

Apology sought from city manager

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City resident Cory Johnston wants a public apology for comments made about him by Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt.

Johnston sought legal council from Southfield attorney Fred Butters because he believes Eberhardt's comments could damage his reputation and professional career.

Eberhardt said in an email to *The Clarkston News*, Feb. 13, several people had come to Clarkston City Hall and "expressed concern over Johnston's mental state."

"Given the history of *The Clarkston News* and the platform the paper has given him, I decided to completely remove myself from anything associated with the paper, or participate in anything that in some way encourages Cory's continued harassment through email and stalking," Eberhardt's e-mail said.

The email was published in the *CNews* on Feb. 19.

Butters sent the city a letter requesting the apology and retraction he believes should have arrived at City Hall by Feb 24. According to Butters, the request is required by law before proceeding with a slander lawsuit. Butters also submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any informa-

tion relevant to Eberhardt's claims Johnston stalked and harassed her.

Butters believes his client has done nothing but exercise his rights as a citizen.

"When you are an elected or appointed official, public comment is something you must deal with," Butters said. "It's part of the job.

"No matter who you are, I always advise clients to beware of what you say and write," he added. "You just don't say or write anything that you wouldn't be comfortable with everyone seeing."

Butters noted FOIA dates back to the Watergate scandal in the early 1970s. The current Michigan FOIA law is Act 442, signed into effect in 1976.

In part it states, "to provide for public access to certain public records of public bodies; to permit certain fees; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain public officers and public bodies; to provide remedies and penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts."

The city had until Tuesday, March 4 to respond to Johnston's request, request an extension or deny it all together.

Eberhardt said the city has received no such FOIA request, and that she is waiting for direction of the council before decid *Please see City on page 3*

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BUILT WITH BRICKS: Sam Modrynski shows off his Lego creation he built at Clarkston Elementary, Feb. 27. Please see page 14 for more pictures from the competition. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Spring forward one hour this weekend

The bad news, we lose an hour Sunday morning as Daylight Savings Time begins. The good news? "Spring." Also next week, *The Township Times!*

5-year plan for schools

First in a series on Clarkston schools' new five year strategic plan. **BY PHILCUSTODIO** Clarkston News Editor

A Strategic Plan up for approval next week would point the way to 2020 for Clarkston schools.

"The plan puts on paper what the board agrees on, what we're doing, where we are going, and how we achieve it," said board Treasurer Joan Patterson. "What it allows us to do is build a structure to make better decisions, without politics and personalities, leaving just the facts."

Clarkston Community Schools' Strategic Plan includes six Focus Areas for 2014-2019.

Student Performance includes improved student achievement in local, state, and national assessments, and study of instructional initiatives such as Magnet School, Middle College, Year Round School, and others;

Technology, developing a longterm, rolling Network and Wireless Infrastructure Plan;

Operations, short and long term plans for buildings, transportation, and other school programs, explore collaboration with neighboring

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City board of review coming Monday

If you live in the City of the Village of Clarkston and want to fight your taxes, the first annual Board of Review for 2014, is March 10.

According to city charter, the Board of Review "shall convene its first session beginning on the second Monday in March of each year at such time and day and place be designated by the Council . . . the board of review shall convene its second session on the third Monday of each year . . . "

This year that means March 10 and March 17.

City Charter, Section 8.9 also states, "Notice of the times and

place of the sessions . . . shall be published by the Clerk in a newspaper having general circulation in the city at least ten (10) days prior to each session of the board."

If you missed the notice in the pages of *The Clarkston News*, you're not alone.

The city, which has historically published its public notices in this newspaper, located within the city borders and paying city taxes since Clarkston became a city in the early 1990s, published the notice in the Wednesday, Feb. 26, edition of *The Oakland Press*. It was located in the classified section, by the Personals and Merchandise want ads.

According to the notice, the Board of Review will meet at 375 Depot Street (City Hall) from 1 to 4 p.m. this coming Monday; from 6-9 p.m. on Monday at 3 East Church Street; on Monday, March 17, from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. at City Hall.

"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 serve basis," the notice stated.

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School strategy

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districts and local government to identify areas of duplication and potential cost savings, and revenue opportunities;

Finance, long term financial plan, review reserve fund balance policy, monitor and manage future debt, review athletics, community education, facilities, and shared time partnerships for revenue opportunities;

Human Resources, periodic review and adjustment of teacher evaluations and develop a long term financial forecast for school employees; and



Communication, engage businesses and community as volunteers and participants in school events and programs, and a Board of Education environment that values transparency and communication. "The plan focuses the

Patterson

board – there are a lot of good programs out there, but only so much money," Patterson said. "When you're sitting on the board and you vote to approve something, what are you not approving? What else should you be considering?"

As the board discusses a proposal for new technology or curriculum, they can pull out the plan and see if it fits, she said.

"It's a tool to enable the board to make better, consistent decisions with no surprises," the treasurer said. "I'm proud we have this document."

The plan will also be helpful when meeting with legislators, she said.

"We can pull out the plan and show them, how we are planning to get to our goals," she said.

The plan is set for a vote March 10. Once approved, it will be an umbrella under which building improvement and other plans will fall.

"Everything will come from there – does it fit the strategic plan? When looking at plans to approve, we'll pull it out and see where it fits," she said.

Next week, a focus on the Student Performance part of the plan.





The sled dogs race past a group of Pine Knob Elementary students, March 3. Photos by Phil Custodio

Braeden Covintree greets one of the dogs.

Snow dogs slide into reading month

Pine Knob Elementary kicked off March Sparkle, Hershey, Meah, Minzey, Chunk, and Reading Month with a dog sled demonstration, courtesy of Al and Katie Fritzler of Clio.

Phy-ed teacher Anthony Taormina invited the Mid Union Sled Haulers Sprint Club members and their dogs Trapper, Shark, Tank, Shasta to the school, March 3.

"I remember see a dog sled demonstration when I was in elementary school," Taormina said. "It's a cool idea. Now when the kids read the book 'Balto,' they'll know what a dog sled team is like.'



Pine Knob Elementary students get a close look at the dog team.

OIA requested along with public apology

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ing how to proceed with a public apology. Johnston's attorney advised him to wait

for a response from the city before any further comment.

When Clarkston City Council was asked

for their response regarding the request for a public apology only council member Peg Roth and Michael Sabol responded.

Sabol said he will have no comment on the issue until he sees the document request-

ing a public apology. Roth said Johnston will apologize? No."

should get an apology.

"Yes, I certainly think he deserves one. Making an accusation like that about Cory is ridiculous and would almost be laughable if it weren't so nasty," she said. "Do I think she

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Briefly

Youth recognition

Nominate local youth for a Youth Recognition award, 7 p.m., April 23 at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance hosts the Youth Recognition Ceremony and Dessert Reception to honor young people who have made outstanding contributions in volunteerism, behavior, academic achievement, and citizenship without compensation.

All youth nominated will be recognized for their contributions with certificates from CAYA and area dignitaries. Nominees, families, and nominators are invited to the dessert reception directly following the ceremony.

Nominees must reside within the Clarkston School District, and nominators must be adults. Nomination deadline is March 21. Call the Youth Assistance office at 248-623-4313.

Teacher of the Year

Deadline to nominate the 2014 Teacher of the Year is March 28.

This year, Clarkston Foundation and Suburban Ford will honor teachers who work in Physical Education, Visual Art, Performing Art, Music, Social Work, Counselors, Psychologists and Young

Check www.clarkstonfoundation.org for details and nomination form.

Zoo talk

Clarkston Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, hosts Behind the Scenes at the Zoo, 6 p.m., March 8.

Zookeeper Gretchen Pitser of Potawatomi Zoo, South Bend, Ind., will talk about feeding and caring for the animals and what zoos are doing to help endangered species.

Pitser, a Clarkston High School and Michigan State University graduate, will discuss all aspects of zoo life for the animals. Participants are invited for a hot dog supper. Admission is free, with freewill offering taken for animal conservation.

For more information or reservations call 248-625-1611.





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Big shoes to fill when Clancy retires from SCAMP program

BY ANDREAM. BEAUDOIN Clarkston News Staff Writer

SCAMP, a camp for kids with developmental disabilities, will have to find someone to fill when Donna Clancy's retires Aug. 18.

Her choice for a perfect replacement? Someone who cares about SCAMP, someone passionate and caring, hardworking and organized. They need also be prepared for hard work and a deep commitment to the job.

"Also, someone with a huge family because you need their help a lot when all of the events are going on," she chuckled. "With a big family like mine, anytime I need 15 people to show up, I can call my family."

"It's an honor to have the job," she insisted.

Perhaps that is the reason Clancy has been so successful planning events and raising money.

Throughout the year, she hosts many events and fundraisers and events to help fund SCAMP.

Clancy said the SCAMP Director job is what you make it, and the more successful events you hold during the year the more kids you can help.

