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Happy Valentine's Day!

Aim to partner for public access

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Casablanca may have been on Cheryl McGinnis' mind Monday.

"I look forward to this being the beginning of a great relationship," said McGinnis, president of Clarkston Board of Education to Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle. "I hope this is the first of many opportunities, showcasing the fact our two boards can work together."

Kittle presented ideas for a public-access television partnership between the township and school district at the Feb. 11 school board special meeting.

Independence Township's public access program, Independence TV, is funded by PEG fees collected on subscribers' cable bill. The PEG channels are intended to showcase the public, education, and government.

"My opinion is we've been doing a lousy job," Kittle said.

People aren't using Independence TV's Maybee Road facility despite recent renovation and equipment upgrades, he said.

"Clarkston High School has the opposite problem, with kids lined up to learn," Kittle said. "But the high school's equipment is antiquated, not suited to its purpose."

Combining the two would be ideal, he said.

His proposal is to create an independent authority to manage a combined public access operation, transfer about \$300,000 in recently purchased video, lighting, editing equipment to the high school, and capital lease payment of about \$200,000 a year to the school district.

The proposal would provide students with much needed new equipment and access to community television, something they currently lack, said media teacher Scott Banks.

"Students already produce a lot of television, but they haven't been able to play anything," Banks said.

The school board wasn't asked to make a decision on the proposal.

"This is informational," said Dr. Rod Rock, Clarkston Schools superintendent.

However, school board
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Kittle



BUDS AT THE BALL: Alex Aris, 7 and Lili Paul, 6, take a break at the Daddy Daughter Dance, Feb. 9, at Clarkston High School. Please see page 16 for more pictures. Photo by Mary Keck

Residents hot over burn bans

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Walters Lake residents were steamed when they heard their burn permits would be restricted due to a neighbor's health complaint.

"We believe the reason for this burn restriction is not only punitive, but that the medical reasons to back it up are bogus," said Jim Tedder, Walters Lake resident who spoke at the Jan. 29 Independence Township Board meeting.

Supervisor Pat Kittle noted the policy was developed to protect people with serious medical conditions, but said it would be revisited at a future board meeting.

"This has got to be addressed," Kittle said. "It is a difficult policy because of inconsistencies that we have to take a good, hard look at."

About 23 property owners living near the lake are affected by the township's recently revised open burn policy - approved last October.

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Family fights for young son's health

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In September of 2011, Clarkston graduate Jason Heming and his wife, Natasha, got news parents never want to hear. Their youngest boy, Jack, was diagnosed with cancer.

At age five, Jack began complaining about headaches that continued to become increasingly painful. After a CAT scan, his physicians discovered Jack had a tumor, and they performed surgery to remove it. While the operation was successful, the tumor caused decreased vision in Jack's left eye, but there was no damage to his motor skills.

Jack was diagnosed with a rare, aggressive form of cancer called...
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Jack Heming, in middle, is fighting his cancer with the help of his father, Jason, and brother Jason Heming, and family and friends. Photo provided

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From left are North Sashabaw Elementary Geography Bee champs Carson Funck, second place; Sam Hanslits, first; and Jennifer Starnes, third. Photo submitted

Hanslits takes first in North Sashabaw Geo Bee

Fifth grader Sam Hanslits earned first place in North Sashabaw Elementary's 2013 National Geographic Geography Bee.

Seventeen students competed in the school Geography Bee, Jan. 11. Carson Funck, fourth grade, took second place, and fifth

grader Jennifer Starnes earned third place.

The students met in December to prepare for the Geo Bee. With mentoring from CHS student Emma Tomaszewski, they answered practice questions, reviewed world maps, and played geography games.

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Stage show caps Shakespeare lesson

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The stage lit up as ninth graders prepared to see *Romeo and Juliet* brought to life at Clarkston Junior High School by the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, Jan. 31.

"I have been teaching *Romeo and Juliet* for years," said Erin Shaw, a Language Arts teacher at the junior high. "This particular group of students had a lot of fun talking about how it was staged and how characters carry out lines and the feeling and emotion behind the lines."

Students from Language Arts and theater classes watched as the company performed William Shakespeare's words as they would have in his era - the actors wore their own clothing and played multiple parts. Also, there were no elaborate sets during Shakespeare's time since plays would turn so quickly there wasn't time to build sets.

"Their interpretation was a lot different than the movies are," said Maria Trembley after the performance. "I like how they put style and humor into it without making it so serious."

"They did a good job keeping our attention," Abby Wilson added.

The cast also answered questions from the students after the performance. They explained they performed a First Folio of the classic - which is the first writing of the *Romeo and Juliet* - so it seemed like things were added or changed from the version the

students knew.

They also explained how they work with their partners in the sword fighting and how they made the sword stabbing so realistic. They also discussed how they were able to play different characters by changing mannerisms and tone of voice and how they talk.

The actors also shared their thoughts on why Shakespeare is still being performed today.

"It is still relatable," said Sarah Leahy. "It's just life and something we can relate to and beautiful language. It's popular in any language."

Shaw found out about the school tours the Michigan Shakespeare Festival had and brought them in with help from the junior high school's PTA.

"This is what the PTA is about," said Barb Sowers, PTA Treasurer. "We try to provide curricular activities the students wouldn't otherwise get. There wouldn't have been the general fund at the school to have money to do this type of thing. We are always requesting the teachers. We have the money available and they must submit a mini grant request for type of things like this. The more students we can reach with a mini grant the happier we are."

Shaw's classes finished studying Shakespeare and are now studying novel units and reading Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 911*. For more information, please visit www.michiganshakespearefestival.com.



Romeo, Stephen Brown, and Juliet, Meredith Deighton, perform for Clarkston Junior High School students.

Officials hope collaboration efforts continue

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members spoke in favor of working with the township.

"Your leadership is refreshing," said school board Treasurer Steve Hyer.

The township and school district have a history of not working together, Hyer said.

The school board reached out to the township in 2005, to share in the newly rebuilt district administration building.

"Reception was cool at best at that point," he said.

Partnering on public access television would be a good way to start a working relationship, he said.

Board Vice President Elizabeth Egan asked for a list of other options where the township and schools can share costs.

"Hopefully this will pan out, but if not, where else can we work together," Egan asked.

Kittle already has several in mind, such as cutting grass, community education, information technology, and human resources.

"The list goes on and on," he said. "I hate paying for things twice."

Speaking during public comment, Norm Pardo of Springfield Township said public access television shouldn't be in the high

school.

"My opinion is it should stay where it is - I don't think it's a good idea to open the school to the public," said Pardo, creator of ClarkstonTV.com.

The PEG program could succeed at Maybee Road under proper leadership, he said.

"There's no reason why it should be unsuccessful," he said. "They want to destroy it and move it to the schools."

Doing so would create security problems for students. The school district should claim the education portion of the PEG fees, though, Pardo said.

"Give the money, earmarked for education to the schools, what's already owed to them," he said.

Banks said thousands of members of the public are already allowed into the school for sporting, theater, music and other events.

Security measures for a public channel could include supervisors on duty, identification badges for members of the public to check out equipment, and limiting public access to after-school hours, he said.

"We will ensure the safety of our students, which is always our number one priority," Rock said. "We will follow all of the laws regarding

production and distribution with students and with school equipment."

The current franchise agreement is with the township, with no provision for sharing funds, Kittle said.

The franchise agreement is set for renegotiation in 2015, he said.

The next step is for township and school administrators and attorneys to draft an agreement for consideration by the Township Board and Board of Education, Rock said.

Kittle recommended a joint meeting of the two boards to work out details.

As they work out an agreement, issues include content, scheduling, security, and staffing. A public-access channel should be open to many viewpoints, including those critical of the township and schools, Kittle said.

"That's why an independent authority would be so important, so the school district can remain neutral," he said.

The agreement could include an acceptable-use policy to govern productions and behavior in the high school facility, Banks said.

Kittle first met with school officials after taking office in November. He will next meet with the Independence Television Committee on Feb. 21.

Briefly

New director for land conservancy

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) has a New Executive Director: Marie Donigan.

Meet the NOHLC's new Executive Director and hear guest speaker Jim Nash, Oakland County water resources commissioner, on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. in the Springfield Township Civic Center. Find out more on www.nohlc.org.

Memorial fund raiser

Friends of Ryan Kennedy host a benefit to raise money for a new playground structure at Clintonwood Park in memory of Kennedy.

The fund-raiser is Saturday, March 2, at Buck Shots, 8 p.m.

There will be silent auctions, a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for a flatscreen television as well as a kids' raffle. Live entertainment includes The Locals and Matt Wells.

To assist with the event or to inquire about sponsorships, please contact Jamie Nye at jnye28@gmail.com

For more information, please look for Friends of Ryan Kennedy on Facebook.

Nominate teacher of year

The Clarkston Foundation is accepting applications for the 2013 Teacher of the Year for Clarkston Community Schools.

This year they are accepting nominations for outstanding elementary school teachers who teach grades Kindergarten through fifth.

Nominations may be submitted by any local citizen, including parents, current and former students, fellow teachers or administrators.

Nomination forms are available on the Clarkston Foundation website, www.clarkstonfoundation.com, the Clarkston Community Schools website, www.clarkston.mik12.mn, at any Clarkston school or the Board of Education Office.

Nominations must be submitted by March 22 and can be sent to Clarkston Foundation, P.O. Box 711, Clarkston, Michigan 48347.

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Resident wants to ban wolf hunting

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After the senate passed a bill designating the Gray Wolf a game species on Dec. 28, Independence Township resident Eileen Drenikowski started collecting signatures on a petition to Keep Wolves Protected.

"We really want to take every precaution necessary to prevent the gray wolf from becoming extinct," she said.

If Drenikowski gets enough people to sign, Michigan's voters will have a chance to cast their ballot for or against wolf hunting in 2014.

According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), there are almost 700 wolves in the state.

On Jan. 27, the gray wolf was removed from the federal endangered species list. From Drenikowski's point of view, "their numbers are still too low to introduce an open season."

She thinks Michigan politicians have bowed to special interests seeking to hunt wolves for trophies because the law already allows property owners to kill wolves if they are caught attacking livestock or pets.

"People don't eat wolf meat; it is just for the pelts," she said and points out that she's not against all hunting. In fact, "hunters have signed my petition."

The DNR has a different perspective, however.

"People who are circulating petitions are sometimes saying that we're talking about a trophy hunt; that's not what's on the table here. What's being discussed is a management hunt for the purpose of

resolving conflicts between farmers and --wolves," said Ed Golder, the DNR's media representative.

According to Golder, hunts would be focused only in targeted areas where wolves are known to be a problem, particularly in western portions of the Upper Peninsula. Although Golder is aware that wolves can be killed if they are seen attacking livestock or pets, "catching a wolf doing that is tough," he said.

As for the Keep Wolves Protected petition, Golder said, "managing wildlife is a complex issue, and it is something that should be done by scientists. Managing wildlife through a ballot referendum we don't think is a good idea."

Drenikowski's petition is backed by about forty-five organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States, the Detroit Audubon Society, and the Michigan Animal Shelter Rescue Network.

