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Revamped digs for chamber

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce has a new look and renewed mission, reflected in its newly renovated headquarters at 5856 S. Main Street.

"We're very, very excited," said Penny Shanks, chamber executive director, at the grand reopening and ribbon cutting, Feb. 19.

Paisley wallpapered walls and offices are gone, leaving a large, open space equipped with chairs, computers on desks and stand-up stations, and file cabinets, all on wheels.

"They can be configured in many different ways, classroom, board room, round table - tremendous flexibility," she said. "We can do more on a spontaneous basis."

The benching-system layout replaces an antiquated design, a jump of several decades, said Kevin Harrison of KH Home in Clarkston, who designed it.

Instead of workers closed off in offices or cubicles separated by walls and file cabinets, the new layout is open and adaptable.

"It's the current trend," he said. "People rarely need as much storage as their fingertips as they think they do - if you only use something once or twice a year, do

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Penny Shanks, executive director of Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and Molly Shamma, behind the desk, show off the new chamber headquarters. Photo by Phil Custodio

Memorial playground planned for Kennedy

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Ryan Kennedy loved sports, especially baseball and football, and also playing outside in a park.

So in his memory, the Friends of Ryan Kennedy are raising money for a playground at Clintonwood Park. He passed away after a five year battle against Ependymoma brain cancer in May 2012, two days after he turned 10-years-old.



Ryan Kennedy

A fund raiser this Saturday at Bucksshots Bar & Grill, 7 p.m., will help build a 13,000-square-foot playground for all ages. The equipment was chosen by Kennedy's family to accommodate children of all stages of health and physical abilities for all to enjoy.

The playground equipment costs \$300,000 and the goal is to start construction in spring 2014.

The fund raiser will include a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, lottery tree and drink specials. They will also have T-shirts, hats and Ryan Kennedy bracelets for sale.

One of the many donations is from McCourt's Music - a guitar, guitar stand and four free lessons. For more, you will have to go to Bucksshots on Saturday.

They will also have a Big Screen TV raffle, one ticket is \$5 or get three tickets for \$10.

The event will also have live entertainment from Matts Walls and The Locals.

The Friends of Ryan Kennedy is offering commemorative plaques to recognize generous donors. They will be on display at the memorial playground. They are included with corporate sponsorships for \$5,000 and up and comes with invitations to the Playground Partners Sponsor Thank You event.

The idea was started at a recap meeting of Kids Day, held by Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

"Kelly Hyer and I have done the Kids Day in the Park for the last seven years," said Jamie Nye, owner of Great Turtle Toys in Clarkston. "We decided we wanted to turn it into a fund raiser and dedicate the event to Ryan."

From there the idea snowballed into building a playground in Kennedy's memory.

After the money is raised for the playground, they will continue raising money for Friends of Ryan Kennedy's second goal which is to help families going through similar circumstances as Kennedy and his family were in.

"We are hoping to have a fundraiser every year to do

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Victor "Pap" Fife, in the "Navy" ball cap, was a regular in the stands at Clarkston basketball games, watching his son Dan Fife coach the Wolves. File photo

A win for Pap

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sport Writer

A Clarkston High School sports patriarch is gone but his spirit lives on in his son, Coach Dan Fife and the Wolves basketball team.

Prior to the game the Wolves heard the news one of their loyal fans, Victor "Pap" Fife, Coach Dan Fife's dad, passed away earlier in the day, Feb. 22.

Cagers, who know Pap well from his regular presence in the stands, battled through their emotions Friday night to pull out a win over a familiar foe.

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Spring Sports Preview

Hey Sports Fans! The Clarkston News' annual Clarkston High School Spring Sports preview is in the works right now! Help celebrate these young athletes as they take to the field this spring. Sponsor a team and be a part of this keepsake section!

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A cappella contest

Clarkston High School Vocal Music Department hosts the International Championship of High School A Cappella this Saturday at the high school's performing arts center, 7 p.m.

The competition features six competing high school a cappella groups from Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, including two groups from Clarkston High School, the Madrigals and Concert Choir. Each group is competing for a chance to advance to the finals in New York City.

"We really hope the community comes out in support of our talented and dedicated singers. It would be great to see a packed house full of Clarkston pride rooting on the Madrigals and Concert Choir," said Brian Haverkate, Vocal Music Director at Clarkston High School.

In addition to the competing groups, Central Harmony from Central Michigan University will perform and emcee the event.

Clarkston's own Detroit Voice will also be making a special appearance in the show as the judges make their final decisions.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and are available at the door. For more information, visit www.clarkstonchoirs.com or e-mail bdhaverkate@clarkston.k12.mi.us.



Keegan Sulecki presents information on how to use e-books, readers, and other devices. Photos by Mary Keck

Library classes get electronic readers up to speed

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

These days, your library card comes in handy even if you're not in the building. Many are poring over e-readers instead of the traditional hard and paperback books, so in recent years the Clarkston Independence District Library lends electronically.

According to Keegan Sulecki, the library's Head of Technical Services, patrons are increasingly coming to the reference desk with questions about using their Kindles, iPads, Androids, and Nooks to check out reading materials. As a result, Sulecki's been offering presentations on how to use your e-reader to browse for and download library books.

E-readers offer the convenience of enjoying your favorite books from just about anywhere with Internet access. They also allow users to resize the text to suit their vision capabilities.

While electronic reading devices have advantages, Sulecki notes that not everyone who has one is tech savvy. Her classes are geared to those "who need extra help," she said.

During her presentation, Sulecki takes participants step-by-step through how to access the library's e-reader service called "Overdrive."

Donations from the Clarkston Area Lions Club help make Overdrive available, and Sulecki points out, "we do our best to make sure people can use the service."

Once Sulecki's explains how to use Overdrive, she takes time to help each individual download e-books and

audiobooks to their particular device.

"It's not that difficult once you know how to use it, but getting started can be a little intimidating," Sulecki said.

On Feb. 19, Marge Lugar came by for Sulecki's presentation on downloadable e-books with her new Nook. "It's not simple," Lugar said. "I need lots of information."

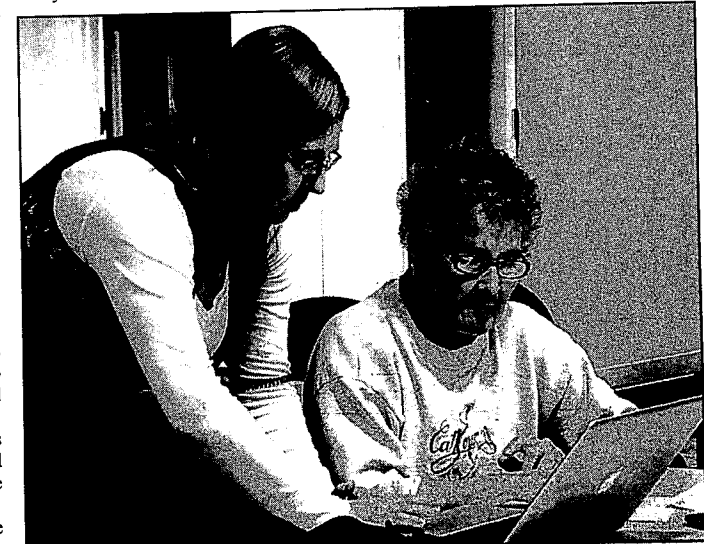
After Lugar browsed for a book she wanted to download, Sulecki worked with her one-on-one to show her how to use her Nook.

By the end of the session, "we were able

to successfully download an e-book onto her Mac and transfer it to her Nook," Sulecki said.

The Clarkston Independence District Library will continue giving presentations on downloadable e-books and audiobooks, and Sulecki said she usually holds them around the holidays when most patrons receive e-readers as gifts.

Interested parties can get help at the library's reference desk throughout the year too. Go to www.indelib.org to find out more information.



Keegan Sulecki teaches Marge Lugar about e-books.

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Clarkstonite raises temps in Antarctica

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With forecasts calling for more snow, Michiganians may be grumbling, but Clarkston High School graduate Eric Woolley would find our temperatures quite mild.

He's been living in Antarctica at the National Science Foundation's McMurdo research station since August 2012 where temperatures can get as low as -56 degrees Fahrenheit.

"The South Pole station has hit -117 F. Yes, that is 117 below zero," Woolley confirmed.

He keeps a close eye on the temperature because his work as a contractor in Antarctica is all about staying warm.

"My main duty here is keeping the heat on in the buildings. That is important all year this close to the South Pole," he explained. The McMurdo science station is located 850 miles from the earth's most southern point.

In particular, Woolley says maintaining warmth "is very important in the winter (April-September) as the temperatures can reach to -56 F with the average being -25 F. Summer temperatures average around a balmy 32 F."

In addition to the challenge of keeping the station warm there are other obstacles facing Woolley as he works in Antarctica.

"The sun sets April 24 and rises Aug. 19 this year," he said. "I have just spent the summer here (the seasons are opposite in the southern hemisphere) and will work through the winter. The sun is up for 24 hours in the summer and does not rise in the winter."

With or without sunshine, those living in the McMurdo station are still hard at work. The scientists' fields of study range from astrophysics, glacial geology, and ocean and atmospheric sciences.

"The population here at McMurdo rises to 1,100 in the summer season because that is when most of the science activity happens. With 24 hours of daylight, we do have 24 hour operations to support the scientific community that is based here," said Woolley.

