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Playing for hope

Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse players Gillian Anderson and Maya Roy play in the lacrosse program's Game for Hope on Saturday, and help raise \$18,300 for New Day Foundation for Families. Anderson played for her Grandma Reilly and Roy played for her Grandma and Grandpa Roy. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Search for new superintendent

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

All three finalists considered this week to lead Clarkston Community Schools have superintendent experience.

Pamela Campbell, Ph.D., has been superintendent in Columbia Community Schools since 2012; Derrick Lopez, J.D., has been serving as Southfield's interim superintendent since July 2017; and Clarkston Interim Superintendent Shawn Ryan has led this school district since January.

The Clarkston Schools Board of Education selected the three finalists in a workshop meeting, May 2. Interviews were scheduled for this past Monday.

Campbell also previously served as superintendent in Tekonsha, Mich., for four years; Lansing Christian Schools, Mich., for four years, and Montpelier, Ohio, for four years. She started her career as a teacher of Mathematics and Computer Applications. See Superintendent on page 27



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Marianna Weissenborn, city carrier and technician, at left, and her hero Ebony Turonek, postal clerk at USPS Clarkston. Photo by Brenda Dominick

Postal clerk hailed as hero

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Marianna Weissenborn had less than a minute to get help when she started choking on some grapefruit. Fortunately, co-worker Ebony Turonek was there.

"I thought I would die," Weissenborn said at a recognition event at Clarkston Post Office, April 27. "I was so grateful and thankful, and I know if she was not there, I would not be here."

"We do good with helping each other out and watching out for each other, like 'don't step on that,' or 'watch that,'" Turonek said.

Weissenborn, a carrier technician at the Clarkston Annex Post Office on the south side of S. Main Street, was talking and eating some grapefruit, Jan. 4, when a piece went down wrong.

"I went to go to the bathroom so nobody would see. Then, I recognized I could not make it so I said, I have to be where the people are," she said.

"She was choking on some grapefruit, and I saw her out the side of my eye walking to the bathroom," Turonek said. "But then she stopped and came over by our area where we were doing parcels. I can't remember what I was doing when I saw her with tears coming out of her eyes."

Weissenborn was struggling, unable to make any noise or even breath.

"That's when I went to do the Heimlich (maneuver). I did it a couple times and lifted

her up off the ground and I got scared I might be hurting her," Turonek said. "But by the time I stopped, it shot out into the trash can. It was this big piece of grapefruit. The first thing I said was, 'Marianna, you've gotta chew your food,' and everybody just was like, 'oh my God.'"

The postal clerk turned hero said she learned CPR and first aid through the Red Cross in eighth grade, about 30 years ago. This was the first time she has ever used the Heimlich for real.

Turonek has been at the Clarkston Post Office for about three years and Weissenborn has worked there about 15 years.

"I feel it's extremely ironic because I'm an author, and my book is called, *Compelled to Murder*, but I was compelled to save Marianna that day," Turonek said.

Her advice to others: "Always be open to being a helping hand because you never know what people are going through. I try to work like that with everybody and get along with everybody in the office by understanding where they are coming from, or just being empathetic to their situation. It has actually made our office a little better - making us stick together."

The staff at the Clarkston Post Office feel more like a family environment, not a work environment, she said.

For more information about Turonek's book, go to erayeturonekbooks.us/more.

Uplifting music with choirs

This year's Pops Concert by Clarkston High School choirs will feature uplifting songs to raise support and awareness of mental illness and suicide prevention.

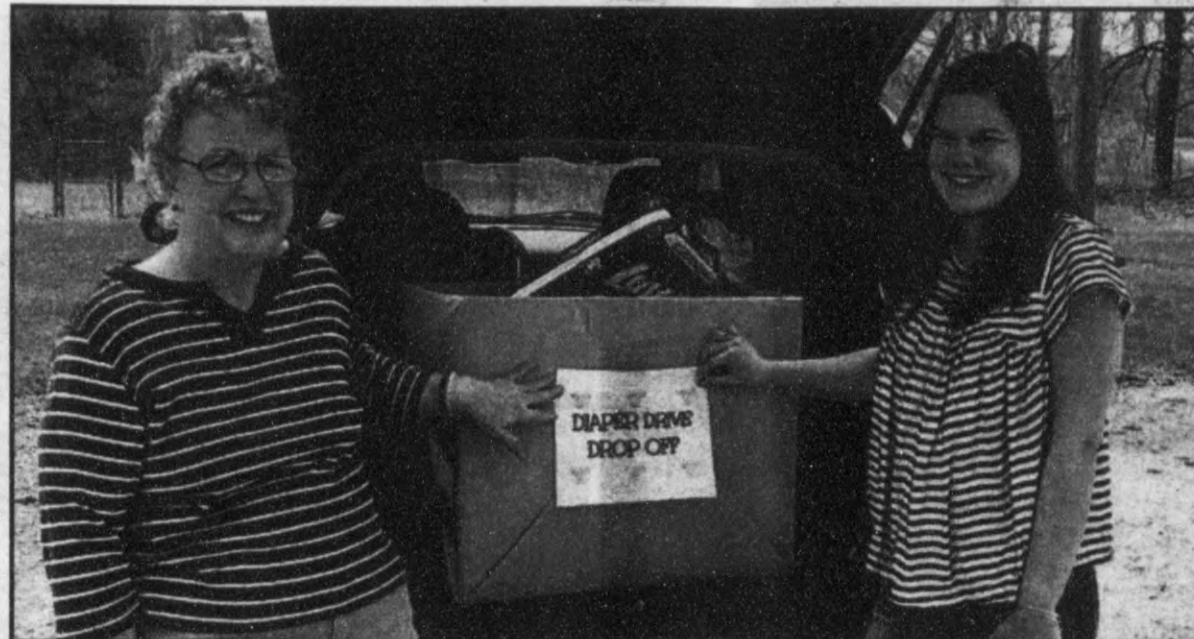
Solos, duets, and other groups have picked songs that are supportive and uplifting. In addition, the Concert Choir and The Madrigals will sing group numbers destigmatizing mental illness and raising support for those battling depression, such as "Please Stay" by Jake Runestad.

The choirs will also be wearing T-shirts they had made up, supporting the cause.

The concert is Friday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Admission is \$5.

Clarkston A Cappella groups Detroit Voice, Encore, and Synergy, with special guest group TBD a cappella, will perform on Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the Clarkston Junior High School auditorium, 6595 Waldon Road. Tickets are \$5/students, \$10/adults, free for elementary students with accompanying adult.

Tickets are available at clarkstonacappella.ticketleap.com/spring-a-cappella-show-2018.



Carol Moore, Kids' Klostet coordinator, and Makenna Walk, Clarkston High senior. Photo provided

Help needed for Kids' Klostet

Makenna Walk, a senior at Clarkston High School, chose Kids' Klostet as the recipient of her Passion Project, which is a part of her Independent Study class at CHS, instructed by Lisa Donley.

She has been collecting disposal diapers since March for the outreach mission of First Congregational Church of Clarkston.

"Kids' Klostet is always in need of diapers for their clients. We are so thankful Makenna thought of Kids' Klostet for her project," said Traci Cooley, administrative assistant at First Congregational Church.

"Makenna was able to donate approximately 6,000 diapers to Kids' Klostet. Thank you Makenna Walk!"

Kids' Klostet, 5479 Clarkston Road, is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. Services are available to families in need with children from birth to 7 years of age. Clients can come once a month for food, formula, diapers, clothes, and other items. The only requirement is clients must be residents of Oakland County.

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From left are Optimist Oratorical Contest winners Heather Burrum, third-place; Grace Nolan, second place; and Nathan Dimmer, first place. Photo provided

Oratorical contest winners

Clarkston Area Optimist Club honored winners of their Oratorical Contest, April 25.

The Oratorical contest winners were Nathan Dimmer, first place, son of Linda and

Ron Dimmer; Grace Nolan, second place, daughter of Wendy and Jason Nolan; and Heather Burrum, third place, daughter of Laura and James Burrum.

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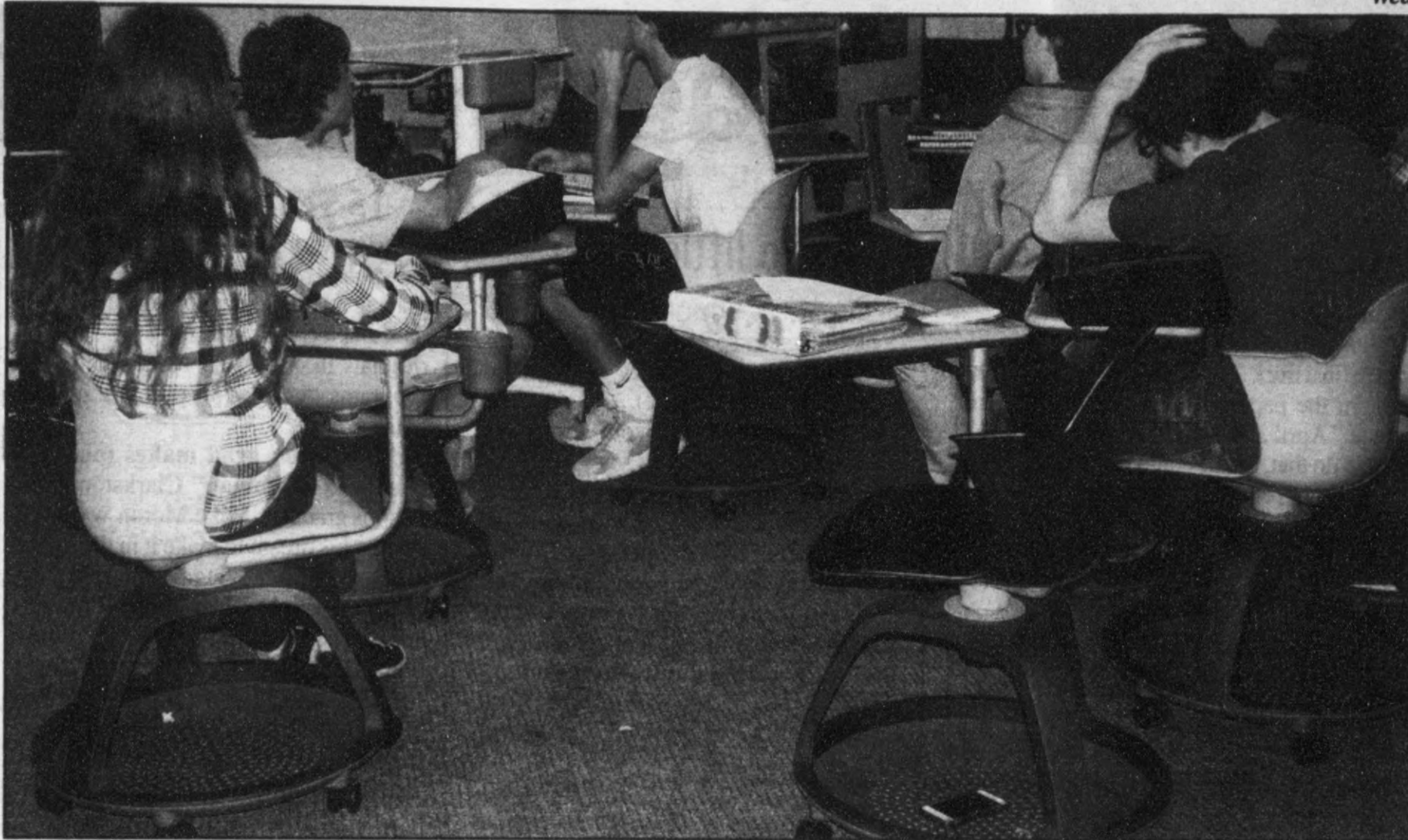
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Students use the new desks in teacher Mark Magni's class at Clarkston Junior High School. Photo by Brenda Dominick

Students take new school desks out for a spin

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A new type of desk could boost school performance, say students and staff.

"They do help to have an easily changeable work space," said Susanna Metz, freshman at Clarkston Junior High School at the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education meeting, April 16.

"You can create different table groups, you can sit in rows for tests, or create different formations for lectures which definitely comes in handy for Mr. (Mark) Magni's classroom because he lectures often," Metz said. "It's easy for us to be able to turn and face him. Also, we have the space underneath, which is very helpful because of the small desk space. It's easier to fit your supplies and also your backpack."

The \$110,617.17 pilot furniture program is part of furnishings, flooring, technology and other classroom features included in the \$76 million school bond approved in 2016.

Metz also talked about the drawbacks of the new desks.

"The desk space is very small, and with the phone stand, you would think the whiteboard they provide would be able to sit in the phone stand, and maybe stand up straight so you could look right at it," she explained. "It's too small for that and the phone wouldn't really fit in there and neither would the whiteboard. It's kind of lost its purpose for everyone except maybe putting a pencil in there."

Clarkston Junior High Principal Adam Kern, and CJH teachers Heather Mills, Jamie Rykse, and Jessica Cleland, were also at the

meeting to discuss the program.

"Different teachers have been able to come throughout the different classrooms and try things out," Mills said. "Even switching chairs among some of the other rooms, like with my room and Mrs. Grammatico's room. 'Hey, that bobble seat seems really cool. Can I have a couple of those? Let's swap it out for this.'"

The new furniture adds to a variety of seating, she said.

"We have high top tables, we have funky shaped tables, round tables, we have soft seating that's nice and cushiony, seats with baskets underneath, seats without baskets, seats you can kind of rock with; a few different kind of pod chairs that help with students who perhaps need a little more movement and are better learners when they are able to move around a little bit," she said.

Mills said students enjoy the new furniture because it is new, fresh and exciting. She also said they are aesthetically pleasing and functional, light, and easy to move around. The pilot experience has been a learning experience for her, and she joked it has inspired her to try interior designing during the summer.

"We're transitioning a little bit into some of the fun stuff that's going to affect the classroom," said Tom Vandergrind, architect from GMB. "So far, we've been heavy with infrastructure, safety and security (school bond) projects. This stuff is cool because it's the first time we're really going to touch some things real educational and kind of fun."

Vandergrind said he and his group has been working with the junior high team.

"Early in 2017, we started a design team with some educational trends and philosophies," he said. "We talked about some goals your team was after in terms of designing these spaces. We toured some facilities across the state. We spent a lot of time looking at what other people are doing as well."

The team developed pilot options, and did exercises with staff members and students, some of whom were present at the meeting.

The students and staff tested the items as well as provided feedback to Vandergrind as to what was and was not liked.