"I chose to make it busy," she said.

SCAMP is also a big part of the Clarkston community - and most all the money raised in Clarkston stays in Clarkston.

"It all goes back into the community," she said. "SCAMP supports local businesses We always reinvest in the community."

How does SCAMP do that? A few ways include visiting Dairy Queen, ordering pizza from Rudy's Market, visiting the Village Bake Shop or spending money at Independence Oaks.

Clancy added it is the caring staff, mostly Clarkston residents, who truly make the days special.

There is also a lot she will miss about SCAMP.

"I will miss the feeling I am doing something good every day for people who sometimes can't do'a lot for themselves."

She added, if you just spend an hour with a SCAMPer parent you know what their lives are like and being able to take your child to a fun and safe place gives them a little respite and time to enjoy a bit of summer.

Clancy said every small town should have SCAMP.

"It wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for all the businesses, every school, teacher, family and everyone who supports SCAMP."

She added SCAMPers look forward to coming to SCAMP all year.

"It's really important to the kids," she said. "They are just so excited to be there."

At the end of the five-week camp, Clancy said it's hard to tell who is sadder, the staff or the kids.



Donna Clancy

She says she has had a good time helping. Before she started the previous SCAMP director wanted to retire and told Clancy the only way she would retire is if she agreed to take the job.

Clancy also had experience from many years organizing events and parties and big parades in Detroit.

"I would help plan and then make things happen," she said.

Familiar with SCAMP from her time serving on the board, Clancy agreed to her friends request.

She added although the SCAMP Board of Directors searched for candidates- she wouldn't let anyone else get the job. "I didn't let them take anyone but me," she said.

Clancy first became familiar with SCAMP because a friend of her son was effected with a disability. She felt she was able to get through to him. "I also realized how much SCAMP meant to them, and I thought it was just wonderful."

Clancy said she knew what a reprieve it must be for parents during SCAMP Camp, held five weeks in the summer.

"That's when I started volunteering," she smiled.

Though she will retire, Clancy said she'll still be around working for a good cause.

"I have to use my god given talents to do something good," she added.

But she will spend time enjoying being a grandma to her eight grandchildren.

"We have seven boys and one princess. I just want to get to know them and be part of their lives."

She is also looking forward to spending time with her husband, Jerry, and taking a trip planned for years.

City manager candidates' experience, education review

In Part 2 of a series on Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt, we list her resume for comparison with other candidates, as submitted for consideration for the position in 2013.

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN Clarkston News Staff Writer

Carol Eberhardt has degrees from Cen-

tral Michigan University and the Center for Creative Studies. She was Clarkston village president, 1982-1986 and city council member at the time of application, with training in municipal functions, supervised planning commission and pub-



lic hearings, and negotiated with Independence Township. Skills included training, mentoring, utilizing volunteers and strong background in management and finance.

"A clear understanding of Clarkston's history," said Eberhardt.

She also owned a business downtown and lived in Clarkston for 30 years, volunteered on many committees, served many community service organizations, ran elections, and served on the Tax Board of Appeals.

Candidate 1 had a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in municipal human resource management. Also, two graduate certificates in public personnel management and local government from Eastern Michigan University.

Experience included administrative positions in police department, working with contract negotiations, personnel administration, grant writing and management, budgeting, Freedom of Information Act requests, and budgets.

Candidate 2 had an MPA and Artium Baccalaureatus degree in Human Services, with experience as supervisor of Northfield Township from 2008-2012; city manager of Garden City, 2010-2011; city administration in Highland Park, 2004-06; city manager of Richmond, 1998-2004; city administrator of Standish, 1996-1997; village manager of Oxford, 1993-1996; city manager of Linden, 1992-1993; and city manager of Litchfield, 1990-1992.

The candidate also had letters of recommendation from SEMCOG, Carlisle Wortman, and a consulting engineer for Northfield Township; served as chair of the Northfield Township Planning Commission, Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce as president.

Candidate 3 earned an MPA and Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois, with experience as city administrator, economic development director, regional workforce director, and budget management.

The candidate had 20 years experience working in public sector management with emphasis on education, workforce and community development; business retention, and expansion across 20 counties; managing municipal economic development, collaboration with regional, state and federal economic development agencies; and managed grant writing, public policy and budget analyst.

Candidate 4 had 12 years experience as township clerk, in elections, accounting, and record keeping.

Candidate 5 had a BA and BS in Industrial Supervision with honors in business administration, with 18 years experience as Grand Blanc Township supervisor, treasurer of the Genesee District Library, cofounder of the Genesee District Library, managed multi-million budgets, personnel union negotiator, managed 75 employees including police department, and served on boards and commissions such as the planning commission and zoning board of appeals.

Candidate 6 had an MPA from Eastern Michigan University, with planning commission, emergency management, grant writing, and internship experience.

Candidate 7 had a BA from the University of Michigan with Honors in economics, with experience as an administrative intern, strategic planning, budgeting, staff development, staff management, videographer, grant writing, assistant manager, writing and communication and economic tutor.

Candidate 8 had an MPA in Political Science from University of Rochester, and an A B from Walsh College.

Experience included as a city manager, 2002-2003; zoning administrator, DDA director, street administration and purchasing agent for a city; city ordinance supervisor, instructor of political science; 20 years with the Detroit Police; and managed tax role, fiscal audits, and completed and secured \$160,000 for a city streetscape project.

Candidate 9, a finalist along with Eberhardt, had a University of Michigan MPA in non-profit and administrative grant writing, with experience with a DDA from 2008-present; public safety officer, 1989-2006; and Military Police from 1981-1985.

Two additional resumes were submitted with candidates experience in urban planning and volunteering.

Benefit concert for Disaster Relief at Work group

DRAW, Disaster Relief At Work, Inc., hosts a benefit concert featuring Christian rock bands Audio Adrenaline and Kutless, Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Opening acts are Finding Favour and Shine Bright Baby. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and limited VIP tickets are \$45. Tickets are available at www.itickets.com

Headlining the event will be the Christian music band, Audio Adrenaline. They became a band in the mid 90's, selling over three million records and earning two Grammy Awards, for Best Rock Gospel Album of the Year for "Until My Heart Caves In" and "World-wide," and many Dove Awards. The band has 17 No. 1 singles, was awarded CCM Song of the Decade for "Big House" and their 1996 album "Bloom" received RIAA Gold certification.

Christian band Kutless will also perform.

The band sold over 1.7 million albums, with RIAA Gold Certified "Strong Tower", and a RIAA Gold Certified Longform Video "Live From Portland."

Their songs include "What Faith Can Do" from the 2009 album "It Is Well," and "Carry Me To The Cross," "Even If," and "Need" from the album "Believer."

Kutless was also named the No. 7 Billboard Christian Artist of the Year, and "It Is Well" was the No. 10 Billboard Christian album of the Year. The band's newest album is "Glory," which features "You Alone."

"We are so excited to have such huge names in Christian rock come to Metro Detroit and support DRAW in its efforts to provide relief services to those who have been hit by natural disasters," says Greg Martin, executive director of DRAW.

Opening the show is Finding Favour, which released their self-titled debut on

Gotee Records in 2013.

Shine Bright Baby will join Finding Favour as an opening act. Since their 2007 genesis, Shine Bright Baby has been lighting up the local scene, both in mainstream club settings and amongst Christian circles, giving their fresh and inventive amalgamation of pop, rock and modern worship music all wrapped around a dance-floor friendly electronic palette.

Headquartered in Waterford, DRAW is a non-profit group dedicated to providing relief services to communities that have been hit by natural disasters. DRAW has helped with crisis relief for the Henryville tornado; floods in Duluth, Minn.; Hurricane Isaac; Hurricane Sandy; and most recently the Hattiesville tornado. To "fill a bucket" for DRAW, check-out the Bucket List at www.drawbuckets.org.

More info about DRAW can be found on Facebook or at www.drawbuckets.org.





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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Cookies in season

We are only a few weeks away from the official beginning of spring - well according to the calendar.

From most people I have talked to, scratch that, from all the people I have talked to, they are ready for spring.

Even just the idea of spring.

I am ready for the sunshine and a tiny bit of warmth. I am ready to be outside. I don't mind being outside in the snow. It has just been too cold to really enjoy it.

I know when the snow starts melting it probably won't be as pleasant. All this snow has to go someplace. I can already picture flooding.



For Clarkston sports fans, spring begins next

week for most of the teams as they start tryouts on Monday.

Maybe this season will be dryer for the athletes. There were a lot of postponed games and cancellations due to the wet weather from last year and it is already a short season for them.

A part of me feels like spring has already began - doesn't the beginning of Girl Scout selling their infamous cookies mark the beginning of the season.

I will admit I am not perfect. I have temptations. I have even bought a few boxes from the Girl Scouts (have to support the kids, right? Help them out and send them to camp, right?)