In the winter, McMurdo's population drops to around 150 people, and as one of the few inhabiting the science station, it's Woolley's responsibility "to keep what buildings that are kept operating during the winter season from freezing."

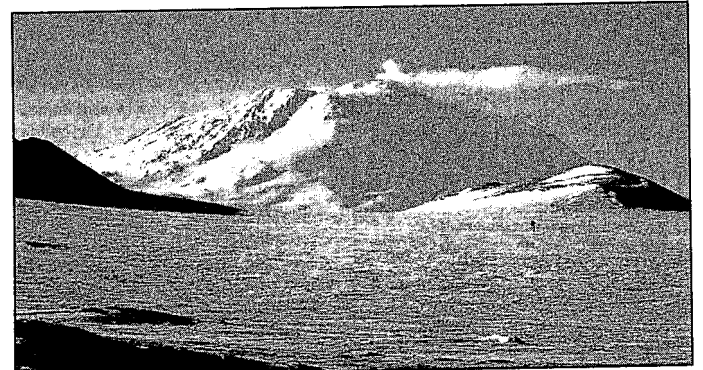
He describes Antarctica as "snow white with volcanic mountains sticking up here and there. It is devoid of any greenery."

Although it might seem impossible for any animals to survive in such a place, Woolley's seen "transient seals, penguins, and an occasional orca whale. McMurdo is a sea port, so when the ice breaks up in the summer and you have open water, you do see the marine life," he said.

Despite the familiar sight of cold-loving critters, the humans stationed at McMurdo



Contractor Eric Woolley arrives in Antarctica on a USAF cargo plane that lands on a sea ice runway at the National Science Foundation's McMurdo station.



Mt. Erebus, the southern most active volcano, spewing out its constant steam. It is 12,000 feet high and 20 miles from the McMurdo station. Photos provided

are isolated. They are 2,400 miles from the closest civilization in New Zealand.

However, Woolley said, "with 1,100 people concentrated in the half square mile station, you feel like you are in downtown Clarkston."

While Antarctica may feel like home at times, there are some significant differences.

All the supplies needed to survive are flown in by United States Air Force cargo plane or on a cargo ship in summer. "So it's not like running to Kroger or Wal-Mart when you need something," Woolley pointed out.

To reach his cold destination, Woolley flew from Los Angeles to New Zealand, a 13-hour flight. Once he landed in New Zealand, he picked up the extreme weather clothing he'll give back when he leaves Antarctica.

"From New Zealand, we traveled by USAF cargo planes to the sea ice runway at McMurdo. The sea ice at the runway site is 800 feet thick and is part of the Ross ice

shelf," Woolley explained.

The McMurdo station has a small shop where Woolley can pick up basics like toothpaste and soap. "You can order and have things shipped to the Post Office, but that only happens from October-February. From March-August, there are no flights or ships that can make it here," he said.

When Woolley isn't busy with his 6-day a week schedule, there are activities in Antarctica besides maintaining the heat in buildings. The McMurdo station has a gym, chapel, library, and a bar, he said.

Woolley's work in Antarctica will be done in October, and he'll fly back to warmer climates.

Although living in a stark polar region may seem foreign to many, Woolley assures, "Antarctica grows on you."

Find out more about the McMurdo research station on the United States Antarctic Program website, USA.gov.

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Cable committee needs info before final OK

Independence Television Community Public Access Township Committee gave the go-ahead for negotiations to continue between the township and Clarkston Community Schools for a combined public access station, but not without questions.

"This is happening faster than I'm comfortable with," said committee member Joette Kuse at a Feb. 21 special meeting. "It would be helpful to us to see Mt. Clemens, to see how they work."

The City of Mount Clemens and Mount Clemens Community Schools partner in the Macomb Cable Network. Their public access studio, which is in Mt. Clemens High School, is a model for a new Independence Television, said Pat Kittle, Independence Township supervisor.

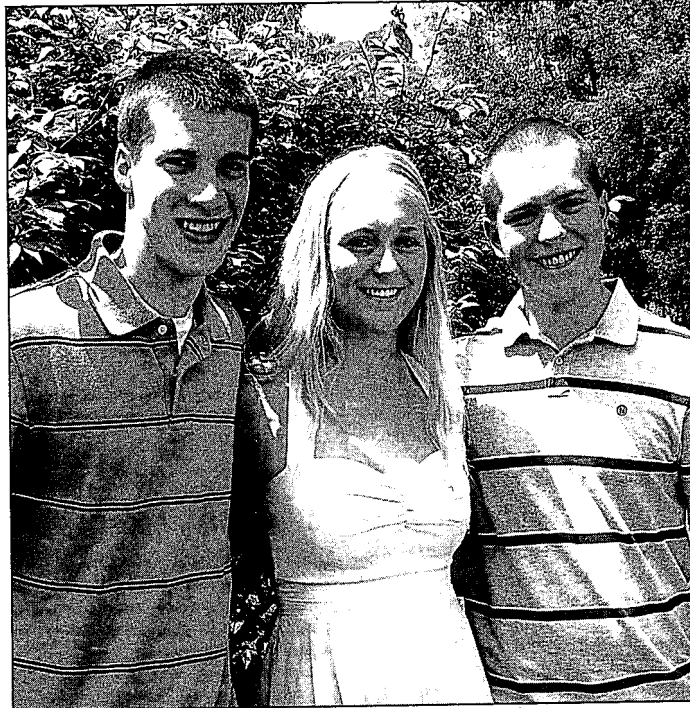
There are other options, Kuse said.

"Last year, I asked the committee about partnering with our neighbors Orion Township, Oxford Township or Waterford Township," she said. "The neighboring townships have found ways to recruit volunteers, train them, film community events and have an audience to watch their shows."

Kittle is working with school administrators to draft an agreement to form an independent consortium to run Independence Television. Independence Township receives about \$200,000 in PEG fees every month, billed to cable television subscribers. If approved, the fees would go to the school district as a capital lease.

Committee members plan to tour the Mt. Clemens studio before making a final decision.

- Phil Custodio



Michael Hart, Emily Hawkins and Troy Hughes are the 2012 awardees of the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club scholarships. Photo provided

Farm, garden club offers scholarships

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club offers four \$1,000 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

The scholarships are open to all Clarkston-area students. Application essay deadline is March 8.

Application can be made with the Com-

mon High School Scholarship Form 2013, available through the Chamber of Commerce. Applications are also available at Clarkston High School, Everest Collegiate High School, Renaissance High School, and Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest.

Briefly

One more deputy

In a 5:1 vote, the Independence Township Board of Trustees approved the hire of one more patrol officer to cover a shift from 3-11 p.m.

Trustee David Lohmeier opposed the motion; Supervisor Pat Kittle was absent. Lt. Dirk Feneley of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office said the afternoon shift is the busiest, and the patrol officer position was eliminated in 2010 due to budget constraints. Deputies are paid an hourly rate of \$43.27 and \$64.90 during overtime.

Veterans at Fourth

All veterans and members of the armed forces are invited to participate in the Veteran's Recognition Celebration at Independence Festival of Fun and Fireworks, July 4, in Clintonwood Park.

The event, which follows the Fourth of July parade in Clarkston, includes a ceremony honoring veterans, special honors for World War II veterans, veterans' memorabilia in Carriage House, military vehicles, and other displays.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

No PEG for me

The issue of Clarkston-area public access TV continues. Independence Township and Clarkston school officials are working to create a combined community cable operation, based out of the high school.

I'm glad to see the township and schools working together and it would be nice to have local programming on local cable. And there's the money. Cable subscribers fork over about \$200,000 a month in PEG fees for public access programming.

Ideally, there would be another option to explore – to examine whether people need or want PEG programming at all.

To me, public access is like *Wayne's World*. Mike Myers created that for Saturday Night Live to reflect the reality of the 1990s – public access television was the only way to get your show out to the public.

Now with YouTube and the rest of the internet, it isn't. That's where current school programming goes now anyway. A new public access channel would only add to that.

Eliminating PEG fees altogether should be an option, but it's not. Local government depends on them, so they're not going anywhere. If the township doesn't get them, the state would be more than happy to claim them for itself.

There are other options, though - maybe. I dropped cable last year, surviving on Netflix and the internet. My internet bill doesn't include PEG charges, though they could be hidden, I suppose.

I haven't missed it that much.

I stream Netflix's "watch instantly" stuff onto my television through my Wii, along with YouTube and other Internet stuff if I want. Newer televisions don't need a Wii or anything else to watch the internet – wireless antennas are included.

I still watch too much TV, since now there's so much on there I want to watch. Anime is my thing nowadays. Those Japanese cartoonists tell some compelling stories, let me tell you.

And it's remarkably accessible. A small group of hardworking voice actors down in Texas dub tons of those shows into English, and they tour heavily to promote them.

The voice actor playing the main character in *Fullmetal Alchemist* showed up in Alma for a convention a couple weeks ago. I got his autograph.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

A call to respect neighbors when open burning

Dear Editor,

I'd like to respond to the concerns about the burn policy ("Residents hot over burn bans," Feb. 13). I am affected by it as one of the individuals with a health concern is a neighbor. Personally, all they would have to do is ask me not to burn and I wouldn't. But there is another neighbor who likes to burn from 7 a.m. till after dark, up to 16 hours straight at times, and its suffocating. Fortunately, that property is included in the 400 foot "ban" area, which will benefit everyone's health.