"Currently, we are prioritizing what works best for different departments, one solution versus another," he said. "We're also prioritizing the different costs associated with them, because they are not all the same price tag. Your team is helping us through that."

Vandergrind said they are finding out which key priorities of the furnishings were apparent so they can obtain multiple bids of those items from different vendors and thereafter will create a package. The bidding will go out May 21 and bids will be presented to the CCS Board of Education in early July. Installation will then follow.

"We might break it into two packages because it's a big package for that whole building," the architect said. "Christmas break and/or Spring Break being the times some of that will be installed. One of the things we wanted to do is have Adam and his group tell you what they are finding."

Briefly

Celebration for champs

Clarkston fans wearing blue and gold will fill Depot Park on Thursday, May 17, at 4:30 p.m. for a State and World Champs Community Celebration, honoring Clarkston High School's 2018 State Champion Basketball team, 2018 State Champion Winter Guard team, and 2018 World Robotics Champion FIRST Team RUSH 27. All are invited.

Veterans for parade

Clarkston's Fourth of July Parade is looking for veterans, especially from World War II and the Korean War, to be part of this year's parade. Email clarkstonparade@gmail.com or call 248-514-1729.

This year's parade theme is "Main Street USA" and the parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4, in the St. Daniel Catholic Church parking lot.

All businesses, community non-profits, churches, politicians or group are invited to march. Applications are available at www.clarkstonparade.org. Businesses and politicians are asked to make a \$35 donation to the parade, while non-profits, churches, and youth groups are free.

Veterans are also invited to participate in the Independence Fest Veterans Celebration after the parade in Clintonwood Park. The celebration includes a military museum featuring local vets and their service paraphernalia from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., ceremony honoring vets at 12:30 p.m., free lunch for vets and their families, and entertainment. Call Barbara Rollin at 248-625-8231.

Community awards

The 33rd annual Clarkston Community Awards will honor Citizen of the Year Maggie Razdar; Youth of the Year Ezra Moore; Business Person of the Year Don Rush; Adult-Youth Volunteer of the Year Tom and Kathy Middleton; Community Beautification/Preservation, The Fed; Community Enhancement, St. Daniel Council/Knights of Columbus; and Community Collaboration, Steve Percival, Curt Catallo, and Jason and Melanie Haley, honoring Deputy Eric Overall.

The breakfast ceremony will be at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at Clarkston Community Church. For more information or tickets, contact Clarkston Community Church at 248-625-1323 or www.clarkstoncommunity.com/clarkston-awards-breakfast.

Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Price

Hello spring!

The brisk cold is finally gone and people have emerged from their houses with a tinge of cabin fever.

It's nice to finally say to our 2-year-old son as he gazes out the window, "go get your shoes and we will go outside." It's even nicer when he goes to get them before you even have to say anything. It's bad when he grabs his shoes when you are trying to go to work. Sorry little man, no visit to the office for you today.

He has grown so there are things new to him to explore. He found a magnifying glass on Sunday and was peeking at random flowers, rocks and dirt. He does enjoy the dirt.

He can now take his tricycle down the street as he walks it, not quite has the pedaling down yet. Or keeping feet on the pedals.

His pace for running has gotten quicker but the smile and the giggle are the same when he gets someone to chase him.

The little man has become a gardner in which he somewhat picks weeds. He takes the dandelion heads off the stems.

When we had a few warm days in March, he did spend time picking up pine cones under the trees in the front yard. He had a nice collection going in a plastic bin until he moved on to other outdoor activities.

It is fun to watch him grab his container of sidewalk chalk, kneel down in a spot, color for a few minutes before picking up the container again and taking it to a new spot.

The change of weather, the sun setting later and a change in the bed has pushed bedtime back a little bit. After a week, I am still adjusting. The crib has been converted into the toddler bed. He can climb in and out as he pleases.

Or doesn't please. He has to be super tired to get into the bed and cuddle with one of his blankets. It might be 9 p.m. it might be later. It is certainly later than the previous 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The hour difference changes the mindset a little bit. I used to attempt to scrapbook a few pages, but I don't know if it would take 10 minutes or an hour to get into a creative groove. Really, this mommy likes the eight hours of sleep. With the toddler waking up at about 6 a.m., it does change the personal drive.

Maybe on a weekend I can get him to nap for a few hours and I can get creative. Maybe....



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

'No' to driver pic

Dear Editor,

I would have preferred not to see a picture of that truck driver, who rammed the building, in the paper...anywhere ("Seconds to space," April 25). I don't know what caused him to do that, but he could easily have killed a number of people. I think he should've been held in custody until drug tests and a psych eval were complete.

A picture of the truck and the building would have been informative to show the extent of the damage and how much danger those folks were in.

Gerry Schmidt
Independence Township

Rush fan

Dear Editor,

Great column Mr. Rush ("So, another Rush asks where has 'community' gone?" May 2).

Well written, cogent, heartening too, to discover a thoughtful and concerned millennial. Yes, I am making a sweeping generalization, but it can also be rare on this side of The Pond. Looking forward to reading some more!

Alys Swan-Jackson
Posted to ClarkstonNews.com

Kudos to little Rush

Dear Editor,

Sean - Thanks so much for your column ("So, another Rush asks where has 'community' gone?" May 2).

I so enjoyed reading your input and insight. I am a colleague of your dad from both Clarkston High School and Central Michigan University. You are blessed to have such an amazing father with the ability and willingness to share the public forum. You give me continued hope for the future. Many condemn Millennials as a lost generation. I don't believe that faulty assessment. Appreciate your father and go forth with your opinions. Live long and prosper my friend!!

Bill Innis
Posted to ClarkstonNews.com

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State Rep. Jim Tedder welcomed students from Independence Elementary School to Lansing, April 26. "It was a pleasure to welcome so many talented students to our state's Capitol," Tedder said. The third-grade students toured the Capitol and had the opportunity to visit the representative during their class field trip. Photo provided

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Boosters turn bond issue meeting into policy bashing session" While supporting quality education, most in attendance at a parent meeting joined school officials in criticizing federal and state programs designed to promote quality education.

"Clarkston grad makes music in Northern Michigan" Clarkston High School graduate Mike Moran was continuing his dream to make it in the music industry. After moving to Traverse City, he joined with Josh Havens, Dale Swords and Sterling Hill and after making their first CD, they were ready to release it.

"CHS softball team claims North Star title" The Clarkston Varsity Softball team won six straight games to capture first place at the North Star tournament.

25 years ago - 1993

"Practicing their art" Children took part in showmanship demonstrations, a livestock sale and all sorts of activities during Livestock Days at Springfield Oaks County Park.

"32 condos OK'd" The Independence Township Planning Commission approved a site plan for Pine Knob Country Estates II, 6-0. Phase one called for 15 site condominiums on a 66.5-acre development on Greenview Drive, east off Pine Knob Road.

"Cougars crush Crary in track opener" The Sashabaw Junior High Track teams defeated Crary Junior High School. The girls team won 15 events for a 84.5 to 38.5 score. The boys team won 91-29, taking first in 12 events.

50 years ago - 1968

"Fire destroys home" An Independence Township home off Fowler Road burned to the ground. Firemen blamed a defective water heater as it was in the area of the heater where the fire began. The mother and three children living there were away when the fire broke out.

"Will attend basketball camp" Ed Butters from Clarkston Junior High School enrolled in Ed Macauley's Basketball Camp in Wisconsin. More than 125 boys from all over the United States were going to be there and had the chance to play, to work with and play against some of the best players at the time.

"Around the town" Eight-year-old Kelly Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch, was nursing a broken middle finger. She received the injury in a fall from the slide in her backyard.

Long-distance lovebirds seek social media help

CJ Poirier of Clarkston doesn't have the money to see his girlfriend 1,380 miles away, so he's turning to social media for assistance.

"In a last-ditch effort, I tweeted at Air Canada's corporate Twitter, asking for how many retweets it would take for them to give me a fully covered roundtrip flight," Poirier said in his GoFundMe.com posting. "They responded with the quote of 530,000, roughly one retweet for each member of Newfoundland's population and a deadline of Wednesday, May 9."

With about 29,000 retweets, less than 6 percent of the requested total, and with only a few days to go, he created the GoFundMe campaign.

"We have been fortunate to receive so much support, but with the goal being so high, it does make us worry of the possibility that we won't reach it," he said. "Thus, per the recommendation of many of our supporters, we have started this GoFundMe to help

raise money to cover any costs for a ticket so I can fly out to see Becca. Any money left over will be spent on our trip so we can enjoy as much of our time together."

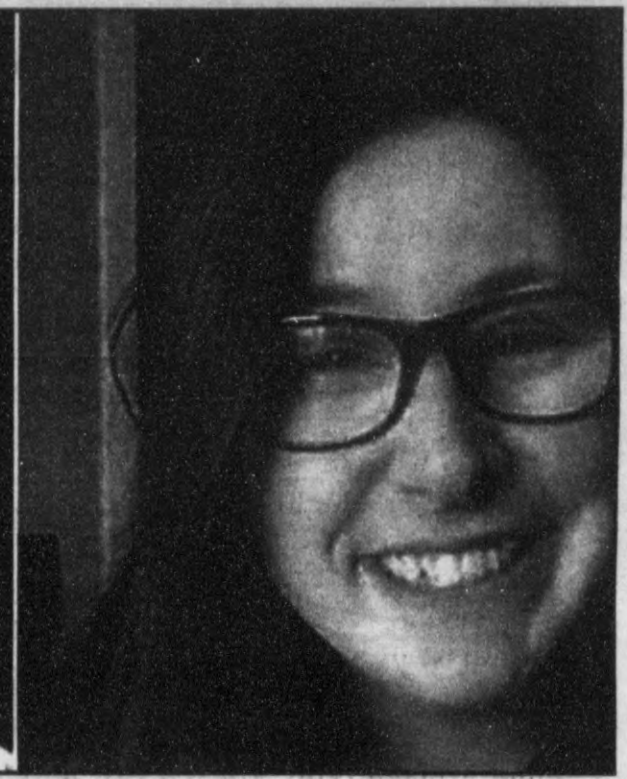
He works as a barista full time, with earnings going to student loans, gas, food, and clothes.

"About a year ago, I went onto a dating app called 'MeetMe' and met the love of my life, Becca Warren. We began talking to each other and fell head over heels for one another. The only issue was that Becca lives in Corner Brook, located in Newfoundland, Canada," Poirier said. "I looked for a second job, but nobody would hire me. I streamed more frequently on my personal YouTube channel in hopes for donations, but there was no luck there. I reopened my graphic design commissions, but nobody would hire me."

To help, go to Gofundme.com, "530kforbecca."



CJ Poirier of Clarkston needs help to see his long-distance girlfriend, Becca Warren.



Naked Gardening Day observed, but only for feet

Wow!

What a great weekend we just had! Cinco de Mayo — I love Mexican fare!

Kentucky Derby — Mint Juleps for everyone!

And, the very same day, Saturday May 5, it was World Naked Gardening Day. Scoff if you must; tisk, tisk, if you're so inclined . . . it was a nice, warm, sunny day to get out in the yard and get some sunshine on the under-exposed, pasty white skin which has been covered up since October. Vitamin D via sunshine and in the au naturale is a good way to go.

Me? I didn't have Mexican food, didn't watch the Derby and just my feet experienced gardening naked. Yet, I do have to admit it was super awesome walking around the yard doing gardening stuff with bare feet. (I know that's kinda' risqué for some of you Puritans out there, but I have a need to push things to the limit!)

Oh, let me see . . . at the end of April I penned a "gem" of a *Don't Rush Me* headlined, "Life, Liberty and Freedom." I talked of a number of things in that column, one was about an area gym who advertised their Fox News Free Zone. From that column, I received this e-mail.

Don, I read your recent column in the published edition of *The Clarkston News*. One item in particular really piqued my interest, that being the gym advertising a "Fox News Free Zone".

That particular tactic may entice people to choose their gym over other gyms they could go to. However,

Don't
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A column by
Don Rush

someone forgot to do their research. Based on the Presidential election results of 2016 in Atlas and Brandon townships, they have likely alienated two-thirds of their potential customers.

They have every right in this country to make this decision for their business. However, I also have every right to never step foot in it. — *John D.*

Well, John D., you do have a point.

I just went to the Oakland County Clerk's website and checked by community around the Orion Township gym. Every precinct in Addison Township, in Clarkston, in Independence Township, in Oxford Township and, yup, even in Orion Township favored Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton for President of these here United States.

My calculator is on the fritz or I would have given the actually vote tally, but trust me, Hillary did not have the local vote. Good, bad or indifferent, marketing Fox News Free Zone may limit the gym's potential for continued success (which is what I want — all local businesses to succeed).

Alas, no one asked me, so maybe I should keep my gub shut and my opinions to myself.

Last week, right here in the hallowed halls of Don't Rushmedon, I coerced and/or forced my very own son to sweat and toil — to write my column for me. (Isn't that why we have kids anyway . . . to lessen our own work burdens?)

I did give him (and, "him" has a name and it is Sean) credit for said column, headlined, "So, another Rush asks, where has 'community' gone?"

Who woulda' thunk it, but Young Master Sean Rush, a senior in high school, received some fan mail! Readers responded with lots of "well dones" and "good jobs." There was one, "Good show! Definitely

the son of Don."

From across the pond (nope, not Walters Lake, rather across the Atlantic Ocean), reader *Alys* commented, "Great column Mr Rush. Well written...cogent...Heartening too, to discover a thoughtful and concerned millennial. Yes, I am making a sweeping generalisation but it I can also be rare on this side of The Pond. Look forward to reading some more!"

From another reader, "Sean — Thanks so much for your column. I so enjoyed reading your input and insight. I am a colleague of your dad from both CHS and CMU. You are blessed to have such an amazing father with the ability and willingness to share the public forum. You give me continued hope for the future. Many condemn millinials as a lost generation. I don't believe that faulty assessment. Appreciate your father and go forth with your own opinions. Live long and prosper my friend! — *Bill*."

Thank you readers for, well, reading and for the words you shared with my son. He is his own man, with his own opinions on the world and a heck of a lot smarter than his old man. He has a good heart and has a way of cutting through the crud to examine issues at hand.

Hmm?

Now that I think about it, truth be told, as his assignment was a job shadow operation for school, I was kinda' sorta hoping someone would have delivered the figurative chin music with dissenting opinions, like you guys do me. That would have been a truer representation of what happens when you express an opinion in America. (Or, maybe he is that good, all agree with him and I should watch my back?)

