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Fire coming to

fight against

phragmites

Fire could be used to free White

Oakland Phragmites Invasive Species Phighters (OPISP)

recommends a controlled burn of

the plants along White Lake Road

across from Deer Lake Beach in late

landscape here in Michigan to

these invasive plants," said OPISP

organizer Linda Lapinski. "We're

losing our birds, we're losing our

animals, we're losing all of that. We

want to claim it back again. We need

about \$1,200, according to a

glyphosate, an ingredient found in

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commercial products like Shore-

presentation to the City Council. After the burn, they would spray the tall, feathery-topped plants with herbicide containing

The burn would cost Clarkston

to get everybody on board."

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"We're losing our wonderful

BY MARY KECK Clarkston News Staff Writer

Lake Road of phragmites.

winter or early spring.

# Barricade buster honored for bravery

#### BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer When West Bloomfield Police needed someone to help deal with a cop-killer barricaded in a house, they knew who to call.

Al Doran, Indepedence Township firefighter.

"It was a terrible situation, and we were just trying to end the standoff as peaceably as possible," explained Lt. Tim Diamond of the West Bloomfield Police Department. "He put his life in danger to assist us, and he did a great job. He's more than deserving."

"I was surprised to be recognized. I don't have a problem with sacrificing myself to help someone," Doran said.

West Bloomfield police awarded him a Civilian Citation, which he received at a ceremony on Jan. 28.

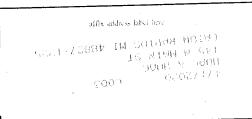
West Bloomfield's police firefighters, officers. dispatchers, and first responders also received recognition, but Doran was the only civilian among them.

'It's good to see there are dedicated individuals willing to put themselves in harm's way to protect the people of Southeast Michigan," said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle, who attended the ceremony.

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Al Doran accepts a Civilian Citation at the West Bloomfield PD ceremony with Supervisor Pat Kittle. Photo provided





Cassandra King prepares for her big roll down the lanes to knock over pins at the bowling game at Andersonville Elementary's school fair last Friday. Please see page 14 for more pictures. Photo by Wendi Reardon

# Auditors call for more oversight

#### BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A city audit recommended Clarkston stop amending its budget after the fact, but City Council is still doing it.

Council voted unanimously to approve a \$31,238 budget amendment, Jan. 28. The amendment accounts for salary increases approved at the Jan. 14 council meeting.

For former City Councilman Richard Bisio, this is another example of poor financial management.

"Spending the money first and then amending the budget is the

exact opposite of what state budgeting law requires and is also an irresponsible handling of the taxpayers' money," Bisio said. City Manager Dennis Ritter said

it's just a matter of paperwork.

"Oftentimes it's a matter of making an incorrect journal entry," Ritter said.

Mayor Joe Luginski did not return calls for comment.

In a letter dated Nov. 29, 2012 accompanying the city's audit for fiscal year 2012, Janz and Knight P.L.C. referred to the Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, which mandates "balanced budgets be adopted and that those

budgets be amended before expenditures exceed the budgeted amounts."

Under the audit's "Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability' section, the auditors state, according to Public Act 2 of 1968, "a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated in budget resolutions of the governing body."

In addition, the auditors noted, "despite the amendments, expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts in various activities," and they labeled this a "significant deficiency."

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CONGRATS: Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock welcomes School Board members, from left, Susan Boatman, Craig Hamilton Joan Patterson, and Cheryl McGinnis to their new terms of office. Photo by Wendi Reardon

# Clarkston's not tops in study

Other factors more important, Rock says by WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer A recent study by Bridge Magazine ranks Clarkston Community Schools 176th out of 560 districts in the state.

Based on the study's Value Added Matrix (VAM), Clarkston scored a 102.8. A score of 100 is considered "expected."

Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock suspects the motives of the study's authors.

"Therefore, I believe the

study is biased towards the negative," Rock said. It's similar to a study conducted by the Conservativeleaning Mackinac Center for Public Policy, which Rock said has a negative opinion

of public education. The *Bridge* study matrix ranks districts throughout the state based on students' proficiency on standardized tests as well as their socioeconomic status.

It used the 2011-12 state standardized tests - the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests given fourth and eighth grade, the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) given to eleventh-graders, and the American College Testing (ACT) scores for both public and charter schools.

According to the online magazine, the focus was on the number of students the test results deemed proficient on a given subject.

The study considered socioeconomic status of students by including how many were eligible for free and reduced lunch. Clarkston has 22.72 percent of students on free and reduced lunch.

Rock said the nation has a poverty rate of 23 percent, the second highest among developed countries. He pointed out poverty is associated with stress which is connected to health and negative effects on student achievement.

"The Bridge study suggests students living in Clarkston who come from low income families are performing above expectations," Rock said. "Although I question the intentions, validity, and reliability of this study, I do believe its conclusions support what we already know."

Clarkston teachers, parents, volunteers, and everyone else in the community who works for kids make a positive difference, he said.

"When it comes to kids, we don't make excuses; we take collective action," he added. Bloomfield Schools was ranked the high-

est in Oakland County with a ranking of 112.91 while Pontiac was last with 86.41.

Considering Clarkston's neighbors: Lake Orion ranked 11th in the county and 109th in the state and has 50.02 percent of their stu-

State           Rank         Name           109         Lake Orion           176         Clarkston           297         Brandon           385         Oxford	VAM Score 105.05 102.80 99.76 97.22	% Free, Reduced Lunch Eligible 19.43 22.72 37.36 23.71
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dents on free and reduced lunch eligibility. Oxford is ranked 21 in the county and 385 in the state and has 23.71 percent of their students on free and reduced lunch.

The ranking took the percentage of students receiving free or reduced-price school lunches and projected how many students would then be expected to be proficient on the MEAP tests in fourth and eighth grades and the MME in 11th grade. Schools were ranked on whether they did better than expected or worse.

Clarkston is also looking at different studies on how they can help their students for not only today but for the future.

Rock pointed out the Third International Math and Science Study helps to show where the United States ranks among other nations while The National Assessment of Educational Progress shows the major improvements since 1990 for students especially in math and science.

"Clarkston utilizes research-based approaches toward continuous improvement," said Rock.

"I believe that the Clarkston community and the Clarkston Community Schools are absolutely engaged in best practices that will continue to benefit our children."



Independence Township may partner with Orion Township to outsource its Human Resource (HR) needs.

"We've met with [Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett] a couple of times on this and other topics," said Supervisor Pat Kittle. "Economies of scale can start to warrant lower prices."

Because both townships need HR service, Kittle thinks partnering could offer "a volume discount because it's, now two municipalities they're working for"

# High Five planned

Start lacing up your running shoes because there's a High Five Race planned for downtown Clarkston. On Jan. 28, the Clarkston City Council unanimously approved a 10-kilometer run, which will start at Depot Park on Nov. 10.

Runners will race onto Holcomb road, then onto Allen, and around Clarkston's back roads. Then, they'll race back onto Holcomb and run through the finish line at Depot Park. Deanna Hart, who is organizing the event, expects 200 to 300 runners.

# Lunch with cause

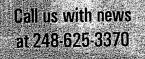
At the end of fanuary, the agents of Real Estate One in downlown.Clarkston got together at their Lunch for A Cause. According to REO's Kevin McCourt, four times a year agents bring a dish to pass, and invite friends and family to lurich. Everybody makes a donation, which is then presented to a local charity. McCourt, at Clarkston, said funds will be donated to A Space To Dream

# Beast of a musical

The Clarkston High School Drama Club presents *Beauty and the Beast*, Feb. 14 and 15 at 7 p.m.; Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. Prices are \$12

for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens.

They can be reserved by calling the Clarkston High School Box Office at 248-623-4024



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Julia Stebbins (above) and Anna Dawson (below) give their renditions of Taylor Swift's "Fifteen."





## Can't stop the music Despite school being cancelled due to the weather on Jan.

28, the Clarkston High School's Charity Week began with a bang.

They raised \$3,000 at their C-Factor Talent Showcase, featuring talent from the high school and the junior high school. They raised \$1,616 from the Jimmy V Volleyball tournament on Wednesday. With other activities throughout the week they raised over \$7,500 (not counting donations for DRAW.) The donations will go to DRAW, Jimmy V Foundation, The Rainbow Connection and CureSearch. Wendi Reardon

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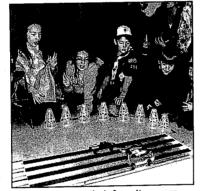
From left, Jeffrey Ellingsworth, Frank Schuster, Malachi Sievers, Aiden Krenzel, Andrew Musson, and Ryan Drobot watch a race.

# Derby scouts

Cub Scouts in Pack 499 cheered as their cars raced across the finish line at the Pinewood Derby on Jan. 25. The scouts' tiny wooden cars zoomed down the track in seconds, equivalent to about 230 miles per hour.

Each vehicle was unique. Some were painted with flames and racing stripes while others sparkled with gemstones. One car had a mouse driver while another looked like a shark.

Once the checkered flag flew, contestants with the fastest derby cars earned a trophy. Approximately 55 youngsters participated.



Scouts cheer on their favorite racers.



In front from left are Beatrice Pfeiffer, Noah Cunnigham, Andrew DeLong, Tyler Mosier, and Malachi Sievers, and, back row from left, Trent Schmeling, Ryan Drobot, Thomas Damitio, Andrew Musson, and Ulysses Valascho, celebrating their wins. Photos by Mary Keck and Lance Farrell

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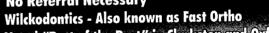
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A column by Phil Custodio

Phil in the Blank

# New to news

The time had arrived at last. I always knew it was possible, and now it had.

I was on the other side of the notepad. Tables were turned. The shoe was on the other foot, or feet.

I was faced by a panel of journalists with a list of questions.

I braced for the first one: How did you become interested in writing?

Excellent question, I thought.

