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20K-mile road trip

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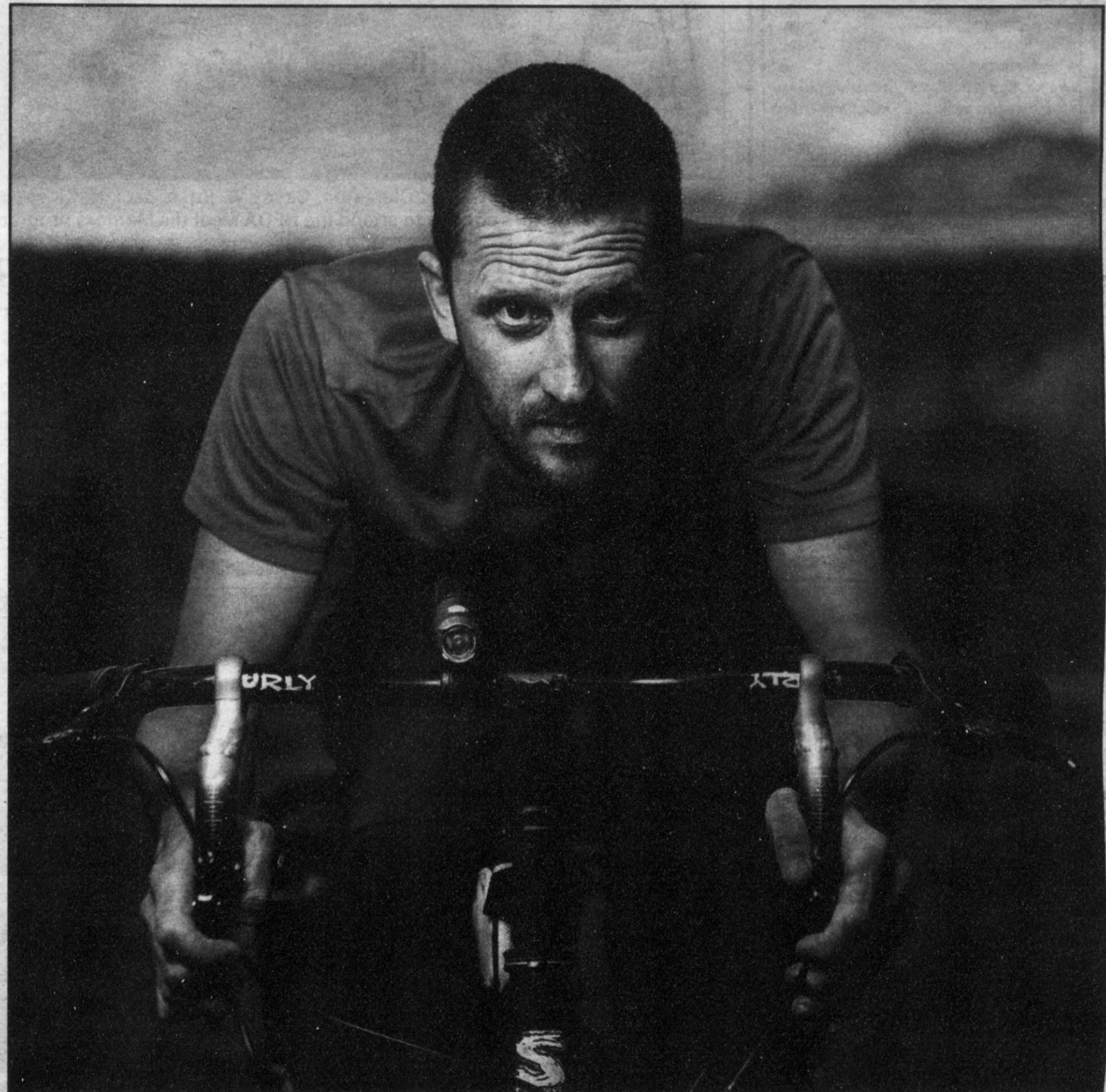
BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston native Chris Haag and his wife Sophie George could use some support on their upcoming bicycle trip. They're planning a two-year odyssey covering the two continents of the western hemisphere.

"I heard about others doing this ride a few years back and have always been captivated by it," said Haag, who grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 2001. "It will just be my wife and I, although we're hoping that some friends and family will join us along the way. My grandma will go with us for the first 10 days as we take a ferry through the inside passage from Washington to Alaska. We don't have any firm plans for others to join us after that, but we have some adventurous friends, so I'm sure we'll get together with a few along the way."

The couple is planning to ride from Alaska to Argentine, almost 20,000 miles, to promote cycling as a sustainable means of transportation and travel. Averaging 50 miles each day, four days a week, it will take no less than 18 months.

"That gives us plenty of time to see some sites and meet people. There's so much to see and do along the way though that we don't want to rush it," said Haag, who currently lives in Utah. "As far as cycle



Please see *Bike* on page 41 Chris Haag is training hard for a multi-continent bike trip. Photo provided

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From left are Andrew W. Wint of Clarkston, Casey W. Rose, Jack H. Clock, Bret W. McReavy, and Nicholas A. Ricci, young funeral directors chosen to attend the NFDA Meet the Mentors program. Photo provided

Clarkston Funeral Director Wint mentors nationally

Andrew Wint of the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston was one of 50 funeral directors nationwide, and one of five in Michigan, selected to participate in the National Funeral Directors Association's (NFDA) Meet the Mentors program.

Meet the Mentors, March 11-13 at the Emory Conference Center Hotel in Atlanta, Ga., brought young funeral professionals together to learn from three of the country's leading funeral directors and network with like-minded peers.

Andrew, third generation funeral director at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, attended mortuary school at Arapahoe College in Colorado and has been a funeral director since 2012. Andrew's father, Bill Wint, owns the funeral home, which was founded in 1959 by Andrew's grandfather, Lew Wint.

"The NFDA mentoring program was an extraordinary opportunity. I was able to meet and get to know other young funeral directors and learn about how advances in science and technology can help us better serve

our families," Andrew said. "It was such an honor to be chosen for this program."

"We are always trying to improve, with value added services and products," said Jenni Simsack, who manages the funeral home. "The ideas Andrew brought back from the program will definitely help us do that."

Meet the Mentors has been funded by the Funeral Service Foundation since the program's inception in 2011.

For more information, check www.nfda.org/mentors.

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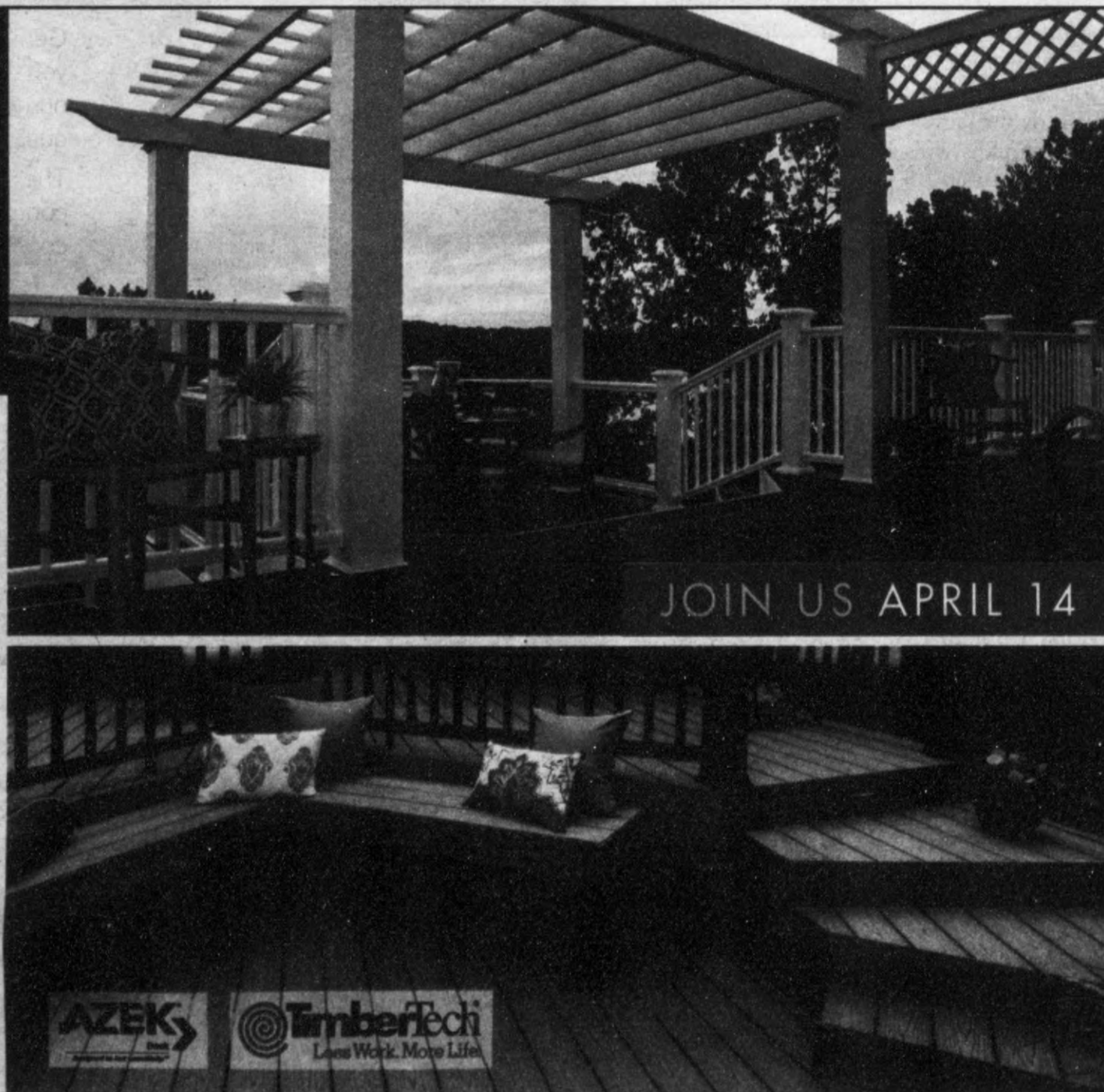
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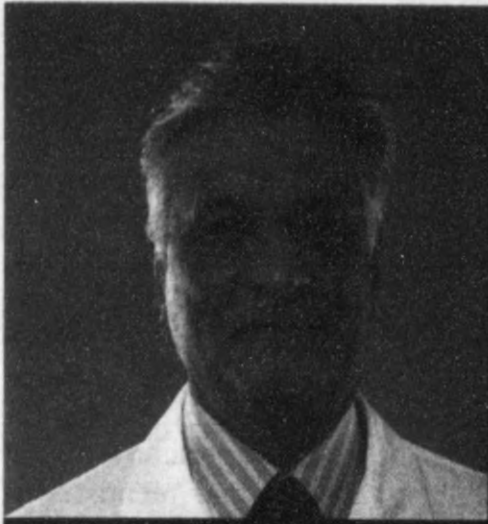
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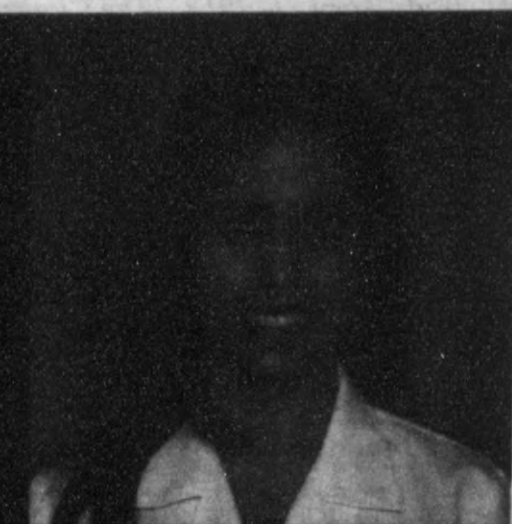
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St. Joseph Mercy Oakland is a study site for clinical research being conducted for people with high blood pressure called Spyril HTN.



ANJANI RAO, MD
CARDIOLOGIST
SUB-INVESTIGATOR
ST. JOSEPH MERCY OAKLAND

Q Why is it so important to pay attention to our blood pressure?

A We all know that keeping blood pressure in check is one of the most important things we can do for our health. Over the long term, high blood pressure can affect the health of the heart, kidneys, and other parts of our bodies—and it can lead to many dangerous conditions including stroke, heart disease, kidney failure, and arterial disease.

For people with high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, or who smoke, the risk for experiencing one or more of these conditions is even higher.

So keeping our blood pressure under control is critical to our overall health.

Q Please explain the difference between normal blood pressure and high blood pressure?

A To put it simply, blood travels through the body via blood vessels, which are basically small, narrow tubes. As the blood travels, it puts pressure against the walls of the vessels, which can be measured. We call that measurement blood pressure.

Blood pressure is defined by two numbers, systolic and diastolic. Systolic is the blood pressure in the vessels as the heart beats. Diastolic is the blood pressure in the vessels between the beats.

Normal blood pressure is less than 120 mm Hg over 80 mm Hg. High blood pressure, which is also called hypertension, is 140 mm Hg over 90 mm Hg and anything above that.

Q How is high blood pressure typically treated?

A Every patient is unique. We take into consideration a patient's condition, age, and other factors before developing a treatment plan. Treatment plans generally involve medication along with lifestyle changes such as following a healthy diet, exercising, avoiding alcohol, and quitting smoking.

Q The clinical trial is evaluating an investigational device for its potential effects on lowering high blood pressure. Can you tell us more about this important research study that is being conducted at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland?

A Our goal is to gain a better understanding of high blood pressure. Through this trial, we are evaluating an investigational device for its ability to influence high blood pressure for certain patients whose blood pressure is not controlled despite medications and lifestyle adjustments. The 40–60-minute procedure delivers energy to the nerves in the kidneys that help regulate blood pressure. Regulating these nerves may impact high blood pressure.

Q Can anyone with high blood pressure join the trial?

A Generally, if you are between 20 and 80 years old, if your doctor has told you that you have high blood pressure, and if your upper blood pressure number (your systolic pressure) is greater than 140 mm Hg, you may qualify for the trial.

The first step is to call and schedule a meeting with our research coordinator. Her direct number is 248-858-6962. The research coordinator will walk you through the required steps to determine if you are eligible and discuss potential risks of the procedure. There are some specific requirements for participating in the trial.

Once you have completed the screening process and have met the requirements, you can join the trial.

Q Is there a fee to participate?

A Medtronic, the company that is conducting this trial, will cover costs associated with the investigational device and procedure, follow-up visits, and testing. We advise you to discuss any other costs with our research coordinator if you have other questions.

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The Body, Mind, Green Community Expo will be in the Clarkston High School cafeteria. Photos provided

Health expo at high school

Clarkston High School hosts the sixth annual Body, Mind, Green Community Expo on Thursday, April 19, from 4-7p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The free event, sponsored by St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, will feature businesses dedicated to health, wellness, and the environment.

Live demonstrations will include water quality and preservation by Rainforest Café, cooking demos from HAP, and a presentation from Clarkston for Life about community resources for physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional well-being. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office and Independence Township Fire Department will also be there for a meet and greet.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce partnered with HAP and Carrot Wellness to bring the Clarkston Community Health Challenge. Download the "Carrot Wellness" app and join the #StepItUpClarkston tab. Prizes include a three-month membership to Anytime Fitness, White Lake Commons; three Cryro Sessions at Clarkston Chiropractic Sports and Wellness; full car detail provided by Bowman Chevrolet; and over \$500 in other prizes. Winners will be announced at the Body, Mind, Green Expo at 4:30 p.m.

"As someone whose life was transformed by paying more attention to health and

wellness, I think the BMG Expo is a great way for individuals within our community to see how they could possibly enjoy longer, more fulfilling lives," said Kevin Smith of Independence Television, a member of the planning committee for the Expo. "Being on the committee has been a great experience because it provides me an opportunity to meet and collaborate with other members of Clarkston and the surrounding communities."

This event is presented by St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital with corporate sponsors Regiani Holistic Dentistry and McLaren Clarkston, and also hosted by Clarkston Community Schools.



The annual expo includes demonstrations, presentations, contests, and other activities.

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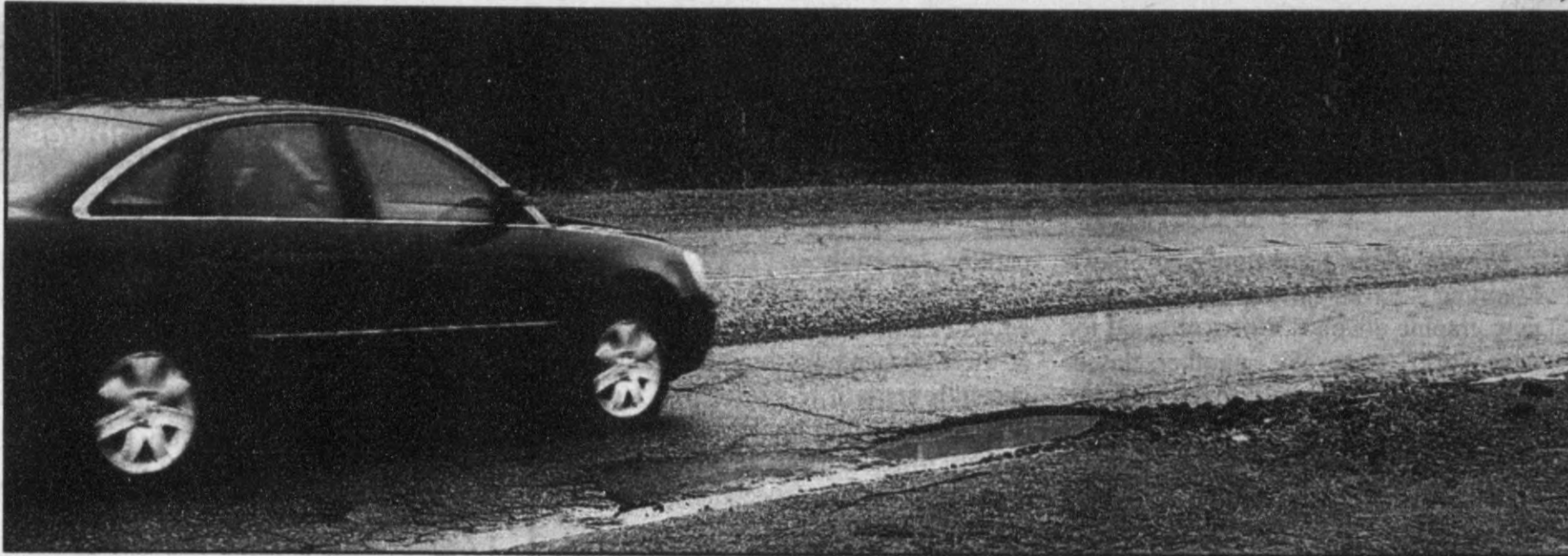
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The Independence Township Board is looking into a new millage to repair pothole-pocked roads in the township, such as this tire buster on Sashabaw Road. Photo by Phil Custodio

Township mulls road millage to fix roads

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Oakland County is in charge of road repair in Independence Township. However, the township could support road-repair funding, possibly with a road millage, said township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

"Wouldn't it be neat if we had this little oasis called Independence Township and everybody else looks like they got the case of varicose veins across the planet with all of these red (poor condition) roads," Kittle said at the April 3 Township Board meeting.

