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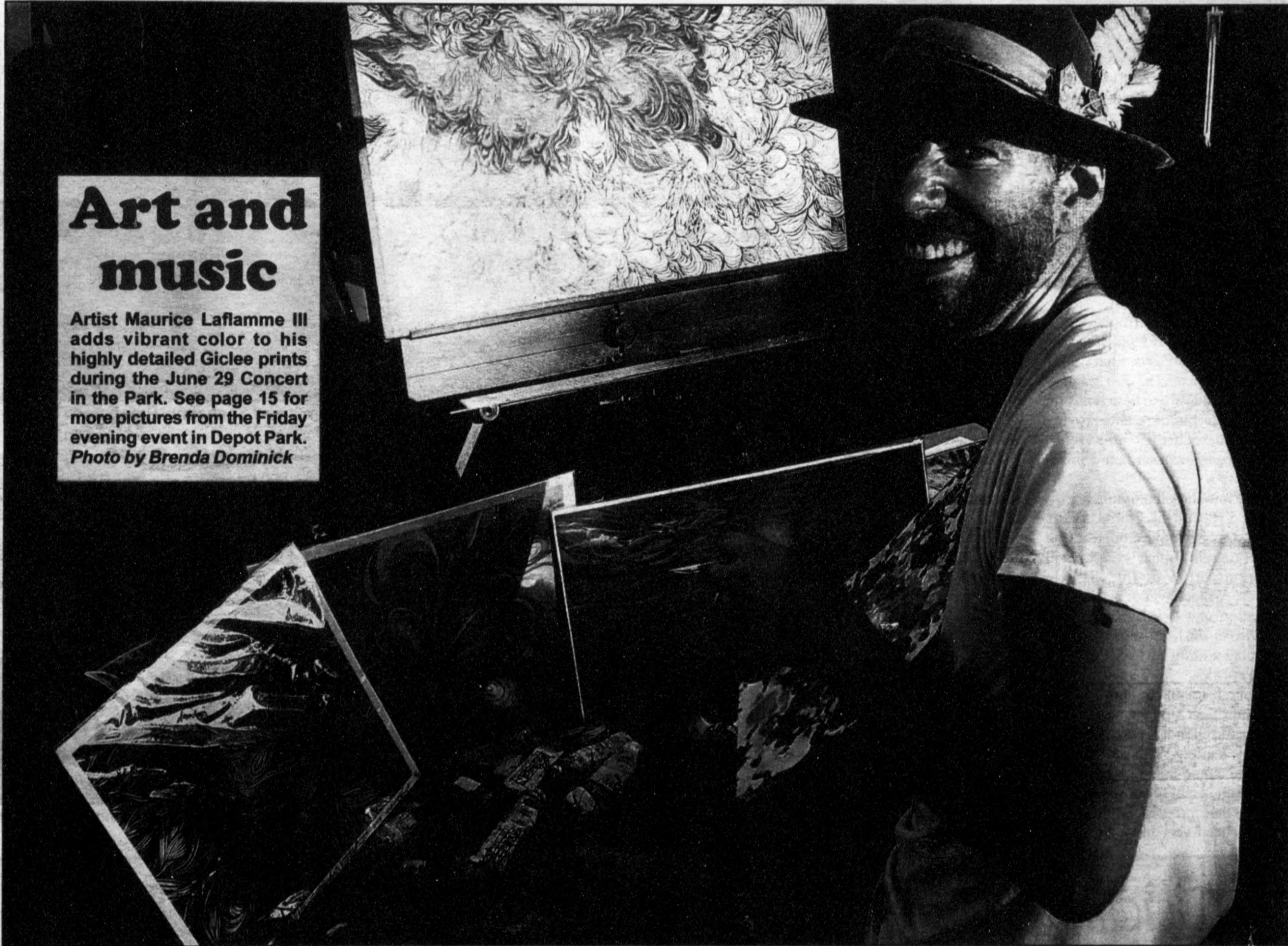
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Art and music

Artist Maurice Laffamme III adds vibrant color to his highly detailed Giclee prints during the June 29 Concert in the Park. See page 15 for more pictures from the Friday evening event in Depot Park. Photo by Brenda Dominick



Looking for limits on downtown trucks

City officials considering ways to reroute heavy trucks away from downtown should look to the past, said City Council member Sharron Catallo.

"We had ourselves taken off the truck route for a period of time in the late '90s – for awhile, we didn't have any trucks going through here," Catallo said at the June 25 City Council meeting.

The city can petition MDOT to make a similar change to M-15, a state route, said Oakland County

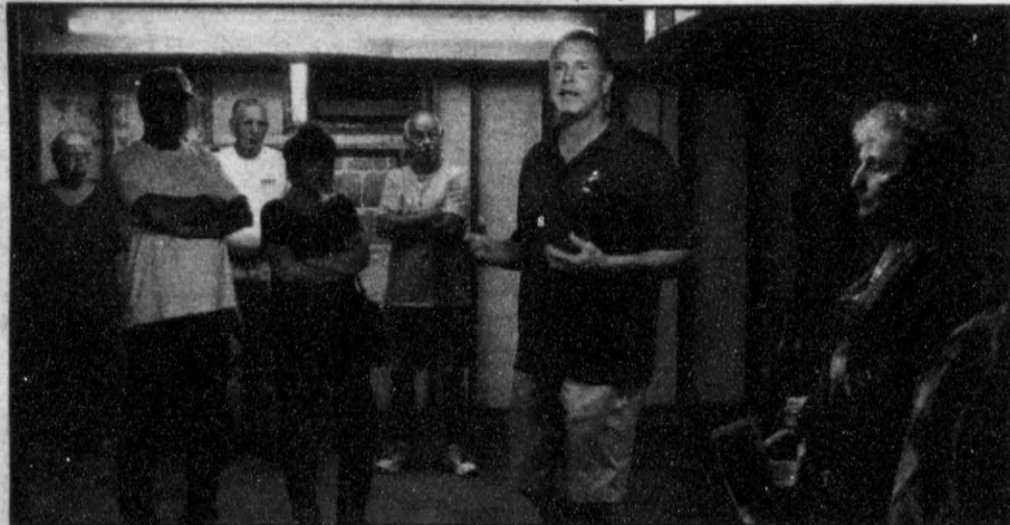
Sheriff's Lt. Larry Perry.

"There are viable routes around the city," said Perry, Independence substation commander.

A double-tandem gravel hauler crashed into downtown Clarkston, April 20. The driver in the incident, Robert Eckola of Oxford, faces reckless-driving charges for running a red light at Main and Waldon, smashing into several vehicles and a Main Street building.



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Clarkston Junior High Construction Tech teacher Steve Wyckoff explains students' restoration work in the church basement.

Open house for historic church

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Visitors' vehicles filled the lawn next to the historic Sashabaw Presbyterian Church during its open house, June 23, showing restoration work and seeking support.

For the David W. Elliott Memorial Foundation of Clarkston, the presentation by Pastor Laura Sias-Lee inspired a new \$2,500 grant.

"The funds are to help renovate the historic building and provide enhanced security," said Henry Woloson, foundation board president.

The foundation previously provided \$10,000 in grants to the Clarkston Schools Construction Tech Program, which is assisting in the renovation of the historic church, Woloson said.

Sashabaw Presbyterian was founded in 1841, and they built their church building at 5331 Maybee Road in 1855.

Church members and the construction tech students are restoring the old church for use as a community center. Work started last November and Sias-Lee hosted the ice cream social to show the community their progress so far.

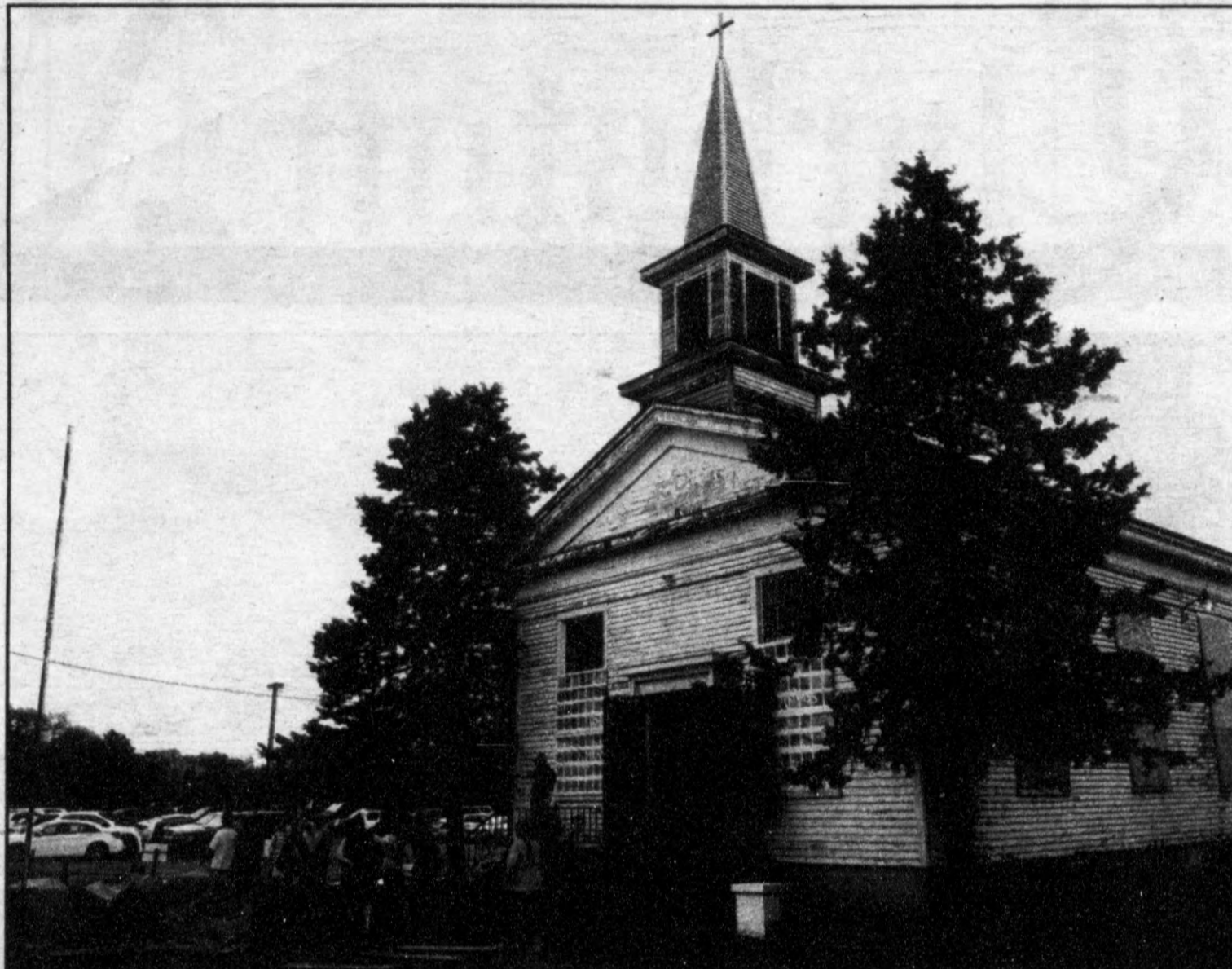
"It's been very busy. I'm really

happy with it," Sias-Lee said. "We prayed for nice weather and we got it, except for some rain at 5 o'clock."