"Well," I said, "when

I was in the army I found I liked to write, so then when I went to college I looked at everything you could do with writing and decided to...um..."



"...in... the... army," wrote the student journalist in her notepad.

She'll get faster. She has years of notetaking practice ahead of her. For me, high school was when it really kicked into gear.

I still have history, English literature, science, etc. notebooks filled with scribbles that look a lot like they do now. Some words trail off into an indistinct scrawl as I dozed off. I don't do that as much now.

I'm assuming students still take notes in high school, not using some sort of Ipad app to record, transcribe, print and deliver their notes for them.

So for those Bailey Lake Elementary students, working on their first newsletter, I was their first victim, er, interview subject. They needed advice on their endeavor and thought I fit the bill.

"You write newspapers too," they told me.

I gave them what I could.

Write about what you and your readers are interested in. Grab the reader with the first paragraph. Write that first paragraph last.

Some other advice: Don't stare at a blank screen or notepad. Just write something – even if it's "something" written over and over.

I hope they succeed.

There will always be a need for reporters, or bloggers, or whatever they're called, to put people in the hot seat and ask questions that need asking.

Though by the time these students are my age, they could probably send their L-drones out to interview people on three-dimensional video for simulfaneous display through subscribers' cranial implants.



BLOWHARD HITS HALF CENTURY: It was the big 50 for Assistant Publisher Don Rush, so his hardworking staff at *The Clarkston News* found some time out of their busy schedules to make him a birthday cake. Gifts included extra-large reading glasses, extra-large pill holder, Depends undergarments and other useful items for his old age! *Photo by Wendi Reardon* 

## Senior center thanks community for holiday meals

#### Dear Editor,

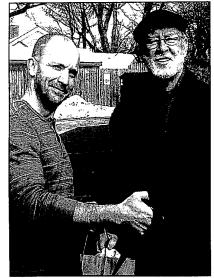
Special thank you's go out to Deer Lake Athletic Club, Autumn Ridge Assisted Living, and the Woodshop for making holiday meals for our homebound Meals on Wheels clients.

Deer Lake Athletic Club made Turkey and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving while Autumn Ridge made a wonderful Christmas dinner.

The Woodshop rounded out the holiday season on New Years Day with their much raved about pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw and potato salad.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who participated in providing the holiday meals on wheels including Jack Harrington our volunteer driver who delivers them all.

Appreciatively, Mary Przybycien, staff at Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center



t Independence Mike Gray from the Woodshop, left, hands off ip Senior Adult the 14 homebound meals for New Year's to Activity Center volunteer Jack Harrington.

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

## A Look Back From The CNews archives

## 15 years ago - 1998

"An eggs-citing experiment in science" When Clarkston Middle School teacher Chuck Keegan wanted to teach some physics to his students, he had them design and build contraptions to protect an egg from a drop. Classmates Casey Bolten, Beth Randell, and Jenny Tatu successfully made a parachute for their egg.

"Sizzlin' spikers" Monday night's hard-fought road victory completed the best week the Clarkston varsity volleyball team has seen in a long time. The Wolves improved to 14-11-2 overall and 5-3 in the OAA Division I after the win at Troy. Clarkston has won seven of its nine matches, including three straight league contests.

### 25 years ago - 1988

"Village still seeking its own police force" Clarkston and Oakland County Sheriff's Department were working on an agreement to patrol the village. It would cost the village about \$60,000 a year for a deputy to provide traffic control, including training, patrol car, and insurance. The proposed contract called for 2.5 mills on village residents for police protection, the same paid by township residents.

"Murder mystery goes national" Mary DeBoer can't forget her husband's death last spring, and she hopes no one else will forget it either – at least not until his assailants are caught. Elmer DeBoer, 38, was kidnapped, robbed, and shot to death around May 11, 1987, and police and the FBI are still looking for the people responsible, said Mary. The murder will receive nationwide attention when it appears on the NBC TV program Unsolved Mysteries at 10 p.m. on Friday after Miami Vice.

### 50 years ago - 1963

"Repeat Vows in Candlelight" Reva Anne Converse and Robert Earl Frick were united in marriage on Friday, January 25 during a candlelight service at the Davisburg Baptist Church. The double ring ceremony was performed by Reverend Jack McCurry.

"School fund transfer" Attorney General Frank J. Kelley Chairman of the Municipal Finance Commission, announced today that the Commission approved a transfer for Clarkston Community Schools, Oakland County, of \$36,349.19 from the November 1, 1951 Debt Retirement Fund to the Building and Site Fund.

# Wed., February 6, 2013 The Clarkston (MI) News 7 A Of lost socks and residue build-up

from February 2006.

I wear long, black socks most of the time, but espe-Jim's cially in winter. They should be easy to keep track of, but from time to time I lose one in the wash, much like Jottings every other person who does laundry.

As I searched for a lost one recently, I remembered hearing Ray Stevens' singing, "Where do my socks go when I put them in the dryer?"

Ray Stevens' recordings should be in everyone's collection. His recordings "Misty" and "Everything is Beautiful" topped the charts a couple decades ago. However, most of his songs involve screaming monkeys, a streaker, "Shriners Convention," used cars and other off-beat stuff ... that I like.

He says they've invented the laser beam and the high tech drill, "But where do my socks go when I put them in the dryer? Do they escape down some black hole or get trapped and cause me fire? Do they penetrate, or turn to lint? I just want to know where they went.

"I don't know about you, but I've observed that it's gone on for years. Every time I wash my clothes half my socks just disappear.

"I prepared about 12 pairs of socks, you just count 'em, there's 24. I just put 'em in the dryer one at a time and I purposely closed the door. Just like that the cycle

Editor's Note: Enjoy this Jim's Jottings classic ended and when I opened up the hatch, all I could find was 13 and not a one of them darn things matched.

"There's a perfect mystery about this problem that we should cogitate -- the dryer should be an impartial machine -

- it should not discriminate. It should take your socks, long or short, wool or nylon, new or old, but there's one kind of sock it will never take, it's one with a great big hole.

"I had just one sock left so I went to the store and asked the saleman if he could match this.

"He said, 'Buddy I couldn't sell you a column by one sock if you were Peg Leg Bates.' Jim Sherman I said, "Listen, pal, if I were Peg Leg Bates I wouldn't need one.'

The song ends with, "I guess I'll have to start spray painting my ankles. If you find a sock in your leg, it's mine."

Another good thing about Ray Stevens' songs is that you can understand the lyrics.

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I like to write letters, partly because I think people like to receive them. Some letters I write are even complimentary, and some questioning.

Like the one I wrote recently to the Gillette Company, owners of the Oral-B rotating toothbrush. At my dentist's suggestion I've been using an Oral-B about three years.

Maybe six months ago I noticed there was a grimy build-up at the base of the brush where it sits on the recharger. Finally, I'd had it. Gillette must have a public relations person who wants to keep me pleased, so I wrote them.

In their response, they thanked me, saying they "are anxious to see that our products meet your needs and expections." They said it appeared to be toothpaste residue, and that "some brands of whitening toothpaste such as Ultra-brite contain abrasives that are not water soluble. These abrasives build-up inside the gears and result in this residue."

They also suggest I remove the brush after each cleaning and rinse it inside and out to prevent residue build-up.

That's the answer I had anticipated. WASH THE DARN THING MORE OFTEN, YOU STUPID JERK!

Since I had expected that answer, I had begun a more thorough washing and the residue had not reappeared.

But, it gave me and them something to write about.

# ps. I forgot my pants (again)

Guys.

Just like roses, guys by any other name, are still just guys. Black, white, pink or yellow; short, tall, fat or skinny, at any point in the history of mankind -excuse me, in the history of guykind -we guys are the same.

I came to this conclusion, this certainty of life, after I read an Associated Press report a few years back. When the following headline caught my eye, the gears in my cobwebbed mind started to churn -- albeit rather slowly.

Police halt annual 'No Pants Subway Ride.'

No pants subway ride? Well, I never. did that.

Obviously this wasn't a local story, except for the afore mentioned conclusion (connection, if you will) about guys. That story was in New York -- but guys from Clarkston, Oxford, Orion, Ortonville, Goodrich and New York are all on the same page, genderly speaking. (I am quite sure you won't find "genderly" in any dictionary of good standing, so don't waste your time looking for it. Just go with it.)

As there are no local subways, I can

honestly say I never rode in one with or without pants.

However, I do seem to remember a certain annual party my college room-

mates (okay, and me too) hosted during our formidable years at good ol' Central Michigan University.

I guess there was a reason why CMU was a "ranked" school in the pages of Playboy and it wasn't because the Chips tore things up on the gridiron. I think the student body just tended to tear things up -- lawns, sidewalks, etc.

If memory serves me correctly our annual "Oops I Forgot My Pants" parties were quite popular. More on that later. Let's get back to the subway gig.

In the story, "Eight pranksters who dropped their pants and showed their underwear on the subway were taken into custody and issued summonses for disorderly conduct. All were ultimately released, said Improv Everywhere, the group that organized the stunt.

"The group said more than 160 riders less reasons. participated in the annual No Pants Subway Ride before police halted their No. our pantless operations were fairly for-6 train.

"Charlie Todd, who founded Improv Everywhere in 2001, said it's not his group's intent to offend. He said he wants to create scenes of chaos and joy in public places around New York ....

Our motivations up there in Mt. Pleasant weren't as noble as our brethren's in New York. We just wanted to see as many coed gals in various forms of undress as we could, and as it was winter this was the quickest, easiest means to that end. There might be something noble in that endeavor, but I doubt it.

The lads in New York were moved by a higher, more virtuistic calling (don't bother looking up "virtuistic" either. I'm pretty sure it ain't a word).

"It was our intent to make people laugh. We try to give people a great story to tell," Todd told reporters.

Well, how nice of them to be thinking about other people, I'm not saying I am not buying Todd's line about just trying to "make people laugh," but I know guys.