RCOC recommendations for 10-12 years of good roads include mill off the top three inches of top coat, repair the area at the base that is crumbling, pack again with base coat, compress it, extend the roadway onto shoulder by two feet, overlay with three-inch top coat, restripe, and traffic control.

The cost would be approximately \$500,000 per mile. If Independence Township took this project within a span of four years, repairing its 24.5 miles of township roads, including Sashabaw, Maybee, Clintonville, and Clarkston roads, the total cost would be about \$12 million.

"From a financial standpoint, if you added 1 mill to the property taxes, you'd generate \$1.5 million annually and two mills would generate \$3.1 million," he said. "So, over four years, you could get the \$12.6 million you need. Now, that's with no RCOC contribution."

Trustee Andrea Schroeder asked about the life expectancy plan for the recently completed Sashabaw and Waldon project.

"I think it was more than three years and I drive by it every day and I'm not confident in a 10-year life expectancy, from a three-year-old road that is all pitted and gutted already," Schroeder said.

"The part that was replaced three years ago is still in good shape," Kittle said. "It's the parts where they cobbled together and tried to salvage the old concrete, it's the old concrete that's failing."

Township Clerk Barb Pallotta would support a millage, but with renewal every two years.

"That way, we can piecemeal it and have more control over what gets done every two years," Pallotta said. "So, if the public likes what they see, they're going to be all in. But I think to lump this into one big project right now, it's a lot of money and it's expecting too much, too soon, until we can see some results."

Kittle said a big project would offer some advantages on discounts and accountability.

"The rationale for creating a big project was to try to get some economies of scale with whoever is going to bid on it and hopefully get some volume discounts as far as material and labor," he said. "If it's going to be set up over a four year period, so that we're just paying it as millage revenues come in, they would be held to a price so that we don't get this nickel and dime every year. So, to try to keep that under control."

Trustee Jose Aliaga said they should also ask Michigan Township Association (MTA) what other townships are doing about roads.

"But like you (Kittle) said, there are different sets of model because they are cities. Maybe MTA can give us some ideas on what other townships are doing," Aliaga said.

"I will be double checking with the MTA, and Barbara, I know you know other communities that have issued mileages, so see how that's panned out and then report back in a few weeks with findings," Kittle said. "At the end of the day, what's wrong with letting the people decide? They are the ultimate ones who's going to have to cough up the money, as all of us are as being residents of the community."

According to RCOC analysis, most township roads deteriorated from "fair" to "poor" between 2007 and 2017, Kittle said.

"Everything has just deteriorated to the point where it's almost becoming unrepairable if something isn't done shortly," he said. "They are like dandelions,

they seem to spring up faster some days than others. I don't know about you guys, but every social event, or family gathering, whether I'm in the bar or restaurant, church, I keep getting pounded by people asking me about our roads."

For a home with a market value of \$400,000 and a taxable income of \$200,000, 2 mills would equal \$400 a year, \$1,600 over four years.

"I don't mean to make light of this because that's some pretty serious coin, but it really works out to be about \$7.69 a week—about the price of a grand latte at Starbucks or less than two beers at the Tap," Kittle said.

"I don't know what the right answer is, I truly think that the road commission and by their own admission, they say the same thing — their business model has to change," he said. "They don't have enough money to do it all by themselves."

During the meeting, Kittle played an audio clip from Feb. 21 of an Oakland County dispatcher alerting a responding officer about 10 cars with flat tires at Sashabaw and Pine Knob roads, most caused by a single large pothole. The dispatcher also mentioned the road commission was notified.

Also noted by Kittle were 16 cars on the shoulder at Sashabaw and Oakhill intersection. Parks and Rec Director Derek Smith and his Ford Escape nearly joined the mess of seven other vehicles as a result of the dangerous potholes on Waldon Road, Kittle said.

According to a March 2016 study by AAA, over \$15 billion dollars have been spent repairing pothole damage over the past five years, primarily in the U.S. Midwest region. The average repair costs U.S. drivers over \$300.

Would you support a road mileage that collaborates with RCOC in order to repair the potholes in the township? Which plan would you prefer? Please send comments to clarkstonnews@gmail.com.

Briefly

Loyer named player of the year

Foster Loyer of Clarkston has been named Michigan's Class A boys basketball Player of the Year by The Associated Press.

The senior point guard was key to the Wolves second consecutive state championship, scoring 687 points this season and beating Clarkston's all-time scoring record with 2,323 career points.

He was also named to the First Team All-State.

CJ Robinson of Clarkston was named to Second-Team All-State.

Taylor Currie of Clarkston received an Honorable Mention from the 10-member panel of Michigan sportswriters.

Scholarship deadline

Deadline to apply to the Oakland County Republican Party's 2018 Lincoln Scholarship Program for Oakland County students is Sunday, April 15.

Students can submit an essay of up to 1000 words, video, or other creative work on the theme of "What Makes America the Land of Opportunity." Submissions should highlight elements of our culture which allow generations of Americans to work hard, dream big, and pursue happiness. Award decisions are based solely on the merit of work submitted.

Winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship along with three VIP tickets to the 129th Annual Oakland Lincoln Day Dinner. Submissions will also be considered for the Pam Williams Memorial Award, a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of lifelong educator and conservative activist Pam Williams.

This scholarship is donor sponsored through the Oakland County Republican Party to support Oakland County students.

Applications are available on www.ocrpilcoln.org.

Leader Dog fundraiser

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Phil in the Blank A column by Phil Custodio

Tale of two Clarkstons

Writing about Clarkston grad Shawn Manning's classic tale of Macbeth in his new graphic novel, ("Writer sees red for new work," page 25), another classic comes to mind when considering the parking situation in Clarkston – "A Tale of Two Cities."

Clarkston has a village east side, as referred to by City Council member Scott Reynolds during a recent City Council meeting. This is the residential neighborhoods of Buffalo, Church, and East Washington in which after hours parking has been an issue lately.

The west side would include homes along West Washington and Holcomb roads.

It wouldn't be the first time I wrote about gangs in Clarkston. I mentioned them in the story "The gangs of Clarkston," April 12, 2017.

That story was about Clarkston children sorting themselves by neighborhoods for informal sporting events decades ago, shared by Charles Gray Robertson III.

The 21st century version has come into play as elected officials and residents struggle with downtown parking.

Pay-to-park downtown is finally under way, which will raise money for more

parking, hopefully. But folks have called for the city to consider adjusting the pay-to-park times at the Main and Washington lot, which currently starts at 11 a.m.

During the day, the lot is nearly bare. It's full of folks happy to pay during the evening, however, especially on or close to the weekend.

This is because Clarkston, especially downtown, has another two sides – day and night. Daytime downtown is usually quiet, with folks stopping for some shopping and a bite to eat.

But after dark, downtown tends to be filled with hip young people lining up for dinner at the trendy downtown restaurants, Union, Union Woodshop, Honcho, and The Fed. So maybe make paid parking start at 4 or 5 p.m. instead of 11 a.m.

But the pay-to-park lot might drive parking into the east side neighborhood, which leads to calls to make the east side no-parking. Which might make parking increase on the west side, leading to more no-parking calls there.

Council member Reynolds is hosting a Village East Side Parking Meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at City Hall.

Hopefully this and upcoming Parking Committee meetings can come up with an ending unlike Dickens' tale. People lost their heads in that one.



Prom Salon at Clarkston High School

Dear Editor,

With a week to go, we are proud to announce that we are holding our First Ever, "The Prom Salon" at Clarkston High School! This dress sale will be held on April 14th from 10am-3pm. Cash only please. We will be selling gently worn prom dresses, at deep discounted prices.

We could always use more donations!! Please contact Mrs. Michelle Carson at

mmcarson@clarkston.k12.mi.us if you would like to contribute dresses and/or accessories for the sale.

If you would like to attend, "The Prom Salon", an admittance ticket is needed to participate. Please e-mail Mrs. Carson if you would like a ticket (mmcarson@clarkston.k12.mi.us). Thank you,

**Michelle Carson
Clarkston**

Rotary wine tasting to welcome spring

Celebrate the start of spring with Clarkston Rotary's Spring Wine Tasting and Buying, Thursday, May 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$50 at the door.

The night will feature wine samplings from Michigan wineries Black Star Farms, Brys Estates, Forty-Five North, Hawthorne, Laurentide, and Left Foot Charley, and appetizers and desserts catered by the Fountains. Wines will be available for purchase by the bottle or case.

Drop box and silent auction items will be available as well as a 50/50 cash drawing.

Free Valet parking will also be provided.

This is one of Clarkston Rotary's largest fundraiser of the year and helps provide community service activities including Renaissance High School scholarships, youth leadership weekend, and park project.

Purchase tickets on-line at clarkstonrotary.org, mail a check payable to "Clarkston Rotary" to Joel DeLong, 6371 Simler Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, or call 248-625-9741.

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Powers named Teacher of the Year"
Tears flowed as members of the Clarkston Foundation named Springfield Plains Elementary teacher Susan Powers as Teacher of the Year. "Mrs. Powers has this unique talent and ability to capture her students eagerness and willingness to read, write and spell," said Judy Zielinski, a parent who nominated Powers.

"Living in a dream home for this Clarkston family" Laura Covintree jumped at the chance when she heard 49 S. Holcomb was going up for sale and shared the story as her family prepared for the Clarkston SCAMP Home Tour.

"Wheel-y great art!" Special needs wheel chair students at Independence Elementary experienced a new way to create art through Wheel Chair Art.

25 years ago - 1993

"Mired in it: mud, mush and muck"
Potholes, puddles, mud and more were on the minds of many area residents as winter precipitation and the spring thawing and freezing patterns resulted in record-breaking poor road conditions. The Road Commission for Oakland County reported they averaged 250 calls a day.

"Squirrel hug" Oakie the Squirrel hugged children during the Easter Spring Fling at Springfield Oaks County Park which snow nor cold temperatures prevented children from having fun at the event.

"Boy, 9, wins medals at Canadian meet" Clarkston Elementary third-grader Dennis Muha won three medals and set a bantan record in shotput at the Windsor Classic Indoor Games.

50 years ago - 1968

"Clarkston students take honors at regional fair" Clarkston High School's efforts were well-rewarded at the annual M.I.E.S. Regional Fair. Ribbons were won in 18 places for the drafting department, three for the metals area, and ten for the woods area.

"Sisters are 'Sweethearts'" Bobette Buehrig was elected the Sweetheart of Sigma Pi Fraternity for 1968-69 at Western Michigan University. Her sister, Heidi, was elected Sweetheart of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at Northern Michigan University.

"Grass fires fanned by high winds"
Grass fires continued to plague area firement and high winds kept them from answering call all day.

Father and son conversations can be fun

This past weekend had another interesting conversation with my 18-year-old son, Sean. He's a smart young man, confident in his own ability to reason and communicate. And, I like the fact he doesn't feel the need to agree with me; further he is not afraid to express his own independent ideas, without being whiney.

And, while we talked of many things — of the weather, terrain, rocks, books, podcasts, food, history and more, some how, some way, one conversation we discussed was about one of my columns.

The column, in question was the one, three weeks ago about high school students becoming involved in national issues in particular the 2nd Amendment issue — going on marches and skating on class.

Said I, "Just like when the Tea Party people started to get involved, I am glad to see young people get involved."

Said Son, "Yeah, it is good. I wish people would stop saying, 'Just because we're young we don't know anything,' and maybe listen to new ideas."

Ever the diplomat I commented, "New ideas are good, and older people — just like younger people — need to always listen. Old ideas doesn't mean they're wrong ideas. Life is not black and white, it's full of nuance. Just being smart is not enough. You learn the most about life by being knocked down, having your ideas beat up but getting back up to continue your participation."

I think I then went to some sort of astral plane and went on a diatribe . . . I can only remember fragments of it, I recollect it went something like this: "Every one looks to blame . . . blame the National Rifle Association, blame the mean politicians, blame the gun — but never blame the shooter, or look inward for self introspection. Most of these shootings are by teenaged boys. Why? What happened? Where did we, as adults and parents, go wrong? Why are teenaged boys killing themselves and others at record numbers? Why are we not talking about what has gone wrong. When my uncle was shot and killed in his home in Detroit, I did not blame the gun, I blamed the man who shot him.

Why did that man shoot and kill my uncle? Did the gun make him do it? We need to ask more questions, harder questions — not just cast blame."

I'm not sure he heard me. He had a glazed-over look on his face. I think he heard, "Waa, wa, waa, waaah."

Because then he said he is still considering a journalism career or library sciences. I think he would be good at both.

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What happened? Not too many years ago I received the following in an e-mail and I wrote . . .

. . . Americans rarely get a chance to see another country's editorial about the USA. Read this excerpt from a Romanian newspaper. The article was written by Mr. Cornell Nistorescu and published under the title "C'ntarea Americii" (meaning "Ode to America.") on September 24, 2002 in the Romanian newspaper *Evenimentul Zilei* ("The Daily Event" or "News of the Day.")

An Ode to America

Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another — even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs. Still, the Americans' tragedy turned three hundred million people into a 'hand put on the heart'.

Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers.

Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts.

Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about. The Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of their national flag.

They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car, a government official or the President was passing. On every occasion they started singing their traditional song "God Bless America!"

I watched the live broadcasts and rerun after rerun for hours, listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in her wheelchair without knowing who she was; or the Californian hockey player who gave his life fighting with the

terrorist and preventing the plane from hitting on target, that could have killed another hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond, united as one human being?

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or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their galloping history? Their economic power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases - with the risk of sounding commonplace.

I thought things over, but I reached only one conclusion . . . Only freedom can work such miracles!

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A. Social Security is one of the cornerstones of your retirement strategy, providing income for life. There are many options to consider, especially if you are married. Claiming early or late, restricted applications, life expectancy, and much more need to be considered. Medicare has many options as well and has lifelong penalties if you don't apply on time!

I suggest attending a 90-minute workshop on Social Security and Medicare to learn more about these two critical areas.

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At left, Hannah Heebner, development manager at HAVEN, and Emily Rupp.

Donation night for HAVEN

Emily Rupp of Lake Orion hosts a fundraiser to benefit HAVEN at Fillmore 13 Brewery in downtown Pontiac from 5-11 p.m., Wednesday, April 11.

"HAVEN is an organization here in Oakland County doing a great job to help women who have experienced assault," Rupp said. "They are working hard to educate young men and women about preventing sexual and domestic violence and how to handle tense situations when they

arise."

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, she said.

During the fundraiser, \$1 from the sale of several select beers and 20 percent of all food sales will be donated to HAVEN.

Anytime during the month of April, the brewery will donate to HAVEN for every glass of their "Feel Good Tap." For more information, go to www.haven-oakland.org.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Suspended license

A deputy on patrol stopped an SUV traveling 52 mph in a 40 mph zone on Maybee Road, 10:46 a.m., March 28. The driver, a 52-year-old Pontiac woman, was cited for driving with a suspended license, speeding, and no insurance.

Minor in possession

A 27-year-old Waterford man was stopped for driving on Dixie Highway at Lancaster Bay without headlights, 6:01 a.m., March 29. A passenger, a 20-year-old Waterford woman, smelled of alcohol. A preliminary breath test result was 0.17 blood alcohol content. The driver was cited for expired license and driving without lights. The passenger was cited for minor in possession. The vehicle was impounded.

Malicious destruction

An 18-year-old Pontiac woman was cited for malicious destruction of private property for breaking the player arm of a record player and destroying a video game console by pouring water on it, both owned by her ex-boyfriend in the 5000 block of Ashwood Court, 6:55 p.m., April 1. She had moved out previously and had returned to collect her belongings. She was intoxicated, and the resident said he didn't feel comfortable with her there, so he left.

Alarm check

Three deputies responded to check a residence in the 9000 block of Pine Knob Road after receiving an alarm and finding the front door wide open, 10:28 a.m., April 4. They didn't find anyone inside, left an alarm card, and locked the front door when they left.

Improper plate

Deputies on patrol checked the license plate of a car after watching it drive on the center line several times and found it was not valid, 1:13 a.m., April 4, on Dixie Highway at Deerhill Drive. The driver, an 18-year-old Holly man, was cited for improper plate and no proof of insurance. The vehicle was impounded and the plate, confiscated.

Theft arrests

A 56-year-old Fraser man and 46-year-old Detroit man were arrested in connection with a series of thefts from car wash coin operated devices in Independence Township, Oxford, Brandon Township, and Goodrich.

A deputy noticed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of a car wash in Oxford, 11:30 p.m., April 4. The vehicle was parked in front of one of the self-service vacuum machines. The deputy was aware of several recent larcenies at self-service car washes in surrounding communities. Stopping to investigate, the deputy saw two men standing near the vacuum. When the deputy approached, he noticed several hand tools and a cordless drill lying inside of the vehicle. The deputy asked for identification from each subject while additional deputies arrived to assist.

The vehicle was similar to a suspect vehicle wanted in connection with the other B&E's from coin operated devices at self-serve car washes in other communities, as was the physical description of one of the suspects. Upon closer examination, deputies discovered small holes were recently drilled into the machines coin vault. The business owner was contacted and responded to the scene. The two suspects were arrested and jailed. Detectives will be continuing the investigation.

Tracking human trafficking in Clarkston

There are predators on our streets, across the nation and in this state, exploiting the weak and young. Next Tuesday, the Clarkston Community Women's Club hosts a Human Trafficking Awareness meeting at the Clarkston Independence District Library.

"Human trafficking or sexual slavery can happen anywhere, in any neighborhood, and most people don't even notice," states the flyer announcing the meeting, adding, "Please attend this important event to learn tactics and tools to protect the children of our community from these predators and help survivors."

Guest speakers will be Edee Franklin, founder of Sanctum House, and a deputy from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

According to Sanctum House's website, "Sanctum House is a safe home for survivors

of human trafficking to heal and rebuild their lives. Our program not only offers shelter, it is a 24-month program of personal development and education for women 18 years of age or older. Through our outreach program, we will continually bring awareness to the community and anticipate reaching younger trafficking victims helping them to see that there is hope for a successful future 'out of the life.'

"There are more than 30 million slaves in 163 countries in the world today. Human trafficking is an illegal activity that includes force, fraud or coercion."

Sanctum House is located in Royal Oak. Their website is www.sanctumhouse.org.

There will be light refreshments served on Tuesday. The event starts at 7 p.m. Please RSVP by calling 248-722-4702.