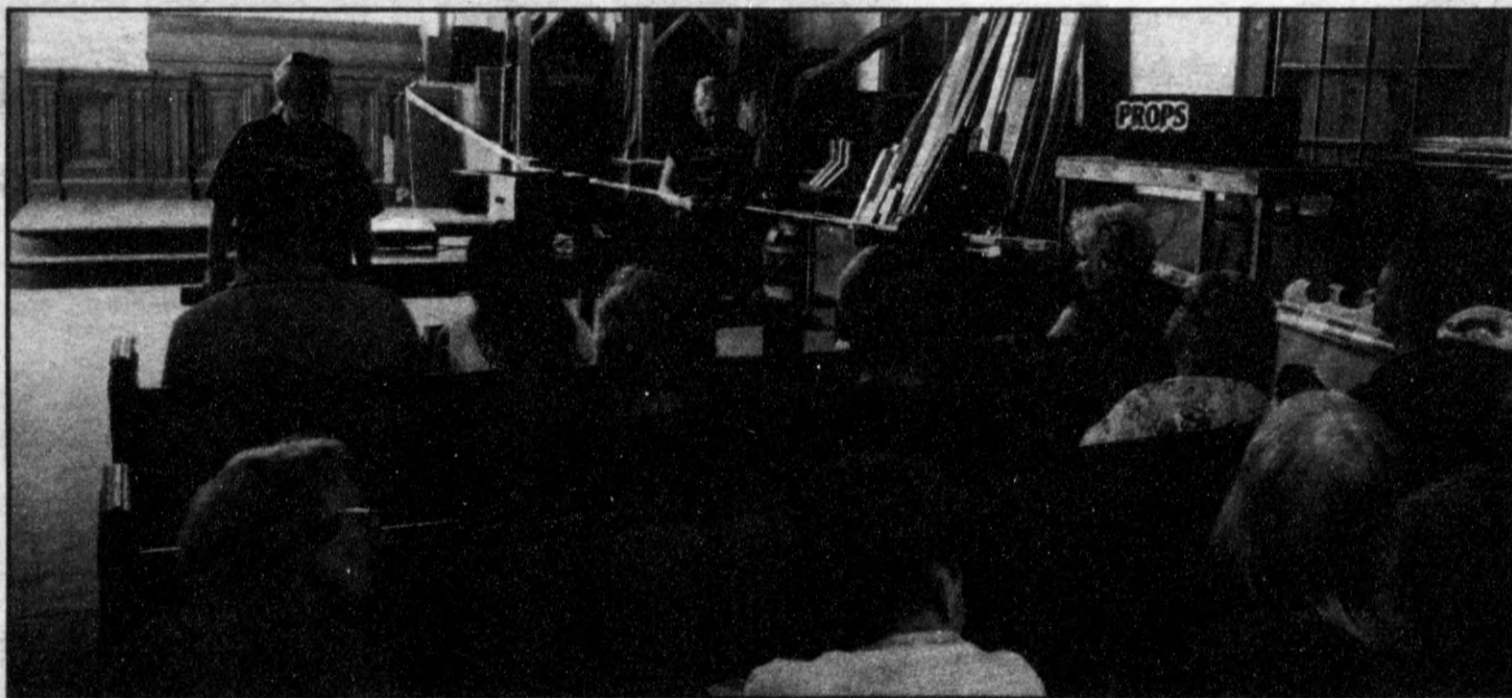
The church constructed a new building across the street in the 1960s. After that, the old "Century Building" continued to be used, serving as "Independence House," a self-help center providing counseling, meeting space for groups such as Boy Scouts, food pantry, and teen center. Lighthouse North started in the old church and continued there for 10 years.

Since then, however, the church fell into disuse and disrepair, suffering several cases of vandalism in recent years. In spring 2017, 50 students signed up for the construction tech program, which began last fall. Work over the winter and spring included repairing a handicap ramp, boarding up broken windows, and interior restoration on the main floor and in the basement.

Sashabaw Presbyterian's goals include making the building available for members of the Clarkston community for education, arts, concerts, recitals and other uses, Sias-Lee said. For more information or make a donation, email sashabawpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com.



Clarkston Junior High School Construction Tech students and Sashabaw Presbyterian members are working to restore the 163-year-old church.



Visitors fill the pews at the historic church as Pastor Laura Sias-Lee and Abigail Lee, her daughter, present photos from the church's history. Photos by Phil Custodio

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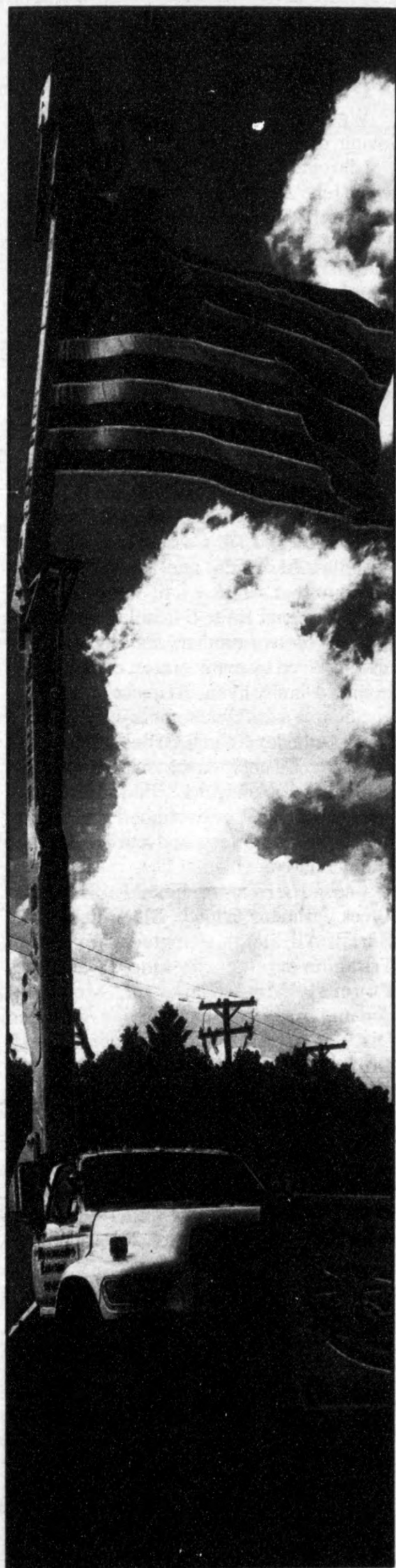


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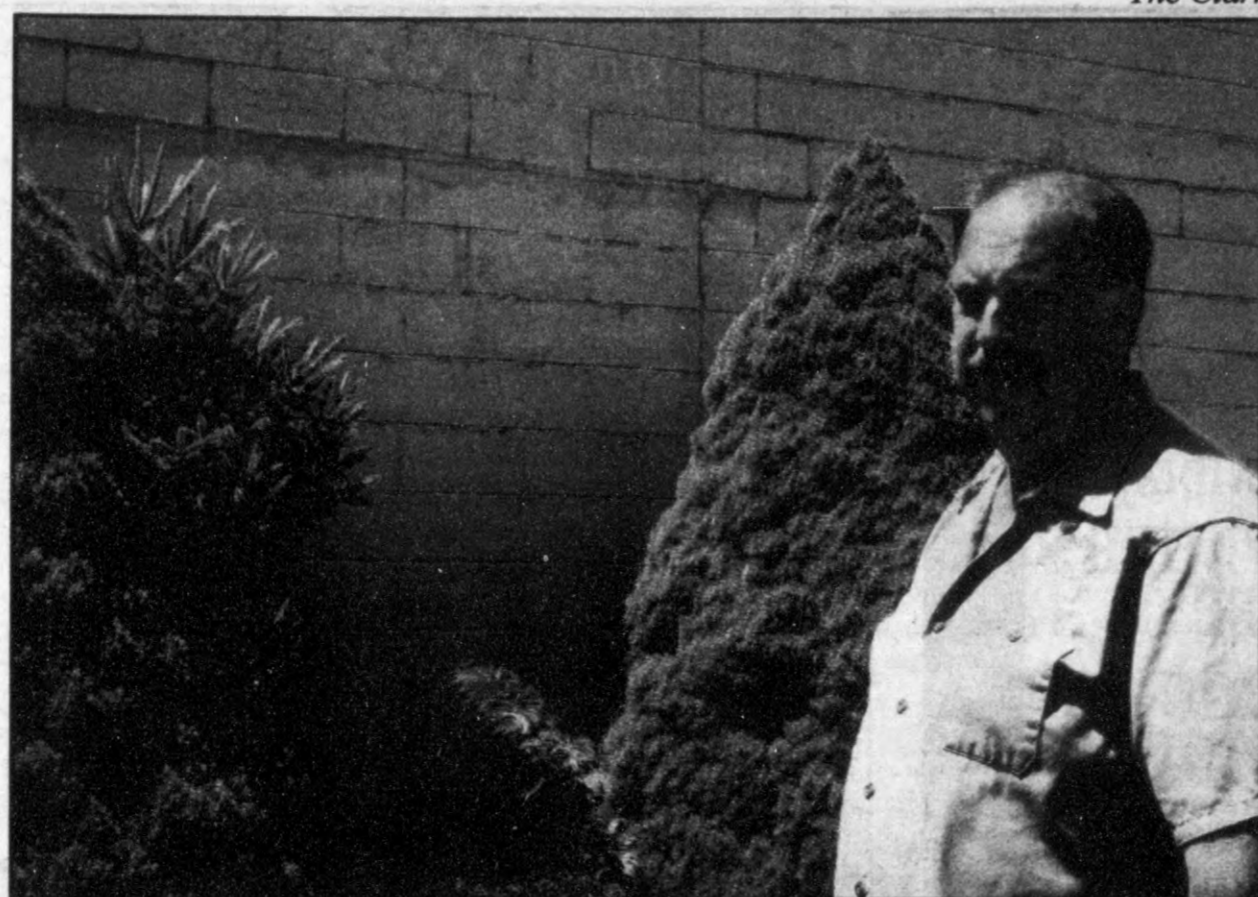
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FLAG FOR FOURTH: Hutchinson's Electric flew an enormous American flag on one of its trucks last week at Independence Township Fire Station 2 on Sashabaw Road for the Fourth of July Independence Fest at Clintonwood Park. Photo by Phil Custodio



DPW Water and Sewer Superintendent Jeff Cooper shows where grout failed, allowing water to leak into the men's locker room. Photos by Brenda Dominick

Board approves DPW facelift

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Leaking walls and crumbling parking lots led township Department of Public Work officials to call for help.

The Independence Township Board responded, approving a \$1,585,000 renovation and expansion project, June 19.

Reliance Building Company of Novi will be performing the work, said DPW Director Dave McKee.

