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# The Year in Review

This week, The Lake Orion Review looks back at some of the stories that shaped the Lake Orion community in the second half of

These are some of the top news, business, sports and school highlights and the com-

munity events that affected the Orion area in 2016.

So, without further ado, this is the news that was...

July 6

Clergy, Cops and Beer has successful inaugural event: This year's first annual Clergy, Cops, and Beer event was Saturday in downtown Lake Orion. The event, held in the street in front of 51 North, benefited Lake Orion United Methodist Church, the Lake Orion Police Department's Kids and Kops Charity and The Daisy Project, which funds the special needs playground equipment at Friendship Park.

No mountain too high for Heath: Former Dragons' star imparts will to campers: Former Lake Orion football player and current NFL Dallas Cowboy Jeff Heath re-

turned to the Dragon football field to host his football camp last week.

Grand Princess docked during some festivities: Cruise ship suffered some mechanical bugs: The Grand Princess, booked for several cruises, ran into some unexplained mechanical glitches and wound up spending most of the scheduled American Summer events docked up.

Thursday's cruise, a fundraiser for Lake Orion Fireworks, was halted shortly after it began, having to be pulled to the docks.

July 13

Police chase ends in deadly car crash:

Driver to be charged with homicide: A 75-year-old Independence Twp. man was killed after his vehicle was struck by a motorist attempting to flee from Sheriff's deputies following a prescription fraud arrest on Thursday.

Deputies responded to a report of prescription fraud at the CVS Pharmacy off Baldwin Road around 7:45 p.m. July 7.

Deputies noticed a 2008 Chevrolet Suburban fleeing from the parking lot, pursued the vehicle, which was registered as stolen out of Pontiac, and attempted to make a traffic stop but the Suburban fled.

**Human rights resolution** It was that kind of summer -- Rosalia adopted: The LGBT commuand Dominic Pearson danced at the nity in the Orion Township area came away satisfied af-

ter the July 5 Township meeting. The group has been lobbying for a Human Rights ordinance making it illegal to discriminate against anyone, namely those in its group. The township board approved a resolution that forbids discrimination of any kind.

July 20

Wildwood Music Festival in August.

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The start of the Downtown Development Authority's 17th annual New Year's Resolution Run featured Captain America, Team Champion and, of course, a Spartan, among the 285 dedicated runners and walkers who took to the streets in downtown Lake Orion Jan. 1. For more race coverage, see the photos on page 2.

### Runners show resolve for DDA's 17th annual New Year's Resolution Run

By Jim Newell

Review Writer

Resolutions are good intentions that sometimes come to fruition. Or, they can be diehard commitments.

For the 285 people who turned out on a frigid Sunday morning New Year's Day, it was either a commitment to a healthy new year or the desire to support a Lake Orion tradition, the 17th annual New Year's Resolution Run 5K and 1K run/walk.

The run had a little of everything: mother's pushing strollers, multitasking middleschoolers practicing their basketball skills,

pirates (yes, pirates) and Captain America.

The Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority organizes the event every year, and Hanson's Running Shop managed the

"I think it was a very good race. We had a great group of runners dressed up as pirates, Captain America was running. There's definitely a great group of running enthusiasts in Lake Orion," said DDA Director Molly LaLone.

"I'm delighted. This is the first run I've had an opportunity to host and what a fun event,"

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# The Road of Resolutions... New Year's Run



The Pirate Crew made a swashbuckling appearance at the DDA's New Year's Resolution run. No word on whether they took home the booty or not. Each year the group dresses in a different theme.



(Above)The moms were out in full force, bringing the kids along for a little fresh air. Way to go moms. (Bottom right) Captain America made an appearance supporting active military and veterans. (Below) Runners took a tour through Lake Orion's neighborhoods.



#### Resolutions

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said LaLone, who took over the helm at the DDA in June.

Proceeds from the run support the DDA, its programs and events.

"It's essential," LaLone said of the proceeds the run raises for the DDA. "This is one of our two big fundraisers. The other is the Flower Fair in May."

The event also supported Run for a Reason charities.

Participants could donate when registering and also take part in a silent auction, with proceeds benefitting the non-profit groups Blessings in a Backpack of Lake Orion (blessingsinabackpacklakeorion.org) and Road Warriors (roadwarriorscorp.org).

Lockhart's BBQ hosted the pre-run registration and provided coffee to runners and space for the silent auction.

The DDA, The Lake Orion Review, Hanson's Running Shop, Lucky's Natural Foods, Lockhart's BBQ and the Village Trophy Shop sponsored the run.

**Photos by Jim Newell** 









# LOHS Grad holds bone marrow registry Saturday

### Will run across America this summer for cancer awareness, research

Review Writer

While many college students are on a journey of self-discovery, most don't chose a grueling 4,000-mile cross-country expedition to find it.

For Kylie Barber, a 2015 Lake Orion High School graduate, spending her summer vacation running across America with other college students for a good cause seemed like...a fun challenge.

Barber will spend 49 days, from June 18 to

Aug. 5, as part of the 4K for Cancer Run, trekking from San Francisco to Baltimore, Md., to raise awareness for cancer research and support programs.

"This run is all about college students and recent college graduates helping to bring awareness and helping to fight and find the cure to cancer

"I believe we have the power to make a huge impact on a huge problem," said Barber, a sophomore at Central Michigan University studying broadcast communications.

to 4K for Cancer (a sub-Fund), Barber is hosting a bone marrow registry from 1-Coffee House.

"People can donate if they want to, but the main thing is to sign up for the national bone marrow registry. You have to get your cheek swabbed and fill out your information to become a potential match for a cancer patient," Barber said.

Barber is part of Team Baltimore and one of

only 30 college students who will participate in the run this summer. She needs to raise \$4,500 as part of her participation requirements.

"The whole point of my fundraising is I wanted to start it before my training,' she said. As of July 3, she had already raised \$1,820, or 40 percent of her goal.

The money she raises goes directly to 4K. According to 4K, 87 percent of the funds it raises goes toward programs for cancer research and helping cancer patients and their caregivers.

"It's not toward my trip, it's towards cancer research and the programs that 4K puts on: There's gas card for patients to get Photos submitted.

to their treatments, there's money for fertility preservation. They also have a cancer to 5K program to train cancer survivors to run a 5K and stay healthy," Barber said.

"When I read into that, that's the reason I'm doing this: number one I love running and number two it's for a great cause. It's not just going toward my trip. I'm raising money for cancer patients, which I thought was really important," she said.

Barber, who ran cross country at Lake Orion High School, begins training in January and

> knows it will not be easy, but has come up with a way to stay motivated.

> "For people who donate, I wanted to represent them when I do my training. Each day I do a different training for someone that has been affected by cancer. I can write a name on my leg, I can have a symbol or wear a certain color or wear something wacky, whatever they want me to do that represents that person," she said.

"I thought that would be a great way to motivate me, as well, motivate me to run corporate that into my train-

While on the 4K run this summer she also will dedi-

cate each day's run to someone and write their name on her legs while running.

Barber expects to run 6-16 miles per day, but the average expected distance is 12 miles per day.

"It's like training for a marathon, pretty



"I saw (the 4K for Cancer run) and had As part of her commitment a gut feeling I really wanted to do it. I for people. I saw that and didn't have any hesitation. This is somethought, 'That's such a group of the Ulman Cancer thing really cool. I've never seen any- cool thing to do while I'm thing like it. This is amazing. This is so on the run, so why not incrazy, but at the same time I'm not afraid 5 p.m. Saturday at Crates to do it." - Kylie Barber on running across ing as well." America this summer.