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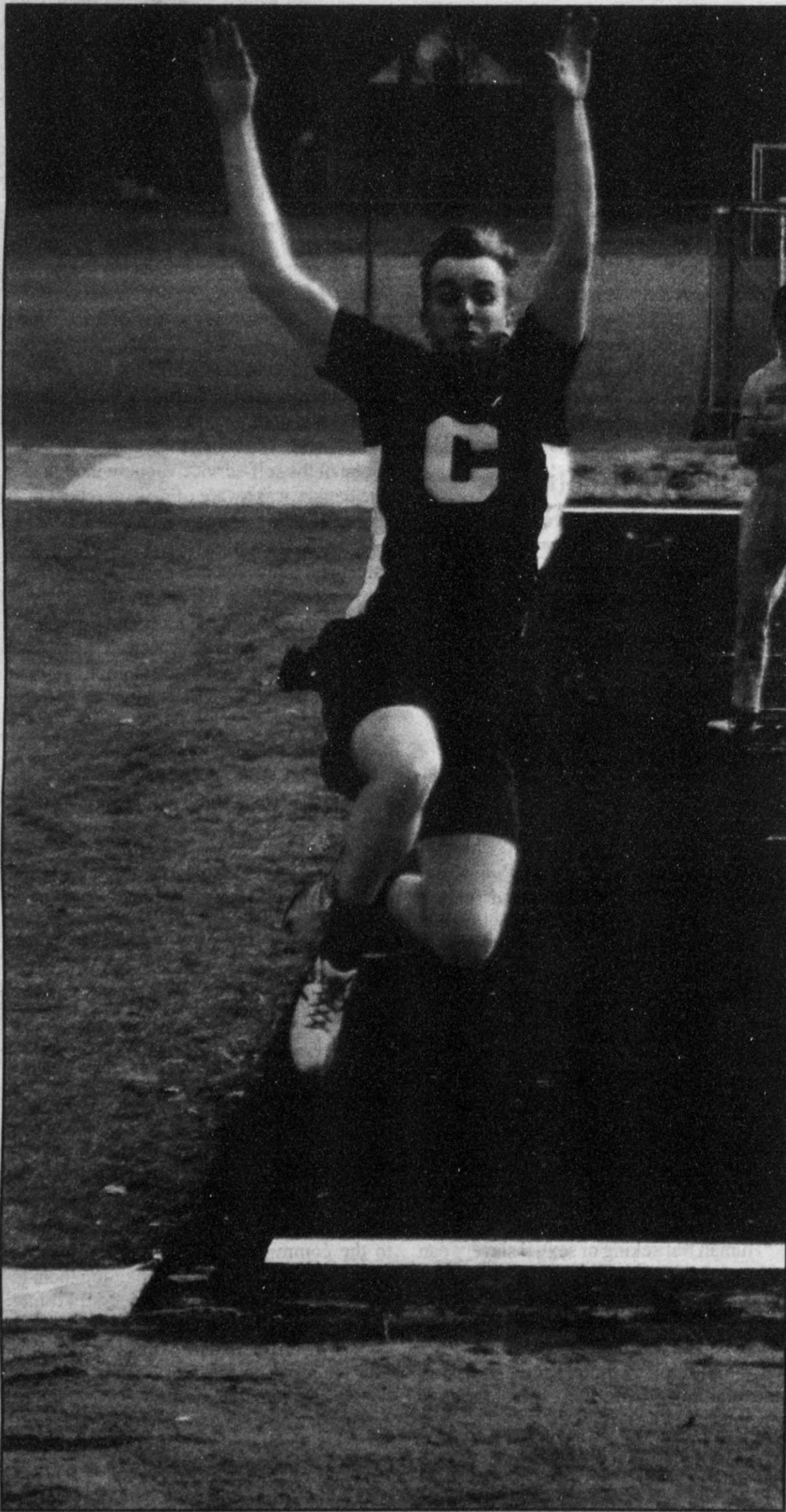
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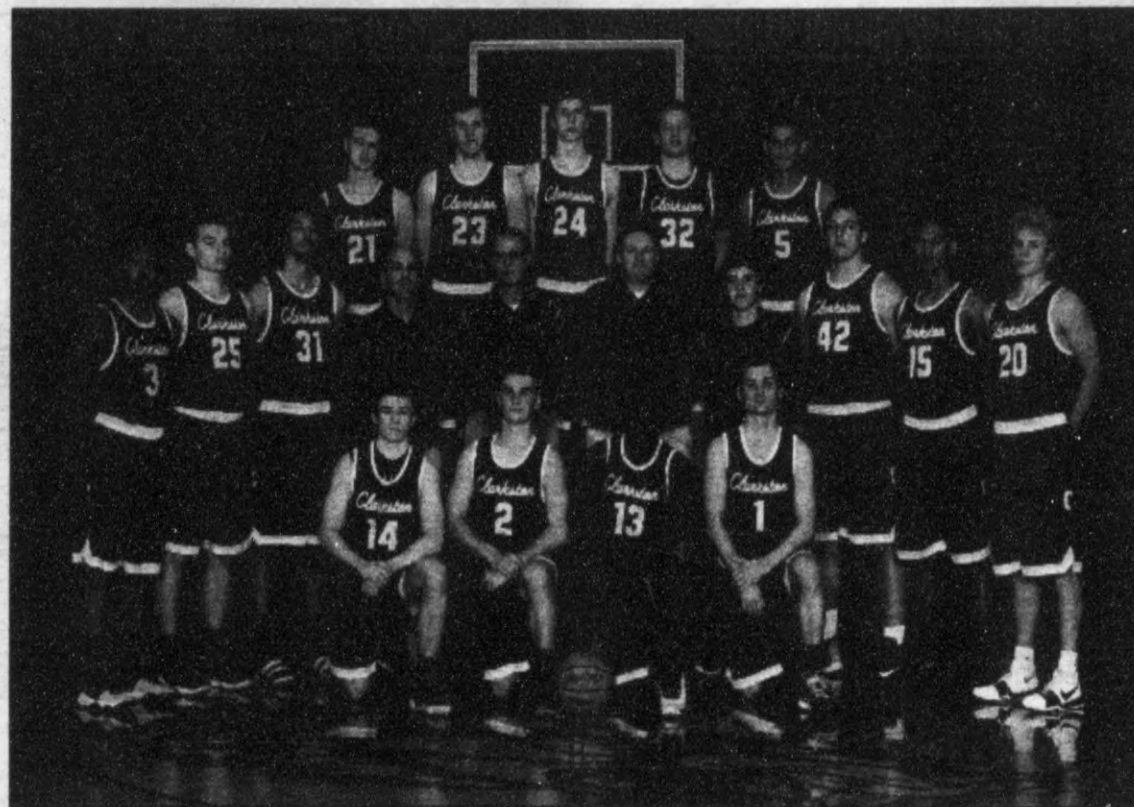
Who is the next AOW?

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AIR TIME: Josh Kelley hurls himself into the air in the long jump at the Wolves' March 28 meet. *Photo by Wendi Reardon Price*

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team. *Photo by Visual Sports Network*

State champs

Talk started early about a back-to-back MHSAA Class A Boys Basketball State Championship, and the Wolves made it happen. They only lost one game during the regular season and used their experiences in their tough schedule and the tough OAA Red into the post-season.

The Wolves defeated Lake Orion, 62-50, and Oxford, 77-35, for the district championship. They moved on to defeat Troy, 71-46, and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, 58-35, for the regional title. Then, in the fourth time in the program's history and third time in a decade they won the quarterfinal game to go onto the Final Four with a 52-31 win over Carman Ainsworth.

"It was ugly but we got it done because of our defense," said Dan Fife, head coach. "We struggled on offense. Every basket was hard. We didn't get very many easy baskets. We have been

playing with a bullseye on our back all year."

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team includes freshman Garrett Dellinger; sophomore Matthew Nicholson; juniors Joshua Luther, Jakob Jensen; seniors Max Anderson, Taylor Currie, Tieler Houston, Thomas Kithier, Foster Loyer, Demond Mills-Bradley, Tristen Mysen, CJ Robinson, Hank Schemmel, Chase Wasilk and Nick Wells with manager Mason Kochanski.

Dan Fife is the head coach, with assistant coaches Eric Chambers and Tim Wasilk. The boys finished with a 26-1 overall record and 12-0 in the OAA Red for their 12th consecutive league title.

See how the Wolves got there in the 24-page *Twice as Nice* special section in next week's Clarkston News, for subscribers and on newsstands only!



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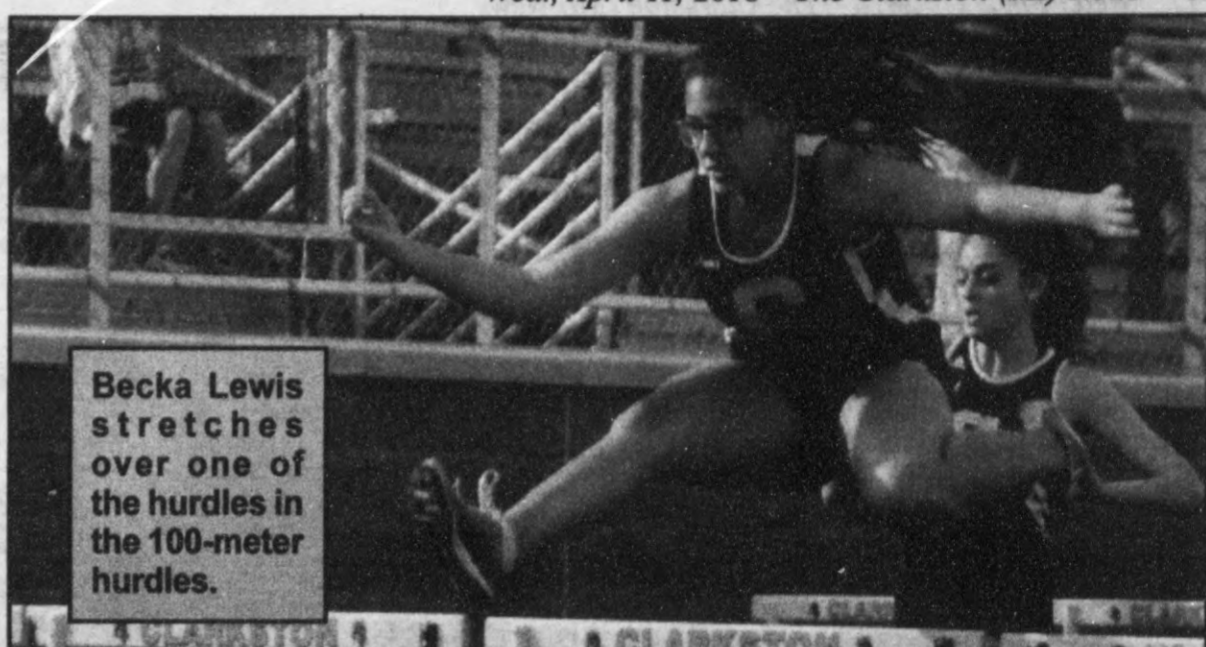
Miguel Gonzalez lifts himself over the bar in the pole vault event, March 28.

Wolves to host Rochester

Clarkston Boys and Girls' Track and Field teams return from spring break to host Rochester at Clarkston High School, Wednesday, April 11. The first event starts at 4:30 p.m. They head to Davison High School for the Shake Off the Rust Invitational on Friday, April 13, with the first event starting at 1p.m.



Elizabeth Dalrymple is ready for the baton exchange from Grace Nolan.



Becca Lewis stretches over one of the hurdles in the 100-meter hurdles.

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Skiers earn awards

The Clarkston High School Ski program honored their racers during their end of the season banquet at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club, March 25.

Highlights from the night included:

Seniors Katie Bayley and Max Wiedemann were named team MVPs and were nominated for the *Detroit Free Press* High School "Top Skier" Award, to be announced at the Fillmore in Detroit on May 18.

They earned First Team All-State Honors in the Slalom and Second Team All-State Honors in the Giant Slalom. Freshman Hunter Hambrick earned Second Team All-State in Slalom. Junior Megan Ford and sophomore Allison Osborn earned All-State Honorable Mention in Slalom. Juniors Nico Bassman, Annika Karlstrom and Megan Ford also earned their MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award during the season.

Bayley and Wiedemann also earned the MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award for the second consecutive year as well as seniors Justin Osborn and Helen Josephson.

Bayley, Osborn and Wiedemann received their four year varsity award.

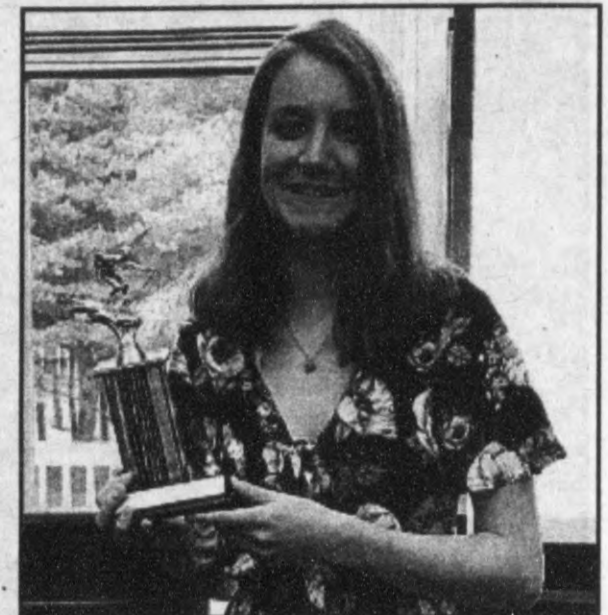
Sophomore Allison Osborn received the team's Most Improved Award.

Freshmen Hambrick, Andrew Foyteck, Gunnar Karlstrom, Andrew Roeser and sophomore Mia Farella received their varsity letters.

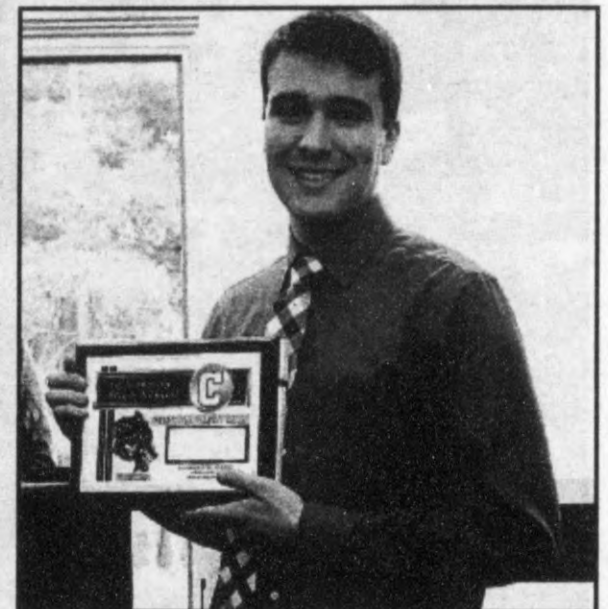
The girls team graduates two seniors Bayley and Josephson. The boys team graduates three seniors Osborn, Wiedemann and Evan Raddatz.



Nico Bassman, Justin Osborn, Max Wiedemann, Helen Josephson, with Katie Bayley, Annika Karlstrom and Megan Ford in the front, receive their MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award.



Allison Osborn receives the team's Most Improved Award.



Justin Osborn receives his 4-year varsity award.

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Katie Bayley and Max Wiedemann receive Team MVP Awards and nominations as Finalists for Top Skier for the *Detroit Free Press* High School Sports Award.



Megan Ford, Allison Osborn, Max Wiedemann, Katie Bayley and Hunter Hambrick receive All-State honors.



From left, Mia Farella, Chloe Swanson, Olivia Foyteck, Allison Osborn, Annika Karlstrom, Megan Ford and Katie Bayley from the Clarkston Girls Varsity Ski team celebrate their fifth place finish at the state finals. *Photos provided*

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Middle schoolers undefeated by outside teams

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The future is bright for Clarkston Girls Basketball.

Not only did the varsity team finish in the Elite Eight and JV go undefeated but the seventh graders ruled the court during the fall season.

The players at Sashabaw Middle School were split into two girls basketball teams - blue and gold.

Both teams went undefeated against other schools but lost one game to each other as they both finished the season 13-1.

"We did really well," reflected Chris Foldesi, coach for the gold team, about the season. "It was one of the first seasons I felt the girls were really motivated. The competition was so high. They wanted to play against each other and try to beat each other. It's one of the few times the whole team got into really wanting to beat each other."

He added the increasing competitive nature and talents during the season will help the program for years to come.

"I feel like it keeps girls retained in the program," Foldesi said. "I really feel starting off at a young age especially in seventh grade and having a positive experience really allows them to keep it as one of their sports. I feel like at this age it's almost 'why not go out for basketball?' So they go out for basketball, they like it and stay with it versus a lot of kids come in with a preconceived notion I am only a good volleyball player or I am only a good softball player. Having this positive experience makes them tune into a different sport."

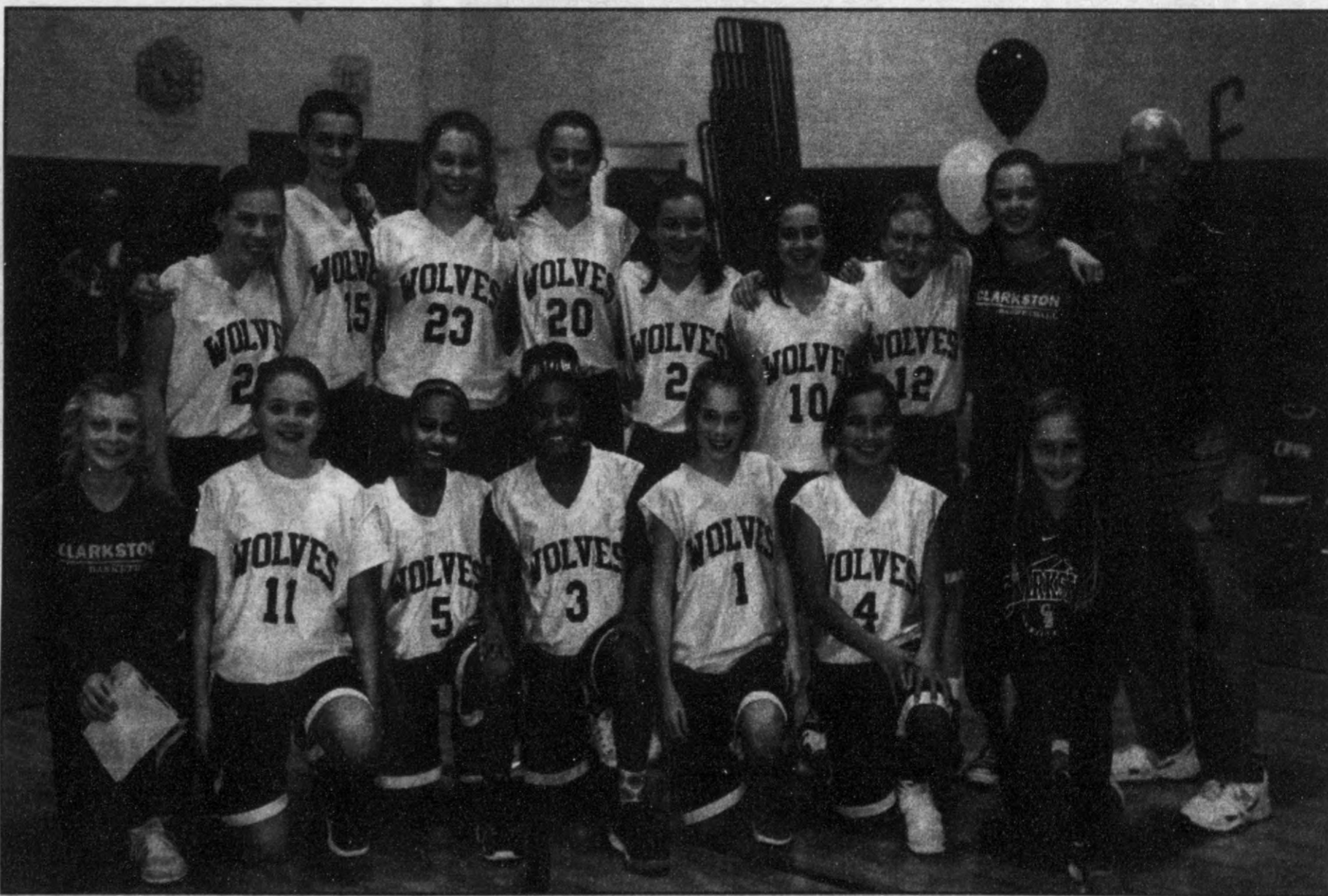
The teams had a mix of players who had played for the first time and those who play in travel or AAU ball.

