.

Mayor Steven Percival struggled to understand why.

"We paid you to do these documents – something came of it because we paid you for it," Percival said at the Sept. 11 City Council meeting. "We had to pay the bills without knowing what we paid for."

The mayor was correct, said city attorney Thomas

FOIA doesn't apply to the documents because "for it to be a public record, it has to come to the city. These 18 documents did not come to the city," Ryan said.

Council member Susan Wylie said she was "shocked" by Ryan's response.

"I assumed the city manager, the mayor knew and were in agreement to withhold the documents," Wylie said.

The council member requested an update from the city attorney about two lawsuits facing the city –

against resident Susan Bisio regarding FOIA and against CBC Joint Venture about a rezoning request.

The FOIA lawsuit stems from a request Bisio sent to the city in 2015, requesting records created by Ryan. The city produced over 700 pages of documents, but the city attorney withheld 18 records, saying they were not public records according to state law.

Ryan

guy who said they're not p u b l i c records thus far that decision has been upheld by the court," Ryan said.

"I'm the

He is also not a "public body", as regulated by FOIA.

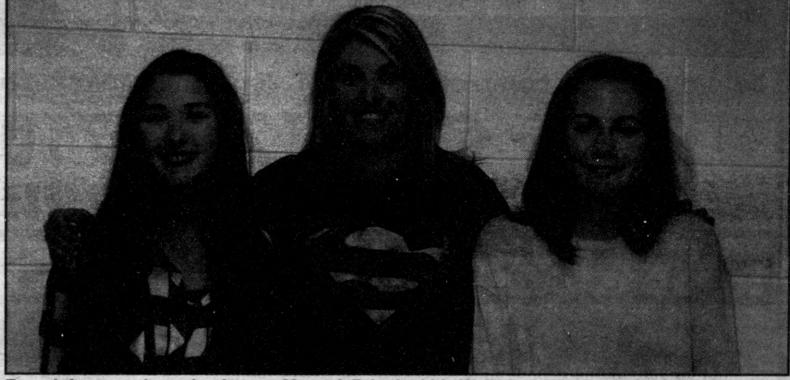
"I'm just a little old lawyer. I just represent the city," he said.

Council member David Marsh said the city attorney should have "discussions with attorneys he respects to get opinions about cases."

"None of us on council is an attorney," Marsh said. "We've had a judge a lot smarter than us say this was right. I don't know why we're questioning when we don't understand – we don't need to know everything out there."

The contested records

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From left, seventh grader Jovona Mammi, Principal Liz Walker, and seventh grader Lavory Roy.

Heroes step in with hurricane help

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Texans and Floridians flooded by recent hurricanes need as many heroes as they can get. Clarkston students are stepping up to help.

"We're wearing superhero shirts, like Ms. (Liz) Walker is, today, because if we bring in a dollar it will be donated to the pet foundation and then it'll help the pets that're trapped in their cages and stuff in Houston," said Jovona Mammi, seventh grader at Sashabaw Middle School (SMS).

SMS adopted two middle schools in Houston and are currently collecting supplies.

"I just counted over 40 boxes of food, school supplies, hygiene products, and we're continuing to collect until the end of September and then we're working with FedEx to help us and other area businesses to sponsor boxes and help us ship that to our schools," said Principal Walker.

Students were able to pay a dollar towards hurricane efforts and dress like an animal or superhero on Sept. 13.

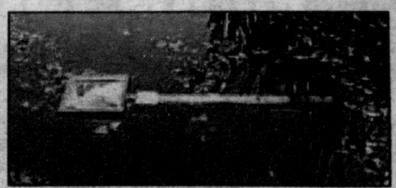
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Park vandalism

City officials and Oakland County deputies are reviewing security video to find out who vandalized Depot Park over the weekend.

Vandals caused about \$1,000 damage to Depot Park and threw numerous items into the Mill Race, including rented tables from Art in the Village and artwork from the InsidelOut program at about 11:30 p.m., Sunday night, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587.



Vandals toppled a piece of art in the park.

Charges in shooting

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A 45-year-old Grand Blanc Township man was arraigned for felonious assault and reckless discharge

of a firearm, Tuesday, for firing a shot during a fight at the Heather Highlands Golf Course, 11454 E. Holly Road, 4:02 p.m., Sept. 16.

Robert Alex Fleece, who had a permit to carry a concealed weapons and was employed as a cook at the golf course, confronted a group of customers over removal of empty beer cans from golf course property and possibly bringing their own alcohol onto the course, which was



Robert Fleece

against the rules, according to police reports.

The argument escalated when the employee pulled a handgun from his waistband, pointed it at a 60-Please see Suspect on page 4

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Dep. Dan Hedrick, second from left, was honored by Clarkston Optimists and Independence Township officials, including, from left, Andrea Schroeder, Kathy Middleton, Lt. Larry Perry, Barbara Pallotta, Joette Kunse, and Pat Kittle. Photo by Phil Custodio

Training officer honored as deputy of the year

BY PHILCUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Deputy Dan Hedrick was honored with the 2017 Clarkston Optimist Law Enforcement Recognition Award.

"I'm definitely not the only deputy who does hard work. You have a very good police department," said Hedrick, 28, at the Optimists' Sept. 13 breakfast meeting. "The support we get from the community is unprecedented. It makes us feel appreciated as police officers."

This is the second year the club has honored a local police officer, said Optimist Joette Kunse.

"We're really proud and so appreciative of what they do," Kunse said. Independence

Township substation's 31 deputies handled 16,000 calls for service last year, and is on pace for more this year, said Lt. Larry Perry.

"I appreciate your support," Perry said. "This is a tremendous community. We're very blessed and honored to be part of it."

Hedrick joined the Oakland County

Sheriff's Office earlier this year after four years with the Hamtramck Police Department.

He went to the police academy after graduating from Oakland Community College to help people and serve the community.

"Get the bad guys off the street," he said. As a field training officer, one of his responsibilities is helping get new officers up to speed.

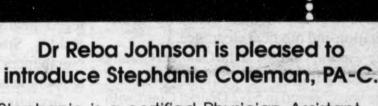
"It's one of my passions for the job," he said. "I want to thank the command staff for the nomination."

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Clarkston DPW Director Mike Speagle and City Manager Jonathan Smith check out the restriping work. Photo by Phil Custodio

Parking lot work complete

True North Seal Coating completed seal coat work on the Washington and Main, and Depot Road parking lots, Sept. 10-11, including new angled parking next to Depot Park.

"I'm very happy with the results. They did a phenomenal job," said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

Officials discussed reverse-angle parking, in which drivers back into parking spots, but went with regular angled parking.

"In the end, we had to defer to the city engineer," Smith said. "His comfort level with reverse parking just wasn't there. I had to go with my expert."

Suspect arraigned for assault, reckless shooting

Continued from page 1

year-old Waterford Township man, then fired a shot into the ground. Several patrons attacked the employee, attempting to disarm him.

The Springfield Township Fire Department and paramedics from Star EMS treated the employee for his injuries and he was taken to Genesys Regional Medical Center for further evaluation and medical clearance.

He was then lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending issuance of criminal charges.

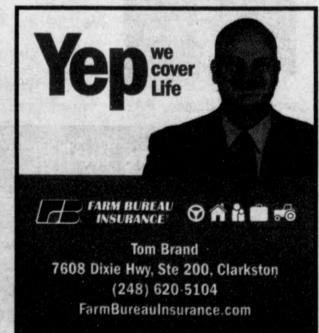
He was charged in 52-2 District Court with aggravated felonious assault and reckless firing of a weapon.

According to state law, a person can use deadly force "to prevent the imminent death of or imminent great bodily harm to himself or herself or to another individual."

"You have the right to protect yourself and your loved ones. Each individual has to determine if there's a threat to life when pulling a gun – this situation involves the alleged stealing of cans," said Sgt. Matthew Baldes, Springfield Township substation commander. "Pulling a weapon takes things to a whole new level."

Investigation continues. Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587.





Sparks fly with HDC appointments

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Mayor Steve Percival reappointed Dave Bihl and Robert Sowels, and appointed Melissa Luginski to Clarkston's Historic District Commission (HDC), Sept. 11, all with terms ending June 30, 2020.

Council member David Marsh wanted to know why Cara Catallo, former chair of the HDC, was not reappointed to the commission.

"Cara really did write the book on Clarkston ('Clarkston – Images of America'), Marsh said. "She spent seven years on HDC. I think it was a mistake not to have her on it."

Percival said there are several reasons for the decision.

"I'm not going into them right now," Percival said. "I felt it was the best thing for her not to be on HDC – some behaviors presented weren't cohesive with the board."

The mayor declined to comment further after the meeting.

Catallo said she wasn't surprised.

"The mayor clearly does not like me," she said. "It would have been nice to be treated with greater dignity."

Council member Sharron Catallo, Cara's mother, said she was embarrassed the city would treat a volunteer like this.

"Neither one of you (Percival or City Manager Jonathan Smith) called and made an effort to say what was going to happen. That's just common courtesy. You would do that for almost everybody," Sharron said. "You just don't even bother to pick up the phone? That is ... oooh."

Council member Eric Haven said he was sorry Cara was off HDC.

"I appreciate your contribution tremendously," Haven said. "I would hope your spirit is healed in this situation. I would welcome your continued support of the village. We need you to be part of it."

"I appreciate that," Cara said.

Council member Jason Kneisc asked why a letter from Ron Campbell, planner and preservation architect with Oakland County, was not distributed to city council.

Smith said he forwarded it to Percival.

"The person who makes that decision is

Steve," Smith said. "There was no intent to hide."

Kneisc said he was not implying anything.

"It's so we know these things so we can give our opinion," he said.

Campbell's letter supported Cara's reappointment to HDC.

"I offer this letter of support, unknown to her, as a way to inform you of the dedication and knowledge that Cara has shown for preservation in general and for Clarkston specifically," he wrote.

Cara said she has no regrets about her actions on HDC.

"It's been my pleasure to serve on the committee so long – this is not a passing fancy for me," she said. "HDC is an important part of the community and should have knowledgable people on it."

Percival said he discussed the issue with Bihl several times.

"I'm not going to argue this in public," the mayor said. "He told me on several occasions you were told you could talk to me and you refused to do it, Cara."

Cara said there was no way she would meet with Percival to discuss it.

Dr. Michael Moon was appointed to HDC to fill the remainder of Bailey Smith's term, ending June 30, 2019. Smith is moving out of the city so is not longer eligible to serve on the commission. Cory Johnston, the fifth member of HDC, was appointed in August.

City ordinances give the mayor the power to appoint members to HDC, without city council approval. Kneisc proposed amending the ordinance to require council input at previous meetings, and asked why an ordinance amendment wasn't on the prepared agenda for Sept. 11.

"To me, it's a simple ordinance," he said.

"All appointments to be voted on by the council – seems pretty cut and dried."

City Manager Jonathan Smith said the city Ordinance Committee should be brought back together to work on it.

"It's a big undertaking," Smith said.
"There are a number of other updates that should be done at the same time."

Marsh said they asked twice to put the the meeting.

proposed ordinance on the agenda.