#### Kvlie Barber

2015 Lake Orion graduate

• 4K for Cancer run

Bone Marrow Registry & Fundraiser

- 1-5 p.m. Jan. 7 at Crates Coffee House, 1472 S. Lapeer Rd.
- Donations welcome: Barber needs to collect \$4,500 before May 15
- •Donate online at:

https://ulman.z2systems.com/kylie-barber

much. That's the shape they want you to be

Each day when the students get to their host city they will talk to people about what they're doing. Barber will go to different hospitals to visit cancer patients and helping out in whatever capacity she's needed.

Host cities also help with meals and sleeping arrangements for the runners, so Barber will be living out of a duffle bag and lugging along a sleeping bag.

"This is not going to be easy, whatsoever. I'm not thinking, 'Training, piece of cake.' It's going to take a lot of work. I've never ran a marathon or a half marathon. I realize it's going to be a challenge: mentally, physically and emotionally."

She said she's excited to see the Rocky Mountains. Every 3-6 days she'll get a rest day to explore the local surroundings. "That's when we get a little freedom to explore where we are."

Barber has beeen running since sixth grade and joined the cross country team in seventh grade. "My mom's a big runner and she kinda" got me into it. I do running for fun now, to keep exercising.

She's also inspired by her personal experiences with cancer.

"I know people in my life who have been affected by cancer, a lot of community members, where it's like you just never see cancer

coming. Someone gets diagnosed with cancer and there's so many different types of cancer."

Her paternal grandpa was affected by cancer, her maternal grandmother is a cancer survivor and her uncle Jeff on her mother's side passed away.

"Those are close family members, but it's also neighbors, friends, family friends - the list goes on and on about how many people you know are affected by cancer. It's so common now and it shouldn't be common. I want to help solve that problem. And that's part of the reason I'm doing this,"

She posted a three-minute video on her Facebook page on Dec. 28 and had 3,000 views less than 24 hours later.

"I'm over a \$1,000 in this short of time. I'm blown away. I never thought it would be this quick. I've gotten a lot of support. I'm kind of shocked," Barber said.

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# Briefs

#### LO Football players named 2016 All-County Defense

Lake Orion senior football players Nick Novak and Taylor McCarty have been named as 2016 All-County Defense play-

Novak is a three-year starting lineman and team captain for the Dragons who stands at 6 foot, 4 inches. He currently carries a 3.8 grade point average and is committed to the Naval Academy after his graduation from Lake Orion in May.

McCarty is a punter and has been playing for Lake Orion for two years. He earned all-OAA honors the last two seasons and Coach Bell says he is "the best punter we have ever had". McCarty held an average of 44 yards per punt this season, which helped him earn all-state honors.

#### LOHS student nominated for West Point Academy

Senator Debbie Stabenow announced on Dec. 26 that she has nominated 45 Michigan students to military academies.

One of the 45 students chosen for a recommendation is Jessica Reimchen a Lake Orion senior. Reimchen swims and runs track and field at Lake Orion High School as well as swims for the Liquid Lightning Swim Team.

"Michigan is fortunate to have so many exceptional students who want to serve our country through military service," said Senator Stabenow.

Senator Stabenow nominated Reimchen for admittance at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY. All 45 students are currently awaiting acceptance to their selected academies.

"Having demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence in and out of the classroom, I am confident they will represent Michigan and our country well," said Senator Stabenow.

#### Local agency collects suits for veterans

The Zepeda Farmers Insurance Agency collected gently used suits throughout the month of December for Suits for Soldiers. The suits will benefit local veterans in Lake Orion and surrounding areas as they transition back into civilian life. There were 35 suits collected and over 100 dress ties to-

#### "Dancing with the Stars" Jan. 21

Faith in Action of Oakland County will be hosting their annual "Dancing with the Stars" event on Jan. 21 at the San Marino Club in Troy. Tickets and informtion can be found at faithinactionoakland.org.



\$100 that can go toward a Kylie Barber (left) and friends during her cross country days at Lake Orion High School.

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# Public Safety Orion Township and Lake Orion

#### **Speeding driver is super drunk**

At 2:18 a.m. Dec. 26, a deputy on patrol on Joslyn near W. Silverbell observed a black Chevrolet Malibu speeding 68 mph in a 45 mph zone. The deputy initiated a traffic stop.

Upon contact with the driver, a 26-year-old resident of Orion, he appeared to have glassy and bloodshot eyes. He also had a strong odor of intoxicants emitting from his person and breath. The deputy administered field sobriety test and a preliminary breath test.

The driver was unable to complete the test properly and his PBT was .176 bac. He was arrested for OWI and transported to the hospital for a blood draw.

He was lodged at the Oakland County Jail without incident.

#### Lit candle starts fire in bathroom

On Dec. 27 at 4:25 a.m., deputies and the Orion Township Fire Department responded to the 900 block of Hidden Creek for a residential structure fire.

The 45-year-old homeowner stated that they had lost power and she had lit a couple of candles in her main floor bathroom.

She woke up to the sound of cracking/crashing and found a fire in her bathroom. All occupants were able to exit the residence safely.

Ûpon extinguishing the fire, the Orion Township Fire Department requested the assistance of the OCSO Fire Investigations Unit.

The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental.

#### The Grinch was in Lake Orion

At 9:15 p.m. on Dec. 27, deputies responded to the 900 block of Pine Tree for a breaking and entering report. The homeowner, a 43year-old resident of Orion, had recently completed remodeling the house in order to sell it. He states that the entire house has been redone and many contractors have been in and around the house. He had not been in the home since 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

When he arrived the morning of Dec. 27, he found the lock box had been cut off the front door and was missing. The furnace had been removed from the utility room. The on-demand water heater was also gone. All the brand new kitchen appliances were taken as well as a rug and some bedding.

Deputies canvassed the neighborhood with negative results.

The investigation continues.

#### OSB prevents drunk from driving

At 12:14 a.m. Dec. 28, deputies responded to the 1000 block of Lapeer, Orion Sports Bar, for a highly intoxicated subject attempting to drive home.

Deputies arrived and identified the man as a 60-year-old Orion Township resident. The man was transported home by deputies and cited for Disorderly Person.

#### Drunk driver involved in crash

On Dec. 28 at 12:18 a.m., a deputy on routine patrol discovered a two vehicle traffic crash on Clarkston and Scout.

After checking for injuries (none), the deputy discovered the "at fault" driver had trouble standing, had glossy and bloodshot eyes and had a heavy odor of intoxicants emitting from his person and breath. The 26year-old Lake Orion resident was unable to complete sobrieties' as instructed.

Subsequently the driver submitted to a PBT and registered a 0.183 bac.

The driver was safely lodged at the OCJ.

#### Teenagers hanging out with fireball

At 7:12 p.m. Dec. 28, a deputy on patrol observed a blue Pontiac sedan drive into a township park that was closed after hours. Deputies initiated a traffic stop.

The vehicle was occupied by four teenagers (two males/two females). Deputies observed an open bottle of 'fireball'. Upon further investigation, marijuana and narcotic paraphernalia was also located in the vehicle.