The Clarkston Girls Seventh Grade Basketball Blue team included Olivia Gray, Emerson Wood, Keira Tolmie, Ryan Bordogna, Emma Larkins, Destiny Daniels, Cianna Retsel, Kendall Lozzi, Abby Simon, Alex Aris, Maddy Gurn, Kara Bowles with managers Claire Walker and Georgia Bosart. Foldesi was head coach.

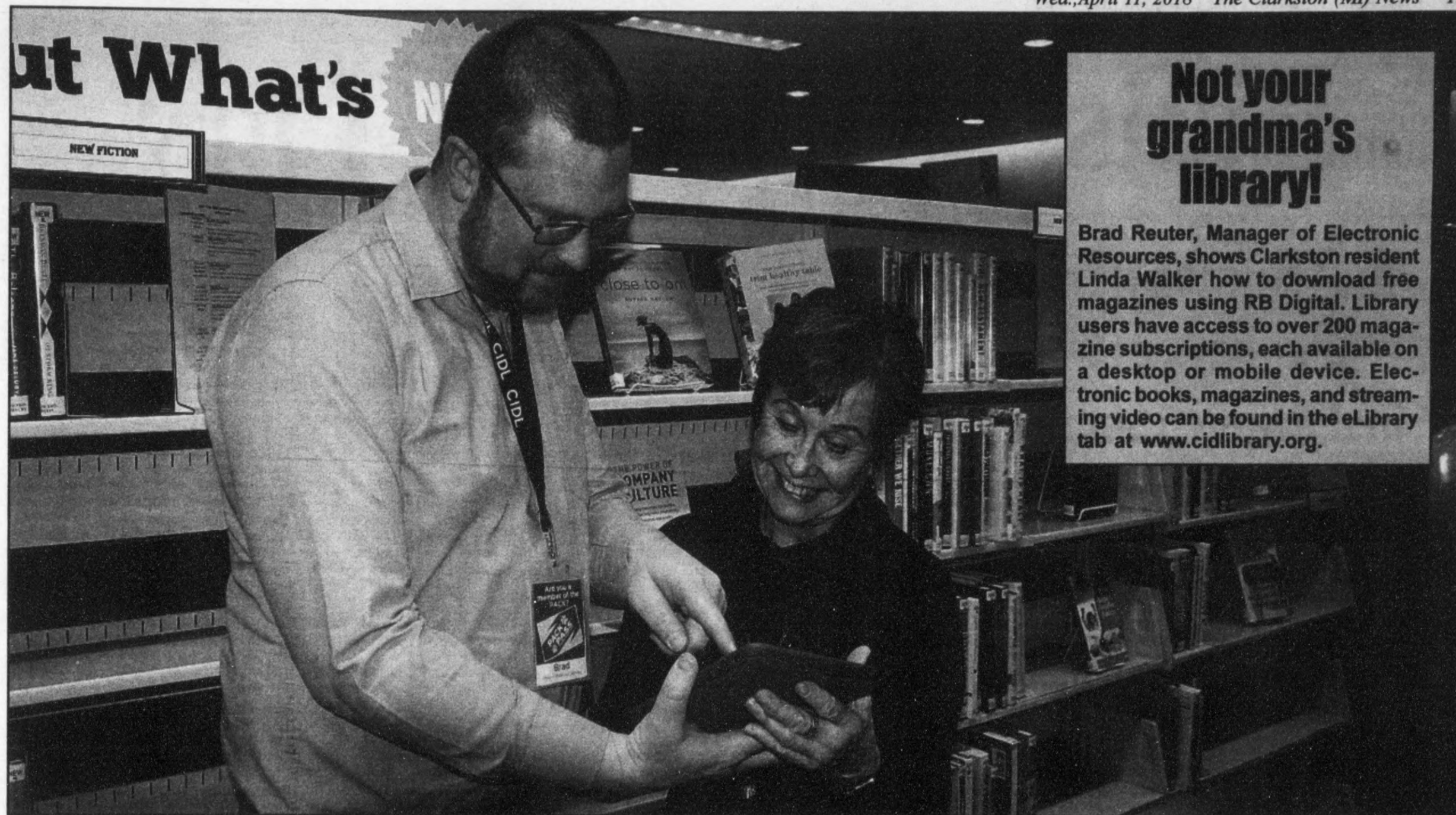
The Clarkston Girls Seventh Grade Basketball Blue team included Rylee Karlewski, Ava Hernandez, Journey Harris, Lili Alcauter, Anjali Issac, Maddie Zacharias, Carly Graves, Katelyn Ward Paige Giehtbrock, Emma Craglow, Emily Ervin, Ava Gushen with managers Jersey Loyer, Tavi Burtki and Wiley Gibbs. Gerry Ostrom was head coach.



The Clarkston Girls Seventh Grade Basketball Gold team, from left, in back row, Coach Chris Foldesi, Alex Aris, Emerson Wood, Ryan Bordogna, Keira Tolmie, Emma Larkins, Abby Simon, Kara Bowles; front row, Claire Walker, Georgia Bosart, Olivia Gray, Maddy Gurn, Cianna Retsel, Destiny Daniels and Kendall Lozzi.



The Clarkston Girls Seventh Grade Basketball Blue team, from left, in back row, Paige Giehtbrock, Ava Gushen, Emma Craglow, Ava Hernandez, Maddie Zacharias, Katelyn Ward, Wiley Gibbs, Coach Gerry Ostrom; front row, Jersey Loyer, Carly Graves, Anjali Issac, Journey Harris, Rylee Karlewski, Lili Alcauter, and Tavi Burtki. Photos by Larry Wright



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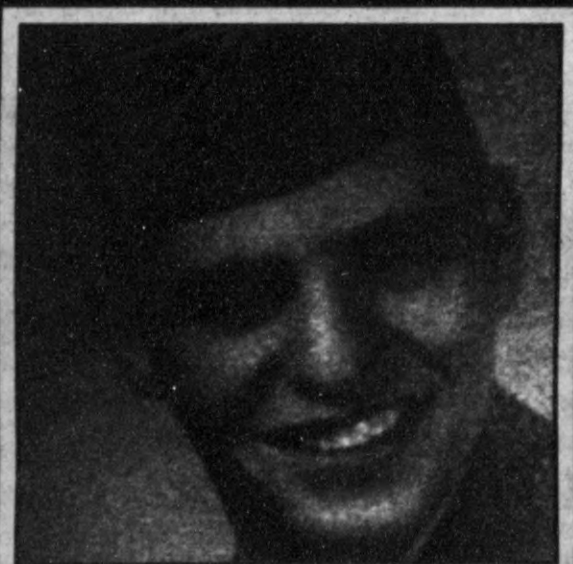
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This Memorial Day

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On Wednesday, May 23 we will run photos of deceased veterans from our community. Please send a picture of your loved one to us by April 27. Include name, rank, branch of service, years served, birth and death years.



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Make your submission by April 27

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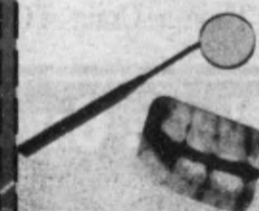
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Clarkston High School's award-winning Team RUSH is set to compete at the Michigan State Championships this week, from April 11-14 at Saginaw Valley State University. Photo provided

Clarkston students achieve success

Martha Leigh of Clarkston achieved Dean's List status for the Fall 2017 semester at University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Leigh graduated from the International Academy in May 2017. She is a freshman at the Honors Program at the Marshall School of Business in USC. This honor is awarded to students who have earned a grade point average of 3.50 or better for 12 or more graded units in a term.

Clarkston students **David Arenz**, BBA; **Christopher Calvano**, BBA; **Sean Calvano**, BS; **David Duthinh**, BS; **Stacy Keydel**, BS; **Connor Smith**, BS; and **Rebecca Turner**, MS, and Davisburg student **Madison Chandler**, BS, graduated from Grand Valley State University on Dec. 9.

Students who participated in the University of Findlay Physical Therapy Program's Annual Research Forum, March 1, included **Erin Richards** of Clarkston.

Richards presented "SEMG Study of Individuals with Parkinson's Disease and Age Matched Community Dwelling Peers." The research forum promotes clinical research among students, faculty and community to foster and support evidence-based practice.

Thomas Craig of Clarkston graduated from

Central Michigan University's College of Medicine. CMU on Friday graduated its second class of doctors.

The Council of American Ambassadors recently announced the selection of **Grace Anderson** of Clarkston, a junior at the University of Southern California, as a 2018 Council of American Ambassadors Fellow.

Anderson's academic achievements and leadership experience made her an outstanding candidate for the CAA Fellowship.

Her distinctions include induction into the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society and serving as a Virtual Student Foreign Service Intern at the Advisory Council on Public Diplomacy.

She will receive mentoring from the Honorable G. Philip Hughes, who served as the U.S. Ambassador to Barbados and Eastern Caribbean from 1990 to 1993.

Additionally, Anderson will pursue advanced academic coursework while interning at the U.S. State Department's Office of International Visitors in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

CHS Junior **Noah Castille** competed in the Regional Skills Competition, and placed in the top three standings. He will go on to compete in the State Competition event April

20-22 in Grand Rapids, which is a Hands-on Vocational Skills Aptitude Contest.

Clarkston students **Anna Davis** and **Matthew Schmidt** were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, at the University of Michigan.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Mitch Lewandowski of Clarkston was named freshman of the year for the 2017-2018 season by the Big Ten college hockey conference.

Lewandowski recorded 19 goals and 15 assists for 34 points in 36 games with the Michigan State Spartans.

SUNY Canton is recognizing **Dylan J. Rosen** of Clarkston for earning the highest senior cumulative grade point average in the Finance Bachelor of Business Administration program. Rosen will receive an award at the Dr. William J. Fassinger Honors Convocation, Wednesday, April 25, in the Roos House Convocation, Athletic and Recreation Center.

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Big Wins for Clarkston kids

If you read *The Clarkston News* (which clearly, you do!) or scan social media, you've probably noticed that many Clarkston Community Schools students are making names for themselves at the state and national level through their extraordinary accomplishments.

We love seeing our students chase their dreams and we're proud of their success!

We also realize that for most of our students, success comes in smaller, sometimes less noticeable ways everyday.

It can become easy for kids to compare themselves with others and wonder how they measure up.

It seems everyone is earning a scholarship, everyone is singing at Carnegie Hall with the choir, everyone is winning a state championship, everyone is competing in a national or global competition, everyone is winning.

But we must remind our kids that if everyone was winning all day, everyday, these accomplishments wouldn't be "extraordinary."

The reason the big wins make the news is because these milestone moments don't happen everyday, and they don't happen to everyone. (I'm fairly certain I'll never step foot on the Carnegie Hall stage in my lifetime, and I am OK with that.)

Words from the Sup't



Shawn Ryan

Wherever our children are in their lives right now, it's OK.

Failures are opportunities for growth.

Triumphs, even the small ones, are worth noticing and celebrating.

I wish I could high-five every student who did something they're proud of today. I can't, but I've got help.

I want you to know that my conversations with the faculty and staff at Clarkston Community Schools always center on making connections, and seeing the "invisible" kids.

Relationships are critical if we want to impress upon our students that their victories and struggles are worthwhile, and that their very existence is worthwhile.

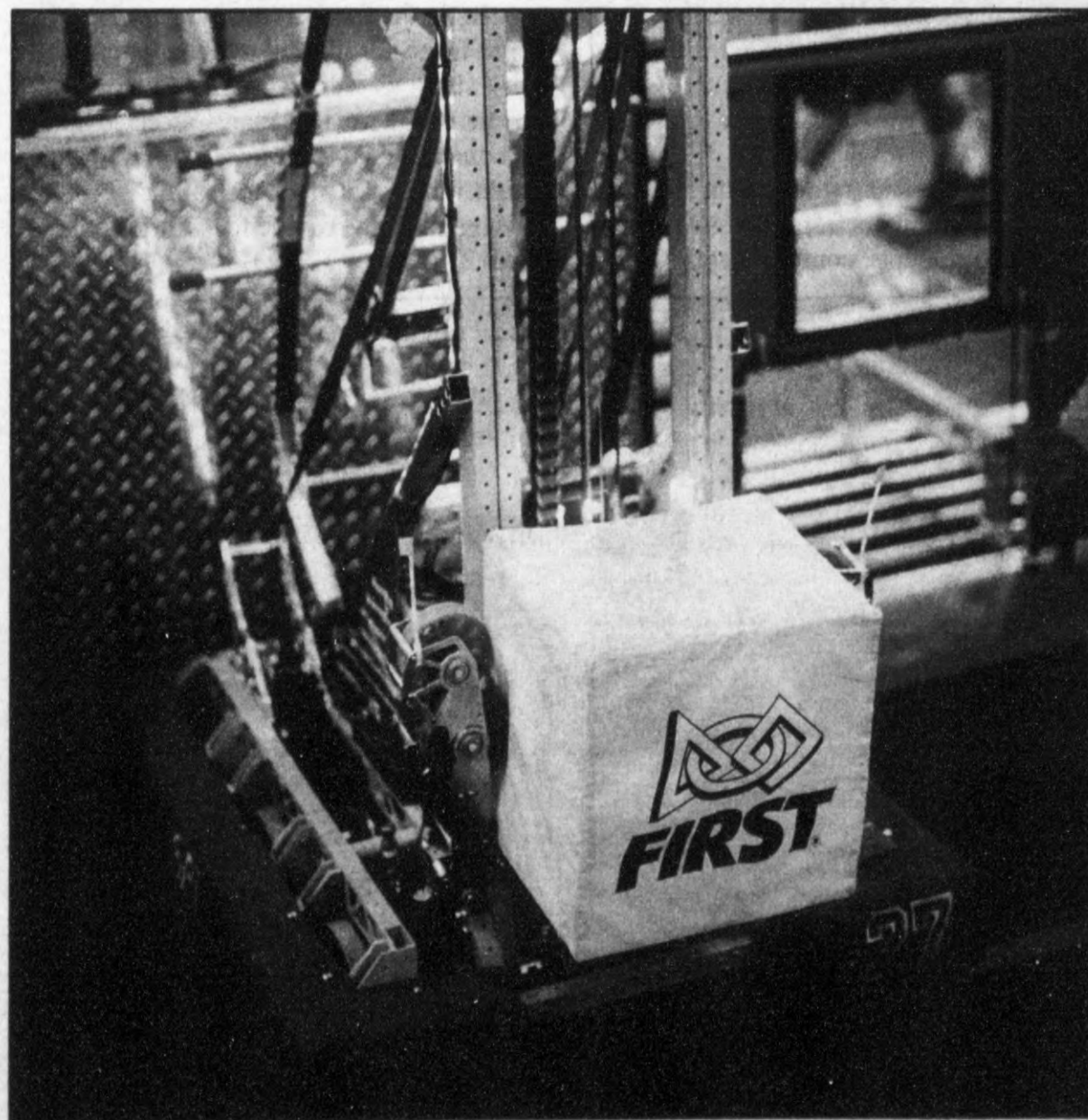
Before last week's Spring Break, I encouraged families to use the time away from school to be with one another: to tuck away the devices, start a conversation, ask kids about their lives.

If you've got a child in your life, I hope you'll take a few minutes today to ask them what makes them proud, worried, excited or sad.

My 22 years in education (and almost as many years of being a dad) guarantee you'll see something new about that child, and he or she will see that you care.

And that's a big win.

By Shawn Ryan, Interim Superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools



PROGRAMMED TO WIN: Team RUSH designed and built a robot to move "Power Cubes" around the contest arena to beat the final "boss." Photo provided

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Culinary first place winners are Victoria Tenuta, Juliana Stuert, Madison Mumford, David Robinson, Gavin Goik, and instructor Nick Lopez.

Tech students win at state competition

Students from Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest in Clarkston recently took the Culinary first place award at the 2018 Michigan ProStart competition.

The winning Culinary team prepared a three-course meal – first course, beet tortellini stuffed with a blue cheese filling; second course, pork tenderloin with a fried garlic and celery leaf crust; and third course, strawberry mousse with raspberry paté de fruit.

Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest also won fourth place in Management.

Sixty-two teams representing 23 career and technical centers from across Michigan, nearly 250 students, competed at the Michi-

gan ProStart Competition, March 18-19.

The annual culinary and management competition was hosted by the Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) Educational Support Foundation at the Lansing Center, Lansing.

The top teams shared in more than \$1.8M in scholarships to help the students pursue careers in the foodservice industry.

MRAESF will send the Clarkston Culinary team, as well as the first place Management team from Saginaw Career Complex, to compete against teams from across the country at the 17th Annual National ProStart Invitational in Providence, Rhode Island, April 27-29.



From left are Restaurant Management fourth place winners Jessie Howard, Jurze Egres, Victoria Tenuta, and Nick Lopez, instructor. Photos provided

Independence Township Times

April 2018

Widen North Sashabaw Road

Getting Ready for the Final Phase

By Pat Kittle,
Supervisor

We are getting our ducks in order to complete the Final Phase of the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Plan – rebuilding Sashabaw Road from Flemings Lake to



Township
Supervisor
Pat Kittle

Clarkston Road into a five-lane roadway. We're calling this phase the North Sashabaw Road project. I don't think I need to remind anyone of just how beat up this stretch of roadway is. Benefits to the community are many, such as: 1) increasing the number of lanes for NB commuters to bypass concert night

congestion, 2) eliminating the dangerous potholes and crumbling shoulders reducing vehicle repair expenses, and 3) improving the economic viability of the Sashabaw Corridor (a/k/a Township), including the marketability of the commercial properties on the west side of Sashabaw. The estimated engineering & construction costs of this project (\$5,614,000) and associated bonding & interest expenses (\$1,024,000) will bring the total cost of this project to roughly \$6.64M over 12 years.