"The building is quite dated – it was built in the 80's," McKee said. "We had a leak on the side of the building, a lot of the joints on the side of the building right now are failing. It's essentially a big cinderblock building. It does need a little facelift."

Repairs will include exterior renovation, a four-bay addition, and site improvements, he said.

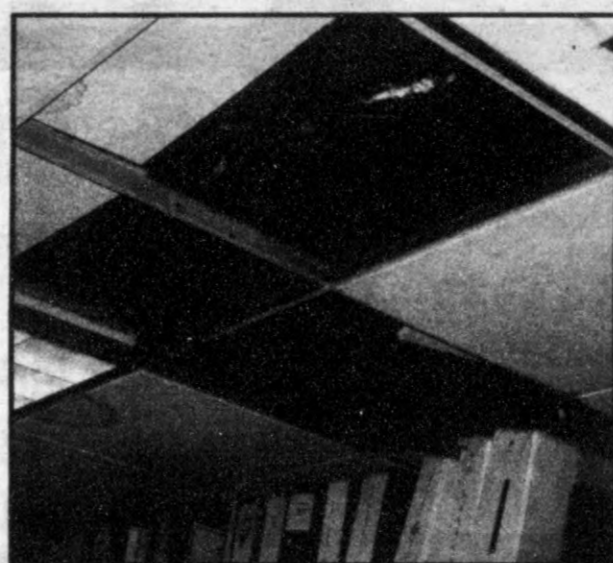
Site improvements include drainage, curb site repairs, and reconfiguration of the parking lot.

"The parking lot is all alligatored, there's never been any drainage in the parking lot put in. It's all been sheet run off into the surrounding area," said McKee. "So, the parking lot is really bad. Part of the renovation for it is to install drainage in the parking lot to get that away from everything. Asphalt has failed virtually everywhere, there's not really a good spot anywhere."

Grout failures resulted in water leaks into the men's locker room, penetrating and damaging the drywall.

Lead Engineer Albert Mickalich from Hubble, Roth, and Clark (HRC) of Bloomfield Hills will be advising and assisting on the project.

Four contractors submitted bids, Cross Renovation of Livonia, \$1,447,420; RCL Con-



Areas of the ceiling in the DPW building damaged by leaks.

struction Company of Sanford, \$1,685,933.50; Reliance Building Company of Novi, \$1,504,388; and E&L Construction Group of Flint, \$1,511,263.02.

Low bidder Cross Renovation did not meet the township's criteria and expectations. Reliance Building Company met all township requirements and provided documentation of similar projects in southeast Michigan, including a DPW garage expansion in West Bloomfield Township, McKee said.

The project was budgeted to be split 50/50 between the township's Water and Sewer funds. Total construction costs are \$1,504,388; construction engineering and administration, \$30,296; and contingency costs, \$50,316. The total is more than the original budget. To cover the additional \$85,000, a budget amendment split between Water and Sewer divisions will be needed.

The board approved the creation and design of plans for renovation and expansion of the public works building in June 2017. Work on the project is scheduled to be completed just before Christmas 2018.

Briefly

Road work

Joint-repair work is scheduled for Dixie Highway from I-75 to Davisburg Road in Springfield Township, starting July 9.

Road Commission for Oakland County workers will be repairing joints on several roads throughout the county.

During the work, which will involve milling out old material near the joint and then replacing it with hot mix asphalt to extend the life of the road, roads will remain open to traffic with lane restrictions.

The contractor for the project is Cadillac Asphalt of Clarkston. The work is expected to conclude by early October. Check www.rcocweb.org.

North safety path

City Council voted 5-0 to approve an agreement with Independence Township to construct a safety path connecting the city's sidewalk on M-15 at Miller Road to the township's safety path starting at Brioni's parking lot.

According to the agreement, the township will pay for construction of the new, 300-foot safety path. The city pays for engineering work, which was previously prepared and just needs to be updated, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

The city will be responsible for maintaining it, Smith said.

The maintenance provision includes "the clearing of snow and ice from the safety path to the same extent, if any, that the city undertakes the clearing of snow and ice from sidewalks or pathways elsewhere in the city."

The five-foot-wide safety path would be plowed along with other city paths using the city's skid-steer loader, Smith said. Work should be completed later this month.

Golf outing

Drew's Home of Clarkston hosts its fifth annual golf tournament on Sunday, July 29, with tee time at 1:30 p.m. at Fountains Golf Course, 6060 Maybee Road.

Drew's Home, named after Drew Moscovic, was established to provide a community-based residence for people with disabilities in the Clarkston area.

The fundraiser event is sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Daniel, Our Lady of the Lakes, and Divine Mercy Councils.

Tickets are \$85. Call Darwin at 810-869-5637 for more information.

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Concerts in the Park—Last 3 Fridays in June, First 3 Fridays in July
6-9p @ Depot Park
375 Depot Rd., Clarkston, MI
Join us in Depot Park for 6 weeks of FREE concerts. Local talent from 6-7p with headliners from 7-9p. Concessions on site benefit local non-profit organizations. FREE face painting and balloon twisting for kids.

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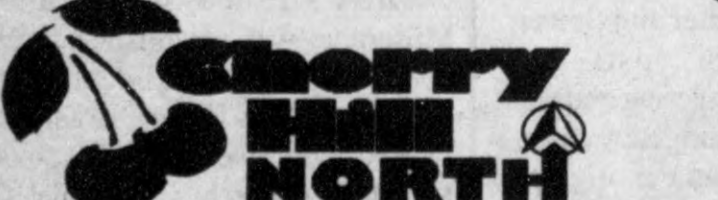
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Chrisanthi Livieratos, 84

With heavy hearts we mourn the loss of a loving, caring, sweet woman.

Chrisanthi Livieratos of Waterford passed away June 25, 2018, at the age of 84. Born June 1, 1934, in Favatata, Lixouri, Greece, the daughter of the late Nicholas and Aspasia Drakodidias, she was the beloved wife of Spyros Livieratos for 57 years; loving mother of Dr. Maria (David)



Livieratos-Dobbins of Clarkston, Denise (Michael) Carmean of Clarkston and Dr. Emily (Steve) Vogel of Marina Del Rey, CA; adoring grandmother of Dr. Cassandra (Harrison), Nicholas, Alexandra and Katherine; great grandmother of Hinrich; dear sister of Gerasimos and Kaite (Nicholas); preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters; also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family living in Greece.

She was a faithful member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Chrisanthi enjoyed nurturing her family, gardening, cooking, crocheting and knitting. The majority of her livelihood was raising her three daughters and caring for her grandchildren.

Funeral Service was June 29 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills. Burial, All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Trisagion service was June 28 at **Coats Funeral Home**-Clarkston. Memorial donations may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or St. George Greek Orthodox Church. To send a condolence, please visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

William Keller, 83

William Ronald Keller of Clarkston passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, July 1, 2018, at age 83.

He was the beloved husband of Midge for 61 years; loving father of Mary Burge, Bill (Lisa) Keller, Laura (Randy) Keller-Wolff, Noreen (Ed Pascua) Keller, Ron (Tracey) Keller, Cindy (Paul) Vermeesch, Eileen (Vince) Cianciolo and Amy (Dan Runge) Keller; proud grandfather of 14; great grandfather of 12.



Memorial Service Saturday, July 7, 2018, 3 p.m. at **Coats Funeral Home** - Clarkston, 8909 Dixie Highway. Family will receive friends Saturday from 1 p.m. until time of service. Memorial donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans. To send a condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/obituaries.

Death notices & Obituaries

Gerry Atkinson, 75

Gerry Ann Atkinson of Clarkston died Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 75 years of age.

She was born April 23, 1943, in Pontiac, the daughter of the late Edward and Rosena Knickerbocker. She was the beloved wife of the late James S. Atkinson; loving mother of Sheila (Gary) Cammarata and Stephan (Kathy) Atkinson; adoring grandmother of Stephan (Nikki) Cammarata and Carissa and Rachel Cammarata; great grandmother of Emilia; dearest sister of Jacqueline (Larry) Mix and the late Beatrice Hefner; also survived many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.



Gerry worked for many years at the Clarkston Village Clinic, where she worked for doctors Engelmann, Lapeer, Hamilton and later for Dr. Baker and Dr. Chase.

She enjoyed bingo, bowling in her women's league, reading, crocheting, gardening and going to the family cabin up north. She loved her cars and just enjoyed

going out for a drive. She also had a great sense for shopping, traveling and was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers.

Funeral service was July 2 at **Coats Funeral Home-Clarkston**. Burial, Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston, Pastor Richard Dake officiating. Memorial donations may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Children's Miracle Network. To post a condolence, visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

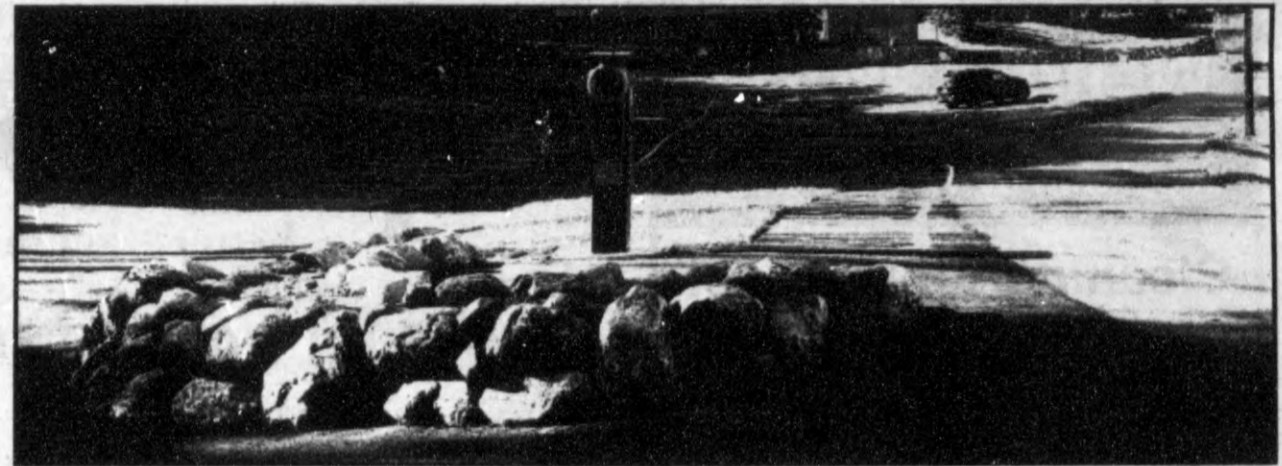
Marshall London Jr., 73

Marshall K. London Jr., "Butch," of Clarkston passed away July 2, 2018, at age 73.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose. He was the father of Michele (Darrin) Martin, Dave (Nicole) London and Sheila Conner; grandpa of Aidan, Avery and Aubrey. Butch retired from General Motors.