The driver, a 18-year-old resident of Oxford, was cited for Possession of Marijuana. One of the passengers, a 17-year-old resident of Orion, was cited for Possession of Marijuana.

#### TV taken while woman sleeps

At 8:56 a.m. Dec. 29, deputies responded to the 3000 block of Grafton for a home inva-

The 73-year-old homeowner stated that she had just discovered someone had broken into her home while she was asleep. She awoke to find her back door forced open and a 52 inch flat screen television missing from the residence.

Her husband left the home at 6 a.m. and locked the door behind him.

Deputies canvassed the area and conducted a K-9 track with negative results. An evidence technician processed the scene for

The investigation continues.

#### Woman leaves purse in cart

At 12:04 p.m. Dec. 29, deputies responded to 460 N Lapeer, Kroger, for a larceny report.

A 64-year-old resident of Oxford had been shopping at Kroger and left her purse in the cart after she loaded the groceries into her vehicle. While driving home, she realized that she had left her purse. When she returned to the parking lot but was unable to find the purse. Kroger staff stated they would have loss prevention examine the surveillance cameras to check if the parking lot area where cart was left could be observed.

The complainant was advised to contact her bank to cancel her credit cards.

The investigation continues.

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District honored for academic success, financial accountability: Lake Orion Community Schools received a nice honor recently, being recognized by the Michigan Department of Education as a Notably Successful school district. LOCS is one of 58 districts in the state to meet the criteria for the award, which consists of high absolute performance, growth or special Above Average Academic Performance standard.

Pokemon GO craze sweeps through LO: It's a worldwide phenomenon that has people out and about walking, meeting people, and definitely killing their phone battery. And while it is not all fun and games, a lot of Lake Orion is enjoying the positives associated with Pokemon GO.

July 27

Teacher concessions result in agreement: LOEA agrees to open contract, pay freezes to financially help district: With the upcoming school year just around the corner, the Lake Orion School District and its teachers agreed on a "letter of agreement," which consists of teachers accepting various concessions.

The terms in the agreement last for the duration of the school year, through June 30, 2017. At that time, the full contract will be open.

Nail polish bandits identified with help of social media: A Utica man has been arrested and charged with stealing a large amount of nail polish bottles from the CVS store on Broadway in Lake Orion.

According to Lake Orion Chief Jerry Narsh, Derek Michael-Herbert Hill, a 26-year-old resident of Utica, and a female accomplice stole about 180 bottles of nail polish worth about \$1,600 in two trips to the CVS in December of 2015 and January of this year.

Aug. 3

School board spots up for grab: The Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education has four openings and five candidates are vying for the spots. Current board members Birgit McQuiston and Scott Taylor are seeking re-election for their seats, while Deborah Porter and Connie Meech are not.

Meech, who initially filed, withdrew on July 29.

Entering the race are community members Nathan Butki, Dana Mermell and Sean Wightman. Bailey Lambert, who had filed mid-



Carpenter Elementary Media Specialist Jeannine Crissman helps students during a library class. Carpenter and Crissman were honored as a Model 21st Century Library by state Superintendent of Schools Brian Whiston.

July, also withdrew on July 29.

Bragging social media post connects suspect who fled police on motorcycle: A Rochester Hills man is facing a five year felony for something he may have been able to get away with had he not bragged about the incident on social media.

Mike Brown, 33, encountered the Lake Orion Police Department on the morning of July 2, 2016 at about 2:15 a.m. outside of the Sagebrush Cantina on Broadway Street.

Brown was seen on surveillance video aboard his motorcycle and he began brake torquing (doing a burnout).

Had Brown not taken to social media several days later that may have been the end of it

On July 4, Lake Orion Police investigators received a screen shot image of a Facebook post from a person who claimed he was driving a motorcycle that fled Lake Orion Police, in addition, the post provided information

about the crime that, according to Chief Narsh, only the officer and the rider would know. Based on this information, officers located the poster and obtained evidence to connect him to the crime.

Late night condo fire serves as a good reminder for fire safety: In the early morning hours on Monday, the Orion Township Fire Department responded to the report of a condo on fire in the 1900 block of Country Lane near Joslyn and Scripps. "Fire drills are not just meant for school, they're hugely important in the home...you'll drastically increase your chances of getting out of the house with the most important thing, your life and the life of your children," said Robert Smith, Orion Township Fire Chief.

LOHS grad drafted by Giants: Nick Deeg is quickly finding out what the minor league grind is all about. The Lake Orion High School graduate is spending eight hours

each day in baseball-related activities.

Deeg was drafted in June by the San Francisco Giants and now resides with the organization's Rookie League team in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Efforts being made to collect overdue fines: According to the Orion Township Public Library, in an effort to ensure they are maximizing use of public tax dollars, the Library Board of Trustees analyzed their finances and discovered there is over \$40,000 in outstanding fines and fees that are owed by patrons of the library.

Aug. 10

Voters say yes to safety and schools, select GOP winners: The Aug. 2 election brought a trio of yes votes from Orion voters, with both public safety millages and the Building and Site Sinking Fund for Lake Orion Community Schools all passing.

LOCS Sinking Fund passes: Voters passed a building and sinking fund tax proposal last Tuesday with a 57 percent favorable vote. The tax lasts for the next ten years, and will cost the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$200 per year.

Aug. 17

Carpenter's library bestowed 'Model 21st Century' honor: For its efforts in incorporating technology and collaboration into its curriculum, Carpenter Elementary Library has been honored with the distinction of "Model 21st Century School Library," the first of its kind in Michigan.

Wild weather, wild times at Wildwood: Neither the intense, sporadic downpours, nor the clinging, often breath-sucking humidity, dampened the enthusiasm of those at the Wildwood Music Festival last Saturday.

The festival helps raise money and awareness for Lions Club programs, which help combat blindness, provide leader dogs and free eye care, among other charitable causes.

Overdoses, fear of synthetic drugs rising: In the past two weeks, firefighters have responded to nearly a half-dozen overdoses, all from opioid drugs. Four of the most recent have involved both males and females, all of whom have been in their twenties. There have been 40 documented overdoses in the township in 2016.

Aug. 24

Murder suspect, missing child found in Orion: A Port Huron man suspected of killing his wife and fleeing with their five-year-old son is in custody after authorities, including the Oakland County Sheriff's SWAT team, apprehended the man in Orion Town-

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## LOHS Student of the Week



#### Zahir Farid Selem Carmona

**Parents:** Leon Selem Paredes/ Leticia Carmona Inclan

Grade: 10

**GPA:** 3.72

Favorite Subject(s): Math and Science

**Extracurricular activities:** Swimming and Soccer

**Hobbies/Interests:** swim and hang out with friends and his family

**Plans after graduation:** go to college

**He is proudest of:** always trying his best in everything and never giving up.

He makes a contribution by: helping other people achieve their best.

When Zahir thinks of the future: he is starting a family and has a well paying job.

What concerns him in the world is: global warming and the issues against Latin and Muslim people.

**Favorite thing about Lake Orion High School:** is the overall mood of the school; the people and how supportive teachers and students are.

**Recommending Teacher:** Associate Principal Kyle Meteyer

# View points

#### Our thoughts and yours

#### Thanks to Obama and the Democrats

For keeping the country from going belly up;

For raising us up, not cutting us down; For voting rights -- worker's rights, immigrant rights:

For lower gas prices, more in our pay checks and clean air and water;

For bringing home our troops; for health care.

God Bless Them!