If I have a fire, I'd like to hold in a burn pit. I will discuss/coordinate it with my neighbor

to make sure there is no negative effect. Having one inconsiderate neighbor, I can understand the other's dilemma. I think its a sad commentary on society that some folks are more concerned with themselves than they are about being a good neighbor.

Having said that, I've lived in communities where there was a complete ban on backyard fires and leaf burning. I wish that was the case here. It's much healthier when you don't have to hold your breath or gag while out walking.

Tammie Heazlit
Independence Township

Renewed hunting too risky for wolves, reader says

Dear Editor,

In the article "Resident wants to ban wolf hunting," Feb. 13, Mr. Ed Golder of the Department of Natural Resources said, "managing wildlife through a ballot referendum we don't think is a good idea."

If the use of politics to manage wildlife is a bad idea, then why accommodate a bill passed by a special interest group to allow trophy hunting? The bill was passed Dec. 28, 2012. This was four weeks before the Grey Wolf was removed from the Endangered Species List.

The Grey Wolf has been protected in our state for 50 years and there are only 687 of them. Allowing wolf hunting again will risk sending the species back to the brink of extinction where they were 50 years ago. The DNR does have a current wolf management system that deals with wolves that are attacking livestock or pets and this system does work.

It is important to note there has not been a recorded attack by a wolf on a human in the state of Michigan. Wolves are afraid of humans. This is why we will not see them in large numbers again.

In the article, Mr. Golder also said "...we're moving in a very deliberate and thoughtful fashion." This does allow the use of steel-jaw traps (painful, inhumane leg hold traps) and such hunting methods as baiting wolves with piles of meat and shooting them point-blank, chasing them down with packs of dogs, and aerial gunning where the wolves are shot from helicopters.

Visit www.keepwolvesprotected.com for a list of local "Howl-Ins" where volunteers will have petitions available or call 517-993-5201. Thank you.

Eileen Drenikowski,
Independence Township

Herbicides for phragmites safe in small amounts,

Dear Editor,

In response to the column "Beware unintended consequences," Feb. 13, which asks "because we want to save our native plants, should we spray phragmites with chemicals that will run onto the soil and into our groundwater," we urge citizens and governments of Oakland County to preserve our wetlands and natural areas by controlling invasive plants.

Pulling and cutting, adjustments in water levels, controlled burns, and other non-chemical techniques are everyone's first choice to remove invasive plants. Once phragmites (tall reed) have become established, as is the case along White Lake Road in Clarkston, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDEQ and MDNR), and The Nature Conservancy all recommend the judicious use of herbicides. Phragmites has roots that grow 10 feet below ground. Pulling is impossible and actually stimulates more rapid

growth, and mowing and burning do not eliminate phragmites. For these reasons, herbicide will be needed to control the phragmites infestation along White Lake Road in Clarkston.

Herbicides to control phragmites are used in very small quantities; measured in teaspoons or cups for a patch of phragmites. The phragmites along White Lake Road in Clarkston are being mowed and burned as part of an integrated pest management program to minimize the quantity of herbicide needed, following the best management approaches actively being used by the Indian Springs Metro Park, Independence Oaks County Park, MDEQ, MDNR, and The Nature Conservancy. Small quantities of herbicide will be hand swiped or hand sprayed onto individual phragmites stalks, to minimize contact with native plants and ensure that herbicide will not run onto the soil or into the surface water or ground water. The herbicide will be applied

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1998

"Back by popular demand" The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program had been cancelled at the elementary school level, but Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Dave Hernandez was kept on hand to teach fifth graders about the consequences of drugs, gangs, and violence.

"A British evening benefits Lighthouse" The Clarkston Village Players and 221 B Baker Street, a new restaurant on Dixie Highway in Springfield Township, are coming together on a British-themed event to benefit Lighthouse Clarkston. A special performance of "An Act of Imagination" an English mystery story, will benefit Lighthouse, as will a reception at Baker Street, which is done up in a Sherlock Holmes theme.

25 years ago - 1988

"Public airs opinions on budget cuts" Over 150 Clarkston school district residents and staff members jammed the meeting room and clustered in the hallways around door openings during the school board's public hearing on "Plan A." Under Plan A, the district's administrators have recommended budget reductions of \$1.7million for the 1988-89 school year.

"Independence donates cash to help youngsters" A \$6,000 donation to the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance was approved by the Independence Township Board last week after Chairperson Merelyn Mallet told the board about the organization's work.

50 years ago - 1963

"Primary election returns" Jack Levitsky was defeated by incumbent Supervisor Duane Hursfall on the Republican ticket by a 416 vote margin during the Independence Township primary election. Hursfall received 551 votes.

"Ronk-Greene Honored" The Clarkston Area Jaycees awarded Frank (Tink) Ronk Clarkston's Outstanding Young Man of the Year. Dr. L.F. Greene was chosen for Outstanding Boss of the year.

"New Art Courses Offered" The Village Friends of Art offered children's classes in drawing and ceramics, which will continue for ten weeks at the old Methodist Church on Buffalo street. The classes are under the able instruction of Eleanor Striner and Ingfvar Davison.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY: Members of North Sashabaw Elementary School Alpha Club volunteered at Clarkston Specialty Center on Clintonville Road, Feb. 14, to decorate and deliver cookies to residents. The club also serves the community with Baskets at Christmas for families in need and Go Blue Day at the school. "We had so much fun," said Melanie Wilson, Alpha Club leader. "This has proven to be a lesson in itself for them to realize that no matter what age, what color, what financial status we are, we are all people and of great worth."

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The power of the printed word

Hmm? What's going on?

Well, I have been remiss in my duties as a purveyor of locally written and or provocative literature. You didn't know that was one of my duties? Well, it is -- even if it's a little known facet of my life as town's *Newspaper Guy*.

For the record my new business card does not say: Don Rush, reporter nor editor. It says: Don Rush, Newspaper Guy.

I figured a "title" like Assistant Publisher or Ad Manager or Columnist or Circulation Director or Snow Shoveler was too restrictive and those titles didn't have any pizzazz. So, I changed my business card to be more inclusive of the stuff I do, do.

At any rate, folks like to send me stuff. Sometimes spiteful words wishing that certain parts of me would wither away and fall off.

Most of the time folks just send in story ideas, constructive criticisms and the like. And, occasionally, they send me books to peruse, books they've written or ones they have read.

I have a stack of four books just collecting dust on the table next to my bed folks have sent that I haven't told you about. Let's change that, shall we?

This past summer Addison Township resident Gloria Nixon-John, sent me her book, *The Killing Jar*. She wrote a little note inside, "To Don, who still knows the power of the printed word." Thank you, Gloria.

I got into this book chapters at a time. Then I would put it down and resume weeks later. Not because I didn't like it, I was just bummed out by it.

The Killing Jar is based on the story of one of the youngest kids in America

charged with a heinous murder. It's co-authored by the kid's psychologist Robert Noelker and is interesting because of this inside information.

How did this killer become a killer, what was his thought process and how did the "system," his community and family let him down?

Interesting, but it's still a bummer. If you like true crime books, head over to Barnes & Noble or go on-line to Amazon.com.

Onalee Stonerock up Davison way (but originally from Clarkston), sent me the book, *The Energy Non-Crisis* by Lindsey Williams.

Onalee has been very patient with me, as she sent me this book to read this past July, after reading a column where I complained about gas prices. Said Onalee in a note, "Dear Don, You might want to read this book -- it's a real eye-opener."

The book went through at least seven printings from 1980 through 1988 and documents the author's personal interviews with oil execs and government types. The author reports why gas prices are so high, and why they shouldn't be!

Thank you Onalee. (You can now come by the office and pickup your book.)

Not too long ago (so I'm not that much in trouble), Jill Stodola of Atlas Township, forked over her book, *Cadavers and Cocktails* -- a collection of true stories from dark to light. Jill has put together a collection of "stories" from her life.

I put quotations around stories because the stories are almost poem-like. Some short, some long. Her life's ups and her life's down. Quick and interesting read. You can keep up on Jill and find out where you can get your hands on a copy of the book on the *Cadavers and Cocktails* Facebook Page.

Finally, somebody sent me a copy of *The Great Debasement -- the 100-year dying of the dollar and how to get America's money back*, by Craig R. Smith.

I think this blurb on the back cover says it all, "After 100 years of deliberate debasement, the U.S. Dollar is dying. Our politicians have deceptively siphoned off so much of its value that a 2012 dollar has only two pennies of the purchasing power of the 1913 dollar."

I recommend you read it. It'll either make your blood boil or give you something to hate. It's pretty darned easy to read, so you can get down with it in a couple of days.

On a side note: I think we could get more of the younger generation interested in the written word if we traded classes like *English Literature for Locally Written or Provocative Literature*. Any of the world-class school districts in the area feel free to use this idea. Go ahead, steal it. I dare you.

Comments for *Newspaper Guy* can be e-mailed to Don@ShermanPublications.org

Measure, then manage it

I learned something a long time ago from my experiences as an automotive executive ... "if you can't measure it, you can't manage it."