Guys never do anything for purely self-

If I really think hard, I seem to recall mal affairs. Dress shirts, ties, dark socks and polished shoes were required. Just no pants or, for the gals, no skirts. (Note to Dads: Relax, most of the girls wore those white, fluffy, ruffly, sometimes silky things that normally go under skirts. We saw more skin on the beaches than we did at our pantless shindigs.)

As I think back, it's interesting to note (but not all together germane and/ or important to the story) that us guys covered our guyhood with boxer shorts. No guy showed up in his tighty-whities. And, in case you're wondering, no other colored briefs containing guys attended our soirées.

Hmmm? Just thinking . . .

If I am not mistaken, somewhere, somebody probably has photos stashed away from those thrilling days of yesteryear just waiting to be published. Yikes. I guess, as a guy, I won't try running for public office anytime soon:

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## **Toilet torched**

A portable toilet at a construction site in the 6000 block of Waldon Center Drive was discovered burned to the ground, 9:28 a.m., Jan. 21.

## Drunk hit-and-run

A motorist noticed a pickup truck with heavy front end damage and steam coming from under the hood, followed it to a Waterford home, and called police, 3:23 p.m., Jan: 25. Deputies, who were investigating a hit-andrun collision at Clintonville and Maybee roads, went there and found a 59-year-old resident next to the wrecked truck. He said he didn't think it was a good idea to stick around the accident scene so he left. He was arrested for repeat drunk driving, with convictions in 1984, 1987, and two in 1989.

### Text threats

A 19-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for domestic assault and using a computer to make threats after attacking and threatening his mother, 6:20 p.m., Jan. 25. He had been gone for four days when he returned home and asked his mother for money. Suspecting it would be used for drugs, she refused, and he threw a bottled beverage at her and hit her on the shoulder - he intended to slap her in the face. He then left, but sent more than 25 texts increasingly threatening to others and himself, which his parents took to police. Deputies pinged the phone and located the suspect in Oxford. He said he wasn't going to hurt anyone and was just saying that to get what he wanted.

### Wreck leads to arrest

Deputies investigating a car accident on N. River Road found the driver involved, a 20-year-old Independence Township man, had a suspended license and misdemeanor warrant for his arrest out of Lapeer Township, 6:34 p.m., Jan. 26. He had come around a corner, lost control, and slid into a parked car. He was cited with driving without due care and held for Lapeer police on their warrant.

## Handgun found

An Independence Township resident was out for a bike ride when he noticed a gun case on the side of the road, 1:53 p.m., Jan. 26, on Foster Road west of Dixie Highway. He opened it and saw it contained an unloaded scoped handgun, so he took it home and called police. Deputies found it was registered to a Davisburg resident, who said a friend had lost it after putting it on top of a vehicle and forgetting it was there. It was returned to the owner.

## Driving with drugs

A deputy stopped a car with a burnt out headlight at Main and Washington streets, 11:31 p.m., Jan. 26. The driver, an 18-year-old Independence Township man, smelled strongly of marijuana and said he had smoked some an hour before. A search of the car produced marijuana, grinder, rolling papers, and pipes. A passenger, a 17-year-old Independence Township girl who was also the owner of the vehicle, was found with a capsule with white crystals in it, which she said was "Molly," a type of MDMA or Ecstasy. The 18-yearold was arrested for possession of marijuana and driving under the influence of drugs. The 17-year-old was released pending lab analysis of the capsule.

### Car robber caught

Several Tuson Boulevard apartment residents called police to report a man working his way through the parking lot, checking vehicles for unlocked doors and rummaging through those unsecured, 1:44 a.m., Jan. 27. Deputies found a man matching their description, a 31-year-old resident, nearby. The suspect said he was just out for a walk. He was found with change, two small flashlights, a prescription bottle, vitamin bottle, a pair of sunglasses, and Michigan State lanyard. The items were confiscated, and he was cited for disorderly conduct and released to his mother. No damage was found to any vehicles.

### Mailbox theft

Someone broke into a locked mail box in the 7000 block of Rattalee Lake Road, Jan. 28. Several checks are missing, and residents called to have them cancelled.

## Pothole damages vehicle

A driver heading northbound on Parview Drive near Dixie Highway hit a submerged pothole and ripped off the plastic underbody engine cover, 1:10 p.m., Jan. 29.

## Drunk driver arrested

A deputy stopped a 49-year-old Independence Township man for driving slowly from side to side of Maybee Road near Clintonville Road, 7:38 p.m., Jan. 29. The driver, who said he was driving home from a bar in Orion Township, had a preliminary breath test of .280. With a conviction in 2007, he was arrested for multiple drunk driving.

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# Challenges overcome on court

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer.

With less than a month until post-season, cagers have come a long way.

"We are a lot better now than we were at the beginning of the season," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "We played very well at times and very bad at times but our good is outweighing our bad now."

Before their game at Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday, the boys were at a 10-2 overall record.

"We probably won a couple of games we could have lost," Fife reflected. "Maybe we deserved to lose but won the games. This week from now on everyone is in shape now. Everyone has their player. From now on every game is going to be hard fought. Everyone knows what they are doing. Everybody should be used to the speed of the game. Everybody should be in physical shape."

The Wolves have most of their players back except senior Chance Huth, who has been injured since summer.

Fife said he didn't know when Huth would be back but he was now practicing with his teammates.

Fife added the biggest challenge the Wolves have faced so far this season is understanding varsity basketball.

"They tend to still go back to their personal habits when they get tired or lost in thought," he said. "I am getting them to understand Clarkston basketball and not individual basketball."

The Wolves recently beat OAA Red foes Southfield-Lathrup on Jan. 29, 60-48.

"Lathrup is much improved," Fife said. "They are a pretty good ball club. It was a good win for us. We had three tough games

- North Farmington, Southfield on the road and coming home and playing Lathrup.

Clarkston opened the game with the lead with baskets from Dasuqi, junior Michael Nicholson and junior Nick Owens.

They solidified their lead with a threepointer from junior Press Kampe off a pass from Owens to put the score 9-2.

Dasugi closed out the 90 seconds of the first quarter with six points and sophomore Andrew Myers added two from the free throw line to end the quarter, 24-10.

Myers opened the next quarter with a basket to get the boys started. The Wolves continued to add to the board as they held Southfield-Lathrup.

They finished the first half with a 36-18 lead.

The Chargers caught up to the Wolves in the third quarter and cut the lead to three.

'We started to get better shots and scored 2-3 layups on some good plays," Fife explained as the Wolves came back to put more of a lead on the board.

"It was good execution from our offense. It is a good lesson for us. It was bad we let them get back in. It was good when they got back in we still had enough to come back and not lose a ball game. We could have very easily lost it."

Dasugi led the team with 24 points and two field goals. Myers added 12 points and Kampe had 11 points with a field goal. Myers and Kampe shot 8-of-10 free throw attempts.

The Wolves continue their OAA Red battle when they host Troy this Friday and head to West Bloomfield next Tuesday.

"They have to play as best they can mentally and physically all the time," said Fife. 'There are no chumps from here on out." JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Press Kampe holds off Southfield-Lathrup in the first half. Photo by WAR

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



# Kings of the lanes

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer The Wolves have taken over their league, remaining undefeated and ranked eighth in the state.

'We have had an awesome year," said Lenny Kersten, a coach for the Clarkston Bowling Program. "We have six strong kids this year."

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling recently took down two tough opponents - North Farmington, 18-12, and Oxford, 17-13.

The boys lost both their baker games to North Farmington and were down 0-10. When it came time for the team games they came back by winning the first game with nine points, the second game with seven points.

"It is one of the hardest things to do," Kersten explained. "I compare it to being down 20 points in a basketball game in the fourth quarter and coming back and winning. It seems when our backs are against the wall, we come out fighting. We tell the boys we are down 0-10 and all the sudden the lights click on. They start going to town and bowl really well."

Eric Wagner bowled scores of 255 and 257 for a 512 and Kyle Kirby bowled a 225 game and finished with a 405 set.



"We have four kids who are averaging over 200," Kersten added. "To me it is pretty awesome.1

They also beat Oxford for the second time after a close battle after losing the first two games.

The boys also won LCN Baker's Dozen tournament, Jan. 12. They bowled 13 baker games and qualified in 11th place. Then bowled 11 more games to beat Lakeview, DeLaSalle, Troy and Oxford in the finals to become champion.

He added the close matches will help as the Wolves go into playoffs with MHSAA Regionals at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington, Feb. 22-23.

"It is going to be a huge factor because when you bowl in playoffs it's a different mindset," he said. "There is so much more at stake. It's not just your reputation as a bowler but representing your school. We always remind the kids it isn't for yourself; you are representing Clarkston."

"They know they have the talent and they can do it," said Kersten. "We are excited and looking forward to the end of February."

The boys varsity team is Timothy Cuthrell, Anthony Hernandez, Jacob Kersten, Kyle Kirby, Brock Nowak, and Eric Wagner.

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# Girls Varsity holding onto lead for title

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer The Lady Wolves added one more win in the OAA Red last Thursday to remain undefeated and in first place for the title.

This time they took down Troy for the second time, 62-35.

"We had the same game plan as we did last time," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk. "They played hard tonight. Troy has had a tough season but they are still clawing. It was nice to see on their end. We hit some shots tonight from inside and outside. It kind of got them down a little bit."

Clarkston opened the game with possession but missed the first shot. Troy grabbed the ball and got on the board with a basket from Sydney Heath.

The Lady Wolves tied the score off senior Delaney Kenny's shot off of sophomore Erika Davenport's rebound. Kenny pulled the team into the lead with a 3-pointer off a pass from senior Erin Davenport.

Erin and junior Carly Giroux scored again before Troy was able to get back on the board to put the score 9-2.

Before the first quarter ended, Giroux passed the ball to Erin who scored her two points at the buzzer, closing the quarter 14-4.

The Lady Wolves continued their firing power when the second quarter opened with two points from Giroux and four from Erika.