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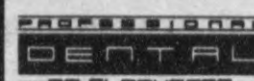
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REHABILITATION



Q. Are new Medicare cards coming your way?

A. The federal government will begin issuing new Medicare cards in response to the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015. This ruling, established to deter identity theft, requires the federal government to stop using Social Security Numbers (SSNs) as the Medicare identifier by April 2019. Every Medicare beneficiary will receive a new card with a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) replacing the social security number. This new eleven digit identifier will consist of numbers and upper case letters. By replacing the SSN-based HICN on all Medicare cards, individuals will have their private health care and financial information better protected from identity theft.

All Medicare recipients will receive these new Medicare cards over the next year. The MBI (the new Medicare identifier) won't change Medicare benefits. People with Medicare should start using their new Medicare cards and MBIs as soon as they get them in the mail. Your effective date of Medicare coverage does not change. Watch your mail for your new Medicare card. At this time the plan is Michigan cards will be mailed out after June 2018. Destroy your old card when you receive your new one.

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Worker killed by fallen tree branch

A 36-year-old Waterford Township man was killed when he was hit by a tree branch blown down by wind, 11:57 a.m., May 4.

He was working in the 4700 block of Rattek, using a walk-behind skid steer to spread mulch and leaves on the back of the property when a large hardwood tree branch broke free, landing on the victim's back. Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department found him trapped beneath, obviously deceased, according to police reports.

"The impact forced his head forward into the steering levers of the machine and pinned

him. The levers went into the subject's head, contributing to his death. Subject was working for his employer at the time that this accident occurred," according to Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Independence Township DPW was requested to assist with the victim, who was turned over to the Medical Examiner's office for autopsy. MIOSHA was contacted and advised regarding the incident. High winds, peaking at 58 mph at Oakland County International Airport, knocked out power to more than 260,000 residents in southeast Michigan, according to DTE.

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Q. Why is the Michigan Catastrophic Claim Association (MCCA) assessment going up?

A. According to the March 29 media release issued by the MCCA, the increase is due to higher than expected claim costs, partially offset by better-than-expected investment performance. The assessment per insured vehicle represents \$161 to cover anticipated new claims and expenses, and \$31 to address a \$2.3 billion estimated deficit related to existing claims. Michigan's system is unique in that it provides for unlimited, lifetime medical auto insurance benefits for catastrophic claims. The assessment covers benefits that exceed \$550,000 per claim.

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Overdose

A bystander called 911, 2:17 a.m., April 25, to report a man carrying another man into the men's restroom at the northbound I-75 rest area in Springfield Township and administering CPR to him. Deputies found the victim, a 27-year-old Oscoda resident, unresponsive with shallow breathing. They administered a dose of Naloxone to the victim. Springfield Township firefighters arrived and administered two more doses, and he regained consciousness. The subject who was administering CPR, a 34-year-old male Tawas City resident, then became lethargic and a dose of Narcan was administered to him by the Springfield Township Fire Department. A used hypodermic needle was found on the floor near the two victims. The first victim was transported to Genesys Hospital by Paramedics from Star EMS. The second was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital by paramedics from Star EMS. The victims admitted to using heroin. Their vehicle was driven by a Rose City man. It was impounded, as he appeared under the influence but not in need of medical attention. Both subjects are expected to recover.

Truck stuck

A 20-year-old Independence Township man got stuck after trying to drive his pickup truck through the cattail marsh off Waldon Road west of Clintonville, to get to property owned by his friend, who was a passenger, 5:07 p.m., April 27. A passerby stopped to help but they were unsuccessful. Byers was called to pull the truck out with a winch. The driver was cited for trespassing on the road easement, sidewalk, and under a power line. The grass was also damaged from ruts made from spinning tires.

Suspended license

A 22-year-old Davisburg man was stopped for non-visible taillights, 11:27 p.m., April 27, on Dixie Highway near Waterford Road. The car's taillights were found to be working but were tinted and barely visible. The driver was found with an outstanding warrant out of 50th District Court. He was cited for defective equipment, driving with a suspended license, and failure to answer a summons. His vehicle was impounded.

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

Lessons about dangers of text-and-driving

Everest students learned how texting and driving don't mix, with the help of a driving simulation. They had to direct a virtual car while answering texts sent by educators.

"I was going all over - I just crashed," said student Lucas Denigris.

"I thought I could do it, but once I tried to message, it was really hard," said classmate Jimmy Neme. "I'll just turn the phone off."

International Save A Life Tour visited Everest Collegiate High School and Academy, April 19, with the simulators and a video presentation featuring people whose lives were shattered, and who

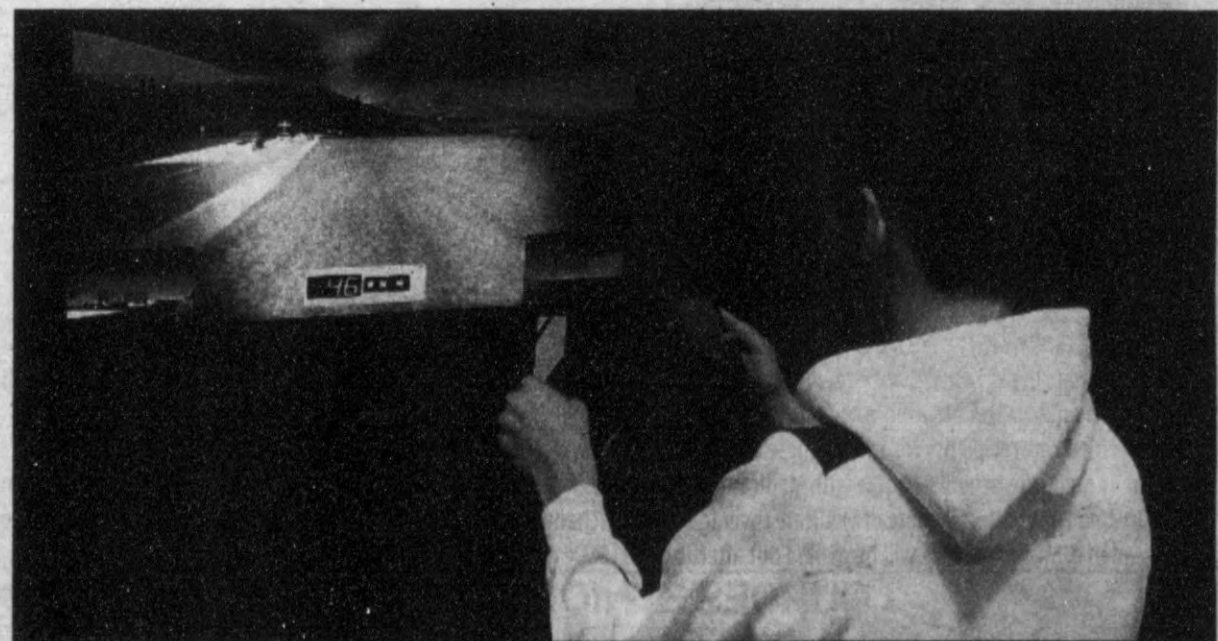
shattered others, due to texting and driving.

"It's a gift to have them here so the students can learn for themselves, to think about how their decisions can make such an impact on themselves and others," said Principal Gregory Reichert.

"People think their lives are on them (phones), that they need to text, but in reality they don't," said student Brooke B. "They need to focus on the road and people."

"They're working or busy, going some where - they should be driving instead of texting," said classmate Andrea Gonzalvo.

- Phil Custodio



An Everest student tries to drive a virtual car while texting. Photo by PMC

Clarkston's Sporting News

Stars of tournament

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Hitters continued to show their skills on the diamond as they put away more teams last week and gave their head coach, Don Peters, his 900th win.

The Clarkston Softball Varsity team opened the week with two shutouts against Troy Athens on May 1.

"We were slow to start with the bats," said Katie Smith, assistant coach. "We talked about what adjustments could be made to improve our approach to the types of pitches she was giving us. The girls did a great job in making those adjustments and really came alive ending with 20 hits in the two games. We made good defensive plays that kept Athens off the bases."

The Wolves opened the night with a 3-0 win. Hannah Cady, Nyah Ansel and Anna Skvarce went 1-for-2. Ansel had a 2-run home run and Hanna Chadwell had one RBI.

Olivia Warrington struck out 11 of the 24 batters she faced as pitcher.

Clarkston walked away from the second game with a 11-0 win. Cady went 3-for-3 batting while Abbey Tolmie and Abbey Barta went 2-for-3. All three had one RBI each. Barta hit doubles off her two hits.

Mackenzie Ming had three RBIs during the game and Mary Gallagher had two RBIs off her single.

Warrington and Barta shared time on the mound.

The wins put Peters at 900 career wins.

"I have seen Don win a lot of games and learn from the ones he lost," said Smith, who also played for him. "He is a inspiring coach who is focused on a high level of play and

gives everything he has for the girls currently on the field and for the ones who have come and gone. His coaching philosophy has an emphasis on giving good players the opportunity to become even better people. He deserves every win he has, but he is sure to give the credit back to the girls who made it all possible. It was a privilege to play for him and I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to learn from him now. His hard work doesn't go unnoticed and as a team we were so happy to be a part of such a special moment and time in his coaching career. I hope we can make it to 1,000 together."

The Wolves won the Michigan Stars tournament in Grand Blanc on Saturday and Sunday. They opened with a 2-1 win over Marysville. They defeated Atherton, 8-0, Traverse City West, 4-1, Pinckney, 12-1, and Brighton, 9-1. They continued on with a 6-5 win over Walled Lake Northern before defeating Bay City Central, 9-4.

As the temperature began to dip for the championship, the Wolves continued to be on fire as they defeated Millington, 12-11.

"The girls have a lot of confidence in each other and in themselves," Smith said. "The first thing they say when they don't get a hit is 'pick me up' to the next batter, and they truly have confidence that she will do just that. We will be learning a lot this weekend so we intend on having a good week next week."

The girls opened the week with a double header against Stoney Creek and host Troy on Thursday for another double header. They head to a tournament in Alpena this weekend.



Michigan Stars champions. Photo provided

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Riverdaws 10U team. Photo provided

'Daws finish strong

For the third consecutive year, Clarkston Riverdaws 10U made it to the championship game during the annual Clarkston Classic, April 27-29.

The game against Zappen was tied going into the fourth inning, 3-3, when the Dawgs fell short on offense with the tying run at the plate in the sixth.

Despite the loss, the Dawgs' efforts were tremendous as they had seven hits collected and shared amongst seven players: Beau Jacobsen, Trevor Theuer, Cole Duhaime, Grey Klein, Ethan Kern, Gavin Bond, Brody Denver. Defensively neither team committed a single error in the field.

The Dawgs had some gem defensively with an over the shoulder double play catch by Easton Momrik and a key catch towards the end of the game in right field by Andrew Caldwell. Tanner Mazich charged the team by receiving four strikeouts from starter Duhaime and being a pure backstop at catcher.

The team's offense was led by Mazich and Duhaime with seven hits, following up with Theuer and Denver with five each.

Within 40 hits, six of them were doubles

shared by Duhaime with four and Momrik and Kern with one each. The Dawgs had 34 runs during the tournament.

The pitching was led with wins by Kern, Bond, and Duhaime and three saves were collected in total by Jacobsen with two and Caldwell with one. Also, supporting the pitching staff were Mazich and Momrik.

"Each boy on our team contributed defensively and offensively multiple times which says a lot about their work ethic in the winter," said Coach Luke Momrik. "We have prided ourselves this year to play as a team and we accomplished that goal as we all backed each other up inning by inning. To say each team played flawless defensively at a 10U level is a tremendous accomplishment for both teams. The team we played was well-coached and showed great sportsmanship from their players and families. These are the games our boys will remember for many years to come. I and the coaching staff are glad to be a part of it."

For more information about the Riverdaws, please visit www.riverdaws.org.

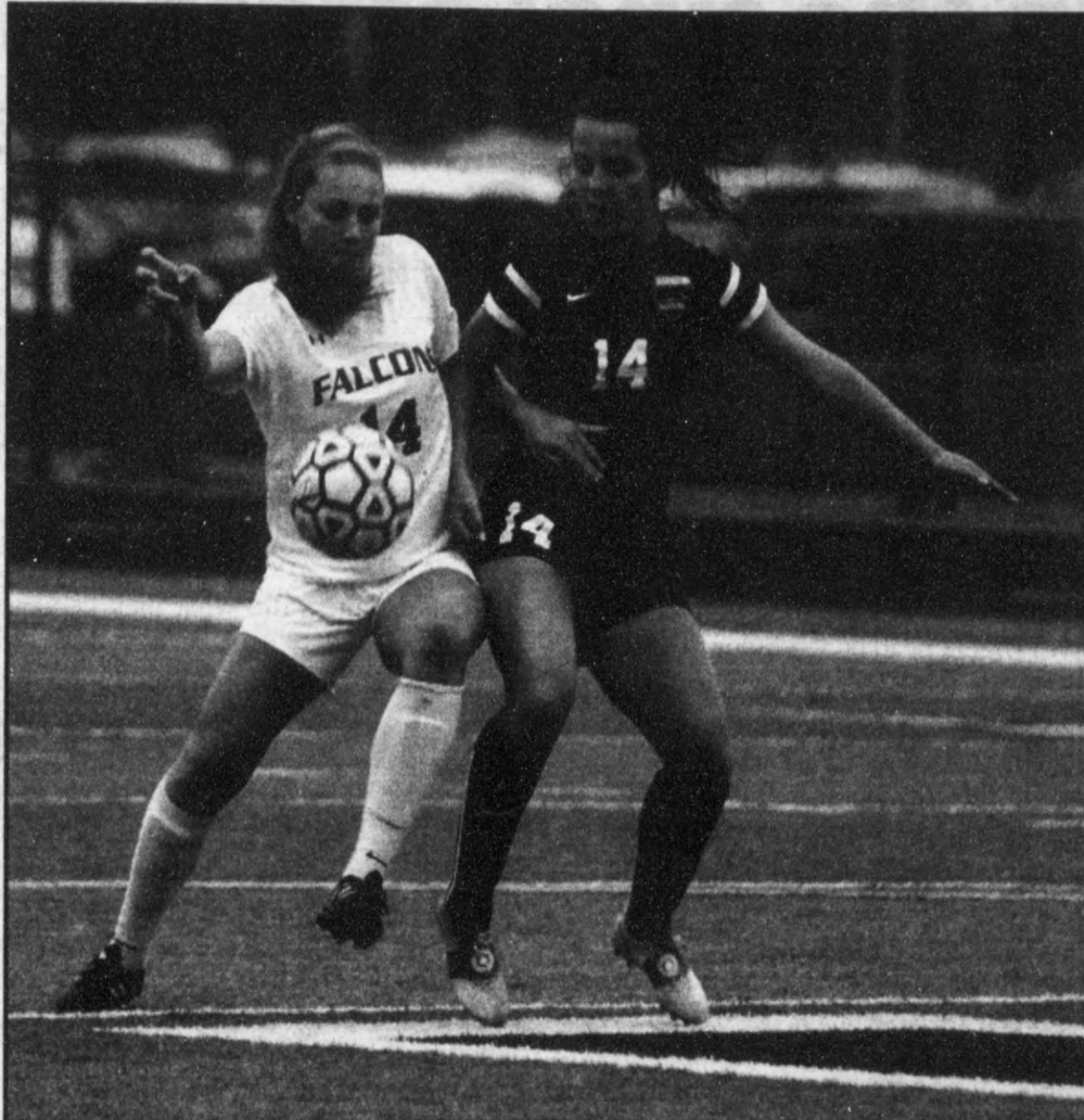


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Paige Oliverio, right, blocks Rochester from going deeper into the Wolves' territory during the Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer 0-0 tie at Rochester, May 3. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



The Clarkston JV Softball team wins the Lake Orion JV Softball Tournament. From left in the back row, Head Coach Allison Lanctot, Riley Labate, Ally Lesnau, Arayna Knowlton, Morgan Hunter, Izzy Roselli, Lizzy Rottenberk, Sharon Newsom, Coach Emma Spak; front row, Jordan Meacham, Kylee Riffle, Kaelyn Kaul, Sam Wycoff, Macy Biondo and Aliyah Loughead. Not pictured Makayla Ervin. Photo submitted

Wolves take over Orion tourney

The Clarkston JV Softball team defeated Swartz Creek with a 10-0 win the Lake Orion JV Softball Tournament hosted at Lake Orion High School, April 28.