I had a few cookies - a few Samoas and a few Thin Mints (as in two) then I found other people to finish the box because I can't just put the box away. Keeping the box and hiding it only creeps into the mind. You know it's there and something needs to be done about it. Thus, give it away. Pass it on to someone else who can enjoy a few cookies.

Plus, it is okay to be bad once in a while. This is how I see it - I can get to the edge of the cliff and look over it. I just can't jump. Two cookies are alright. It's eating a whole box or a case where things go dangerously bad.

But it was weeks ago I had a Samoa and right now, I am sitting at my desk thinking about buying a box. I am really contemplating it. I am thinking about the toasted coconut, the drizzled chocolate and the caramel. Then, again a Thin Mint seems a little less dangerous (even if they do come in a long plastic sleeve and once you open the plastic it is all over with.) I don't want the whole box. Just a few more.

Who wants the rest of the box?

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

City manager should resign, reader says

Dear Editor,

In regards to "City manager breaks contact with News," Feb. 19, Clarkston City Manager Eberhardt's decision against communicating with the *Clarkston News* or using it as a vehicle to monitor constituent concerns is indicative of an imperial yet juvenile form of leadership which plagues the state right from the governor's office, through the Republican-dominated legislature, and often right down to local government.

There is no transparency, and often a paternalistic view of constituents. The officially preferred modes of communication include self-serving releases via web or email, or council or other official meetings where the forum and agenda are controlled by the politicos.

While it may be helpful for politicians for constituents to limit their participation via attendance at council meetings, limiting input via this forum is impractical and ineffective.

Time, place and available meeting space

Former councilman defends city manager

The Clarkston News is doing its best to stoke controversy again. ("Response heats up," Feb. 26). Since City Manager Carol Eberhardt has declined to talk to the News, the News has embarked on an apparent crusade to retaliate against her. Last week it announced a project to investigate the city's responses to Freedom of Information Act requests. This week is says it's going to rehash the selection process for the city manager.

Let's look at some facts. Eberhardt decided not to talk to the News because it has consistently provided a forum for Cory Johnston's unwarranted criticism of city government. Although the News apparently views Johnston as an upright citizen simply expressing his views and raising legitimate questions, it apparently hasn't seen how he operates and hasn't been the target of his ire.

When I was on the city council, I and other council members and the city manager were the recipients of a constant barrage of vituperative ill-informed communications from Johnston criticizing virtually everything that Clarkston city government does. I'm confident that has continued, as exemplified by Johnston's 25-page letter referenced in the February 5 article, "City spat unresolved despite many letters".

In what passes for journalism now, the News repeats Johnston's accusations without investigating whether they are wellfounded. It's one thing to print letters to the editor or opinion pieces. But representing

often are not convenient or adequate for all who may have interest.

Note that the history of the nation is marked by a deep respect for freedom of speech and freedom of the press. News media, including local newspapers, have been key to informing the public about the efficiency of government, and allow for the most widespread dissemination of information to the community and the facilitation of public debate.

News media have played an important role in uncovering corruption and waste in government. Good government is only possible with the aid of a free press.

A government official who is unwilling to communicate with community media or monitor it for community concerns and opinions is simply unfit for public service.

If Eberhardt's is not up to the job or feels too much heat in the kitchen, she should do the honorable thing and resign her post. Michael Fetzer

not wanting to participate in a process that

Independence Township

unsubstantiated opinions as "news" is something else. I can't blame Eberhardt for

encourages Johnston's relentless crusade against city government. The News and others criticize Eberhardt for cutting off communication with the News. Although I would prefer to see a continued dialogue with a reasoned response to the accusations that the News trumpets, the city manager's job is not to have a dialogue with the

News. It is to run the dayto-day business of city government. And Carol Eberhardt has done a great job of that in the short time she was been city manager. Among other things she has:

Reduced DPW overhead by reorganizing the department and eliminating a less-than-productive position while continuing the same level of services.

· Found a competent, well-experienced replacement for the city clerk in a market where the city can offer only part-time employment without benefits.

• Instituted regular staff meetings to improve communication among staff members and coordinate their work.

· Cross-trained the office staff so that they can cover for one another when needed.

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A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"Rezonings put township on the hot seat" The rezoning ball was bouncing from court to court. The Independence Township Board had tabled the Knights of Columbus rezoning. Prior to that the planning commission referred rezoning for the proposed Holiday Inn as the board and residents debated what was best for the community and what areas should be rezoned.

"Wyneimko elected to state football coaches Hall of Fame" Walt Wyniemko came back home to Clarkston in 1997 and found a new home among the greatest football coaches in the history of the state as he was selected to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. At the time he was assistant for Clarkston JV Football. He coached the Wolves' varsity team from 1979-1987 and also for Waterford Mott, Madison Heights Bishop Foley and Rochester.

"CHS Cheer team going to states" The 1998-99 Clarkston Varsity Cheerleading team came through with a great performance at the MHSAA Regional competition to move on to the state finals.

25 years ago - 1989

"Two shots fired in teen fight" A rumble between junior high and high school students resulted in one student firing a shotgun and another receiving a blow from a baseball bat. No one was injured from the shotgun blast and no charges at been filed at the time while interviews were pending.

"Springfield has growth without urban mentality" Hiring a planning and development coordinator, updating the township master plan, and adopting an economic development plan were just some of the ways Springfield Township's leadership was dealing with growth.

"School tax reform bill approved in state House" The state House passed a school funding reform bill which would raise the sales tax by two percent and lower property taxes in some districts as much as 50 percent. Part of the plan was equity and poorer school districts with the higher millages would get tax relief. The plan would also generate more money in the state fund for local districts.

50 years ago - 1964

"Wolves share league title" Clarkston Varsity Basketball finished the regular season sharing the league title with Bloomfield Hills after defeating Northville, 56-39. They finished the regular season 14-2



Guest

viewpoint

A box of cereal doesn't need a sprig of parsley

Why do all the hour-long newsshows of cereal doesn't need a sprig of parsley feel they have to have a segment on cooking? Maybe only the Fox News Channel does it, but all the other channels are liberal, and I ain't so maybe they aren't (doing cooking shows).

But I do have opinions about cooking shows, and here are a couple of them.

These shows concentrate on numbers and colors.

By the time the show is over enough ingredients have been added to cancel the various spices deemed vital to the cook.

Then there's the vital need for color. Ya' gotta' have two or three colors to make it eye appealing. Spices for the nose appeal, color for our eyes.

Personally, I think many cooks have cravings to accommodate all our senses

color in it.

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there's a hundred with ignition problem.

· Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who as merely laid an egg will cackle as if she had laid an asteroid.

· Fools and wise men are equally harmless. It A column by Jim is the half-fool and half- Sherman, Sr. wise who are dangerous. .

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I really wanted to write more about cooking this week.

My favorite food during the depres-

just any cut of chicken, no, no, no. My favorite parts were the feet.

We lived on farms back then, and Dad loved raising pigs and chickens. He kept an incubator nearby, and hatched his own eggs so we always had chickens.

Plucking them brought their feet into my life.

We always saved cleaning them until last. They were fun.

When properly scalded the skin above the feet slides off slicker'n a banana peel. Once this is done, you skin each toe separately.

When you get to the nail, you snap it backward with a flick of the wrist, and the nail pops off. Getting a loud pop from the nail was the challenge.

Of course, we cut off the nail before except our taste buds stomachs. A box sion days of the 1930's was chicken. Not Mother cooked the legs with feet. She

usually boiled the feet then put them in the gravy.

When possible I'd get to the bowl of gravy first and fish out all the feet.

Eating well-cooked feet is a little like eating watermelon. You put the whole foot in your mouth, and manipulate your tongue to separate the meat from those little bones in each toe, and spit them out like watermelon seeds.

My Hazel never cooked chicken feet for me.

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• Another observation from this cook. Always pour some sauce on any concoction you prepare for guests. Then watch their faces as they try to look satisfied.

· I wonder if Snowden, the technical genius, could give me just one winning Lotto number in advance of a drawing?



We both attended a public meeting of a duly elected body of local government. I sat behind him. After said meeting, I approached the board but before I could reach the electeds, the old-timer recognized me.

something that kinda stuck with me for a while. His words

bounced back and forth between the walls of my skull,

like a ping-pong ball in the black void of nothingness that

(How he recognized yours truly, I don't **Don't** know. These days I'm incognito. The Rush Me picture to the right shows a cleanly shaven, baby face. The one I'm presenting to the public these days is a face with a trimmed, gray beard.)

sits atop my shoulders.

"If I would have known that was you when I walked in, I woulda kicked you in the leg. I didn't like what you wrote last week," he said.

He explained that one person should **A column by** not be allowed to continually point out - Don Rush - publicly -- what is wrong with a small, local government. "That one man can bring down the

government and that isn't right," he concluded. I listened politely, assured him by a touch to his left

shoulder with my right hand that I appreciated his opinion, and that most folks don't agree with me. The problem for the many, however, is a few do.