Detailed job descriptions, measurable goals and objectives, quarterly performance reviews, training and job coaching, and compensation based on merit -- not just tenure -- are all pretty basic principles in the private business sector.

Not so much with government.

That is why Independence Township is beginning to work with a performance improvement consultant to help us create a new culture within Town Hall.

A culture where team members look at their responsibilities and budgets like it was their own personal business. A culture where money saved or efficiency gains would directly benefit their business enterprise.

A culture that:

- Establishes a clear description of what is expected from each employee.
- Identifies the key skill sets required to perform that job.

- Creates mutually agreed upon measurable goals and objectives.
- Develops processes to ensure quarterly performance feedback is given.
- Provides employees the tools and training to allow them to excel in their job.

- Rewards positive behaviors and performance excellence.
- Holds individuals accountable for sub-standard performance.

Several years ago, the township embarked on a plan to create just such an environment with limited success.

The current Township Board realizes performance metrics and personal accountability are critical as the township strives to operate in the most efficient manner and has committed \$5,250 to try to bring this new mindset to government.

Is it going to be easy? No. Is it going to happen over-night? No. But every journey starts with a single step and the township has contracted with The Metiss Group to help guide us along this new path. \$5,250 for a job description? Yes. And a whole lot more. Will keep you posted.

Patrick Kittle is supervisor of Independence Township.

Supervisor's viewpoint



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Public Safety

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Damaged car

Someone damaged a car parked in a lot in the 4000 block of Maybee Road, Feb. 12. The vehicle was found pushed across the parking lot, over a landscaping berm, and into a light pole, damaging its driver's side and rear. Someone used a rock to break the driver's side window and went through paperwork in the glove box.

Just enough marijuana

A deputy on patrol stopped to check on a man parked in the Sashabaw Road Park and Ride at I-75, 8:06 p.m., Feb. 13. Smelling of marijuana, the driver, a 23-year-old Independence Township man, said the officer could search because there was nothing there anymore. The deputy, however, found flakes, stems and baggies with residue in them. The driver was cited with possession of marijuana.

Purse taken

A shopper left her purse in a motorized scooter after shopping in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, 9:33 p.m., Feb. 14. When she went back for it, it was gone. A bank card she lost along with it was later used to buy fast food in Flint, as well as a tankful of gas in Auburn Hills.

Lawn driver

A truck drove through neighborhood lawns in the 6000 block of Cranville Drive, Feb. 16. The vehicle is described as a large pick up, possibly diesel, two-tone white on top, dark on bottom, oversize truck tires, yellow marking lights along cab, and stacks on top for exhaust.

Mysterious strangers

Neighbors keeping an eye on the Cliffview Court area watched as a black SUV drove in, 2:20 p.m., Feb. 16. A passenger got out and hid something behind a post. Later, a white SUV drove in, circled the area, and left, and witnesses called police. A deputy checked the area and found a round, plastic bottle hidden with camo tape. Inside were strips of paper with street names and dates on them. The information was provided to NET detectives as possibly drug related. Detectives determined they were the product of a Geo Cache game, an internet, GPS based treasure hunt.

Suspended license

A deputy on patrol noticed a car kept turning its headlights on and off and stopped it, 7:27 p.m., Feb. 16, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. The driver, a 78-year-old Pontiac man, said his driver's license was suspended since the 1980s. An electrical problem caused the flickering lights. With driving-with-suspended-license convictions in 1997 and 2003, his case was submitted to the prosecutor's office for review.

Tinted window stop

A deputy stopped a car with tinted windows, 9:27 p.m., Feb. 17, on Waterford Road at Dixie Highway. The driver, a 20-year-old Independence Township man, and two passengers, a 20-year-old Lake Orion man and 23-year-old Waterford man, were found with three open bottles of liquor, and glass pipes, jar, and grinder with marijuana residue. The Waterford man was cited with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs, marijuana and paraphernalia possession, and open intoxicants.

Another tinted window stop

Tinted windows attracted the attention of a deputy, who stopped it, 3:50 p.m., Feb. 18, on Sashabaw Road at Bow Pointe Drive. The driver, a 19-year-old Independence Township man, and passenger, 18-year-old Independence Township man, were found with a pipe with suspected marijuana residue in it, glass jar with marijuana in it, and five cans of beer, one open. The passenger was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. With a preliminary breath test of .067, the driver was arrested and jailed for zero tolerance minor with alcohol, open intoxicants in a vehicle, and violation of a restricted driver's license.

Online boyfriend scam

An Independence Township resident had an online boyfriend who needed her help with his son's medical bills, Feb. 19. He sent her two cashier's checks for \$4,600 and \$4,800, money he said was given to him by another friend, and asked her to cash the checks and wire the money to Turkey. She deposited the checks at her bank, but wired over money from her account before the checks cleared. The checks bounced.

Bus stop stalker

An Independence Township elementary school girl was at a bus stop at Cranberry Lake and Brookwood, 8:05 a.m., Feb. 20, when she was approached by a man driving a pickup truck. The man, described as white, 50-60 years old, wearing a Detroit Tiger's baseball hat, grey sweat shirt, and blue jeans, exited his vehicle and approached the child without saying anything to her, according to police reports. The bus arrived before the man reached the child. The man then returned to his vehicle and followed the bus for a short distance. The girl did not tell the bus driver what happened and waited until she arrived home after school to tell her mother. The vehicle is described as an older model, light blue, rusty and dented two-door pickup. She said she saw the same man watching her about a month ago, but didn't report it at the time.

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Clarkston's Sporting News

This Week ...

Playoffs begin this week for the Lady Cagers in districts, hockey goes for the regional title and wrestlers head to finals.

Slam dunk on league title

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

When the excitement in the gym settled last Thursday night, the Lady Wolves finished the regular season defeating Pontiac, 58-29.

With the win they claimed the OAA Red league championship for the second consecutive year and finished undefeated in the league, 14-0.

"I am really proud of them," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk, adding they had to beat teams twice and go on the road to some tough opponents' gyms. "It's a grind and a long season. We had great senior leadership and good focus."

The game opened with a close first quarter between Clarkston and Pontiac and finished with the Lady Wolves in a 1-point lead, 11-10.

Senior Erin Davenport opened the second quarter with a charge down the court into Pontiac's territory. She took her shot as she went under the basket to put two points on the board.

It kickstarted a 24-point run for the Lady Wolves until Pontiac scored again, with 20 points scored in the second quarter.

Wasilk added Pontiac had foul trouble and injuries, taking some of the players out after the first quarter.

"It really changed the flow of the game,"

he said.

Pontiac made a move to climb back up the scoreboard in the third quarter but the Lady Wolves held them to 19 points for the second half of the game.

"The intensity was good," senior Patrice Matthews added. "Our focus was good and the underclassman stepped it up for the seniors. We came together as a team."

Sophomore Erika Davenport led the team with 23 points while Erin scored ten points and was 6-for-6 on the free throw line. Senior Delaney Kenny added seven points in the game.

The Lady Wolves begin MHSAA District playoffs this week at Oxford High School, 745 Oxford Road.

"If we focus and we keep the same mindset as we did for the league, we will be fine this year," said Matthews.

They begin with Lake Orion on Wednesday, 7 p.m.

"It's going to be a battle," added Wasilk. "It will be the classic Clarkston/Lake Orion battle. We throw the records away and come to play. It should be fun. We talked about how we finished round one against Pontiac and now we are on round two."

The winner moves on to the district finals on Friday at 7 p.m.

The district champion will move on to play next Tuesday in the first round of regional playoffs, set for 5 p.m. at Waterford Kettering.



From left, Patrice Matthews, Erin Davenport and Delaney Kenny take center court one more time in their last home game at Clarkston. Photo by WAR

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clarkston Girls Freshman team is Nydia Batiste, Alyssa Bey, Rachel Bojanowski, Madeline Bullinger, Kelsey Catania, Mary Costa, Theresa Guevara, Sarah Klimczak, Kailan Mehta, Ashley Miles, Lauren Moore, Nickola Olivia, Lauren Tait, Simone Williams and Coach Dan Vanaman. Photo provided

Undefeated season

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers took the court by storm this season, going undefeated.

The Clarkston Girls Freshman basketball team opened with a 40-9 win over Davison in their season opener, Nov. 30, and followed it up with a close win over Lake Orion, 29-28, on Dec. 4.

They would beat Lake Orion in another close match in January to keep their streak going, 25-24.

Coach Dan Vanaman added beating the Dragons twice was a few of the many highlights during the season.

"It is pretty big and good for the program," he said. "We have a special group of players."

The season began with players making a list of goals and techniques they wanted to work on during the year.

"Goals were working on dribbling," said Vanaman. "Some wanted to be more comfortable with left handed dribbling and ball control. They had their goals and I think all of them improved in at least one

area."

The girls added their last win on Feb. 19 as they closed the season at West Bloomfield, 38-14.

"It was a big win. We finished very well," said Vanaman. "We played a really solid defense. Everything worked for us. We finished strong. They didn't give up and fought hard to the end."