Funding for the road improvement project will come from the following sources:

- Capital Improvement Bond — \$3,430,000 (12 years @ estimated 3.75%)
- Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) — \$1,619,000 (cash & in-kind services)
- Oakland County — \$ 330,000 (Tri Party contribution)
- CIA Tax Increment Financing Balance — \$ 370,000
- NOTE: Township General Fund Contribution — \$ 892,000 (15% of total cost)

While we have North Sashabaw torn up, the Township will also be installing sewer mains along the west side of the road that



the Township is proposing to pay for with a special assessment on effected properties estimated at \$400,000. A safety path with lighting will also be added on the east side when the roadwork is finished to be paid with Safety Path funds estimated at \$300,000.

We are proposing to issue a bond vs. paying cash for the project. By bonding, we have estimated there will be a \$416,000 net benefit to the community as highlighted below:

- \$931,000 is the anticipated interest expense for using a bond to complete this project (\$3,430,000 bond @ estimated 3.75% interest rate for the 12-year bond)
- \$1,347,000 would be the anticipated interest earned with available General Fund dollars if invested over the same 12-year period (\$3,430,000 investment at 2.8% over 12 years)
- \$416,000 (\$1,347,000 minus \$931,000) would be the net benefit to the Township by bonding for the project.

The Corridor Improvement Authority Board met on Thursday March 29th and

unanimously recommended the Township proceed with the North Sashabaw Road improvement plan and the use of future CIA funds for the project. To be more transparent with this large of an expenditure and the use of public funds, the following timeline is being created:

■ April 3. Township Board of Trustees met to review the recommendation on the North Sashabaw Road plan by the CIA Board. No Township Board action was taken.

■ April 11. This edition of the Township Times provides information to Township residents on the North Sashabaw Road Plan, proposed funding model and approval timeline. This edition also includes a formal Notice of Intent to issue bonds for the proposed financing for the road project. This Notice of Intent contains information on the project and how Independence electors have the right to petition for a referendum on the issuance of the bond. That is, interested residents who do not support this road

improvement project will have 45 days beginning on April 11 to secure signatures from 10% of the registered electors (voters) to place this item on the November ballot. The deadline for the referendum petitions is May 26. Contact the Township Clerk's Office at 248-625-5111 ext. 203 for more details.

■ June 5. At this Board of Trustees meeting, the Board will find out if a referendum has been submitted to place this bonding proposal on the November ballot. If a petition to create a referendum IS NOT submitted by May 26, the Township Board of Trustees will have the authority to vote on moving forward with the North Sashabaw Road Plan that best serves the interests of the community at a later date. This decision to formally go / no go on this project is estimated to take place in July.

The Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority was created in 2006 as a tool to

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April showers bring door-to-door solicitors

By Barb Pallatta,
Township Clerk

Spring is the season of door-to-door sales and companies still use this method to sell a multitude of various products and home improvement services. Why aren't there laws that ban door-to-door soliciting altogether? We're glad you asked. The first thing you need to know is that the door-to-door salespeople canvassing your neighborhood have a constitutional right to be there even though, as a homeowner, you have a right to privacy on your private property.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Challenges to this constitutional right have failed in courts as far back as 1976 in the U.S. Supreme Court by opining that speech that "does no more than propose a commercial transaction" is protected by the First Amendment (Virginia State Board of Pharmacy v. Virginia Citizens Consumer Council).



Township Clerk
Barb Pallotta

Local Ordinance Regarding Door-to-Door Sales

The Courts have repeatedly ruled that anti-solicitation ordinances violate the First Amendment because they believe these laws take the decision of whether or not to listen to a solicitor out of the hands of the individual resident. However, local ordinances can be placed on this type of activity legally. Chapter 36 - Peddlers and Solicitors of the Township's Code of Ordinances includes narrow

provisions to protect First Amendment rights while honoring Township resident's right to privacy:



■ **No Soliciting:** Unquestionably, the best way to keep solicitors from knocking on your door is to display a "No Soliciting" sign. If your community is accessed by private

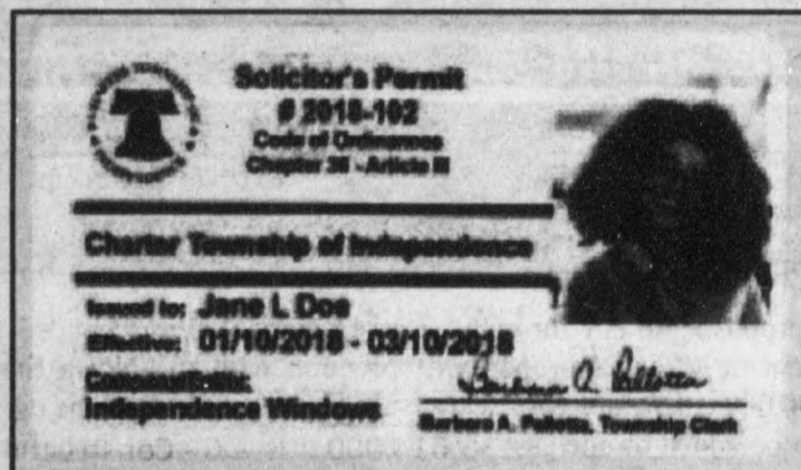
roads only, solicitors cannot enter if a sign is posted at or near any entranceway to the property.

■ **Hours of Solicitation:** Sunday - Saturday; 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

■ **Solicitor's Application:** Every application (approved and denied) will be kept on file for in the Township Clerk's Office. Direct all questions related to a solicitor's application to the Township Clerk's Office.

■ **Display of Solicitor's Permit*:** Every solicitor is issued and is required to display a photo badge like Solicitor's Permit that is clearly visible when soliciting. Contact the Township Clerk's Office if a solicitor is unable or unwilling to produce his/her permit when requested.

*Exception: Political, charitable and religious



groups who are not attempting to sell a product or service are exempt from obtaining a Solicitor's Permit. However, the Township Clerk's Office maintains a record of these organizations

■ **Expiration of Solicitor's Permit:** The solicitation permit will expire based on the time requested on the application or after 60-days of issuance, whichever is the shorter period.

■ **Solicitors under 18 years of age:** Minors must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

■ **Complaints:** All complaints directed to the Township Clerk's Office will become part of the solicitor's record and may cause denial of a future application. Notify the Oakland County Sheriff's Department **non-emergency number** at (248) 858-4950; Ext. 8 about any suspicious activity that may be considered unsafe or a potential threat.

Note: Article III - Solicitors' Ordinance is available in its entirety on the Township's website at www.indtwp.com.

★ **NEEDED: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** ★

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- Questions? Contact the Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5114.

2018 ELECTION DEADLINES	August 7, 2018: Primary	November 6, 2018: General
Filing: Precinct Delegate: Affidavit of Identity	Tuesday, May 8 th at 4:00 pm	
Withdrawal: Precinct Delegate Candidate	Friday, May 11 th at 4:00 pm	
Write-in: Precinct Delegate Candidate	Friday, August 3 rd at 4:00 pm	
Delivery of Military & Overseas AV Ballots	Saturday, June 23 rd	Saturday, September 22 nd
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, July 9 th	Tuesday, October 9 th
Last Day to Submit Absent Voter Ballot		
Application to Receive Absent Voter Ballot by Mail	Saturday, August 4 th at 2:00 pm	Saturday, November 3 rd 2:00 pm
Last Day to Vote in Person at Clerk's Office	Monday, August 6 th at 4:00 pm	Monday, November 5 th at 4:00 pm

★ **ELECTION INSPECTORS NEEDED FOR 2018 ELECTION CYCLE!** ★

The Clerk's office is always in need of Election Inspectors, but is especially in need of "tech savvy" election inspectors to assist in operating the Electronic Poll Book (EPB) laptop and the new tablet-based Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) and ballot scanner on Election Day. Although the EPB has proven to be a great asset at the precincts in processing voters quickly, we currently have "just enough" Election Inspectors to operate the EPB at each precinct.

Our goal is to make certain that each precinct has at least one additional Election Inspector fully trained as a back-up in operating the EPB. The EPB software program is simple to navigate and the **ONLY** qualification needed is that you **MUST** have no fear of operating a laptop. **Election Inspector Applications** are available on the Township's website @ www.indtwp.com and in the Clerk's Office.

Attention all voters: Come test out the new voting equipment!

By Barb Pallatta,
Township Clerk

The Independence Township Clerk's Office has the new election equipment set up in the upstairs lobby area of Town Hall for all interested voters who would like to test out the new devices before the State Primary election scheduled for August 7, 2018. All voters are encouraged to stop by and try it out.

A special 4-question "Mock Election" ballot is available in the lobby so voters can vote the ballot and cast their votes by inserting the ballot into the new Verity V-Scan equipment. Also available to test is the new Voter Assist Terminal (VAT), also known as the Verity V-Touchwriter, that replaced the old, unreliable AutoMARK equipment used by those with disabilities.

While the V-Touch is designed to assist voters with disabilities, it can be used by any voter at the precinct. Interested voters are asked to come test the new V-Scan and also try using



Future voters, Jack and Ashlyn Klobucar voted, then cast their ballots by inserting them into the new V-Scan equipment to be used at Precincts starting in August. Jack also voted using the new V-Touch device, alternating between using the V-Access Controller and the touch-screen, demonstrating the ease of use.

the new V-Touch. The V-touch enables voters to use the touch-screen tablet-like device, or a game-like controller to navigate and select ballot options on the screen, then print out the ballot from the attached printer to be inserted in the V-Scan to record the votes. Headphones are also available for persons with visual

impairments. All persons with physical challenges are encouraged to stop by and try the new V-touch.

It is important to note that the process for voting has not changed, only the equipment that captures your votes has changed. At the precinct voters are still required to fill out an Application to Vote,

show ID, be assigned a ballot, vote the ballot in a voting booth before inserting the ballot into the new V-Scan. The new Verity equipment is **secure**, easy to use, and has been well-received by other communities that have had the opportunity to use it over the past year.

North Sashabaw

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secure funding from the commercial and residential properties that are located within the approximately 1.1 square mile CIA TIF district to pay for a very specific set of road and infrastructure improvements along Sashabaw.

This funding mechanism was used to pay for the interchange improvements at I-75 and Sashabaw, for the installation of the traffic light at Sashabaw and Fleming Lake Road and for landscaping the boulevard. The improvements to North Sashabaw is the final phase of the CIA plan. Once completed and the bonds are paid off, the Corridor Improvement Authority will have served its purpose and be dissolved. To complete the North Sashabaw project, it is estimated that \$892,000 in direct Township contribution will be needed to cover the Township's Tri-Party contribution (\$331,000) and bond interest (\$561,000), representing 15% of the total cost. If development along Sashabaw increases above the conservative growth rate used in this pricing model, the amount of Township contribution will decrease.

Bottom Line: With the cost of funds and materials continuing to creep up, this project will only get more expensive the longer we wait. Right-now the construction plan is to install the infrastructure (water

North Sashabaw Road Improvement Project			
Numbers Rounded Up to Nearest \$1,000 -- As of 4/3/2018			
Engineering & Construction Expenses		External Sources of Funds for Project	
Design Engineering	\$317,000	Bond Amount	\$3,430,000
Construction Engineering	\$680,000	Tri-Party Contribution - 66% (2018--2021)	\$657,000
Construction Cost	\$4,001,000	CIA (\$4.37M TIF - \$3.43M Bond - \$590K I-75) *	\$370,000
Contingency	\$300,000	RCOC - Cash Contribution	\$450,000
Easement Acquisition	\$316,000	RCOC - Design Eng 50/50 Co Pay	\$159,000
Subtotal	\$5,614,000	RCOC - Construction Eng	\$680,000
		Subtotal	\$5,746,000
Bond & Interest Expenses		Net Township Funding to Complete Project	
Cost of Issuance	\$55,000	Twp GF - Design Eng 50/50 Co Pay	\$0
Underwriters Discount	\$35,000	Twp GF - Easement Acquisition	\$0
Other Fees	\$3,000	Two GF - Tri Party Contribution	\$331,000
12 Year Bond Interest Expense	\$931,000	Twp GF - Net 12 Yr Bond Interest Expense	\$561,000
Subtotal	\$1,024,000	Subtotal - Net Township Contribution	\$892,000
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	\$6,638,000	TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	\$6,638,000
Benefit of Bonding			
	\$892,000	Net Township Contribution to the Project (Bond Interest & Tri Party)	
	\$1,347,000	Potential Investment Interest: \$3,430,000 @ 2.8% Over 12 Years	
	\$455,000	Potential Net Benefit to the Township	

* CIA Tax Increment Financing Revenue is estimated to generate \$4.37M with the modified Corridor Improvement Authority Plan thru 2029. Deducting the \$3.43M bond and the \$590,000 remaining balance from the I-75 Interchange project, the CIA TIF remaining contribution to this project is \$370K.

and sewer) in late 2018 and road construction in 2019. As you can imagine, traffic snarls will be an absolute nightmare during construction, especially on concert nights. We will keep

you posted as we move forward so you can plan alternative commuter routes. The chart above summarizes the financials as highlighted in this article. If you have any

comments or questions, please contact me at pkittle@indtwp.com. Would appreciate any and all feedback.

It's burning season in the township

Independence Township has an ordinance regarding the open burning of yard waste and has also recently instituted an ordinance restricting open burning in designated areas for documented medical reasons. The following is a general guideline for the two types of burning; Open Burning and Recreational Burning, and provides an overview of the Medically Restricted Burning ordinance.

Open Burning. Open Burning is defined as the burning of yard waste, tree trimmings, paper, or scrap wood where the contents are burned in an open area, with the intent of eliminating the material.

- Open burning is allowed by permit only, which can be obtained at any of the three Independence Township Fire Stations or on-line at www.independencetownshipfire.us.

- Open burning is allowed during the following times:

Summer Hours (April 1st thru November 31st - 8am to 8pm). Winter Hours (December 1st thru March 31st - 8am to 6pm).

All fires must be completely extinguished after hours (no smoldering).

- Parcels of less than 3 acres must follow the burn date calendar on the permit. Parcels of more than 3 acres may burn on any day. Regardless of acreage, weather - particularly wind - should be

considered prior to burning to prevent fire spread.

- All Materials being burned must be from the site. No materials may be brought to the site for disposal.

- Open burning shall be constantly attended by a person 14 years of age or older until the fire is extinguished.

- A source of extinguishment shall be present and adequate during hours of burning.

- No burning shall be permitted within 50' of any structure. Provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading.

- No burning along roadways.

- No flammable liquids shall be permitted to ignite the fire.(i.e. gasoline, kerosene, starter fluid, etc.)

- No burning shall be allowed on construction sites.

- The size of the pile to be burned shall be no larger than 6' diameter.

- Remember, burning is a privilege that may be revoked at any time. It shall be the option of the fire official that shall dictate the right to burn.

- Burning violations may be subject to fines in accordance with Civil Infraction Penalty. First offense may be \$75.00, second offense \$150.00 and privileges revoked.

- Acceptable Burn Items: Dry Leaves, Paper, Brush, Wood scraps.

Recreational Burning. Recreational Burning is defined as the burning of seasoned wood in a manufactured device, specifically designed for the containment of the fire, with the intent of using the fire for cooking or social purposes.

- Recreational burning is allowed without permit.

- A campfire is an example of a recreational burn.

- A container designed for recreational burning must be used. (see examples)

- Materials to be burned shall be consistent with firewood, or other seasoned hard wood.

- All recreational fires shall be tended and extinguished completely when finished.

Medically Restricted Burning Ordinance

- It shall be the policy of Independence Township to prohibit the issuance of any open burn permits, or revoke previously issued permits, within 400 feet of any residence whose occupants have a documented serious medical condition that is aggravated or triggered by the exposure to smoke from open burning, unless allowed under the provisions of this policy. The Independence Township Fire Department, as the issuing body for burn permits, shall adhere to this policy when issuing burn permits. This authority is already comprehended under Chapter 20, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III,

Open Burning, subsections 20-59(c)(6) and (d)(4)b, to prohibit burning in certain circumstances even after a permit has been issued. SPECIAL NOTE: This new burn policy does not apply to or prohibit recreational fires in chimineas or fire pots as long as the recreational fires are consistent with the examples.

- Residents are required to submit documentation from a medical doctor to the Fire Department supporting the diagnosis of a medical condition that is serious and aggravated or triggered by exposure to smoke from open burning. This evidence must be provided annually and will be kept on file with the Fire Department. After filing, all requests for open burning permits will be rejected except for the exemptions within the ordinance.

Burn permits may be renewed or obtained, and information on the medically based burn permit restrictions policy, can be found by visiting www.indtwp.com [DEPARTMENTS] [FIRE] [OPEN BURNING / BURN PERMITS], and choosing one of the options listed below the header. At the bottom of the web page there is also a link for a "How-To" guide for obtaining a burn permit through the online system.

You may also visit any of the three Independence Township fire stations to obtain a burn permit, or call (248)625-1924 with questions regarding any of the information above.


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Writer sees 'red' for new work

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

When contemplating his next graphic novel, Clarkston comic writer Shaun Manning turned to the classics.

"The first time I remember reading Shakespeare was during my study period in seventh or eighth grade at Clarkston Middle School," said Manning, a 1998 Clarkston High School grad. "I don't even think it was for an assignment, I picked up Macbeth as something I'd heard about and just gave it a look. The language was fascinating. I picked up on the rhythms even though I didn't really have any way to describe what I was experiencing."

Manning tells the tragic tale of the noble king's rise to power and heroic last stand in his new graphic novel, "Macbeth: The Red King," to be published by Lucha Comics.

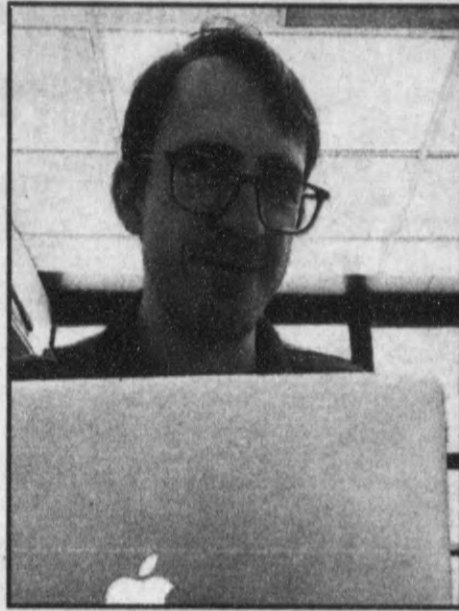
He teamed up with artist Anna Wieszczyk, also his partner in the webcomic "Hell, Nebraska" and "Interesting Drug" graphic novel.

"I've always loved Shakespeare's tragedies," said Manning, who read the bard's "Romeo and Juliet" for a couple classes at CHS, and also watched the 1968 movie.

"Then the Baz Luhrmann version with Claire Danes and Leonardo DiCaprio came out when I was a junior, and that was this major event," he said. "We got a big group together to go see it. I think that movie also showed me just how many different things you could do with the same story."