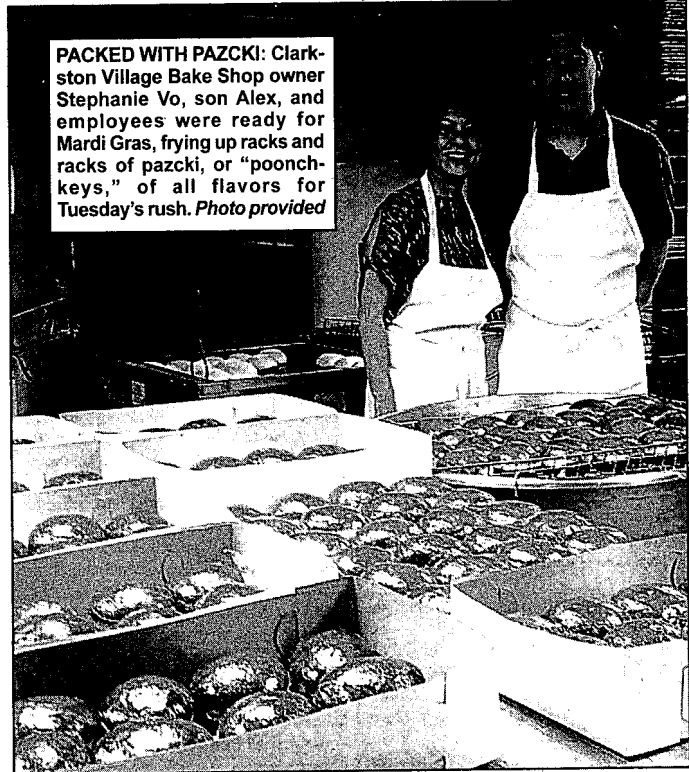
While she feels special interests were behind the hunting bill, Golder suggests advocacy groups caused wolves to remain on the endangered species list for too long. "We really think delisting occurred very late," he stated.

As for the wolf hunting legislation passing prior to the gray wolf's removal from the protected list, Golder said, "it may seem as though Michigan is moving quickly, but Wisconsin and Minnesota have already had wolf hunts. So, I think we're moving in a very deliberate and thoughtful fashion."

Find out more on www.keepwolvesprotected.com or www.michigan.gov/wolves.



Eileen Drenikowski stands by a wolf displayed at the Environmental Discovery Center in Indian Springs Metropark. Photo by Mary Keck



PACKED WITH PAZCKI: Clarkston Village Bake Shop owner Stephanie Vo, son Alex, and employees were ready for Mardi Gras, frying up racks and racks of pazcki, or "poonch-keys," of all flavors for Tuesday's rush. Photo provided



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Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

Beware unintended consequences

Over the past week, I've been around some passionate folks who are actively searching to resolve serious problems. But, they've left me wondering: what if our best intentions don't always yield the best solutions?

To solve the "wolf problem," the DNR intends to hunt the Gray Wolf, a species removed from the Federally Endangered list less than a month ago. According to our leaders in Lansing, killing these furry predators is the best means of managing them.



From the wolf's point of view, humans are the invasive species. Wolves were almost completely eliminated by people wielding more advanced weapons than teeth and claws. It's likely there wouldn't be any wolves, if legislation hadn't been passed to protect them.

Unlike the wolf, a native species, Phragmites were brought from Europe and used as ornaments in our lawns and along our driveways. Today, tall stands of phragmites wave their feathery tops at us from the roadsides and fill in our wetlands, taking the place of local cattails.

As phragmites invade the space of plants where our indigenous birds nest and our native insects lay their eggs, we can't just sit back and let the flowers and herbs original to Michigan become extinct.

We're told the best way to tackle the "phragmites problem" is to burn the invasive plants then cover them in herbicide. Why did we bring this trouble on ourselves?

Although quickly spreading reeds and carnivorous canines may seem very different, I can't help but notice these parallel issues we humans are hoping to solve. In both cases the problem started with us.

Our most fervent hope may be to coexist with wolves, but is hunting them the right solution? Because we want to save our native plants, should we spray phragmites with chemicals that will run onto the soil and into our groundwater?

For all our sakes, I hope our passionate remedy seekers aren't creating a new problem that'll need solving in the years ahead. At the same time, I hope they won't stop searching for ways to make our world a better place.

Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

City has history of budget problems, reader says

Dear Editor,

The quotes from the city manager, "It's just a matter of paperwork" and "Oftentimes it's a matter of making an incorrect journal entry" sound like there are errors being made by the city staff and yet city employees just received substantial unbudgeted raises at the recommendation of the city manager ("Auditors call for more oversight," Feb. 6).

We all know the city manager is by law responsible for the budget and control of expenditures and that the City Council, on behalf of the people they represent, is supposed to make sure the city manager is doing his job correctly. It appears none of this is being done.

I know from the public record the problem of spending first and budgeting later is not one of paperwork but is instead intentional, planned, and with the approval of our elected council representatives.

The city auditor and several past council members have raised this issue, but the city ignores them, law and charter.

City Charter Section 7.13 requires that the audit be presented to the Council and made public. If not for a story in *The Clarkston News*, there would be no public notice from the city that this audit exists and we would not know what it says. It is again not on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

My understanding is the auditors found approximately \$20,000 of unaccounted funds. Doesn't the City Council want to know how

this money was lost? I know I do. Section 7.7 of the City Charter requires that no money be drawn from the treasury and no obligation for expenditures be incurred "except pursuant to the budget appropriations."

But as the article points out, the city regularly spends first and considers budget appropriations later. Read the official City Council meeting minutes and you will find numerous instances where expenses are authorized with no mention of the cost or where the money will come from.

Bills are then approved without question even when the expenses were never authorized. Only then will the budget be amended, maybe, with the last two amendments containing errors and misleading information. The council approved both of them with few questions and no changes.

The city budget is supposed to let people know how their money will be spent. That is why a public hearing is mandatory when establishing the budget. A public hearing is also required prior to establishing the annual tax rate but the city doesn't bother with that and just sets it at the maximum possible.

Unfortunately there are far more problems than this but they probably all stem from a city manager and council that have little respect for law, City Charter, the people they serve, and our money that is entrusted to them.

Cory Johnston

Clarkston City Councilman, 2005-2009

Reader disheartened at report of misappropriations

Dear Editor,

Thanks are due to *The Clarkston News* for shedding light on the City of Clarkston's lack of adherence to state law in its budgeting and spending of the taxpayers' money ("Auditors call for more oversight," Feb. 6).

The auditors' statement that the city spent unappropriated funds in the last fiscal year is not the first observation of this practice. You can review the city's previous audits on the state treasury's web site. Going back to at least 2003, the earliest that is electronically available, the auditors included the same observation—the city improperly spent unappropriated funds. And the overspending ranges up to more than \$180,000 in one year.

It is disheartening to read the city manager's only comment as explaining this as just "an incorrect journal entry."

A journal entry moves funds from one account to another. It doesn't increase overall spending. The latest budget amendment was more than a journal entry. It both increased spending and created an operating deficit by putting into the budget funds that had already been spent.

The sad fact is neither the city manager nor the council believes following state budgeting law is important. Their approach to budgeting is to impose the highest possible tax rate, spend the money on whatever comes by during the year, and then amend the budget to catch up with spending.

The resolution to spend \$1,200 on removing phragmites on the council's February 11 agenda is another example. Although probably a necessary and worthy project, the council will apparently approve this spending without any budget amendment appropriating the money.

What's wrong with this? The fact that it violates state law is perhaps the least concern. Spending money without first budgeting it fails to look at individual spending items within the context of overall spending. It fails to impose a discipline on spending that looks to reduce it where possible.

It fails to look for opportunities to reduce the burden on the city's taxpayers. It is not a responsible stewardship of the taxpayers' money. We deserve better from our elected representatives.

Richard Bisio
Clarkston

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

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1998

"Weatherman visits Pine Knob Elementary" Channel 7 weatherman Chris Bradley visited recently, just as a winter storm watch was being posted for the Metro Detroit area. It was principal K.C. Leh who piped up and asked the big question. "What are the chances of having school tomorrow, just to put their minds at ease?" she asked.

"Sweet shop to open on Main St." Downtown business owner Ann Stevenson says she will incorporate a cafe/coffee shop into her Union General store where folks can indulge in cappuccino, fresh baked goods, candies, and the like. She plans to expand her business this month, making room within the existing store space.

"Sneak a peek at the new high school" "Awesome" was the word heard over and over again as group of parents, school board trustees, members of the Help Us Grow bond committee, and students received a sneak peek at the new Clarkston High School. They visited a few classrooms, the gym, theater, cafeteria, media center, and pool.

25 years ago - 1988

"Asbestos tests required again" A new federal law that requires tests for asbestos in all public buildings by federally certified companies could prove costly for Clarkston school district. The tests could cost as much as \$5,000 a building, said Assistant Superintendent Mel Vaara. The district has nine buildings in which students meet; two office buildings, and a maintenance garage.

"Clarkston keeps 1st on slopes" The girls and the boys ski teams finished their dual meet season with near perfect 6-1 records after whipping Detroit Country Day. The girls headed into divisional play with a sweep, winning the top seven places. Coach Don Balzarini said the boys team could stand to improve a little, despite its 6-1 record. The victory enables Clarkston to tie for the league lead at the end of the dual meet season.

50 years ago - 1963

"Rotary Anns hear about flowers from florist" Mrs. Durstan of Durstan's Flower Shop in Pontiac explained the different types of flowers for arrangements and how to care for them.

"Local News" Airman 3rd class Todd Jay Marks graduated as a jet mechanic from Amarillo A.F.B., Texas.

Not every Liz trick accepted as funny

Some readers may recall seeing a similar column years ago. For three decades before that Elizabeth Baldwin frightened and enlivened acquaintances with "tricks."

She knew I hated green peppers, so they were a frequent gift from her to me. And, I gave her a pepper plant, potted and ribboned, in return.

I wrote originally that I thought millions of people, who, like Liz, enjoyed to play jokes on people, like those who steal concrete geese and send pictures of those geese to the owners from various locations in their travels.

I'm repeating those "Liz Tricks" for your amusement and use.

- Put live gold fish in host's toilet tank.
- Put them on Victoria Secret's mailing list.
- Misspell their names in cards and letters.
- Give husband of ailing wife a recipe for chicken soup and a live chicken.
- When you know someone hates something (see above) give them lots of it.
- Give toilet paper, write them notes on toilet paper,

give a gas station size roll of toilet paper.

- Whenever you go to someone's home hide a gift - limburger cheese, a comic, golf ball, dead rose, rat poison, 3-tine fork with one tine missing.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

• Put candy in a plastic bag inside an empty Epsom Salts box. Liz did that with M & Ms for Hazel.

• If they like premium beer give them the cheapest beer you can buy.

• Plan a black-tie evening and take your guest to a White Castle in a limo.

• When they turn 50, sign them up to AARP.

• Make sure their name is on all the junk mail lists.

• Put For Sale, For Rent or For Lease sign on their property before they come

back from vacation

• If they like Fords, send Chevrolet stuff, John Deere, send Case; denim, gingham; glass, plastic; anything but what they like.

• When serving sandwiches, put fake hamburger in

the buns.

- Plastic dog droppings are always good.
- Dye a t-shirt purple, but make sure it will bleed onto their skin when worn.
- Take gin bottle filled with water to their party.
- Send black flowers, black crepe paper, black clothes or black balloons on a 30th, 40th or 50th birthday.
- Mail birthday, anniversary, invitation and get-well messages on used cards for any occasion.
- Send someone else's name to Miss Manners or Dr. Fashion.

I asked Liz if anyone was ever offended by one of her "tricks."

She admitted they had, and said she had adopted this personal rule:

When in doubt, don't.

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Liz's husband was not forgotten when when it came to "tricks." The note taped to the ceiling over their bed read: Kiss Mrs. Baldwin good night.

This Best-of Jim's Jottings comes from Feb. 4, 2009.

Some father/sons bonding

So, the other Sunday I was sitting on the couch in the living room with my sons, Shamus (15) and Sean (13 in a month).

Part of our weekend ritual is to watch one Sunday morning political talk show, whilst eating breakfast so we can make observations about politics before we dive into vacuuming, washing, dusting and cleaning. (Yikes, that last sentence was pert near a run-on.)

The boys like to make fun of regular pundit guests. They mimic the politicians voices, facial expressions, make up songs about them and they also show no respect and talk back to the TV.

Just so you know, I know I should not condone this total lack of respect shown the television set but to date, the TV has not answered back nor pulled me aside to give me the "whatfor" so I will straighten them out.

When TV has a problem, I will address it. Until then, the boys are free to pop off.

When it comes to politicians "answering" questions the lads will listen and more often than not say something like, "That wasn't the question," or "Boy, she didn't like that question! I

think she wants to rip the reporter's throat out," or "Did you understand his answer?"

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... A.) The world's worst dad . . .