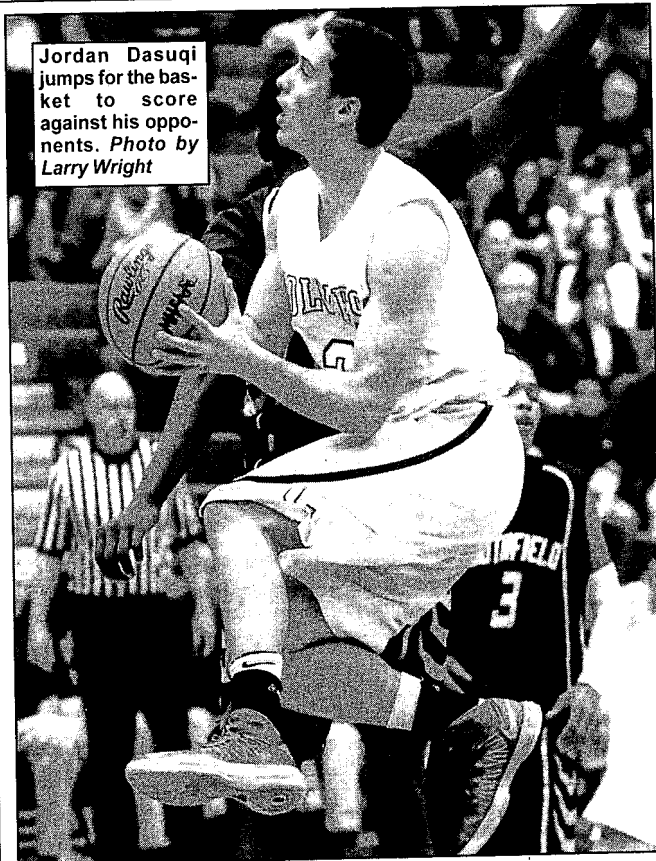
He added they will have a lot to add to the Lady Wolves basketball program as they continue onto the JV and varsity teams in the future.

"They are solid basketball players," said Vanaman. "They understand the game. They work well with each other. They understand our system and what we are trying to accomplish. They fit in really well with what we are trying to do out there."

The 2012-2013 team is Nydia Batiste, Alyssa Bey, Rachel Bojanowski, Madeline Bullinger, Kelsey Catania, Mary Costa, Theresa Guevara, Sarah Klimczak, Kailan Mehta, Ashley Miles, Lauren Moore, Nickola Olivia, Lauren Tait and Simone Williams.

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Jordan Dasuqi jumps for the basket to score against his opponents. Photo by Larry Wright

Regular season wrapping up

Continued from page 1

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team took to the floor and scored 20 points on Pontiac in the first quarter and scored another 23 points before the half ended. The Phoenix only shot 18 points past the Wolves.

The boys finished the game with a 77-37 win, putting them at 9-1 in the OAA Red and 15-3 overall.

Junior Nick Owens led the team with 28 points, scoring six field goals for the night. Senior Jordan Dasuqi added 25 points to the score with four 3-pointers.

Clarkston heads to Southfield-Lathrup on Thursday for their last game of the regular season.

They open the post-season against Lake Orion in the MHSAA Districts, 7 p.m. at Lake Orion, 495 E. Scripps.



Swimmers celebrate finishing second place in the OAA White Division league meet last week. Photo submitted

Wolfpack Update

The Wolves finished the OAA White Division league meet in second place, Feb. 22.

The Clarkston Boys Swim team scored 499.5 points and West Bloomfield took first place with 527 points. They both finished the season as co-champions since Clarkston finished undefeated in their OAA White league dual meets.

Seniors Eric Misteravich and Landon Holloway, sophomore Dalton Pokley, and freshman James Nelson opened the meet with a new league record time of 1:39.45 in the 200-yard medley relay.

Pokley went on to win the league championships in the 50-yard freestyle, in the time of 22.04, and the 100-yard butterfly, in 53.37.

Holloway won the league championship in the 100-yard backstroke in 56.10.

Junior Joe Zendejas topped the league diving competition with a final score of 374.65 points in the diving portion.

Clarkston Varsity Hockey finished the regular season in fourth place at the OAA Red Playoff Tournament on Saturday.

They lost to Farmington Hills, 4-1.

The Wolves opened the game with a goal

from junior Garrett Polish.

The Flyers came back from behind in the second period to score three goals after shooting 17 shots on the Wolves' net.

Junior goalie Nick Surovec made 29 saves in the net during the game.

Clarkston played Lake Orion in the first round of the MHSAA Pre-Regionals on Tuesday. The winner moves on in the second round on Thursday to play the Fenton/Grand Blanc winner at 7 p.m., Detroit Skate Club, 888 Denison Circle, Bloomfield Hills.

The MHSAA Regional final is Saturday at 12 p.m., Onyx Ice Arena, 52999 Dequindre Road in Rochester Hills.

Clarkston Varsity Cheerleaders finished the season at the MHSAA Districts at Davison High School, Feb. 15.

They finished in fifth place out of 14 teams. They scored 706.9 points after three rounds.

The Lady Wolves scored 222.5 points in the first round; 197.7 points in the second round; and 286.7 in the final round.

Lake Orion took first place with 748.8 points. Oxford finished second; Bay City, third and Davison, fourth.

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Light delay

Plans to install a traffic light at the intersection of Sashabaw and Flemings Lake roads have been pushed back to spring or summer 2013, according to Craig Bryson of the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC).

Bryson said he was not sure why the installation had not occurred by the end of 2012 as originally planned, but the design work for the project has been completed.

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From left, Nick Vandermeer, Adam Myers and Chris Calvano prepare for the state finals this week. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Clarkston goes for the gold at finals

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Three grapplers are getting ready to take on familiar and new foes this week at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Seniors Nick Vandermeer (152), Chris Calvano (189), and Adam Myers (215) qualified in the MHSAA Individual Regionals, Feb. 16.

"It's going to be fun," Vandermeer smiled. "It's definitely the most exciting part of the year for me," Calvano added. "It's different than any other tournament I have been to. I am going to it with a lot more experience. I feel a lot more comfortable."

It is the third trip for Vandermeer and second for Calvano while Myers is making his first trip to the finals.

"I am really excited," he said about it. "My goal is to place."

All three are preparing with hard practices and getting mentally prepared.

"I am trying not to get worried about it and to relax," Myers said. "I have been practicing pretty hard to get ready."

"Practices are harder," Calvano agreed. "I am going harder as possible so I don't have

any regrets. It's just like going to any other tournament. The competition is always good no matter what."

Vandermeer is preparing by not thinking negative thoughts and keeping his head clear for the three day tournament. He is also focusing on getting his weight right where it needs to be, which he admits has been one of the biggest obstacles for him so far this season.

"It was mostly cutting weight and staying on and around weight," he added.

Vandermeer (40-5) opens the tournament against Detroit Catholic Central's Mike Babicz (34-17).

"I have had a guy from DCC every single time I have gone to finals for my first match," he laughed. "My bracket looks pretty stacked. I am excited to wrestle them."

Calvano (37-4) will also open against DCC as he takes on Jimmy Russell (34-14). He is looking forward to seeing a few opponents including Livonia Franklin's Allen Steele, which would be the third round if both win their first two rounds.

Myers (35-16) is looking forward to seeing Waterford Kettering's Matt Okaiye again but will first open the tournament against

Holland West Ottawa's Nate Colvin (35-8). He added some of his matches this season have already prepared him for the finals as he took on wrestlers who visited states in the past.

"I beat some people who have been to states so I could make my goal to go," Myers said.

"Every match is a battle," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "Every match is a do or die match. The ones who win move on and the ones who don't drop down. Everyone is there to win a state title. Every match is a high level of competition. There are a lot of emotions and they need to be ready to go at the first whistle."

The first round of finals begins at 2 p.m. on Thursday, following the grand march at 1:45 p.m.

The competition continues on Friday and Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The final round for first place finish begins at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday. The starting weight class for every round is 285 pounds.

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English -May

Eugene and Lorrie English are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Elliott May, son of Dave and Nancy May.

Rachel graduated from Oakland University in 2012 with a bachelor's in journalism and will graduate from Michigan State University in June with a master's in sport administration.

Elliott is currently employed at Quicken Loans as a mortgage banker.

Both are Clarkston High School alum, Elliott graduated in 2004, while Rachel in 2008. A wedding is planned for May 2014.



Elliott and Rachel

Students achieve success

Brooke Donna Huisman was chosen by Sashabaw Plains Chapter of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for Clarkston High School's DAR Good Citizen for 2012-2013. The award is based on Leadership, Dependability, Service, and Patriotism.

Allison Reis of Clarkston, a junior, was named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the fall 2012 semester.

Clarkston students named to the University of Detroit Mercy Fall Dean's List include Paige McClelland, Marisa Stroster, Andrew Nalepa, Tamara Webster, Blake Armstrong, Brandon Beaugerard, Drew Schupbach, Alexis Doetsch, and Mary Eicher.

Emily Pobuda, freshman, was named to the fall semester Dean's List at Adrian College with a 3.78 GPA.

Clarkston students named to the Michigan Technological University Dean's List for the 2012 fall semester include Steven Abramczyk, Daniel Byrne, Brent Cousino, Michael Hart, Jonathon Maley, Jillian Schwab, and Bradley Villeneuve.