Lizzy Rottenberk took the mound and held Swartz Creek scoreless with a strong defensive support. Catcher Izzy Roselli gunned down four base runners attempting to steal second.

The Wolves' bats came alive once again, scoring 10 runs, including a bomb over the left center field fence hit by Kaelyn Kaul.

Earlier in pool play, Clarkston went 3-0, beating Alpena, Rochester Adams, and Oxford in route to the championship game.

The Wolves are Macy Biondo, Makayla Ervin, Aaliyah Grech, Morgan Hunter, Kaelyn Kaul, Arayna Knowlton, Riley Labate, Allyson Lesnau, Aliyah Loughead, Jordan Meacham, Sharon Newsom, Kylee Riffle, Isabella Roselli, Elizabeth Rottenberk, and Samantha Wycoff.

They are coached by Allison Lanctot and Emma Spak.

The Wolves host Troy on Thursday at the softball JV field at Clarkston High School, 4:30 p.m.

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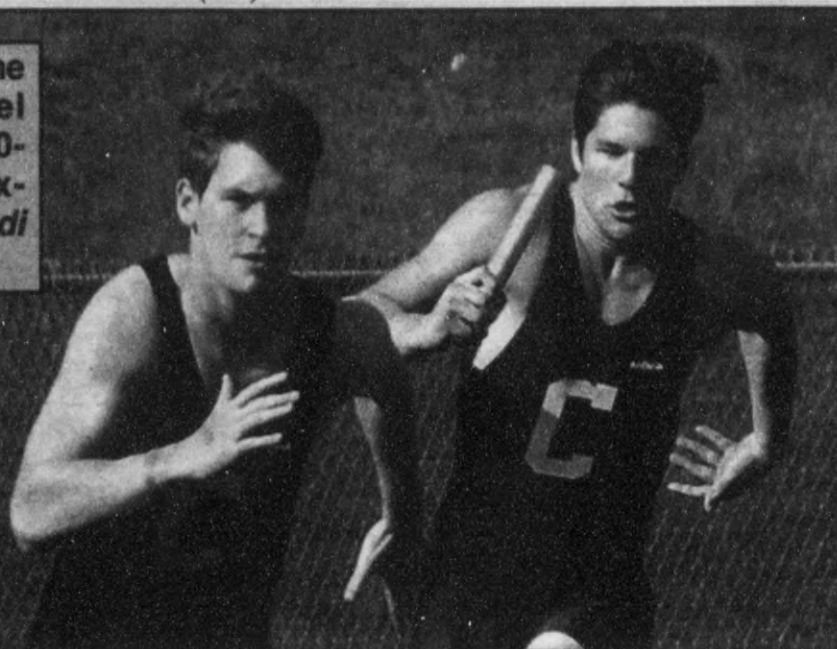
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Gino Paese hands the banton to Michael Fluegel in the 400-meter relay at Oxford. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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In the final stretch

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston High School Track & Field teams are prepping for the end of the season starting with top finishes in the league at the OAA Red Championships this Friday.

The teams recently headed to Oxford where they split the day.

The girls team won their meet at Oxford last Wednesday as they took first place in 13 events, 86-42.

"We had a lot of good performances from our hurdlers, from our long jumpers," said Kevin Breen, head coach. "Our field events did really well. We have seen a lot of improvement from them."

For hurdles, Haley Puskar finished in first place in the 100-meter hurdles, 17.24; and third place in the 300-meter hurdles, 49.38. Shae Harbaugh finished in first place in the 300-meter hurdles, 49.04.

For field events, Clarkston took the top three places in the long jump with Trinity Roodbeen in first place, 15-07; and Alex Touchstone and Alana Watlington both finishing with 15-05 for second and third places.

Molly Nicholson finished in first place in the shot put, 30-01.75, and Piper Bosart finished in third place with her throw finishing with the distance of 28-09.75. Alysa Perez threw 83-02 in discus in a third place finish. Allison Osborn finished in first place in the high jump, 4-06.

For relay events, Clarkston finished in first place, 53.82, and third place, 58.68 in the 400-meter relay. They also topped Oxford in the 800-meter relay, 1:51.56; the 1,600-meter relay, 4:17.77; and the 3,200-meter relay, 10:18.62 for first place finishes.

For sprints, the girls took the top three places in the 100-meter dash. Allie Eriksen finished in first place, 13:30; Danielle Hermansen, second, 14:07; and Sam Aris, third, 14:30. In the 200-meter dash, Callie Dickens finished first at 27.59, and Eriksen finished in second, 27.91. Eriksen also finished in second place in the 400-meter dash at 1:01.22 and Amanda Sutherby finished in third, 1:10.69.

"Sprinters had a little bit of a rough day," Breen added. "The sprinters did what they needed to do to score points."

For long distance, the girls finished in first place in the 800-meter run with Mallory Ferguson finishing at 2:29.49; in the 1,600-meter run with Ferguson, 5:26.34; and the 3,200-meter run with Grace Nolan, 11:37.73. Emily Gustafson finished in second place in the 800-meter run, 2:35.86.

"We have a couple of injuries right now so we held some of the girls out of racing," Breen said. "We ran three of our girls - Grace, Elizabeth and Mallory. Between those three girls we were able to win the distance events and overall in the score did really good."

The boys lost their meet against Oxford, 71-57.

For sprints, the boys took the top three places in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes. Max Salter led the way in the 100-meter, finishing in first place at 11.75 as Michael Fluegel took second, 11.86, and Conor Donahue took third, 12.14. Grant Telfer finished first in the 200-meter dash at 23.29 as Salter finished in second, 23.85, and Jarod Rutenber finished third, 24.45. In the 400-meter dash, Matthew Baker finished in second, 54.13, and Alec Ryan finished in third, 54.46.

"Our sprinters did what they needed to do," Breen said.

For long distance, Brendan Favazza finished in first in the 3,200-meter run, 10:03.17, and Nathan Sesti finished in third place in the 800-meter run, 2:05.45.

"Our distance boys struggled a little bit," said Breen. "Oxford has a really good distance program and their kids are really solid right now. We ended up locking points in the distance events. We probably could have gotten a few more if I had adjusted a few things."

For hurdles, Clarkston finished in third place in both events as Ronan McLaughlin finished at 18.70 in the 110-meter and Peyton Miller finished at 46.46 in the 300-meter hurdles.

For relay events, the 400-meter relay teams finished in first, 44.56, and second, 48.30; the 800-meter relay teams finished in first, 1:34.14, and third 1:43.99. The 1,600-meter relay teams also finished in first and third place at 3:40.64 and 3:58.82. The 3,200-meter relay teams finished in second, 8:25.59, and third, 9:11.41.

For field events, Gino Paese finished in first in the long jump, 20-01, and Josh Kelley finished in third, 19-02.5. For the high jump, Jayden Hutchons finished in second place and Matthew Nicholson finished in third, 5-08. Paese finished in third place in the shot put, 42-05.75, and Ben Haas finished in third in the discus, 124-06.

"We did well in our field events," Breen added. "Our shot putters did more than they have done in the past. They are really showing a lot of improvement. High jumpers did well."

He added it was senior night for Oxford and Clarkston was holding award night for the seniors.

Clarkston opened the week against Rochester Adams on Monday. They head to the OAA Red Championships at Oxford High School. The first event starts at 4:30 p.m.

"We haven't really seen Adams head to head at all," Breen said. "I am kind of curious what they will show up with. They've got a few good distance runners. They have always had strong hurdlers. Really we are just trying to get prepared for the end of the season now and prepare for our championship meet."

Clarkston grad wins gold medal with Team USA

John Wyatt, 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School, earned a gold medal with Team USA at the Men's Roller Derby World Cup in Barcelona, Spain, April 5-8.

Twenty four teams participated, including England, France, Belgium, Ireland, Mexico, Japan, Australia, Argentina, and Canada. The USA Amateur All Star Men's Roller Derby team defeated England in the championship game, 203-85.

This is Wyatt's second Team USA gold medal - he earned his first in 2014.

Wyatt has also earned gold medals as a player with the New York Shock Exchange Men's Roller Derby Team and five gold

medals with the Gotham Girl's Roller Derby Team, New York City, as a coach.

The son of Bob and Christine Wyatt of Clarkston, John currently lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

He is the head coach for the Angel City Hollywood Scarlets of Los Angeles and played on the San Diego Aftershocks Men's team in 2017.

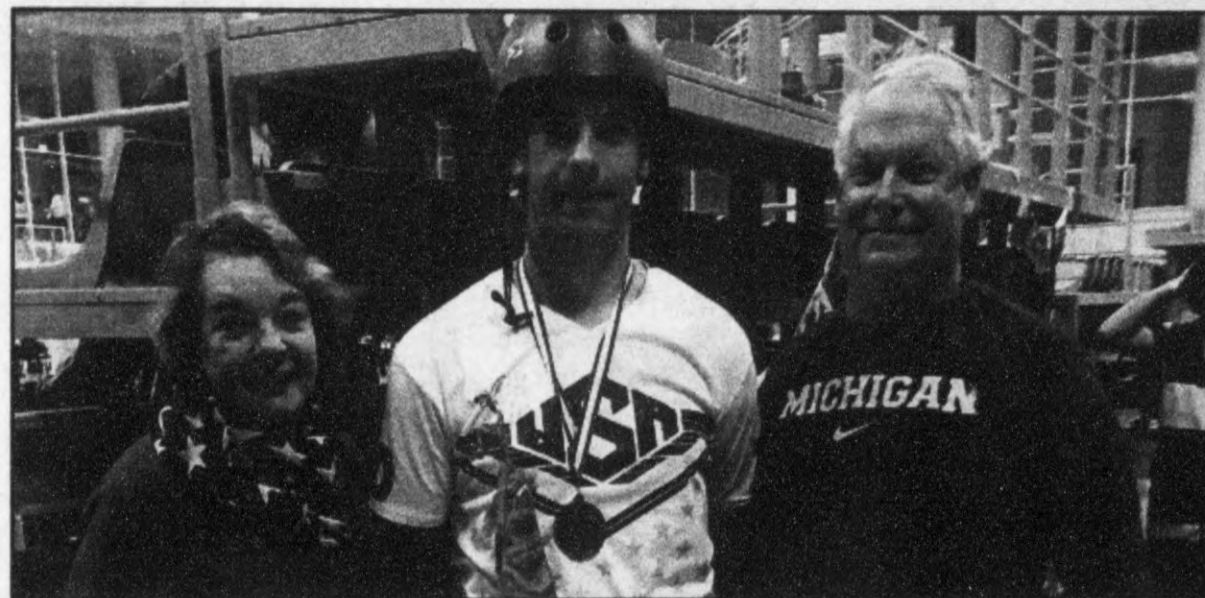
Bob and Christine were pleased to be able to attend the tournament, and meet members of the international roller derby community and their families.

Roller derby is a full contact sport played with quad roller skates on a flat track. There

are many local teams to watch, including the Detroit Derby girls who play at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

John played soccer in Clarkston and was on JV team as a ninth grader. His interest in roller derby stems from watching the Windy City Rollers, when he moved to Chicago. He eventually became their statistician.

When he moved to New York City, he joined the New York Shock Exchange team. He traveled to England, Australia, and Argentina to qualify teams to be members of the Men's Roller Derby Association, the governing body for men's roller derby.



John Wyatt, with his parents Bob and Christine Wyatt of Clarkston.