Friends may visit at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Thursday, 6-8 p.m. Funeral Service Friday, 10 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



PARKING KIOSKS: Washington Management, owner of the Clarkston Mills parking lot on Depot Road across from Depot Park, installed two kiosks for paid parking last week for its approximately 150 spots. The machines are the same model as the city's kiosk in the municipal parking lot at Main and Washington, and charge \$5 per day. The lot previously had an employee collecting the parking fees. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Price

Cleaning up the past

The purge of 2018 continues. Slowly, as everything is in the garage and those hot days slow down the pace, but it continues.

I did make it through the box marked "things valuable to me" by a younger me, years ago. It did have Strawberry Shortcake figures. It also had an incomplete wooden set for Goldilocks and the Three Bears with only two bears and various furniture. The box also included books once owned by my dad and my uncles from my grandparents' house and an alphabet book my mom had when she was a tot. All the books smelled of mildew. I had to throw them out.



There are about three boxes of glassware to go through which might just be gone through right before garage sale. Possibly while setting up. It just seems easier as one box is a mix of what I created in ceramics class, my great-aunt's painted ceramics and my grandparents' glassware.

I went through about five boxes one day and three 35-gallon totes. I could have gone through more – I was highly motivated until I saw the mess in the other storage totes. See, once upon a time when I moved out of my childhood home and packed up all the toys in the basement, I threw them into bins. Younger me was not organized. Adult me wants to organize everything so when it's time to have a garage sale everything is together.

I have about five huge totes ranging from 18-35 gallons full of Barbie stuff. Filled to the rim of stuff – dolls, clothing, furniture and playsets. Those will need to be gone through. There is a sixth storage tote holding a dismantled, orange and yellow 1980s Barbie Dream House.

Three other storage totes I went through quickly as they are filled with Barbie collectibles.

Right now I am purging, or trying to purge, at least 80 percent of Barbie land. I am keeping some to the side, but in less than three weeks we will know if we are having a boy or a girl. If it's a boy, then I will probably sell and pass on a good 99 percent of the Barbie items.

Some items are hard to put into the garage sale box – after all it is my childhood. I put aside some items like my two Cabbage Patch Dolls along with a few other items in case it's a girl. I just need a cooler, breezy day to go through boxes.

Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Thanks for reviving downtown mural issue

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your article "Murals in Clarkston" (June 27), informing our community of Clarkston Cultural Arts Commission's plan to team up with the Detroit Institute of Arts to create a new series of murals downtown.

Your article mentions many residents are still "getting over bad feelings" generated by the last time a large mural was commissioned downtown. This project resulted in so much discontent the mural eventually had to be destroyed.

I hope the community understands the vast difference between the 2006 mural project and the project that is being currently being presented to us by Alex Gilford of the DIA.

The painter of the original mural, though well-intentioned and a good artist in her own right, admittedly lacked experience in mural creation. This is not the case with Clarkston born and raised artist Alex Gilford!

I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Gilford on a project for a non-profit educational organization in Flint. Alex has the professionalism, experience and TALENT to get the job done and do our city proud!

Please respond positively to *The Clarkston News* mural survey. Support Alex Gilford, the DIA and Clarkston Cultural Arts efforts to express the unique history and spirit of our wonderful little town through great big beautiful public works of art!

Linda Merlo
Clarkston

Fellow township trustees give nod to Schroeder

Dear Editor,

Andrea Schroeder is a true leader in our town. Having worked together for nearly six years and witnessing her work ethic, dedication to public service, and ability to work with others to solve problems, we are asking our communities to join us in voting for Andrea Schroeder for our next state representative.

Leadership is more than making motions and casting votes at meetings. We have each seen first-hand how prepared Andrea is for each Township Board meeting. She asks critical questions and is not afraid to make tough decisions. She has served on most of the essential government operations committees and, importantly, shows up for those meetings.

Andrea is not satisfied with just identifying a problem – she solves it. She brought the county's One Stop Ready program to the township to help streamline the process for starting a business here.

She went to Lansing to testify in front of our legislature, on behalf of the community, to get a hospital built on Sashabaw Road.

Parents concerned about traffic safety near schools reached out to Andrea, who coordinated the effort to get a new signal at the high school and a crosswalk at the middle school.

When residents complained about unsolicited newspaper ad drops on driveways, Andrea used social media to build a list of residents opting out – at no cost to the township taxpayers.

She has represented the township well at county and statewide conferences, and continually seeks to learn better ways to improve our government.

Andrea is a tireless advocate for our community. Through her long history of work with the Optimists, her church, PTAs, and the school district administration, she has earned her reputation as a responsive leader. Vote for integrity and leadership. Be a Schroeder Voter!

Patrick J. Kittle, supervisor
Barbara Pallotta, clerk
Paul A. Brown, treasurer
Ron Ritchie, trustee
Rachel Loughrin, trustee

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Summer season construction slows traffic" Motorists encountered delays on Holcomb Road, including long stretches of one-lane traffic, because of the water main and storm sewer project which included new curbs and pavement.

"Skateboard complaints call for police action" A rash of complaints regarding skateboarders in the downtown area led the Clarkston police chief to draft a revised ordinance to clarify wording to include skateboarding as well as in-line skates and also prohibit skateboarding on structures above ground.

"Clarkston graduate competes in Junior Miss program" Clarkston High School graduate Sarah Mehaffey placed second at the 2003 Michigan Junior Miss Program in Alpena.

25 years ago - 1993

"Principal steps down" Nearly a year after he was hired as principal of Clarkston High School, Jim Goebel rescinded his position for personal reasons.

"Saying goodbye" Four-year-old Michael Jones, of Independence Township, gives his flag to the American Legion commander to properly dispose of the American flag during the cremation ceremony.

"Pupils win grown-up jobs at Clarkston Elementary" For one day, Clarkston Elementary students Lindsey Prudhomme and Ryan Brown were principal and building aide before school ended for the summer. The two won the a schoolwide drawing for the honor. Prudhomme experienced a day as principal going to meetings, making announcements, eating breakfast in the teacher's lounge and more. Most of Brown's duties took place on the playground as a building aide.

50 years ago - 1968

"At journalism workshop" Steven D. Ashley, a Clarkston High School junior, attended the University of Detroit journalism workshop during the summer which was specifically designed for high school newspaper and yearbook editors. At the time Ashley was photographer for the school yearbook.

"Local Eagle Scout off to New Jersey" Howard G. Bliss, Jr. was chosen to attend the National Junior Leader Instructor Training Camp in New Jersey.

"Round the town" Larry and Joyce Thompson, of Almond Lane, returned home from a week and a half camping trip in Caseville with their four children.

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Foundation supports school health, fitness programs

BY SERENASTAUFFER

Clarkston News Intern Writer

Clarkston schools are stepping towards better nutrition and fitness, with help from the David W. Elliott Memorial Foundation.

The Clarkston-based foundation presented Clarkston Community Schools with a \$10,000 grant at a school board meeting in March to fund nutrition and wellness programs at all 11 schools in the district. Last month, after a presentation by two CCS representatives, the foundation board increased the grant to \$15,000.

"Our motivation is this is a problem that's staring us in the face, it's preventable. Not only is it preventable from a health standpoint, it just makes good sense," said Henry Woloson, foundation board president. "We need to make this a priority because if we don't, we're going to be paying for it with a shrinking population of healthy individuals."

While the Elliott Foundation donates to several charities and organizations in the community, this one hits particularly close

to home, Woloson said.

Elliott was a Rochester businessman who died in 2011 of kidney failure; one of the major triggers of kidney failure is diabetes. Since then, they have supported programs to improve physical activity and nutrition, two of the greatest health-related behaviors that counteract diabetes and other chronic conditions, Woloson said.

The foundation intends the grant to act as "seed money," he said.

"This is trying to increase awareness of the need to support better nutrition in the school system, and simultaneously encourage individuals to participate in more physical activity," Woloson said. "You don't have to become a triathlon expert at age 11; you just have to be sensitive to the fact that we need to do more."

Clarkston program coordinators Janet Thomas and Jessica O'Rorke are leading the charge within the schools in improve nutrition and fitness.

Thomas is a physical education and health teacher at the junior high school and

O'Rorke teaches nutrition and wellness classes at the high school.

On the physical education side, Thomas and her staff has been researching the best uses of the grant money, including new games combining learning about different food groups with exercise, and a heart rate monitor project so kids can feel their pulse and connect it to how much activity it takes to be healthy. The initiatives are still in the proposal stage and need approval by Clarkston administration, but Thomas is excited about the possibilities for kids' education.

"They're really like sponges, picking up this kind of information," she said. "When you start with a good foundation when they're young, and build on it through middle school and high school, then we feel like we're going to be doing our kids a very important service, to them and to our community."

Promoting healthier lifestyles for students is important to Clarkston Schools staff and the foundation. Both appreciate the steps

the other has taken, and both are hopeful and excited for others to join the cause.

"We're in the early stages," Woloson said. "We're anxious to see what they come up with. It will evolve as individuals see the success. We're very hopeful that this is going to be a long term project."

"It's evolving," Thomas said. "We're trying to do good things and as we learn more about what other people have done, how we could maybe have this money grow and how it would have the biggest impact on kids, our ideas start with a little acorn and turn into an oak tree eventually."

Woloson said the new health and wellness initiatives relates to something every Clarkston resident could relate to — the athletics.

"We field strong teams in Clarkston on the field, and what we need to be doing is having strong fans in the stands," he said. "We're very well-known in Clarkston for excellent athletic teams, and we need to be known for excellent, healthy athletic fans."

Buy a 5th on the 3rd for the 4th, an American tale.

Much to my chagrin, for the past — oh what, two weeks? — people have celebrated American independence with fireworks and much merriment. While I dig the feeling of celebrating American independence every day of the year, I can do without an entire summer of explosions. (Insert "Signed with with love, Cranky Old White Dude" here.)

Much has changed in the 242 years since we declared our independence. Not to mention that it took years of pain, death, blood, guts and angst before independence was gained in 1783 with the Treaty of Paris. On July 4, 1776, Americans merely announced to the world they were free and were prepared to back up our words with action.

By the time you read this column, Independence Day 2018 will have come and gone, so you will have time to actually read the words of independence.

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the

causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness . . .

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

The rest, as the say, is history.

I am always amazed how far the world has come in those 242 years since our declaration.

I am amazed when I go to the grocery store and look at all those red, ripe, "Euro-Fresh" tomatoes. Shipped in from Europe "fresh." Amazing. Think about it . . . a hundred years before the Revolution, it took the Pilgrims a little over two months to sail from Plymouth, England, to America and now we can ship stuff across the 2,800 miles in a few hours.

Amazing stuff.

Amazing to think that folks like the signers of the Declaration, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Hancock, Francis Lightfoot Lee and Benjamin Rush (no relations, I presume) et al, could only look up to the sky and guess about what was up there. We've been there with trips to the moon. The American space probes Voyagers 1 and 2, launched in 1977 are over 13 billion miles away from earth. We have libraries worth of information at our fingertips 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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**A column by
Don Rush**

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Join together this Independence Day

I wish there was something I could do or say that would make people behave. The level of civil discourse in our country today is, well, increasingly not civil. In the infamous words of Rodney King, "Can we all get along?" Apparently the answer is no!