Troy's Rachel Zelmanski put one point on the board on the free throw line, and the Lady Wolves came back with a 3-pointer from Giroux.

Zelmanski scored again only to have Erika score her own basket. Next came two consecutive 3-pointers from senior Patrice Matthews, both assists from Kenny.

The Lady Wolves finished the quarter with a 33-11 lead as they headed into half-time.

"I was happy with our start and our first half," Wasilk added. "We were really focused and played with a lot of energy. It was nice to see Patrice knock down some shots. We had some good ball movement." The Lady Wolves opened the last half with more shooting with two points from Giroux and three from sophomore Jessica Altene.

Troy closed the distance by putting 18 points on the board in the quarter, but it wasn't enough to catch up to Clarkston.

"Our girls shot the ball pretty well," Wasilk added. "Defensively we were pretty solid in three of the four quarters. Our press was pretty effective. It was nice to see."

Erika led the team with 16 points. Kenny added 12 points with two field goals. Matthews had nine points from her three

field goals, and Erin added eight points to the score.

"Giroux had a really good game tonight," Wasilk added. "I know she went down with an injury. Hopefully everything will be okay. We will see."

He added freshman Mariah Hood also had a good game and good minutes.

"It was good to have her come in and give us some energy and shoot the ball well."

The girls have three weeks of the regular season with five games left as they prepare a rematch with North Farmington, Southfield-Lathrup, West Bloomfield and Pontiac.

"Our biggest challenge is keeping kids focused," said Wasilk. "Playing teams a second time around will be a challenge because they know us and we know them so keeping kids fresh will be a big thing. We know they are coming after us and we are coming after them again."

The Lady Wolves head to North Farmington on Friday and host Huron on Tuesday.



Carly Giroux blocks Troy from passing the ball. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Wins for swim

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The Wolves took seventh place in the Oakland County Boys Swimming and Diving Championships on Saturday in Lake Orion.

The boys took fifth place in the 200-yard medley relay and sixth in the 200-yard freestyle relay. James Nelson took 16 in 200yard IM and tenth in 100-yard breaststroke; Dalton Pokley eighth, 50-yard freestyle and tied for fourth in 100-yard butterfly; Landon Hölloway, sixth in 100-yard backstroke; and Joe Zendejas, third in 1-meter diving;

The boys opened the week with a 126.5-58.5 win over Bloomfield Hills Andover on Jan. 29.

They took first place in 11 out of the 12 events including all three relay events.

The relay team of Holloway, Nelson, Eric Misteravich and Eric Otenbaker took first in the 200-yard medley relay. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of David Keer, Isaac Kerr, Christian Keer and Mitchell McLouth finished in 1:39.12 for first.

Misteravich, Holloway, Otenbaker and Pokley finished first in the 400-yard freestyle relay event.

Pokley took first place in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:51.9 in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:06.95.

Culver finished in first place in the 200yard IM, 2:16.53 and McLouth took second.

Three Wolves took the top spots in the 50-yard freestyle - with Misteravich, first; Holloway, second; and Otenbaker in third place. Misteravich led the swimmers in the 100-yard freestyle finishing in 51.73.

McLouth led the boys in the 100-yard butterfly with his first place finish of 58.07. Culver finished in second and James McTighe in third.

Holloway, Geisler and McTighe took the first three spots against Andover in the 100yard backstroke as Nelson and Tozer took the top two spots in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Mitch Allen took third place in the 1-meter diving event with a total of 158.20 points. The Wolves head to West Bloomfield this

Thursday for their last dual meet.



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Cheerleaders get the crowd going during the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball game against Southfield-Lathrup, Jan. 29.

# fpack Update

Clarkston Varsity Cheerleading team took first place at the OAA White Jamboree #3 on Saturday.

Clarkston scored a total of 718.74 points. They scored 215.1 in the first round; 211.64, second round; and 292 in the third round. They head to the North Farmington Invite this Saturday and compete in the MHSAA Districts in Davison next Saturday.

Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team took third place in the OAA Red-White Super Meet on Saturday with 212 points.

They finished the league in second place with 10 points and a 5-0 record. Oxford took first place with 11 points.

For the tournament, Adam Myers (215) took first place; Chris Calvano (189), Luis Reyes (285) and Nick Vandermeer (152) took second.

Mitchell Nelson (103), Cameron Wilkie (125), and Tyler Slating (140) placed third; Brett Foltz (119) finished in fourth; Nate Vandermeer (112) finished in fifth; Josh Cohoon (171) and Cal Heady (130) placed in sixth: Jake Dionne (135) and Kas Waitkus (145) finished in seventh place.

The Wolves start MHSAA Districts this week. They have the team districts on Wednesday at Waterford Kettering, 6 p.m.

They will take on Waterford Mott and the winner moves on to take on the Pontiac/ Waterford Kettering winner for the championship.

They head to the individual districts on Saturday at Walled Lake Central.



Cameron Wilkie grabs a hold of his competition during the OAA Red-White Super Meet on Saurday. Rhotos by Wendi Reardon

# Fire needed on ice, coach says

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

With less than 40 seconds on the clock junior Alex Propson scored on a long shot to the net.

It was the Wolves lone goal for the game against Romeo in their OAA/MAC Showcase last Saturday as they lost, 4-1.

"It is good for Propson," said Clarkston Varsity Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier after the game.

As for the other 40 minutes and 20 seconds of the game, he added the team was flat.

"Romeo's first two shots out of five shots went in," he said. "We didn't wrangle the puck well. We didn't play positional hockey. We got too many penalties. It was one of those games things don't go your way."

Romeo scored their first two goals within minutes of each other in the last five minutes of the first period.

Senior Adam Johns opened the next period with a shot on the Bulldogs' net but it missed it's mark.

Romeo struck again and scored their third goal less than seven minutes into the period and again with six minutes left.

Krygier had no explanation why the team was flat for the night.

"With 25 games in the high school season you would think each player individually will have some fire in his gut and want to play as hard as they can given the amount of games they play," Krygier said. "You can motivate a player to a certain extent and instruct them on what to do. But ultimately they have to go in there and play the game. They have to look in the mirror and see where they stand with themselves."

The boys made 28 shots on the net and goalie junior Nick Surovec had 16 saves.

The boys opened the week with a 5-5 tie against Stoney Creek on Jan. 29, 5-5.

Stoney Creek scored first less than three minutes into the game.

Senior Adam Johns tied the score on a power play goal 12:36 to go in the first period off an assist from junior Chase Weidemann.

Before the period closed, the Cougars took the lead with a goal from Chris Stanbury.

The Wolves made a powerful comeback scoring three goals within the first four minutes of the second period from Weidemann, Propson and junior Garrett Polish

Assists came from senior AJ Kowal, juniors Jacob LaPorte and

LaPorte closed the period with his own goal with nine minutes to go with an assist from Cotter.

"The second period we played well," added Krygier.

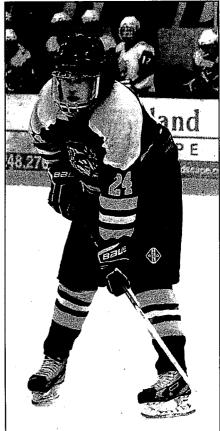
The Cougars scored two goals in the final period and tied the score with 26 seconds to go in the game.

"We gave up three goals," said Krygier. "It was a carry over into this game against Romeo on how we played the first, second and third period. Again we had too many penalties. We were undisciplined in the third period. They beat us to the puck."

Junior Jack Viazanko had 30 saves during the game, and the Wolves made 30 shots on the net.

The boys head to the Michigan High School Public Showcase in Chelsea this week. They play Walled Lake Northern on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Salem on Thursday, 2 p.m.

"They have to be mentally prepared," Krygier said. "They have to be prepared off the ice and when they step on the ice they are ready to battle and fight for the puck. If they don't it will be a carry over of this game."



Senior Joe Smith watches for the referee to drop

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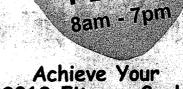
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Avery Clarkson gets a spooky look.





Ian Dembinski tosses for a prize in the Toilet Toss.

# Winter blast

Andersonville Elementary students kept warm last Friday night at their school fair.

The popular stops for the kids and their families were the infamous cake walk with sweet treats galore to win and a stop where the prize was a gold fish.

The fun also included games, getting their faces painted and climbing the inflatable slide.

They also stopped by the lunchroom for pizza, cotton candy, popcorn and nachos. They bought books and took a chance at a raffle for prizes too.

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Talia Holland, right, gets her nails done by Rachel Darin.

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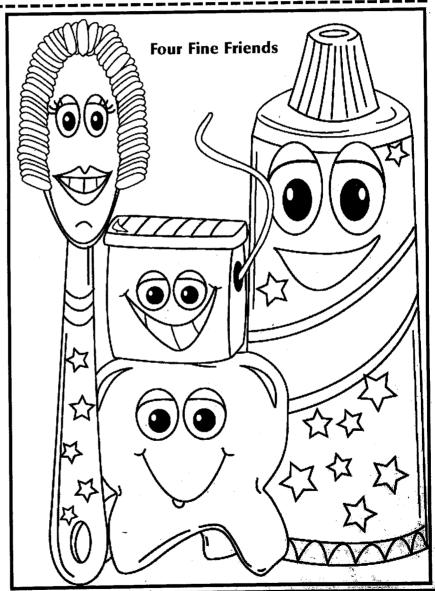
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On the evening of December 31, 2012 Dr. James O'Neill hung up his stethoscope for the last time and headed home to spend New Year's with his wife and family.

New Year's Day 2013 marked the beginning of his retirement after 52 years of caring for our community. Though he plans to stay active with our practice he will no longer see patients. At 78, and still in good health, he made the difficult decision to retire from the profession he so dearly loves. He leaves behind a legacy of caring for people of all ages, day or night. His selfless



commitment to others is legendary as is his white beard and unmatched work ethic.