"You cannot just not put something on the agenda because you don't agree with it," he said. "We should be on the second reading of this ordinance tonight. This was pushed through."

Smith said he didn't think the city manager's job was to write an ordinance amendment.

"Don't imply I did not do my job," the city manager said. "I take exception to that comment."

Bihl, who did not agree Cara should be replaced, said the discussion is worth having.

"It's curious we not do it that way with other commissions. I don't know why," he said. "I think it should be an open question – what is the best way to get commissioners?"

City attorney Thomas Ryan said he could prepare an ordinance proposal, then the council could discuss it over two readings before approval.

"That's what I think is the right way to do it," Sharron said.

"Make sure it doesn't violate state law on that," Percival said.

Kneisc made a motion to remove the committee appointments from the agenda.

"That's not happening," Percival said.

Council voted 7-0 to add a proposed ordinance amendment to old business at the next meeting.

"This should be very concerning to everybody," Kneisc said. "It's very concerning to me."

At the end of the meeting, Smith said he had two frames purchased over the weekend for recognition plaques for Cara and Bailey, for their service on the HDC.

"I had to say this tonight because two weeks from now you won't believe me," he said. "I wanted the record to show we recognized their contribution."

"She was pushed off," Sharron said.

"Unfortunately I think her feelings were hurt," Marsh said.

"You'll regret that," Sharron said to Percival, as the motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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Briefly

Walk to School

Pine Knob Elementary students will march down Sashabaw Road during their annual Walk to School on Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 7:45-8:15 a.m.

Their route will be from the parking lot at Waldon Road to the school. Please drive with extra caution during this time.

Bailey House

Demolition is still on hold for the historic Bailey House following another meeting between Independence Township, Clarkston Schools and Oakland County Parks, Sept. 14.

The township will meet with the county Health Department to see if a proposed site for the house will be able to support a septic field and well.

If those needs are feasible, they'll move forward with design and cost studies for the movement of the house from its current location to the proposed one. Approval of the property owner at the new site is also needed.

"The one thing that is for certain, the house will not stay on its current location, it's going to have to be moved," Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said.

Budget amendment

The Independence Township Board voted, Sept. 5, to approve Budget Amendment 35, which adds the placement of seven informative historical exhibits in predetermined areas along the safety path network. The signage was approved in an amount not to exceed \$11,900.

The newly restored Brady Lodge will have a recognition plaque for the Daughters of the American Revolution to thank the organization for their \$20,000 donation towards new windows for the lodge.

Run with the Park

The Wolves are proud to announce the fifth Annual Run with the Pack Special Olympics Soccer game is set for this Saturday at 1 p.m.

The event features the Dragons and Knights, and players say it's the best thing next to Christmas.

The Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Soccer team, coached by Curtis Payment, hosts the event at the junior high school. The event is open to the public and donations are accepted to benefit the Special Olympics.

Jessica's Journal

A column by Jessica Steeley

Autumn arrives

Despite the good weather we've been having of late, summer has definitely turned the heat down, showing we are indeed on our way to the brisk season of autumn.

Michigan is one of the best places to be during this season; the state abounds with ever-changing tree colors, bountiful cider and donuts, and several infamous haunted houses.

I know many hate to see the summer come to an end, myself included, but I love to think of the activities of the coming months.

The Michigan Renaissance Festival is an early signal of fall for me. I'll be going twice

this year to enjoy the turkey legs, comedy shows and wine tastings, all while treading through the muddiest of fair grounds.

After the medieval excitement, it's time to start thinking of the best time to go to Yates Cider Mill without an hour long wait, and picking an opportune time to visit my East Lansing friends and convincing them to head over to Uncle John's Cider Mill.

This trip usually involves a visit to the pumpkin patch, followed by the all-important fall tradition of carving a Jack-O'-Lantern. Part of this tradition is a contest of who can carve the best pumpkin. I never win, strangely having no artistic ability on paper also transfers over to no artistic carving abilities, but I try.

Next comes the flurry of costumes, candy, parties and, most importantly, haunted attractions. For some reason, scary movies are a capital NO for me, but I love haunted houses; they're more adventurous than scary. I've yet to try a haunted corn maze, it's on the list.

In the interest of not buying yet another cheap Halloween costume, I'm simply going to be a witch this year. I am excited to be able to hand out candy to trick or treaters in my neighborhood for the first time ever.

Though there's a lot more to the autumn season, like turkey dinners and hunting trips, my mind will be focused on cinnamon donuts and hay rides, haunted or otherwise, until at least the first of November, where we can enjoy about three weeks before being completely bombarded with holiday music. Happy Fall Clarkston!

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Thanks,

Wallace Dean H & R Block, 7103 Dixie Highway

City sued over lawyer's actions, readers say

Dear Editor.

The City of the Village of Clarkston has been the defendant in a Freedom of information Act (FOIA) lawsuit for the past 18 months. At the Sept. 11 City Council meeting, at the request of City Council person Sue Wylie, City Attorney Tom Ryan updated the council on the status of the case.

Attorney Ryan clearly indicated information is being withheld at his sole discretion and that the content of the documents in question have never been provided to anyone in the city government or administration.

The mayor asked if the city was billed and paid for the records being withheld. Mr Ryan replied in the affirmative.

We appear to be engaged in a lawsuit over information in Mr Ryan's control that he has deemed the city is not entitled to see, even though he was paid for his services.

As residents and tax payers we would like to know why we are defending a lawsuit caused by attorney Ryan withholding documents.

We encourage all residents to watch the Sept. 11, 2017, City Council meeting on Independence Television and make their own determination.

Lorry and Stuart Mahler Robyn Johnston Clarkston

More attention called for during Football for Cure

Dear Editor,

We went to the Clarkston game Friday night (Sept. 8) and I was appalled and embarrassed by the way the kids in the cheering, at least, I guess that's what it's supposed to be, section and way too many of the adults totally ignored the lady who was speaking about her own fight with cancer during half-time.

It was like she didn't even exist out there

on the field. What will it take for them to be respectful at a public event, in our homes, in the stores, etc., etc.

It may not happen until they have a loved one or themselves suffer like so many of our moms, dads, children, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and grandparents have of this hideous disease! So sad and depressing!

Deborah Thomas Stuart Independence Township

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Independence Township raises fee for sewage disposal" The Independence Township Board of Trustees approved a memorandum to increase the sanitary sewer usage rate from \$45 to \$52 per Resident Equivalent Unit.

"Roberts trip to England focuses on special education" Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts spent two weeks in England with 45 other superintendents, educational representatives and professionals from Great Britain for a panel discussion on the improvement of education for children with special needs.

"Girls cagers stun West Bloomfield, 68-42" West Bloomfield Girls Varsity Basketball team and their star player had garnered a lot of pre-season attention in the OAA Division 1. The Lady Wolves showed they didn't care about the attention as they defended their league title with a 68-42 win.

25 years ago - 1992

"Planners approve 82 acres on Maybee" Despite some audience protest, the Independence Township approved the final site plan for a planned unit development on Maybee Road. The commission voted 5-0 to approve the final site plan for 82 detached condominiums on 36 acres.

"Mother's book covers emotions during pregnancy" When Lisa Steele George discovered she was pregnant, she found numerous books on the physical aspect of pregnancy but not one on emotions. She decided to write that book.

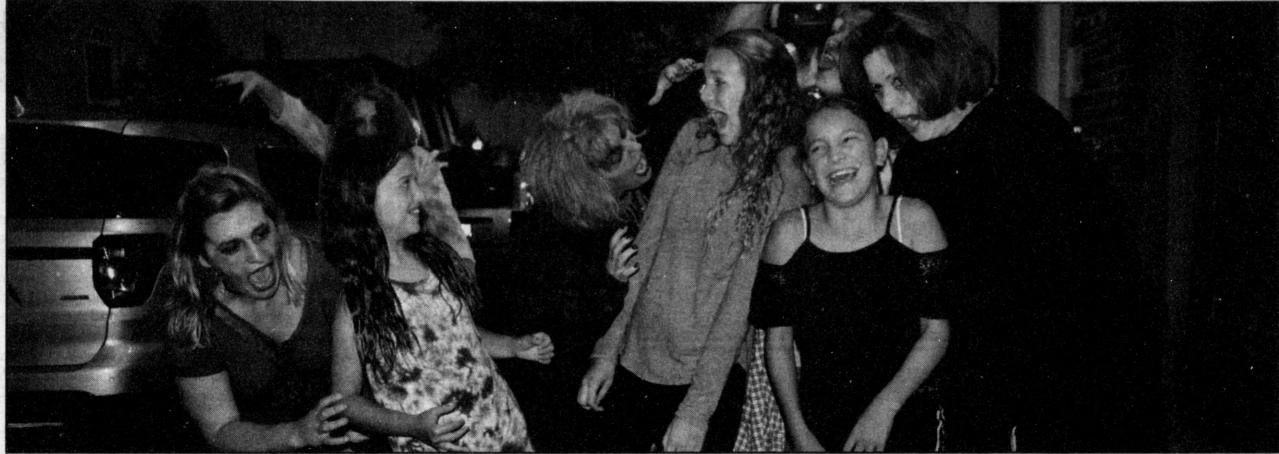
"Ground attack sparks Wolves to first win" The Clarkston Varsity Football's running attack inflated the score and the Wolves' defense deflated Waterford Kettering's air attack. The Wolves posted a 20-8 victory for their first win of the season.

50 years ago - 1967

"Brandon supervisor says can't comply with state law" The dump on M-15 which served residents of Independence, Brandon and Groveland townships closed after state authorities found it operating in violation of Act 87.

"Clarkston opens at Oxford" Clarkston Varsity Football was getting ready to unveil their 1967 team of 30 Wolves at Oxford. All three coaches were optimistic for the team's chances.

"Round the town" Miss Linda Millen spent a week this summer with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, in New York.



BON APPETIT: Clarkston girls Addison (from left), Makenna and Myah went out to dinner with their families in downtown Lake Orion on Saturday, never expecting to become the entrées of a ravenous zombie horde. The 4th annual Zombie Walk and Poker Run – the brainchild of Lloyd and Cathy Coe of Ed's Broadway Gifts & Costumes – helped raise funds for the Orion Lighted Parade on Dec. 2. Photo by Jim Newell

If the bedbugs bite, bite 'em back.

Last week, I saw a post on social media from a mom asking what had bitten her (I think young teen) son. She also posted some pictures of all the bites.

Poor kid.

Folks offered their opinions: spiders, 'skeeters and -- gulp -- bedbugs. I do not know the outcome of that post, what came of it. I bugged out quickly and never looked back. Which got me thinking: "damnit, Don, we have written about these critters before."

Committed to educating you, dear readers, I searched and found this gem from September, 2010. (And, yes, I think I did receive some flack for it.)

For a while now I've been reading

about the increase of "undesirables" in the states south of us. And, since it really didn't pertain to us in Michigan, I figured, "what the heck, it's their problem."

But the more I read of the invasion of these darker, reddish-brown skinned unwanteds, the more I thought we needed to beef up protection of our southern border. I wanted all vehicles inspected. I wanted all people and pets crossing the border, north, checked to make sure they were not harboring these undesirables. Alas, they were only thoughts; I didn't share them.