The story of Macbeth is based on real historical events, which is fascinating, Manning said.

"Very loosely based, as it turns out," the writer said. "He ruled for 15 years in a tumultuous era, he trav-



Manning

eled to Rome to meet with the pope, he had a stepson who would have had very good reason to hate him. None of that's in play in Shakespeare's work, and it all adds up to a really fascinating story that's been lost to history. That's the story Anna and I are telling with this book."

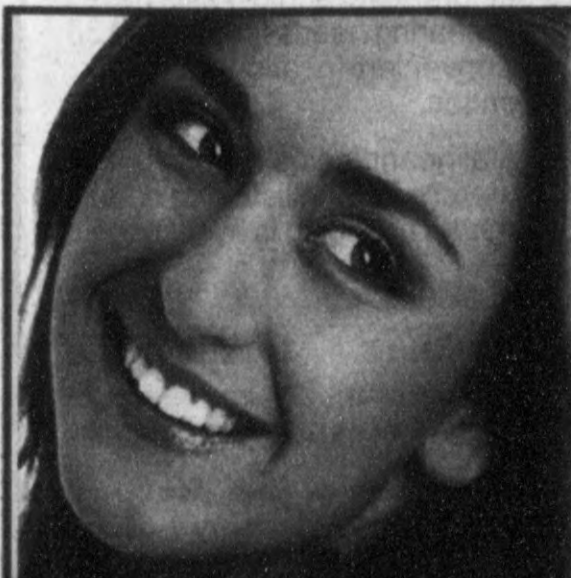
Historically, the early 11th century Scottish monarch was a strong and effective ruler with more legitimate claim to the throne than the man he overthrew, he said.

He's looking to set up comic shop signings in May and June.

"Comic City has been a great supporter of my books," he said. "The Pontiac store is where I shopped in high school and I've enjoyed stopping in whenever I can. I'm also hoping to exhibit at the new Michigan Comic Con at Cobo in August."

Separately, they have worked with Dark Horse, IDW, Black Mask Studios, and other Indie publishers. A historical fiction starring Muhammad Ali, "The Fight We Never Saw," is forthcoming.

For more information, check Kickstarter for "Macbeth: The Red King" and macbeththeredking.com.



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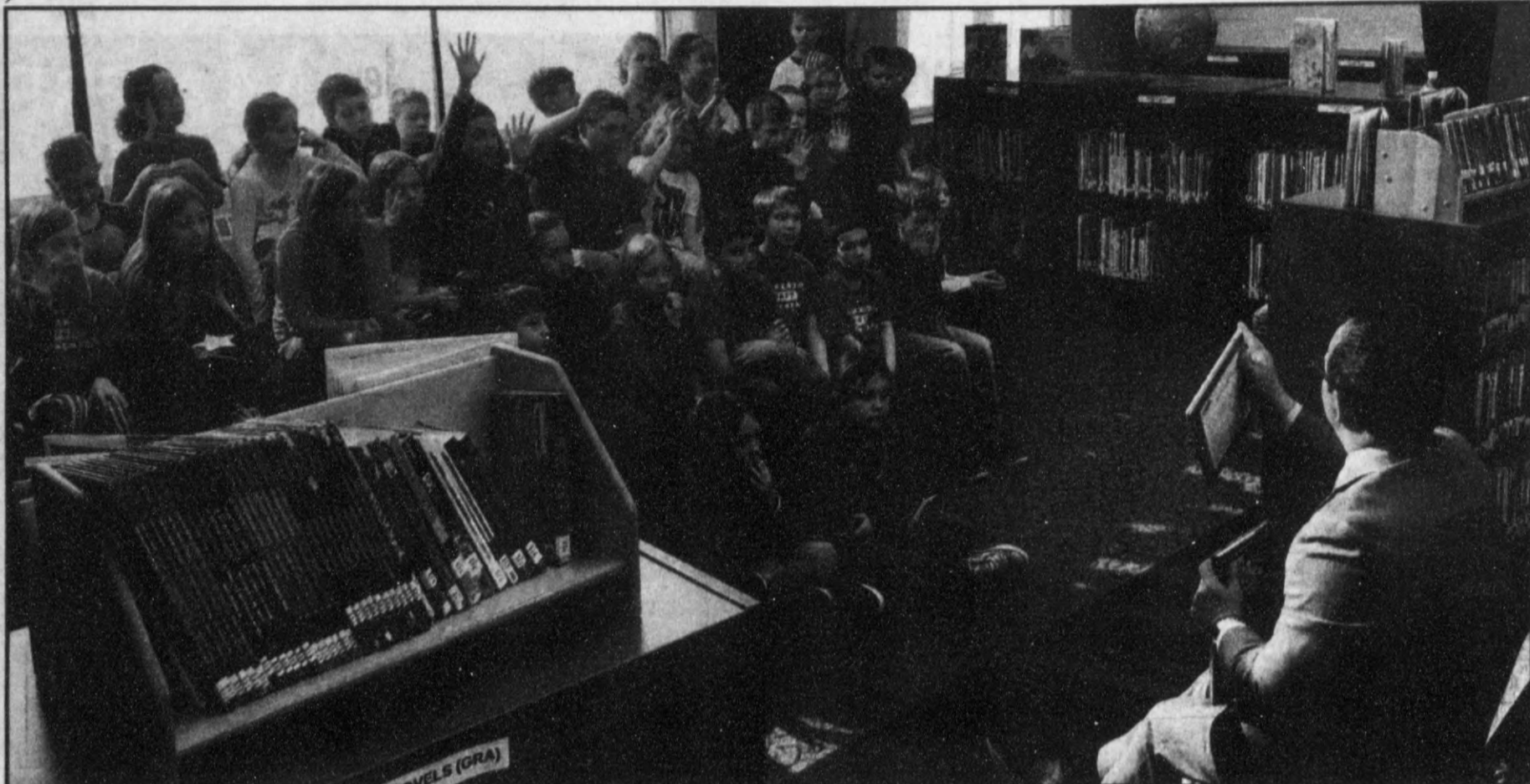


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State Rep. Jim Tedder reads to students at Clarkston Elementary School during his annual March is Reading Month tour. Photo provided

Teacher turned state rep. returns to class for reading month

State Rep. Jim Tedder wrapped up his annual March is Reading Month tour by reading to over 400 students in Clarkston and Independence Township.

"Reading is a skill that is imperative in ensuring the success of our children," Tedder

said. "One of the most influential things we can do for our children is read to them."

Each year, the legislator visits schools to further promote the importance of reading.

"When I was an educator, I hoped to inspire students to pick up a book and let their

imagination take over," he said. "Now serving as a state representative, it's great to visit students and show them reading can be an adventure, and not just homework."

March is Reading Month recognizes the importance of reading for children.

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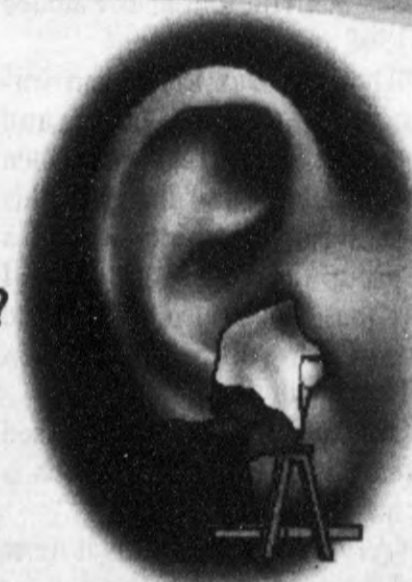
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Many guests came to the Imagine That Teen Art Show at the Clarkston Independence District Library on March 22.



Victoria "Tori" Knieper was the second Place Winner by Popular Vote, 8th/9th grade division. Photos by Brenda Dominick

Clarkston community's got to have art!

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was tough call at The 10th Annual Imagine That! Teen Art Show on Wednesday night, March 22, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

A variety of vibrant, dramatic, and elaborate artwork filled the hallway of the Clarkston Independence District Library, created by teens from across the district.

Victoria "Tori" Knieper, a Clarkston Junior High student, won second place in the 8th/9th Division for her art piece *Fly Without Wings*.

"I thought it was a cool idea to make a metaphor with my piece," Knieper said. "I actually write fiction a lot and that's one of my characters," referring to the character Angel.

Knieper has written poetry which has been published in *Kids Standard* magazine.

The goal of the show was to give students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to showcase their artwork, gain recognition, and empower them as valued members of our community. Each year, prizes are awarded to students for artwork submitted in various categories and every artist who participates in the show received a certificate of participation and a

special treat. This year, there were 97 pieces to showcase this year and 16 prizes to award.

Alexa Lalejini, Youth and Teen Services librarian, was the director of the event. Prior to the event, three judges cast their votes: Corey Gott, owner of Corey Gott Design; Leanna Haun, Picasso's Grapevine; and Mary Himburg, Library Board secretary and coordinator of the Thursday Painters.

Additionally, several attendees came to the art show to show their support and to cast their vote for their favorite art pieces. Prizes were awarded at the end of the night and each participant received an Imagine That! green tote bag.

Juried Competition Winners

Best Drawing- *Kylie Jenner* by Sam Moyet

Best Painting- *Unity* by Brandi Johnson

Best 3D- *Radical Beauty* by Faith Waight

Best Digital- *Gray Atmosphere* by Kaley Moyet

Winners by Popular Vote

6/7th Grade

1st Place- *Mystical Morning* by Rebekah Wilson

2nd Place- *Bobcat Dreams* by Anna Reineck

3rd Place- *Pure Beauty* by Miracle Lopez

8th/9th Grade

1st Place- *Kylie Jenner* by Sam Moyet

2nd Place- *Fly Without Wings* by Victoria Knieper

3rd Place- *Where Music Can Take You* by Melody Lebert

10th/11th Grade

1st Place - *Thad (My Host Brother)* by Hanna Tran

2nd Place - *Hand Gestures* by Carter Schmidt

3rd Place - *White Wedding* by Bailey Schroeder

12th Grade

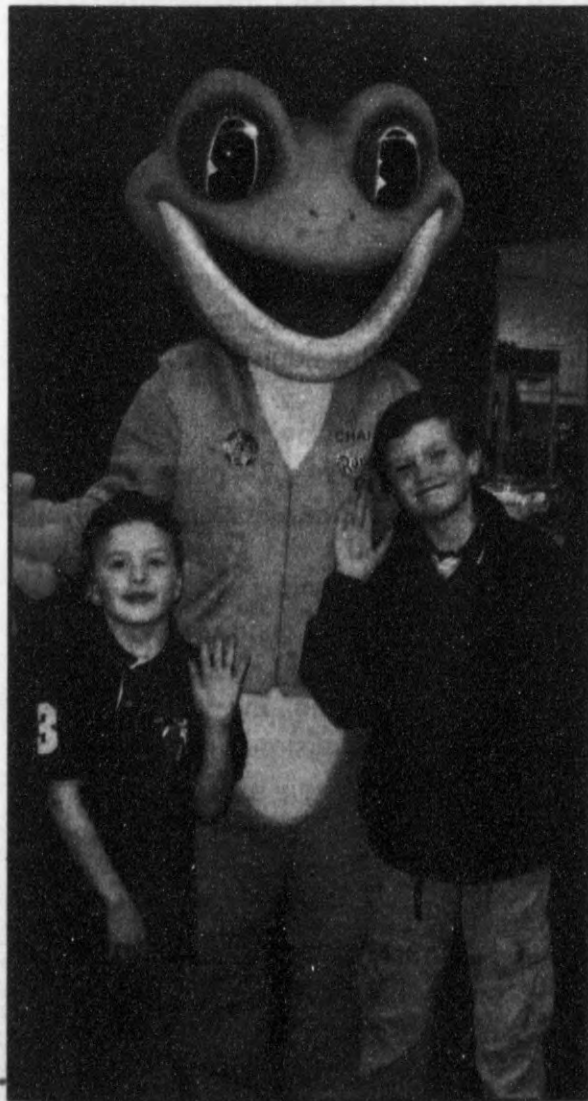
1st Place - *Jon Bellion* by Angela DeSantis

2nd Place - *Flower Wheel* by Ellie Arnold

3rd Place - *Unity* by Brandi Johnson

Chris Schweda, Rainforest Café assistant general manager, and Amber Clayton, dining room manager, provided snacks and refreshments. Rainforest Café's mascot Cha Cha The Tree Frog was also on hand, portrayed by intern Julia Scribner.

Independence TV was also at the library to capture the event. A televised podcast will be available online soon.



Peter Osberger, at left, and Andrew Osberger, with Cha Cha The Tree Frog from Rainforest Cafe.

Events

Meet Author Berl Falbaum, "Shanghai Remembered," Clarkston Independence District Library, April 15, 2 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library. Free, open to the public. Stories of Jews who escaped from Nazi Europe to Shanghai.

Blood drives, American Red Cross, April 24, 2-7:45 p.m., St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road; April 24, 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Spring Concert, with pianist/singer Matthew Ball, AKA The Boogie Woogie Kid, 6:30 p.m., April 26. Boogie-blues-ragtime and songs from the swing era. Free. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Spring Michigan Wine Tasting, Clarkston Rotary, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 10, Fountains Golf & Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. \$40/advance, \$50/at the door. Michigan wines, appetizers and desserts. 248-625-9741.

Kids Day in the Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., May 12, Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Games, activities, entertainment. 248-625-8223.

Food Truck Rally, May 18, Neiman's Family Market parking lot, Dixie and White Lake Road, 16 Food Trucks, live entertainment, Kidzone, beer tent.

40th reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1978, June 30. Contact Diane, 248-251-7314.

Sunday

Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3/ members, \$4/non-members.

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

Tuesday

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

Around Town

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



International Buddha Dharma Society for Cosmic Law (IBDSCL), 7500 Village Court, Davisburg, resumes Dharma talks on Saturdays and Sundays, 10-10:40 a.m.; and meditation from 11-11:40 a.m., on April 21 after pilgrimage to India. Monthly subjects for discussion include April, Precepts; May, Samadhi; June, Wisdom; July, The Three Dharma Seals; August, The Four Noble Truth; September, Eightfold Path; October, Karma Retribution; November, Reincarnation; and December, 12 Links of Dependent Origination. All activities are free and open to the public. Call 248-270-1960. Photo provided

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$40/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

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.

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Jack, 248-334-3686.

Wednesday

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7:30-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

Coffee and Conversation, April 19, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, Clintonwood Park. \$1.

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

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

50 Plus Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties,

Civic groups

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Call President Pat Smolen, 248-909-3920.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter, second Tuesday, www.sashabaw.michdar.net.

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

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

Clarkston Area Genealogy, 10:15 a.m., third Thursday, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-620-2984.

Preservation Clarkston, third Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Buckshots, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. @Facebook

movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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

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

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. Immediate results. 248-625-2212.

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Elephants, Piggies and Pigeons, Oh My!

Saturday, April 14 @ 2 pm

Do you love Gerald and Piggie? How about the Pigeon, you know the one - he wants a hot dog and is determined to drive the bus. Come to the library to do some fun crafts, games and activities all about Mo Willems' lovable characters!



Meet the Author: Berl Falbaum

Sunday, April 15 @ 2 pm

Shanghai was the only port open to Jews fleeing Nazi Germany/ Austria in the 1930s, though the Japanese occupation and later American bombings hardly made it a safe haven. A Former journalist (and archived at Wayne State U.) relates a fascinating, little-known chapter of the Holocaust.

Religion

Events Preaching

Earth Day chance for public service

The snow is warmer so it must be spring. One nice thing about the snow is that it blankets the earth with a coat of pretty white and covers up all of the trash on the side of the road. At least until it melts and then there it is again that pesky trash.

This time of year we carry garbage bags with us on our walks; picking up trash is one way we practice our sacred duty to care for the earth.

Stewardship, caretaking, and protection are key responsibilities of the "dominion" (Genesis 1:26) we have been given for the earth and all of her creatures.

April 22, 1970, the date of the first modern Earth Day observance, found me and my junior high school classmates stumbling through the mountains of Oregon's Coast Range planting fir trees and picking up garbage in what was then known as the Tillamook Burn.

The Tillamook Burn was the site of a series of horrendous forest fires in the 1930's and 40's. Over 700,000 acres of 400 year old fir trees were lost due to the fires that were caused by careless logging operations and smokers whipped up by coastal winds. The first fire burned for nearly 3 weeks before seasonal rains doused the flames.

In 1973, the Tillamook Burn was officially renamed the Tillamook State Forest.

This was a testament to 24 years of reforestation efforts where millions of seedlings had been planted by volunteers and lumber company reforestation teams.

Yet, even today, the forest is but a shadow of what it had been and will again be long after all of us who participated in the replanting are gone.

I remember getting off of the school bus at the end of the day and walking behind my buddy Billy. Billy pulled out a stick of gum, popped it in his mouth and threw the wrapper on the ground.

I yelled, "Billy, what the (heck) are you doing? We just spent the day picking

up garbage and here you are trashing our street." He just laughed. I picked up the wrapper and put it in my pocket.

My oldest son was a member of the Clarkston High School Robotics team, Team RUSH. We participated in public service activities including cleaning up after home football games.

I have made the observation that people can be such pigs. I sometimes wonder if they know what a garbage can is.

Piles of cups, wrappers, junk of all kinds are casually left behind by the fans as if the world is their toilet.

People often ask, "What would Jesus do?" I can't imagine Jesus throwing his trash to the side of the road or leaving it for others to pick up after him.

"The kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17. "The kingdom of God is in the midst of you." Luke 17:21.

I believe the Good Shepherd would also be the Good Steward of God's kingdom on earth.

"It (the Kingdom) will not come by watching for it. It will not be said, 'Look, here!' or 'Look, there!' Rather, the Father's kingdom is spread out upon the earth, and people don't see it." The Gospel of Thomas 113.

Earth Day 2018, with all its projects and activities, is Sunday April 22nd this year.

Earthday.org is a resource for individuals, organizations and educators for ideas and to locate events.

This year the focus is to "End Plastic Pollution." Plastics are a growing problem not only in landfills but in our oceans. The United Nations Ocean Conference estimated that the oceans might contain more weight in plastics than fish by the year 2050.

Truly every day is Earth Day when we accept our responsibility to be good stewards. We have the ability to respond with peace, joy and love as we engage in this sacred service.

May we all be awakened to the spiritual path of sacred service in God's kingdom on earth.