T hose of us who were privileged to work alongside him over the years knew we were learning from a living legend. His command of medicine and passion for treating illness are an inspiration. He is truly a bridge to another time when medicine was far less complicated and the doctor patient relation was forged from birth.

He survived childhood polio, witnessed family die in infancy from pneumonia, and was introduced to medicine by working alongside a rural town physician in Williston, North Dakota in the 1940's.

He left home at the age of 16 to attend St. Thomas University in Minneapolis. At age 19, he started medical school at St. Louis University where he finished at the top of his class and met his future wife, Mikel Werner.

Upon completing a Pediatrics residency at Henry Ford Hospital in 1960 he moved to Clarkston where he started his practice as well as a beef ranch and also continued to grow his family. All of these experiences gave Dr. O'Neill a unique prospective on what it means to care for another and how much we should appreciate the many advances in medicine that have made once common illness all but nonexistent.

Many in the community have heart-felt feelings for Dr. O'Neill. "I've had the privilege of 33 years association with Dr O'Neill. He was a teacher, mentor, and colleague. The service he provided and legacy he has created will be hard to sustain but he has left CMG in good shape and good hands," said Michael Baker, MD.

EMT Abbey Mrozinski said, "My primary thought when I reflect of my years with Dr James is what an honor it has been to work next to him. His knowledge of people and medicine is unsurpassed. The kindness and generosity he extends to all is humbling. He is a profound educator and the doctor in him loves to explain the hows and the whys of medicine. The cowboy in him can tell you about ranching and the farmer in him can tell you about dairy farming and tree planting. To engage in a conversation with him is always a delight and a good lesson in something worth learning!"

Said Sharon Larson, LPN, "We are privileged to know this man who for 50 years has served our community. I am fortunate to have worked for him for years. Many people 1



have met say he 'birthed' them, and proudly say he's their family's doctor from grandchildren to grandparents. Dr O'Neill has many faces. He is a healer. He has a rare insight and is approachable and understanding. He values the opinions of his staff and encourages young doctors to 'listen to your nurses'. Approach him with a request, his answer is inevitably 'As we speak'. Dedication is as understatement."

After working so many long hours for over half a century Dr. O'Neill plans to spend time with his wife of 56 years, his children, and grandchildren. He will still be active in managing Clarkston Medical Group and also spend time working on his farm. Based on his past practices we are sure he will plant a lot of trees as well. True to his humble nature he didn't want a big celebration or even a party. He just wanted to thank the community for the opportunity to practice medicine over the years. Please join all of us in wishing him well in a much deserved retirement.

Written by Dr. Timothy O'Neill

# Higher late fees for sewer and water in Independence

#### BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If your water or sewer bill isn't sent in on time, you'll be paying a higher late fee since the Independence Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to raise the penalty from five to ten percent. Trustee Jose Aliaga voted against the increase.

"In October, we placed \$400,000 onto the tax roll of unpaid water and sewer bills," said Treasurer Paul Brown when he proposed the higher late fee. "We bill out \$6 million a year in water and sewer; last year we had \$1 million that was not paid timely. I think that number's too high.'

According to Brown, charging a five percent penalty rate, "doesn't recover for us our costs associated with not having the money, which includes my ability to invest the money to get a reasonable return as well as our costs of reissuing billings about the late fees."

Aliaga felt increasing the penalty to 10 percent was too severe.

"I know these are difficult times for many people in the township," he said. "An increase from 5 to 10 percent is like a 100 percent increase. What about if we increase it just to 7.5 percent?"

Brown disagreed.

"It's not really a penalty," he said. "If we don't make a good effort to get the fair amount, then we've actually treated the folks who have paid on time unfairly."

In addition, the treasurer said he contacted about eight nearby communities about their late penalty rates and found only Waterford charges five percent. All the other townships charge 10 percent.

Although the water rate, which is \$1.98 per 100 cubic feet of water, has been maintained, in October the board voted to increase sewer rates from \$80 to \$83.25 per quarter.

While Aliaga thought citizens were struggling to make their payments on time because of economic hardships, Brown suggested there might be other reasons.

"I think there are a large majority of people who don't pay it on time because it wasn't that important, and they aren't going to get penalized very harshly," he stated. "On an individual basis, if they're on sewer only, it's \$90 or \$80 a quarter, so a five percent penalty is five bucks," Brown explained. "If someone's looking at a bill and sees it's going to cost \$10, I think that could have an impact."

Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Linda Richardson pointed out, when people call, and they have certain circumstances, as long as they are making an effort to pay us, we do not put that penalty on there.'

Residents can sometimes make partial payments, and they can contact the DPW to

get their bill emailed rather than waiting for it to arrive in the mail, she added.

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"There are avenues for people who are under stress," Trustee David Lohmeier confirmed.

"I'm comfortable we have flexibility in cases of true hardship," said Trustee Andrea Schroeder.

Residents can expect to see the higher penalty on the next sewer or water billing cycle. View their water and sewer bills online at www.twp.independence.mi.us. Township Board meets again, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.



# Township to help kill plants

# City silent on audit, OKs 30K amendment

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One disbursement in a list of "budget overruns" the auditors compiled showed the city appropriated \$121,903 in its budget for a city hall and grounds expense, but ended up spending \$129,636, an overrun of \$7,733.

Upon review of their latest audit received in late November, Ritter noted, "the audit identifies deficiencies and efficiencies."

In addition to notes about the city amending the budget after spending, the audit stated the city's fund balance (previous years' surpluses) is 52 percent of the city's total general fund expenditures for the year.

The city's current fund balance rests at \$282,102; it was previously \$321,719.

Before the meeting, Bisio said, "the proposed amendment that will be adopted on Jan. 28 will increase the operating deficit to \$39,616."

"The fund balance will be depleted by that amount. As of the end of last fiscal year, the fund balance was 52 percent of expenses. With this amendment, it will fall to 40 percent of expenses," he added.

Although the auditors discovered significant deficiencies that they feel, "merit attention by those charged with governance," the city council has yet to put the audit on a regular meeting agenda for discussion.

Ritter said he would suggest adding the audit to the council's next meeting agenda for Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

The council will meet at the Village Hall on Depot Road. View their audit on www.michigan.gov/treasury.

Continued from page 1 Klear and Roundup. Spraying would be in late August or September and

would cost about \$2,500. After that, phragmites would still need continued management. Emily DuThinh, presenter with OPISP, estimated getting rid of the plants could take 3-5 years.

"It's like dandelions in your yard. Can you ever say, 'I've gotten rid of all my dandelions, job is done?' No. But the goal is to catch it early before it gets to be a problem as big as we've let the Phragmites get," said DuThinh. "Early intervention is key."

They hope to start on White Lake Road to spread awareness.

"The whole plan of focusing in this area is because it is a very visible site. Thousands of people drive down White Lake Road," said Jim Brueck, president of the North Oakland Wild Ones.

OPISP hopes to encourage homeowners associations and other communities to destroy phragmites too. Lapinski intends to meet with

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle in the next few weeks.

"Phragmites is a concern for all of us because of the speed with which it can spread and the invasive nature of it in terms of taking over a lake. We've got some great waterways and wetlands we have to protect," said Kittle. "We're going to present some numbers to the board once we have all the facts. This is something we cannot ignore," he added.

Recreation, and Seniors department already intends to pitch in to help the City tackle the problem.

"We've offered to give them up to \$500 that may be

used for the portion of the Phragmites in the channel that connects to Deer Lake Beach," said Parks and Recreation Director Ken Elwert. Phragmites

are

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) because they are not native to Michigan, and the plants spread rapidly creating monocultures that crowd out native vegetation.

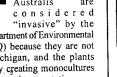
According to Emily DuThinh. Phragmites reduce property values and tax revenues, and they increase the risk of fires and other liabilities. Because they have no natural competitors. Phragmites continue to sprout up, and the OPISP has approached the council for support in slowing their growth.

Deer Lake Beach is owned by the city, but Independence Township leases it.

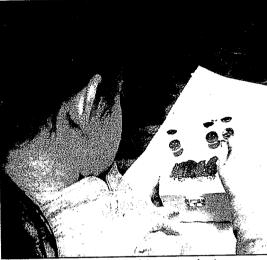
Elwert has noticed the invasive plants are "definitely creeping through the channel and coming into Deer Lake," he said.

While the Clarkston City Council did not make any formal decisions on the Phragmites project, they intend to discuss the issue again at their meeting 

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Kaitlynn Suida creates a colorful treasure chest.

# Ahoy me hearty!

Treasure-hunting pirates came ashore to Turtle Toys in Independence Township for a Pirate Play Day.

After decorating their very own treasure chests with paint, glitter, stickers, the tiny and swashbucklers searched for items to stow away. From duck-shaped gems, shark teeth, and tattoos, there was a treasure for each and every buccaneer.

Once their chests were filled with booty, the pirates settled in for a sing-a-long with Turtle Toys' owner Jamie Nye.

Photos by Mary Keck



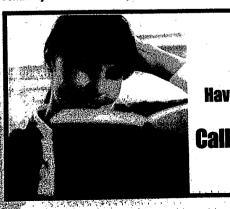
TJ Schafer applies some blue paint.



Jonas Dijanni dressed as a pirate.



Turtle Toys' owner Jamie Nye plays a song and offers the pirates clues on where treasure can be found.

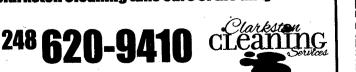


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Clarkston retailers Peg Roth, at left, and Christina Calka present a check for just over \$600 to Clarkston Rotarian Joel DeLong for the group's downtown Christmas decoration project. Photo by Mary Keck

# Retro strollers raise dough for groups

The Strolling Retro Cocktail Party in in for the event. downtown Clarkston, Jan. 19, was a success, said organizer Peg Roth.