Grand Valley State University dean's list for the Fall 2012 semester include Clarkston students Blake R. Andersen, Heather A. Baron, Melissa M. Bemis, Christopher D. Benedict, Shannon L. Brisse, Shelby J. Chambers, KelliAnne Cooley, Christopher S. Davenport, Macy A. Dobleste, Jessica N. Drews, Jack E. Durkan, Kelsey L. Ferrand, Denise J. Garbe, Brent T. Gikner, Shannon M. Goebel, Hannah M. Hamlin, Alyssa L. Hunt, Theresa M.

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Clarkston students named to Wayne State University's fall 2012 Dean's List for academic excellence include Elizabeth Arnold, Joshua Bauer, John Decker, Trevor Harris, Analena Iacobelli, Gregory Petku, and Natalie Smith.

Clarkston students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Grove City College include Chloe Smiley, sophomore Entrepreneurship major, named with High Distinction, a 2011 graduate of Clarkston High School and daughter of Jim and Jean Smiley of Clarkston; Alaina Marr, freshman PreK-4 Elementary Education major, High Distinction, 2012 graduate, daughter of Paul and Denise Marr of Clarkston; and Alicia Young, junior Political Science major, 2010 graduate of Clarkston High School, daughter of Robert and Sonja Young of Clarkston.

Jessica Moreno, daughter of Mark and Marcie Moreno of Clarkston, was named to the Cedarville University Dean's Honor List for the 2012 fall semester. Jessica is a junior majoring in Linguistics and Spanish.

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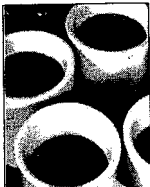
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From left, Carla Bautista, Laura Bautista, Michelle Bautista, Carolina Ontiveros, Tanya Bautista, Isaac Bautista, George Bautista, with Elena Ontiveros in front, celebrate Jalapenos' grand opening in Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

Traditional Mexican menu at Jalapenos

The new Jalapenos Restaurant, 7743 Sashabaw Road in Independence Township, is a family affair.

"Everybody helps out - we grew up in the family business," said Carolina Ontiveros, daughter of owners George and Laura Bautista. This is their third location.

"We're expanding, and decided Clarkston was a good idea," George said.

"The community is very nice, family

oriented," Ontiveros said.

They offer a full menu of traditional, authentic Mexican food, preparing all their ingredients fresh every morning, including frying their own nacho chips.

"We make everything," she said. "Our goal is to be in the community for a long time, and hopefully pass the restaurant on to the next generation."

For hours and takeout, call 248-241-6394.



Father, daughter celebrate business partnership on Valentine's Day

Youthful Image owners Dr. Kurt Jacobsen and Jessica Green, welcome guests at Valentine's Open House. The business has been open since June 2012 and offers the latest non-invasive technology and procedures for anti-aging. According to Green, over 75 clients came to the open house for wine, mingling and huge spa package giveaways. Youthful Image is located on Clarkston Road, just west of Baldwin. Photo provided

Stock continue to climb after fiscal cliff deal

The three major stock indices finished up for 2012 and continued to climb in the New Year as Congress passed a last-minute plan to avoid most of the so-called "fiscal cliff."

The Congressional Budget Office estimates these measures will add \$4 trillion to the deficit over the next 10 years, while raising \$620 billion in revenue through a series of tax increases on wealthier Americans. The details include a 39.6% marginal tax rate, up from 35%, for individuals with incomes above \$400,000 and married couples filing jointly who make more than \$450,000.

The tax rates for others remain the same. Taxes on capital gains and dividends also increased to 20% for households over the \$400,000/\$450,000 threshold. The estate exemption was also made permanent at \$5 million indexed for inflation; \$10 million for married couples filing jointly.

Amounts over those thresholds are now taxed at 40%. In addition, the deal imposed limits on tax exemptions and deductions for those higher earners. For example, the itemized deduction limitation now starts at \$300,000.

The 2011 temporary cut to Social Security payroll taxes was not extended, increasing them from 4.2% to 6.2% effective

immediately.

The 2 percentage point increase means everyone will take home less each paycheck, which could impact consumer spending growth over the near term, according to Raymond James Chief Economist Scott J. Brown, Ph.D.

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A column by James Kruzan

The passage of the budget deal signaled an end of the uncertainty that hovered over the stock market for months, although some business remains unfinished.

The plan failed to address the federal debt ceiling and postponed harsh spending cuts, setting up what could be another contentious battle in the months ahead as Congress reconvenes to address these issues. News from Washington will continue to make headlines over the next few months, but our focus should remain on long-term planning for 2013 and beyond.

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Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members and friends cut the ribbon during the newly renovated chamber headquarters' grand reopening, Feb. 19.

Also renewed mission for chamber

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you really need it right there?"

Demand for privacy is declining amongst younger workers who are more in contact with each other through social media.

"People are very connected now. They don't want private work space anymore," Shanks said. "It really does quicken the pace of work."

The design is meant to grow with the needs of local businesses over the next decade, she said.

"You can host training sessions, all kinds of functions," Harrison said.

The entry way is sheltered by a translucent, industrial-roof paneling with big-screen, Wi-Fi capable TVs.

"It's an entrepreneurial look with a creative vibe," Shanks said. It also includes a private

meeting room for small groups.

Work started before Christmas break, with major flooring, framing, and construction during the holidays.

"Money had been put aside for a while and we were waiting for the right time," Harrison said.

That time came just before the chamber's business Expo last November – a flood from a neighboring office damaged flooring and required repairs anyway.

"The design is great, cutting edge," said Clarkston builder Sam Moraco, contractor for the project. "It turned out really nice, a lot more modern. It reflects the future instead of the past."

The office isn't just for chamber employees. Chamber members will be able to use it for meetings, projects, and other business

development work.

"It's a place where home-based business owners can meet with customers," Shanks said. "This is a place to incubate businesses."

A new economic-development employee will also be available to help local businesses flourish, she said.

"Our networking and community events will continue, but now we'll be so much more," Shanks said.

Inspired by the chamber's 25-year anniversary this year, the Board of Directors created a strategy for the future, she said.

"We're going fast this year, a full court press to accelerate economic transformation of the township and city by putting chamber resources to work," she said.

For more information, call 248-625-8055.



Dave VanderVeen, director of central services for Oakland County, reads a plaque honoring the Clarkston chamber for its work.



The new chamber office has an open layout allowing for many functions, such as a large group. Photos by Phil Custodio

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Jason McCowan gives Tara Mecham a boost.



Katie Gipe gets into the dance.

Blazing hot

The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pom team heated up the basketball court during half time for their annual boy/girl dance as the Wolves beat Southfield, Feb. 15.

The dance team performed for the last time in the winter season on Tuesday at the Wolves final home game.

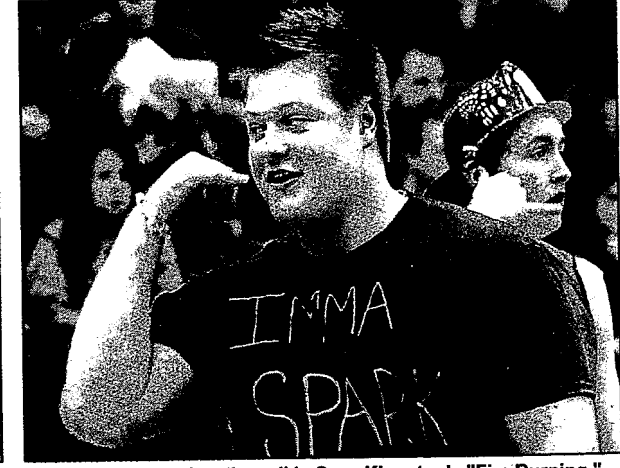
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Logan Carter shows the ladies how it's done with his moves.



Kristin Collins sways to the beat.



Brian Kaminky makes the call in Sean Kingston's "Fire Burning."

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- Jeanne Kitchen



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will help them achieve success."

- Kathy Bitzer



"Watching my daughter, Jessica, play as well as watching how well the team works together."

- Debbie Altene



"Watching my daughter, Jessica, and watch how the girls grow during the season as well as how they progress."

- Jim Altene

By Wendi Reardon

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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Help needed to find out who needs help

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Clarkston area Christmas In Action (CIA), a coalition of volunteers providing free home repairs to people in need, the hard part can be finding out who needs them the most.

"We find a lot of homeowners who need help don't want others to know about it — they're embarrassed," said Mike Gemborys, who volunteers for CIA with his wife, Joanne.

"And they can be fearful of allowing strangers in their home," Joanne said.

Volunteers from throughout the community gather on the last Saturday in April every year to provide indoor and outdoor repairs, cleaning, and other services to seniors, low-income, or people with handicaps.

They work with recipients in Independence and Springfield townships to fill out an application and develop a wish list of repairs and services.

Previous projects include major plumbing and electrical repairs, repairing holes in floors, rebuilding ceilings, painting, yard work, tree trimming, new handicap ramps, deck repairs, and repairing doors, fences and gates.

"We'll install safety items like a seat in the tub," Mike said.

Those who need the most help are often isolated from family and friends, which also makes it difficult to find out about them.

"For those most in need, it may have been 20-30 years since any maintenance was done on the home," Mike said. "It snowballs and becomes overwhelming."

In those cases, neighbors or those who work nearby may be the only ones who can let CIA know someone needs assistance.

"If you know someone or live next door to someone who really needs helps, let us know and we'll approach them," he said.

CIA Board members work with local senior centers to approach those in need to determine



Christmas in Action volunteers don masks and other protective gear needed to clean a house selected for their annual work day.