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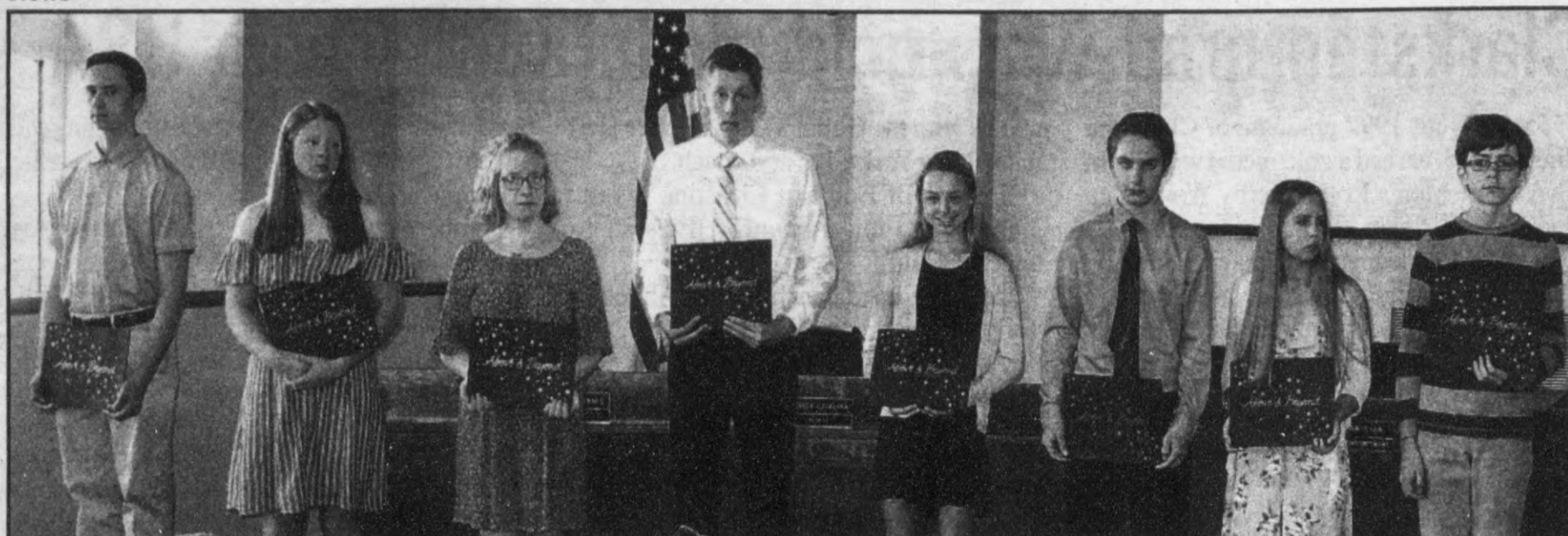
Clarkston Foundation for Public Education presented Recognition Awards for Mathematics and Science to Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High School, Clarkston High School, and Renaissance High School students, April 26.

"They all share a love for learning and an outstanding work ethic," said high school Principal Gary Kaul. "A confluence of natural gifts and hard work. Keep working on these gifts. They will take you very far in life."

"They have a universal passion for the subject, a notion of hard work, and engagement that will serve them through their whole life," said Interim Superintendent Shawn Ryan.

Mathematics award winners include 10th graders Tim O'Daniel, Hannah Cady, and Madison Dryden; 11th graders Andrew Culver, Grace Nolan, and Valentina Vargas; 12th graders Luke Quilliams, Karolina Oronowicz, and Austin Schmitz; Renaissance High School 12th grader Bethany Scharf; Eighth graders Olivia Richie and Joseph Dean; ninth graders Olivia Torres, Owen Kolean, and Grace Sielinski; sixth graders Meghan Quach and Andrew Floros; and seventh graders Katherine Speer and Luke Spicer.

Science award winners include 10th graders Richard Budny, Allison Osborn, and Lily Craighead; 11th graders Jeremy Cavallo, Madeline Merritt, and Drew Stark; 12th graders Jillian Haas, Justin Osborn, and Matt Heilman; Renaissance High School 12th grader Jordan Stepp; eighth graders Justin Rosenberg and Audrey Parker; ninth graders Nate Fender, Olivia Simofi-Ilyes, and Matthew Drutis; sixth graders Luke Jeung and Abigail Brumbaugh; and seventh graders Ava Gushen and Jake Flaviani.



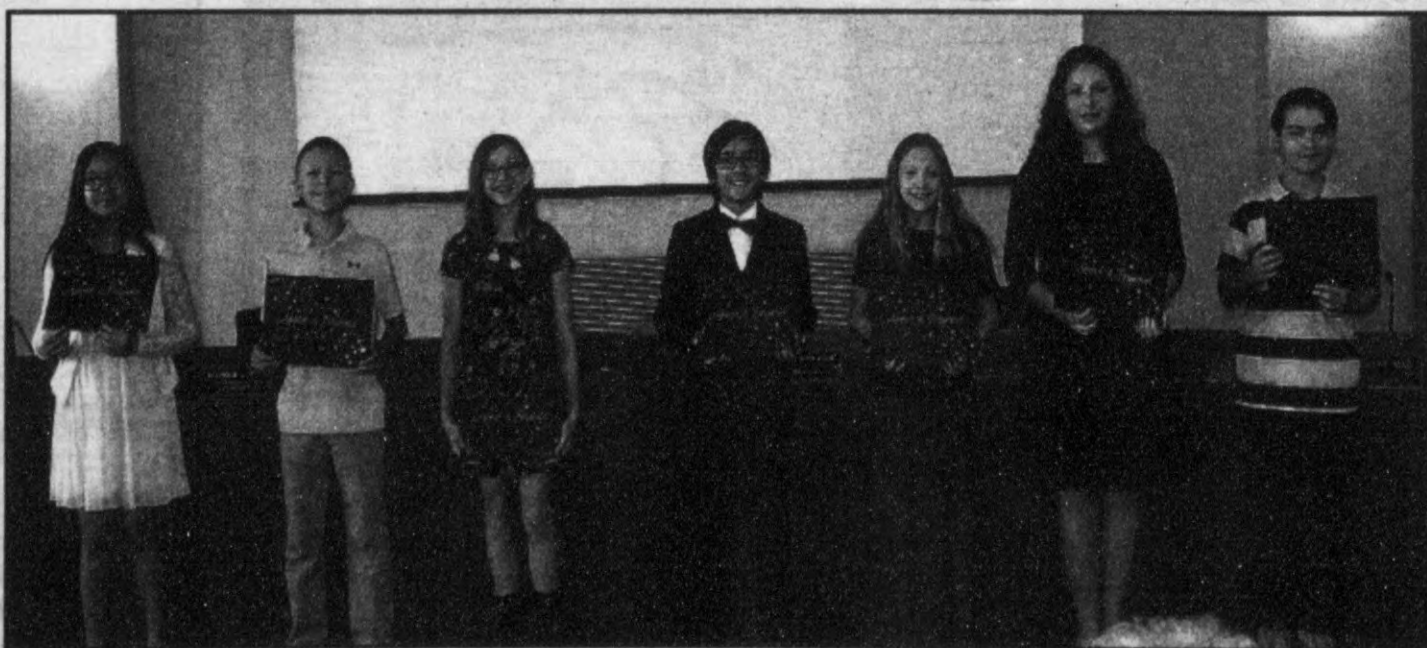
Above, Clarkston High School award winners Tim O'Daniel, Hannah Cady, Madison Dryden, Andrew Culver, Grace Nolan, Luke Quilliams, Karolina Oronowicz, and Richard Budny, and below, Allison Osborn, Jeremy Cavallo, Madeline Merritt, Lily Craighead, Drew Stark, Jillian Haas, Justin Osborn, and Matt Heilman. Not pictured, Valentina Vargas and Austin Schmitz. Photos by Phil Custodio



Clarkston Junior High School award winners Justin Rosenberg, Audrey Parker, Nate Fender, Olivia Simofi-Ilyes, Matthew Drutis, Olivia Richie, Joseph Dean, Olivia Torres, and Owen Kolean. Not pictured, Grace Sielinski.

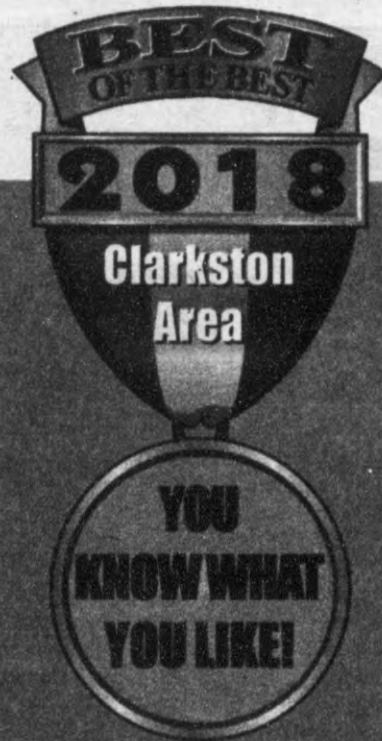


Renaissance High School honored Bethany Scharf with a Mathematics award and Jordan Stepp with a Science award.



Sashabaw Middle School awardees Meghan Quach, Andrew Floros, Katherine Speer, Luke Jeung, Abigail Brumbaugh, Ava Gushen, and Jake Flaviani. Not pictured, Luke Spicer.

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Wolves play for community, each other in Game for Hope

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team hustled and fought hard in their close 7-6 loss to Northville on Saturday during Game for Hope.

"This is definitely the longest game we have played," said Keelan McKouen. "We held it together in all four quarters. We didn't let any slip."

Keagan King agreed, adding, "we kept our composure. We played through it. We didn't listen to what the other team was telling us. We played through it and tried our best."

"We played every quarter," Joel LaBruzzy noted. "I don't think even for a few seconds we weren't out there doing something."

The Wolves made shots on the net in the first quarter but they didn't get in until 24 seconds remaining in the first quarter when Jack Gurn struck in front of the net.

Northville shot back with three goals in the second quarter and the first half closed, with them in the lead, 3-1.

The Wolves made a quick run into Northville's territory and McKouen scored 12 seconds into the third quarter off an assist from Jaydon Septor.

Eric Csizmadia tied the score with 8:50 left in the quarter before Dakota Locher put

another in the goal 42 seconds later to put the Wolves at a 4-3 lead.

"I went down just after half time and it started a spark," McKouen said. "Everyone started to get nuts and we were hooting and hollering. We always need that spark."

"We kept playing for each other," King added.

Northville tied the score at four points. King brought Clarkston back into the lead, scoring with 3:24 left in the quarter.

The opposing team tied the game eight seconds into the final stanza before Sam Lightfoot scored his successful shot to put the game 6-5 with 10:35 remaining.

The boys now prep for the rest of the regular season and the post season.

"We have come together amazingly," McKouen said about the growth of the team.

"We started out fairly slow. We were young and we knew we would struggle. We are coming together as a team. We have boys staying after an hour just to make sure we are working on our game. We are going to be a threat."

Csizmadia added each day the team shows improvement.

"We have our upperclassmen always helping out with the sophomores and freshmen," he said. "Every day we are getting better and better even though our record

doesn't show it. We are going to change that around."

"The underclassmen, juniors, sophomores even freshman, are stepping up in the biggest way possible," LaBruzzy added. "This team wouldn't be close to where it is without them. We are always talking about the whole season is preparing

for the post season. This game is just another big step in that process."

The boys host Oxford on Wednesday for Senior Night. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows. They head to Stoney Creek on Friday and are back home on Monday when they host Cranbrook. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Dakota Locher, playing for Tracy Callahan during Game for Hope, passes the ball in the first quarter. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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County-wide Coach of the Year winner retires

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Springfield Township resident Lance Baylis has hung up his whistle as head coach for Holly Boys Varsity Basketball after 13 years, leaving an impact on the program and its players.

"He is the most driven and motivated coaches I have ever played for," Justin Fowler shared. "He has a lot of great value and really goes above and beyond for every single player he has. I can't say enough good things about him."

Fowler played for Baylis from 2006-2010 as a varsity player and also when he was in Kindergarten playing with Holly Hoops, a peewee program.

"I have seen Lance in many difference scenarios," he explained. "One thing I always take away from Lance is the underline motivation he had given me. I attribute my success and where I am today as a result of Lance. He always encourage me to network and meet people."

Fowler added networking helped not only in basketball but on personal and professional levels as well.

"I spent so much time with him I imitated him, and tried to imitated everything he was doing," he said.

Kyle Sherwin played for Baylis for three years. Then, he was an assistant coach with Baylis.

"I have known Lance for so long. He always put education first before basketball," he said. "He was always telling us how everything on the basketball court translates to life - hard work, being on time, being a team player, being responsible, being thoughtful and accountable for what you do. It doesn't even have to be education - work hard in whatever you do, and you can really achieve anything you want as long as you are driven."

Mitch Belanger shared he learned a lot about leadership from Baylis.

"I am an electrical foreman now, and I run my own crew so it definitely helped to become a leader," he said. "I learned a lot of life lessons, too."

From his players, Baylis also learned a few things. A big one was success doesn't mean a winning record.

"I could not be more proud of what they are doing," he said about his players, adding many have gone on to higher education at great academic institutions. "Multiple players in medical school, physical therapy school, PhD scientists, chemical engineers, vice-presidents, financial planners, investment bankers, day traders, coaches, master electricians and business owners. I have built so many life-long relationships with many former players. I receive calls or texts from former players on a weekly basis. I get wishes on Father's Day and holidays. I've attended weddings of my



Coach Lance Baylis

former players. All of these things mean so much to me. These relationships are why we coach."

Baylis said he will remember all the great games and the huge crowds which game out for special games and rivalry matches. So will his players.

Fowler reflected on when Holly beat Swartz Creek during Snowcoming.

"It was the first game I started," he said. "Lance had built enough trust in me, he let a scrawny 5'10" start in a game. We ended up winning. It was one of my favorite games."

Belanger also reflected on a Snowcoming game against Swartz Creek.

"It was a close game and we ended up beating them," he said. "The intensity was insane. There were a lot of big plays at the end of the game. One I went in for a big dunk. I missed and he yelled at me for it. His attitude was the best. It fired you up. He was a second father figure."

Sherwin will always remember coaching alongside Baylis and being there when Holly won their first district championship in Class A and first in 33 years.

"I was really proud of him to achieve it in his career," he said. "The team that won the district championship, we knew we had a special group of kids. Our mindset throughout that whole season was take it one game at a time, but we also had a confidence, we always said this is the year we will win a district championship, and we could even get to the Breslin to win a state championship."

Baylis added during that season, 2014-2015, Holly had a tremendous following. The Bronchos hosted regionals and beat Plymouth in the semifinals and lost by two in the finals against Walled Lake Central.

"In all three games, the people in the stands were packed

like sardines and the track above was filled with standing room only fans," Baylis reflected. "It's hard to believe, but that team started out the season 3-2. Then, won the next 19 straight games. We caught lightning in a bottle. The crowds and support felt like a scene out of the movie *Hoosiers*."

Baylis said he is proud of his many accomplishments at Holly High School.

"None of these could be possible without the many incredibly talented players I was fortunate enough to coach," he said.

His accomplishments include:

- 175 Career coaching wins for a school record;
- 136 league wins – fourth best in the 50-year history of the Flint Metro League;
- Class A District Championship in 2015 – 1st Class A in school history and 1st in 33 Years;
- Class "A" Regional Finals in 2015 – 1st Class "A" in School History;
- Three Flint Metro League Titles;
- Three Class A District Finals;
- School record for most wins 2014-2015 with 22-3 record, same year 14-0 undefeated in FML;
- FML record for 16 wins in the league, 2008-2009;
- "Oakland County Coach of the Year" in 2015; and
- 21 Players sent on to play college basketball, with four being Division 2 players.