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

. . . B.) The world's meanest dad; and . . .

. . . C.) The town's cheapest dad, but . . .

. . . at least I am fine-tuning their BS detectors for when they actually start having to work, pay bills and vote.

So, where was I?

We were watching the talking heads bob up and down and from this way to that and I was surprised the topic of discussion wasn't the nation's budget nor anything else financial. The topic du jour was gun control.

As a parent, it's interesting to watch both Shamus and Sean as they take in any opinions presented Sunday mornings and as they then discuss what they have seen and heard.

Shamus has a big, soft heart and shows tons of empathy for most causes purported to help humankind.

Sean, well, I'll just put it this way: some members of his mother's family are worried he'll become a young Republican.

They're both bright and I can only hope wherever they fall politically, they do so with eyes and minds wide open. I they know that on any given subject each of them can be wrong or both can be right and that it's quite all right to change your mind from time to time.

(Oh, and I hope they realize their opinions matter as much as the next guy's -- not much.)

But, as we watched the information and subsequent debate about national gun control we all found this one little tidbit of information interesting:

There are supposedly 9,000 federal laws currently on the books. Yep, that is not a typo. A nine with three zeros following it.

No wonder stuff isn't being enforced. There's no way mere mortals and law enforcement can wrap their heads around that much verbiage. Even the young wiseacres sitting with

me that Sunday figured out that was a too big of a number to just start tacking on more laws.

Nobody (except maybe an evil genius or a Rainman-like dude) can be expected to know all 9,000 federal rules and regulations in regards to shootin' irons.

Both boys decided before voting for more legislation, the old ones needed to be weeded out.

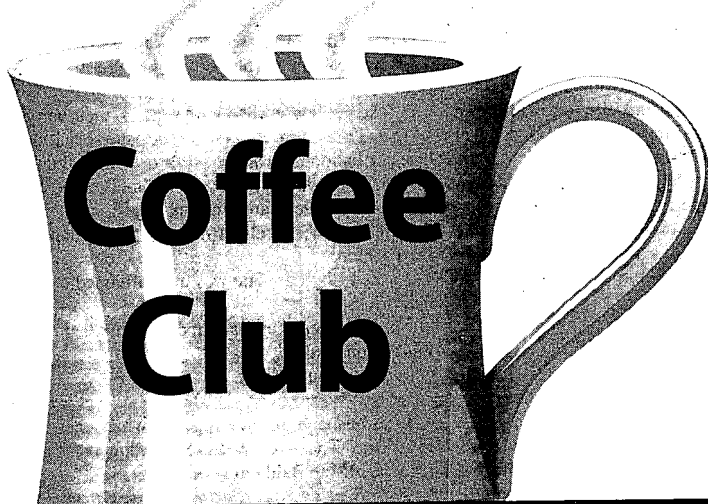
Young Master Shamus said all the Congress folk needed to get in a room and start going through all the laws, one by one. And all the laws would be assigned the life of a clay pigeon. If a law was to stand, its pigeon would be tacked to a wall. If a law was to be rejected as outdated, redundant or unconstitutional, members of the opposing party could shoot at that law's clay pigeon until they nailed it.

Sean agreed that would be a good idea, and a fun way to get Republicans and Democrats together shot-guns and pistols -- sort of like an old John Wayne movie.

Shamus added that Dick Cheney would not be invited to the shindig.

Ah, the stuff that comes out of the mouths of babes . . . and teenagers.

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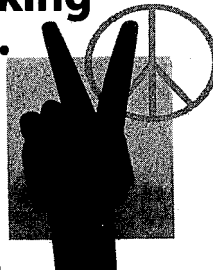
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PHRAGMITES FIGHT: City DPW Director Bob Pursley cuts down phragmites along White Lake Road, on Feb. 7. Clarkston, partnering with Oakland Phragmites Invasive Species Phighters and Independence Township, may take out the rest of the phragmites using a controlled burn. The City Council will decide on funding the phragmites project, Feb. 25, 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. *Photo by Mary Keck*

Public Safety

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Wheels gone

A pickup was jacked up on cinderblocks and its four wheels taken, Jan. 30, while parked in the 5000 block of White Lake Road. Also taken was an air compressor from the truck's cargo bed.

Warrant arrest

A deputy checking on an SUV parked at a gas station at Sashabaw and Pelton roads, 1:20 a.m., Jan. 30, found a 20-year-old Waterford Township man with a misdemeanor warrant out of 52-3 District Court. He was arrested on the warrant.

Caught on video

Both women involved in a violent altercation in a parking lot in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, 8:48 p.m., Jan. 28, said the other started it. The deputy investigating the case checked video surveillance of the gas station where the incident took place. The video showed one of them, a 29-year-old Independence Township woman, walked up to the other as she was sitting in her car and hit her repeatedly in the face. The 29-year-old was cited for assault and battery.

Purse taken

A shopper left her purse in a cart as she unloaded it into her vehicle at a Sashabaw Road store, 4:02 p.m., Feb. 3. When she went back for it, it was gone.

Drunk driver

A motorist followed a car weaving from side to side of Clarkston Road before stopping in a parking lot at Eston Road, and called police, 4:53 p.m., Feb. 2. A deputy found a 53-year-old Fenton woman parked with an open can of beer. She said she was just relaxing before driving home. Voice slurred and smelling of beer, she refused a preliminary breath test, and later a blood test at the hospital. The deputy got a search warrant for the blood. Investigation continues.

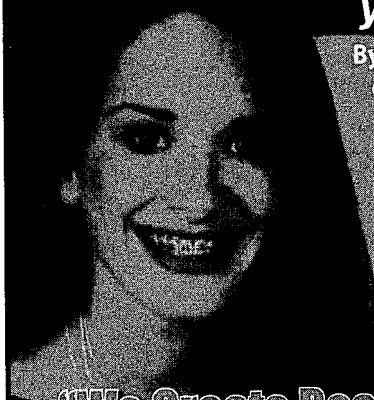
Marijuana arrest

A deputy stopped a car on Sashabaw Road at Waldon Road for illegal turn, 2:13 a.m., Feb. 3. Smelling marijuana, the deputy found a passenger, a 22-year-old Vassar man, with a bag of it along with an open bottle of whiskey. He was cited for possession of marijuana and open intoxicants in a vehicle.

Out of gas with warrant

A deputy stopped to help a 37-year-old Lansing man whose vehicle ran out of gas on S. Main Street at Waldon Road, blocking traffic, 4:23 p.m., Feb. 5. A record's check found a warrant for his arrest out of Waterford, which sent an officer to pick him up. The deputy put gas in the car so the driver's wife could take it. It wouldn't start, so it was towed.

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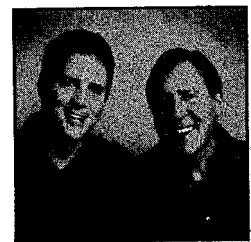


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Clarkston's Sporting News

Battle for finals continues

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston High grapplers continue on the venture to the state finals after victories in the MHSAA Districts last week.

They started the week with a 51-12 victory over Waterford Kettering in the MHSAA Team District finals on Wednesday.

"The guys wrestled well," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "They competed as a team. They have competed well all year. They work extremely hard. They are one of the hardest working teams in the state of Michigan in any sport. They earned the right to call themselves champions."

Sophomore Josh Cohoon (171) opened against the Captains with a pin on the mat with 55.8 left in his match.

Senior Chris Calvano (189) was next and quick to get the advantage over his competitor. With 53.8 seconds left in the first period, Calvano won with a pin.

Senior Adam Myers started behind but ended up tying the score on a reversal at the end of the third period to put it into overtime. He lost 4-3, eight seconds into the overtime.

"It was a close match," said Moscovic. "Adam had a great match against him and I am real proud of him. That kid is a great kid and we are chasing him. Hopefully we will catch him by the end of the year."

Kettering was within three points of Clarkston after a win in the 285-pound weight class to put the score at 12-9. Mitchell Nelson (103) simmered them down with a 7-0 win.

The Wolves added more points off a pin from Nate Vandermeer (112); a 11-1 win from Brett Foltz (119); a 7-2 win from Cameron Wilkie (125); a 10-1 win from Mike Cardinale (130) and a pin from Jake Dionne (135); a pin from Kas Waitkus (145); a 6-0 win from Nolan Eriksen (152) and a pin from Grant Ulrich (160).

The Wolves opened the night with a quick win over Waterford Mott, 66-6.

Seven Wolves move on after the MHSAA Individual District last Saturday.

Nick Vandermeer (171) won in overtime against Aaron Caladerson from Brighton, 9-7, to take first place. Calvano pinned Walled Lake Central's Alex Soval at 1:25 to finish in first.

Foltz and Wilkie took second place while Nate Vandermeer, Cohoon and Myers finished in third place.

The boys move on to the MHSAA Team Regionals in Hartland on Wednesday. They

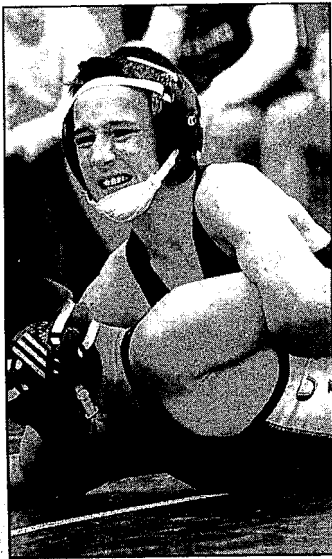
compete against Brighton in the semifinals. The winner moves on to the finals to take on the Farmington Hills Harrison/Hartland winner.

"Brighton and Hartland are tough," Moscovic added. "Both are ranked in the state. We have always collided with Hartland the last couple of years because they have always gotten the best of us. Hopefully we can come out wrestling great because we are going to have to."

Clarkston has already taken down team ranked in the top 15 in the state but Moscovic added it's in the past.

"Every match is a new match," he said. "The future is yours to grab a hold of. I think they know it and I think they know every match is an opportunity to win. Every guy is going to have to compete. We have done it before. If we believe in ourselves and each other to our potential then we will be successful. But it's going to take a team - up and down the lineup."

Calvano, Cohoon, Foltz, Myers, Wilkie and the Vandermeer brothers head to Saginaw Heritage to take on the winner from the Davison district in the MHSAA Individual Regionals on Saturday.



Mitchell Nelson gets a strong hold on Waterford Kettering. Photo by Wendi Reardon

This Friday ...

The Competitive Cheer team travels to Davison; the ski teams head to regionals and the basketball team hosts Southfield.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team celebrates their win in the OAA White. The team includes Jordan Ames, Lexi Anastasi, Brianna Callahan, Gabby Carusello, Jennifer Checkowsky, Rachel Christensen, Katie Clements, Kayleigh Goodrich, Courtney Kennedy, Haley Layson, Kaitlyn Milano, Paige Morrison, Tyler Pearce, Alyse Richards, Rachel Rooks, Alexis Rouse, Lauren Scott, Katheryn Sullivan, Megan Sullivan, Shelby Weiler, Hannah Wilson and Coached Beth Markey. Photo provided

First in the league

The spirit of blue and gold took over Troy Athens High School on Feb. 2 as the Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team competed in the OAA White League Championship.

They finished in first place after three rounds of competition, scoring 718.74. West Bloomfield finished in second place with 711.8 points. Farmington took third Hazel Park, fourth; and Royal Oak, fifth.

"We consider this a very big accomplishment considering this was expected to be mostly a rebuilding year for our girls," said parent, Jessica Wilson. "We have a new coach, a group of girls who are just getting to know each other as a team, and we are very young."

The Lady Wolves finished the first round in third place, scoring 215.1 points. They topped the second round with a first place finish with 211.64 points and took second in the final round.

It wasn't the first time the team took first place in the league. During the season they

finished first in the OAA White Jamboree #1 with 663.96, Jan. 9.

In the OAA White Jamboree #2 on Jan. 23, they finished in second place with 652.92 points as West Bloomfield took first.

The girls followed it up with another first place finish this past weekend at the Fenton Tiger Invitational at Fenton High School. The JV team took second place.