As the old-timer's words hammered inside my skull, they must have created a spark. The spark must have shown a light (though brief) on some long-dormant thoughts of mine. And, the more I pondered the old-timer's lament, the more it bounced and the more it sparked. More

I was listening to an old-timer last week and he said light shown; life grew. My thoughts blossomed.

A long time ago, and I am talking decades now, I learned what set America apart from the rest of world is our Constitution and the rights enumerated therein. The Constitution states the roll of government -- as it relates to the individual. I learned that ours is not a true democracy, because a true democracy is nothing more than mob rule. In a democracy, nine cannibals can vote to eat the tenth. Ours is constitutionally limited republic, which protects the tenth cannibal.

One man can bring down the government!?

To quote the Bill of Rights Institute, "The United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and all subsequent amendments pertain to or protect individual rights."

The individual is the basic unit of society and therefore it is incumbent that the individual be heard.

I understood/understand the old-timer's consternation to a thorn-in-the-side resident -- a resident who's tenacious as a junkyard dog. It's uncomfortable. Complaints need to be heard and investigated and this uses precious (and limited) resources and time. Does this mean we ignore the complaint? There is a quote that is attributed to Thomas Jefferson that I don't think came from his pen or was uttered by his lips, but I like it nonetheless. It's this: "In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.'

Should a man or woman, if they believe their government is acting in err, bow to pressures asserted from their neighbors or stand firm?

What would you do?

What would the old-timer do if he thought his government was acting unjustly, or contrary to its own rules? Would he have a backbone and fight for what he believed was right, or would he succumb to peer pressure? And, speak-

ing of peer pressure, what message would he tell his kids and grandkids, "go ahead and do (fill in your own verb) because all the other kids are doing it?"

In the news business we have a word for residents who pay attention as opposed to just paying their taxes. We call them "watchdogs."

People who hold the feet of government to the fire are few and far between. Their uncommonness is newsworthy. If everybody did this, we'd have better government and then it wouldn't be newsy.

Heck, then newspapers would only print positive, rahrah news. We reap what we sew and unfortunately our government, from the highest seats in the nation, to the closest seats here at home is only as good as the folks we vote in.

I've been accused of trying to stir up controversy and quite the opposite is true. I usually hold on to things for longer than I need. People call me all the time about how they were mistreated. Ninety-nine percent of the time I try to get the two parties together to work things out, personally and not in public, even if it would have made a great newsstory.

The other one percent of the time, I go public. You can make your own assumptions as to why.

I'll end with a real quote from Jefferson, "If ever you find yourself environed with difficulties and perplexing circumstances, out of which you are at a loss how to extricate yourself, do what is right, and be assured that that will extricate you the best out of the worst situations.

Tho' you cannot see when you fetch one step, what will be the next, yet follow truth, justice, and plain-dealing, and never fear their leading you out of the labyrinth in the easiest manner possible." August 19, 1785.



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Manager hides nothing, Bisio says

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• Modernized the city's phone system so that there is better access to city staff and less time spent answering questions that should be directed elsewhere.

• Instituted regular written reports of the city manager's activities so that the council and public are aware of what is going on.

· Regularized the budgeting process so that the budget is more closely monitored and amended before instead of after unanticipated expenditures are needed. • Enabled the council to establish a

Freedom of Information Act policy.

• Sparked the organization of the Think Positive Clarkston group, which has already organized two well-attended community events in Depot Park.

There are probably a number of other things that don't come to mind now. But the point is that she is doing her job and doing it well. If she chooses not to talk to the News, that's a minor point in the overall picture. And its not as though there aren't other channels of communication.

The village hall door is open and Eberhardt will talk to citizens who have concerns. She responds to emails. And posts information on Facebook. And instituted a periodic newsletter to residents. Don Rush's insinuation that there is something to hide is unfounded.

Anyone can see what the council is doing by the material posted on the city's web site, attending council meetings, or watching the meetings on cable.

And now the announced rehash of the

city manager selection process: This was thoroughly discussed last year. I closely monitored the process, since it was something that I thought was crucially important for the proper management of the city's business. I reviewed all the applicants' resumes and sat in on all the interviews. Did the News do that? Had I still been on the council, I would have voted for Eberhardt, who was best qualified for the position based on her past experience as a village council member, city council member, and business operator in the city, and her long-time residence in the city and familiarity with the issues the city faces.

Does the News want to "get concerns out in the open," as Don Rush suggests? I've suggested more than once that the News institute a point-counterpoint discussion dealing with Cory Johnston's criticism, since the News itself doesn't seem to want to dig into the facts. No takers there.

In response to my criticisms of the News' coverage of city business last summer, Don Rush posed a series of questions to me, and I believe to Cory, on the city manager selection process and other city issues. I answered with five pages of detailed information, including some criticism of the manager selection process, that Don said would be run in July. Perhaps he lost it in the clutter on his desk. Or maybe he just forgot about it in the hurly-burly of stirring up controversy rather than reporting actual news. But now that the News wants to stir this pot again, perhaps it will pay attention to the facts.

Oratorical contest for high schoolers

The topic for the Optimist International Oratorical Contest for 2014 is "How My Passions Impact the World."

The annual oratorical contest will be on March 27 at 6 p.m. at Clarkston Junior High School.

Judges will evaluate four to five minute speeches on content and presentation to determine the top boy and girl winners.

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The contest is open to all local high school students under age 19 as of Dec. 31, 2013. Call 248-514-1729.



Road rage

Witnesses at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road called police after watching two men pull into the parking lot and yell at each other, 8:51 p.m., Feb. 20. One of the men, a 49-year-old Independence Township man, had pulled out in front of the other, a 38-year-old Independence Township man, on Dixie and they got into a road-rage fight. The 38-year-old said the other man said he had a gun in his car, so he grabbed a pipe from his truck. After yelling at each other, they left. Deputies stopped the 49-year-old, who gave them permission to search his vehicle. No gun was found. Neither wanted to press charges.

Marijuana in school

School administration called police to check a student, a 16-year-old Independence Township boy, at Renaissance High School after a teacher smelled marijuana on him, 1:42 p.m., Feb. 20. The student was found with a baggie of marijuana. The case was referred to Youth Assistance.

Caught with marijuana

A deputy stopped a 29-year-old Belleville man for expired license plate on his pickup, 3:08 p.m., Feb. 21, on Dixie at Maybee Road. Asked if he had anything illegal in his vehicle, the driver said "a pipe." Asked what kind of pipe, he said "a marijuana pipe." Asked if he also had some marijuana, he said "yes," in a mason jar. He was cited with misdemeanor possession of marijuana, expired plate, and no proof of insurance.

Secret shopper scam

An Independence Township resident signed up on the Internet for a secret shopper program, Feb. 21. She soon received a check in the mail for \$2.511.90, with instructions to cash the check, keep some of the money, and buy two \$1,000 money packs at a local big box store. Then, call with the PIN numbers, along with an "evaluation" of the store's program. The store said it was a scam, and she brought the check and information to police.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Mail theft

A Whipple Shores Drive resident said pain medication was taken from his mail, Feb. 21. The package had been torn open and resealed by the Postal Service. The resident contacted the post office, which referred the case to police.

Flat tire, no license

A 34-year-old Pontiac woman was waiting for a ride because of a flat tire, 9:29 p.m., Feb. 22, on Clintonville Road at Waldon Road, when a deputy stopped by. A records check came back negative, and she said she borrowed the plate from a friend because she didn't have the money to register it. She was cited for improper plate, driving without a license, and no insurance, and the vehicle was towed.

Driver caught on warrants

A 41-year-old Holland man was stopped for driving a flatbed truck without proper reflective tape, 12:46 p.m., Feb. 24, on I-75 at M-15. He was found with two warrants for his arrest on Personal Protection Order charges out of 48th Circuit Court. He was cited for the missing tape, given a warning for an empty fire extinguisher, and jailed for pickup by Allegan County deputies.

Phone fraud

An Independence Township resident said someone opened a cell phone account in her name for \$1,460, using her Social Security number, Feb. 24. She had never opened a phone account.

Paint ball driveby

A driver heading up White Lake Road towards Dixie Highway, 8:25 p.m., Feb. 25, heard a loud bang as other vehicles were passing. He later found his vehicle was hit by a paint ball, leaving a small dent.

No license for truck

A deputy stopped a box truck because it had no business identification on it, 11:13 a.m., Feb. 25, on Dixie Highway. The driver, a 25-year-old Pontiac man, didn't have a chauffeur's license to drive a truck. He and the business owner were cited for vehicle code violations.

Internet dangers

An Independence Township resident called police to report a man sending inappropriate messages online to her 15year-old daughter, 9:14 p.m., Feb. 25. The girl was chatting with the man, a stranger, when he started asking for nude photos. The deputy suggested saving the chats, as well as limiting computer use because the daughter didn't think anything was wrong.