All that will change and it will now get worse under Trump and the GOP!

Common sense will tell you that In God I Trust, not Trump and the GOP.

J.P. King

Lake Orion resident

#### Thoughts at Large -- Dec 2016

As we end one year and enter another (boy did 2016 go by fast, still getting used to writing '16'), here are my random thoughts on...

• When has there ever been a more divided line between the two major political parties?

Being a conservative Independent, I'm aghast at the continuing in-fighting between the two sides. Just like in life, everything is cyclical: one party has ran things the last eight years and now it is the other party's turn.

We may have a questionable new leader, though remember Ronny Reagan, Really, an Actor? And guess what, he turned out alight.

If the new guy does not succeed, then we can impeach his little hinny and move on.

In the meantime, let's all take a chill-pill and support our government.

Last thing we need is a third world attitude filled with protests and uprisings. Unified cooperation conquers disjointed separation every time.

• Office gossip and the new 3-second rule. Got a little advice here. Next time you are approached at work with a phrase such as 'OMG, I Just Can't Beeelieeeve that so & so is late to work agaaaiin!' Count to 3 before you respond.

Think positively, resist the temptation to add to the nonsense, and instead respond with 'You know, I'm really trying to be more positive at work and stay out of other people's business. And I really feel good about it too.'

Gossip Motto for 2017: 'No Vice, Be Nice, or 'Intellect over Disrespect'. Whatever works better for you.

Like the famous suit salesman says, 'I guarantee it', you'll feel better at work and home.

• All these celebrity deaths. 2016 can't end soon enough if you are a celebrity.

This has to be the saddest year for losing entertainment icons ever. From Bowie to George Michael to Florence Henderson, the list is way too long.

My first real celebrity death shakeup was 18 years ago with Lady Di. How could someone who brought so much good to the world die senselessly at the young age of 36? That hit me hard and this year many more hit me hard too.

I take two things from this 1) is how precious life really is. Life Motto for 2017 'Live every minute and every day like it's your last.' And 'Be Positive and avoid any negative thoughts or conversations.' 2) Is how incredibly important your decisions are to your life's outcome.

Our beloved Prince is a great example. He had everything he wanted and he still chose to self-medicate with harmful drugs. If he made better decisions he would still be around.

Think of yourself and loved ones when making life changing decisions. Remember that your actions don't affect just you, they affect everyone around you, both at work and home.

Remember to stay positive, avoid gossip, and take the best care of yourself that you can. Let's all take 2017 by storm and make this the best year ever, for ourselves and others!

Andy McIntyre Lake Orion resident

#### The Review at 135

If you've noticed the articles in the last two issues, *The Lake Orion Review* is in it's 135th year of publication.

While 135 may seem like an odd number to commemorate, at this age we'll take all the birthdays we can get.

And with that comes a time to reminisce. Do you have a fond memory of *The Lake Orion Review*; a time when you or a loved one graced our pages?

Send us a letter and let us know what sort of impact we've had and hopefully we'll fill up these pages with readers' recollections.

For the sake of posterity, of course.

#### Lake Orion Review 'Letter to the Editor' Policy

All writers must provide full name, home address and a telephone number for verification purposes only. Letters are subject to editing for length, accuracy and clarity.

Please keep letters relevant to Lake Orion. (This does not preclude state and national subjects that may be relevant to Orion residents.)

Submission deadline for the current week's publication is noon on Mondays. Email letters to: lakeorionreview@gmail.com.

# **Looking Back**

15 years ago -Jan. 2, 2002 Senior Center regulars question takeover. With the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's departure on Dec. 28, the fate of the Orion Senior Center now lies squarely in the township's hands. The township will bring in temporary management to oversee the center while a transition is worked out. A group of seniors protesting the township's taking over management at the center asked to meet with The Review. Many of them said they didn't want to see township taxpayers have to pay for improvements they didn't really think were necessary.

#### 25 years ago - Jan. 1, 1992

Is water causing cancer on Waldon Road? A resident on Waldon Road between Clintonville Road and Baldwin is questioning what appears to be an amazing number of cancer cases. Among 40 homes, 18 residents have been diagnosed with cancer in the last couple of years. Joe Fettig contends the shallow wells and non-maintained Brown Drain which empties on Waldon have some connection with the cancers. Fettig has colon cancer. His wife died last year from lung cancer. Fettig said most of the homewoners have been there for 30-40 years, but he is concerned for the well being of the young families moving into the neighborhood. Not all residents are convinced there is a connection.

#### 35 years ago - Jan. 6, 1982

Vandals damage 15 buses. A six-foot meshed fence topped by six strands of barbed wire was of little use to the school district last week when vandals shattered windows on 15 school buses. Director of Transportation Del Milbocker said that vandals stood outside the locked bus compound behind Blanche Sims Elementary and shot a high-powered B-B gun through the fence. Some 50 windows were destroyed on buses parked inside, with an additional four windows shattered in the transportation office building. The vandalism took place sometime during the night of Tuesday, Dec. 29.

#### 45 years ago - Jan. 6, 1972

Blast levels home on Park Street. "The worst I have ever seen" said Orion Township's Fire Chief Jack Caylor in describing the blast which leveled the home at 347 Park Street Monday. Caylor said, "we believe the blast may have occured by a ruptured line filling the basement with gas." The home and its contents were completely destroyed by the explosion and ensuing fire. Debris and parts of the building were thrown as far as 300 feet away. Authorities disclosed no one was injured, the owner was away at the time and sewer construction workers who had been working nearby had gone to lunch not 10 minutes earlier.

From back issues of *The Review* 

# Says me, 'In 2017, don't be stupid (be nice)

Yep, it's official we've watched another ball drop, and I am not talking about the disappointing receiving efforts of your Detroit Lions football team.

I'm talking about that symbolic gizmo that mechanically, ever-so-slowly moves its way down a pole in New York every Dec. 31. Why folks say that "ball drops" is beyond me. It ain't a ball and it don't drop.

Don't

**Rush Me** 

A column by

**Don Rush** 

As I peer into the crystal ball that is my memory (where every thing I see and remember is as it really happened) -- back into the year that was I can and will say, "it wasn't all bad."

And, aside from those afore mentioned Lions starting the season with six wins and three losses and then ending the season with one win and seven losses, it wasn't disappointing either.

Aside from the assorted basement floodings in the spring, or tree limbs falling on the house the other week, Casa d'Rush still stands. There surely is a need for some improvement with the old abode -- plaster and paint be-

ing the least chores, but she's still a sturdy home -- one for which I am grateful.

another year older and while sturdy, could use some work. More raw fruit and vegetables and movement in general is a no-brainer, but there are other matters probably more important.

home and from which I harp. I can do better by myself and family were I to do what I say instead of just saying what I say.

Usually, the only audience for these tirades (unfortunately for them) are the sons of Donald Rush, Shamus and Sean. (Or if you'd prefer, Shamus and Sean McDonald Rush -- Mc denoting "son of" me, Donald

**Tirade Number 1:** Be a positive force for good for yourself, those about you and the world in general. This gem of a rant usually focuses on "is what you are doing right now helping the situation or hurting it?" Is what you are saying "right now" for the good or not.

Is talking about somebody behind their back or making fun of them a bad or hurtful thing if that person doesn't know you're talking about them?

Is it a good thing or bad?

Do gossip and cattiness help anybody or does it just make the insecure feel better?