This week we celebrate our Independence Day. July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted to declare independence from Great Britain and to become the United States of America. The final wording was agreed upon two days later. The agreed upon Declaration of Independence was drafted bearing the date of July 4th, 1776, although most of the signers signed on Aug. 2. John Adams, our second president, famously wrote to his wife on July 3rd, "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival." His missed the mark by two days.

It would seem that most of us are missing the mark when it comes to being a "United States" these days. It seems every day there is a new way of dividing us up: North vs. South, Red vs. Blue, Rural vs. Urban, Old vs. Young, Families vs. Singles, Rich vs. Poor, Shirts vs. Skins, Catholic vs. Protestant, Christian vs. Everybody Else, Black vs. White vs. Brown vs. Red vs. Yellow vs. Yet to be determined.

To miss the mark is to sin or make a mistake. The word sin comes from an ancient archery term which literally meant to miss the mark. If you don't hit the bullseye you have "synned." So, next time take better aim. Haven't we all missed the mark on occasion? Especially whenever we decide we know what is right for any one or everyone else, and fight to change

them, we are grossly missing the mark. The only ones that we can change are ourselves, what we think, say and do.

Politicians and Religious leaders love to stir up the fight, to win at all cost including our immortal souls. They resort to lies, deceit, cheating and stealing in order to win. The ends do not justify the means. Every lying deceitful attack on the other side is met by hurrahs by the proponents, cries of foul by the opponents and tears away at the moral fiber of our communities and our country. It is up to each one of us to take a step back, breathe deep, relax, let go and let God's good come forth. And, if we can't find something helpful, positive and truthful to say, shut up!

The people who are promoting the fight are the ones who are benefitting at our expense, if we let them divide us; we lose!

Two thousand years ago Jesus came to bring us a spiritual message of love and service: the great commandment (Matthew 22: 37-40,) the sign of discipleship (John 13:35) and the work of ministry (John 21:15) is love and service. This work requires acceptance and tolerance of other beliefs, cultures and lifestyles. St. Teresa of Calcutta, and her Missionaries of Charity, didn't worry if they were serving a Hindu or a Moslem or Atheist, Gay or Straight or Whatever! We are all God's children, made in God's image and likeness, worthy of our love and acceptance and service.

God is "Our Father," (Matthew 6:9-13) and as we invoke an awareness of our intimate connection with God we realize that we can chose to live in a consciousness of the heaven that is here on earth; we become aware that all we need and desire, our daily bread, is readily provided; that in forgiving, we are forgiven; and, we are not tempted to place our faith in and be manipulated by the physical, material world; we place our faith in God the good as our only true reality.

This greater reality, the infinite presence, the ultimate power which is God, is only good. Divine order and Divine timing are now made manifest in our life and affairs. I relax, let go and let God's Good come forth.

In peace, joy & love. Rev. Matthew E. Long, Peace Unity Community

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The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Test of the computer program on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law. The public is welcome.

For any other information, please contact the City of Clarkston Clerk's Office at 248-625-1559. Sandy Miller, City of Clarkston, Clerk

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Suspected theft

An 83-year-old Independence Township woman called the sheriff's office to report two tables taken from her home, 7:18 p.m., June 18. She suspected her son, a 64-year-old Independence Township man. He had been in the house earlier to pick up some things from her home before she moved. One of the tables was an old family gift from her husband's parents.

Suspended license

A deputy on patrol ran a records check on the license plate of a vehicle in front on Dixie Highway and found no title information listed, 10:45 p.m., June 21. The driver, a 47-year-old Flint woman, was cited for driving with a suspended license, improper plates, and no insurance. Her vehicle was impounded and the plate, destroyed.

Stuck without ride

A deputy was dispatched to the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road for a reported unwanted subject drinking alcohol by the dumpster, 9:32 p.m., June 21. The man, a 51-year-old Flint resident, was found drinking from a 24-ounce can of beer. He had two warrants, but both were advise-and-release. He said he came from Flint to see a concert and spent all his money there, so now he was stuck here and living in the woods. He was released after a courtesy ride closer to home.

Probation violation

A 23-year-old Farmington Hills man was picked up from the Detroit Detention Center on a probation violation warrant out of Sixth Circuit Court on an original charge of unarmed robbery, 6:34 p.m., June 21.

Warrant arrest

A deputy stopped to check on a man walking on Maybee Road, 1:26 a.m., June 22. He said he was out to buy beer, but the store was closed. The man, a 21-year-old Independence Township resident, was found with two warrants out of 52-2 District Court for liquor violations, and a warrant out of 23rd Circuit Court for Intimidation. He was jailed pending pickup by Alcona County deputies.

Aggressive patient

Three deputies were dispatched to Bow Pointe Drive for an aggressive patient in the emergency room, 6:38 a.m., June 23. The patient, a 34-year-old Brighton man, was found with a warrant for probation violation on an original charge of invasion of privacy out of Livingston County. He was turned over to Livingston County deputies.

Truck with no name

A deputy on patrol stopped an unlabeled truck pulling a trailer after it was driven through a "no trucks" zone on W. Washington Street, 11:42 a.m., June 22. The company was cited for no identification, allowing a person to drive in violation of vehicle code, no medical certificate, no triangles, no annual inspection on the trailer, trailer marker light out, and for not having the trailer emergency brake line hooked up to the truck. The trailer was impounded.

Drug paraphernalia

Deputies were dispatched to the 5000 block of Maybee Road, 5:56 p.m., June 23, for several teenagers drinking in the parking lot. A 17-year-old girl was found with a glass pipe and other items commonly used for smoking marijuana. She was cited for drug paraphernalia. Two of the vehicle occupants were also found with alcohol and were cited with minors in possession.

Crash without license

A 49-year-old Waterford man was cited with driving with a suspended license after getting into a car crash on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road, 4:58 p.m., June 23.

Found property

A duffle bag and briefcase were found thrown over a fence in the 4000 block of Clinton, 12:53 p.m., June 23. Identification in the bag was found, showing they belonged to an Oxford resident.

Dog at large


A 58-year-old Independence Township man was cited with dog at large after his dog got loose, grabbed a smaller dog, and threw it to the ground, 11:01 a.m., June 25, in the 6000 block of Andersonville Road. The smaller dog was not injured, its owner said.

Hit and run

A 21-year-old Independence Township resident kept going after hitting another vehicle in a parking lot at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, 10:37 a.m., June 26. The other driver followed the 21-year-old and called police. He said he was worried about getting back to work late, and "freaked out" after hitting the other vehicle. He was cited for failure to yield, leaving the scene of an accident, and failure to report an accident.

Child neglect warrant

A 39-year-old Marshall man was picked up from Waterford Police Department on an Oakland County Friend of the Court warrant for child neglect, 9:10 p.m., June 27. He was jailed on the warrant.



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Teamwork learned at camp

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

A team of girls in tutus battled against their opponents wearing tie dyed T-shirts while two teams in pink played each other on the other side of the gym during Clarkston Volleyball Camp, June 21.

"I gave the girls their teams and gave them a little bit of time to work out logistics. Then said, select a team T-shirt color," said Clarkston Varsity Volleyball Head Coach Kelly Pinner. "They came up with that, and it brings them closer as a team."

She added they had good attendance for the camp which ran June 18-22 with a session for players entering 5-8 grades and another session for those entering 9-12.

"We have a lot of talent both in the

younger and in the older group," Pinner said. "It definitely makes the coaches excited about the future. They are all enjoying themselves, which is good. We have some good staff working with them this year."

Campers learned from Pinner, the coaching staff for the Clarkston program, varsity players and alumni including those who play or have played on the collegiate level.

Pinner added the camp helps players going into grades 9-12 for the upcoming fall season, which begins August 8 with tryouts/practice.

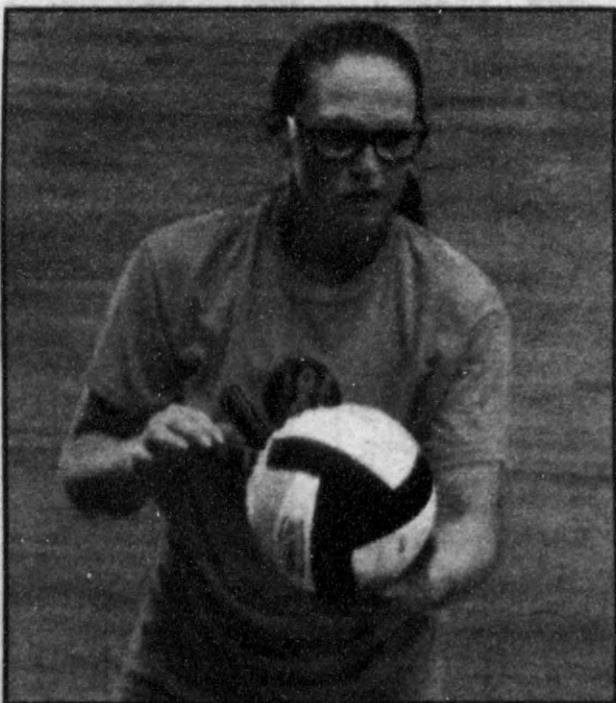
"It's our first chance to really work together," she said. "It gives us an opportunity to start working together a little bit and seeing where our strengths and weaknesses are so we can start working on it come August."

She added it also helps the players see where they stand.

"It fosters some competitiveness within them which is always good," she explained. "If you know someone is vying for your spot, they can see it here in camp. Hopefully it makes them work harder in the next couple of months."

The volleyball season for seventh and eighth grade teams begins in January with tryouts.

Clarkston Volleyball Camp is offered through Clarkston Community Education and Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors. For more information or to check offer camps and summer activities, please visit www.itpr.org.



Abbey Barta serves.



Lars Covintree gives his team tips during their scrimmage game. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Varsity Softball team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

Successful season for softball

The Clarkston Varsity Softball team finished the season in the Elite Eight, ranked first in the state in Division 1 and only lost three of their 42 games.

"It's amazing," said Don Peters, head coach. "We played tough competition and tough games. More than not, came out on top. We grew as a team. Our individuals grew. They became better players. All 16 girls gelled - I am prouder of that than the record. They played together as a team. When they work out, practice or when they play they have a lot of fun. It's been a great experience for me as a coach because they just enjoy each other. They enjoy the game. It might seem corny but they like representing Clarkston sports, especially Clarkston female sports."

Paige Blevins, Hannah Cady, Abbey Tolmie and Olivia Warrington were named as All-State players. Blevins, Cady, Tolmie, Warrington and Abbey Barta were named All-Region, All-District and All-League players.

Blevins was also named as Miss

Softball by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association and was chosen to play in the upcoming MHSSCA All-State game. She broke the RBI single season record for Clarkston.

Tolmie broke Clarkston High School's single season record for hits and is now in the MHSSCA record book as one of the top single season for hits.

The team is freshmen MacKenzie Ming, Angelena Perry; sophomores Nyah Ansel, Abbey Barta, Hannah Cady, Sierra Kersten, Abbey Tolmie, Hannah Workman; juniors Chelsea Barnes, Mary Gallagher, Breana Schmidt, Anna Skvarce, Olivia Warrington; seniors Paige Blevins, Hannah Chadwell and Olivia Gilmore.