Cited in crash

A 26-year-old Waterford Township man, responsible for a multi-vehicle crash, 9:31 a.m., Feb. 26, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no registration.

Burnt out light

A deputy stopped a vehicle with a burntout headlight, 3:56 a.m., Feb. 28, on Dixie at Rockcroft. The driver, a 25-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for driving with a suspended license and equipment violation.

Suspended license in fire lane

A deputy spotlighted a car in a fire lane in a parking lot at Maybee and Sashabaw roads, 7:59 p.m., Feb. 26. The driver, a 48year-old Novi man, tried to pull away but was stopped. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and parking in a fire lane, and turned over to Farmington Hills Police on a warrant for probation violation.

Sheriff's Crime Tipline, 888-887-6146.

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School open house

Montessori School of Clarkston, 10439 Ortonville Road, hosts an Open House, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, March 15. New owner and Director Lisa Morse

will host the event.

"When I visited the school for the first time, I was so impressed with the beauty of the school and its materials," Morse said. "And it didn't hurt that I also fell in love with the village of Clarkston. Everything just felt right."

A Michigan native, Morse is relocating from Chicago to pursue her dream of owning her own Montessori school and providing a quality education for young children.

She takes over the school from DeeDee Campbell, owner and director of Montessori School of Clarkston for over 10 years.

Campbell put the school up for sale in December 2013, and by mid-January she had a number of interested parties.

"As soon as Lisa and I started to talk, I just knew she was the one," Campbell said.

Morse has 15 years of Montessori experience, including teaching and administration. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Michigan State University in Family Community Services and a Master of Arts Degree from Michigan State University in K-12 Educational Administration. She is certified by the American Montessori Society (AMS) in both Infant/Toddler and Early Childhood.

She will officially take over as owner and director in June, when Campbell and her husband Dave relocate to Austin, Texas to live near their children and grandchildren.

Additional Open House dates are being planned for April and May.

Montessori School of Clarkston will offer programs for children aged 18 months to 6 years. For more information, contact DeeDee Campbell at 248-620-2190 or msoc1@comcast.net.



Clarkston's in News Highlanders shown the low road

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

A surge in the second quarter on Monday night boosted the Wolves into the MHSAA Boys Basketball District Semifinals for this Wednesday.

"We were good," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston after the Wolves defeated Rochester Adams 72-59 in the first round of district playoffs.

"The kids who came off the bench did a good job," he added. "The second quarter is the key. It is hard to come up in the second half if you are swimming up the river for the rest of the night."

The boys held the Highlanders to seven points as they scored 22 points in the second quarter. Fife contributed it to defense and subs - Andrew Swanson, Dayton Wallis and Press Kampe.

"Wallis has probably had the best week of practice," Fife smiled. "He usually doesn't get to play. He has always been a good player but he is nervous and unsure of himself. He is starting to gain confidence. He came in and he played well. He is strong, he is a good shooter, he is a good defender and he plays



Andrew Myers adds two points in the first half against Rochester Adams. Photo by Larry Wright

lower than our other defenders. Then, Swanson came in and made a big three."

The Highlanders opened the game with the lead and Clarkston tied it twice with shots from Mike Nicholson. After the second shot Adams pulled away with five points. But Nicholson closed the gap to three scoring off a rebound.

The Wolves took the lead with two minutes left in the first quarter after Nick Owens sank two field goals off passes from Nicholson and Kampe.

"Them being able to pass out works for Owens. All he has to do is get a couple of easy shots and down them," Fife added.

Nicholson scored his own basket off Owens' rebound to end the quarter, 16-13.

The Wolves went on an 11-point run in the first four minutes of the second quarter, capped off with a field goal from Andrew Myers, putting the score 27-13.

"We didn't let them take a lot of shots," Fife added.

"It seemed like we got a lot of loose ball. We did a good job. We come every day and we play. Our team has been Jekyl and Hyde sometimes. You can never tell who is going to show up and how they are going to react to things. It just seems like it is the nature of this team when they are going good, they are good."

Owens led the team with 23 points while Nicholson had 14 points and Myers had 10 points.

The Wolves finished the regular season as OAA Red champs after a 59-35 win over Rochester last Thursday with a 12-2 record in the league.

Owens led the team with 19 points and had three 3-pointers while Tabin Throgmorton contributed 13 points and Nicholson ten points.

The Wolves play Lake Orion in the semifinals on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Fife added despite the win earlier in the season against the Dragons, 64-27, the boys will have to be ready to play and the key continues to be defense.

"Clarkston basketball has always been built on defense - that is who we are," said Fife. "Offense is going to be up and down," but you have to always have a good night on defense. That's who we need to be."

The winner from Wednesday's game will move on to the championship game on Friday against the Stoney Creek/Oxford winner, 7 p.m. All games are played at Lake Orion **High School**

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Erika Davenport eyes a way past Oxford defenders in last Wednesday's district semi-final game. Photo by Larry Wright

Leading the way

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

A boost from junior Erika Davenport in the second overtime against Rochester Adams in the first round of MHSAA Girls Basketball Districts helped the Lady Wolves win the game 67-65, Feb. 24.

With less than three seconds remaining in the second overtime Davenport caught the Highlanders' rebound and ran down the court. She shot the ball and put it away to break the tie.

"I pushed it," Davenport said. "I saw two defenders and I didn't think for a moment. It was just and instinct and I did it. I am glad I did it and glad it went in."

She finished the night with a game high of 48 points and 23 rebounds.

Davenport joined the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team in her freshman year and each year her skills continue to grow especially from her sophomore year to this season.

"She has grown basketball wise with



just being more rounded offensively, being able to go inside and out," said Tim Wasilk, head coach. "She handles the ball and has become a much better passer. It has been good to see her not only work at the post but all around the floor."

Spring begins...

Try outs for spring sports begin

on Monday. Good luck, Wolves!

It was the game against Rochester Adams Davenport added she grew as a player.

"We have been working hard," she said about the Lady Wolves this season. "From this game I feel like I learned a lot about myself and my team. It has made a better basketball player. I am always going to push it. I am never going to settle."

Davenport has been playing basketball since she was a little girl bouncing the ball in her backyard.

"I just picked it up," she said as she explained everyone in her family was playing basketball. "I have been playing with older people all of my life which has really helped me for where I am now."

The Lady Wolves finished their season 18-5.



Heartbreaker ending

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves cut the deficit down to four points in the last minute against Stoney Creek with a 3-pointer from junior Ashley Skaggs in last Friday's MHSAA Girls Basketball District final.

But the Cougars dashed the chance for Clarkston to tie up the game with five trips to the free throw line. Stoney Creek scored seven points to end the game and win the district title, 47-37.

"Stoney Creek's defense was really solid," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk. "We didn't help ourselves out by not hitting the outside shots.



Kayla Russell stretches to sink a basket. *Photo by Larry Wright*

It seemed we had a tough time running multiple offensive attempts. We just couldn't get in offensively and that is a credit to them."

It was the third time the two teams had played each other this season and Wasilk added it was down to the wire those times as well.

"We just couldn't get things running with our press like we would have liked to," he said. "Stoney did a great job getting the ball when they wanted to. They hit free throws down the stretch, too. It was big."

Clarkston opened the night with a 5-point lead with a basket from junior Kayla Russell and a 3-pointer from Carly Giroux with an assist from Kacy Robinson.

Stoney Creek Maria Zandi put the Cougars on the board with a point from the free throw line.

Junior Erika Davenport furthered the lead with the shot through the defense putting the score, 7-1.

Then, the Lady Cougars started to climb out of the deficit scoring 10 consecutive points, finishing the first quarter in the lead 11-7. They continued hold onto it through the next three quarters.

Davenport led with 17 points and Robinson had 11 points.

Clarkston beat Oxford in the semi-finals last Wednesday, 41-36. Davenport led with 25 points.

The Lady Wolves finished the season 18-5 overall and in second place in the OAA Red.

"As a whole it was a great season," Wasilk saidl. "We had great team chemistry. We played a lot of new kids and it was a successful season. We just came short ouf our goal winning the Red and just short of our goal of winning the district championship."

They say goodbye to five seniors - Remia Bryant, Alaina Cook, Carly Giroux, Katelyn Kuenzel and Kacy Robinson.

"They are just solid players and good kids," Wasilk said. "They would come to practice and play to work. They definitely made their mark on the program in the way they handled themselves."

University sports notes

Clarkston High School 2012 graduate **Nick Tatu** helped lead Trine University to the playoffs for the second consecutive year in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball conference.

Tatu averaged 10.8 points and 2.8 three pointers per game. He lead the MIAA conference with 70 three pointers made this year. Trine finished the season last Wednesday in the first round of playoffs against Hope College, 65-62.