Another example could be at any job site in the good ol' U. S. of A when something doesn't go right. I've come to the conclusion most folks in America these days want only whine and assess blame. "It was her fault." "He didn't do this right." Around and around it goes. We can be so caught up in casting blame, we don't stop for a second and think how to solve a problem and get the iob done.

We're like children, wanting everything handed to us Like my home, my temple, which houses "Me" is on silver platers and when things don't go our way -like children -- we pout and point fingers. We need to be more like a Marine: adapt, overcome.

In other words, be a positive force for good.

I often tell the boys, "Even when I am dead and gone, There are a number of soapboxes I climb atop of at if you don't know what you should do, ask and I will answer. It will always be the same thing. Do what's right."

> **Tirade Number 2**: *Don't be stupid*. This beaut has nothing to do with inherited intelligence quotients and

has everything to do with street smarts.

If you're street smart, you are observant. And because you watch, you listen, you feel -- you can smell a con a mile away, or at least soon enough to be suckered.

"Smart men (and women) can be stupid," I shout from this soapbox. "And I don't want to be known as the dad who let his sons be stupid."

Aside from the apparent fact I need to work on selfishness, I don't want the lads to be A) sheep; and B) victims.

"Learn to learn. Connect the dots. Don't be so full of yourself to think you know it all," I preach. "AND, it is okay to change your mind as long as it is based on new and better information."

I try to impart the value of being critical thinkers and not to be sucked in by the loudest mouth or the easiest or most popular position to take. As they need to challenge assumptions of others, so too should they challenge themselves.

There's a quote attributed to the late actor John Wayne which sums it up quite nicely: "Life is hard. It's even harder when you're stupid."

I know I ain't perfect, and I try and let the boys know I know it. In 2017, I should probably be a little less direct with them, a little nicer but then I keep remembering my own father's No.1 tirade. "It's a big, bad world out there and it ain't fair. The world's a bear and it's gonna' try and take what is yours. You're gonna' have to fight for what's yours, but always do what is right."

Got a tirade you wanna' get off your chest? E-mail me, DontRushDon@gmail.com

# Sheriff's Office provides Ice Safety tips if you're considering going out on the ice

As the weather turns cold and frigid, many residents may start to participate in winter activities on the ice. Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard wants to remind residents that there is no ice that is 100 percent safe.

"We want to prepare you to keep your family, friends, and neighbors safe when out on the ice," said Sheriff Bouchard. "While ice may form in the next couple of weeks, it is early in the season and everyone should use extreme caution when around any body of water."

The following is a recommended guide to help judge recreational use of clear, solid blue ice and help you minimize your risk:

- Five inches thick minimum for general use (fisherman, ice skaters, and foot traffic)
- Eight inches thick minimum for travel by snowmobile, Off Road Vehicle (ORV)

(Automobiles should never be driven out on the ice. This would void any insurance claim.)

It is important to survey the ice, keeping in mind that ice conditions change day by day, lake by lake, and location by location on the same body of water. Some signs of changing ice conditions can be, but are not limited to:

moving water near a stream or river, an unseen spring or inlet, slushy areas, depressions in the snow, heavy snow, white "milky" or black colored ice as well as "frazzle" ice which has been weakened by the freeze-thaw cycles. Frazzle ice is pocketed with tiny air pockets and often looks like frozen slush.

#### Additional tips to remember:

- Do not go out alone on the ice. Always take a partner or someone who can call 911or obtain help in an emergency.
- Do not make the first tracks on the ice. Check with someone who has experience with a particular lake or pond before you venture out on the ice.
- Always leave a travel plan with someone who can call for help and direct a search party if you do not return.
- Plan ahead by dressing appropriately for changing weather conditions. Dress in layers to protect all exposed parts of your body. Consider wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) as part of your overall protective clothing or a flotation jacket or suit. Ice creepers attached to boots will help to keep you stable on the ice and can assist in self-rescue.
- Bring safety items which may include: cell

phone, whistle, rope, ice pick or awls, screwdriver, hand flares, flashlight, throw-able PFD.

- · Check and double check the ice thickness with an ice spud, auger or cordless drill. If you discover a weak spot, retrace your route off the ice. Keep a distance between others in your group.
- If you hear the ice crack or detect unsafe ice you should stay spread out, immediately lie down (which will distribute your weight) and crawl back to safer ice by the same way you came.
- If someone falls through the ice, do not run to the hole. First call 911 and get help on the way. After contacting emergency responders, use a pole, branch, rope or any other handy object, which can be extended to the victim from a safe position. You cannot help if you also become a victim.
- If you fall through the ice, do not panic, because this will only hinder your self-rescue actions. Call out for help and kick your feet while getting your hands and arms up onto safer ice. This is when the ice awl or screwdriver will help you with your self-res-

Continue to "swim" up onto the ice far

- enough to crawl or "roll-out" to safer ice.
- Snowmobiles, ORVs and vehicles on the ice increase your risk of falling through, especially at night. Many accidents occur when operators are driving at a high rate of speed and are unable to slow or stop in time to avoid open water or unsafe ice.
- Pets that venture onto unsafe ice are another major cause for many near drownings and deaths. If you find your pet has ventured out onto the ice, resist the urge to go out after them. Stay at a safe position on shore and persuade them back to safety.
- Wildlife that ventures onto unsafe ice is a natural occurrence. Wildlife, such as deer, are strong swimmers that are prepared for cold weather, and find their own way off the ice.

Most often, wildlife discovered in the water are injured and succumb to injuries from predators or natural forces.

Oakland County offers many outdoor recreation opportunities with our lakes, ponds, and rivers.

However, before you step out onto the ice we strongly urge you to plan ahead and consider the risks involved.

"When in doubt, don't go out."

**Puppet Show** 

Friday, January 6 @ 10:00a The Orion Library's famous

puppet theater will feature some new

stories with lots of puppets and lots of fun! All ages welcome!

Affordable Healthcare Marketplace (AHC) Workshops Monday, January 4 @ 6:30p Wednesday, January 11 @ 2:00p

The deadline for using the Healthcare. gov Marketplace to enroll in health insurance for 2017 is January 31st.



AHC trained navigator Dr. Shakil Khan will present information about using the Marketplace to enroll in health insurance. A O&A session will follow.

#### Did You Know?



Did you know that the Orion Township Public Library (OTPL) earned the 2016 Citation of Excellence Award from the Library of Michigan Foundation for its superior customer service? State Librarian Randy Riley presented the \$1,000 award to OTPL Director Karen Knox in October at the Michigan Library Association's annual conference in Lansing.

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#### Snow is Falling and Books are Calling: Adult Winter Reading Program

January 9 through March 6



Record your winter reads to be entered in weekly prize drawings. Registration opens

January 9th and the final prize drawing is March 6th. Look for signup directions at orionlibrary.org.

#### Origins of the War in Syria

Thursday, January 12 @ 7:00p Oakland University Professor Don Matthews will explore the historic roots of the war and its recent developments, including Russian involvement, a major refugee crisis, and the emergence of ISIS.

### Magic: The Gathering Pre-Release Tournament for Teens

Saturday, January 14 @ 10:00a
Each participant will receive an Aether Revolt pre-release box with six packs of cards to build a deck and play with. Door prizes and achievement prizes will be awarded throughout the day as well as prizes to the top finishers. The cost to attend is \$25. Pre-registration is strongly recommended with play limited to 32 players.