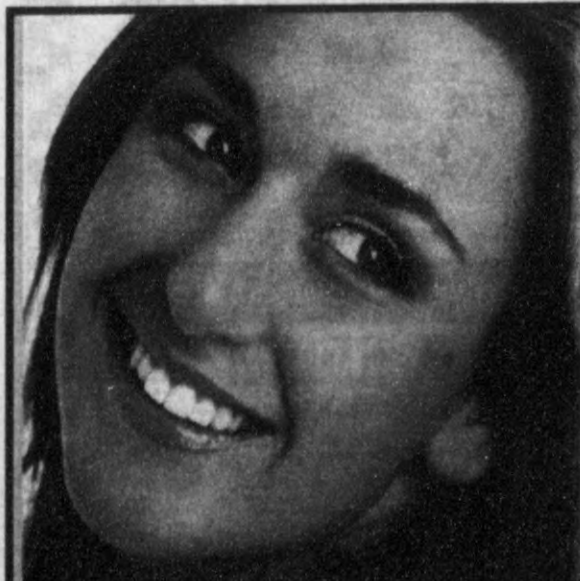
"For 13 years, we traveled the state as we built a reputation for a consistently good basketball program on the court," Baylis said. "We met and competed against great coaches, players and teams from all over Michigan."

Not only did Baylis coach varsity basketball, he was the founder and Youth Director of Holly Hoops and the Broncho Basketball League.

"For 21 years I've dedicated a large part of my life to Holly basketball," he shared. "I put my heart, soul, energy, effort, time, money, expertise and passion into Holly basketball almost each and every day – 365 days a year. I loved it and I did it with absolute intense involvement."

Baylis graduated from Birmingham Groves. His family moved to Clarkston, a 30-acre horse farm where Independence Elementary is now located, when he was 20-years-old in 1979.

He cofounded North Oakland Home Health Care, Inc. with his mother Maria Baylis, off M-15 and I-75 in 1982. He continued to live in Clarkston until he got married and bought a house in Davisburg. His brothers Dr. Larry Baylis, Dr. Lincoln Baylis and Dr. Lee Baylis, and his sister, Louise Baylis, all graduated from Clarkston High School. All but Lee continue to live in Clarkston.



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Township's mock election allows voters to test out new equipment

By Barb Pallotta,
Clerk

Last month's issue of the *Independence Township Times* invited all voters, young and old, to come test out the new, highly secure election equipment that will be utilized starting with the upcoming State Primary on August 7, 2018. New equipment has been set up in the upstairs lobby area of Town Hall and will remain for another week or two.

A special 4-question "Mock Election" ballot (see example below) is available for anyone to test out the new tabulator called the Verity Scan (V-Scan). Once a voter makes selections on the ballot, he/she can insert the ballot into the new V-Scan tabulator to demonstrate how easy it is to use and to see the new ballot format that will be used in the future.

Also set up for testing is the new Voter Assist Terminal, the Verity Touch Writer (V-Touch). While the V-Touch was designed for persons with disabilities, any voter is permitted to use it. The V-Touch terminal allows voters to view a ballot on a tablet-like screen, and make their voting selections by touch-screen or by listening to prompts on headphones and utilizing a handheld device that



Township Clerk
Barb Pallotta

allows the voter to navigate through ballot options and make selections. Once the ballot selections have been made, the ballot, with the voter's choices filled in, is printed on a laser-jet printer attached to the V-Touch. The printed voted ballot is then inserted into the V-Scan to be

tabulated just like a regular voted ballot.

Please come in to see and test the new voting equipment by voting the mock ballot. Encourage family and friends, particularly persons with disabilities to come try the new equipment before the next election. We want all voters to be able to participate in the upcoming elections and know that their votes count!

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Keeping taxpayer funds safe

By Paul Brown,
Treasurer

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

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

There are two primary factors that control the investment of public funds.

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

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

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

- 1) **Safety:** Safety of principal is the foremost objective.
- 2) **Liquidity:** The ability to access the funds as needed to meet our needs.
- 3) **Return on Investments:** Return on investment is always secondary to safety and liquidity.

As you might imagine, the return on investments is quite low as compared to what individual investors are earning, but we have significantly improved the returns by cutting costs. For many years, the Treasurer's Office paid a management fee of approximately \$30,000 per year to a financial advisory firm to advise the Treasurer on investment strategy. Given that over 90% of our investments were in U.S. Treasuries, the safest investment on the planet, I questioned why we needed to pay for advice when Public Act 20 is so restrictive. After presenting all of this to the Township Board in 2013, I requested that we establish an Investment



Paul Brown,
Township
Treasurer

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Building for the Township's future

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20 years old leveraging State SAW Grant funds. This assessment allowed the DPW to create a long-term Asset Management Plan being implemented throughout the Township. Needed sewer pipes are being repaired extending their lifespan by up to 50 years. The Township is now inspecting the balance of sewer pipes not covered by the SAW grant and is actively making repairs as they are found.

■ Geographic Information System (GIS) implementation throughout all DPW functions is being implemented to increase efficiency, accuracy and improve communications to help us

make better informed decisions. No more guessing where a 50-year-old water main is because the original blue prints were damaged. GIS will be our core structure for gathering, managing and analyzing data.

■ A new DPW Building will be erected in 2018 to provide additional vehicle storage space.

■ Upgrades to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) is planned for this year. This SCADA system is the central nervous system for all DPW sites providing staff with real time monitoring and data on the condition and operation of all water well heads, storage tanks and sewer lift stations sites.

■ Construction of new Columbaria at

Lakeview Cemetery will provide long term accommodation of cremation services for Lakeview. Completion date - late 2018.

■ Sashabaw Safety Path by Independence Oaks is near completion. Clintonville Safety Path Project is expected to start in late summer with completion in 2019.

■ Preventive maintenance plan for the water treatment plants will begin this year. Well production and pump performance has been evaluated and maintenance for both is being planned for 2018 / 2019.

At the end of the day, I am truly proud of the direction and accomplishments of your Township Management Team. The process improvements this group has come

up with is truly amazing. And this listing does not include the many things the Township Treasurer and Clerk have put in place to protect tax payer funds, strip administrative and processing costs out of antiquated ways of doing business and memorialize processes and standards to ensure consistency in operations for years to come. I'll let them showcase their accomplishments in a future Township Times edition.

As a 19-year resident, Independence is a great place to live. And as the Township Supervisor for the past 5 years, having a proactive team in place like we have now, Independence is also one very exciting place to work. Will keep you posted as new stuff happens.

Spring Stormwater Reminders

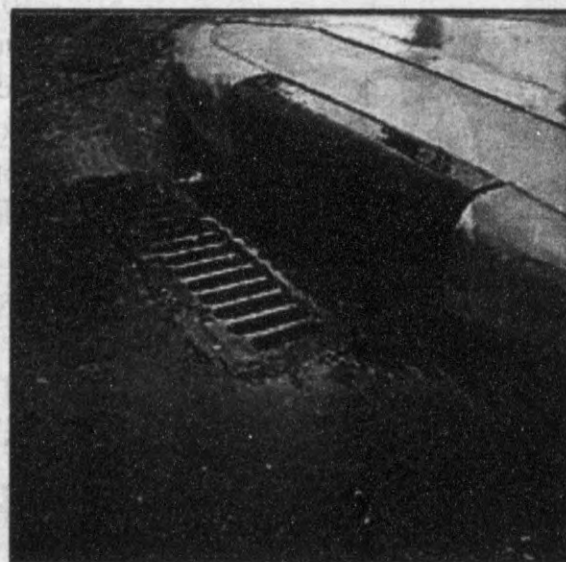
By Dave McKee,
DPW Director

When visiting our Township Parks, remember – DO NOT FEED THE WATERFOWL! Feeding waterfowl compromises their natural ability to forage in the wild and may also attract a concentration of wildlife beyond the capacity of the habitat. Plus, waterfowl waste contains high levels of E. coli bacteria, the kind that fouls beaches.

Never dump anything down a storm drain or catch basin, including: litter, cigarette butts, leaves, grass clippings, fertilizer, or oil.



David McKee,
DPW Director



Remember – ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!

If you live along a lake, river or stream, remember – Keep fertilizer applications at least 20 feet away from the edges of the waterway. Keep your grass high to help maintain nutrients and moisture. This keeps algae-causing nutrients like phosphorus out of our waterways.

Never place expired pharmaceuticals down a toilet or sink, where they could possibly enter our drinking water supply. You can drop them off at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Substation during normal business hours, located at: 6560 Citation Drive.

For more information contact the Independence Township Department of Public Works at 248-625-8222.



May is Deck Safety Month

By Scott Lenhart,
Assistant Building Official

Now that Mother Nature has finally (we hope) gotten Winter out of her system, it is nearly time to get outside and spend our warm and sunny evenings enjoying family and friends out on our decks. As you all know, this past winter season was especially harsh (a sick joke, actually) and quite possibly has compromised the safety of a place you will spend much of your spare time.

A few questions to ask yourself when evaluating the structural integrity of your deck are:

Do you have any split or decaying wood on the support posts, joists, deck boards,

railings or stairs?

Any loose or corroded fasteners? Have any nails popped up and are required to be pounded back in?

How about the stairs and railings? Do they feel properly secured?

Please note the above list only scratches the surface. The North American Deck and Railing Association (NADRA) have created a more detailed explanation and checklist which can assist you with the review of your deck and the decision on whether maintenance will be necessary or not.

Here at the Building Department, we encourage everyone to visit www.nadra.org to view the Deck Evaluation Checklist, Deck Safety Tips, photos and more. Please feel free to contact us directly at (248) 625-8111 with additional questions and/or concerns.



Scott Lenhart

Keeping taxpayer funds safe

Continued from Page 2

Advisory Committee of residents with investment and banking backgrounds who could assist in reviewing investment strategy. The Township Board agreed and we were able to eliminate the financial advisors and have now saved more than \$150,000.

Another strategy that has helped to improve our returns is that we request quotes from multiple qualified

Securities Companies when we are looking to invest. General speaking, we save at least 0.1% when we get competitive quotes. The largest swing in pricing in the past 3 years has been 0.6% on a \$1,000,000 investment. That means an extra \$6000 in returns on an 18-month investment.

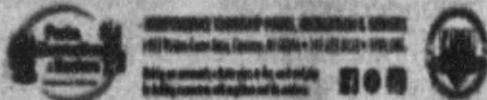
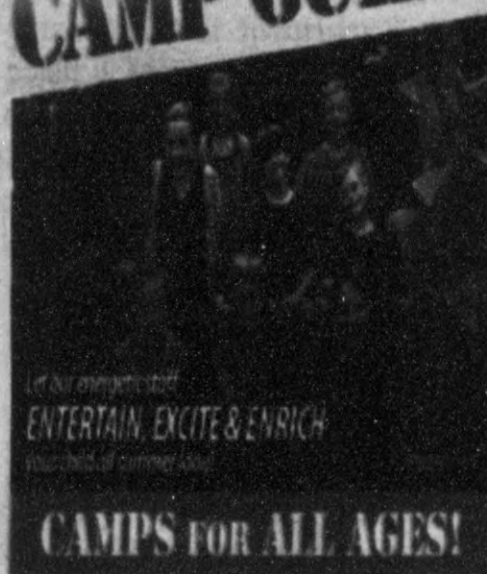
Next month, I'll write about the steps we've taken to protect our funds from misappropriation.

GOT CAMP?

Camp registration starts on Friday, April 20 from 9am to 7pm for Returning Camp Families. Then on Saturday, April 21 from 9am to 2pm for Independence Township and Clarkston School District residents.



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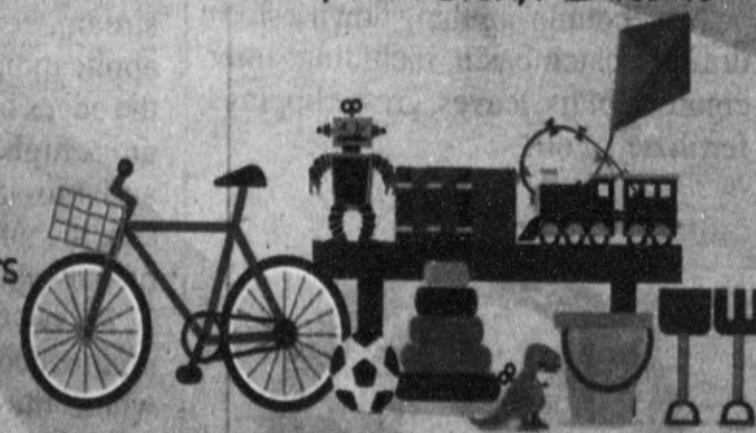
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Jim Roy, Bowman Chevrolet service manager, explains to the students the technology and work processes in the dealership's service center. Photo by Phil Custodio

Tips for next generation of mechanics

Automotive students from Oakland Schools Technical Center got a view of the technology and work environment of a state-of-the-art service center at Bowman Chevrolet, April 25.

The students toured the service center at 6750 Dixie Highway, and learned about the automotive field in a real-world scenario.

Jim Roy, service manager, shared insights into the shop, training and certifications

they'll need, and stressed the importance of high school as the most time they'll ever have available to learn the trade.

"Right now, that's what it's all about," Roy said.

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Events

Spring Plant Sale, May 9-10, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Oakland Technical Center—Northwest, 8211 Big Lake Road. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, unusual specialty plants.

Blood drives, American Red Cross, May 10, 1-6:45 p.m., American Legion, 8047 Ortonville Road; May 11, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., library, 6495 Clarkston Road; May 17, 2-7:45 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

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.

Leading Ladies comedy farce by Ken Ludwig, Clarkston Village Players, May 11-13, 17-19, Depot Theater. \$13 Thurs/Sun and \$15 Fri/Sat. 248-425-5842.

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

Angels Place Race, 9 a.m., May 12, 10K run, Bruce Clifton 5K Run/Walk, one-mile fun walk from St. Daniel's, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Angelsplacrace.org.

Feather Fest, 1-4 p.m., May 12, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Bird hikes, make and take bird feeder project, bird feeder station, crafts, games. Meet at the Lake Point Shelter across from the Boat House. Free, park entry permit/fee required. 248-858-0916.

On Deck Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., May 12, Dillman & Upton's, 607 Woodward Street, Rochester. Demos with pro builders, free hot dogs and drinks. 248-651-9411.

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

Annual Perennial Plant Exchange, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 8:30 a.m., June 2, downtown parking lot at Washington and Main. Bring divided, potted and labeled perennials for exchange with other gardeners; clarkstongardenclub.org.