Now it is too late. They are already here. Even in Michigan bedbugs are back. (What? Did you think I was talking about illegal aliens. No, I wanted the border between Michigan and Ohio put on high-alert. And, as far as I am concerned, I blame Ohio for our current bedbug problems.) The Detroit Free Press reported "around the metro area, bedbugs are biting ... calls for help rise 180 percent over a year."

Rush Me



A column by **Don Rush**

Hot damn, and pass the DDT, please.

Have you seen a picture of a bedbug? They are disgusting little blood suckers and they give me the heebie-jeebies -- which by the way, is an American slang term coined by comic-strip cartoonist W. DeBeck around 1905, meaning a condition of extreme nervousness caused by fear, worry or strain. Thought you might like to know that.

Whilst I have never had an experience to meet a bedbug, I still rank them right up the "Gives Don the Willies" list with headlice (Bailey Lake Elementary outbreak of 1972) and Rahm Emannual (his eyes ook me out). Yep, like most folks, to me bedbugs were something I heard about when as a kid, and is what I say to my kids at bedtime, "Sleep tight. Don't let the bedbugs bite -- and if they do, bite 'em back."

Let me quote the *Freep* article: "A bedbug outbreak this month (August) at the Riverfront apartments in Detroit and a federal conference Wednesday (August 18) on bedbug problems in the state of Ohio are symptom of something It is rare to actually find bed bugs feeding. Once in bigger -- a worsening nationwide bedbug explosion . . . bedbug calls rose 180 percent in Metro Detroit . . . officials in Ohio, dubbed the nation's worst bedbug state (see I told you it was their fault) ..."

Get this -- in three months, an infestation of two adult bedbugs can grow into an infestation of 302 bedbugs. And, by exercising some multiplication skills (or finger dexterity on the calculator) in another three months that infestation would explode to 45,300 bedbugs. And in another three months - 6,908,250 of apple seed-sized blood suckers could be scurrying over you while you sleep.

Is there something crawling up my back?

The State of Michigan has a 118-page pamphlet about the bedbug, which you can read and or download on-line. Here are some more fun facts about your friendly Cimex

lectularius -- the bedbug.

1. Bedbugs are thought to have evolved from cavedwelling insects in the Middle East that fed on bats and eventually started feeding on humans instead (great). Human bedbugs were noted in Greek and Latin literature. The insects rapidly spread throughout Europe with human populations.

2. They have piercing-sucking mouthparts to feed.

3. Bedbugs go through five nymphal (immature) stages after hatching from the egg and before molting one final time to an adult. They require at least one blood meal at each stage.

4. Adults may live for more than a year!

Females must mate to lay eggs. Mated females lay eggs singly, cementing them to surfaces in crevices and protected areas away from but near a host sleeping area. (So they not only suck your blood while you sleep they are doing the horizontal bop, too. That is just so wrong.)

6. They feed for 3-15 minutes and then leave the host. their protected hiding spots, the blood meal is digested. During this process, they will defecate, leaving reddish brown spots that are characteristic of bed bug infestations.

7. They have a wide humidity tolerance range but tolerate dry climates better than humid, and have been known to survive without blood meals for up to a

8. At present, because of the stealthy habits of the bugs and their remarkable abilities to tolerate environmental fluctuations and host availability, it can be difficult to eradicate them once established. (Simply wonderful.)

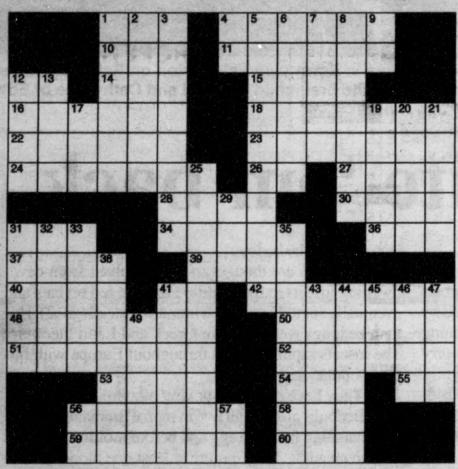
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4. Disagree with

10. Political organization

11. Playoff appearances

12. Collection of cops

14. Balkan mountain peak 15. Island north of Guam

16. Seizure of someone's

property 18. Repeat

22. Beautiful youth

23. Bullfighters

24. Charges a fare

26. Not off

27. Where skaters ply their

trade

28. Meson

30. Guru 31.Cycles/second

34. Alternating turns

36. Soviet Socialist Republic

37. Mound

39. Boxer Amir

40. Away from wind

41. Exist 42. Working man

48. British soldier 50. Scrounge

51. Upset 52. The act of escaping 53. Poet Pound

54. Confederate general 55. Midway between south

and east 56. Becomes hot from the sun

58. Fictitious poet Mailey

59. Not yet purchased 60. Intersperse

CLUES DOWN

1. Bathing suit 2. Poignantly different from

what was expected 3. A person with the same name as another

Resident found after helicopter search

A 78-year-old Independence Township woman was found safe after being reported missing, 8:23 a.m., Sept. 15, in the 5000 block of Leeward Drive.

Her son called the sheriff's office after he awoke and found his mother, who has Alzheimer's, was not at the residence. Her vehicle was still there and it was believed she had left wearing a long pink coat.

The resident left behind a hand written note addressed to her family in which she apologized for her recent behavior towards them.

Deputies conducted a search of the residence and surrounding property but the subject was not located. An OCSO K-9 and Aviation units were requested and responded to assist with the search.

The K-9 unit was unable to establish a track, and the helicopter search was also unsuccessful. A be-on-the-lookout alert was broadcast with the physical description of the missing person and she was entered into LEIN as a missing and endangered person.

As deputies remained in the area to conduct their search, the Sheriff's Operations Center was advised a family member had located the missing person walking behind a business on Dixie Highway.

The resident was found safe and was reunited with her family. The previous BOL was updated and the missing person was can-

celled. Family members agreed to transport the subject to an area hospital for evaluation.

A 30-year-old White Lake Township man was seriously injured in a two-vehicle crash, 2:25 p.m., Sept. 15, near Sashabaw Road and Baypointe Boulevard.

A witness reported a woman in the front passenger seat got out of the vehicle after the crash and walked away.

Deputies were unable to locate the woman, who was described as a white female with long reddish blonde hair and wearing blue capri pants.

The 30-year-old, who was driving, was found unresponsive, with no pulse or breathing, and his lips and extremities were turning

Deputies removed the driver from the vehicle, administered CPR, and suspecting narcotic use, administered a dose of Narcan to the driver. Deputies continued with CPR until Independence Fire Department paramedics arrived and continued with life-saving measures. Paramedics transported the subject to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital for medical treatment, where he was listed in critical

The driver of the second vehicle reported no injuries. The incident remains under investigation.



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33. Rides in the snow 35. Took without permission

43. Spanish dance

45. Make fun of

44. Countries of Asia

38. Tall stand to hold books

41. Spanish neighborhood

46. Elk Grove High School

Answer's To This Week's

Puzzle Will Be in Next

Week's Paper!

47. Network of nerves

49. Greek apertifs

56. Unit of volume

57. South Dakota

32. Caps

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Marijuana arrest

A deputy stopped to check on a vehicle behind Clarkston Junior High School late at night, 12:20 a.m., Aug. 11. The vehicle left school grounds, heading to Ortonville Road. The deputy stopped the vehicle at Dixie Highway after noting it was speeding. It smelled of marijuana and alcohol. The driver, a 35-year-old White Lake woman, said she smoked marijuana about an hour earlier. Marijuana cigarettes and a cup of booze were found in the center console. Preliminary breath test result was 0.098 blood alcohol content. She also consented to a blood draw, which showed a 0.103 BAC. She was jailed for drunk driving.

Records check

A records check on a vehicle broken down at a gas station in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, 3:06 p.m., Sept. 8, found the owner had a warrant out of Third Circuit Court. The driver, a 31-year-old Center Line man, was jailed pending pickup by Wayne County deputies.

Hit and run

Deputies ran a records check on a minivan involved in a hit-and-run accident on Maybee Road at Sashabaw Road, and found it was registered to a Waterford man, 7:36 p.m., Sept. 8. They went to the 51-year-old owner's home on Irwindale Court and asked if he had been involved in an accident. He said he rearended another vehicle, didn't see any damage, and left the scene. The other driver had pursued him a while and called police. The 51-year-old was cited for leaving the scene of an accident, driving with an expired license, and failure to stop with an assured clear distance. His vehicle was impounded.

Warrant pick up

A 38-year-old Redford Township man was picked up from Westland Police Department for a Friend of the Court warrant out of Sixth Circuit Court, 6:47 p.m., Sept. 9. He was jailed on the warrant.

Disturbing the peace

A 29-year-old Brandon Township man was cited with disturbing the peace after yelling, throwing his phone, and banging on the windows at urgent care in the 5000 block of Bow Pointe Drive, 5:32 p.m., Sept. 10. He was upset when his girlfriend didn't arrive to give him a ride, which meant he couldn't receive stronger pain medication for a toothache. He was found with a warrant out of Sterling Heights. Sterling Heights Police asked he be advised and released on the warrant.

Expired plate

A 56-year-old White Lake man was stopped for having an expired plate on his vehicle, 8:08 a.m., Sept. 13, on W. Washington Street at Main Street. He was found with a failureto-appear warrant out of Sixth Circuit Court. He was cited again for failure to appear.

House fire

Independence Township firefighters extinguished a residential structure fire in the 5000 block of Kingfisher Lane, 7:11 p.m., Sept. 16. All occupants got out of the residence and no injuries were reported. Firefighters requested the assistance of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Fire Investigations Unit. The cause of the fire was determined to be an accidental electrical.

Students reinstated

Clarkston Board of Education reinstated two students expelled from the district, one at Renaissance High and one at Clarkston Junior High, at its Sept. 11 meeting.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587

Crossword Solution

September 13th Puzzle

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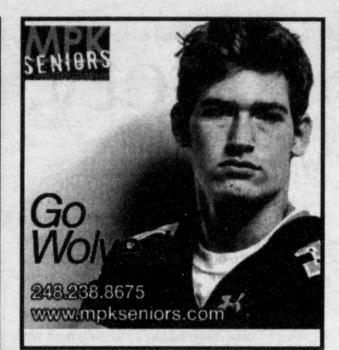


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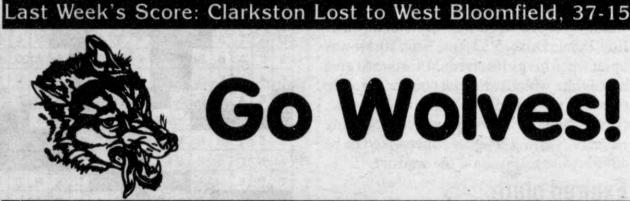
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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Friday	08/25/17	Lapeer High School at Ann Arbor	W	42-7
Thurs	09/01/17	Southfield Arts & Tech High School	W	17-7
Friday	09/08/17	Bloomfield Hills High School	W	34-20
Friday	09/15/17	West Bloomfield High School	L	37-15
Friday	09/22/17	Oxford High School	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	09/29/17	Troy Athens High School	Away	6:00 PM
Friday	10/06/17	Rochester Adams High School	Away	7:00 PM
Friday	10/13/17	Lake Orion High School	Home	7:00 PM
Friday	10/20/17	White Crossover	Home	7:00PM

OAA Red League Standings/Record

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Rochester Adams	4	0	Southfield A&T	2	2
Clarkston	3	1	Oxford	1	3
Bloomfield Hills	2	2	Lake Orion	1	3
West Bloomfield	2	2	Troy Athens	0	4

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Lessons learned in loss

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves were back on the football field on Monday afternoon using their first loss of the season against West Bloomfield to get better.