#### New Year. New You

Wednesday, January 18 @ 7:00p
Linda Oxford, licensed
professional counselor will
help you take control of your life and learn
mindfulness. Learn how to cope more
effectively with shor and long-term stresses
and increase your ability to relax.

#### Pick Up STEAM - Snow Fun

Friday, January 27 @ 10:00a Enjoy experiments, fun, crafts, and math all centered on this frosty friend, SNOW! Ages 3-6, drop in, limit 25

#### Friends Winter Used Book Sale

Tuesday, January 24,
10:00a-8:30p
Friends Members Only
Wednesday, January 25 and
Thursday, January 26, 9:30a-8:30p
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Friday, January 27, 9:30a-4:30p
All Books Half Off
Saturday, January 28, 9:30a-1:30p
Bag of Books Day - Fill a bag provided by
the Friends for \$5

#### **Chinese New Year Crafts**

up, drop in, limit 20

Saturday, January 28 @ 2:30p
Celebrate the Chinese New Year with the rooster and dragon crafts, and learn your Chinese zodiac animal! Ages 6 &

### Harry Potter: Bath Alchemy 101 for Teens

Tuesday, January 31 @ 7:00p
Teens will learn about the benefits of bath soaks and body scrubs and then have the opportunity to create a custom soak and scrub from a buffet table full of Harry Potter themed ingredients. Space is limited, registration required.

#### Renovations are Complete!

Come and check out our newly renovated Adult Services area!



# Around Town

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

**Donate blood.** 10am-4pm Friday, Jan. 6, Oxford Public Library, 530 Pontiac Trail. 1-7pm Thursday, Jan. 12. City of Auburn Hills, 1827 N. Squirrel. Schedule an appt. at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Walk ins welcome.

**Programs at Orion Library:** Register at orionlibrary.org/calendar, 248-693-3000 or 825 Joslyn Rd, LO.

-Puppet Show Friday, Jan. 6, 10am. Featuring some new stories with lots of puppets for lots of fun. All ages welcome, drop in.

-Youth Maker Workshop Saturday, Jan. 7, 2pm. Create, investigate; experiment with technology, computer apps, crafting. Gr. 2-5, drop in.

-Affordable Health Care Workshops Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2pm. Deadline for using the Healthcare.gov Marketplace to enroll in health insurance is Jan. 31. Learn information about using the Marketplace to enroll in health insurance. Q&A session follows.

Christmas tree recycling runs until Jan. 30 at Addison Oaks; Independence Oaks; Orion Oaks. Drop off trees 9am-4pm. No charge. Plastic, tinsel and wire must be removed. No commercial trees. OaklandCountyParks.com Free one-hour Senior Fit exercise programs Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays starting in January. 7:30-8:30am: St. Joseph Church, 715 N. Lapeer Rd., LO; 2-3pm LO United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint St. A signed and dated physician form is required prior to the first class. Call 248-858-2545 to register and have form mailed to you. Ages 55 & up.

MI Senior Olympic Winter Games take place at various locations Feb. 8-13, 2017. Events include: badminton, billiards, bocce ball, basketball, competition, dancesport, ice hockey, pickleball, powerlifting, racquetball, table tennis, and co-ed volleyball. Open to anyone age 50+. You can be an athlete, a member, sponsor, volunteer, or spectator. For info, call Becky at 248-608-0252 or email info@michiganseniorolympics.org

Fifth Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest - open to all 5th grade students. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and include a gift certificate for the winning student, a tree planting for the school/community, and a gift card for the participating teacher to purchase classroom supplies. Theme is: We all need Trees. Use creativity and imagination to create an original poster depicting the theme. Entries must be received by Mar. 10, 2017. 517-588-6302; miarborday@gmail.com.

New or gently used sweaters, sweatshirts, socks, warm hats, gloves or mittens being collected to be given to veterans in the VA Hospital and to the homeless veterans at the MI Veterans Foundation in Detroit. All sizes for men and women are needed from medium to 3X. Please bring your donated items until Jan. 6 to Modetz Funeral Home, 100 E. Silverbell Rd, Orion. 248-371-3777.

NatureFit: Snowshoe Try It! 10am-noon Saturday, Jan. 7, Wint Nature Center in Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Rd, Clarkston. Learn the history of snowshoes and then head outdoors for a guided snowshoe hike, campfire and snack. Ages 5 and older; snowshoes provided. Participants must wear boots. \$5/person. Pre-registration required at 248-858-0916 weekdays or 248-625-6473 Saturdays. More info: OaklandCountyParks.com

No-shush prayer service Sunday, Jan. 8, 1pm. Christ the Redeemer Church, 2700 Waldon, LO. Non-denominational prayer service for family members with special needs. Celebrate with music, instruments, and interactive Scripture stories. Children and adults of all abilties welcome. All are welcome to express their joy in their own individual and unique way.

**Veteran Meet & Greet** Monday, Jan. 9, 6:30pm. Addison Township Library, 1400 Rochester Rd, Leonard. All are welcome.

**Orion Historical Society** meets Monday, Jan. 9, 7pm. Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Join the Orion Historical Society to learn about Orion Township's history and work on projects to preserve the past.

Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7pm at the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Rd, Clarkston. Topic: *Emptiness After the Holidays*. Walk in; free of charge. Questions: 248-625-5231.

Upcoming School Board Meetings. Interested in what's happening in the Lake Orion School District? Board meetings typically held at 7pm on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at the Administration Building, 315 N. Lapeer St, downtown LO. January mtgs are: Jan. 11, 25.

General Federation of Womens Clubs-Lake Orion meets Thursday, Jan. 12, 1-4pm, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Join a group of civic-minded women that unite in service projects that enhance lives of others as well as improving our community.

NOCC Families Against Narcotics meet 2nd Thursday of every month, Jan. 12, 6:30-8pm, topic: "the masks we wear". Woodside Bible Church (inside Canterbury Village), 2500 Joslyn Rd. 6:30-830pm. All are welcome.

Oxford/Orion FISH needs volunteers on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the food pantry, 487 First St, Oxford, from 10am-noon. Call 248-628-3933 if you can help.

Dog adoption day Saturday, Jan. 14, 11am-3pm at Pet Stuff/ Harvest Time, 1125 S. Lapeer Rd, Oxford. Loving dogs of all shapes and sizes looking to find a forever home. Check www.dogsaver.org/k9srl/ for available dogs. Ice Fishing 101 3-5pm Saturday, Jan. 14, Twin Chimneys Shelter in Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Rd, Clarkston. Ages 5 and older. \$5/person. Pre-registration required at 248-858-0916.

# Obituary

# Konyen, Hildegard; 88, of Metamora

Hildegard Konyen; of Metamora; age 88; passed away on January 2, 2017. Hildegard was the loving mother of Wilhelm (Diana) Lassel, Hildegard (Dean) Bonesteel and Heidi (Jeffrey) McQuistion; loving grandmother of Jason (Rachel) Lassel, Ben (Kelly) Lutz and Tiffany Townsend; dear great grandmother of David Lassel, Maxwell Lassel, Ila Lassel, Liesel Lutz and Max Townsend; and sister of Gerda (Jeff) Wickett.

Hildegard possessed a tremendous love for America and the land of opportunity. She turned that love into a life of serving others in Missions and assisted in the building of 22 churches in the Philippines. Hildegard also enjoyed cooking and teaching others the skills that she had developed through her life. But more than anything she will always be remembered for her unwavering love and faith in her Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Funeral services will be held at Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home, Lake Orion on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 11 a.m. with time of gathering and refreshments to follow. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 5-7 p.m.