Around Town

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



Dr. Shivajee Nallamothe discusses the latest in orthopedic surgery at Dinner with a Doc, April 24 at the Clarkston Andiamo.

Dinner with a Doc

McLaren hosts the next Dinner with a Doc on Tuesday, May 29, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Andiamo's, 7228 N. Main Street.

Dr. J. Quen Dickey, a cardiologist with the McLaren Cardiovascular Institute, will provide information regarding heart health—signs, symptoms and risks.

Physician presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner by Andiamo will be provided at no cost to registrants. Registration is required. Go to "Dinner with a Doc" at www.eventbrite.com.

The monthly series continues on June 26 and July 31.

40th reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1978, June 30, Fountains Bar and Grill, 6060 Maybee Road. \$5. Pay own food and drink. Checks to Class of 1978, 7670 Pleasant Brook Dr., Waterford, MI 48327. Seats are limited.

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.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, May 8, 7 p.m. Topic: "Why Do I Feel So Angry?" Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

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.

Seniors On With Life Group forming for widowers, widows, divorced. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings. 248-393-8553.

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

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. Preservationclarkston@gmail.com.

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.

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, pre-register. **Ending Alzheimer's: Battling Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer's One Brain at a Time**, Nuview Nutrition Wellness Center, 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. Free. Twice a month, 6 p.m. Call for dates and reserve seat, 248-625-5143.

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 Meth. Please see Around Town on page 27

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The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

Independence kids learn to give with S.O.C.K.S.

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

About 500 students from Young Fives through fifth grade joined 100 teachers, staff, and community volunteers in Independence Elementary's 15th Annual S.O.C.K.S. (Serving Our Community Kids Style) Day, April 27.

In the Young Fives classrooms, students painted field stones, assembled nesting bags and created seed bombs. The items will be placed in the in the Independence Township Senior Center and the Independence Learning Garden after construction is finished.

Sue Dobson, Young Fives teacher at Independence, explained the ASL projects represent their way of helping their community.

"They are doing four stations," Dobson said. "This one's really cool. They are planting bean seeds (green beans), and when they start to come up, we're going to carry them over and transplant them at the Family Farm."

"The last one, they are painting field stones and our class is sponsoring this. We're making a flower garden outside our window for when the construction is complete, and the rocks will outline the perimeter of the flower garden."

In the Kindergarten hallway and classrooms, students assembled toiletry bags for adults and children at Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac. Items such as toothbrushes and toothpastes were stuffed into the bags. Additionally, deodorant and shaving razors were also added for the adults and coloring books and crayons added for the children.

First graders divided into groups and rotated through several activities throughout the event. One group made dog toys, dog bandanas, and cards for the Canine Companions Rescue Center. Another group of first graders met in the music room to watch a CCRC presentation and meet their puppies. Afterwards, both groups met Mrs. Dube, a representative from Paws with a Cause along with her puppy Laddie.

Second graders assembled care packages for the U.S. Air Force and Army. They also wrote thank you letters and letters of encouragement to them. As part of their ASL project, the students met a local veteran.

Third graders packed 1,000 homemade



From left, Gavin McHugh, Sloane Tillander, Mrs. Dube of Paws with a Cause with her dog Laddie, Adelina Mohrman, Mira Tersigni, Sam Hetherington, and Cash Whittington show Paws with a Cause cutouts.

muffins and personalized cards with refrigerator magnets for the Meals on Wheels program. Prior to the event, students learned about the organization and the services they provide to the local community, as well as participate in a "cause and effect" role playing activity.

Fourth graders picked out a variety of 60 colorful and animated fleece blankets, broke up into groups, measured, cut and tied them for delivery to hospitalized patients. As part of their ASL project, the students also learned about comfort, security, and hope sick and hospitalized people need.

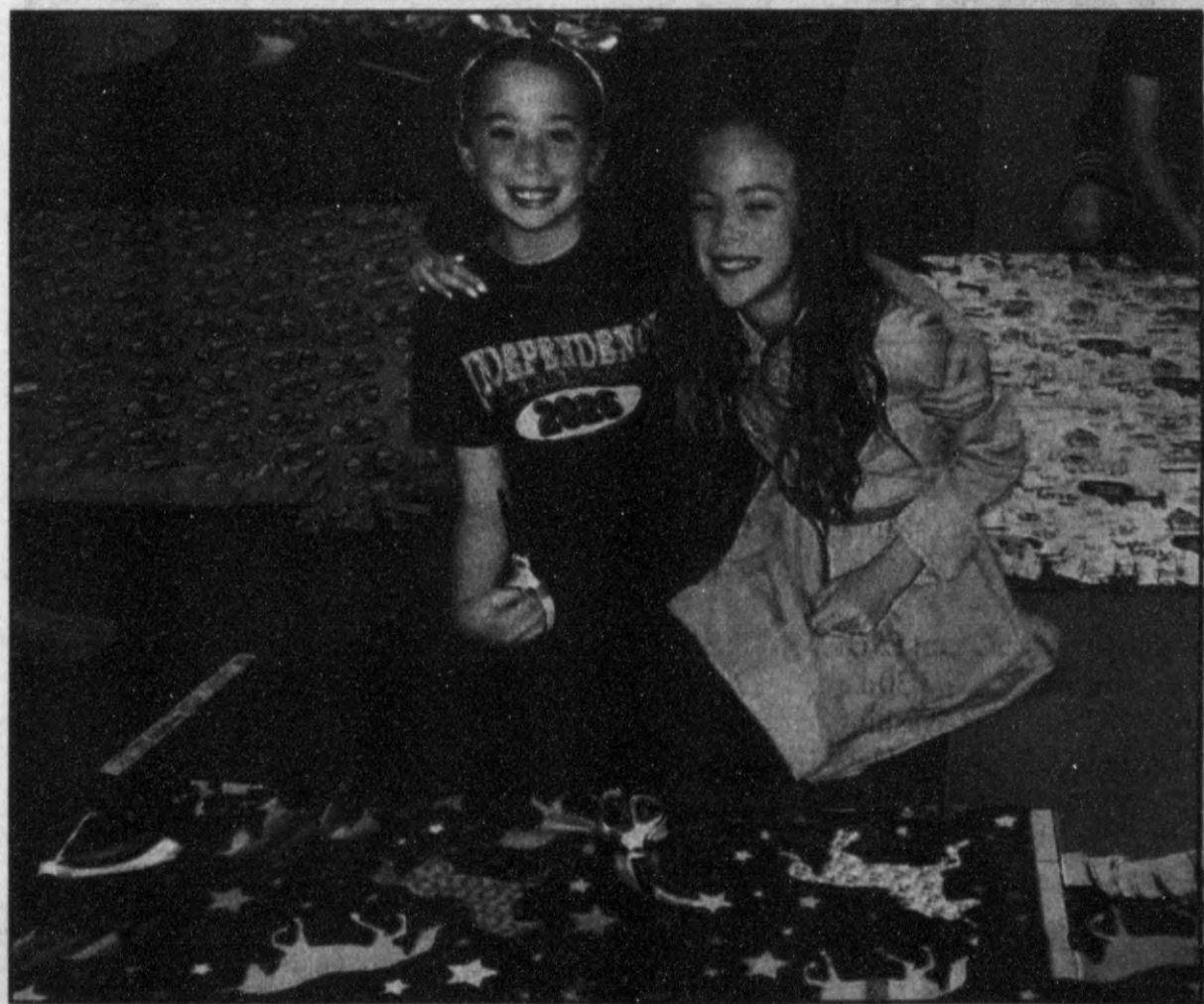
"It's funny, and it would make the kids in the hospital smile," said Nick Landry, who along with fellow fourth grader Casey Brierly, was tying the perimeters of a blanket depicting sharks eating donuts.

Sydney Rossell and Ryan Schell, another fourth grade duo, were tying up a cat blanket with quotes such as "Sleep is Purrrrfect" throughout.

"I really like cats and I got a new one a few days ago," Schell said. "His name is Marvel because I make comics. I write them, and I'm actually pretty famous in my classroom. I ask people if they want to be in my comics."

"I have a dog, but I just love animals and I like the color pink," Rossell said.

Fifth graders hosted a social event in their



Clara Cummings and Bella Wachuku smile with their unicorn blanket.

gym for local senior citizens. They sang songs, played games with them, interviewed them, and served refreshments. As part of their ASL project, the students learned about their life experiences, current issues of

loneliness, poor health, and financial difficulties that many seniors face daily.

After the event, the kids wrote letters to the seniors to continue to build on their intergenerational relationships.

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Death notices & Obituaries

James Litwin, 77

James Litwin, "Jim," of Clarkston passed away May 1, 2018, at age 77.

He was the loving husband of Valerie for over 30 years; special father of Linda (Joe) Dantonio; grandpa "doggie" of Alyssa, Joe and John; brother of George (Kathy) Litwin. Jim will be especially missed by his loving boys Stingray, Lovey and Clue.

He was an avid fan of the University of Michigan and was proud of his years of education there.

Jim was a corvette collector and a member of America's Corvette Club.

He loved working with his dogs on obedience and agility and was a member of Sportsmen's Dog Training Club.

Jim enjoyed his time on the water and promoting boating safety as a member of Grosse Pointe Power Squadron. He was a devoted golfer and would practice any opportunity he could get.

Jim spent nearly 60 years in the insurance industry and was working, most recently, at Total Insurance Services. He worked very hard to earn his certifications of Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) as well as Certified Risk Manager (CRM).

Funeral Service was May 5 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston**. Memorial donations may be made to The Golden Retriever Lifetime Study through the Morris Animal Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily at
Clarkstonnews.com

Charles Gray Robertson IV, 58

Charles Gray Robertson IV of Rochester Hills, Mich., passed away May 2, 2018.

He was born June 21, 1959, in Clarkston, where he graduated from Clarkston High School and then graduated from Western Michigan University in 1982 with a degree in Journalism and soon after traveled the world as a tour guide for composer and singer star Barry Manilow. He then had a very successful career in Trademark Licensing.

He is survived by his son Charles Gray Robertson V, daughter Anna Lilly Robertson and their mother Melanie Baldwin Robertson; father Charles Gray Robertson III, mother Kay Keller Robertson, sister Patricia Kay (John) Fredricksen and brother Gregory Keller Robertson.

Although a tireless and dedicated worker, he always left ample time for family and fun. He was very well coordinated and was good at anything athletic. For example, he sometimes entertained the children at their elementary school in Rochester by riding through the halls in his business suit on a unicycle while juggling!

He will be desperately missed by his family and many close friends.

Visitation was May 6 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston**. Private Funeral was May 7. Memorials may be made to the family for the future education of Gray and Anna.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



In our local churches...

Adult Bible Fellowships, Sunday School, 11 a.m., Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Highway, 248-625-2311.

Coffee and Conversation, first, third, fifth Sunday, 12:30 p.m., for adults and interested youth. Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-673-3469

Sunday Night Youth Group, games, snacks, etc., 6 p.m.; devotion time, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

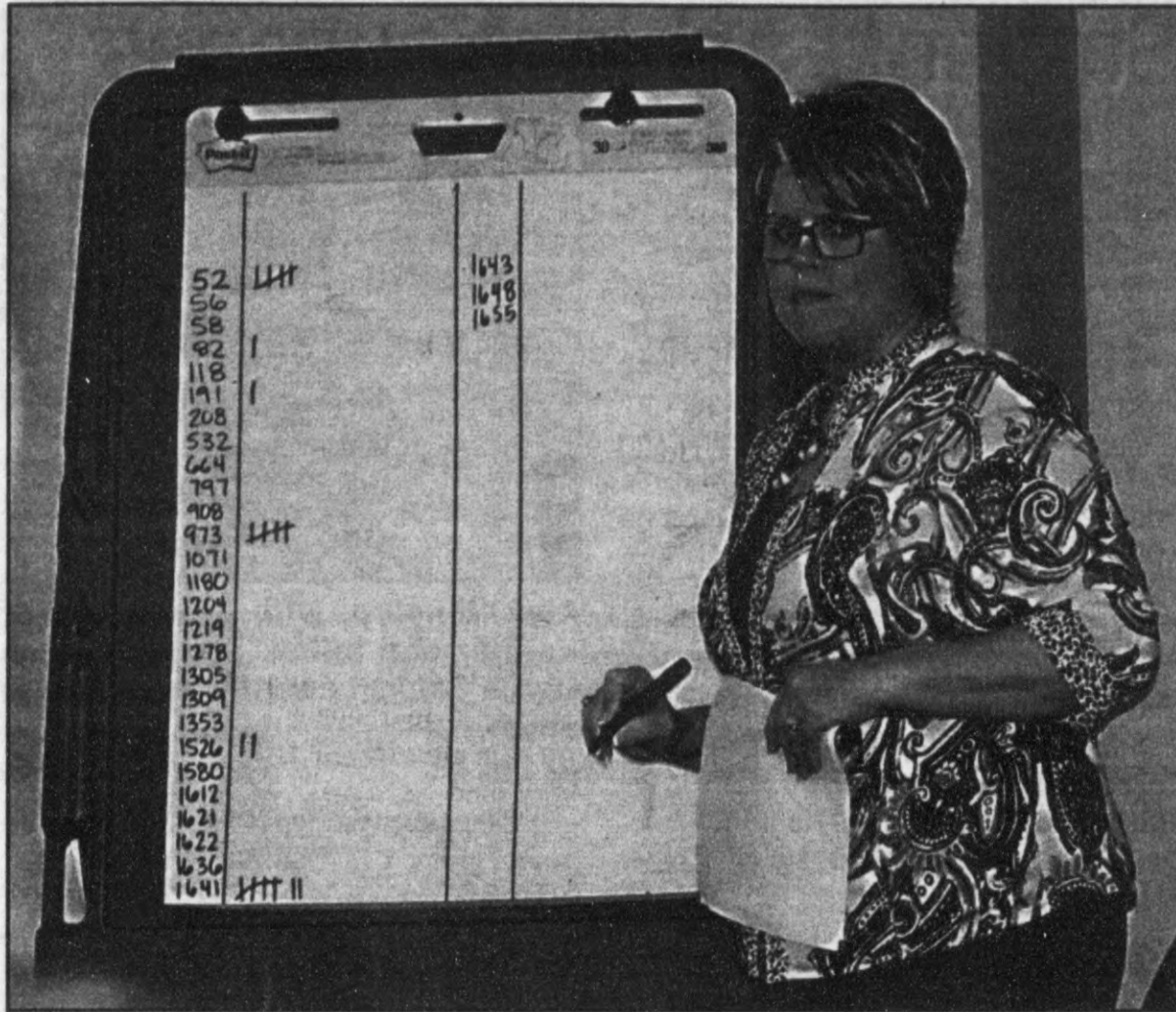
Bible Study, Mondays, 10 a.m., Church of the

Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

Cove gatherings for teens, grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waypoint Church, 8400 Dixie Highway. 248-623-1224.

DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Walden Road. Call 248-625-1611.

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. Call 248-625-4644 for information.



Donna Oser records the school board's votes for the top three candidates for superintendent, identified by numbers rather than names, for first-round interviews. Photo by Brenda Dominick

Superintendent search

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in Kansas and later served as assistant principal and principal in Jonesville, Mich. A graduate of Michigan State University, Campbell earned her Doctorate in Education Administration in 2012.

Lopez previously served as associate superintendent for instructional services and school performance. His career includes serving as the inaugural CEO for the Homewood Children's Village in Pittsburgh for three years; chief of high school reform for Pittsburgh Public Schools for three years, and high school principal in Berkley, Mich., for three years. Lopez earned his Master's degree in Education Administration from Marygrove College, his Juris Doctorate from Cornell Law School and is currently completing his Ph.D. in Education Policy at Michigan State University.

Ryan's service to Clarkston Community Schools began more than two decades ago, with five years as a science teacher. He has served as assistant principal for two years, high school principal for six years, and deputy superintendent since 2010. Ryan possesses a BA in Biology/Chemistry from St. Vincent College, an MA in Education Leadership from Eastern Michigan University, as well as an Administrator Certificate.

The school board selected the top three candidates at the May 2 workshop from a list of 30, voting by number instead of name. All candidates were to be asked the same questions on Monday, based on the recommendations of Donna Oser, CAE,

director of leadership development and executive search services at Michigan Association of School Boards.

At the workshop, board Vice President Kelli Horst asked about modifying one of the interview questions, "What do students need to be successful?"

"I was actually looking for some way we could ask for the candidates' philosophy on student success, student growth, and student achievement," Horst said. "We tend to think about it pretty distinctly here. Rather than what do they need to be successful, could we ask a more philosophical thought on that?"

Oser agreed and explained that type of question would open the door to getting the candidates' sense of whole child issues.

"I looked at this question from the school district perspective, AKA, 'what resources can you provide to make students successful' — is it textbooks, is it social workers, Wolf Time?," said board Secretary Steve Hyer.

The board agreed the candidate should understand CCS's Whole Child initiative.

The board agreed on no questions from candidates nor follow-up questions from the school board during the first round interviews. However, second round interviews will not be structured.

The second round of interviews was to be decided and scheduled based on Monday's interviews, which was after Monday's print deadline. The projected start date for the new superintendent is July 1, 2018.

Stopping traffic for schools

Not unlike most of you who are reading this, I have a bucket list of career goals and life experiences I hope to someday realize. Before last Tuesday, nowhere on that list could you find aspirations of stopping traffic on a major highway.

And then a dump truck rolled down I-75 with its lift bed open, ensnaring the fiber wires three of our schools rely on for digital connectivity. North Sashabaw Elementary School, Pine Knob Elementary School, and Sashabaw Middle School instantly lost phone and internet service, and getting these buildings back online became my focus for the next 24 hours.

My team and I would just have to halt traffic in both directions on I-75 to do it.

"No problem," MDOT assured us, "we will have you back up and running on Sunday."

They indicated this was the soonest they could close the road to allow for the repairs to be made. No problem?

Big problem. See, our schools need access to digital communications for records, instruction, and more. While each school is equipped with a few analog phone lines for emergency calls in and out, and our teachers are experts at enacting a creative "Plan B" as situations demand, this is no way to conduct a school day... let alone three days!

MDOT wasn't trying to put us off or inconvenience us on purpose. They just didn't understand how important restoring connectivity was to us. They didn't know how this one simple cable affected our day-to-day operations, how it affected our teachers, and our students.

With a few more phone calls and conversations "up the chain," they understood, and they worked with us to

get the road shut down not on Sunday, but on Wednesday morning. The repairs were made and connectivity was restored by noon that day.

The reason I am sharing the play-by-play with you is because I want to show you how easy it is to advocate for the people and institutions you care deeply about. As the dump truck drama was unfolding on Tuesday, I was also buzzing in and out of some great discussions that were happening at our Clarkston Champions kick-off events. If you're not familiar with Clarkston Champions, it is a group of engaged community members who wish to speak up for our kids and our schools through legislative advocacy.

I couldn't help but draw a parallel between my phone calls on Tuesday, and community advocacy in legislative decision-making process.

Clarkston Champions steering committee member, and CCS Board of Education Vice President Kelli Horst said there are three things to think about when contacting legislators and lawmakers:

1. Tell them the issue you're contacting them about, and what you want them to do.
2. Tell them the effect this issue would have on you (or in our case, our students, our staff, or our schools).
3. Share a personal story about yourself or someone you know who is affected by this issue.

It's that easy. Without realizing it, that's also the approach that helped us solve our problem on Tuesday.

Advocacy for our kids and our schools comes in many forms. A phone call can go a long way. A conversation can lead to understanding, and understanding can lead to change. You may wake up in the morning thinking you're incapable of stopping traffic (literally or figuratively), but by the sheer power of desire, determination, and communication ... you do.

For more information about the Clarkston Champions, please visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/champs.

Words from the Sup't



Shawn Ryan

Around Town

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odist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

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

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

lunch. 248-846-6558.

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

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

Friday

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



Rachel and Benjamin

Wolf grad weds Wolfe

Rachel Nicole Kowal and Benjamin Wolfe were joined in marriage on Nov. 11, 2017, at Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The bride is a 2010 graduate of Clarkston High School and 2015 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is the daughter of Fred and Niki Kowal of Clarkston, and

assistant project manager at Facility Solutions.

The groom, the son of David and Bonnie Wolfe of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, is a 2005 graduate of Tiffin Calvert High School and 2009 graduate of Valparaiso University.

They reside in Grosse Pointe.

Students achieve success

Alyx Winship of Clarkston received Distinguished Dance Student recognition at the MaTilDa Awards ceremony on April 16 at Oakland University.

The red-carpet event included dinner and music, theatre and dance performances, as well as award presentations recognizing exceptional service and performance by Music, Theatre and Dance students. The MaTilDas are named to honor Matilda Dodge Wilson who donated the land on which Oakland University is built.

Nickolas Charles Santarossa of Clarkston was named to the Michigan State University Deans List from the fall semester.

Santarossa graduated from Everest Collegiate High School in 2017 and is in the MSU College of Business. He is the son of Dr. Tom and Mary Anne Santarossa of Clarkston.

Kristina Gerhardt of Clarkston was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Gerhardt was initiated at University of Maryland University College.

John Keller of Clarkston was honored April 19 at Ohio Wesleyan University's 14th annual Dale J. Bruce Scholar-Athlete Awards



Alyx Winship, with Dr. Elizabeth Kattner and fellow Distinguished Dance Student award winner Abbey Smith.

Dinner.

Keller earned the Top 50 Academic Award, and competed in Battling Bishop Men's Lacrosse.

Melanie Aguayo of Clarkston received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree during Ashland University's commencement ceremonies, May 5.

Aguayo is majoring in Marketing, and is the daughter of Robert and Judy Aguayo of Clarkston. A 2014 graduate of Clarkston High School, she is graduating with Cum Laude and Gamma Alpha Kappa honors.

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SUMMER READING KICK-OFF EVENT

Monday, June 11th @ 6 pm

Ron the Bubble Man

Join us this evening at 6 pm to register for Summer Reading 2018! Registration is open to all ages 0-100+! Enjoy the bubble-making magic of Bubble Man Ron, play some of our awesome lawn games, and enjoy some taste popcorn!

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Medals for varsity golfers

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team finished in fifth place in the NextTee Boys Golf Invite at Oakland Hills with a 315. Cole Smaka medaled and led the team with a 73. Noah Bridgeman had a 76, Alex Oda, 79, Patrick Deardorff, 87, and Harry Bowman, 88.

Grosse Pointe South finished in first place with a 292. Detroit Catholic Central finished in second, 303; Rockford, third, 308; and Brother Rice, fourth, 309.

They finished the Eastwood Invitational at Sycamore Hills Golf Course with a 320 through tough, windy conditions on Friday. Bridgeman led with a 78. Oda had a 79, Smaka, 80, Bowman, 83, and Terry Fortuna, 88.

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The Clarkston Varsity Baseball team posted wins and loss last week as they took on OAA Red foes. They split their double header against Rochester on April 30 with a 7-0 win and a 9-3 loss. They headed to Roch-

ester on Wednesday for another league game to finish the series with a 4-2 loss. They split against Troy Athens on Friday with a 5-4 win and a 13-1 loss before defeating Brown City, 11-1, and losing to Haslett, 4-0 on Saturday.

They host Stoney Creek on Wednesday to finish the series.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
MAY 1, 2018

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Independence Township Hall
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Ritchie, Schroeder
Absent: Loughrin
- Also Present: Kimberly Feigley, Director of Assessing; Lt. Larry Perry, Oakland County Sheriff's Office; Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.;

There was a quorum present:

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by inserting item Request to Approve Second Amendment - Cost Participation Agreement with Road Commission for Oakland County as M-06 under Regular Business.
- E. CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY SESSION: Consideration of Attorney-Client Written Communications pursuant to MCL 15.268 (h) of the Open Meetings Act.

The meeting RECESSED at 6:05 p.m.

The meeting RECONVENED at 6:17 p.m.

- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta; Trustee Schroeder
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA: (Action taken out of order)

1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2018
2. Approval of the April 24, 2018 Check Run (\$512,987.73) and Ratify the April 20, 2018 Payroll (\$245,538.43)
3. Adoption of Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Mental Health Month
4. Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #20 - 2017 Incomplete Purchases

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Ballot Language - Police Services Operating Millage
2. Adoption of Ballot Language - Safety Path Millage
3. Acceptance of Engagement Letters - Third Party Administrator for Employee Retirement Plans
4. Adoption of Resolution - Legal Costs for Dark Store Litigation; Menard v City of Escanaba
5. Amendment of Motion #2018-04-086 - Amendment to Previously Adopted Motion #2016-05-080
6. LATE SUBMITTAL: Approval of Second Amendment - Cost Participation Agreement with Road Commission for Oakland County

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report - March 2018
2. Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC); Minutes-Final - March 13, 2018
3. Communication: Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (CAYA) 2018 Pinwheels for Prevention-Letter of Appreciation
4. Report: Fiscal 2018 Actual to Budget Update for Period Ending March 31, 2018 (Rick Yeager, Budget & Operations Analyst)

- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Schroeder
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, May 9, 2018

CLAIMS NOTICE

Revocable Trust

Robert J. and Donna S. Young Revocable Living Trust
Date of establishment of Trust: 3/16/2000

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the trust may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, Robert J. Young, whose last known address was 3793 Lincolnshire, Waterford, MI 48327, died on April 1, 2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Trustee, Jeffrey Young at 2124 Cass Lake Keego Harbor, MI 48320 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of LEXI LEE WOLFE, Minor
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at Clarkston Community Schools, 6389 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, the Board of Education of Clarkston Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2018-2019 property tax millage rate.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2018-2019 property tax millage rate until after a public hearing.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the 2018-2019 budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Steve Hyer, Secretary



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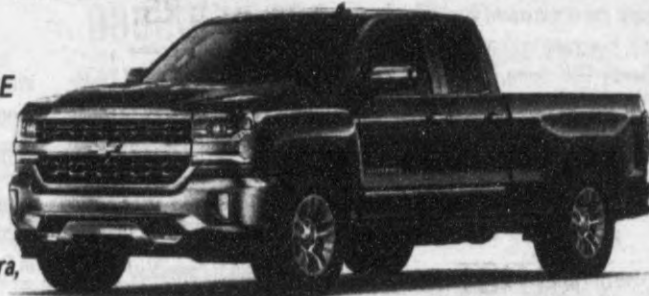
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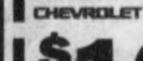
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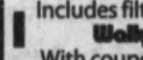
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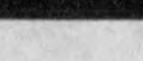
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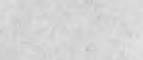
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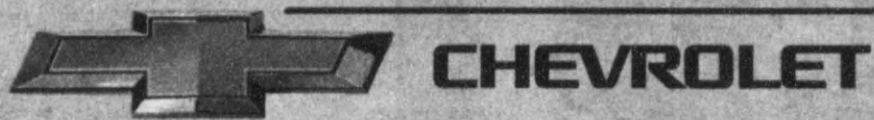
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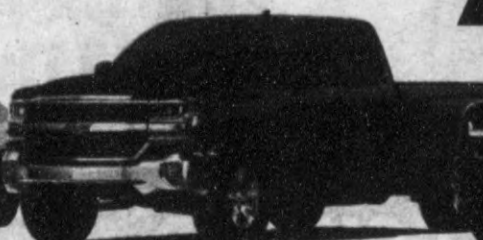
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**2018 DODGE
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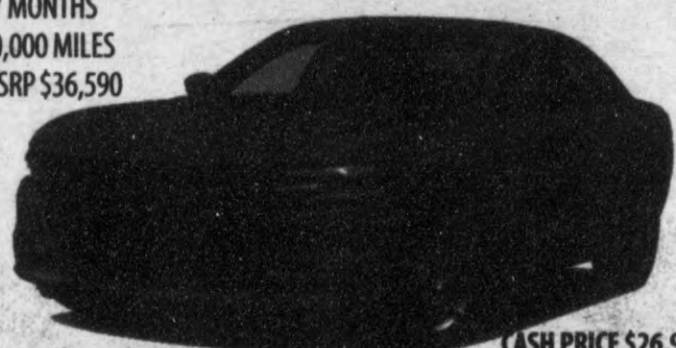
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27 MONTHS
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MSRP \$36,590



CASH PRICE \$26,950

\$1000 DOWN LEASE FOR **\$142**

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**2018 JEEP
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24 MONTHS
10,000 MILES
MSRP \$30,190



CASH PRICE \$24,810

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24 MONTHS
10,000 MILES
MSRP \$36,910



CASH PRICE \$26,926

\$1000 DOWN LEASE FOR **\$176**

\$0 DOWN LEASE FOR **\$219**

**2018 JEEP GRAND
CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4**

24 MONTHS
10,000 MILES
MSRP \$36,190



CASH PRICE \$28,805

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