Peters added the three grew during their four years and it helped for the others to see it.

"The girls got to see as they grow as a player and as a leader, how you grow the softball intelligence and saw their work ethic. They are just a great example," he said. ~Wendi Reardon Price



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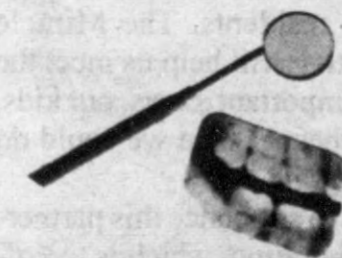
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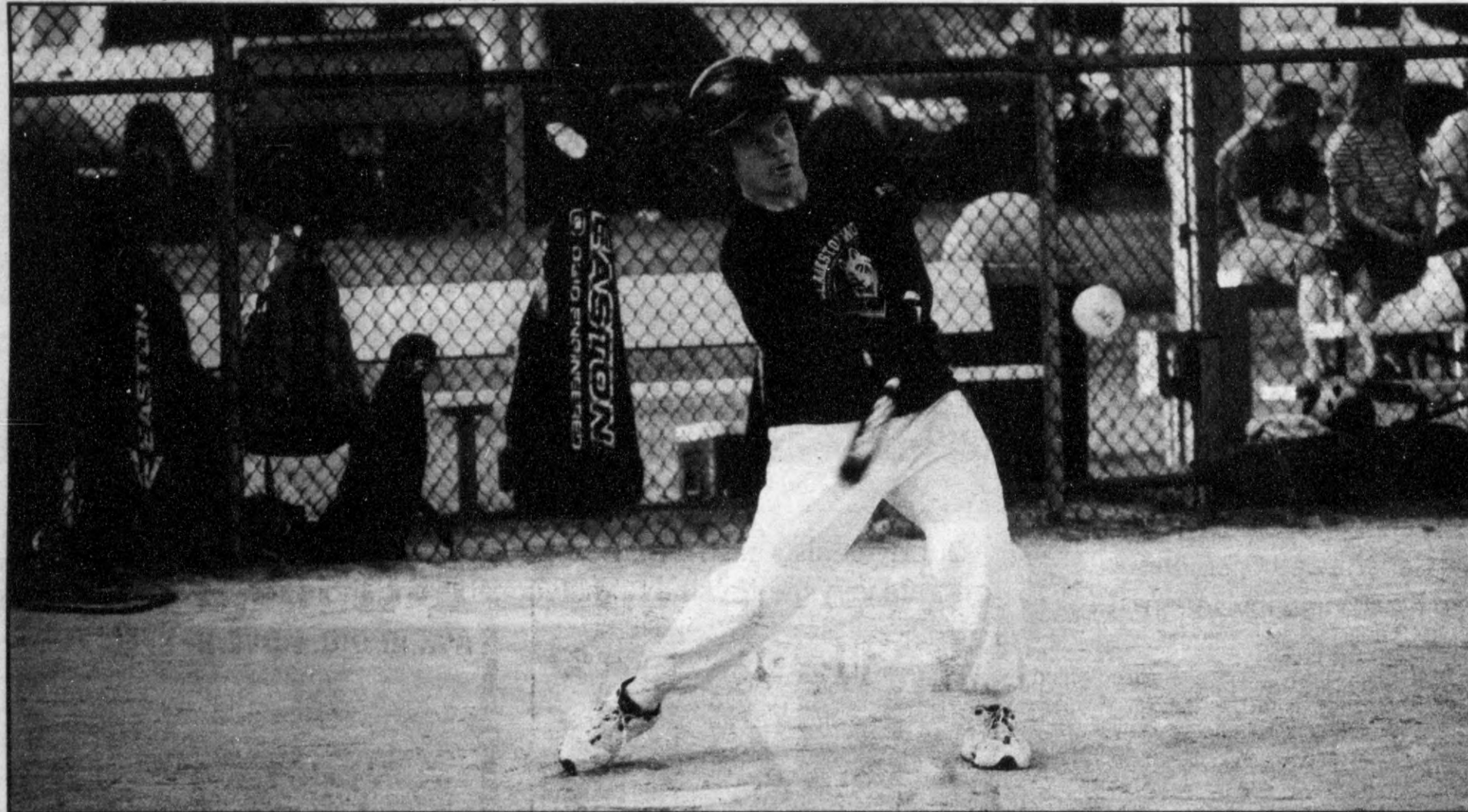
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The Orion Hawks and Clarkston Wolves players (pictured above) adaptive baseball teams will play on the new Miracle League Field of North Oakland at Friendship Park in Orion Twp. next summer. Photo by Jim Newell

Townships, Easterseals team up for Miracle field

BY JIM NEWELL

Special to The Clarkston News

The crack of a bat, the roar of the crowd, the high-fives and cheers – these are the things which make baseball such a quintessential American game.

But at the games soon to be played at Friendship Park in Orion Township, everyone plays, everyone has a great time – so everyone wins.

It's because Independence and Orion townships and Easterseals Michigan are teaming up to create the Miracle League Field of North Oakland at the park, giving the area's special needs athletes have a field where everyone can play.

"Independence Township is honored to partner with Orion Township and the Easterseals of Michigan to bring a Miracle League adaptive baseball field to North Oakland County," said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

"Independence and Orion have partnered on other projects in the past to ensure we bring the best services at the lowest possible costs to our residents. The Miracle League joint initiative will help us meet the needs of our most important assets, our kids, better, faster and cheaper than we could do individually," Kittle said.

"We are thrilled to announce this partnership and true collaboration, which is too often lost in government," said Orion Twp. Supervisor Chris Barnett. "By joining forces, we are able to bring many additional resources and create a much better field than what we originally envisioned when we kicked off our Orion on Deck project."

The partnership was announced at the Orion Twp. board meeting, June 18.

Barnett hopes to have construction on the field completed in September or October.

The Miracle League Field will have a rubber surface to make it safer for players, dugouts and the entire parking lot will be paved. It will be accessible to able-bodied and special needs players. Barnett hopes to build a press box, concessions stand and a scoreboard.

The field will also be used for disabled veterans, therapeutic programs, the Lake Orion Wiffleball Association, kickball tournaments and the community-at-large, said Orion Twp. Parks & Recreation Director Aaron Whatley.

In September, Orion Twp. held a crowd-funding campaign, raising \$200,000 for its proposed adaptive baseball field.

"The rough scope of the project is half a million dollars," Barnett said. "We've doubled the size and scope of the project."

Many of the communities in North Oakland County – Orion, Oxford, Clarkston, Rochester, Waterford – have adaptive baseball teams for individuals with special needs who will use the new field.

Friendship Park, where the proposed field will be built, is on the corner of Baldwin and Clarkston roads and already has two wheelchair accessible swings, a seesaw and an inclusive whirl merry-go-round for people with special needs.

The project is funded through donations, without the use of taxpayer dollars, Barnett said, adding while there were several large

donations, most of the donations came in smaller increments from caring citizens.

Larry Mullins, executor of the Jim and Betty Guy trust, donated \$50,000. The Lake Orion Wiffleball Association donated \$20,000. The LO Palooza Festival, run by the Daisy Project of Michigan, raised \$25,000 for the field.

"The idea for this field was not just special needs individuals, but disabled veterans, able-bodied individuals; having a field for every single person to be able to participate," Whatley said. "If it's used seven days a week, every hour of the day that's cool, that's what it's about. This field needs to be used all the time."

"The Miracle League makes you fall in love with baseball again and again. The magic of the league is the smiles on the faces of the families cheering on the athletes, the heartfelt feelings of the volunteers and the lifelong friendships created," said Brent Wirth, Easterseals Michigan President/CEO.

"A shared vision to build this field for children and adults with diverse abilities has catapulted our goal of providing more opportunities and experiences for the community. We are grateful to have wonderful partners in Orion and Independence townships. We can't wait to bring this 'miracle' to the North Oakland area," Wirth added.

For more information, contact Barnett at cbarnett@oriontownship.org or 248-391-0304. Send checks payable to Easterseals Michigan, with "Orion Miracle League" in the memo line, and mail to Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48304.



Valentina Vargas accepts her award. Photos by Mark Kelly

RUSH awards

Team RUSH finished the school year with awards night as they celebrated not only being World Champions, but also their Clarkston High School students, parents, mentors, and sponsors.

"It was an awesome night," said Coach Kyle Hughes. "The team came together one last time in the Clarkston Performing Arts Center, remembering the long journey we needed to travel to accomplish such an enormous feat! Team RUSH has failed faster, learned more and focused and executed. It was a 22-year journey of many failures, but this year, ended with an highly calculated and executed win."

Awards for the night included:

The Core Value Award, representing the core values of Respect, Unity, Spirit and Heart: Jason Richards;

The MVP: Cody Hughes;

Most Improved: Dillon Myatt;

Most Valuable New Student: Audrey DeKonink;

Most Valuable Junior Students: Dean's List Awardees Valentina Vargas and Jessica Ray;

Respect Award: Brandon Kirk;

Unity Award: Emily Jeung;

Spirit Award: Austin Schmitz;

Heart Award: Megan Haddad;

Rock Solid Mentor Award: Clayton Yocom;

Hughes' VIP: to the mentor who truly made the difference to the team leaders, allowing them to do their job, knowing the team was in good hands, Dave Gerst;

Big Diehl Parent Award: Cheryl Rajala;

Woodie Flowers Finalist Award (WFFA): nominated by the students for the WFFA, as a role model mentor, James Slemmons; and

Gold RUSH Sponsor: Clarkston Community Schools; and **Founders Award:** Jim Tedder.



It was a medal year for Team RUSH.



North Sashabaw Elementary students battle against their classmates in a tug of war during their field day. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

Field day fun at North Sashabaw

The Wildcats enjoyed various activities during their annual Field Day, May 31.

The North Sashabaw Elementary students stayed cool with plenty of water games

during the warm day. They also participated in races, parachute games, inflatable obstacle course and even a little dancing while waiting their turn.



Softball, basketball summer camps

Registration is open through Clarkston Community Education and Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors for **Adventures in Softball**, July 9-11, girls ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$109; **T-Ball** for

Girls, July 9-11, ages 4-6, 9-10 a.m., \$45; **Fife Basketball Camp**, July 9-12, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., boys grades 7-9, \$260; and **Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp**, July 16-19, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., boys grades 4-6, \$160.

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Events

Concerts in the Park, music of the 90s with Smells Like Flannel, 7 p.m., local talent at 6 p.m., July 6, Depot Park. Free. Bring lawn chairs.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, July 11, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., MSU Federal Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Garden Walk, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., July 18. Six gardens, with musicians and garden artists. Ticket tent, Artisans Market at library, 6495 Clarkston Road. \$15 in advance at Harrisons, Bordines, Gateway, Clarkston Chamber and library, \$18/day of. 248-620-3131.