"We made a lot of mistakes at key times," long-time Clarkston Varsity Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson reflected about the 37-15 loss. "They took advantage of them. They are a very good football team."

Both teams hadn't posted any points by the time the first quarter ended, but during the next quarter the Lakers came up with a 14-0 lead. Within the first two minutes of the second half. West Bloomfield added one more touchdown and PAT to the score.

The Wolves added points with a 49-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Nate Uballe to junior wide receiver Conor Donahue. Senior wide receiver Tieler Houston followed the play, catching a 2point conversion.

Junior running back Jake Billette put Clarkston in the double digits after he scored on a 12-yard run. Junior kicker Tristan Mattson was successful on his PAT attempt.

Junior running back Josh Cantu was the leading rusher going 103 yards on 19 carries.

Senior Gino Paese and Houston led defense with five tackles each. Junior Josh Luther, senior Zach Scott and senior Michael Fluegel had four tackles each. Senior Maxx Brennan had three tackles and recovered a fumble.

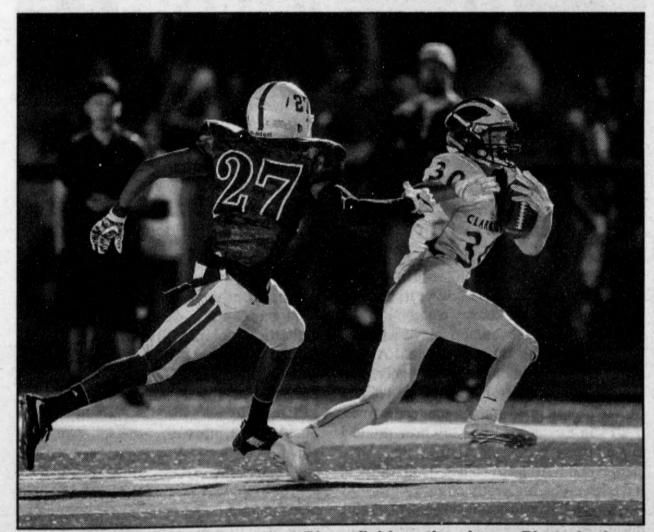
Richardson added the boys can take something away from the loss.

"They have to come together," he said. "They've got to take a negative, turn it into a positive and make sure it doesn't happen again."

The Wolves (3-1, 2-1 OAA Red) next challenge takes them to Oxford High School in the Wildcats' home opener after going 1-3 on the road.

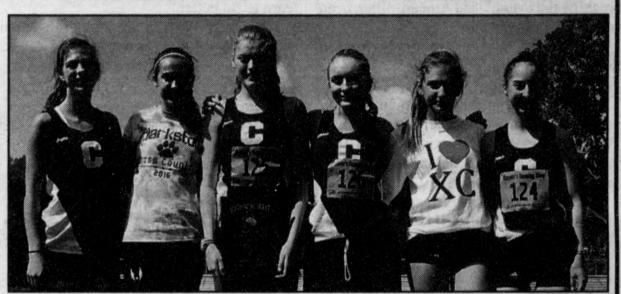
"They are going to have a bullseye on our back," said Richardson. "It's a game on paper we should win but we have to rebound. We have to go in there and play solid football."

Tickets are available online for the game at oxfordathletics.org/2017/09/18/buytickets-for-football-home-opener. Stadium ticket office is open on game day, 1-3 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Kick off is 7 p.m.



Senior Michael Fluegel puts West Bloomfield on the chase. Photo by Larry Wright/WrightActionPix

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clarkston Girls Cross Country runners celebrate winning the Muskrat Classic. Photo provided

Running with pack win

The Lady Wolves had six runners compete in the Algonac Muskrat Classic and all six finished in the top 20 to help the team finish first place with 32 points, Sept. 9.

"It was refreshing," said Kevin Breen, head coach for Clarkston Girls Cross Country. "It was nice because we went out there without knowing any runners. We didn't know who was out there, and we got to set goals for ourselves. Our big goal was to work on our team running a little bit better and pack up and run with our practice partners."

Junior Elizabeth Dalrymple led the Lady Wolves finishing at 18:19 for first place. Junior Mallory Ferguson finished in second place, 18:34.

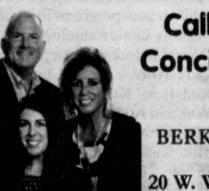
"They had another girl with them from Port Huron but she was able to stay with them," said Breen." With Lizzie and Mallory working together by the third mile had dropped the other girl. They ran a little faster than they usually get out but they had each other to rely on. By the end of the run they had two new school records. Mallory had broken 19 minutes for the first time. They were really excited."

Sophomore Mia Patria finished in fourth place, 19:17; freshman Shannon Billette, ninth, 19:55; senior Emily Gustafson, 16th, 20:22; and freshman Mattie Drennan, 18th, 20:27.

"The whole team did amazing," Breen said. "Shannon is really coming on strong. - she broke 20 minutes. Emily Gustafson came along really nicely and ran her best time of the season. Maddie is really starting to come into her own and realize what she is capable of and starting to believe in herself more. All the hard work they put in over the summer is starting to pay off as well."

The team finished first out of 12 teams on Saturday. Rochester Adams and Berkley tied for second with 76 points

Next for varsity runners is the Jackson Invitational this Saturday. Then, all the runners head to the OAA Red Jamboree at Lake Orion High School, Sept. 26.



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Swimmers, divers rack up points in the pool

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

With a roster full of experience and new talent, fans can expect Clarkston Girls Swim & Dive to give a battle each time they are in the pool this season.

"Every single meet has come down to a handful of points and one event making and breaking the event," said Amber Miller, head coach.

The Lady Wolves recently hosted Rochester Adams and lost the close battle 101-85.

Highlights from the meet included four new state cuts including Caroline Hughes in 100-yard backstroke, Alexis Moon in 100yard breaststroke, 200-yard medley and 200yard freestyle relays.

The team had already made three state cuts by two relay teams and Haley VanBuskirk.

"Our state team is adding up quite quickly and have quite a few early in the season which is nice to have," Miller added.

The team also had three of their five new divers place in second, third and fourth.

"They are working hard on their dives and putting up the points," she said.

The team competes at the Oakland County meet at Lake Orion High School on Oct. 6-7.

"We are excited to see what we can do

against the county," Miller said.

The next meet they look forward to is the OAA Red League meet, held from November 1-3.

"The league meet is in anyone's hands," said Miller. "It's going to be a battle. We are taking each meet to see what we can learn about our opponent and see what we can learn to do better."

The Lady Wolves are Ashleigh Allen, Abby Bartley, Jenna Brown, Lauren Burgess, Irene Caracciolo, Samantha Chambers, Lizzy Craig, Evie Dice, Kelsey Fisher, Caroline Hughes, Rhys Jahn, Natalie Kane, Vanessa Klaiber, Rachel Kociba, Maddie Kwasnik, Abby Line, Elise Lowell, Jenna Lyman, Alexis Moon, Amelia Rowe, Meagan Ruggirello, Faith Schmeling, Dani Stover, Emily Taverna, Isabella Taylor, Kelsi Taylor, Haley VanBuskirk, Sydney VanBuskirk, Allison Vassilakos, Betsey Walkowiak and Emily Watson.

Watch Clarkston next Thursday as they host Groves at 6 p.m.

"They might be our hardest competition all year," Miller added.

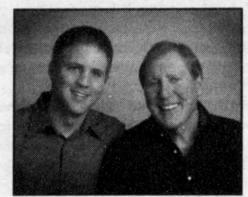


Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team. Photo by Visual Sports Network



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BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Girls Field Hockey team is in their second year and fans can expect.

"They are working really hard," said Blake Anderson, head coach. "They are continuing to improve their skills and get a better understanding of the game."

The Lady Wolves added more games to this year's schedule after moving from a trial club to varsity team status.

"The goal is to give as much playing time for all the girls so they get comfortable with the game," Anderson said, adding they are competing against teams who have had a program for at least 4-5 years, which helps as they grow.

"They see the discipline other teams play with," he said. "They see the intensity and the focus in the other teams we play."

His hope is for interest to trickle down to JV and middle school programs in Clarkston and see schools in surrounding areas like Lake Orion and Brandon start a program.

The Lady Wolves are led by captains Gillian Anderson, Kiana Colon, Isabella D'Autremont and Addison Gale.

"Addison approached me early on to talk about drills. She wanted to step into the leadership role," Blake said. "Isabella is a pretty solid leader. The girls look up to her



The Clarkston Girls Field Hockey team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

and respect her. Kiana is pretty quick and has good skills. She has a lot of potential. Gillian approached me a few years ago if I would coach a field hockey team."

The team has seven new players for the season including three freshman, Alyssa Exline, Evelyn Miller and Molly Salter, who have already made an impact. Salter and Miller have stepped into the goaltender roles.

"I can't even begin to say how proud I am of these freshman goalies who have stepped up," Anderson said. "Both of them have been playing pretty solid."

He added Exline displayed good ball skills during tryouts.

"She has a bright future as a field hockey

player," he said, adding she also plays ice hockey.

The Lady Wolves also include sophomores Catie Austin, Kristina Bauer, Isabella Crociata, Lilly Walker; juniors Chelsea Barnes, Anna Forshey, Emma Gravelle, Jessica Greatorex, Courtney Leuenhagan, Reese Nagy, Paige Oliverio, Lilliana Reyes, Sydney Scarpelli, Emma Sheldon, Valentina Vargas; seniors Melanie Alnaraie, Katherine Bayley, Serena Scarpelli and Tyler Sermak.

The Lady Wolves host University Liggett on Wednesday and Oakland on Monday, both at 5:30 p.m. They host Brighton on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Runners make impact at league races

The Lady Wolves headed out to the OAA Red Jamboree to see what they were capable of and where they matched up, Sept.

What they found is, with a roster of close to 30 heavy on seniors and juniors, they measure pretty well in both varsity and JV races.

"We matched up pretty well with Troy, who is a little bit mature team," said Kevin Breen, head coach of Clarkston Girls Cross Country, about the varsity's finish in second place at the first jamboree. "They are one of the top teams in the state right now. Going there and matching up really well against them was exciting to see."

The Lady Wolves returners juniors Elizabeth Dalrymple, Mallory Ferguson, Emily Ferguson and sophomore Mia Patria, who finished All-League last season, will help lead the team this year.