The team consists of five freshmen, nine sophomores, five juniors and two seniors.

The Lady Wolves are: Jordan Ames, Lexi Anastasi, Brianna Callahan, Gabby Carusello, Jennifer Checkowsky, Rachel Christensen, Katie Clements, Kayleigh Goodrich, Courtney Kennedy, Haley Layson, Kaitlyn Milano, Paige Morrison, Tyler Pearce, Alyse Richards, Rachel Rooks, Alexis Rouse, Lauren Scott, Katheryn Sullivan, Megan Sullivan, Shelby Weiler, and Hannah Wilson. They are coached by Beth Markey.

They compete in the MHSAA Districts at Davison on Friday, 6 p.m.

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Wolves aim for OAA win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers were using their snow days to prepare for this week as others were using the days off from school to relax and finish homework.

One of the biggest challenges they were prepping for is this Friday's game against Southfield for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team - as both want to win the OAA league outright.

"Southfield will be a battle at home," said senior Jordan Dasuqi. "It's going to be a tough game."

He admitted the league title is on the mind of the Wolves as they get ready but they need to do what they did last time against the Bluejays - win.



Adam Myers makes a run in the Wolves last home game. Photo by Larry Wright

"We were up in the first half before," Dasuqi added. "We have to make sure it happens again. We played very good defense in the first half and it led to everything else. They made a couple runs against us so we need to cut down on those runs. If we make it happen and we play good defense like we did last time I am sure we will win."

The Wolves lost to Carman-Ainsworth on Feb. 5 in their most recent battle on the court, 53-50.

"We had a bad shooting night," he reflected. "Even when we are not shooting well we need to get inside and be able to pull out with a win. We didn't."

Dasuqi added it was a learning experience especially since the game had a playoff feel to it.

"It was loud in there. It was two good teams," he said.

"We learned things aren't going to go our way every game. We have been shooting well all season long. What this shows us is if we are not shooting well, if we are not playing well we still need to come out with a victory. We will get that as we go on. I would rather it happen now than in the playoffs."

Clarkston led the game at the end of the first quarter by four points, 11-4. By the end of the next quarter Carman-Ainsworth took the lead by four points and held onto it for the rest of the game.

The Wolves were behind 50-43 with 3:30 remaining in the game but pulled themselves up and with a field goal from Nick Owens put the score to 52-50 with 14 seconds to go.

Dasuqi led the team with 24 points and Owens had 15 points for the night.

Clarkston (10-3) opened the week on Tuesday against West Bloomfield in a league battle.

They host their next three games - Southfield on Friday, Troy on Monday and Flint Northern on Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows at Clarkston High School.

Viazanko blocks for victory

Icers split last week with a win over Walled Lake Northern and a lost to Salem in the Michigan Public High School Showcase in Chelsea.

The boys opened with a 3-2 win over Walled Lake Northern last Wednesday, scoring a goal in each period. Joe Smith started the scoring on his power play goal in the first period with an assist from Garrett Polish.

Walled Lake Northern scored next to tie the game but A.J. Kowal put the Wolves ahead again with less than a minute left in the second period and Matt Denny sealed the game for the Wolves seven minutes into final period.

"It was a good win," said Clarkston Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier.

The Wolves made 28 shots on the net and goalie Jack Viazanko made 26 saves.

"He played well," Krygier added. "He kept us in the game. They almost tied it. He had a couple of key saves for us."

The boys lost to Salem on Thursday, 6-2.

"We didn't play up to our potential. We kind of got exposed in the game," Krygier said. "It is from the carry over from the last 3-4 games. We haven't met the team expectations for one reason or another."

Polish scored the first goal with an assist from Chase Wiedemann and John Foust. Eric Matynowski scored

the second goal. He was assisted by Adam Johns and Carter Rea.

"Matynowski got his first point," Krygier said, adding he is coming back from a collarbone injury. "He is starting to get back to the way he was playing last year - carrying the puck, shooting the puck and making a difference. It takes time coming back."

The boys made 35 shots on the goal and Nick Surovec made 29 saves in the game.

The Wolves are currently tied for second place with Stoney Creek in the OAA Red. They head into the league playoffs this Friday and Saturday to battle for the top position before they prepare for the MHSAA playoffs.

"We have to get back to the basics," Krygier said about the next few weeks. "The basics are working hard, being disciplined, and executing our game plans. I definitely think they can do it. It's not can they do it, it's do they want to put the effort in. It's not easy winning - it takes hard work to win. We have to change our mentality and our attitude to a winning one which is we are going to work hard at all costs and we are going to do those things that make a difference."

The Wolves (11-9-2) take on Farmington on Friday at Farmington Ice Arena, 35500 West 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, at 8:30 p.m..

The Saturday game is yet to be determined. ~WAR

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Athletes sign to state universities

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Connor Bright had to make a tough decision at the beginning of his final year in high school - play his final senior soccer season with the Wolves or with Vardar.

"He loves, adores and worked three years for his high school team," added his mom, Jennifer Bright. "He had to make a tough decision to pursue collegiate attention.

He chose Vardar, his year round travel team, and as he signed his letter of intent last Thursday to play for Oakland University, the decision worked out for him.

"Staying true to his overall goal paid off," Jennifer smiled.

"It's the highest level," Bright said about staying with Vardar. "It is very competitive and will be what college will be like because most of the coaches played in college. They can prepare you for what's next. I'm really excited to be moving forward and playing on a collegiate level."

Connor has played soccer his entire life, since he could remember.

"It was just natural," he added. "My parents started me in Kiddy Kickers. Then, saw I was excelling in it so I started playing on travel teams. It kept progressing from there."

Connor chose Oakland University because it was close to home and the new medical program.

"It's what I wanted to study," he said. "It will be a good fit for me. It is something I always wanted to do. I want to do something in sports medicine and stay in the sports theme because it has been a big part of my life. It has taught me a lot of life lessons, how to be a good person and a leader."

Seniors Chris Calvano and Nate Yeloushan also signed their letters of intent as they plan to continue their football career in college.

Calvano selected Grand Valley State Uni-

versity for the facilities, the school and the education they offer. He was looking for a Division II school and it also helped his brother is attending the same school.

"I am happy about the school I am going to," he smiled. "I am extremely excited. It's a big step and I am ready for it."

Calvano plans to study mechanical engineering and explained his dad is an engineer and his grandpa was a mechanical engineer.

"I feel like I am a lot like him," he added.

Calvano began playing football in fourth grade because his older brothers were already played the sport.

He added as he was growing up looking up to his brothers, watching the other players on the team and living in the area helped him with his football skills.

"You get used to the way things are so once you get there you are more prepared," Calvano said.

It has also helped him with the steps it took him to get to each level until he was on the varsity team.

"It's almost easier than it seems for the transition," he reflected. "It will be definitely a harder transition from high school to college but I can handle it."

The Clarkston program has also prepared Yeloushan for when he goes to Sienna Heights University in the fall.

"It has always been a great role model growing up," he said. "As I have gotten older what we do here in Clarkston is win and it will help me in life. Clarkston is definitely a well-known school with a lot of connections and respect. The coaches I have played for and the teammates I have had have really shaped me into a great person and gave me the tools to be successful with whatever I do."

Yeloushan began playing football in sixth grade after having the desire and drive to play the game.

"I went to the games with mom and dad on Friday night and it looked like a lot of fun," he smiled.

He also had a dream to play college football and added signing felt great and accomplished.

He is undecided on his focus on study.

Calvano isn't finished with football yet. He is playing in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Associations All-Star game this summer on the East team.

"It is an honor," he said. "It's going to be at my school, too, so it will be fun. I will be mentally prepared for it, too."

Calvano competes this week in the MHSAA Wrestling Regionals and Yeloushan can be found on the court with the varsity boys basketball team.

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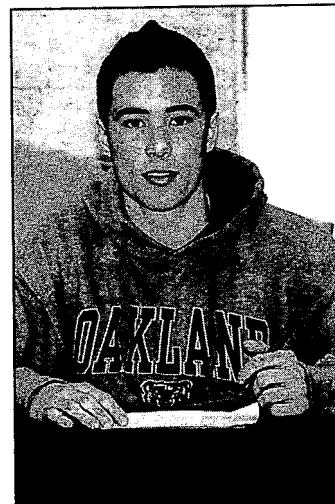
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Connor Bright



Nathan Yeloushan and Chris Calvano with their football coaches, far left, Rich Porritt, to the right Phil Price and Kurt Richardson. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Lauren Martin weaves around a gate. Photos by Diane Casetti

Racing through powder

Skiers raced into their spots in the divisional races last week at Pine Knob.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team took second place with their combine slalom and slalom scores.

The boys took first place in the slalom with 31 points. Ryan Callahan led the team, finishing in third place in 43.48. Lance Holsbeke finished fourth; Derek VanTallie, fifth; and Ben Schuster, 19th.

They finished the giant slalom in fourth place with 51 points. VanTallie led the team with his eighth place finish in 39.00. Callahan finish in 13th; Schuster, 13th; and Holsbeke,

16th. The Lady Wolves varsity team took fifth place in their divisional race.

The girls took sixth place in their slalom race with 73 points. Caroline Spytman led, finishing in ninth in 49.42. Karoline Holsbeke was 12th place; Amanda Casetti, 12th; and Arianna Cross, 22nd.

They finished in fifth place in the giant slalom with 69 points. Holsbeke led the team finishing in 11th in 41.31. Madeline DeClercq finished in 14th place; Spytman, 20th; and Megan Gasser, 24th.

They head to regionals on Wednesday.



Ryan Callahan, Lance Holsbeke and Derek VanTallie accept their medals.



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Several residents complain over new burn policy

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The policy allows locals to provide the fire department with a letter signed by their physician, stating the resident has "a serious medical condition that is aggravated or triggered by the exposure to smoke from open outdoor burning of leaves, branches, and/or wood."

Once the letter is on file with the fire department, any neighbors living within 400 feet will not be issued burn permits. If someone within the 12-acre area already has a permit to burn, it will be revoked.

One of Tedder's neighbors submitted a doctor's note to the fire department, causing the policy to kick in. Tedder said he and neighbors have seen people smoking, as well as burning in a fireplace and fire pit, on that property.

Trustee David Lohmeier, who originally proposed the open burn policy, told Tedder, "if a resident in the area wants to apply for a burn permit, you still can, and the [fire] chief does have a good amount of discretion over issuing them even if they're within the distance we had called out in the policy."

Fire Chief Steve Ronk said his department has tried to be accommodating. For example, they have informed residents within the township's four medically-based no burn zones of when their neighbor with a health concern is out of town, so they can burn.

However, such communication and tracking when residents with doctor's letters aren't home is time consuming for the fire department. In addition, Ronk is concerned about confusing residents who have been told they cannot burn because of their neighbor's medical issue, yet see others

burning when the ill resident is out of town. "This is not a pick and choose. If [the no burn zone] touches your property, you can't burn," said Ronk.

Because the open burn policy has only been in place since October, Lohmeier notes, "it's a learning year for us." He also told Tedder, "it's a policy, not a law, not an ordinance."

Four residents have submitted letters to the fire department, and as a result burning permits are supposed to be pulled on 121 parcels. Each medically-based no burn zone impacts between 20 to 40 property owners. According to Ronk, the department has heard from many residents about the burn policy and complaints have "really ramped up this year," he said.

The next township board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall on Waldon Road.

Youth president visit

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, Clarkston Area Octagon Club, and Clarkston Junior High Optimist Club welcome A.J. Cifuentes to Clarkston on Saturday, Feb. 16, as they host the Michigan Youth Optimist Convention at Clarkston Junior High School.

Cifuentes, from Monroe, Wisc., is the leader of almost 20,000 members of Junior Optimist Octagon International.

He will lead workshops with students from youth Optimist Clubs throughout the state. He will also honor Sean Mueller from Clarkston High School, who is currently the

Michigan JOOL governor.