Superhero Family Ice Cream Night, 6-8 p.m., July 18, Shiawassee Basin Preserve, 12000 Davisburg Road. Superhero themed games, ice cream, popsicles, with comic superheroes and local firefighters and sheriff's deputies. \$7/person, \$25/family. 248-846-6558.

Advanced Care Planning, Make Your Wishes Known, 1:30 p.m., July 19, Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, with Dr. Chase and Tracey Wilkerson, PA, of Clarkston Internal Medicine. 248-625-8231.

Run for the Hills, Help Pave the Way 5K run and walk, 9 a.m., July 21, Waterford Hills Road Racing, 4770 Waterford Road. Run on race car track to fund track repaving. Register at rfeventservices.redpodium.com/waterford-hills.

Golf Tournament benefitting Drew's Home of Clarkston, 1:30 p.m., July 29, Fountains Golf Course, 6060 Maybee Road. \$85. 810-869-5637.

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

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

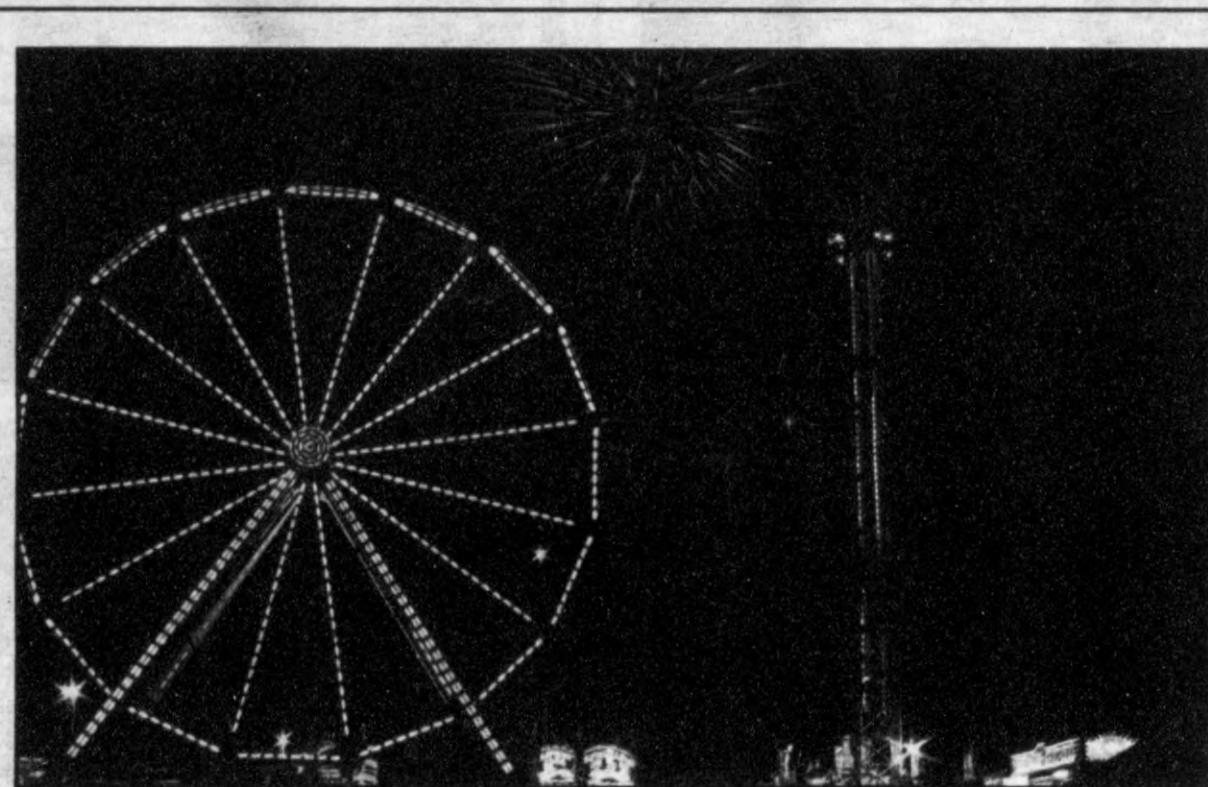
Tuesday

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, July 10, 7 p.m. Topic: "Why do I feel like my loved one is just on vacation?" Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9

Around Town

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



Oakland County Fair fireworks will begin after dusk following the Friday night concert. Photo provided

County fair opens Friday

Oakland County Fair opens this weekend at Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road.

This year's fair, which runs July 6-15, will feature "Walking with Giants," a dinosaur and dragon encounter. Presented by Prehistoric Adventures, the almost 7-foot-tall, 13.5-foot-long animatronic creatures are anatomically correct, with realistic eye blinking, tail swooshing and roars.

The fair will also feature Ron Diamond's Comedy Hypnotism Show, "Magic of the Mind"; Barnyard Express, a mobile

educational farm center; and Knights of Valour jousting along with other main arena events, contests, fair food, Big Rock Amusements carnival, fireworks, a free concert, and livestock.

CME Group and the National 4-H Council also host their sixth annual Commodity Carnival at the fair. Participants play a game involving growing and bringing a steer to market, which helps improve their literacy in agriculture science and basic economics while having fun.

Parking/admission is \$12/vehicle, \$6/motorcycle. Visit OakFair.org.

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. 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 Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free.

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

Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

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.

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

Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., July 19, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$1.

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays through Oct. 13 at the Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road.

Project Kidsight, free vision screening for children, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Immediate results. 248-625-2212.

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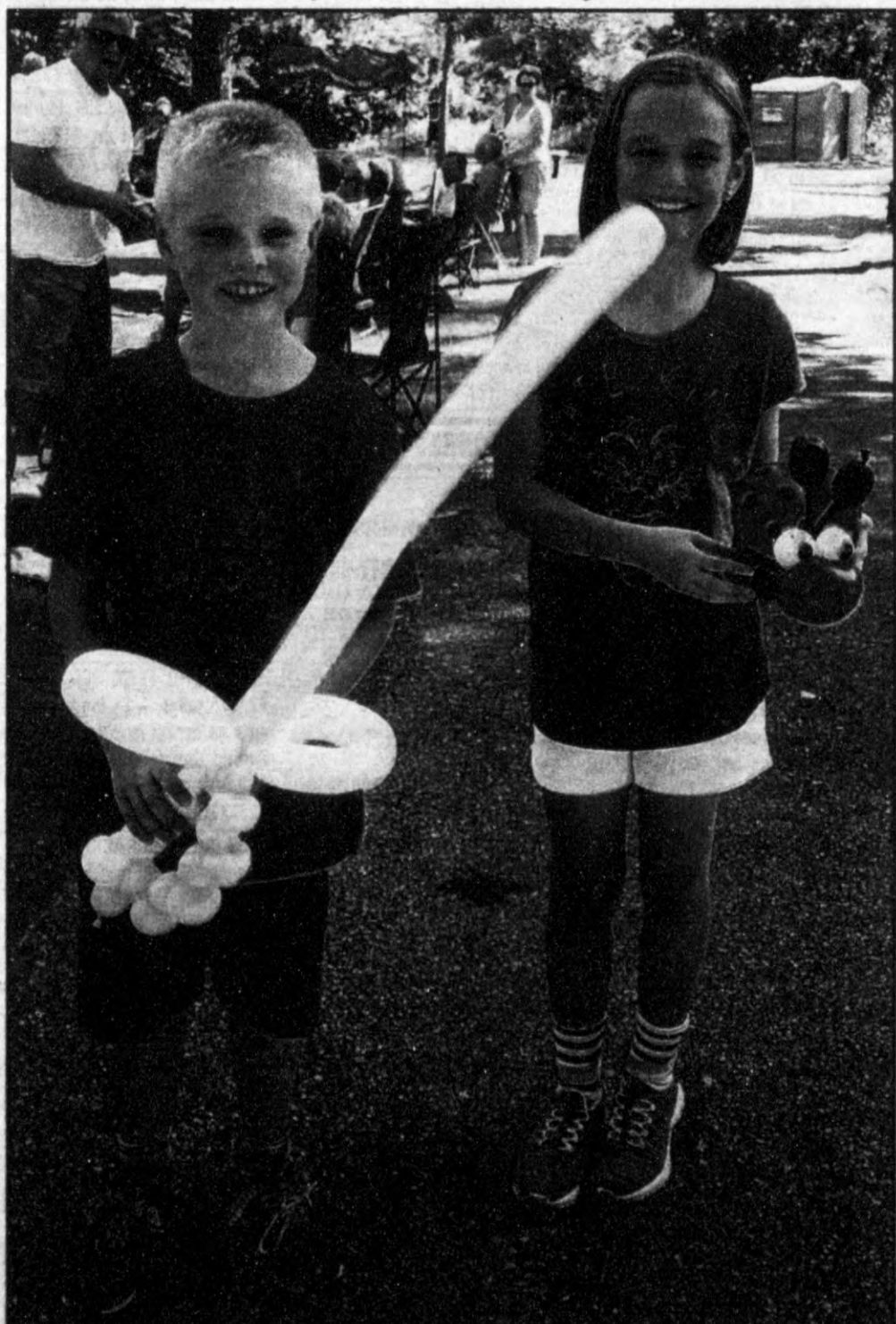
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Dave Bennett and his dynamic jazz band captivated the audience last week at Depot Park. Photos by Brenda Dominick



Linda Ryan, Becky and David McChesney relax at Concerts in the Park.



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Balloon artist Scott Bevis creates a mermaid balloon for Izzy Wheeler.



Mason Raczka patiently waits for the artist to create his balloon toy.

Summer music, food sizzles at Depot Park

The aroma of hot dogs and cotton candy filled Depot Park during Dave Bennett Band's Concert in the Park, June 29.

The Clarkston Community Band opened the night, entertaining guests with popular musical theme tunes such as "The Phantom of the Opera" and Disney movies.

Then, Dave Bennett led his band in jazz style music as the headliner for the night.

"We had a lot of good things

happen this past year, and one of those is we released a new album on Mack Avenue Records," Bennett said. "It came out last October, and we're very thankful to say that it has reached number 24 on the Billboard jazz chart. Things are really moving along well, and we're very grateful."

The title of their new album is "Blood Moon" and it is their first album primarily of original material and personally written by Bennett. The lively and talented musicians

played this song at the event. During the intermission and after the show, the band autographed and sold copies of the new album.

Concerts closing out the Friday evening music series include Smells Like Flannel, singing the hits of the '90s, July 6; Out of Favor Boys, rock and soul, July 13; and the far out '60s jams of Magic Bus, July 20.

For more information, check "Clarkston Concerts in the Park" on Facebook.

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Lakefront beauty on all-sports Lake Orion perched on a double lot w/80' of frontage! 4 Bdrms & 3 full baths! Prem updating/remodeling to the ext and int of this rare gem! Gated entrance from the concrete pad allows parking for up to 6 vehicles. Phenomenal landscaping incl unlock pavers front & back w/firepit, lighting pkg, electric fence, tiered decking w/ret awning. Boathouse was converted to an awesome man cave! Solid wood entry door/grand 2 story foyer. Gorgeous kitch w/granite tops, raised cabs and ss appliances. Dining area w/wall of windows/doorwall. Spectacular views of Lake Orion from many of the rooms! Cozy family rm w/stone fireplace. French doors lead to the study. All baths have euro glass/tile showers, updated cabs/tops. Note: bdrm sizes. Master suite has a 9x7 wic, priv bath, balcony, 2nd fp. Walkout bsmt for mechanicals & addtl storage. Newer Pella windows, travertine flrs, roof, high eff furn. Dock/hoist & all mounted tvs included. This one is truly special!