Other runners making an impact are seniors Emily Gustafson, Hailey Catania; juniors Grace Nolan, Megan Ford; freshmen Shannon Billette and Maddie Drennan.

The Lady Wolves showed more of what they had at the Muskrat Classic where varsity team finished first and JV finished in second as they took a peek at the course they would race on for the regional meet.

"Everything was exciting from beginning

to finish," said Breen. "We just did fantastic. What we will do now is regroup and continue working with our training partners and putting a solid of two weeks into our training with our varsity group to better them and get them ready."

The varsity runners head to the Jackson Invitational this Saturday.

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Tuesday at Lake Orion. The Lady Wolves head to Hanson's Invitational, Sept. 30; Oakland County Championship, Oct. 7; OAA Red Championship, Oct. 19, before heading to the regional run at Algonac High School on Oct. 28.

The younger runners head to the Bloomer Frosh/Soph Invitational on Oct. 23.

~ Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price



The Clarkston Girls Cross Country team. Photo provided



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The Clarkston Boys Cross Country team. Photo provided

League title on the line for young racers

The Wolves hitting the pavement to defend their OAA Red League title.

"It's a young group," said Larry Adams, head coach for Clarkston Boys Cross Country. "We have around 40 on the roster a lot of incoming freshman, sophomores and juniors."

They have three returners from last year's varsity top five - junior Shawn Slater, sophomores Brendan Favazza and Nate Sesti.

Adams added sophomore Christian Collis, juniors Jeremy Cavallo and Mark Sprague are running well and running up front of the pack.

"We lack varsity experience, but we have

some kids who can step into that role as the season goes along," Adams said.

The Wolves have strong leadership from their three seniors Ben Allen, Sam Gipe and Noah Kostecki.

"They have good leadership skills," said Adams. "They have a chance to be in the mix to be in the top. They are good kids. They set a good example."

The Wolves finished in a close second in their first OAA Red Jamboree to Oxford on Sept. 6.

"I was pretty pleased," Adams said. "It puts us into a good position as we go into the next two jamborees to have a shot to

defend our title from last year."

The Wolves also finished in second at the Muskrat Classic which they participated to see the course where the regional meet will be held this year.

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~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price

Soccer shutout at Southfield Arts and Tech

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The scoreboard at Clarkston High School stadium reflected a 7-0 shutout for the Wolves against Southfield Arts and Technology's varsity soccer team.

But Wolves' Head Coach Curtis Payment saw something else on the field last Friday from his players.

"I know the result looks great but not really happy with the way we played," Payment reflected. "We lack focus. We aren't playing simply - we are trying to over complicate things. We played down to our opponents. It was not what I was expecting. The game helped in the sense as we are healthy and we got some touches."

The Wolves held control of the ball in Southfield's turf, putting shots on the net.

Senior Brady Dickens opened the scoring with 14 minutes left in the first half.

The next goal came six minutes later from senior Matthew Heilman into the corner of the net, off an assist from senior Finn Eblenkamp.

Clarkston put on more in the net before the half closed as senior Cole Mitchell put his attempt in the center of the net with 1:52 remaining that and to total

The Wolves posted four more points on the Warriors in the second half with two goals from Eblenkamp, scoring them within by Dickens. a two-minute span in the first eight minutes of the half.

Sophomore Ethan Wise put one in the net next with 23:50 left in the game, with Southfield changing goalies a few minutes later.

Junior Nathan Murray scored with seven minutes remaining in the game off an assist from junior Maclain Zaremba.

"We need to buy into what we need to accomplish," said Payment. "We need to get on the same page for the game plan. If we play like this against any team in our league, we aren't going to win. It's just that simple. Hopefully have a good practice on Monday and get back to our focus."

The Wolves opened the week against Rochester Adams and lost 1-0, Sept. 12. The JV A team finished their game to the Highlanders in a 0-0 tie with Brendan Willis with the shut out in the net.

The Clarkston JV B team posted a 2-0 win over Berkley, Sept. 11. Trevor Ludwig and Trevor Hagerty scored for the Wolves with assists from Stephen Rusnak, Harris Barnes and Christian Bartley.

The varsity team went 1-0-2 in Bloomfield Hills round robin, Sept. 8-9.

They tied DeLaSalle during the first game, 1-1. The lone goal for the Wolves was made

They defeated Bloomfield Hills in the second game. Senior Parker Daly-Seiler scored the goal in the 1-0 game. They tied in the third game against Ann Arbor Skyline, both finishing with zero.

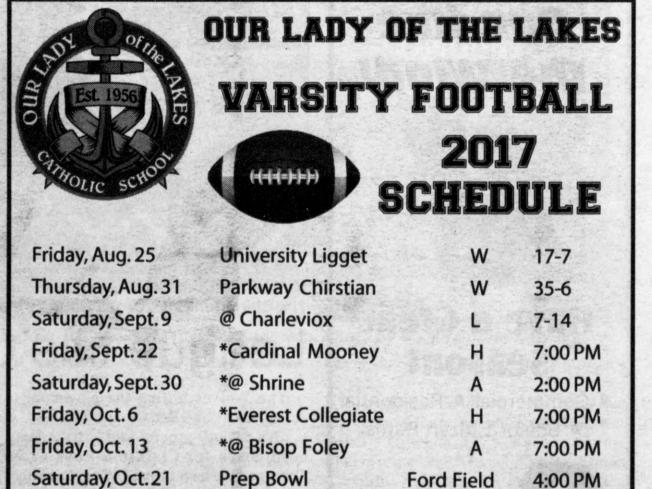
The Wolves opened the week on Tuesday against Avondale and head to Berkley next Tuesday. JV A begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

JV B hosts Rochester on Monday, 5:30 p.m.



Senior Brady Dickens keeps the ball from Southfield and brings it back into the Warriors' territory. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



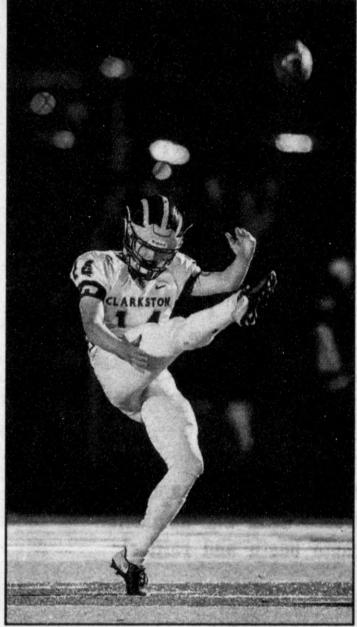


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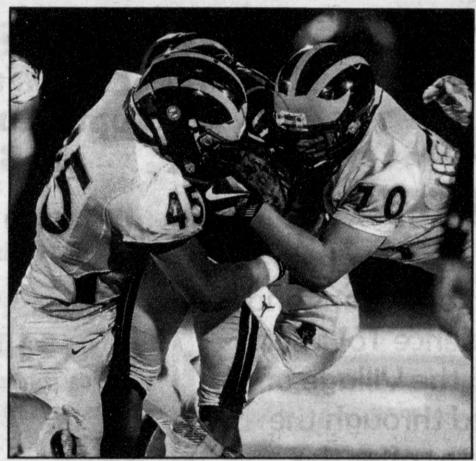
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Senior Jermaine Roemer kicks during the second half.



Seniors Gino Paese and Stewart Newblatt take down West Bloomfield's ball carrier. Photos by Larry Wright

Fight to the end

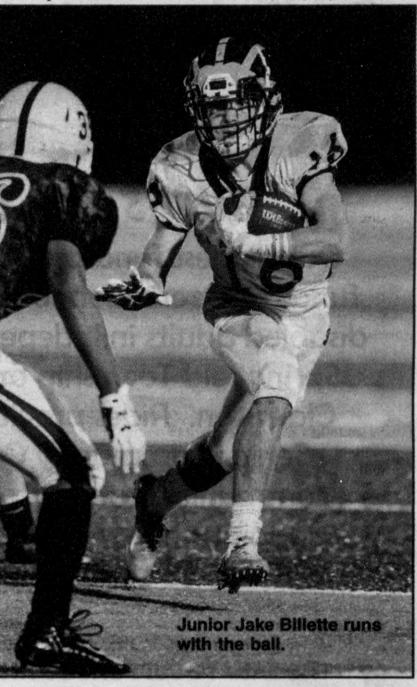
Clarkston gridiron heroes posted their first loss on the road when they visited West Bloomfield on Friday.

Juniors Conor Donahue and

Jake Billette scored touchdowns in the 37-15 loss.

The Wolves head to Oxford this Friday.

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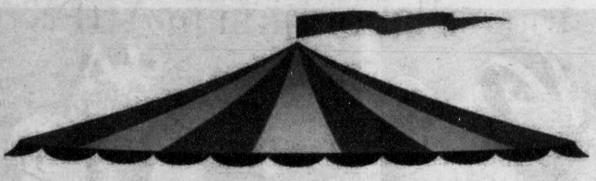
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Jessica Hall is proud of students' artwork at ArtPrize.

Students' work is on display at Moosejaw Mountaineering.

Clarkston collaboration in ArtPrize

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you check out ArtPrize in Grand Rapids this fall, you'll see the work of 16 student artists from Clarkston.

"This is the first year student ArtPrize is available, it's always been 18 and over and this year they opened it to K-12 schools," Clarkston Community Schools Fine Arts Subject Area Coordinator Jessica Hall said.

The exhibit, entitled "Fostering Art Evolution," was created by students during the 2016-2017 school year. The artwork will be displayed at Moosejaw Mountaineering from Sept. 16 through Oct. 8.

"A kindergartner's drawing is interpreted by an upper elementary student, middle school student, junior high student, and high school student," Hall said. "The drawings in this exhibit feature the original kindergarten sketch and the interpreted pieces."

To have the collaboration featured in ArtPrize, the school had to match with a venue - 22 venues declined Clarkston before Hall paired up with Moosejaw.

"Moosejaw was the first one that picked us up and we knew that they were just kind of fun and energetic and a great spot for student artwork, so we hopped on board with them," she said.

Only 26 schools throughout Michigan were picked to participate in student ArtPrize. Clarkston Community Schools has the chance to win \$5,000 if the public votes up the artwork.

"I'm so excited for our students, I just really hope they can all make it there to see their work, because it is a big deal," Hall said.

Renaissance High School Senior Casey Eversole had plans to check out her piece at Moosejaw over the weekend.

Eversole created a space alien based off the kindergarten picture she saw, complete with a spaceship that lights up.

"It was fun, it was the first time I ever wired something, so that was awesome," Eversole said of her participation in the collaboration art project.

"Her's is the only one that's kind of interactive, where it has the lights and it's dimensional," Hall, added.