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Pastor Jonathan A. Heleman
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Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman
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6:00 pm Worship Service
Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs &
Adult Bible Study
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7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston
(W. of M-15, S. of I-75)
(248) 625-4530
Rev. Ronald J. Balich, Pastor
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am
Religious Education: 6:25-7:30
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Scripture Study, Youth Group

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6595 Waldon Rd., Clarkston
Website: www.kensingtonchurch.org
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Services:
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Childcare for birth through 5th Grade,
9am and 10:30am
Middle School Program, Sunday 10:30am
High School program, Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm

WAYPOINT CHURCH

8400 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston
Website: www.waypoint.org
(248) 623-1224
Sunday Worship:
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6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
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Reverend Heather Barte
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PUBLIC NOTICEBecause the People Want to Know
CLARKSTONCITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
CITY COUNCIL**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
02 12 2018 MINUTES SUMMARY

Call to Order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. All Present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Wylie, Seconded by Detkowski to approve the agenda. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Haven seconded by Detkowski to approve the Treasurer Report and Minutes. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Open Public Hearing at 7:15 to consider the Resolution adopting the 2018 - 2022 Clarkston Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Mayor Percival read from the Resolution 18259 then closed the Public Hearing at 7:21. Resolved by Percival, Supported by Wylie to approve the Resolution adopting the 2018-2022 Clarkston Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Haven, Supported by Catallo to recommend approval of the lot split of 33 Miller (08-20-181-001) as stated in 01 18 2018 Planning Commission Meeting. All Aye, Motion Carried. Attached is map and T Ryan letter. Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Detkowski, Supported by Wylie to recommend removal of parking on S Buffalo from E Church Street to Waldon Road in order to meet AASHTO and improve safety. Roll Call: Reynolds, Haven, Kneisc, Catallo, No. Motion Failed.

Motion by Catallo, Supported by Reynolds to change S Buffalo to one way traffic. Motion Carried.

Resolved by Haven, Supported by Wylie to approve a Budget Amendment for the Depot Park Landscape Bed Maintenance in the amount of \$2,000.00. All Yes, Resolution is Adopted.

Resolved by Wylie, Supported by Percival to approve several Budget Amendments that total \$11,870.28. Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Wylie, Supported by Percival to approve the Council Meetings flyer change updating public comments to 3 minutes and may comment on any item. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Percival, Seconded by Detkowski to form a committee to review the City Attorney Roles and Responsibilities. The members will be Al Avery, Richard Meyer, Steve Percival, Jonathan Smith and Sue Wylie. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Wylie, Seconded by Detkowski to adjourn at 9:29 PM. All Aye, Motion Carried. For the complete minutes please contact Sandy Miller, City Clerk at 248-625-1559 or millers@villageofclarkston.org or visit www.villageofclarkston.org**PUBLIC NOTICE**Because the People Want to Know
CLARKSTONCITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
CITY COUNCIL**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
02-26 2018 MINUTES

Call to Order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Reynolds, Absent

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Wylie, Seconded by Detkowski to approve the agenda. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Haven, Seconded by Detkowski to approve the Treasurer Report. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Resolution by Percival, Seconded by Catallo to waive the park fee of \$200.00 for Scamp Walk and Roll on May 6, 2018. Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Wylie, Seconded by Percival for the approval of the City Hall Facility Bid Release Request, Dennis Ritter Presented. There is no cost to put this out to bid. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Health Care Resolution: Resolved by Wylie, Seconded by Kneisc to cover the City's one full time employee and family (dependents) according to our Policy and Procedures Manual from this time forward with a 70% City and 30% Employee Split. Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Catallo, Seconded by Wylie, to approve the American Legion Post 63 Poppy Drive on May 17 through May 19 from 9 AM to 6 PM contingent upon insurance certificate. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Percival, Seconded by Detkowski to adjourn at 9:08 PM. All Aye, Motion Carried. For the complete minutes please contact Sandy Miller, City Clerk at 248-625-1559 or millers@villageofclarkston.org or visit www.villageofclarkston.org**PUBLIC NOTICE**Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.**SYNOPSIS**
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
APRIL 3, 2018

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at Independence Township Hall
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Loughrin, Schroeder
Absent: Ritchie

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Lt. Mark Brown, Fire Department/GIS Administrator, Doreen Groth, GIS Manager, David McKee, DPW Director, Brian Oppmann, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Randy Winowiecki, GIS Technician

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- E. CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY SESSION:
1. STUDY SESSION: Road Improvement Discussion (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder, Clerk Pallotta, Trustee Aliaga
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Mark Laszlow
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
1. Presentation: Supervisor's Update (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2018
 2. Approval of the March 27, 2018 Check Run in the amount of \$328,459.46 and Ratified the March 23, 2018 Payroll in the amount of \$268,524.37.
 3. Adoption of Resolution Granting Permission for Removal and Nest/Egg Destruction of Mute Swans - Deer Lake
 4. Adoption of Resolution - 2018 West Nile Virus - Mosquito Borne Disease CVT Reimbursement Program
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
1. Adoption of Resolution - Declaring the Charter Township of Independence Participation in the WaterTowns™ Initiative
 2. Approval of Out-of-State Travel - DPW/Fire Department/Planning & Zoning
 3. Request to Waive Procurement Policy; Acceptance of Quote and Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #13 - 2018 Road Chloriding - No action taken
 4. Approval of Equipment Purchase (PEG Fees) and 2018 Budget Amendment #12

- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
1. Minutes: Safety Path Advisory Committee Minutes - Final, February 14, 2018
 2. Report: Fiscal 2018 Actual to Budget Update for Period Ending February 28, 2018
 3. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report - February 2018

- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Clerk Pallotta
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2017-380, 511-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Donald Ray Funck. Date of birth: April 1934

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Donald Ray Funck, died December 2, 2017.

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

4/2/18

Gregory Allen Funck
5410 Maybee Rd.
Clarkston, MI 48346**PUBLIC NOTICE**Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDADATE AND TIME: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
- C. ROLL CALL:
- D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- G. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Case #18-007, Jim & Nikki Vassallo, Petitioner, Requesting: A variance from Section 5.06(A)(4) for placement of a new accessory structure in front of the principal structure, 8815 Reese Rd., Parcel #08-07-300-012, R-1R Rural Residential.
 2. Case #18-008, James Heverly & Alyssa Purcell, Petitioner, Requesting: A 5 foot side yard setback variance from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 in order to construct a home addition, 4616 Clinton, Parcel #08-34-452-029, R-1A Single Family Residential.
 3. Case #18-009, Clarkston Hotel Group, Petitioner, Requesting: Two (2) total variances: 1) A 57 foot front setback variance for "Unit 2" and, 2) An 86.53 foot front setback variance for "Unit 1", both from Section 9.04(E)(3) in order to construct a hotel and sit down restaurant, Northeast corner of Sashabaw Rd. & I-75, Parcel #08-22-401-004, -005, OS-2 Office Service Two (Sashabaw Road Town Center Overlay District).
- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2018
- I. DISCUSSION:
- J. ADJOURNMENT:
- NOTICE: The above requests may be examined at the Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o Charter Township of Independence - Building Department; 6483 Waldon Center Drive - Clarkston, Michigan 48346 prior to the Meeting / Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2017-377, 443-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
Decedent's Estate

Estate of ALICE COLLARDAI RICHARDSON, decedent. Date of birth: 03/14, 2950

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ALICE COLLARDAI RICHARDSON, died 09/14/2016

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DANIELLE EVANS, c/o Joan Reilly Schliem, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Joan Reilly Schliem P53475 DANIELLE EVANS
3477 Orchard Lake Road c/o Joan Reilly Schliem
Keego Harbor, MI 48320 (248) 681-0034**STATE OF MICHIGAN** FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2018-382, 209-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Thomas Earl Gotham, Deceased. Date of birth: 12/23/1933

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thomas Earl Gotham, Deceased, died April 1, 2018

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jan Persson, 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 Jan Persson
2745 Pontiac Lake Road 8257 Fox Bay Drive
Waterford, Michigan 48328 White Lake, Michigan 48386
(248) 682-8800 (248) 698-1890**PUBLIC NOTICE**Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.**STATE OF MICHIGAN**
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**NOTICE OF INTENT**
TO ISSUE BONDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, intends to issue capital improvement bonds (limited tax general obligation) in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the purpose of defraying all or part of the costs of financing roadway improvements to Sashabaw Road from approximately the I-75 interchange through the Clarkston Road intersection within the Township, including without limitation, widening existing portions of Sashabaw Road, installing curbs, gutters, storm drainage system improvements, and any and all other related appurtenances and site improvements within or immediately adjacent to the road right of way.

The bonds will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates to be determined upon the sale thereof but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law.

The bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, and the full faith and credit of the Charter Township of Independence will be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due. The Charter Township of Independence will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to advance moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the amount of taxes necessary to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall not exceed the limit authorized by law. In addition, sources of payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds may include, without limitation, tax increment and other revenues provided by the Charter Township of Independence's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority, and other lawfully available funds of the Charter Township of Independence.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence, to and for the benefit of the electors of the Charter Township of Independence in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the Charter Township of Independence, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned Township Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Charter Township of Independence qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of said bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the Charter Township of Independence, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan 48346.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

PUBLISHED: April 11, 2018

Evelyn R. Brondige-Williams, 98

Evelyn R. Brondige-Williams of Holly passed away April 7, 2018, at age 98.

She was preceded in death by her first husband George Williams and second husband Bill Brondige; loving mother of Charlene (John) Duffie, Craig (Maureen) Williams and Cheryl (Robert) Cox; grandmother of Angie (Kevin) Stinde, Amy (William) Wilhelme, Dan Williams, Kristy (Kevin) Olech, Matt (Karly) Williams, Steven Williams, Teri (Mark) Skibowski; preceded in death by siblings Bernetta (John) Seling, Osmun, Glenn, and Donald Mills.

Evelyn was a member of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. She enjoyed being with family, golfing, bowling, shopping, visiting friends and playing cards at the Ortonville Senior Citizen Center.

Friends may visit at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-9 p.m. Funeral Service, Thursday, 10 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Groveland Township Fire Department. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Susan E. Draving, 63

Susan Elizabeth Draving of Clarkston passed away April 6, 2016, at age 63.

She was the loving mother of Ashleigh Draving, Austin (Kiera Waldick) Draving and Justin Draving; daughter of Elmer (late Elizabeth) Skolnik; sister of Joan (the late Richard) Fox, Elaine Skolnik and Amy (Frank) Rabbio; also survived by Michael (Leanne) Draving.

Sue enjoyed swimming and baking, and loved anything Disney. She retired as a registered nurse, having served at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac from 1975-2005.

Funeral Service Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast MI, PO Box 28, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Please leave a memory or condolence at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

**Obituaries
posted daily at
Clarkstonnews.com**



Colleen Anne Rivenburgh, 51

We are fortunate to have known and loved Colleen Anne Rivenburgh, who passed peacefully on Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

Colleen was 51, she was an amazing mother to Kyle and Kelley and a loving wife and partner to Mike, and a companion to her adoring pets: Bebe, Ollie-Butt, Stella-Bear, Oscar and Milo.

In addition to her immediate family, she is survived by her mother Sharon, her father Terry and the late Robert William Carlson; her siblings, Chris, Cindy, Marci, Debbie and Jenny, and a wonderful extended family, many of whom she was able to visit during her recent trips to Texas and Florida.

Colleen loved, support, guided and reassured many others; she was a "surrogate" mother for so many family friends and supported the under privileged and those in need. Colleen was an inspiration and guiding light to all of us.

Colleen loved her birthplace, Texas and her backyard sanctuary in Clarkston. We will forever remember all of her amazing and unique qualities. Colleen will be greatly missed. A memorial mass was April 6 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Clarkston.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Colleen's honor to the University of Michigan Transplant Center, Ann Arbor; <https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find#!/give/basket/fund/212753>; and The Friendship Clubhouse through Hope Network, 175 N Groesbeck Hwy, Mt Clemens, MI 48043, <https://hopenetwork.org/hopenetwork-foundation/donate>. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. We will celebrate her life with friends and family at the Clarkston house this summer surrounded by the flowers and pool which she loved so very much.

Ellen J. Thayer, 85

Ellen J. Thayer of Waterford passed away April 6, 2018, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by husband Keith. She was the mother of Karen, Calvin and Kim Thayer; grandma of Nicholas (Amanda) and Emily Thayer; sister of Barbara Jarvis.

Celebration of Life Saturday, April 14, from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at OverTyme Grill & Tap Room, 4724 Dixie Hwy, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Please leave a memory or condolence by visiting the online guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Time has come to consider DDA

As Spring is threatening to bear its beautiful head, it's time to consider a few issues that may help us around the City.

"Complete Streets" is one of my goals for the city to consider. Complete Streets means streets "are designed and operated to enable access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclist, motorist and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work." One area we need to focus on is our sidewalks, not only the repair and condition of them, but improve the width and ease of walking, running, or wheel chair and stroller maneuverability.

It is important that we look at these issues and plan for our continued repair and accessibility.

I personally would love to see 4-6 foot-wide sidewalks looping the city.

We are fortunate to have sidewalks on both sides of many of our streets.

One consideration would be to increase the sidewalk width on just one side to make a street more user friendly.

The wider sidewalks may not be contiguous due to obstacles (trees, retaining walls, etc.), but we would move the needle towards greater accessibility throughout the city.

Also, as part of the Complete Streets program, I would like to see a bike lane within the city. Encouraging bike riding in and through the city not only encourages healthy lifestyles, but potentially could improve traffic and parking congestion in the city.

Bike lanes do more than just identify parts of streets for bike traffic. They also are a great calming tool for speed as they make vehicular lanes smaller in areas where achievable.

This narrowing of lanes has been known as a contributor to slower speeds.

I would like to see the city continue to add crosswalks within the city. This has to be better addressed with very distinctive and deliberate markings to ensure higher safety standards for those engaged in alternative (non-auto) transportation.

Well-marked crosswalks are also very important to our vehicular traffic so drivers are warned of the possibility of crosswalk pedestrians.

Wide striping of these crosswalks (regardless of who is responsible for the streets that they are attached to - County, State, or the City) is achievable, practical, and necessary.

If you ask our residents who have

moved here recently and those who have lived here for years, they like the ability to walk into the downtown district and to walk around the city's residential areas.

It is not reinventing the wheel here; just maintaining a safe city and improving or following the city's master plan. I hope to see this on the agenda soon.

Paid parking (dare I) ... Paid parking, which now exists in 10% of the city-wide parking spaces went into operations this past week.

The initial data, seems to indicate that we added revenue to the treasury to help offset the city's plans to improve and add to our current city parking. The inaugural week generated about \$1,400.00 gross revenue for paid parking.

That is from roughly 36% occupancy for the paid lot at Washington and Main Streets. Not bad considering the nasty weather and half the city whooping it up on Spring Break somewhere warmer other than Clarkston.

City officials will continue to be involved and as data rolls in via the Kiosk regarding trends, we may consider flexibility to accommodate needs.

Please, be patient as this project continues to evolve. My many thanks to the Parking Committee (both current and past members over the years) for the long and demanding process that this initiative took; they are to be commended.

Any initiative that generates revenue to offset the cost of the city's business district's parking needs; initiatives that don't pass the cost of businesses maintaining or paying for free or paid parking, is a good one in the long run.

City officials will present, after a long research and discovery period, a presentation concerning a Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

This presentation will include data from Oakland County departments who assist downtown areas in generating revenue to be reinvested within the business district.

The date for the presentation will be posted to the city website and in the *Clarkston News* as soon as the date is set. I am encouraged by the prognosis of this initiative and the potential to bring upwards to \$1.5 to \$2 million shot in the arm to our business district. Again, stay tuned for more details.

As always, please feel free to contact me, at percival@villageofclarkston.org, any time if you have concerns. I may not have the answers you are looking for or want to hear and we may not always agree. I will listen and help where I can.

Some of our best ideas come from complaints. Some of our best work comes from adverse relationships that move together with an open mind and considerate of change.

**From the
Mayor's desk**



Steven Percival

Business achievements

Clarkston State Bank recently hired **Jay Russ** as a vice president to the position of commercial lender.

Russ has expertise in business development and small business lending, along with over 15 years of management experience across multiple disciplines.

He brings over 10 years of banking experience, including business banking specialist at Huntington National Bank; branch manager at Huntington National Bank; and branch manager at PNC Bank/ National City Bank.



Jay Russ

Russ currently serves as a Planning Committee member for the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce Hometown Christmas Parade Board. He is an alumnus of Oakland University where he earned his B.A. and he currently resides in Orion Township.

Nikki Tippett of Clarkston State Bank was recently promoted to treasury management officer.

Tippett started with the bank in 2011 as a customer service representative at one of their Clarkston branches.

By May of 2012, she was promoted to assistant branch manager at the branch where she provided strong leadership for the CSR team.

She is also co-chair for the Waterford Chamber Young Professionals Network, steering committee member of Waterford Blessings in a Backpack, and board member of the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Benefit for the Disabled.

Clarkston State Bank recently promoted **Jacob Burke** to assistant branch manager at the Clarkston office.

Burke has been with CSB almost three years. He is also very active in the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and their Young Professionals Network (YPN). He was awarded Ambassador of the Month twice for the Clarkston Chamber and is currently the YPN Chairman.



Jacob Burke

Michael Lucas of Clarkston, working in Madison Heights, was recently inducted into the UPS Circle of Honor, an honorary organi-

zation for UPS drivers who have achieved 25 or more years of accident-free driving.

Clarkston resident **Kristen Eakin**, owner of paper goods company Dote Note+Gift, was recently named a finalist for Best Friendship/Encouragement, Over \$4, Greeting Card in the 29th Annual Louie Awards.

Eakin's "Good Things Take Time" greeting card is in the running for The Louie Awards, presented by the Greeting Card Association (GCA) is an international awards organization honoring excellence in greeting card design and publication.

Winners will be announced on May 20 at the annual Louie Awards Gala in New York City.

Todd Pontillo of Davisburg, **Jay Phillion** of Rochester, **Scott Phillion** of South Lyon, and **Thomas Schuck** of South Lyon qualified for the Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational National Finals at Kiawah Island Golf Resort in Kiawah Island, South Carolina, March 21-25.

They qualified for the national event by winning their local Liberty Mutual Insurance Invitational at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Oct. 2, 2017.

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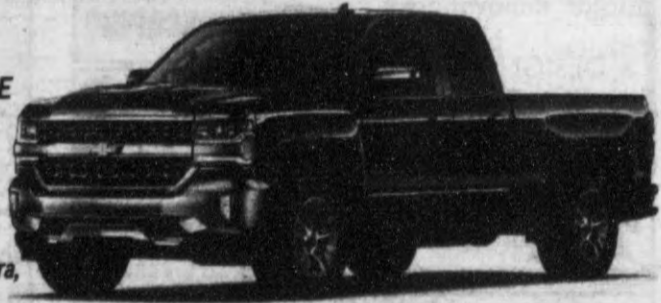
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Reporter shares tips with junior high students

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was a break from the usual history class for Laura Murray's ninth-grade students at Clarkston Junior High when *Clarkston News* reporter Brenda Dominick stopped for a visit.

The *News* visited last month to share a few journalistic tips and tricks to help students in their next assignment. Dominick also talked about the various news stories she reports as well as strategies she uses for researching and interviewing people.

One student, Kylah Woods, stayed after class to talk about the field of journalism and said she is contemplating becoming a journalist.

"I feel like before the presentation, I was intimidated by doing an interview, but after it was explained by someone who does interviews almost every day, I felt like I had important insider information. It was extremely helpful and really made me feel less worried about interviewing someone myself."