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Clarkston High School 2011 graduate Alexander Dziewit and 2012 grad Kevin O'Grady each produced a goal and an assist in Albion College's 8-5 victory over Augustana College in non-league men's lacrosse action on Saturday. Albion, 3-1 overall, plays the next four gameon the road, starting with a Wednesday date at Oberlin (Ohio) College.

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Send any updates on your college athlete to ClarkstonNews@gmail.com.

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In February the Clarkston High School Girls Basketball Team Played North Farmington in our 1st Camo-out game. Hoops for Troops raised over \$3,000 to be donated to Luke's Wings — a group that flies family members to their wounded United State soldiers. This donation was made in the name of 2006 Clarkston graduate Jena Beno who died after serving her country in Iraq.

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Eric Maynowski breaks through Grand Blanc's defense during the first period. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Wolves finish season

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer Icers finished their season after a 3-2 loss

in the MHSAA Pre-Regionals against Grand Blanc, Feb. 25.

Senior Jacob LaPorte opened the night with a quick goal less than half a minute into the game off of an assist from senior Kyle Cuthrell.

The Wolves followed it by taking possession of the puck from faceoff to try to net one more.

Grand Blanc tied the score at the beginning of the second period with the first goal from Jack Clary. He brought the Bobcats into the lead with 11:46 remaining in the period and scored another goal nine minutes later.

"The second period didn't go very well for us," said Coach Bryan Krygier. "We had problems like the last couple of games. We dug ourselves a hole and we didn't dig ourselves out. Their leading player showed up when he had to and when big players show up good things happen for that team."

LaPorte cut the deficit with his second goal eight seconds left in the period with an assist from Chase Wiedemann and Shawn Cotter

"It gave us a little bit of confidence and a little bit of pep," Krygier added. "We just couldn't recoup from the deficit. Even dur-

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ing the power plays we had some shots we couldn't get past their goaltender."

The Wolves fired 11 shots on Grand Blanc's net in the last period with three of them in the last few seconds. Each one was knocked away by Bobcat's goalie freshman Spencer Bully.

"When it comes to playoff hockey usually it comes down to the goaltender," said Krygier. "Their goaltender came out pretty good for them."

The Wolves made 35 shots on the net and goalie Jack Viazanko made 14 saves during the night.

The Wolves finished the season 16-7-2 and tied for third place in the OAA Red with Stoney Creek.

"We played a good season," said Krygier. "We had some disappointing losses. This one was very disappointing not only for the seniors but for the juniors. We play a tough schedule throughout the year for a reason improve and be ready and prepared for the playoffs. When you don't do the things you do during the course of the season and you let your guard down nothing comes from it.

The team loses 14 seniors: Cotter, Cuthrell, Kyle Hogarth, Kamren Huizenga, LaPorte, Eric Matynowski, Garrett Polish, Alex Propson, Carter Rea Roman Reiner, Nick Surovec, Drew Terry, Viazanko and Wiedemann.



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Quinn Rosenberg assembles a park scene for his mini figures.

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Sophia Fabrizio and Evelyn Fielbrandt build a Lego apple orchard. Creativity unblocked

Students at Clarkston Elementary School unleashed their creativity with the help of Lego blocks, Feb. 27. Clarkston Elementary's PTO sponsored the Lego Competition, with a "Michigan" theme





Landon Pelc carefully adds a piece to his "Another Snow Day" creation. *Photos by Phil Custodio*







The Clarkston Competitive Cheer team celebrates their win in the OAA White. *Photo provided*

Lady Wolves finish first

For the second consecutive year the Lady Wolves won the OAA White title.

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team went into their third and final meet with two wins from two previous league meet. They finished the division with a score of 734.08 points.

"It was six points ahead of the second place team and earning the title league champions," added Coach Beth Ann Markey.

The girls finished in second place at the MHSAA Competitive Cheer District meet on Feb. 15 with 738.22 points and Lake Orion finished in first.



"District runner-up is something we are so proud of," Markey said. "I'm so proud of these girls."

They scored 730.54 points at the regional meet to finish the season.

The cheer team is Samantha Bitzer, Brianna Callahan, Gabbrielle Carusello, Rachel Christensen, Kaitlyn Clements, Danielle Goodloe, Molly Johnson, Courtney Kennedy, Haley Layson, Tyler Pearce, Alyse Richards, Rachel Rooks, Alexis Rouse, Lauren Scott, Elizabeth Sheill, Halley Sosnowski, Megan Sullivan, Shelby Weiler and Hannah Wilson. ~WAR







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Sherri Hart coats each of the pazkis in powdered sugar.

Pazkis time

The bakery at Neiman's Family Market on Dixie Highway at White Lake Road was buzzing this week, frying up thousands of pazkis for Mardi Gras.

The crew had made almost 4,000 of the sweet confections by Monday, with many more to come for Fat Tuesday itself.

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Pete Millar boxes up a dozen, as Tim Beno fries up another batch.



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"The schools because I worked for them for 37 years."

- Dwight Parsons



"It's a nice, quiet, quaint little town. You are always meeting nice people."





"I love all the sports. That's where I spend most of my time."

– Jim Sloan

"How friendly everyone is." Tammy Valade

By Andrea Beaudoin



Students learn World War II history from vets

Clarkston Junior High School's ninth grade history classes hosted veterans of World War II, Feb. 26. The veterans shared their experiences in Europe, Africa, Pacific, and the homefront during the worldwide conflict.

Bill Duthie, first lieutenant with the U.S. Army Air Corps, spoke about flying B-25 bombers in the South Pacific. He and fellow pilots and crews braved sniper fire and air defenses to bomb Japanese air fields in support of the Allied island hopping campaign.

He told the students the determination displayed by Japanese forces left America no choice when it came to ending the war.

"The atomic bombs were horrible, but when you're in it and you want to get home, any way home is good enough," he said. "None of us would be here if we'd had tried to conquer the home islands."

Henry Garavalia spoke about his U.S. Army service with the artillery in North Africa and Italy.

Combat was boring and repetitive, but a shell landing right next to his foxhole was a close call. Garavalia said.

"I've never see anything so bright, all veliow and orange," he said.

His advice to students included taking care of your ears. Loud noise, either from artillery fire or the music you listen to, causes permanent damage.

"Listen to the people who tell you what your ears are all about," he said.

Roy Wheatly, a fellow Army artilleryman who served in Europe, spoke about hearing German V1 buzzbombs flying overhead on their way to targets in England.

"One shut off and landed 100 yards from



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Matisse Vitale takes a selfie with Bill Duthie, who flew B-25 bombers in the South Pacific. *Photos by Phil Custodio*



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Henry Garavalia

my position," Wheatly said. "That was as close as I came to a terrific problem. We were very fortunate."

Norm Hunstad, a machine operator in the U.S. Army, talked about his job building and maintaining records for the war effort.

"For every combat soldier, it takes many

Roy Wheatly

soldiers in support roles. I was part of the support group," he said. "The machines we used were grossly crude compared to modern computers."

With no computers, they used electromechanical punchcard machines to keep track of millions of personnel. $\sim PMC$



Events

Hummingbirds, with Allen Chartier, 7:30-9 p.m., March 5, The Birdfeeder, 7150 N. Main Street. Free. Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter.

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Denim & Diamonds, 6 p.m., March 8, Sellers Renew Auto Center Showroom, 9603 Dixie Highway. Glittering western event, raffle sponsored by Clarkston Optimist Club. \$50. 248-922-5616.

Mom-to-Mom Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., March 8, American Legion Unit 63, 8047 Ortonville Rad. \$1 admission, \$2 early bird at 8 a.m. All proceeds to support troops. 248-425-1034.

Behind the Scenes at the Zoo, 6 p.m., March 8, Clarkston Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Picture walk of Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, Ind., with zookeeper Gretchen Pitser. 248-625-1611.

Winter Carnival, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., March 9, Pine Knob Ski and Snowboard Resort. Music, games, prizes. Lift Tickets discounted \$5 when in costume. Hosted by the all-volunteer Pine Knob Ski Patrol.

Fund raiser, Gamma Theta Chapter of Sigma Beta sorority, 5-8 p.m., March 11, Pete's Coney, 6160 Dixie Highway. All tips for homeless women veterans.

Benefit concert for DRAW, Disaster Relief At Work, 7 p.m., March 13, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Features Christian rock bands Audio Adrenaline, Kutless, Finding Favour, and Shine Bright Baby. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, www.drawbuckets.org.

Open House, Montessori School of Clarkston, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, March 15, 10439 Ortonville Road. 248-620-2190.

Fund-raiser family swim and raffle for Jayden Vaughn, 2:30-6:30 p.m., March 15, Goldfish Swim School, 6340 Waldon Center Drive. Vaughn is a Sashabaw Middle School student diagnosed with leukemia last summer. 248-795-2252.