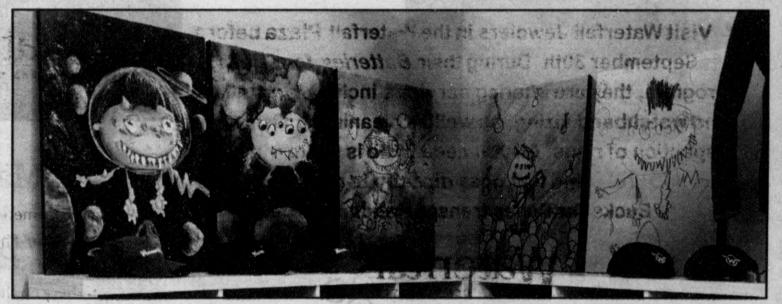
The 16 pieces on exhibition were created by kindergarten students from Pine Knob and North Sashabaw Elementary, three fourth graders from Springfield Plains Elementary, three middle school students, three junior high students and four high school students, three from Clarkston and one from Renaissance.

Student artists include:

Series 1, squiggly arms, canvas: Nicklas Grennan, Kindergarten, PKE; Katie Jakubiak, 4th Grade, SPE; Ruby Antonelli, 6th Grade, SMS; Delaney O'Brien, 8th Grade, CJHS; Olivia Groff, 12th Grade, CHS;

Series 2, many eyes, framed: Freya Vieau, Kindergarten, NSE; Avery Phillips, 4th Grade, SPE; Kayla Pace, 6th Grade, SMS; Bo Anderson, 8th Grade, CJHS; Maya Neideck, 12th Grade, CHS; and Casey Evesole, 12th Grade, RHS;

Series 3, bike, framed: Lucy Auten, Kindergarten, NSE; Ella Reed, 4th Grade, SPE; Sophia Catella, 6th Grade, SMS; Jessica Aleman, 8th Grade, CJHS; and Haley McLaren, 12th Grade,



The pieces are based on kindergartners' drawings. Photos Provided





Two stages including one at Main and Church streets will feature live entertainment. Photo provided







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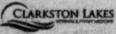






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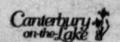














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Entertainment booked for Taste of Clarkston

Two stages will feature live, local musicians at the 20th Annual Taste of Clarkston on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 12-6 p.m., on and around Main Street.

DJ Greg Martin, Sam Van Wagoner, and Deported from Cozumel will perform throughout the event at the stage on the corner of Church and Main streets.

DJ Jim Tedder with Tedder Productions, Last Sons of Krypton, and Zoe Nygaard will perform at another stage on the corner of Washington and Main streets.

The KidZone in the Health Quest and Washington Street parking lots will include balloon twisting, pony rides, mini petting zoo, and face painting.

Also, there will be Tricycle Races in the Kinetics parking lot, and WCSX will be broadcasting live next to the Bowman Chevrolet exhibit at the Clarkston Union.

School additions

The Board of Education voted, Sept. 11, to approve one addition to Clarkston Community Schools administrative staff, adding a team facilitator, as well as 10 additions to the instructional staff, nine shared time teachers, and one substitute. For the instructional staff, the combined salaries are \$185,184.

There were also two subtractions of shared time teachers. Twenty additions to support staff were also approved - 13 paraeducators, two call-in bus drivers, clerk, media technician, café helper, preschool teacher, and assistant preschool teacher. Four subtractions were approved as well, three paraeducators and a lead café helper.

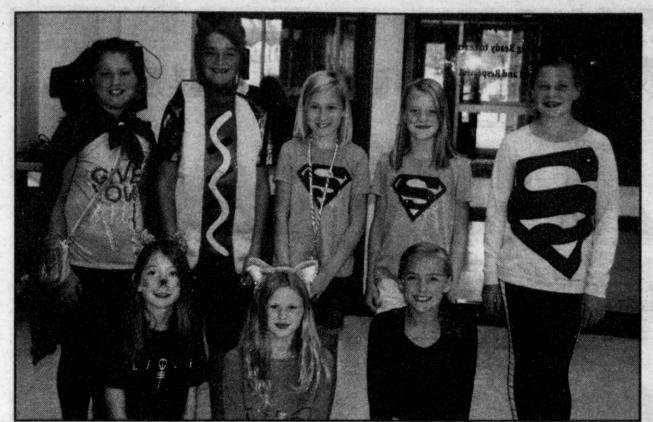
Four Chromebook carts with 128 Chromebooks were approved for purchase at the Board of Education meeting. The purchase is for the social studies program at Sashabaw Middle School and is in the amount of \$36,948.



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Sixth graders, from left, Alina Nitchenko, Ava Witt, Ben Melcher, Cassidy Pittman Anna Reineck, Alex Brigham, Brooke Little, Sydney Mutter.

Donation drives for hurricanes

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Walker said they raised over \$900 for animals affected by Hurricane Harvey. The students also wrote letters of empathy to students at the adopted schools for support.

"They all seemed really excited to be able to connect with another student through the letters. Most of them wanted them to write back, have little pen-pals. And they were excited that they were going to be able to help in a big way," SMS Science Teacher Andrea Lockwood said.

"They weren't preparing for it, it just hit them and now they don't know what to do and they're stuck in a really, really awkward and bad situation," seventh grade student Lavory Roy said of the hurricane victims. "Nobody really deserves that."

SMS is accepting donations through Sept. 30 of snack foods, boxed mixes, breakfast items, noodles, rice, personal hygiene items, school supplies and Walmart and Target gift cards.

Third graders at Pine Knob are also donating money to the Hurricane Harvey

Relief Fund.

The students held lemonade stands, sold tacos, toys, cider and donuts, and returned bottles to raise money. Third grader Braeden Covintree raised more than \$430 in bottle returns. The students collected a total of \$2,373.28.

Independence Elementary students are collecting school supplies for children affected by Hurricane Harvey, spearheaded by the fifth-grade classes.

Leadership students at Clarkston Junior High are raising money for hurricane victims, with Michigan State and the American Red Cross. So far, they've raised over \$400 through donations and a bake sale.

"We love to see our students adopt a service-oriented mindset. We are awed everyday by their altruism, caring hearts, and generosity," Superintendent Rod Rock said of these district efforts. "As a school system, we recognize this community value and understand that it has tremendously positive social, emotional, psychological, and physical benefits for our kids, for life."



Seventh graders, from left, Ellise Dowd, Madison Bachman, Joe Thornberry. Maxwell Izydorek, Courtney Cotter and Ainsley Gothard. Photos by Jessica Steeley

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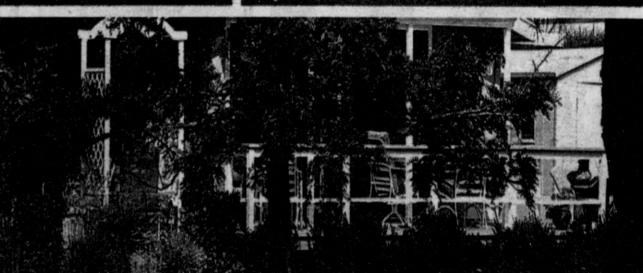
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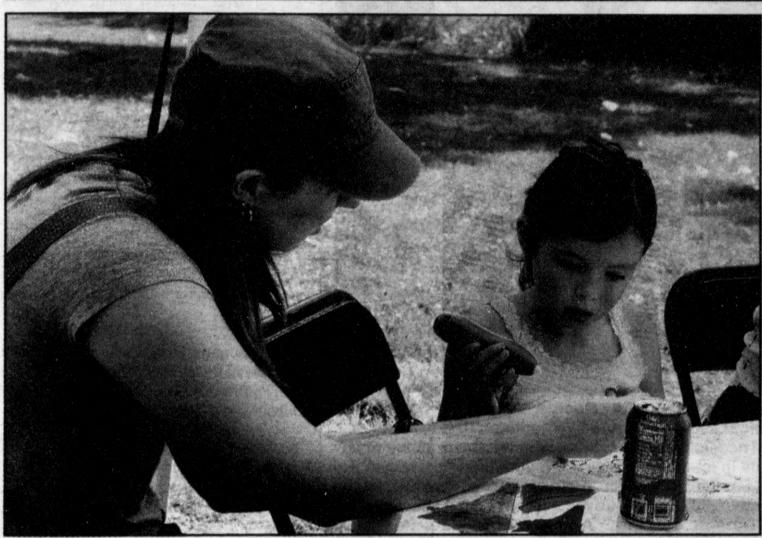


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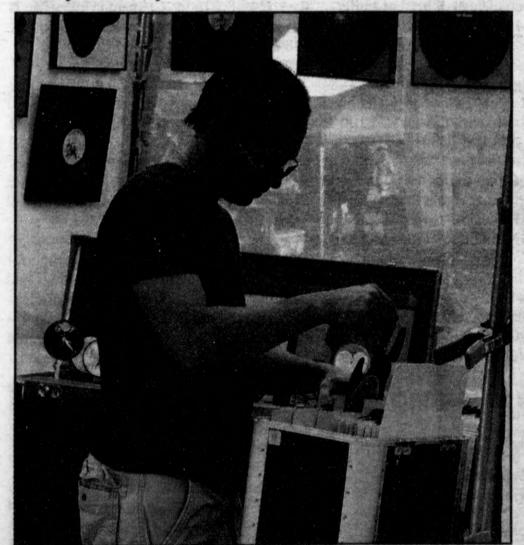
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The band Dumb and Drummer performs at Art in the Village.



Amanda and Lauren Herndon create a piece of art with Clarkston Independence District Library. Photos by Phil Custodio



John Metry checks out some album art with Vinyl Surfari.

Art in park

Art fans enjoyed a sunny late summer weekend at Depot Park for Art in the Village, perusing rows of tents offering artwork, antiques, food, and activities.



Hailey Gill, 4, and Joanne Prudhomme pick out some artwork at Picasso's Grapevine's exhibit.



Artists fill the park with their colorful works and wares.

Events

Ellis Barn Bash, 6-8 p.m., Sept. 21, Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road. Music, games, dance, food. \$3, 248-858-0916.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

Davisburg Heritage Festival, Sept. 23, pancake breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Hart Community Center, \$6; parade at noon; games, historical demonstrations, antique tractors and fire trucks, live music, food, activities; vintage baseball game at 1:30 p.m. at Shiawassee Basin Park. 248-846-6558.

Fall Color Car Classic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 24, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Register car, \$12 before Sept. 15; \$15 after. Benefits Alhambra Charities. 248-673-2826.

Norwex Microfiber Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 26, Nuview Nutrition, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Free. Register at 248-625-5143.

Bucket Run 5K for DRAW, Sept. 30, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Fort Clarkston, 7127 Dixie Highway. \$35. All ages, run/walk

Taste of Clarkston, 12-6 p.m., Oct. 1, downtown Main Street. Features more than 40 restaurants, vendors, exhibitors, with live music and three KidZones. Free admission and parking shuttles.

Boogie-woogie music with Youtube star Matthew Ball, 2-3 p.m., Oct. 8, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Free. 248-625-2212.

50th reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1967, 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, Elks Club, 2100 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, Call Karen, 248-330-5904; or Joel, 248-561-8523.

Help After Harvey Hurricane Relief Fundraiser, 3-8 p.m., Oct. 21, Clarkston Eagles 3373, 5640 Maybee Road. Dinner, music, auction, raffle, games. \$10. 248-625-9838.