Clarkston Community Schools has youth clubs in 10 of 11 schools this year. For more information, call Optimist youth club coordinator Sandy Diederich at 847-284-0636. For more information about other clubs, contact Optimist International JOOL chairman at broseelectric@msn.com.

Relay for Life kicks off

Clarkston's American Cancer Society Relay For Life kickoff is Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

Registration and light refreshments begin at 6 p.m. The program is 6:30-7:30 p.m. on forming or joining a team, becoming a volunteer or sponsor, joining the committee, promoting the event, making a donation, or survivor/caregiver participation.

For more information, contact Stephanie Cosmas, Stephanie.Cosmas@cancer.org or 248-663-3408. Relay For Life of Clarkston will be on May 18-19.

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Volunteers work on the conference center.

Haitian mission success

Since Nov. 6, Clarkston United Methodist Church has sent 19 people to Jeremie, Haiti, in partnership with the Jeremie Haiti Project, a non-profit organization.

The first team worked with Haitian workers on a conference center's roof, floor, plumbing and electricity. The second team arrived in January and helped finish the job.

Along with the conference center, the teams worked in the Gebeau Medical Clinic assisting doctor and nurses, painting the medical clinic and the cement walls surrounding it, and filling in a very large hole in the driveway, damaged by Hurricane Sandy. They also worked at a local orphanage, and team 2 worked with local Sunday school teachers and taught them different ways to pray.

"Our host, Reverend Christel LeLievre and his family were our hosts and they graciously prepared and fed us our meals, transported us around the city, and provided us with a comfortable and beautiful place to stay," said volunteer Abby Whiteford.

"We learned of their culture and the rich history of Jeremie and the country of Haiti. The teams built relationships with the family, their staff and the incredible people that worked beside us during the time spent in their country."

The Clarkston teams raised \$15,000 for the project.

They will share pictures and stories, and answer questions about the trip on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. at Clarkston United Methodist Church.



Team 1, from left, Ray Winkleman, Jeani Blazak, Brenda Dupree, Charlie Barnett, holding *The Clarkston News*, Abby Whiteford, Paul DeNapoli, David Johnson, and, back row, Clark Headrick, Rick Dake, Tom Rogers, Mitzi Hamp and Jim Whiteford. Photos provided



Team 2, from left, includes Nikki Whiteford, Cheryl Peterson, Bill Knuse, David Kanous, Rick Dake, Annette Siminski, Martha Manting and Tim Wisser.

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Gabriella Werner, 6, shows her dad, Dennis, moves on the dance floor.



Alex Aris, 7, welcomes friends and classmates to the dance.

Tiny dancers

Daddies treated teeny dates to a night of twirling, twisting, and dipping at Clarkston High School this weekend.

Wearing sparkling shoes and wrist corsages, tons of teeny ladies grooved to the music and formed conga lines at the annual Daddy Daughter Dance organized by Clarkston Community Education. With ribbons round their pigtails and flowers in their curls, there was no doubt that every tiny dancer was adored.

Over 1,000 fathers and their little sweethearts sashayed onto the dance floor during the sold out event, said representatives Christine Genoa and Patsy Castillo. National Honor Society and Springfield Plains Early Childhood volunteers were on hand to serve up punch and cookies to the crowd.

— Mary Keck

Photos by Mary Keck
and Lance Farrell



Derrick and Jayda King, 7, smile during a break.



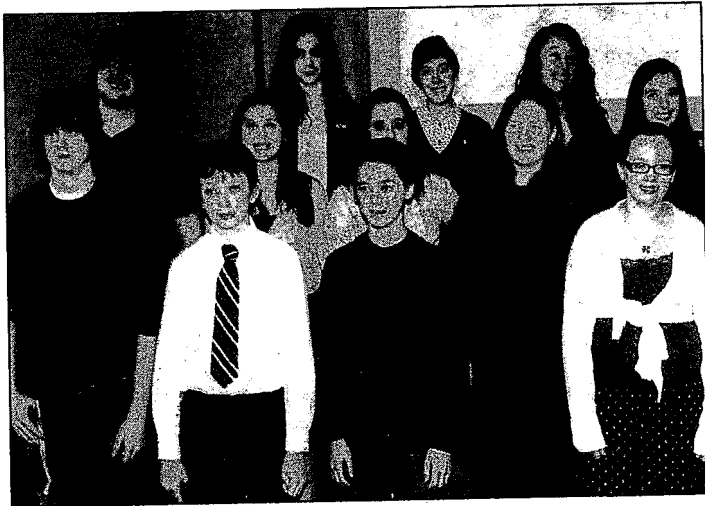
Mike Nicholson gives Morgan, 3, a resting spot as she closes her eyes for a moment before more dancing.



A small dancer jumps into the conga line.



Adrienne Mills, 9, enjoys a slow dance with her dad, Mike.



Clarkston Foundation honors performing/visual arts students

When describing the honorees at the Clarkston Foundation Student Recognition Awards on Feb. 5, Clarkston Junior High School Principal Adam Kern said they possessed many attributes.

The performing arts students are family and make everyone feel welcome while being hard working and strong leadership skills. The visual arts students have had art in their

life since they were young and get their inspiration from everything around them.

"They keep working at it," he added.

Awards for performing arts went to Clarkston High School students Jennifer Lussenhop, Tyler Neal, Madison Barnes, Colton James, Josh Bittick, Mallory Linehan; junior high school students Joyce Lyman, Stephanie Sowers, Joshua Rosche, Brittany Stamper; Sashabaw Middle

School students James Fordyce, Marlene Komatz, Justin Bell and Margaret Hanna.

The following were recognized for visual arts: from the high school, Sarah Gillay, Vy Truong, Jordan Keener, McKenzie Shepherd, Samantha Tonks, Haley Worsley; from the junior high, Natalie Harshman, Logan Matczak, Nicholas Hutchons, Laken Parrott; from the middle

school, Kaedyn Matczak, Kaley Moyet, Ashley Gozdor and Max Wiedemann.

The Clarkston Foundation is a nonprofit charitable trust organization dedicated to enriching the educational experience of all Clarkston Community School students. For more information, please visit www.clarkstonfoundation.org.

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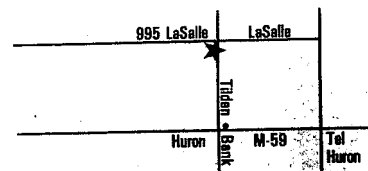
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At left, Heather Roeser, and Lisa Bradley enjoy the event.



Rick Nini, left, and Paul Shanbrom.



Tony Vitale, who provided singing entertainment, and Wendy Schaffer, who hosted the event.



Leah and Steve McClain.

Open Your Heart for Lighthouse

More than 100 guests filled Bob and Wendy Schaffer's Independence Township home to enjoy fine food from local restaurants, cocktails, fun, and festivities, Feb. 7, all for a good cause.

"It's amazing - I love it," said Wendy, in her and her husband's second year of hosting Open Your Heart to Lighthouse. "Lighthouse is a great organization to work with."

The annual event has raised over \$300,000 total to support Lighthouse of Oakland County's emergency relief and food bank efforts.

"Lighthouse helps the community - there's a real need for it," said Shaine Schindler, who will host next year's Open Your Heart with her husband John at their home. "They have a great committee. They take the pressure off the home owners."

The Steering Committee includes Tina Galley, Beth Kirchner, Rebecca McGovern, Heather Roeser, and Cindy Vella.

- Phil Custodio



From left are Dawn Horner, Ann-Marie Hiner, and Sue Welker.



John Schindler, left, and Lou Grech-Cumbo.



Roberto Bihar and Kay Canuso.



From left are Tina Galley, Katie Cantwell, and Shaine Schindler, who will host next year. Photos by Phil Custodio

30 years of township memories for McCrary

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After almost 30 years of service to Independence Township, Joan McCrary feels as strongly as ever, citizen involvement in local government is very important.

"People don't realize, when they elect their public officials, they are in charge of your daily life. It's not Lansing. It's not Washington. It's here," she said.

McCrary relocated to Independence from Warren in 1972, and as more people and businesses moved in too, she decided to make her voice heard.

"Things were growing, and I just felt like we should be involved," she said. "If you don't pay attention, things can change."

McCrary's first experience with Independence Township governance was serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals in 1984.

"I was thrilled to be appointed to something," she said.

It wasn't the last time McCrary would be picked for public service in Independence.

She was appointed clerk in 1989 and was elected for the role for 15 years until 2004. McCrary was the first female clerk to serve on the Board of Trustees.



Former Clerk and Planning Commissioner Joan McCrary stays warm under her sesquicentennial quilt, which patches together images of historic places in Independence Township.

After retiring from her position as clerk, McCrary couldn't resist serving on the Planning Commission, and she did so until Dec. 13, 2012 when she attended her last meeting as a commissioner.

During her many years of service, McCrary witnessed numerous changes in the township, but she feels the development followed the Master Plan. "I've always worked toward a community with controlled growth," said McCrary.

Large developers like hospitals and big box stores presented the most challenges. For example, McCrary remembered when Wal-Mart wanted to open a store in Independence. Despite Wal-Mart's promises to improve the roads and donate to the schools, the public hearing showed most locals did not want the development.

"We had to hold the meeting at the high school auditorium," McCrary recalled. "I doubt if there were even three people who spoke in favor of Wal-Mart. It was hours of people coming to the microphone saying no."

Although the enormous opposition to the big box store swayed the township's planners, McCrary emphasized leaders must sometimes remain steadfast in their opinions.

"I always felt that I had a firm conviction, and I didn't sway from it no matter how many people were in the audience," she said. "We have 30,000 people here; we can't change everything because thirty or forty people show up to a township meeting."

Of all the positions McCrary held, being clerk was her favorite. While her long tenure is marked with many accomplishments, she is very proud of the part she played in developing the township's historical preservation plan.

"For about three years, I went to the township board and asked for funding in each year's budget" for the project, she said.

In 1994 and 1995, McCrary worked with township planner Dick Carlisle and another firm to "catalog all the historical structures in this township, and now if a developer or even a person wants to tear down a 1800s house, it's all on the register in the township and it's controlled," she said.

Besides the historical preservation project, another point of pride for McCrary is earning Michigan's Clerk of the Year award in 1994.

"It was just quite an honor," she said with a smile.

McCrary has many fond memories, but did admit one regret.

"I do have regrets that during my last term, [Supervisor Dale Stuart] and I did not get along very well," she divulged. "I wish we could have ironed out our differences."

Despite the ups and downs of public service, McCrary would have done it all

again. In fact, "I wish I had started earlier," she said.

For those considering running for office or joining a commission, McCrary says, "Get involved! It's your community; it's where you live, what could be more important? Don't be afraid! That old business of sticks and stones, that's true," she advised.

Now that McCrary doesn't have to attend meetings, she's looking forward to traveling and doing what she really enjoys.

"The best part is driving around this

township and knowing you've been a part of all the good things that have happened here because I think we have kept to our plan and made it a great place to live," she said.

To McCrary, the future is bright. From her point of view, Independence Township "has a firm foundation, good ordinances, and plans in place." She has confidence in the new township board, but warns "be diligent because things can slide very quickly and very easily."

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— Darlene Schultz-Owens

By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Am-Legion sends soldiers some love

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

About 60 troops serving overseas will soon have a new pair of socks, oatmeal cookies, and some Sudoku puzzles to pass the time.

These and other items were donated to the American Legion Post 63, and on Feb. 5, volunteers carefully packaged them in boxes addressed to soldiers.

Donna Bullard, whose son is currently serving in Afghanistan, brought a \$285 check donated from the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union.

"The credit union is always really happy to partner with the American Legion," Bullard said.

She sat at a long table, writing out addresses for the packages while Denise Schons picked out a bottle of shampoo and a tube of toothpaste to add to the box she was preparing.

"It is always a feeling of great pride to see how our community comes together to show their support of our men and women in the service," said Senior Vice Annie Germic.

The Legion tries to get boxes out to the troops every couple of months. While soldiers usually receive a lot of mail around Christmas, Germic asked, "what about the rest of the year?"