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



Tanisha Scott and Jayden Vaughn

three times week.

taught English at Lansing University

before becoming ill with Lupus. She's

currently undergoing dialysis treatment

to the family, and Keith Patten of 7/24 Limo

helped the family by taking them to and

from Children's Hospital for treatment.

Angels of Heart recently donated a car

Swim benefit for middle schooler

Goldfish Swim School, 6340 Waldon Center Drive, hosts a fund-raiser family swim and raffle for Jayden Vaughn, 2:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 15.

Vaughn, a Sashabaw Middle School student, was diagnosed with leukemia last summer and continues to undergo treatment.

His mother, Tanisha Scott of Clarkston,

Genealogy Workshop, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 15, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Focus on women in the family tree and military information. Free. Register at 248-625-2212.

Mom2Mom Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., March 15, Clarkston Community Church. \$1. Early Bird, 8:30 a.m., \$2.

The Young Americans performance, 7 p.m., March 29, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. \$10/adults, \$8/students. Local workshop participants sing, dance, theFor more information, call 248-795-2252.

ater with national group. 248-623-4326. **Monday**

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.

Clarkston Area Mothers & More, 6:30-8:30 p.m., third Monday. Red Knapps restaurant. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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.

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

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

Tuesday

Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

50+ Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, beginning March 22, 9-11 a.m., \$3. All welcome.

LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield information sessions with Carol Compagnoni,

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Focus on prayer as Lent begins

Today, March 5, is the beginning of Lent, a penitential season in the church.

On this particular day, Ash Wednesday, it is customary in many churches to apply ashes to the forehead in the shape of the cross.

Ashes were used in the past to show one's great sorrow for what they Spiritual had done, to show humility,

and to seek God's favor. As the ashes are applied

the words are spoken: "From dust you have come and to dust you shall return."

Because of our sin that we shall all die. Paul tells us: The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

Unless Jesus returns before that time to judge all

mankind each of us will die because each of us is a sinner. If that was all there was how tragic it would be! But, St. Paul continues: but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God loved us enough to send His Son into the world to save us from our sin! He loved us enough to send Him to the cross to die for us. Do you know of anyone who would do anything like that for you? God did!

During our season of Lent and through Holy Week our congregation is going to emphasize prayer. Prayer is such an important part of our faith but, too often, is a neglected part of that faith-walk.

We seem to pray when we are facing St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

difficult times and, maybe offer a prayer of thanks when things are going well, but often forget to pray when things are on an even keel

But prayer is vital in our Christian walk! Prayer is our way of seeking God's will, God's plan, God's desire for our life. Prayer is our line of communication to our heavenly Father. Prayer is setting our own self aside and allowing God to take control as He shapes and molds us to the people He would have us become.

Our focus on prayer will lead us to look at prayers of Confession (admitting our sinfulness to God and one another), Faith (reminding us of the trust we have in God to supply our every need), Supplication (seeking the fullness of God's bounty in our serving Him and fellow-man). Intercession (placing the needs of others before God), Petition (seeking to have needs fulfilled), Consecration (being set apart as His holy people), Forgiveness (being reminded that our sins have been removed through Jesus' death and merit), and Praise as we celebrate His resurrection from the dead and look at all the blessings He brings us through our time of prayer.

Would you like to join us in prayer? Our focus includes a devotional booklet, weekend worships (Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 8:15 and 11 a.m. and Wednesdays

at 7 p.m.) and Bible Study (Sunday at 9:45). We would be glad to share our devotional guide with you by mail or email. Contact us at 248-625-4644 or at sttrinity@comcast.net The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of

In our local churches...

3D Vision Youth Group for grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m., North Oaks Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. 248-922-3515.

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

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

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

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www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 248-625-1611 Website: darkstonumc.org Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am 6:00pm Evening Service Nursery available for all services

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH 8585 Dixie Highwy, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website:www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman Sun: 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages 6:00 pm Warship Service Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs & Adult Bible Study Nursery available for all services.

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Matters

22 Wed., March 5, 2014 The Clarkston (MI) News Noreen K. Baker, 75

Noreen K. Baker of Clarkston passed away, Feb. 24, 2014, at 75 years of age.

She was the loving wife of Jerry for 55 years; dearest mother of Nancee (Skip) Mooney, Greg Baker, Julie (Lyle) Eldred and Todd Baker; Standmother of Kelli, Ryan, Trisha, Fallon and Gaige; great grandmother of



Madison, Dylan, and Rielynne.

Noreen retired from Genisys/T&C Federal Credit Union in 2000 after 15 years of service. She loved riding on the back of Jerry's Harley and made many trips to Sturgis, SD. Most importantly, she loved and enjoyed her family.

Family received friends, March 1, at Coats Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation or Michael J. Fox Foundation.

To send a condolence, go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Thomas D. Kell, 65

Thomas Daniel Kell, "Danny," of Oxford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away March 2, 2014, after a

long courageous battle with cancer at age 65. -He was the loving husband of Sandy; devoted father of Patrick (Michelle) Shannon Rouse. (Justin) Hanson, Nicole (James) England, Ryan Kell



and Stephanie Flanagin; adored papa of Isabel, Samantha, Riayn, Preslea, Daniel, Kennedy, Nathan, Addyson, Emma and Thomas; brother of Brenda (Rod) Dosch, Linda Tucker, Vicky (Gary) Spivy, Curt (Linda) Kell and Debbie (the late Tony) Smith; preceded in death by his parents Porter and Dorothy; son in law of Rosa (the late LaRue) Collier; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Danny graduated from Pontiac Northern and was a State Champ wrestler. He served as a Green Beret in the Special Forces during the Vietnam Conflict. He retired from General Motors and was a respected UAW Local 594 Zone Man/Committee Man. Danny was a faithful deacon at Mt. Zion Church.

Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Thursday, 6-9 p.m., and Friday, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service, Saturday, 11 a.m. at Mt. Zion Church. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Obituaries & •

Stephen Moultrup, 59 Betty Richard, 86

Stephen Craig Moultrup of Clarkston, age 59, died suddenly Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, from a brain hemorrhage.

Left to cherish his memory are children (Samantha Ryan

LaValley) of Clarkston. Lexi (Dave) Sundquist of Texas, Grace and Benjamin Moultrup at home. He was the beloved brother of the late Susan (Ken) Whitenton, Michael Moultrup of Clarkston, Jane (George Voulgaris)

Clover of Hessel, Kathy (Jim) Willoughby of Clarkston, Dr. Diane (Jack) Condit of Maryland, Ruth (the late Steve) Lohff of Cedarville, Barbara (Corky) Goss of Svracuse, N.Y.; also survived by two devoted former wives Leah Reeves and Heather Moultrup; dear uncle to many special nieces and nephews; preceded in death by his parents George and Nancy Moultrup.

Steve was born in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Waterford Kettering High School in 1973. He attended Michigan State University, graduating with a degree in Political Science. He received his law degree from the Detroit College of Law in 1987 and had an independent legal practice for many years. Steve was a devoted father and loved spending time with his children. He was a wonderful brother and friend, always available to lend a helping hand. He gave freely of himself to those he loved, and was always there to listen and not judge. Talking with Steve always left you feeling better. Steve was a compassionate, generous and kind man who will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation was Feb. 28 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral was March 1 at the funeral home with Rev. James Bolin officiating. Private Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Betty May Serena Richard (Olson) of Clarkston, born and raised in Detroit, passed away Feb. 25, 2014, at

age 86. was the She daughter of Elmer and Jane (Kittleson) Olson; preceded in death by her husband of 65 years Vincent "Bill"; mother of Mark (Carol) Richard, Jane Jones, Gail (Milan Mueller), Eric (Cindy)



Betty met her husband while she was working in the War Crimes Department at the Pentagon during World War II.

She was a talented athlete, playground supervisor at Clarkston Elementary and Clarkston Junior High, and enjoyed performing at the Clarkston Village Players. She was a member at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Memorial gathering, Saturday, March 8, from 3-5 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church, Salvation Army or Desert Angels.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Locals at Autorama this week

Clarkston residents will feature their classic vehicles at the 62nd Annual Meguiar's Detroit at Cobo Hall, March 7-9.

Among the 1,000 chopped, channeled and super painted hot rod and custom cars in the world will be John Arabucki with his 1941 Willys Americar 441; David Singles with his custom 1962 Chevy C-10 Truck; and Chris Osborne with two quarter midget dragsters.

The Myers family will be there in full force, Denise with her 1973 Schwinn Krate: Lindsay Myers will bring her 1970 Schwinn Kustom Krate bike; and Warren with his 1996 Dodge Viper GTS.

Southern Motors of Clarkston will bring two great vehicles - a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air and a 1938 Chevy Pick Up.

For more information, call 248-373-1700 or visit www.autorama.com.

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Tuesdays 12:15-1:30 p.m., Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive, 248-420-3126. Wednesday

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, third Wednesday through October, 7-8:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, 248-625-2212.

Thursday

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

Office hours, Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.,

Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

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

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

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch.248-846-6558.