A Taste For The Holidays, Clarkston Rotary's Annual Fall Beer and Wine Fundraiser, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 26, Bordine Nursery, 8600 Dixie Highway. Wines from around the world and food from 13 local restaurants. 248-625-4244.

Around Jown

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



Matthew Ball, AKA Youtube's Motor City Boogle Woogle Kid, performs at Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 2-3 p.m. The Michigan performer, who left the practice of law in 2001 to pursue a life in music, has over 3.9 million YouTube views. He performs toe-tappin', family-friendly acrobatic piano favorites like "In the Mood," "Ain't Misbehavin," "Glory of Love," "Basin Street Blues," "The Entertainer," and "Bumble Boogie." Admission is free. For more information, call 248-625-2212.

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

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

Tuesday

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., topic: "I Just Miss Him/Her! When Will I Stop?" Led by a bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday,

6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

Networking Get-Together, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network, fourth Tuesday, 9-10 a.m., Picasso's Grapevine, 12 S Main Street. Free for chamber members.

Nutrition series for cancer patients, Nuview Nutrition, Thursdays, Oct. 5-26, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Clarkston Conference Room, 5680 Bow

Pointe Drive. Free. Lunch provided. Reservations recommended, walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6606.

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, www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

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

Coffee and Conversation, topics of community interest, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 21, Senior Community Center, Bartsch Hall, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$1.

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.

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

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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



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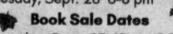
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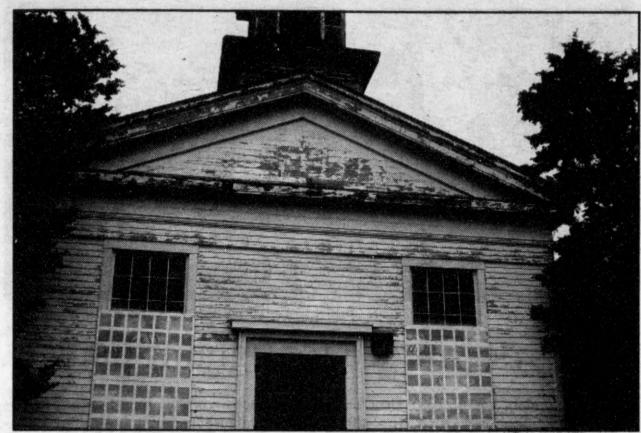
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Construction tech students are working with Sashabaw Presbyterian Church to restore their original church. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Work to restore church

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The original Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, a pre-Civil War registered historic building, will soon be undergoing restoration through a partnership between the church and Clarkston school's new construction technology program.

"We've been approached by the new construction technology class and they want to use it as their project to teach, so they will be having classes in there and then doing restoration work on the building, coordinated with the church," said Reverend Laura Sias-Lee, the church's pastor.

The new Sashabaw Presbyterian Church is currently located across the street from the original. Sias-Lee said they hope to use the restored building for community events such as weddings, concerts, recitals, funerals,

"We want it to be everybody's building, that's what the church wants, it's there to serve the community, and that's what it originally was, it was a hub in the area," she added.

Located at 5331 Maybee Road, the original church was last used for storage and has fallen in to disrepair due to natural occurrences as well as vandalism.

Construction Technology teacher Jeff Peariso said Ace Hardware donated wood to help cover up the windows and stop vandals from breaking in.

"We started by closing it up so people quit breaking into it, kind of cleaning up around the ramp and replacing some boards on the outside," he said. "We're trying to get it all buttoned up, so in the spring we can actually get started on it."

Sias-Lee said several people have reached out about helping the restoration efforts. She said the best way to help currently is to make a donation.

"Beyond building materials and those kinds of things there are a lot of additional expenses that go into even just having the building open and people in it in the winter time," she said, adding the school is looking for donated materials, such as windows and an industrial dumpster.

"In the spring, we'll start working on certain things on the outside of the church and we've started by contacting a few people in the community that actually restore those glass windows and they're willing to come out and show our kids how to re-glaze that glass," Peariso said.

The church and school district hope to have a kick-off event for the restoration sometime in the fall, so the community can see how the building looks now.

"The before and after pictures are going to be outstanding, it does not look anything like a church in there right now," Sias-Lee .said. "It's going to be glorious when it's done, but it's going to be a long process."

Peariso estimated the restoration will be at least a two or three-year project for the class.

"We got ninth grade and tenth grade now, next year we'll have some of them come back that will be in eleventh grade and, because they'll have more knowledge, we'll be able to take them over right away and start working in the fall next year," he said.

Sias-Lee encourages community members to contact the church if they have any pictures of the historic building when it was still in use as a church.

"The teachers who are in charge of the program want to restore the building to its original look, so when it's done it will look like it did in the 1800's," she said.

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Bird song expert with Backyard Birders

Lee Western, bird song and vocalization identification expert, will be featured speaker withe Backyard Birders Club meeting at 7 p.m., Sept. 27, at The Gateway, 7150 N. Main Street.

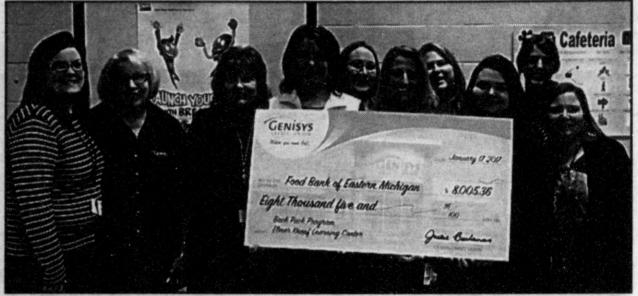
"People often say they have to see it to believe it, but not so with identifying a bird," says Bob McGowan, founder and president of the Clarkston-area club. "Many birds in Tur area are heard much more frequently than they are seen."

Western will provide useful tips about how folks can identify birds they cannot always see but can hear, by attending to their vocalizations, McGowan said.

"Lee will share techniques from his many years of experience that will help in identifying the mystery birds responsible for those often-puzzling bird songs and calls," McGowan said.

Club meetings are free, informal, and casual, he said.

"We also provide free coffee and cookies and a fittingly natural setting in the outdoor waterfall park-like setting and indoor atrium of The Gateway, where Steve Stroud and his capable staff are gracious hosts for our meetings the last Wednesday of every month but December," McGowan said.



Genisys presents their donation check to Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

Genisys awarded for fighting hunger

Genisys Credit Union, 7357 Deer Lake Road, has been awarded the 2017 Communitas Award for the Genisys Fights Hunger campaign benefiting the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

"The meaning of Communitas aligns directly with the credit union philosophy of people helping people," said Jackie Buchanan, Genisys Credit Union president and CEO. "We are honored to receive this award from an organization that is looking to recognize others working to make a difference in their community."

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The Wolves celebrate their win at Traverse City. See the boys in action at their next home meet on Sept. 26 against Troy. Photo provided

Victory at Traverse City

The Wolves dominated the north for the second consecutive year as they won their tournament in Traverse Ciy, Sept. 1.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team's Singles players continued to dominate the courts as each one swept their opponents from Traverse City Central, Grand Haven and Forest Hills East.

Singles players Luke Baylis, Frankie Piana, Jacob Burkett and Noah Fasczewski scored 12 of the 16 points the team earned for the tournament.

The Wolves opened their league with a 5-4 win over Rochester Adams on September 6.

The Wolves captured wins on each singles court as Luke Baylis defeated Julian Hyman on Singles No. 1, 6-2, 6-1;

Frankie Piana defeated Joshua Li Singles No. 2, 6-3, 6-0; Jacob Burkett defeated Jorge Rorzas on Singles No. 3, 6-0, 6-0; and Noah Faszewski defeated Evan Chang on Singles No. 4, 6-1, 6-2.

Rochester Adams dominated the doubles courts to tie the score. It came down to the Doubles No. 5 team of Ike Yeloushan and Brendan Aughe who broke the tie with a 8-5 win over Anthony Ni and Jacob Keller.

On Doubles No. 1, Charlie Lussenhop and Jason Richards lost to Matt Heaphy and Alvin Chen, 7-6 (1), 6-4; on Doubles No. 2, Logan Knowlson and Shane McArthur lost to Hunter Lambrecht and Tomas Wu, 7-5, 6-2; on Doubles No. 3, Max Meehan and Jed Horst lost to Michael Moran and Ameer Shoquekan, 6-2, 6-4; and on Doubles No. 4, Adam Zentner and Evan Walsh lost to Jacob Frank and Jeffrey Ni, 6-3, 6-2.

The boys finished in third place at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational on Saturday with 12 points.

Baylis, Piana and Burkett led the teams and went 9-0 without losing a set and won a goal medal.

On Singles No. 4 court, Fasczewski went for a three-set win in the last match of the day to bring the boys to 12 points.

Richards and Lussenhop earned silver medals on the Doubles No. 1 for the day while Horst and Meehan scored a point for the team on Doubles No. 3 court.

Pioneer finished in first place with 18 points; Northville took second with 14 points and Port Huron Northern finished fourth with four points.

The boys lost close matches against league foes last week with a 5-4 loss to both Birmingham Seaholm and Birmingham Groves.

They opened the weekend against Seaholm with wins from Baylis, 6-1, 6-1; Piana, 6-0, 6-1; Burkett, 6-0, 6-0; Fasczewski, 6-2, 6-0, on the singles courts.

Against Groves last Thursday, Baylis avenged a loss from the summer with a 6-1, 6-1 win. Burkett also won on his court, 6-0, 6-3.

Lussenhop and Richards won on Doubles No. 1 court with a 6-4, 7-6 win.

The fourth win for the Wolves came from Yeloushan and Aughe on Doubles No. 5 with a 9-8 victory.

The Wolves opened the week at Troy Athens on Tuesday and head to Lake Orion on Thursday. They are home on Tuesday against Troy, 4 p.m.

Freshman volleyball at Novi

The Clarkston Volleyball Freshman team finished the Novi tournament in third place out of 11 teams on Saturday.

The Lady Wolves defeated Troy Athens in league play on Sept. 12, 3-0. Kate Gualtieri

had five kills, Meredith Morris had 12 serves, and Braedyn Botterill had 12 big defensive plays for the team during the night. The JV team also defeated Troy Athens last Thursday 25-12, 25-10, 25-5.

Two wins for volleyball

The Lady Wolves opened their league play with two wins over their foes Troy Athens, 3-0, and Troy, 3-1, last week.

The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team defeated Troy in the first two games 25-20 and 25-21 of the OAA Red game last Thursday. The Colts won the third game 25-18 but couldn't take the fourth game from Clarkston as the Lady Wolves won it 25-17.

They opened the week defeating Troy Athens 25-13, 25-10, 25-6 in their first home game, Sept. 12.

The Lady Wolves went 3-2 in the Mercy

Tournament in Warren on Saturday.

They defeated Anchor Bay in three games, 25-13, 25-22, 25-20; and lost to Mercy 23-25, 25-20, 16-25 in pool play. They went on to beat Port Huron Northern in the quarterfinals, 25-11, 25-19. Then, beat Birmingham Seaholm in the semifinals, 25-20, 25-15. They lost to Mercy in the finals, 23-25, 27-25, 10-15.