To her, it's important to send packages throughout the seasons "so they know we're thinking of them."

These boxes of goodies were put together for Valentine's Day "because our hearts belong to the troops," Germic said, putting her hand over her heart.

American Legion Post 63 hopes to get more packages out to the soliders around Easter. Find out more on www.legion63mi.com.



Donetta and Patrick Bond pack the boxes just right so everything fits.



Denise Schons, left, and Peg Roth add snacks to the packages. Photos by Mary Keck

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Independence Township Conservatives Club, 7 p.m., Feb. 14, Craig Davis speaks on "Gun Rights: From the Second Amendment To the Present," Red Knapps, 6722 Dixie Highway. \$11.95. 248-393-7509.

Open auditions for "The Hallelujah 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.

Relay For Life of Clarkston kickoff, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 26, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-663-3408.

Art Presentations, 11:30 a.m., March 6: Spiritualism in Abstraction, Art of Paul Jenkins in the Context of Buddhism. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$7/members, \$9/non-members. 248-625-8231.

Landscaping For Wildlife, North Oakland Wild Ones, 7:30 p.m., March 6. St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. Register, annebushroe@hotmail.com.

Murder Takes a Cruise murder mystery, Clarkston Artea Optimists, 7:30 p.m., March 9, Paint Creek Country Club, Lake Orion. \$60/person. Table rate, \$50/person. Call Betty Reilly, 248-922-9134, tickets at Brose Electric, 248-623-7900.

50th Reunion, Pontiac Northern Class of 1963, Sept. 27, Fountains Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Call Penny, 248-328-1217.

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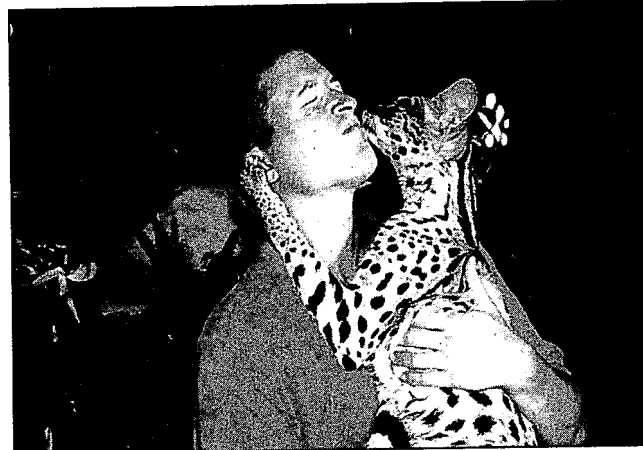
Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 6:30 p.m., third Monday, Deer Lake Back Court Restaurant, 6167 White Lake Road. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Around Town



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



ANIMALS ON STAGE: Mike Kohrieser brings his *Live on Stage, The Rain Forest* to Clarkston, Feb. 20-21, with live exotic birds, monkeys, alligators, jungle cats, and snakes. Showtimes for the educational program are 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 20 at North Sashabaw Elementary, and Feb. 21 at Independence Elementary. Tickets are \$5. Check www.understandingwildlife.org. Photo provided

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

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.

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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. Gentle Yoga. All welcome. 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.

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The woman thought, "I can play that game!"

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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.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner;

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

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Christopher Kennedy, 81

Christopher Merritt Kennedy, of Damariscotta, died early Sunday morning after a long and wonderful life and a short illness, surrounded by family and friends.



Chris was born in 1932 in Brooklyn, New York, to John Kennedy, a banker, and Louise Merritt.

He got into enormous trouble as a young boy for carving a divot into their Grand Avenue brownstone with a pocketknife he had been given, a mark the building still bears. A lifelong love of airplanes and automobiles led to an engineering scholarship at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, where he often said he first felt truly at home. At Swarthmore he met Jane MacLean Walker and they married in 1954 the day after Christmas while Chris was on leave from the United States Army.

After his military service they moved to Michigan, where he began a career as an engineer with the Chrysler Corporation. At Chrysler he ran the company's suspension design department, became an expert on automobile tires, rolled a Volkswagen Beetle in a handling test at the Chrysler proving grounds with a vice-president in the passenger seat, worked on Richard Petty's NASCAR team, tuned an open-wheel car for the Indianapolis 500, designed and built race cars on the side, and helped secure the Congressional loan guarantees that saved the company in the 1970s.

Of all of it, he was proudest that as Chrysler's lead engineer in the then-nascent field of automobile safety, he played a central role in the national effort to mandate the use of safety belts, a step that has since saved tens of thousand of lives.

An introduction to Maine through Jane's family summer house on MacMahan Island in the Sheepscot River led to a deep love of the state. When Chris retired from Chrysler in the mid-1980s, he and Jane moved first to Newcastle and then to a house they designed and built on the Damariscotta River. His life in Damariscotta was active, engaged, and warm; he served as president of the board of the Round Top Center for the Arts, helped raise funds for the construction of the new Skidompha Public Library, became an active parishioner at St. Andrews Church, was a member of the ROMEO lunch group (Retired Old Men Eating Out), and was amazed and delighted by his and Jane's large, vital, and always growing group of loving friends.

In Chris's final battle with prostate cancer, he was attended by his younger daughter,

Martha, a Ph.D. nurse practitioner at John Hopkins Hospital, and a remarkable group of devoted caregivers, especially Bill Burselson, Dory Coffren, and Kelsey Chute. With him and Jane, were their daughter Betsy Massanek, her husband Gary, grandchildren Alex and Geoff, and their son David and his partner Alison Johns.

Chris loved his family, his friends, clear and honest thinking, the family's many dogs and cats, champagne, salt water, designing and flying model airplanes, Formula 1 racing, reading history, roast beef, travel, cars, banjo music, Swarthmore, his home's lovely view of the Damariscotta River, his niece Heather's singing, toys that fly and/or shoot, giving the perfect gift at Christmas, Pete Seeger, the stopwatch Jane gave him as a wedding present, and the everyday wonder that he saw and helped others see in the world. In his final days, he also developed an astonishing enthusiasm for ice cream with chocolate sauce. He will be inexpressibly missed.

A memorial service for Chris will be held later this month at a day and time to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Skidompha Public Library, PO Box 70, Damariscotta, ME 04543; or to Miles & St. Andrews Home Health & Hospice, c/o Development Office, 35 Miles Street, Damariscotta, ME 04543.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the **Strong-Hancock Funeral Home**, 612 Main Street, Damariscotta. Condolences, and messages for the family, may be expressed by visiting: www.StrongHancock.com.

Larry A. DeCost, 47

Larry A. DeCost of Pontiac passed away unexpectedly Feb. 2, 2013, at age 47.

He was the husband of Gerri; father of Christopher and Chelsea; stepfather of Kenny and Wayne; son of Georgia Bell; grandpa of five; preceded in death by father Richard DeCost and stepfather William Bell; brother of Ricky (Patricia) Roach, Jack Bell, William (Michelle) Bell, Timmy (Vickie) DeCost, Michael (Wendy) Bell and Robert (Val) Bell; son-in-law of Kenneth and Carolyn Hill.

Larry was a machinist at SBS Corporation, enjoyed playing bingo and was lucky with scratch offs.

Funeral Service was Feb. 9 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Marie F. Miles, 44

Marie F. Miles of White Lake passed away Feb. 5, 2013, at age 44.

She was the wife of Brent; mother of Ashley Marie and Brent Nathaniel; daughter of Pam and John Cartwright; sister of Teresa Steele, Missy Cartwright and Jonathan Cartwright.



Visitation was Feb. 6-7 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Feb. 8 at Clarkston Community Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Elna A. Buck, 95

Elna Augusta Buck of South Lyon passed away Feb. 5, 2013, at age 95.

Elna loved animals and gardening. She died peacefully at home in her sleep. She was the mother of Victor (Marie) Buck; preceded in death by her daughter Darlene Drey; also survived by her favorite grand dog Sunnie.

Private family services have been held. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Dumais, 52

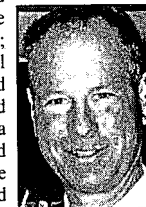
Kenneth R. Dumais of Sylvan Lake passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer, Feb. 2, 2013, at 52 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of Lynn (nee Kuzminski) for 26 years; loving father of Samuel (Jessica Aldrich) and Andrea Dumais; proud grandfather of Ava McKenzie; beloved brother of Carol (Joe DiNardo) DuMais and Mary (Jay) Stolpa; favorite uncle of Kristin Lisak.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., Ken was preceded in death by his parents Clement and Ruth Dumais. Ken was a long time employee of EDS/HP. He enjoyed boating, riding his motorcycle, traveling and spending time with his family and friends.

The family would like to thank Dr. Farid Fata and his amazing staff; the staffs of University of Michigan, St. Joseph Hospital and Vitas Hospice.

A Celebration of Ken's Life will be March 2, 2013, 12-3 p.m. at the Sylvan Lake Community Center, 2456 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake. A service will also be held in Milwaukee. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Swan For Life. To send a private condolence with the family go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries.



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Jon F. Gilbert, 70

Jon F. Gilbert of Clarkston passed away Feb. 9, 2013, at age 70.

He was the husband of Carreen for 49 years; father of Jeffrey and Michael Gilbert, and Kristin (Steve) Daugherty; grandpa of Kaitlyn, Justin, Anna, Lauren, Jason, and Jack; son of Dorothy and the late Walter Gilbert; brother of Dottie (Neil) Burke.



Mr. Gilbert retired from Bristol-Myers as a pharmaceutical representative. He enjoyed gardening, golfing and spending time up north. He was a Michigan State University graduate and avid Spartan fan.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Friday, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Memorial service, Saturday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston. The family prefers, in lieu of flowers, donations to Arthritis Foundation or Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Joyce Manz, 87

Joyce Lorraine Manz of Clarkston, formerly of Farmington, passed away Feb. 4, 2013, at age 87.



She was the wife of Howard for 65 years; mother of Lorraine Manz and Stephen (Janice) Manz; grandma of Kevin and Shannon Manz; preceded in death by her parents August and Grace Selke. Joyce was a music teacher for the Detroit and Madison, Wisconsin Public Schools. She was a talented private piano teacher in Farmington for many years.

Family services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or American Red Cross S.E. Michigan. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Adam Spytman, 95

Adam A. Spytman of Clarkston passed away Feb. 8, 2013, at age 95.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lottie. He was the father of Duane (Teri); proud grandfather of Alyssa, Callie and Collin.



Funeral Services was Feb. 11 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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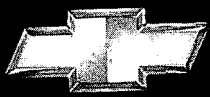
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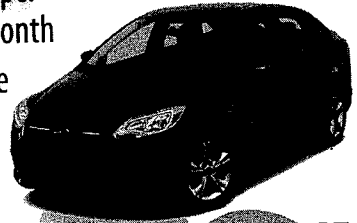


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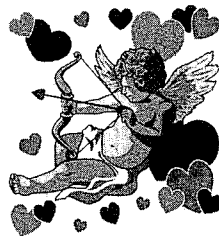
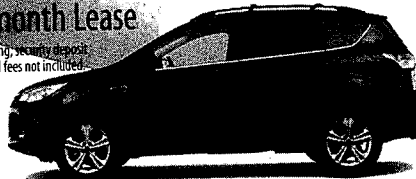
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**INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Charter Township of Independence 2013 March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear 2013 year assessment appeals of value, classification and hardship exemption requests on March 8, 11, 12 & 15 from 9:00 am through 12 noon, on March 6 & 14 from 1:00 pm through 4:00 pm, and on March 7 & 13 from 5 pm through 8 pm.

If you wish to appear in person to appeal your assessed value, it is required that you have an appointment with the March Board of Review. The Assessed Value represents 50% of market value. Appeals are for the 2013 tax year only. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays.

A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_2658_7.pdf and at the Township Assessing Department at the address indicated above. This form should be mailed to the Independence Township Assessing Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr, Clarkston, MI 48346. It must be received prior to the close of the March Board of Review and documentation supporting your opinion of value should be attached.