Volunteers clear brush from a backyard. Photos provided

what help can be provided.

"We tell them who we are and what we do," Mike said. "Our approach is to let them know we're only here to help, not to judge. We work to build a level of trust where they get comfortable with us. It can take several meetings."

"We want to make their homes safe and comfortable," Joanne said. "They're always very thankful at the end."

Deadline to request assistance is April 1. For more information, call Diane Midgley 248-625-6869 or 248-613-1232.

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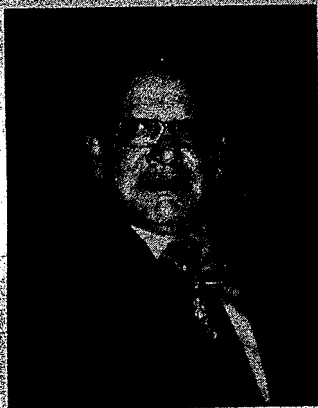
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Charles G. Wilson, 67

Charles G. Wilson, "Charlie," of AuGres, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Feb. 18, 2013, at age 67.

He was the loving husband of Carolyn for 40 years; beloved father of Greg (Amy), James (Janie), Heidi (Guy) Persinger, and Sam (Jessica); proud grandpa of Courtney, Hailey, Jacob, Abby, Hannah, Brady, Ian and Luke; great grandpa of Bailey.

Charlie graduated from Pontiac Northern. He retired from General Motors. Charlie served in the U.S. Army. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities.

Funeral Service was Feb. 22 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Judes Childrens Hospital or Heartland Hospice.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Jack Heming, 6

Jack Heming of Ft. Lee, Va., passed away after a brave battle with cancer, Feb. 21, at the age of 6.

He was the beloved son of Jason and Natasha Heming of Ft. Lee; brother of Jason; grandson of Peggy and Tim Heming of Clarkston; nephew of Andrew Heming of Clarkston and Jennifer Gamble of Clarkston.

Visitation is 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and service, 12 p.m., March 2, at Cameron Avenue Church of Christ, 601 Cameron Avenue, Colonial Heights, Va., 23834. Flowers before 10 a.m., March 2, or donations to Nelson Clinic pediatric hematology/oncology. Please see "Jack's Fight" on Facebook.



Death notices & Obituaries

Gail Marie Elam, 56

Gail Marie Elam of Waterford passed away Feb. 22, 2013, at age 56.

She was the wife of Nathan; mother of Nathan and Matthew; sister of Alice (John) Nicholson, Don (Rhonda) Mears and Nancy (Larry) Davis.

Funeral service was Feb. 26 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Victor D. Fife, 91

Victor Duyane Fife of Clarkston, formerly of Carrier Mills, Illinois, passed away Feb. 22, 2013, at age 91.

He was preceded in death by his wife Julia and grandson Matthew Greene. He was the loving father of Victoria Fife-Greene and Dan (Jan) Fife; grandfather of Todd (Stephanie) Murray, Dugan (Katie) Fife, Nikole (Ryan) Moore, Jeremy (Jennifer) Fife and Dane (Blair) Fife; also survived by 17 great grandchildren.

Mr. Fife retired from Ford Motor Company. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Visitation was Feb. 25 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment, Saturday, March 2, 2013, at Salem Cemetery in Carrier Mills. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Clarkston Athletic Boosters. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Tamera T. Zahner, 50

Tamera T. Zahner, "Tam," of Clarkston passed away Feb. 21, 2013, at age 50.

She was the loving wife of Larry Zahner Jr.; beloved mother of Lawrence III; daughter of Donald (the late Jane) Tibbits; sister of Tim (Shelley) Tibbits and Terri (Maria) Tibbits; daughter in law of Dolly (the late Lawrence) Zahner; sister in law of Darlene Schalk, Keith (Donna) Zahner, Glenn (Kasey) Zahner, Jeff (Tammy) Zahner, Michelle Franklin and Wayne (Roman) Zahner; Aunt of Lauren, Franklin, Brandy, Lauren, Jillian, Jenna, Jonathan, Sophia, Garrett, Ashlea, Jeffrey, David, Caitlyn, Nicole, and Danielle.

Tam, a graduate of GMI and Michigan State University, worked her entire career for General Motors. Tam loved the lake, boating and giving of herself to her family, as a devoted mother and wife. Tam surrounded herself with people, friends all, helping where she could and always organizing the crowd to keep people together. Her home had a revolving door. Tam was loved by all and will be missed by everyone.

Visitation was Feb. 24 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorial Mass was Feb. 25 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers, to the Pentwater Artisan Center, 780 East Park Street, Pentwater, Michigan 49449 or to the charity of your choice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Jose H. Flores, 71

Jose H. Flores of Prudenville passed away Feb. 24, 2013, at age 71.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jean Frances. He was the father of Kimberly (Tom) Lockard and Chris (Kim VanDuinen) Flores; grandpa of Nicholas Flores, Sabrina and Stephen Lockard, Ryann Caraway; brother of Louie Flores and Maria (Tom) Pilant; brother in law of Sandra Morales and Mary (Sidney) Graham; former father in law of Debbie Carson and Diane Bibb.

Mr. Flores retired from General Motors after 30 years of service. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and his cat Lucky.

Funeral service, Saturday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Saturday, 11:30 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to Mid-Michigan Hospice or Animal Rescue League. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Memorial fund raiser

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nate to a local family that is going through childhood cancer," Nye said.

They will use money raised at the Annual Ryan Kennedy Memorial Day in the Park, held every second Saturday in May, to assist families with children who have cancer.

The third goal for Friends of Ryan Kennedy is sustaining fundraising and donating to research to prevent cancer in children.

For more information, call Nye at 248-935-7096, email ryankennedy052402@yahoo.com or jnye28@gmail.com. Also, visit clarkston.k12.mi.us/fork, Facebook - "Friends of Ryan Kennedy," or follow them on Twitter - Friends of RK.

Make donations at www.crowdrise.com/ryankennedymemorialplayground/fundraiser7aspace2dream. Bucksshots is at the corner of Andersonville and White Lake roads.

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Funshine Open House, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Feb. 28, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Preschool for children ages 3-4. 248-623-4350.

Clarkston Fundraiser for Angels' Place Race, 5-10 p.m., Feb. 28, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 S. Dixie Highway. Portion of bill goes to 5K Bruce Clifton Run and Walk, and 10K run, May 18 at St. Daniel Church. www.angelsplacerace.org.

Syrup from Sap, 9-10 a.m., March 2, Shiawasee Basin Preserve Pavilion in Davisburg. Interactive presentation, pancake breakfast. Springfield Township Parks and Rec, 248-846-6558.

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. Presentation by Vern Stephens on natural landscaping, design and consulting, environmental education, habitat management with native wildflowers, grasses. St. Daniel Church Cushing Center, 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.

St. Patty's Party, 7 p.m., March 16, St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Boulevard. Irish style dinner, entertainment by Tom Farrell and Larry McLeod. \$15/each, \$25/couple. 248-394-1034, 248-933-9179.

Equestrian Club info meeting for grades 6-8, 7 p.m., March 14, 6558 Waldon Road. Practices May 1, 8, and 15 at Oakland County fairgrounds. 248-623-4326 or 248-884-8814.

Youth Recognition Program, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, 7 p.m., April 24, Clarkston United Methodist Church. The Clarkston High School group Detroit Voice will entertain. 248-623-4313.

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

Monday

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

Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll

with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

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

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

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

Slow Flow Yoga with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45p.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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.

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Around Town



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

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

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

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

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

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

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

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Feb. 19, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 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.

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

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

Cross-Towne Kids' Club, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

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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Celebrating 50 years with kids, grandkids

Who woulda' thought that a blind date at a box social sponsored by a church in Pontiac in 1962 would have been the start of something wonderful?

That date led to the marriage of Dale Stuart and Deborah Thomas on January 19, 1963, which was followed by a cake and ice cream reception at the Roosevelt Temple Hall (as it was called back then) in Pontiac.

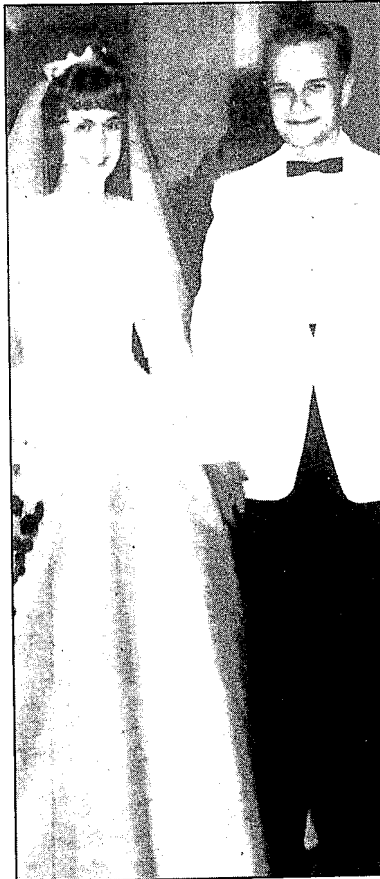
Their dream honeymoon was to go to Hawaii. They settled on going to Hawaiian Gardens near Holly, Michigan, where they spent over \$12 for their "special" dinner.