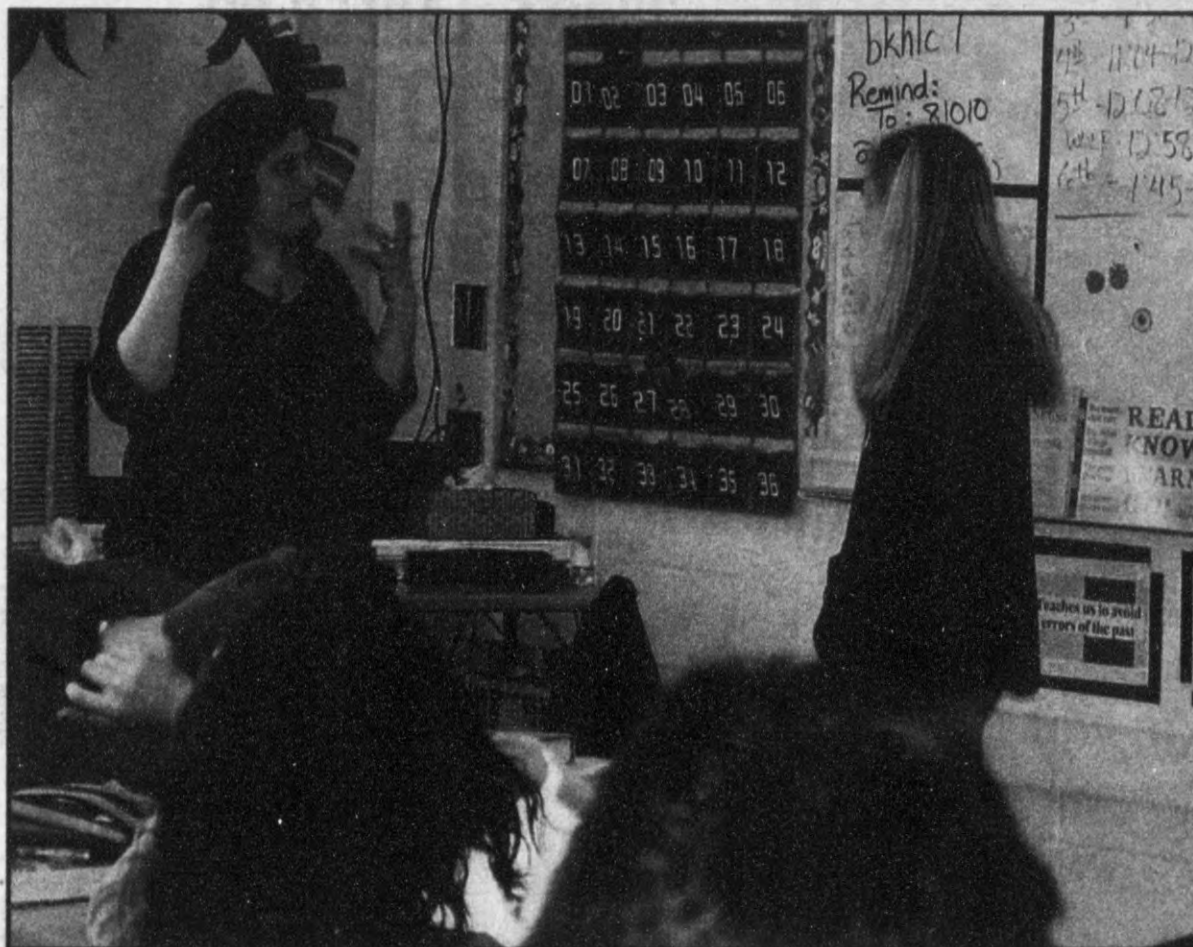
Murray's students are embarking on a personal interview assignment in which they are to interview a family or friend who was born before 1955 and has experienced an historical event. Some students chose people who lived through the dramatic events of World War II, Sept. 11, or other historic events during the 20th Century. The project's title is "Connecting Generations," and the primary goal is to help preserve the past for future generations.

Dominick created a PowerPoint slide show to illustrate some of her suggestions. One suggestion was for them to voice record the interview. She said recording is important in ensuring accuracy, but advised getting permission beforehand. She also advised the students to start typing the story immediately after to keep the momentum and memory fresh in their mind.

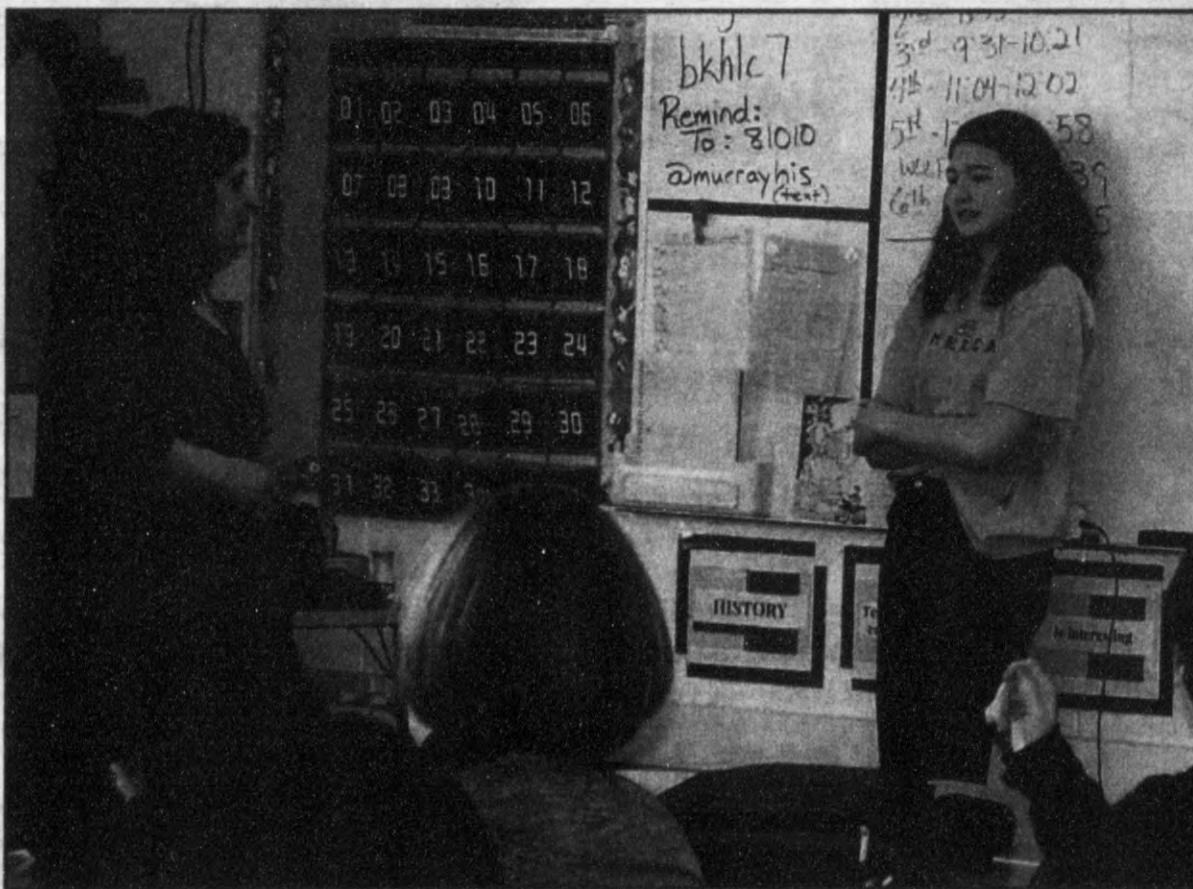
Dominick explained how interview-based research helps make a project unique because each individual has their own recollection and feelings about the event. She also suggested how primary sources such as photographs, clothing, letters, and audio/video recordings, could aid them in their interview process.

"If your interviewee can possibly bring something to the interview that he or she saved from that time, it would help a great deal with starting the conversation by triggering their memory of the event," she told the students.

She added, "As they are looking at the object, ask them 'if you think back to the event, what emotions did you have that stayed with you?' She told the students to give the person some extra time, as it might take a little longer, as well as it may lead you to something very striking. In other words, 'go with the flow' and see where the



Clarkston News reporter Brenda Dominick demonstrates a mock interview with junior high student Savannah St. Amant.



Regina Zaviski, a CJHS history student, talks with Brenda Dominick from the *Clarkston News*. Photos provided

conversation takes you."

Dominick also took questions from students as well as some from Murray. She encouraged the students to relax and not think of it as an interview, but more as a casual conversation among friends, so to ease the anxiety the students were feeling.

Abby Jo Burtnett, another student of Murray's said, "It was interesting how she (Dominick) does a bunch of different kinds of stories."

"It was good facts and good tips for our interview," Gunnar Karlstrom said.

"The information you provided was very

helpful and pertinent to the interview project," Murray said "I loved how you discussed primary sources and how they might help the interviewee recall the event, as well as asking questions that require them to recall their senses."

Students will be creating podcasts of the interviews and sharing them with fifth graders in May.

One of Murray's students, Keegan Miller, will be interviewing a WWII veteran and Clarkston resident, Don Steiner, in class. His story will be featured in next week's issue of *The Clarkston News*.

Top rated bands

Twelve Clarkston bands and orchestras with almost 600 students performed at the spring Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association District Festival and all 12 ensembles received First Division Ratings.

The Clarkston bands and orchestras, all receiving a First Division rating, include Sashabaw Middle School, Seventh Grade Orchestra, Wendy Stuart, director; Fourth Hour, Seventh Grade Band, Natalie Pagel and Ross Taylor, directors; and Sixth Hour, Seventh Grade Band, Natalie Pagel and Ross Taylor, directors;

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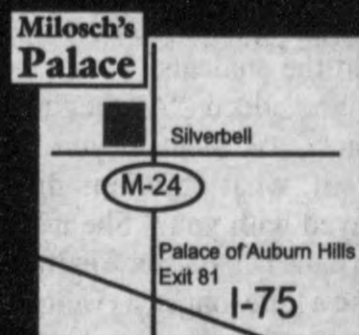
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Chris Haag and his wife, Sophie George.

Bike tour of Western Hemisphere

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touring goes, it's iconic. Lots of people ride across the U.S. from east to west, but there is this other element of adventure that comes into play when you talk about crossing two continents, 15 countries, and countless cultures."

Most of the planning consists of choosing the right gear to be as light and small as possible.

"You don't want to carry anything you don't have to, but you want to be prepared for anything," he said. "Do we carry a small spare folding tire at one pound, or a few tube patches and needle and thread for major tire damage that only weigh a few ounces? Decisions like that can cut lots of weight and make riding much easier."

They're going old school on the bikes, with steel frames instead of carbon fiber.

"By modern standards, our bikes are quite primitive. You want everything to be simple and readily available," he said. "Steel frames are easier to repair than aluminum or carbon fiber if they get damaged, and old school mountain bike tires are easier to find in developing countries so we sized our wheels for those."

They will carry a small tent, in which they plan to spend most nights.

"Once we hit Latin America you can get some amazing hotels for a reasonable price so we will treat

ourselves from time to time," he said. "There are also websites such as warmshowers.org that connect cycletourists with people that are willing to host them for a few nights to have a real bed, a shower, and do laundry. That is a bit more prevalent in the states, but exists throughout the world."

Haag grew up in Independence Township, and his older brother and mother both still live there.

"I'm still trying to figure out what they think of the whole thing. Nick, my brother, likes to make jokes that I will be mauled by a bear," Haag said. "I asked my dad (Doug) how he felt about me sort of skirting responsibility for a few years. He laughed and asked, 'Why start now?' Generally everyone is supportive about it, even though they may not understand it."

Chris worked at the Clarkston Union for 10 years from the age of 15 to 25 before working for a local energy conservation company.

In his early 20's, the Union was a launch pad for him to meet interesting people and make friends around the country, he said.

"Both the employees and customers were an eclectic group and I was fortunate to meet people that were doing things with their lives that were outside the norm," he said. "When I was 20, I had a customer talking about going to Hawaii for a few months. I bought him a few drinks and told him that I wanted to go too. I used the same

trick the next summer to hitch a ride to Alaska."

Keeping in touch with all of those people and watching their travels and experiences in opening businesses inspired him to make a serious effort to achieve some of his own dreams, he said.

Michigan is great for touring with all of the coastline and rails-to-trails projects, he said.

"You can ride almost 90 miles from Cadillac to Grand Rapids without having to get on a road," he said.

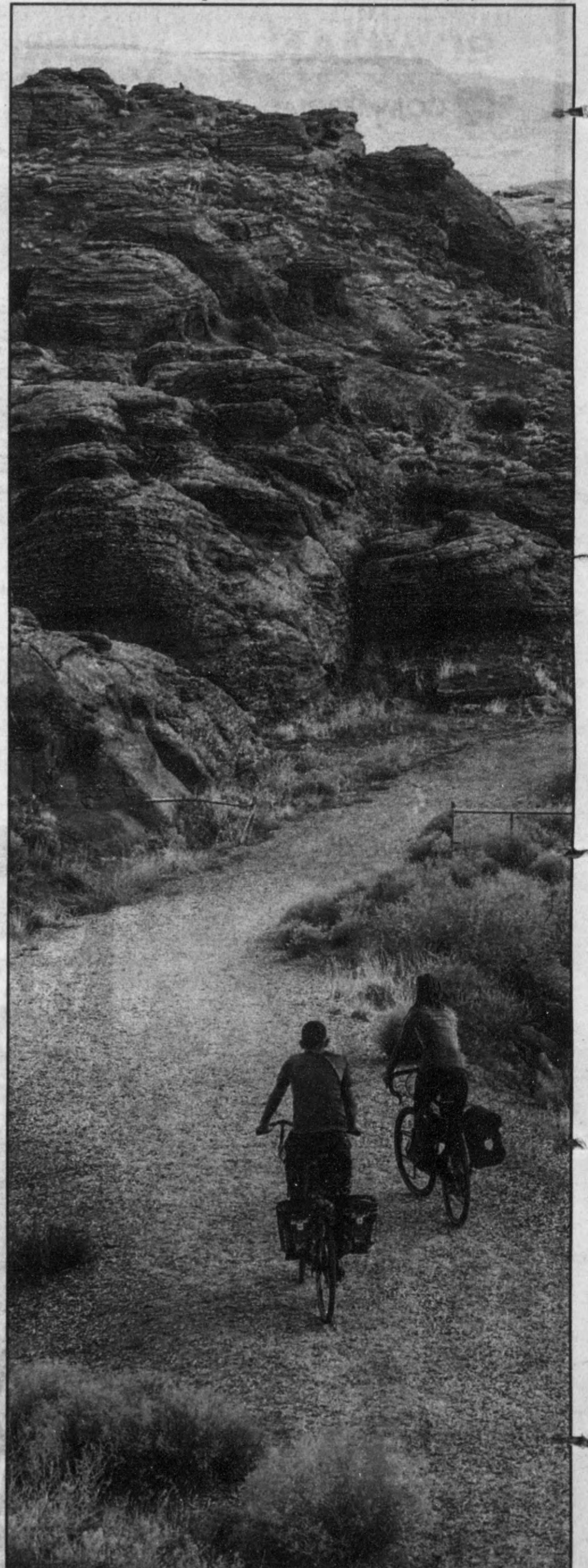
He and his wife, who is from London, rode from Detroit to a festival in Rothbury, Mich., a few years ago.

"That trip was about 300 miles. She caught a ride back home with some friends after and I kept riding to Luddington and took the ferry across lake Michigan to Wisconsin and then rode through the UP, across the Mackinac Bridge, and then back home," he said.

Sophie spent a year travelling through Asia, so she is no stranger to extended touring, Chris said.

"Although doing it on a bike will be a new challenge for her," he said.

The couple will be blogging on their site, www.theplacesipee.com, as well as posting on Instagram along the way. The website includes a "pay now" link if readers wish to provide financial support, to "buy us a drink, dinner, or a night in a hotel so we can take a shower," Haag said.



The cyclists are training for thousands of miles of rough roads. Photos provided

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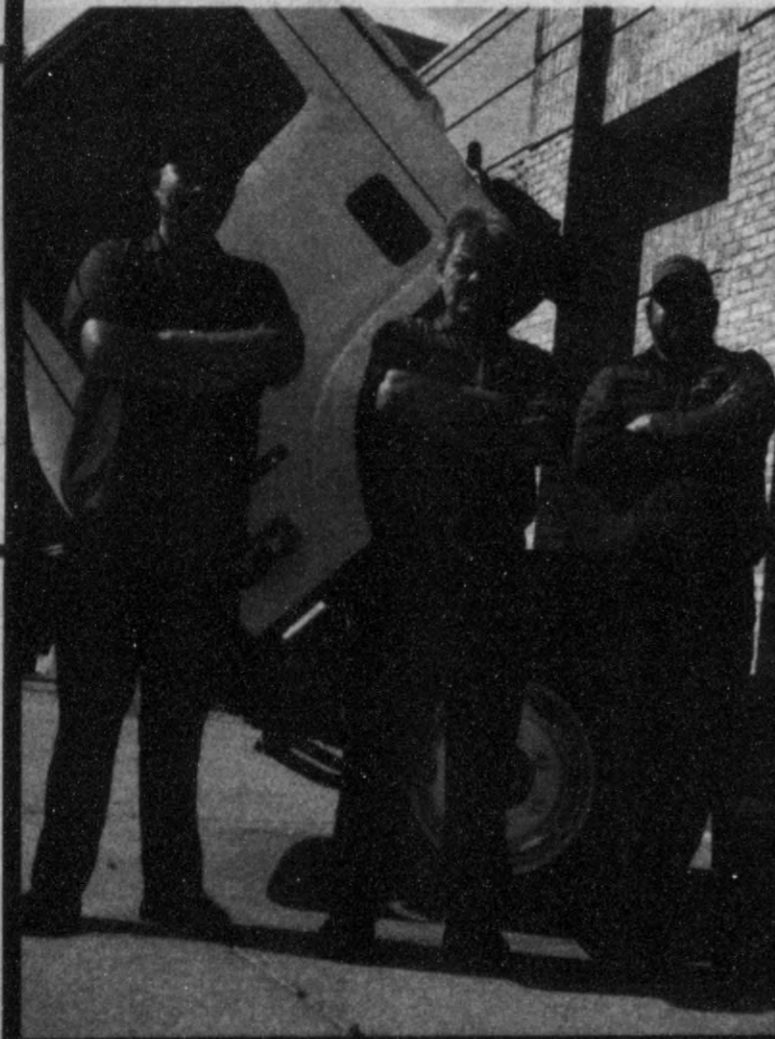
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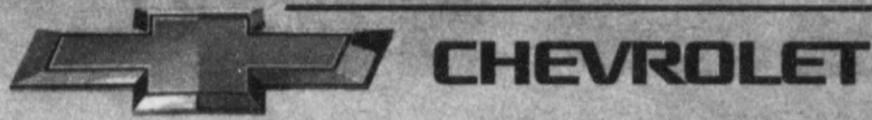
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