Along Main Street, 15 retailers wore fashions from past decades and served up drinks and treats to customers who stopped

At each shop, the crowds found donation jars for the Clarkston Rotary and Blessings in a Backpack - they donated more than \$1,200, which was split between the two community groups.



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# Crowns in one visit at Lake Orion Family Dentistry

Lake Orion dentist Dr. Brad Greenfield knows how unsettling it can be for some people to visit any doctor, let alone a doctor who is working inside their mouths. He admits he is not being a big fan of needles, himself. That is why he and his team at Lake Orion Family Dentistry are committed to making each patient's experience at his dentist office anything but ordinary. Dr. Greenfield's team does this through the use of advanced technology and, more importantly, by treating every patient like they would like to be treated themselves. This means that they make sure the patient is comfortable; not only with the work that is to be performed, but with any any fears the patient may have about just visiting a dentist. "I learned early in my career how important it is to just listen to my patients and take what they say to heart," Greenfield said.

This patient-focused approach to dental care has helped Dr. Greenfield steadily grow his practice, which is located at 1375 S. Lapeer Road in Lake Orion. This happens primarily through word-of-mouth referrals.



His team is celebrating its two-year anniversary in Lake Orion this month.

Lake Orion Family Dentistry offers a wide range of dental services in his hi-tech treatment rooms, from preventative maintenance, composite (white) fillings, advanced crown work and teeth whitening to name a few. To calm patients, every room has nitrous oxide (laughing gas) available for use and his team can also offer IV anesthesia for those high fear patients. To further put people at ease, every new patient receives a tour of the office and meets members of his team, with the opportunity to ask plenty of questions. "Our goal is to make the environment of the dentist office as relaxed as possible," Dr. Greenfield said. "I have a great team that really cares for our patients. If they are comfortable, our job is that much easier."

In addition, if a patient requires an

extensive amount of dental work Dr. Greenfield provides them with a treatment presentation. He uses advanced computer technology to visually show a patient what work needs to be completed in their mouth. "I want them to know what is going on and give them the chance to ask any questions they may have," he said. To this end, the entire team believes in open communication with their patients. Dr. Greenfield says he is easy to reach via telephone and e-mail. Persons can also obtain information on his office and its procedures, as well as review and complete forms, via the practice's website, www.drbradgreenfield.com. "When we meet with a patient, he or she may forget to ask something or they may have another question later on," he said. "I welcome them to follow up with an email and I will respond as quickly as I can."

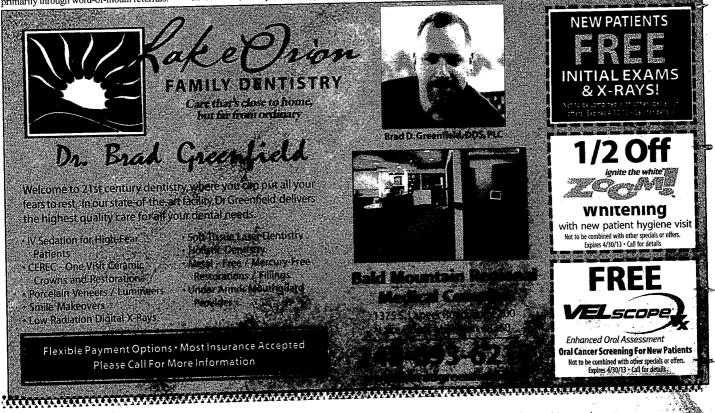
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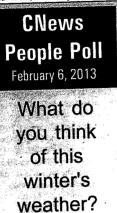
office for that of a dentist who practiced years ago. The office features some of the most advanced technology available in dentistry today. For patients that need crown work, he can typically complete the procedure in one appointment. This is due to the state of the art CEREC machine that uses CAD-CAM technology to design and construct the crown, as well as giving the patient a custom fit. "We take a picture of the patient's tooth after we prepare it and then actually design the crown on the screen in front of them," Dr. Greenfield said. "Then we send the design to a milling machine in our office that makes the crown in minutes. We then fit it in and the patient is out of the office in just a couple of hours. "We recognize people are busy," he added. "This technology enables us to do crowns and similar procedures without taking annoying impressions and without having to ship anything out to dental labs. Our patients appreciate the convenience."

The high-tech atmosphere aside, the lifelong resident of northern Oakland County knows it is the care and comfort he and his team provide patients that is the key to soothing their nerves when they visit his dentist office - and prompts them to become loyal patients.

Dr. Greenfield and his team can do just that. To schedule an appointment, call 248-693-6213.



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Gibbs said. "It's really easy to use – we can use it at home," Harbaugh said.

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

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Bailey Lake Elementary Student

Hannah Kop is the interviewer, Shae Harbaugh takes pictures, and Jack Gibbs, Katharine Rottach, and Samantha Schultz are co-editors. They'll use Google Docs to create

"We already have a template,"

Council is now in the information business. The students launched their own school newsletter, the BLE Paw Print - named after their Bulldog

"We trust it," Kop said.

Their goal is to publish a newsletter every couple weeks, with items about what students want to know, Gibbs said. "We just want to share information

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

with the school," Harbaugh said. "Teachers have a newsletter but it's

just about what teachers know about," Schultz said.

"We want one just for kids," said Rottach

It will be filled with interviews, photos, comics, sports, birthdays, and other information of interest to them and their classmates.

The council also recently opened a school supply store for students. And when they noticed a need for benches for kids to sit on when waiting for buses at the end of the day, they decided to sell necklaces to raise funds to buy them.

"They'll be installed in spring," said Denise Casper, student council advisor. "They have so many good ideas. I'm so impressed - they're doing great things."



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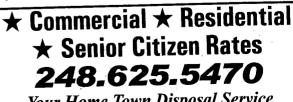
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From left, Bailey Lake Student Council members Jack Gibbs, Hannah Kop, Shae Harbaugh, Samantha Schultz, Katharine Rottach are publishing their own school newsletter. Photo by Phil Custodio



Katharine Rottach, Samantha Schultz, and Hannah Kop interview Phil Custodio, Clarkston News editor. Photo by Shae Harbaugh.





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#### **Special Events**

Art Presentations, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 6: Tudor Portrait Miniature, Lievine Teerline, Art of Limning; March 6: Spiritualism in Abstraction, Art of Paul Jenkins in the Context of Buddism. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$7/members, \$9/non-members. 248-625-8231.

Wild Game Dinner, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 9, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Elk, white tail deer, duck, walleye, salmon, domestic turkey, samples of other wild game plus desserts. Gun raffle, 50/50, "cheer" basket raffle. \$20. 248-625-9912.

Nature's Noisemakers, 1 p.m., Feb. 9, Environmental Discovery Center, Indian Springs Metropark. Make a turkey caller, predator caller, owl caller, learn about wildlife being imitated. \$3, for age 6 and older. Preregister, 248-625-7280.

Bowling fund raiser for Clarkston High School Wrestling Team, 5-7 p.m., Feb. 10, \$20. Lanes. Hill Cherry dawn.ulrich@comcast.net. \*\*\*

Early Childhood Expo, Preschool Meet and Greet, Clarkston Area Mothers and More, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Feb. 12, Oakland Christian School-Clarkston Campus, 6300 Clarkston Road, www.clarkstonareamothersand more.com. \*\*\*

Beauty and the Beast musical, Clarkston High School Drama Club, 7 p.m., Feb. 14-16; 2 p.m., Feb. 16-17. \$10/students and senior citizens; \$12/ adults. Reserve at 248-623-4024. \*\*\* \$

Open auditions for "The Hallelaujah Girls," Clarkston Village Players, 7 p.m., Feb. 17-18, Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road. Roles for six women ages 40's-60's, and two men, 40's-60's. Call Joe, 810-348-9960.

#### Monday

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, \$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445.

Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 6:30 p.m., third Monday. Deer Lake Back Court Restaurant ,6167 White Lake Road. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.



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



Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223

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

Fit Club Walks, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Divine Nutrition, 7743 Sashabaw Road. Free. 248-393-08989 or 248-625-6551.

Look Good Feel Better, American Cancer Society, free makeover for all women in cancer treatment, third Mondays, March 18, May 20, July 15, Sept. 16, Nov. 18, 1-3 p.m., McLaren Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe. 800-395-LOOK.

#### Tuesday

50+ Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3. Tues-Clarkston Rotary, Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. days, 6-9 p.m., \$4

\*\*\* Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7

p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628- 5437 or 248-877-6692.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuęsday, 7 fim, Clarkston Community Edu- ..... Eloase see Arolind Town on page 35

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cation Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5.248-705-7310.

Belly Dance Lessons, Tuesdays,7 p.m., Sashabaw Road. Low impact traditional-style workout with Naima Marina. No experience necessary. All welcome. \$10. 586-292-7750.

Zumba, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101. \*\*\*

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Feb. 19, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All welcome. GentleYoga. www.ClarkstonWomensClub.org.

#### Wednesday

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

Senior volleyball league, 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays, Fridays, St. Trinity Lutheran Church. Previous experience desired but not required. \$40, through April, trherh7966@comcast.net. 248-625-3881.

Women's Cancer Support Group, second Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

Tell Us About Your Travels, 7-8:30 p.m., third Wednesday, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. February: New Zealand and Australia. 248-625-2212.

#### Thursday

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

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

Local Business Network, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., madefrom-scratch. \$6 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

Young At Heart 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. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch:248-846-6558. ···· \*\*\* 34 - 500

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# Obituaries

# Norma Heatley, 85

Norma Mae Heatley of Marco Island, Fla., formerly of Vassar and Clarkston, passed away Jan. 31, 2013, at age 85.

She was the wife of Dr. William Heatley for 45 years; mother of Terry (Linda) Palmeter, Brigid (Christopher, Ph.D.) Kennedy; stepmother of William Heatley Jr.; grandmother of Matthew L., Michelle, Matthew, Laura, Leigh

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Ann, Carrie, Colleen, Sinead; great grandmother of Alex, Alyssa, Layton, Landon. She was preceded in death by her mother Edith Shafer and father Albert Haynes, son David Palmeter and step son Robert Heatley.