The Board of Review is an appeal process to review property values, not tax bills. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction over the millage rates that are multiplied against taxable values in order to calculate the tax bill. The year 2013 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Sincerely,
Kristen Steloff, MMAO (4)
Independence Township Assessor

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on February 5, 2013, The Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Certain Provisions of the Independence Charter Township Code, as follows:

The Ordinance is available for inspection or purchase at the Department of Building, Zoning and Planning at the Charter Township of Independence.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
ORDINANCE NO. 83A-12-01
THIRD AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE GRANTING
THE MCLAREN HEALTH CARE
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
LEGAL DESCRIPTION -
REVISED OVERALL PARCEL**

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, T.4N., R.9E., Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, described as:
Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27;
thence along said north line, S88°23'42"W, 1330.17 feet to a found concrete monument;
thence continuing along said East-West 1/4 line as monumented, S88°15'40"W, 1263.69 feet to the east line of Sashabaw Road (60 feet half width);
thence along said east line, N01°07'14"W, 740.33 feet to a point on the north line of Bow Pointe Drive (variable width);
thence along said north line, N87°01'07"E, 114.97 feet;
thence continuing along said north line, S81°43'07"E, 128.00 feet to a point on the north line of Bow Pointe Drive (70 feet wide);
thence along said north line, N87°01'07"E, 131.01 feet;
thence leaving said north line, N00°30'14"W, 364.60 feet;
thence S88°49'46"W, 376.29 feet to the east line of Sashabaw Road (60 feet half width);
thence along said east line, N01°07'14"W, 245.08 feet;
thence N88°17'07"E, 1278.90 feet;
thence N01°06'15"W, 503.95 feet;
thence N01°25'43"W, 263.61 feet to the southerly line of Interstate-75 Highway (variable width);
thence 922.16 feet along said southerly line on the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 5926.58 feet, a central angle of 08°54'54", and a chord bearing S58°22'54"E, 921.23 feet;
thence leaving said southerly line of Interstate-75, S01°35'00"E, 839.62 feet;
thence 88.60 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 77.00 feet, a central angle of 65°55'51", and a chord bearing S22°57'06"E, 83.80 feet;
thence N88°25'00"E 497.97 feet to a point on the east line of said section 27 as monumented;
thence along said east line of Section 27, S01°35'00"E, 668.01 feet to the Point of Beginning; containing 76.601 acres more or less, and subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any.

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 83A-07-03, as amended, under the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 83, for the purpose of amending the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development, also known as the McLaren Planned Unit Development.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1 of Ordinance**

The property described on the attached and incorporated legal description (referred to as the "Property") was previously rezoned and reclassified in and under the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance and on its Zoning Map, from Industrial Office Park (IOP) and Office Service Two (OS-2) to Planned Unit Development (PUD), subject to and in accordance with Ordinance No. 83A-07-03, approved May 14, 2007, as amended by the first amendment to said Ordinance approved November 20, 2007, and by the second amendment to said Ordinance approved May 7, 2009. Said Ordinance 83A-07-03 and the amendments thereto are referred to as the "McLaren PUD Ordinance." This Third Amendment to Ordinance Granting the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development is referred to as the "Third Amendment to McLaren PUD Ordinance." The purpose of this Third Amendment to McLaren PUD is to amend the McLaren PUD Ordinance to incorporate amendments to the plans, permit conditions, and development agreement for the McLaren PUD that have been approved by the Charter Township of Independence (referred to as the "Township").

Section 2 of Ordinance

This amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance is granted subject to, and all improvement and use of the Property shall be subject to and in conformity with, the following:

- (A) Chapter 50, Article III, Division 22 of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances, as amended.
- (B) The PUD Plans for the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development, as revised to date, and only as approved by the Township Board of Trustees on the date of adoption of this Third Amendment to McLaren PUD Ordinance by the Township Board of Trustees.
- (C) The Amended and Restated Permit Conditions for the McLaren Planned Unit Development, dated October 16, 2012.
- (D) This Amended and Restated Development Agreement for the McLaren Planned Unit Development, dated October 16, 2012.
- (E) The Declaration of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions dated October 18, 2007, and recorded on October 24, 2007, at Liber 39696, Page 609, Oakland County Records, as amended by the First Amendment to Declaration of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions, dated April 20, 2009, and recorded on May 18, 2009 at Liber 41166, Page 538, Oakland County Records; and as recorded at Liber 41485, Page 276, Oakland County Records, and as shall be amended by the property owners, upon approval of such amendment by the Township Supervisor, for purposes of incorporating changes necessary to comply with and maintain consistency with the PUD Plans, Amended and Restated Permit Conditions, and Amended and Restated Development Agreement.
- (F) Any and all conditions of the approvals of the Independence Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission relating to the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development, as reflected in the official minutes of such approvals.
- (G) All applicable Township ordinances and design standards for the Sashabaw Corridor Town Center Area of the Township, of which the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development is a part, except for the following items, which have been approved as part of the McLaren Planned Unit Development plan approval: (1) deviations from the setback requirement for parking to allow parking in front of certain specified buildings (2) deviations from the lighting standards which are only required to be met for those light fixtures installed along Sashabaw Road; and (3) deviations from the setback requirement for the rear property line.
- (H) Recordation with the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office of the Amended and Restated Development Agreement or an affidavit by the owner of the Property upon this Third Amendment to McLaren PUD Ordinance becoming effective, containing the legal description of the Property, specifying the dates of approval and all amendments of the McLaren Planned Unit Development, and declaring that all future development of the Property has been authorized, restricted, and required to be carried out in accordance with the McLaren PUD Ordinance as amended.

- (I) All applicable Township ordinances and all Township design standards.
To the extent that there are conflicts or discrepancies between the respective provisions or contents of items (A) through (I), above, between items (A) through (I) in McLaren PUD Ordinance and this Third Amendment to McLaren PUD Ordinance, or between any Township ordinance and any of the provisions or contents of the McLaren PUD Ordinance or this Third Amendment to McLaren PUD Ordinance, interpretation shall be based upon the more strict regulation of the Property, and interpretation shall be subject to the determination of the Township Board in its reasonable discretion.

Section 3 of Ordinance

Savings. Amended only as specified in this Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4 of Ordinance

Severability. If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such section, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

Section 5 of Ordinance

Effective. This ordinance shall be effective on the date provided by applicable law following publication.

Section 6 of Ordinance

Enactment. This ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting called and held on the 5th day of February, 2013, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

CERTIFICATION

It is certified that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 5th day of February, 2013.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
By: BARBARA A. PALLOTTA, CMC

Introduced: July 17, 2012
Adopted: February 5, 2013
Published: January 30, 2013
February 13, 2013
Effective: February 21, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

**SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

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

Absent: None
There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director
Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None requested
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
Rescission of Motion #2012-10-414; Approval of 2nd Reading and Adoption of the Third Amendment to Ordinance Granting McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development (PUD); Agenda amended to relocate agenda item from M. Regular Business before I. Presentations and Reports

- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
1. Presentation: Overview and Update: Oil/Gas Drilling on Township Properties
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: NONE
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Acceptance of Letter of Engagement for Professional Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2012

- 2. Approval of Agreement to Utilize the Services of Oakland County Board of Canvasers

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
1. Rescission of Motion #2012-10-414; Approval of 2nd Reading and Adoption of the Third Amendment to Ordinance Granting McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development (PUD); Agenda amended to relocate before I. Presentations and Reports

- 2. Approval to Award Bids for the Purchase of Replacement Utility Equipment in the Parks Division 2013 Capital Improvement Plan

- 3. Allocation of Funds and Approval of Pilot Program for Job Development and Employee Performance Metrics with The Mettiss Group

- 4. Adoption of Freedom of Information Policy (FOIA)
- 5. Reconsideration of Appointment to Investment Advisory Committee

- 6. Appointments to Boards and Committees: Planning Commission; Construction Code Board of Appeals; Zoning Board of Appeals; Asset Disposal Ad-Hoc Committee

- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics

- O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS: None
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, February 13, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 7:00 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

- Case #13-003. Tapper, Richard, Petitioner (Representing Phantom of Michigan)
APPLICANT REQUESTS A LOCATION VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-849 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR TENT/STAND AND STORAGE TRAILER PLACEMENT IN PARKING LOT FOR 10 DAY SALE OF FIREWORKS, ALSO REQUESTING THIS VARIANCE FOR TWO YEARS
6697 Dixie Highway, C-3
Cherry Hill North Bowling Lanes
08-29-452-008
- Case #13-004. Gzymala, Keith, Petitioner for Hamlin Pub
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-861 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A ONE DAY OUTDOOR EVENT, UNDER TENT IN PARKING LOT, ON MARCH 17, 2013
6397 Sashabaw Rd., C-2
Hamlin Pub
Independence Town Square
08-27-100-045

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Mary June Latendresse Trust Agreement
TO ALL CREDITORS:
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Mary June Latendresse Trust Agreement.
 Creditors of the trust are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Edward Louis Latendresse, named successor trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
 ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 Edward Louis Latendresse
 2745 Pontiac Lake Road N 27 W 22341 Burningswood Lane
 Waterford, Michigan 48328 Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
 (248) 682-8600 (212) 524-0310

PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
SYNOPSIS

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

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, 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, PC
 Richard Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman, Assoc.
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None requested
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jose Aliaga, Trustee; Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Tedder; David Lohmeier
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- 1. Presentation: Introduction of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- 2. Presentation: Overview and Update: Oil/Gas Drilling on Township Properties
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 1. Approval of Request for Sound Variance at Waterford Hills Road Racing for Historical Vintage Automobile Race
 - 2. Approval of Agreement with Oakland County Genealogical Society for Digitization of Historical Assessment Records
 - 3. Establishment the Beginning Date for Convening of Board of Review and Adoption of Resolution for the Granting of Hardship Exemptions
 - 4. Approval of 2013 Budget Amendment #1
 - 5. Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2012
 - 6. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll in the Amount of \$1,197,995.76.

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - 1. Approval of Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Amendment - 1st Reading
 - 2. Request to Retain Derk Beckerleg, Secret Wardle for Legal Services for Michigan Tax Tribunal Valuation Appeals
 - 3. Approval of Request to Create and Post Position and Hire Fire Department Business Manager
 - 4. Approval of Request to Create and Post Position and Hire Fire Prevention Specialist III
 - 5. Approval of the Oakland County Collaborative Asset Management System (CAMS) Intergovernmental Agreement
 - 6. Appointments to Boards and Committees: Board of Review, Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority, and Investment Advisory Committee
 - 7. Approval of Request to Amend Chapter 30, Article IV (Offenses Against Property) of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances - 2nd Reading
 - 8. Approval of Increase Late Fees for Water and Sewer Bills
- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics

O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

- 1. Report: Building Department Monthly Report for December 2012
- 2. Report: Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for November 2012
- 3. Report: Minutes Safety Path Advisory Committee Meeting-December 12, 2012
- 4. Report: Minutes Parks, Recreation & Seniors Meeting-November 15, 2012
- 5. Future Agenda Item (February 5, 2013): Presentation: Update from Jordan Development: Oil/Gas Drilling on Township Properties
- 6. Future Agenda Item (February 5, 2013): 2nd Reading of Third Amendment to Ordinance Granting the McLaren Health Care Planned Unit Development

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
 Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
 OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
 ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01
 COMPREHENSIVE ZONING
 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE, AMEND AND RE-FORMAT CHAPTER 50, "ZONING" OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR PURPOSES OF INCORPORATING FORMATTING CHANGES AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCES:

Section 1. Ordinance Amendment
 Chapter 50, "Zoning," of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety to read as revised and comprehensively reformatted in the Charter Township of Independence zoning ordinance text that is attached to, part of, and adopted by this Ordinance.