Interment Metamora Cemetery. Reflections may be shared by visiting www.sparksgriffin.com.



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#### **☆** First Baptist Church

Located across from the Oxford PublicLibrary 150 Pontiac Street • Oxford 248-628-2911,248-628-6035 Pastor Claude Wiggins Parsonage Phone 248-969-2476 Sunday School - 9:15 Worship - 10:30am & 6pm Wednesday Programs: Awana - 6:30pm (children) Pro-Teens (youth) 7pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting-7pm Nursery Provided

#### First Baptist Church

255 East Scripps Rd • Lake Orion 248-693-6203 Juan M. Moreno, Pastor Morning Worship Service-10:30am Fellowships - 9:15 SundaySchool&AdultBible-9:15am Evening Service - 5pm Wednesday Evening Prayer - 7pm Nursery & Children's Ministries Teen Ministries

#### <sup>↑</sup> Oxford United Methodist Church

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#### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

136 South Washington St. (M-24) Oxford 248-628-2011 Pastor Matt Schule 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship 7:00 pm Monday Evening Worship Cry Room Available Sunday School - 9:00 am (Nursery-Adult) Adult Information Class Confirmation Class 6th-8th grades Holy Cross Christian Preschool 248-628-0116

#### Oxford Free **MethodistChurch**

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#### **Pathway Church**

(SBC Affiliated) 1285 West Drahner Rd. Oxford MI 48371 10:45 Sunday Worship 6 pm Wednesday Prayer Church . 248-628-3865 Pastor A. Wayne Bennett 810 516-8555 www.pathwayschurchoxford.com A Pro-Life Church

#### St. Joseph's Catholic Church

715 North Lapeer Road Father Mike Verschaeve, Pastor WEEKEND MASS TIMES Sunday - 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am & 12:30pm Saturday - 4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) - 3:30pm stjosephlakeorion.org

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3316 East Drahner Road Oxford • 248-628-5155 Sunday Holy Eucharist - 10am www.StAugustinesHouse.org

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2512 Joslyn Court • Lake Orion Rev. Laurel Dahill Sunday Services 8:30am - 10am

#### Howarth United Methodist Church

550 East Silverbell Rd, Lake Orion Church 248-373-2360 howarthumc@att.net Rev. Carolyn Jones - Pastor Worship Service - 9:30am (Nursery Provided) Sunday School Children & Youth - 9:45am

#### **廿GoodShepherd Lutheran Church and School**

1950 Baldwin Rd., Lake Orion (one mile south of Clarkston) 248-391-1170-church@gsls.org Stephen Ministry Congregation Rev. Gary E. Koltz, Pastor Sunday Services, 8:15am & 11am Nursery provided on Sundays Sunday School 9:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:40 am Preschool, K-8th Grade 248-391-7244

#### The King

a Community Church 1550 W. Drahner Rd. • Oxford 248-628-0038 Pastor Bob Holt Services 9 a & 11 a Summer Schedule-One service at 10a June, July & August 2nd & 4th - Outdoors Student Ministry-6th thru 12th Kids Ministry - Infant thru 5th

#### Transformation Christ Church

located at Echo Church 2840 W. Clarkston Road Lake Orion, 48362 Pastor:Terry Rebert Sunday Worship 9:30 am www.tcc-oakland.com 248-330-1078 Email: tirdet@aol.com

#### **₽**0akwood Restoration Branch of Jesus Christ

5220 Oakwood Rd. • Ortonville Sunday School - 9:45am Sunday Worship - 11am Wed. Eve Prayer Service - 7pm Call Robert Ruch 248-628-3867

#### 1 Lake Orion United Methodist Church

140 E.Flint St. (in the village, just east of M-24) www.LakeOrionUMC.org www.facebook.com/ lakeorionumo 248-693-6201 Sunday Worship: 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 Weekly Communion @ 8:00 Student Programming @ 9:15 Nursery Care @ 9:15 & 11:00 Wednesday Student Program (see website for details) Pastors: Lawrence A. Wik John W. Ball A Stephen Ministry Congregation

#### Thrist the Redeemer CatholicChurch

2700 Waldon Road • Lake Orion (Between Joslyn & Baldwin) 248-391-1621 Fr. Joe Dailey, Pastor Weekend Masses Saturday-5pm Sunday - 9am & 11am

#### **†** Oakwood Community Church

5791 Oakwood Rd. Ortonville, MI 48462 248-628-6388 Lead Pastor: Don Jackson Worship-Sundays 10:30am www.oakwoodcc.org

#### 化Immanuel **Congregational United Church of Christ**

1 Hovey • Oxford 248-628-1610 Pastor Liz Wilson An Open and Affirming Church We are a welcoming, mission, thinking church with Youth Ministry and Nursery Care Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study: 11 a.m. Worship Service Come join us for our year of gratitude

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#### **Drunk man assaults paramedics**

On Dec. 30 at 12:06 a.m., deputies responded to the 2000 block of Shadow Lake for a family trouble complaint.

Public Safety

Upon arrival, deputies separated the parties, a father and his 23-year-old intoxicated son, a resident of Independence Township.

Due to the responsible subject's high level of intoxication, Star EMS responded to the scene. The intoxicated subject agreed to go to a hospital for detoxification treatment. The subject was escorted to the ambulance and

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Deputies standing behind the ambulance observed it shaking, and saw an altercation through the rear window of the ambulance. Deputies entered the ambulance and saw the subject assaulting paramedics.

The subject was removed from the ambulance and escorted to the ground. The subject continued to resist deputies but was eventually brought under control without injury.

The subject was transported to the Oakland County Jail and was lodged pending the issuance of warrants.

The man was charged and arraigned with Assault & Battery on an EMS worker.

#### Asthma attack or heroin overdose?

At 1:29 p.m. Jan. 1, deputies, Orion Township Fire, and Star EMS responded to the 3300 block of Ashley for a 33-year-old female suffering from an asthma attack.

First responders arrived and began CPR. Responding deputies conducted interviews with the woman's 61-year-old boyfriend whom reported she was having trouble breathing last night but did not want to go to the hospital.

The man admitted he saw her using heroin around 9 a.m. this morning. He said she asked him to take her to the hospital just before he called 911.

Orion Township Fire arrived and began CPR. Star EMS administered "Narcan" and the woman began shallow breathing on her own.

The 33-year-old woman was transported to St. Joes for further medical treatment.

Anyone with information or crime tips regarding these incidents are encouraged to contact the Orion Township Sheriff's Office Substation at 248-393-0090 for tips, or our Dispatch Center at 248-858-4911 for crimes inprogress. Tipsters can remain anonymous.





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ship early Sunday morning.

Douglas Edwin Ball, Jr., 39, was the person of interest in the homicide of Lydia Rose Ball, 30, also of Port Huron.

Run helps to honor 'A Mother's Wish': Former LO teacher Kathy Luby had the wish to "pay forward" the support she received during her own battle with breast cancer by helping others afflicted with the disease. The sixth annual 5K/10K Run/Walk for A Mother's Wish is Sept. 17.

Kent requests recount for house representative seat: Joe Kent, a Republican candidate for the 46th District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives, has requested a recount in light of his narrow defeat in the Aug. 2 primary. Kent, of Addison Township, lost to fellow Republican John Reilly, of Oakland Township, by 29 votes.