Norma was a jeweler who formerly owned and operated Pioneer Lapidary and The Jewelry Box, Waterford. She traveled extensively with her husband. From scuba diving, through amateur archeology to piloting a private plane, Norma possessed an adventurous spirit.

The family received friends at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Feb. 5. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal at All Saints Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

# Martha Pasternak, 87

Martha Pasternak (Vanderlind) of Clarkston passed away Feb. 3, 2013, at age

She was preceded in death by her husband John and son Ed Vanderlind. She was the mother of Connie (Tom) Howard, John (Min) Vanderlind, Jay (Kim) Vanderlind; stepmother of Anne-Marie (B. Scott)

Fraser, Stephen (Mary),

Chris (Christine), Mike, Dan, and Lisa Pasternak; also survived by 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren; sister of N.U. Turpen.

Memorial Service, Friday, noon, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, with visitation at the church beginning at 11 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church.

## Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

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# James Patterson, 72

James Lee Patterson of Waterford passed away Jan. 29, 2013, at age 72.

He was preceded in death by his wife Norma. He was the beloved father of Pete (Shelly) Patterson and Jill Patterson; grandpa of Joel, Drew and Audrey; brother of Dayton (Norma), John (Judy), Jerry (Marlene), Helen, Carol and Vicki; also

survived by his step-children and their families.

Jim retired from General Motors. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict in the First Calvary Division.

Funeral Service was Feb. 1 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private Interment Hawkins County Memorial Cemetery, Tennessee. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

# In our churches...

Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m.; St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew Long, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

**DC4K**, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

CrossTowne Kids' Club, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road, Learn about God and Bible through lessons, application, activities, for grades 1-5.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, 248-625-3288. www.calvaryinfo.org

Celebrate Recovery ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323.



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<u>Religion</u>

# Religions teach us to create a compassionate world

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Some days are more eventful than others. The other morning, after a significant snowfall, as I was driving into town I came upon the scene of an auto accident. I didn't understand what had happened at first and I still don't know the whole story. An SUV was stopped along the road and another vehicle was in the ditch. The second vehicle had left the road, smashed through a road sign and was hugging a tree. The front end of the SUV looked totaled. The car driving in front of me pulled over to the side of the road, and I instinctively stopped in front of her.

As I exited my car and approached the scene I saw that a man was standing next to the car that was off the road, his arm was draped over his head and blood was covering one side of his face. His young daughter was standing next to him with that deer caught in the headlights kind of lost expression in her eyes. The other driver was behind her car talking on her cell phone. I later confirmed with her that she was calling for help.

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I searched my glove box and came up with a clean cloth to use as a compress for the

minor cut on the man's head. Wanting to comfort her, I spoke to the daughter assuring her that her dad would be okay and that help was on its way. Not

knowing what else to do, I staved with them until the fire truck and ambulance came and paramedics took charge. Then I proceeded on with my day, driving a little slower than I had been earlier.

The mention of the word compassion generally evokes positive feelings in most people. We want to be Matthew Long as considered

compassionate and caring people. We think of ourselves as basically good and loving. We generally believe that compassion is the natural response to human suffering. How can you not feel compassion when you see people in pain, a starving child or homeless family? Being compassionate is part of being human. To feel another's pain is a normal part of life. We are greatly

compassion.

Yet the evidence for the lack of compassion is readily available in every newspaper and broadcast. The results of this lack are tragic acts of war and aggression, conflict and struggle, poverty and hunger. How could these exist in a world filled with compassionate people? Perhaps we need to take another look at how we are relating with each other, evaluate our priorities, make new choices and help create a world that works for all.

The word compassion comes from two Latin words meaning to "suffer with." This is more personal than mere sympathy, more intense than mere empathy or understanding and more active than mere mercy or pity. It is the sharing of the experience, lifting the burden of another onto your shoulders, a hand up to the one who is down so that you may both move forward. It is feeling another's pain, crying with those who mourn and hurting with those who are suffering. "Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless." Henri Nouwen.

Jesus said, "I have compassion on the crowd," before giving instructions for the feeding of the four thousand (Mark 8:2). "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion;" (Psalm 111:4). The Buddha said, Compassion is that which makes the heart of the good move at the pain of others," and advised us to "fill your mind with compassion." The Dalai Lama said, "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. I you want to be happy, practice compassion." All but one chapter of the Ouran begins with, "In the name of God the Compassionate, the Merciful". "Compassion is the keen awareness of the interdependence, of all things." Thomas Merton

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to me." (John 12:32) This is the fruits of compassion, to be lifted above the pain and sorrow and suffering of this earthly experience. And, the only way out is through. Serenity, peace of mind, fulfillment comes with giving and receiving love: compassion.

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He was needed to help police reach a gunman who had barricaded himself inside a house for 20 hours after exchanging gunfire with law enforcement officers.

It wasn't the first time Doran's phone rang with a call for help in an intense situation because he isn't only trained as a firefighter.

His military training, demolition experience, his ability to recover people from holes and collapsed structures with the MAVIS rescue team, and his skill as a Heavy Rigger for Michigan Task Force 1 made Doran uniquely suited to help the West Bloomfield PD. From his point of view, "it was really another day at the office."

When he was told the West Bloomfield police needed to reach a barricaded gunman in the second story of a house, "he volunteered without hesitation," said Diamond.

Doran owns an excavating company and used his personal construction equipment for more than digging basements that September day.

Instead of a construction hard hat, he wore a police helmet and bulletproof vest.

Using his own 50,000-pound hydraulic excavator, a piece of construction equipment typically used for digging, Doran went to work.

The excavator's boom and stick has a 30-foot reach, and Doran used it to pull at the wall of the building without damaging its ceiling or floor.

Then, he placed the debris in the home's driveway. After about five hours, the second story had a gaping hole, and with a camera attached to a robot, the police could see the shooter inside was dead.

"At no time did I feel fear. I trust those guys," Doran said of the West Bloomfield PD, who lost one of their own during the tragic incident.

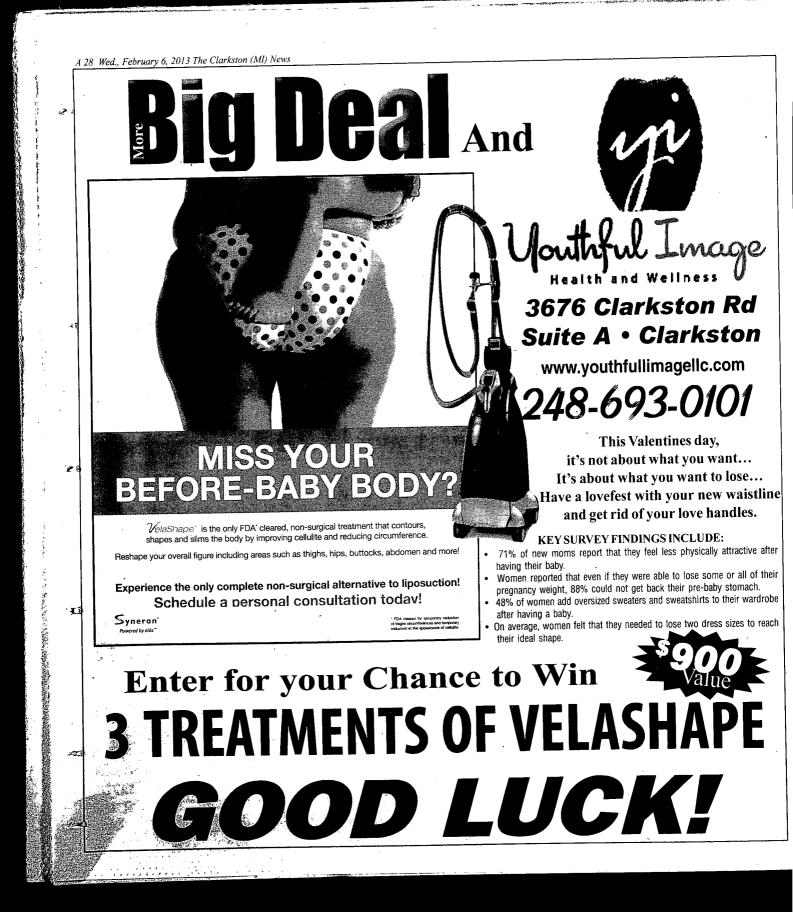
Officer Patrick O'Rourke was among the first officers to arrive on the scene, and he died as a result of a critical gunshot wound.

"He gave the ultimate sacrifice. He was the hero, not me," Doran stated.

For taking out the building's wall, the West Bloomfield police gave Doran a check for \$2,100, which he signed over to O'Rourke's wife and four children.

Doran doesn't typically bill for such services, but "this time I knew the family count use the money," he said





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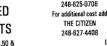
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EC Competitive Cheer team finishes first in their division, Jan. 12. Photo provided

# Victories for Everest Cheer

The Clarkston Everest Collegiate Competitive Cheer team won the Catholic High School League Cardinal Division competitive cheer championship with a score of 656.98, Jan. 27 at Livonia Ladywood High School.

The Everest cheer team also took first place in Division 4 at the Oxford High School Mardis Gras Mambo Cheer Invitational, Jan. 12. Everest finished the three-round competition with a score of 607.68.

The Mountaineer Cheer team is coached by Nancy Burgess and includes seniors Tori Slack and Diana Zott; junior Meaghen Luttinen; sophomores Monica Toohey, Hannah Burgess, Shannon McDunnough, and Lucy Cousens; and freshman Pamela Hernandez.

Michigan High School Athletic Association district competition is Feb. 15-16.



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#### CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING **JANUARY 28, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski followed by the pledge of allegiance

Roll Present: Mayor Luginski, Hunter, Sabol, Roth, Haven. Hargis and Eberhardt

- Others Present City Manager Ritter Moved by Hargis , supported by Sabol to approve the agenda as presented.
- Motion Carried
- Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to approve the consent agenda as presented.