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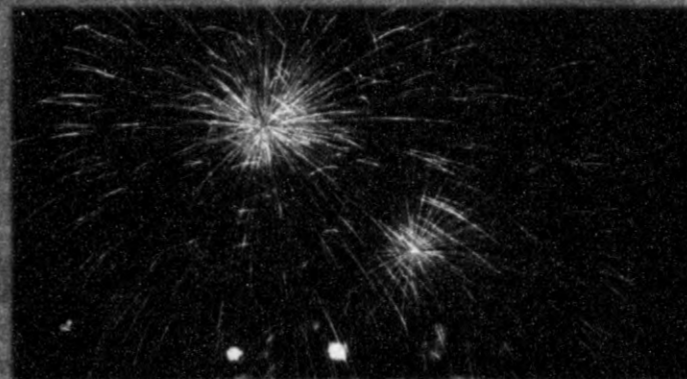


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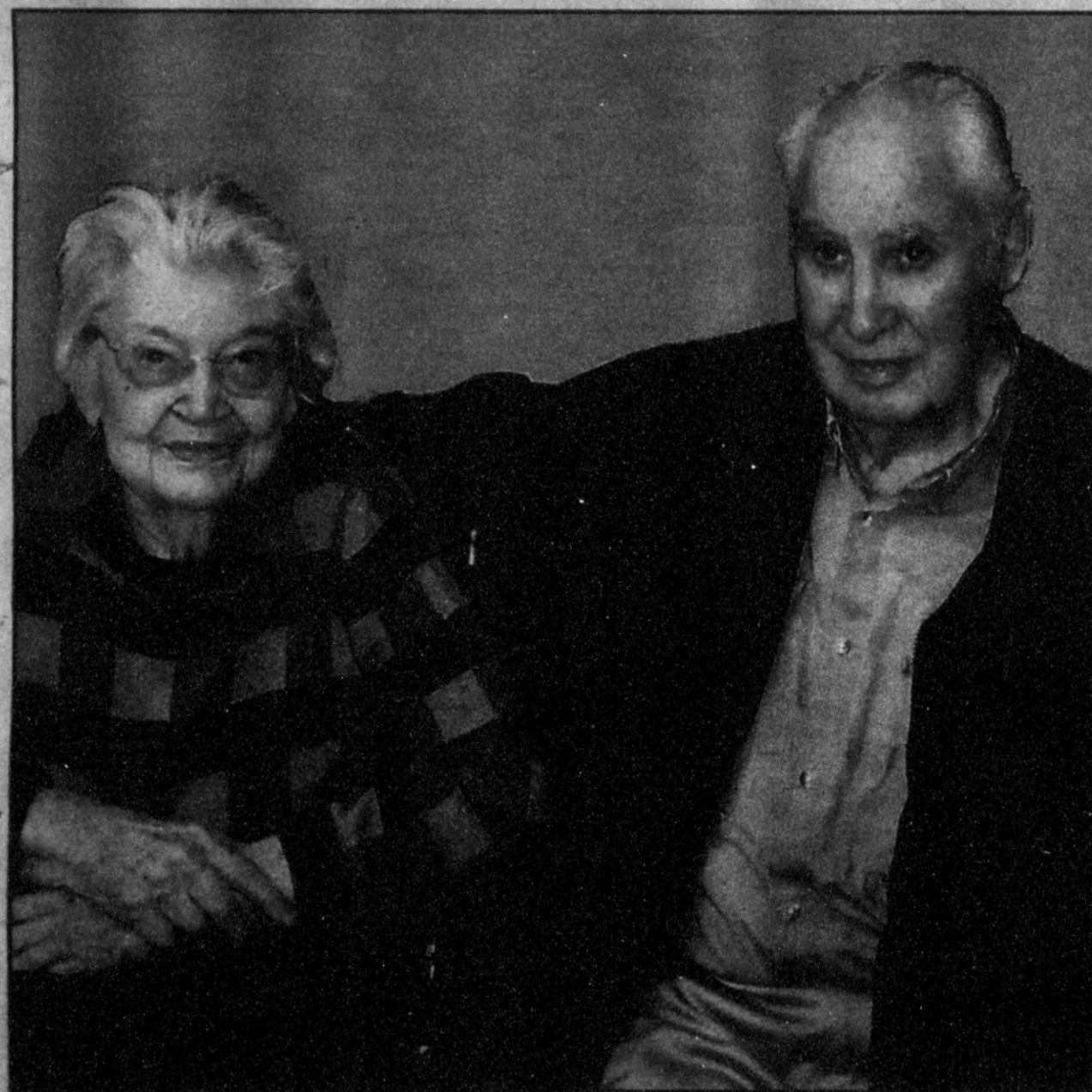
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Marilyn and Donald Smith have been married for 70 years.

Smiths celebrate 70 years

Donald and Marilyn Smith of Clarkston will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on July 24, 2018.

The couple have owned their home on Waterford Hill in Independence Township since 1966 and been active in the Waterford/Clarkston area for many decades.

They were married in Riga, Mich., on July 24, 1948. Don and Marilyn have two sons, Bruce (Dorothy) and Dave (Rochelle); two grandsons, Derek (Emily) and Matthew (Jessica); and one great-granddaughter, Audrey.

Don and Marilyn met at Adrian College,

which Don attended along with other veterans after World War II. He played football for Adrian for a season. A friend on the football team, and fellow Army Air Corp vet, happened to be in a class with Marilyn when Don mentioned "there was one girl he had noticed around campus and wouldn't mind getting to know."

The friend told Marilyn, "I know someone who likes you," and she set about finding out who that fellow might be, set up a double blind date with another couple, and they all went to see a movie in Toledo.

The rest is history – over 70 years of history to be exact.



Donald and Marilyn celebrate their marriage in 1948.

Youth Theater hits the stage with Hollywood-themed musical

The young performers of Clarkston Village Players' Youth Theater are spending these hot summer weeks preparing for their musical production "Gone With The Breeze." The play tells the story of Hollywood's Lone Pine Films planning to adapt the sensational new novel, "Gone With The Breeze," with its heroine, spunky 18-year-old Jezebel O'Toole, to the silver screen, attracting hundreds of aspiring young actresses to the studio.

The studio already knows they'll cast Peggy Tempest, played by Haley Phillips, for Jezebel's part. She's the most powerful star in town and will guarantee a hit, but she's also the most temperamental one.

To keep her in line, producers Ruth Wintersole, played by Reilly Kerrigan, and Brady Stewart's Huckleberry Jones pretend they want an

"unknown" for the part. With a few hilarious hiccups along the way, the scheme appears to work. It isn't until Lone Pine films find out they don't actually have the rights to the film and the author of the novel shows up that things really get interesting. You'll laugh and dance in your seats to songs like "Fax Me A Kiss" and "Give a Lawyer a Hug."

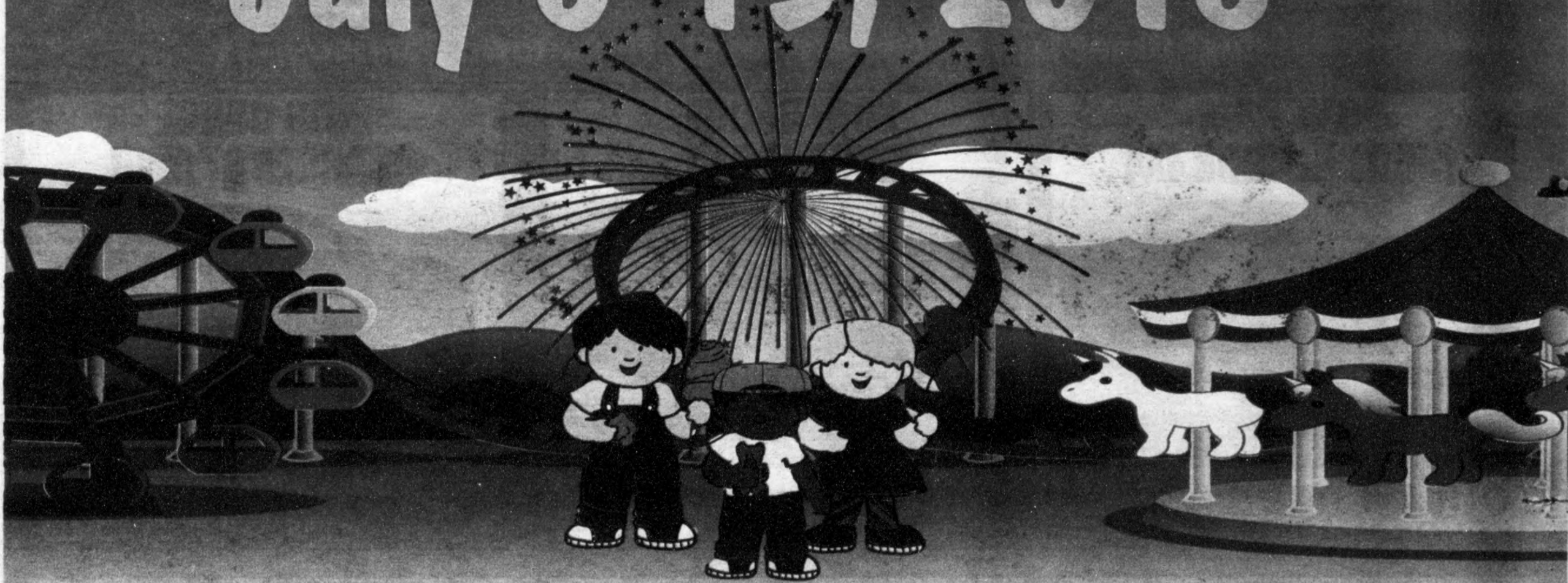
Performance dates for the show, produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service Inc., Denver, Colo., book by Tim Kelly, music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur, are Friday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 21, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 22, 2 p.m.; Thursday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, July 28, 7:30 p.m., at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Tickets are \$11 at www.cvpvouththeatre.org/tickets.

The cast, top row, Ellise Dowd, Francesca Catella, Sophia Catella, Charles Dunn, Lauren Ormsby, Katharine Rottach, and Samantha Stanek; second row, Emily Howe, Gracy Hershey, Noah Kostecki, Sloan Lamb, Shayla Lindquist, Adrianna Daigle, and Sydney Hinds; third row, Kate Leithausser, Brady Stewart, Bryan Donaghue, Jordan Livingston, Liesl Netherland, Haley Phillips, and Reilly Kerrigan; and bottom row, Kennedy Smith, Kelsey Phillips, Ethan Dowd, Kory Kovach, Mackenzie Loutzenhiser, and Jillian Livingston. Photos provided by Emily Dowd



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