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.

Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3435. Service With Love, RSVP of Oakland Country. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.



Irina Gradinar

Students' **SUCCESS**

Eric and Tracey Grishkevich are very pleased to announce that Irina Gradinar has recently graduated from Reutlingen University in Reutlingen, Germany, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Business.

Gradinar attended Clarkston High School in 2007-2008 as an international exchange student from Moldova. She plans to continue her education and hopes to return to the U.S. someday. ***



Tyler Alexander Smith of Clarkston was named to the president's list at Miami University. * * *

Francis Chiodo of Clarkston has been awarded a merit scholarship semester based on grade point average and ACT/SAT test scores. Merit scholarship amounts range from \$1,500 to \$7,500.

Business News

Zahira Gonzalvo of Clarkston recently joined Flagstar Bank as first vice president



in the Operational Risk Management Office. In her new position, she is responsible for developing and implementing an operational risk, framework, including a and control risk assessment process, issue management practices, and independent reporting.

Gonzalo

Prior to joining Flagstar, she was Operational Risk Director at Ally Financial in Detroit.



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PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

CLERK'S OFFICI JOB POSTING

FINANCE DIRECTOR

DATE OF POSTING: February 25, 2014 LAST DAY OF POSTING: March 25, 2014 SALARY: Pay rate for this position is \$70-80K and in-

cludes a full benefit package. The Charter Township of Independence, an equal opportunity employer, is seeking qualified applicants, without regard to race or other protected status, for the Finance Director position in the Clerk's Office

Summary:

The Finance Director works under the general direction of the Township Clerk and manages accounting activities such as general ledger transactions, bank reconciliations creation and maintenance of financial records, complex analysis and reconciliations, and prepares financial and budget reports. The Finance Director has management oversight of multiple financial disciplines including general accounting, audit, internal controls, accounts payable, payroll, fixed assets, and budget compliance. The Finance Director must have a demonstrated knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); General Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and perform work within the framework of state statutes **Responsibilities and Tasks:**

- Maintain accounting records following Generally Ac-cepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), implement the pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Michigan Municipal Budgeting Act related to the management and record ing of municipal accounts
- Maintain and report the Township's financial position in an accurate and timely manner
- Evaluate and implement computerized accounting systems.
- Perform accounting functions including month-end verification, and reconciliation of accounts receivable and general ledger.
- Balance and journalize month-end cash receipts and cash adjustments to the municipal accounting sys tem
- Record and balance all payments, deposits, transfers and other financial transactions
- Oversee the accounts payable function
- Oversee the payroll function.
- Provide information and respond to financial ques tions from Township officials, citizens, financial institution representatives, and professional contacts
- Assist department directors regarding Township financial procedures. Develop and maintain spreadsheet, graphs and charts
- in support of general journal entries, financial analy sis, trend analysis, and various forms of reporting. Prepare for and assist with the Township's annual
- audit maintain and retrieve needed records, schedules and reports; follows-up on audit findings to improve financial systems.
- Assist the Township Supervisor in budget development and administration; evaluate current revenue trends and forecast year
- Prepare effective oral, written and electronic financial and/or budget presentations.
- Monitor budget activity in departments and take action to assure compliance with the approved budget.
- Perform research as assigned and assist in the development of forecasts
- Coordinate the fixed assets accounting records in conjunction with Township departments. Assure that all fixed assets are properly accounted for and maintained in the inventory listing. Assist in the development of union contract propos-
- als for negotiations including cost projections and comparability analysis.
- Have an understanding of special assessment districts and assist the Assessor and Treasurer in establishing new districts.
- Review and prepare individual department budget amendments for accuracy prior to submittal to the Township Board.
- Attend Township Board and subcommittee meetings to provide financial analysis as needed
- Maintain active membership in Michigan Government Financial Organization (MGFOA). Assist with Township elections

Knowledge and Education:

- Bachelors Degree from an accredited college or uni-versity with a major in Finance or Accounting is required; CPA preferred.
- 5 years of progressive experience in finance or ac-

counting experience is required; governmental experience preferred.

Proficient computer skills, including computerized accounting system (BS&A preferred) and Microsoft Office

To Apply: Qualified candidates should submit cover letter, resume, and a completed Charter Township of Independence application for employment no later than

4:00 PM on March 25, 2014 to: HumanResources@indetwp.com or

Human Resources Charter Township of Independence 6483 Waldon Center Dr Clarkston, Michigan 48346

NOTE: Charter Township of Independence applications for employment are available on the Township's website at www.twp.independence.mi.us or by contacting the



COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE AVINGTON PARK

CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PRIVATE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE The Charter Township of Independence ("Township") has received a petition requesting a special assessment district for improvements to the following private roads in the Avington Park Condominium Subdivision in the Township: Avington Parkway, Avington Court, Rosebud Lane, Boulderwood Ridge Drive, and Forest Valley Drive within the borders of the condominium subdivision (the "Road Improvement Project"). Having received such petition from the record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total frontage upon such roads (not including land that is not subject to special assessment), and based upon the request in that petition, the Township Board of Trustees has tentatively declared its intent to proceed with the Road Improvement Project and has tentatively decided to establish a special assessment district to defray all or a portion of the costs of such improvements by special assessment against the benefited properties. The improvements are intended to provide special benefits to the properties identified on the attachment to this Notice, which properties together tentatively constitute the "Special Assessment District. The cost estimate, plans, and petition relating to this matter are on file and available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's Office, which is located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Independence Township, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at 7:00 p.m. on March 18, 2014, the Township Board of Trustees shall meet at the Township Hall, located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive Independence Township, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing statements and objections by any interested person with respect to the petitions, proposed Road Improvement Project and proposed Special Assessment District. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

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PROBATE COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of ZYSNARSKI, ADAM HENRYK, a/k/a Adam Henry Zysnarski, d. Date of birth: April 27, 1963. TO ALL CREDITORS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Adam H. Zysnarski, died nuary 27, 2014

itors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Urszula Kn vles, pers representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal rep of publication of this notice. esentative within 4 months after the date Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) Ursula Knowles 6480 Citation Drive

797 Amaryilis Avenue
Oradell, New Jersey 07649
201.599.2353



FILE NO: STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT** 2013-348, 125-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of Dennis A. Jones, Deceased. Date of Birth: July 24, 1953

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Dennis A. Jones, died January 5, 2013.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, named per-sonal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. Pontiac MI 48341 and the personal representative within 4 months ter the date of publication of this notice. February 25, 1014

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: 2014-354, 759-DE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

ndra Lynn Johnson. Date of Birth: May 5, 1953. TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent Sandra Lynn Johnson, died nuary 28, 2014

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, named per-sonal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the personal represe after the date of publication of this notice.

	February 27, 2014
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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: 2012-345, 348-DE **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Pearlie Ings. Date of Birth: March 3, 1924. TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Pearlie Ings, died June 15 2012

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, named per-sonal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the personal repres within A months after the date of publ

February 25, 2014 Munger & Associates, P.C. Jon B. Munger P54736 4545 Clawson Tank Dri son Tank Drive, Suite 100

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UBLIC NOTICE CLARKSTON NOTICE OF INITIATION OF THE SECTION 106 PROCESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Horvath Communications proposes the construction of a 190' monopole style telecommunications tower within

a 75' x 75' fenced compound at 180 Deerfield Lane, Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan. A proposed ±337 gravel access drive will extend off Deerfield Lane. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects of the proposed project on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Rebekah Fuller, RESCOM Environmental Corp., 3481 Shanley Road Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 231,459,8632



TIRED OF SNOW: A squirrel, up at the mansion by Pine Knob, is ready for spring to arrive. Photo provided by Cindy Roy



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OPEN HOUSE Saturday, March 15, 2:00 – 4:00

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Montessori School of Clarkston

10439 Ortonville Road Clarkston, MI 48348 248-620-2190 www.montessorischoolofclarkston.com Email: msoc1@comcast.net



NEWS VISIT: Pack 131 Cub Scouts, from left in front, Aiden Baugh, Kyle Rush, Tyler Buback, John Chrisopoulos, and Joey Chrisopoulos, along with, standing from left, Collin Rush, Katie Baugh, and Kara Buback visite the *Clarkston News* office, Feb. 27. They learned about the history of the newspaper, back to its founding in 1929. *Photo by Phil Custodio*



The new LED lights shine bright at Bowman Chevrolet on Dixie Highway. Photo provided

Bright LED lights at Bowman's

John Bowman Chevrolet shines brighter than ever, thanks to new LED lighting.

The project, by Lumerica LED, reduces energy costs by more than 70 percent, with no maintenance costs for 10 years, no mercury or CFC's, and made from fully recyclable

er materials.

The long-life, 50,000 hour lights replace 13 flood lights facing Dixie Road, which caused driver distraction

The dealership's goal is to have all LED lighting by the end of the year.



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