#### Motion Carried

Moved by Roth, supported by Sabol to move item ć. Marathon – High Five Races under New Business to item a. on the agenda

Motion Carried

Moved by Sabol, supported by Roth to approve High Five Races for their half marathon 10k, 5k run on November 10, 2013 pending submission of appropriate insurance certification.

Motion Carried

Moved by Hargis, supported by Roth to approve the procedures in search of a new city manager for the City of the Village of Clarkston including the revised job posting (approved by Tom Ryan), the selection of the search committee (Dennis Ritter, Joe Luginski, Eric Haven and Sharron Catello) to review any and all resumes to determine qualified candidates. Final decision on a new city manager will be based on interviews with the qualified candidates and city council (at a public council meeting) and then voted on by the council.

#### Motion Carried

- Resolved by Eberhardt, supported by Hargis to approved the budget amendments as submitted.
- Resolution Approved. Resolved by Hargis, supported by Sabol to create this fund for Mill Pond.
- Resolution Approved.

Moved by Hargis, supported by Hunter to adjourn meet-ing at 8:21 p.m.

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted, Kelly Richter City Clerk

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

#### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **JANUARY 29, 2013**

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given. B ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga C. Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder

Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: David Belcher, Building Director Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director Gary Sharp, Deputy Fire Chief Kristen Sieloff, Director of Assessing

Steve Ronk, Fire Chief Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich,

- Richard Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman, Assoc.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented D

CLOSED SESSION: None requested

- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jose Aliaga, Trustee; Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Tedder; David Lohmeier
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- PUBLIC HEARING: None PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
- 1. Presentation: Introduction of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- 2 Presentation: Overview and Update: Oil/Gas Drilling on Township Properties CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:
- J. None
- CONSENT AGENDA: ĸ
  - Approval of Request for Sound Variance at

Materford Hills Road Bacing for Historical Vintage Automobile Race

- Approval of Agreement with Oakland County Genealogical Society for Digitization of Historical 2 Assessment Records
- Establishment the Beginning Date for Convening 3 of Board of Review and Adoption of Resolution for the Granting of Hardship Exemptions Approval of 2013 Budget Amendment #1
- Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
- Minutes: January 8, 2012 Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll in the Amount of \$1,197,995.76.
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

None M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Approval of Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Amendment - 1st Reading
- Request to Retain Derk Beckerleg, Secrest Wardle 2 for Legal Services for Michigan Tax Tribunal Valuation Appeals
  - Approval of Request to Create and Post Position 3. and Hire Fire Department Business Manager
  - Approval of Request to Create and Post Position 4.
  - and Hire Fire Prevention Specialist I/II Approval of the Oakland County Collaborative Asset Management System (CAMS) Intergov-
  - ernmental Agreement Appointments to Boards and Committees: Board 6
  - of Review: Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority; and Investment Advisory Committee Approval of Request to Amend Chapter 30, Ar-
  - ticle IV (Offenses Against Property) of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances 2nd Reading
  - Approval of Increase Late Fees for Water and 8 Sewer Bills
  - BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics
  - COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
  - Report: Building Department Monthly Report for December 2012
  - Report: Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for 2 November 2012
  - Report: Minutes Safety Path Advisory Commit-3 ee Meeting-December 12, 2012
  - Report: Minutes Parks, Recreation & Seniors 4 Meeting-November 15, 2012 Future Agenda Item (February 5, 2013): Prese
  - 5 tation: Update from Jordan Development: Oil/ Gas Drilling on Township Properties
  - Future Agenda Item (February 5, 2013): 2nd Reading of Third Amendment to Ordinance Grant-ing the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Devel-6
  - ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on January 29, 2013, The Charter Township of Indepen dence Board of Trustees approved a Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Certain Provisions of the Independence Charter Township Code as follows:

#### **ORDINANCE #2013 - 01** THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE, OAK-

#### LAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN PREAMBLE

The Township of Independence has determined it is appropriate and necessary for the health, safety and appropriate and necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township to amend Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Inde-pendence, Cakland County, Michigan, Chapter 30, Ar-ticle IV (Offenses Against Property), to create a new section Section 30-98, "Breaking and entering or entering without breaking", and to provide penalties for violation of Section 30-98 pursuant to MCL 750.115, as amended. Desefore Therefore.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Breaking and entering or entering without breaking" Ordinance.

Section 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 30-98. Chapter Section 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 30-90. Chapter 30 of the Independence Charter Township Code, Article IV (Offenses Against Properly), Section 30-98, previ-ously reserved, is amended by adding a new Section 30-

.98, which shall read as follows: Section 30-98; Breaking and entering or entering

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- without breaking. (1) Any person who breaks and enters or enters without breaking, any dwelling, house, tent, hotel, office, store, shop, warehouse, barn, granary, factory or other building, boat, ship, railroad car or structure used or kept for public or private use. or any private apartment therein, or any cottage clubhouse, boat house, hunting or fishing lodge, garage or the out-buildings belonging thereto, any ice shanty with a value of \$100.0 or more, or any other structure, whether occupied or unoccupied without first obtaining permission to enter from the owner or occupant, agent, or person having immediate control thereof, is guilty or a misdemeanor.
- Subsection (1) does not apply to entering without breaking, any place which at the time of the entry was open to the public, unless the entry was expressly denied. Subsection (1) does not apply expressly denied, subsection (1) does not apply if the breaking and entering or entering without breaking was committed by a peace officer or an individual under the peace officer's direction in the lawful performance of his duties as a peace officer

State law reference MCL 750.115 as amended. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Township in the event of a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY. If any Section, subsec-tion, clause, phrase or portions of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independence portion of this ordi nance and such holding shall not affect the validity of

the remaining portions of this ordinance. Section 4. SAVINGS, All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced.

Section 5. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect

Section 6. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED. The Township Clerk for the Charter Township of Independence shall publish this ordinance in the manner required by

Effective Date: This Ordinance section will be in effect as an Ordinance of the Charter Township of Inde-pendence immediately upon its Publication.

CERTIFICATION It is certified that the Ordinance set forth above was duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting duly called and held on January 29, 2013.

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

FILE NO:

Introduced:	January 8, 2013
Adopted:	January 29, 2013
Published:	January 30, 2013
	February 6, 2013

Effective: February 6, 2013 STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### 2013-348, 125-DE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** 

Estate of Dennis A. Jones. Date of birth: 07/24/1953 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Dennis A. Jones, who lived at 1201 Brewster, Rochester Hills, Michigan died 01/15/2013.

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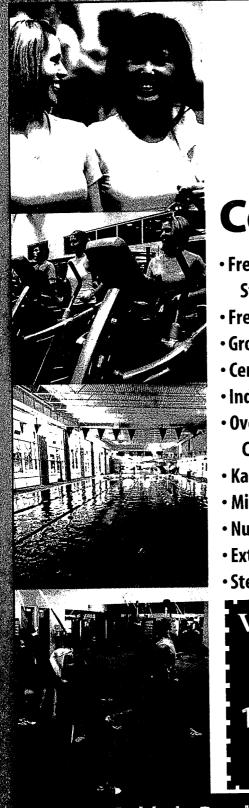




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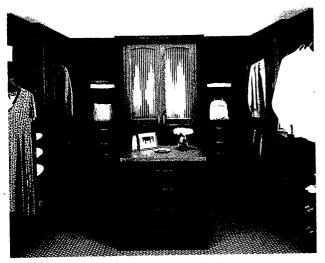
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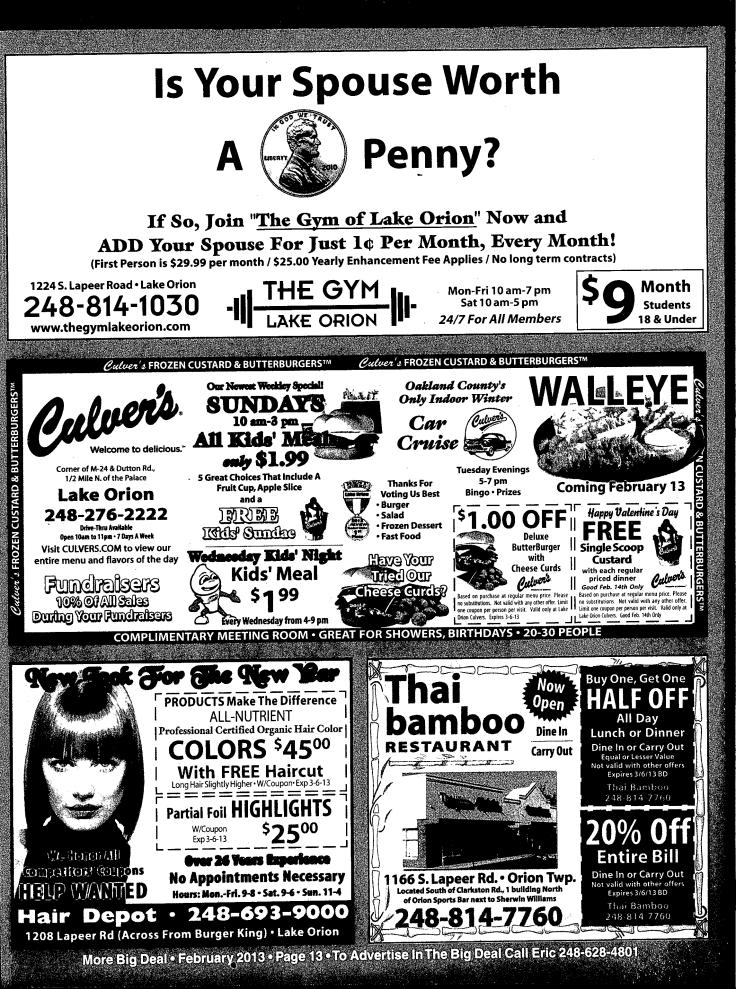




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