The Lady Wolves (19-8, 2-0 OAA Red) opened the week on Tuesday against Stoney Creek. They head to Lake Orion next Tuesday. JV plays at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

PUBLIC NOTICE CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON **ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL** 375 DEPOT RD **CLARKSTON MI 48346 PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 03, 2017 2 P.M. The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Test of the computer program on Tuesday October 03, 2017 at 2 p.m. for the Tuesday, November 07, 2017 Special Election. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

Sandy Miller City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given

ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: Aliaga

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Matt Bleau, Independence Television Video Manager; Leanna Cole, Deputy Supervisor; Wendy Hillman, Finance Director; David McKee, DPW Director; Brian Oppmann, Zoning Ordinance & Enforcement Officer; Lt. Larry Perry, Oakland County Sherriff's Department; Mitch Petterson, Fire Chief; Renée Poole, Fire Department Budget Business Manager; Rick Yaeger, Budget & Operations Analyst; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson,

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.

E. CLOSED SESSION: None

BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder; Supervisor Kittle

McCready - 40th District

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

ing Map & Chapter 34, Article IV, "Hunting" 2. Presentation: Township Investment Report -

CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS

2017; Motion # 2017-08-164]

Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.

PUBLIC COMMENT: State Representative, Mike

1. Presentation: Proposed Amendment to Hunt-

Second Quarter

1. BUDGET SESSION: Review 2018 Budgets: Independence TV; Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA); Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Safety Path CIP; Safety Path; Police; Fire CIP; and Fire [Postponed on August 22,



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K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular / Budget Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2017.

2. Approval of the Payroll of August 25, 2017 and Check Run of August 29, 2017 for a Total Amount of \$1,523,175.28

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENTAGENDA: None

REGULAR BUSINESS:

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Agreement between the County of Oakland, the Charter Township of Independence, and the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Author-

Approval of Amendment #1 to the Tax Sharing

2. Award Bid and Approval of Budget Amendment #36 - Demolition Proposal: 8848 Lakeview Blvd. and 6290 S. Main St. - No Action Taken

3. Adoption of Resolution - Brady Lodge Recognition Plaque; Daughters of the American of Revolution

4. Approval of Contract and Budget Amendment #35 - Safety Path Outdoor Exhibits 5. Approval of Agreement - Ambulance Billing Ser-

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report: Fiscal 2017 Actual to Budget Update for Period Ending July 31, 2017 Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Office Monthly

Reports - July 2017 Communication: Ottawa County Clerk - Letter

of Appreciation **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Clerk Pallotta**

ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Township Clerk Published: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: **PROBATE COURT** 2017-378, 814-DE **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

> **NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Clarence Young. Date of birth: 2/26/21 TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Clarence Young,

died 8/11/17 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Maria Young, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal represent 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

09/11/17 Maria Young 2557 Bassett Detroit, MI 48217

313-516-9568 STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2017-374, 515-DE

COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Rebecca Vorderburg, deceased. Date of birth: 11-09-1948 TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Rebecca Vordeburg.

deceased died 09-17-16 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Timothy P. Flynn, 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** COUNTY OF OAKLAND

2017-378, 903-DE **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Decedent's Estate Estate of Nancy K. Sage aka Nacy Kaye Sage, Deceased. Date of birth: 3/16/1940

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Nancy K Sage, aka Nacy Kaye Sage, Deceased, died August 3, 2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dwight C. Roberts, 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. ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 Dwight C. Roberts 2745 Pontiac Lake Road 13339 Firestone Court Waterford, Michigan 48328 Fenton, MI 48340 (248) 682-8800

Obituaries &:

Shirley Mattinson, 84 Natalie S. Sutton, 43

Shirley M. Mattinson of Clarkston passed away Sept. 12, 2017, at age 84. Shirley is now home with Jesus her Savior.

She was the loving wife of George for 60 years; mother of Steven (Kari) Mattinson; grandmother of Ben, Ray and Heather Dill, Codi and Karlie Mattinson; sister of Bradley; Lucille preceded in death by her daughter Carrie Dill and



brothers Burt and Duane Taylor and twin sister Charlotte Adams.

Funeral Service was Sept. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Clarkston. Interment Andersonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Natalie S. Sutton of Waterford went to be with our Lord on Sept. 11, 2017, at age 43.

She was the loving daughter of Carol

Sutton; niece of Debbie (Tom) Mauti, Barb (Marvin) Gamblin and Doug (Nancy) Shugar; "Aunt" of Zosia, Carson, Dominic, Elka, Emma, Mathias and Amelia; cousin of Pam (Doug) Fox, Terri Gamblin, Tom (Paula) Mauti, Daisy (Gabe)



Borreson and Joe Mauti. Natalie was employed with Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith. She loved her family.

Funeral Service was Sept. 15 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Online guest bookwww.wintfuneralhome. com.

Virginia Radtke, 69

Virginia Radtke (Vliet), "Ginny," of Clarkston passed away Sept. 17, 2017, at age

She was preceded in death by husband Carl. She was the mother of Gigi Fisher Kreutzer and Joe (Jennifer) Fisher; grandma to Jake, Willow and Brody Kreutzer, Ethan and Zachary Fisher, preceded in death by her parents Emerson and Dortha Vliet.



Ginny was a loving mother and grandmother. She was a passionate nurse who helped those in need and touched the hearts of all who knew her.

Celebration of Life event to be announced at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to hospice of donor's choice. Online guest bookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.

> **Obituaries posted daily** at Clarkstonnews.com

Gazebo rewiring

Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to accept a bid from Hutchinson's Electric of Waterford to rewire the gazebo in Depot Park.

The project, with a total cost of \$4,270, includes installing a weather proof and lockable service panel with new underground feeds.

Current budget included \$2,000.

The extra \$2,270 required a budget amendment, which was also approved unanimously.

Bids were also received from Oak Electric of Waterford for \$4,500 and Don's Electric of Clarkston for \$5,200.

Office hours

State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston invites residents to join him for local office hours, including Friday, Sept. 29, from 12-1:30 p.m. at Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Rep. Tedder at 517-373-0615 or via email at JimTedder@house.mi.gov.

Attorney updates city on FOIA, rezoning lawsuits

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included emails from Jan. 30, 2015, to May 20, 2015, between Ryan and other attorneys and agencies related to 148 N. Main Street and a hold-harmless agreement for its development, as well as vacant property at M-15 and Waldon.

"If the city engineer has a document where, from his observations, he views something perhaps is unsafe, as long as they're not shared with the city, it's not FOIA-able," Wylie asked.

"Probably not," Ryan said.

Public health and safety issues are a different story, he said.

"Wow," Wylie said.

The city has been "dragged through mud" lately because of this case, she said.

"Public feeling throughout the country is government should be as transparent as possible. This goes in the opposite direction," she said.

Ryan said he and the attorneys representing the city through the Michigan Municipal League, Jim Tamm and Julie O'Connor, know what the documents are.

"There's no nefarious scheme here," he said. "I wasn't out there Lone Rangering it."

The documents are about issues in town that were going on, Ryan said.

"Discussion between lawyers to make a deal about something that never came to fruition," he said.

"We're in a lawsuit and we absolutely have no idea what's on the documents," Percival said.

"That's the whole point of the case," Kneisc said.

"Our names are associated with this lawsuit," Wylie said.

The case represents an important legal principal, Ryan said.

"We're at the tip of the spear," he said. "We're trying to preserve an important legal right for the city."

Across the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Township Association, 80 percent are represented by consultant lawyers like him, with their own offices, he said.

"This is a critical issue to the whole legal community, frankly," he said. ""FOIA is very important – but the public is not entitled to all documents."

MML and MTA wrote amicus curie briefs on behalf of the city, and Michigan Press Association and Detroit News wrote briefs on Bisio's side.

"We've got lots of people involved in this lawsuit," Ryan said. "It's an important legal issue, bigger than us. A lot of people are interested in it."

The suit doesn't seek financial damages, but is a case of legal principle, the attorney said.

"If the city loses, you could appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court," he said.

Four percent go beyond the Court of Appeals, he said.

Council member Sharron Catallo said it's an important issue or else the MML and MTA wouldn't have gotten involved.

"There's going to be times and there's going to be things not public records, that never come to us," Catallo said. "If a contractor comes here to do something, that could be FOIA'd, but not whatever is in his office."

It takes 12-18 months to work through the Court of Appeals system, and is about a third of the way through. No hearing date has been set yet, and probably won't be until this winter, Ryan said.

City vs. CBC Joint Venture

Ryan also updated City Council about the CBC Joint Venture case. Owners of 59 S. Main sued the city after it denied their request to rezone the property from multiple family to village commercial, in order to make it a restaurant.

They prevailed in court this past January, and the city is appealing.

"Council felt it was important to appeal to protect the residential component of zoning in downtown," Ryan said. "If you don't enforce the ordinance, there will be other challenges to the city."

City Council can vote to discontinue the lawsuit, but that could cause problems, he said.

"The city is appealing because they believe the judge made an erroneous decision," Ryan said. "This property could be and is being used as multiple residential. To be rezoned, the property isn't supposed to have any other economically viable use. That clearly is not the case."

Legal fees for the lawsuits have been

covered by insurance, he said.

Ryan is not involved in arguing the cases, but consults with the MML attorneys and bills the city for that, he said.

"I think I need to be in the know," he said. For Ryan's August billings, he billed about \$475 out of a total of \$1,805 for review and phone calls about the FOIA and rezoning lawsuits. Insurance costs through MML for the city went up due to errors and omission by about \$2,000, Smith said.

The increase was offset this year by a dues rebate from MML. Total increase was about \$600, for total premiums of about \$12,600.

"We are feeling the pain of this," Smith said. "At what point can we cut our losses?"

"We're not there yet," Ryan said. "Let the Court of Appeals rule."

"Sometimes you have to defend yourself," Catallo said.

The attorney update was not included in the agenda prepared before the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Wylie made a motion to add it to the agenda, which was approved unanimously. Marsh asked why it wasn't included on the agenda, and Ryan said the appellate lawyer was going to write a memo to the council for next meeting.

Percival invited the public to submit questions to the city manager for discussion at the next meeting Ryan attends.

"I want to hear the questions but in a productive manner, not to try the case, but to be informed about it," he said.

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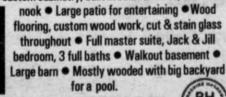
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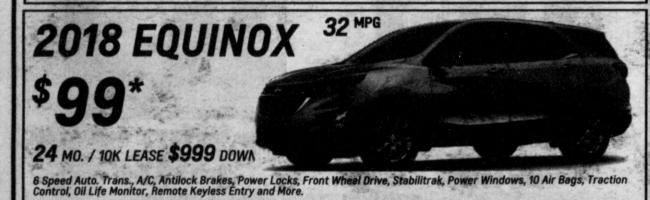
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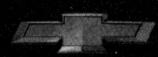
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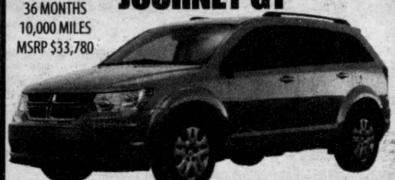


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