In 1976, the couple moved and raised their family on Mustang Drive in Clarkston, where they have lived ever since. Dale is a former Independence Township board member and was supervisor for 12 years. He is presently City Manager way up there in Cheboygan, Michigan.

On January 19, 2013, the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren at a simple affair hosted by one of their daughters.

The Stuarts' children are Dawn (Randy) Wyatt; Deanna (Kirk) Traver; Doreen, who passed away at the age of 19 years; and Danette (Chris) Meny. Their grandchildren are Joshua and Hannah Wyatt; Marissa and Ian Traver; and Gavin and Andrew Meny.

And, while the couple has yet to make it to their "dream" honeymoon on a tropical paradise island out in the Pacific Ocean, their children did surprise them with a gift to another island, this one in the Atlantic, Scotland.



On Jan. 19, 1963, Deborah Thomas and Dale Stuart were joined in holy matrimony.



Deborah and Dale Stuart this past January surrounded by their family. From the left (front), Andrew, Gavin (Deb and Dale) and Ian. In the middle, Marissa, Hannah, Dawn, Deanna and Danette. In the back are Jeff Sell, Randy, Joshua, Kirk and Chris.

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Dubats

During his years living in Clarkston, Dubats has seen the community change and grow.

"It's great to see what Clarkston has done over the years with the people that make it possible," he added.

Dubats hopes to use his past experience as a small business owner to help local enterprises grow.

Not only will you see Dubats visiting with local businesses, you will also find him on ClarkstonTV.com as the host of his new show called "Andrew Around Town." He hopes to feature a different business every week.

— Mary Keck

Business achievements

Mike Roeser and Justin Harrell have joined Atlas Real Estate, 8491 State Road, Goodrich

Roeser grew up in the Clarkston area and graduated from Clarkston High School. Mike has lived in the Ortonville area for the past 12 years with his three children, all who attend Brandon Schools.



Harrell

He obtained his bachelors degree from Central Michigan University and has more than 20 years of experience in the building and real estate industry. Contact Roeser at 248-762-8080.

Harrell grew up in the Ortonville area and graduated from Brandon High School followed by a degree from Oakland University.



Roeser

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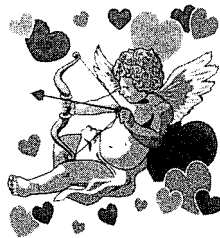
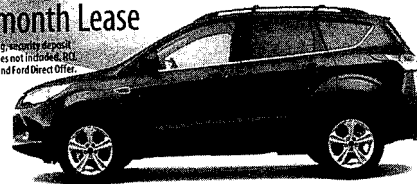
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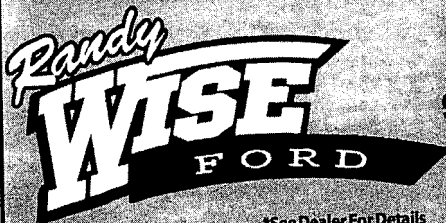
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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
FEBRUARY 19, 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: Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder

Absent: Kittle

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: David Belcher, Building Director; Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Lt Dirk Fenaley, Oakland County Sheriff's Sub-Station; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Mitch Petterson, Deputy Fire Chief; Gary Sharp, Deputy Fire Chief; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; and Richard Carlisle, Carlisle / Wortman, Assoc.

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
E. CLOSED SESSION: None requested
F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara Pallotta, Clerk announced that Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is holding the following events: Annual Benefit Play at Clarkston's Village Players on May 2, 2013; Annual Bowl-A-Thon on February 24, 2013; and Annual Golf Outing at Fountains on June 14, 2013

- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None
J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Request to Accept Quote for Laboratory Services for Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Regulation 3 (UCMR3)-Removed by Trustee Aliaga
2. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Oakland County for Over-the-Counter Payments
3. Approval for Recognition as a Nonprofit Organization Status Received from Brenda Savage of Birth Choice - Pregnancy Resource Center
4. Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes: January 29, 2013 and February 5, 2013
5. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll for a Total Amount of \$1,172,911.05

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Acceptance of Quote for Laboratory Services for Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Regulation 3 (UCMR3)

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Comprehensive Zoning Amendment to Chapter 50 "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances
2. Approval to Reinstale One (1) Afternoon Shift Patrol Officer Position
3. Approval to Extend Premises License Agreement with Hydaker-Wheatlake
4. Approval to Transfer AFSCME Laborer Position and Reassign Employee
5. Approval of Contract for Professional Custodial Services for Township H all
6. Approval to Allocate Funds for Parks, Recreation & Seniors 2013 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
7. Request to Reinstale Full-Time AFSCME Laborer Position for the Parks Division
8. Approval of Promotions and Reclassification of Fire Department Personnel
9. Approval to Reconsider Motion #2012-12-497 Request to Elevate Part-Time Office Assistant Position to Administrative Assistant for the Supervisor's Office
10. Approval of Appointment of Planning Commission Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals
11. Approval to Create a Water & Sewer Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee and Appointment of Members

N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA-ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Communication: Resolution from the City of Farmington Hills; Supporting a Better System for Mental Health Services
2. Report: Building Department Monthly Report for January 2013
3. Report: Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for December 2012.
4. Report: 2013 January Incident Summary-Fire Department

5. Report: 2012 Corridor Improvement Authority Annual Report
6. Report: Independence Television Update for February 2013
7. Report: January 2013-Financial Update
8. Report: Minutes Corridor Improvement Authority-October 4, 2012
9. Report: Minutes Clarkston Area Youth Assistance-January 8, 2013
10. Report: Minutes Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory Committee-January 9, 2013
11. Report: Minutes Safety Path Advisory Committee-January 9, 2013

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That at its Regular meeting on February 19, 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 and available on the Township's website at: www.twp.independence.mi.us.

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 re-formatted 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 19th day of February, 2013, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

AYES: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)ss

COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

CERTIFICATION

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 19th day of February, 2013, the original of which is on file in my office.
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Independence

Introduced: January 29, 2013

Adopted: February 19, 2013

Published: February 13, 2013

Effective: March 7, 2013

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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/k035f_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 Siefloff, MMAO (4)
Independence Township Assessor

Publish 2/13, 2/20, 2/27/13

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2013-348, 321-DE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of KAAREN M. GABRIELE, Date of birth: 07/29/1942
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, KAAREN M. GABRIELE, died 12/18/1012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Scott W. Adams 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.

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Scott W. Adams
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once a year and control is usually achieved within three years, so herbicide is used for a very short time.

If left untreated, the phragmites along White Lake Road will create a monoculture in the wetland, crowding out the cattails and other native plants that our wildlife need for food and shelter. Rachael Carson said using herbicide to control invasive plants is like using chemotherapy to control cancer. Minimal amounts of herbicide along White Lake Road will remove the cancer of phragmites and restore the wetlands to a healthy ecosystem. More information is available on the OTIS website at www.OaklandPhragmitesTaskForce.com or at phragmites.org. Thank you.

Emily Duthinh, Linda Walsh Lapinski
Co-chairs, Oakland Phragmites & Invasive Plants Task Force

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2013 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS
City of the Village of Clarkston will meet

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013.
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MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013, 1:4-00 p.m., 6-9:00 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013, 1:4-00 p.m., 6-9:00 p.m.

For appointments: Call Oakland County Equalization Division Toll Free 1-888-350-0900, Extension 81862. Those without an appointment will be served on a first come, first served basis. The Board of Review for the City of the Village of Clarkston will meet at the City offices.
Kely Richter
Clerk

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Activity Description Senior Center
Amount \$5,600

Existing-2010 Program Year

Activity Number 731227
Activity Description Minor Home Repairs Improvement
Amount \$5,600

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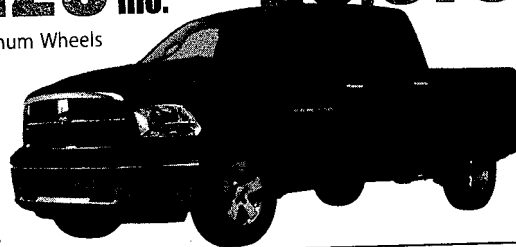
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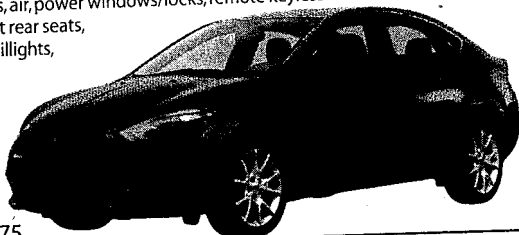
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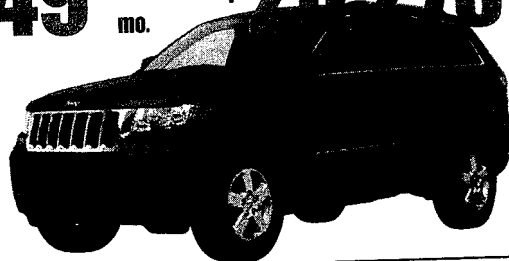


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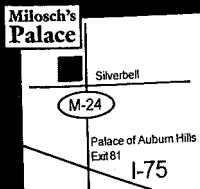
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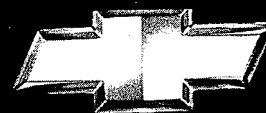
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