Section 2. Savings
 Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent or affect proceedings that have begun for the prosecution or abatement of any violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance, which matters are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced. Any property, use, building or structure that was unlawful or nonconforming at the effective date of this ordinance and that is also unlawful or nonconforming under this ordinance shall remain unlawful or nonconforming, as the case may be. A project approved under the terms and conditions of the prior zoning ordinance shall maintain said approval. For a site plan as part of a special land use, the rules, regulations and conditions of the original approval under the prior zoning ordinance shall remain in effect for a period as specified in the prior zoning ordinance and the lots, uses, and structures approved there under shall constitute non-conforming lots, uses and structures to the extent they or any of them are not in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance, subject to compliance with the rules, regulations and conditions of the original approval under the prior zoning ordinance. For a Planned Unit Development, Planned Residential Development, and Cluster Lot Development and Planned Rezoning Overlay, the rules, regulations and conditions of an approval under the prior zoning ordinance shall remain in effect for a period as specified in the prior ordinance and/or the approval of said project and the lots, uses, and structures approved there under shall constitute non-conforming lots, uses and structures to the extent they or any of them are not in compliance with the requirements of this ordinance, subject to compliance with the rules, regulations and conditions of the original approval under the prior zoning ordinance. If an approved plan, expires under the above terms, a new plan will need to be submitted for review and approval under the terms, regulations and conditions of this ordinance. Any consent judgment entered into by the Township prior to adoption of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect under and subject to the terms and conditions of the consent judgment.

Section 3. Effective Date
 The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to

take effect on the date provided by applicable law following publication.

Section 4. Enactment

This Ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting called and held on the ____ day of _____, 2013, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

AYES:
 NAYES:
 ABSTENTIONS:
 STATE OF MICHIGAN)ss
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND)
 I, the undersigned, the qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2013, the original of which is on file in my office.
 BARBARA A. PALLOTTA, Clerk
 Charter Township of Independence

Introduced: 1/29/2013
 Adopted:
 Published: 2/13/2013
 Effective:

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
 WATERFORD MONTESSORI ACADEMY
 4660 MIDLAND AVE., WATERFORD, MI 48329
 PUBLIC NOTICE**

An organizational meeting shall be held by the Board of Directors of the Waterford Montessori Academy. The meeting shall be held on Feb. 27, 2013 at 5 p.m.

Waterford Montessori Academy
 4660 Midland Ave.
 Waterford, MI 48329

Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors are available at:
 Waterford Montessori Academy
 4660 Midland Ave.
 Waterford, MI 48329

Any person with a disability who needs accommodations for participation in this meeting should contact Lorilyn K. Coggins, Board Liaison Officer at (810) 750-3007 at least 5 days in advance of the meeting to request assistance.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
 PROBATE COURT 2013-348, 198-DE
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Mildred Ruth Stauffer aka Mildred R. Stauffer. Date of birth: 11/7/1918.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mildred Ruth Stauffer, died 11/20/13
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Steven Hall, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

2-7-13
 Steven Hall
 3062 Whitefield
 Waterford, MI 48329
 248.787.8728
 Kathryn M. Canuso (P44723)
 6480 Citation Drive
 Clarkston, MI 48346
 248.825-0600

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
 PROBATE COURT
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Scott Alan Atwood. Date of birth: 7-8-58
TO ALL CREDITORS:
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Scott Alan Atwood, died Nov. 15, 2012.
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Glenda Golden, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Glenda Golden
 5218 Rossmound Ln.
 Waterford, Michigan 48327
 (248) 212-2005

Community events?
 Tell us about them at
 ClarkstonNews@gmail.com
 or call us at 248-625-3370

Hartley Longair, 82,

Hartley Wayne Longair, 82, of Palm Harbor, died Jan. 16, 2013.

He was a loving and devoted husband and father. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Mary Jo; son Jon; daughters, Kris (Kit) and Karen (Don); four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was Jan. 19 at the Church on the Bayou Presbyterian Church in Tarpon Springs. Wayne was a long time Clarkston resident.

Councilman's office hours

Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol will have an office hour each month on the Thursday before the city's second council meeting. Next is Feb. 21, 7-8 p.m. at Village Bakery on Main Street.

"My desire is to reach out to the people of the city more," said Sabol. "I'm here for them and to hear what they have to say."

Locals who came to Sabol's first office hour talked with him about the council's budgeting procedures and about finding a new city manager to replace Dennis Ritter, who intends to retire in April.

Sabol said he intends to hold office hours for his entire term in office and will notify residents if he won't be able to make it via the "Village of Clarkston" Facebook page or on his page, www.facebook.com/michael.sabol.

Contact Sabol by emailing him at m.sabol@sbcglobal.net.

- Mary Keck

Presenter on reserve

Independents for Responsible Government hosts David Littmann's presentation "The Real Threat of the Federal Reserve," 6:30 p.m., Feb. 20, at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road.

Littmann, senior economist for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, will discuss how government policies impact economic recovery locally and nationally. Networking starts at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. The group was formerly known as Independent Tea Party Patriots. For more information, check www.I4RG.com.

Locals lead Frankenstein

Starlight Theater's musical production of *Young Frankenstein* features Clarkston residents Scott Rajala, Camy Sylvestre, Matthew Cross as Igor, and 2004 Clarkston High School graduate Matt Dudek as The Monster.

Based on the Mel Brooks movie, showtimes are Feb. 15-16 and 22-23, 7:30 p.m.; Feb 17 and 24, 2 p.m., at Starlight Theater, 7370 Highland Road in Waterford.
 For more information, call 248-886-8880.

6-year-old fights cancer with family, friends' help

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Despite the initial surgery, his tumor returned.

As a result of Jack's illness, Jason Heming has watched his son undergo two additional surgeries, blood transfusions, MRIs, and months of radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Through it all, Jack has been a fighter, his dad said.

Jack doesn't like needles, but "he's never complained about it," Heming pointed out. "He just does it. Even in the hospital, he wants to play and doesn't lose energy."

Although the initial cancer diagnosis came as a shock to the Heming family, dealing with Jack's illness is now routine. "It's a part of daily life now," Heming said.

These days, 6-year-old Jack is busy with kindergarten, and when he has to be gone for chemo, his teacher sends homework home. Despite needing to be away from the classroom, Jack does well in school.

Like other kindergartners, he loves Legos and riding scooters. After getting a Big Wheel for Christmas, Jack's been speeding passed nurses in the halls of the hospital. He also enjoys spending time in the kitchen, and he's even created a cooking show.

Donning a green chef's hat and uniform, Jack prepares sandwiches, burritos, cookies, and cupcakes before the camera. Then, with the help of his mother and aunt, videos are posted on his Facebook page called "Jack's Fight."

Jack's energy and upbeat attitude is what gives his father inspiration.

"He's done so great it actually gives me the outlook that he may pull through this," Heming said.

Even though he spends a lot of time with doctors,

Jack doesn't fully understand the severity of his condition, his father explained. "He doesn't know what it could mean in the long run," he said.

Instead, Jack thinks of his tumor as a monkey in his brain and talks about forming an army to attack the bad monkey.

Looking to soldiers for help is a familiar concept to Jack because his father is a Marine Corp staff sergeant who has been serving for 13 years. While teaching parachute courses at Ft. Lee, Virginia, he and his wife take Jack back and forth to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis for treatments.

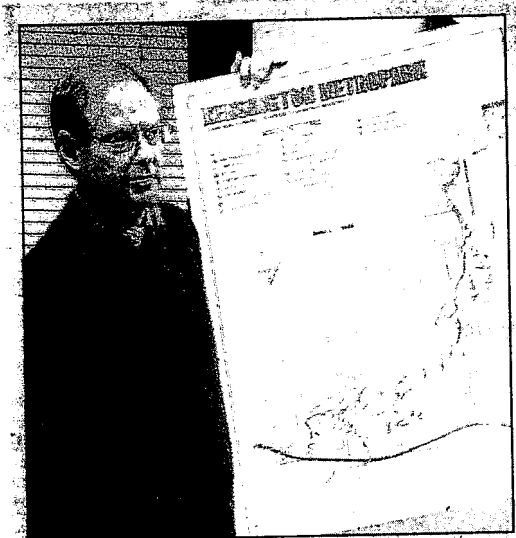
The cost of traveling for doctor's visits has been expensive, Heming said, but notes with gratitude that many have donated to "Jack's Fight" through his Facebook page. Jack's grandparents, who reside in Clarkston, have collected donations at work to help out too.

According to grandparents Peggy and Tim Heming, "it's been a rollercoaster ride."

The hardest part is that their children and grandkids live in Virginia, and Jack can't always travel because he needs to make his cancer treatments, said Jack's grandmother. Spending time with Jack and his older brother, Jason, is a treat they get only a couple of times a year.

Despite all Jack's family has been through, "we just keep our hopes up," Heming said.

Jack's final round of chemotherapy will be in March, and he and his family are optimistic that the doctors will have good news. See photos, videos, and updates by finding Jack's Fight on www.facebook.com.



LOOKING FOR OIL: Mike Arens, Indian Springs Metropark engineer (pictured), along with Chris Bickley of Jordan Exploration, responds to queries from the Independence Township Board of Trustees about oil and gas exploration. With questions answered, Supervisor Pat Kittle said he would be looking at Jordan Exploration's lease agreement proposal with Attorney Steve Joppich over the next couple of weeks. Photo by Mark Keck



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Interest rates are variable and subject to change. Fees may reduce earnings on the account. This offer is limited to one per household. New account(s) must remain open for a minimum of 180 days or an early account closing fee will be assessed along with the \$200 bonus payment. For tax purposes, the customer will receive a 1099-INT form from Flagstar. This offer expires June 30, 2013. Offer subject to change or cancellation at any time without notice. Loan programs available only to qualified borrowers; underwriting terms and conditions apply. Offer available to Michigan residents only.

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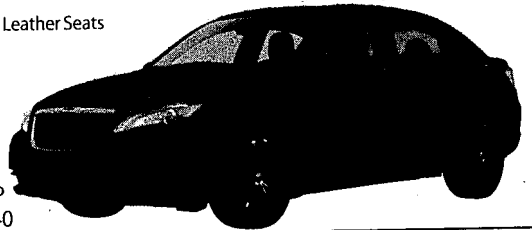
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Employee Sale Price **\$16,421***

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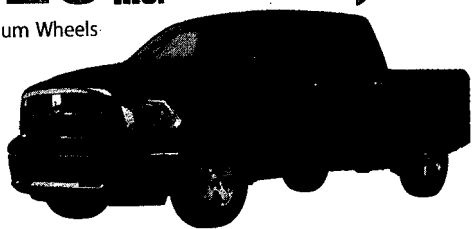
MSRP \$25,340

2013 Ram 1500 Crew Cab Express 4x4



24 mo. Lease **\$129*** mo.
Employee Sale Price **\$23,978***

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- Hemi

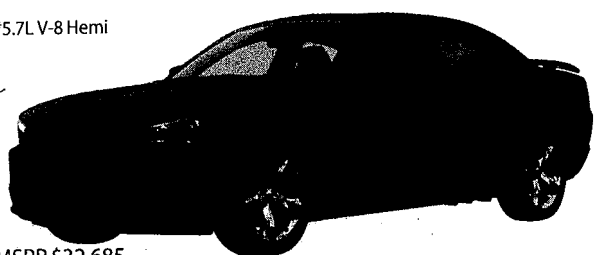


MSRP \$36,625

2013 Dodge Charger R/T

24 mo. Lease **\$131*** mo.
Employee Sale Price **\$22,196***

*5.7L V-8 Hemi



MSRP \$32,685

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Employee Sale Price **\$16,499***

MSRP \$25,870



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- 2011 GMC Sierra 1500
16,867 miles ~ \$21,496
- 2007 Saturn Aura XE
76,405 miles ~ \$8,481
- 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT
11,669 miles ~ \$25,586
- 2007 Saturn OUTLOOK
87,133 miles ~ \$10,988
- 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500
115,381 miles ~ \$11,968
- 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT
25,323 miles ~ \$24,523
- 2010 GMC Acadia
37,531 miles ~ \$19,988
- 2008 Saturn OUTLOOK XR
78,489 miles ~ \$15,478
- 2008 Saturn ION 2
51,244 miles ~ \$5,988





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