**Aug. 31** 

State Supt. visits award-winning library at Carpenter Elem.: State Superintendent of Schools Brian Whiston visited Carpenter Elementary Aug. 24 to honor its library as a Model 21st Century Library, the first in Michigan to earn that distinction.

"We want students to be creators of content, not just using it," said Jeannine Crissman, Carpenter Elementary Library Specialist

ist. M-24 construction running on schedule: Local businesses have mixed reactions: While construction M-24and Clarkston Road continues to be on schedule for completion, some local businesses have felt the pangs from the work, while

others have seen the opposite effect.

Dragon on the Lake cruises to another successful finish: The Orion Art Center's Dragon on the Lake festival wrapped up this weekend, with proceeds from DOTL benefitting the Orion Art Center's youth art scholarship program, art camp and the art center's annual operating costs.

The four-day festival kicked off with a new event, a Foam Party, held for all ages on Thursday night.

Sept. 7

Chris Bell named new A.D. of LO schools; *Reiss retires from A.D. post*: After 43 years as an educator, the last 13 years as athletic director for Lake Orion Community Schools, William "Bill" Reiss has retired.

Chris Bell, who was an associate principal at the high school and is the head coach of

the varsity football team, is the new athletic director.

**District faces new, ongoing challenges this** school year: With classes back in session this week, the Lake Orion school district faces some new and some ongoing challenges, including managing the recently voted-in sinking fund, potential school closings and redistricting.

And while Superintendent Marion Ginopolis knows there are tough decisions confronting the district, she also sees the challenges as an opportunity for the district to unify and emerge stronger.

Recount confirms Reilly as Republican candidate in primary election: John Reilly, of Oakland Township, is still the winner and Joe Kent, of Addison Township, is still the loser in the Republican primary race for the 46th District seat in the state House of Representatives.

**L.O.Palooza to benefit wheelchair accessible park**: All proceeds from the L.O. Palooza will go to The Daisy Project – Michigan to benefit the Let Them Play playground at Friendship Park.

18 awards that the district received as a whole or for individual achievement.

Sept. 21

LO school board confronted with 'Critical Decisions': The Lake Orion school board is considering closing up to two schools, if any, though which ones are yet to be determined. The board also is considering selling some of its property, up to four different parcels, or none

If it sounds noncommittal, it is. Superintendent Marion Ginopolis and board members stressed that while the district has been talking about closing schools and redistricting for a while, the board is still in the early planning stages of executing these actions.

Multiple drunk drivers issued 8th offenses: On Sept. 17 at about 8:30 p.m., a Lake Orion Police Officer on patrol observed a male wearing a backpack on what appeared to be a motorized bicycle exiting a gas station/convenience store parking lot onto S. Broadway M-24. The driver was identified as Gary Michael Osborn, age 57, of Orion Township, MI. Osborn has seven previous convictions for drunk driving and has 12 open driver's license suspensions at the time of his arrest; he has not possessed a valid driver's license since 1980.

On September 16, 2016 about 11:30 p.m., Lake Orion Police were dispatched to the area of S. Broadway and M-24 near Heights Rd for a northbound white pickup truck report-

Township approves feasibility study for fire station #1: It was a busy night for township board members who approved funds for a feasibility study of fire station 1, voted to set the 2016 millage rates for the next fiscal year and granted funds for a handicap accessible play station at Friendship Park.

Sept. 28

**Detroit Free Press pays littering fines**; *Federal case against Orion Twp. continues*: The attorney for the Detroit Free Press paid two \$800 littering fines in district court on Thursday, but that does not end the fight, and the federal case and the \$5 million lawsuit against Orion Twp. will continue.

Lake Orion Village votes 4-3 in favor of passing LGBTQ Ordinance: The Village of Lake Orion Council met Sept. 26 to vote on a Human Rights Ordinance regarding basic protected rights for the LGBTQ community.

The council passed a first reading of the ordinance in August. The ordinance would provide basic human rights such as the rights included in the ElliottLarsen Civil Rights Act.

Police search for suspects, seek tips, in several fires set early Sunday: Police are looking for suspects after a slew of fires early Sunday morning, including multiple dumpster and vehicles, and a building fire along the 500 block of Clarkston Road. Authorities believe the incidents occurred sometime between 2-3 a.m.

Embrace seeks volunteers for LO suicide prevention: Embrace, a nonprofit mentoring

program for youths in Oxford and Lake Orion, will be holding a no-obligation informational meeting for prospective volunteers on Oct. 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Oct. 5

School administrators recommend closing Webber Elementary: The Lake Orion school district has known for some time it would need to take steps to cut costs and realign the district to fit the expected student population, and on Sept. 28 the administration executive team recommended closing Webber Elementary as part of the remedy.

LO Village Human Rights Ordinance takes effect Oct. 5: The Human Rights Campaign Ordinance the Lake Orion Village Council passed at its Sept. 26 meeting takes effect on Oct. 5.

The village meeting and ordinance itself left several questions unanswered for residents, including who will handle these complaints, who will investigate and who will decide if a crime was committed.

**Baldwin Road improvement project moving forward:** The Baldwin Road reconstruction project is still slated to begin next spring, but Orion Township is asking for input to help decide the aesthetics of the project through a community survey.

Blessings in a Backpack - LO packs 4,700 pounds of food for Orion students: Lake Orion Blessings in Backpack received its first de-

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Dragon on The Lake -- The Birney Directive (much to the chagrin of the Orion Twp. team) won the races in 2016

Sept. 14

Township fed up with Paint Creek Trail vandalism: In a small section of the Paint Creek Trail near Kern and Clarkston Road, vandalism remains the activity that has township officials frustrated. Just north of the bridge connecting the two roads, is a stretch of trail tagged with spray painted profanity and graffiti.

Village continues to debate \$7.8 million water main project: The Village of Lake Orion is currently drafting and debating plans to replace the aging water infrastructure with final decisions set by December.

Lake Orion schools, teachers receive multiple awards to start the year: During a welcome back ceremony for teachers and administrators Aug. 30 at the high school, Superintendent Marion Ginopolis announced

edly driven by a possible drunk driver. The vehicle was being driven erratically, and struck a curb near Atwater Street.

The driver was identified as Douglas George Bowman, age 54, of Orion Township, MI. Bowman was lodged at the Oakland County Jail after a search warrant for blood was obtained and executed.

Records indicated that Bowman has seven previous convictions for drunk driving, and had 31 open driver license suspensions at the time of his arrest, with numerous previous convictions for driving on a suspended license.

LOHS has large addition of exchange students: Lake Orion High School has always strived to bring exchange students over seas for the school year, but the 2016-17 school year has set a new record with 23 students.

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livery for the year – 4,706 pounds of food – and packed hundreds of backpacks at the Community Education Resource Center (CERC) building on Sept. 28.

Oct. 12

LO Village watermain replacement moving forward; 'Significant' water rate increase expected for village residents: After

a Sept. 12 presentation of a proposed water main replacement plan at the Village of Lake Orion council meeting, the council has been discussing their options for this and several other capital improvements plans.

Village Manager Darwin McClary stated the vllage is still discussing their funding options, but they are currently looking at issuing revenue bonds and adjusting water rates to accommodate a 30year repayment schedule on the bonds. "This is going to result in a significant increase in water rates, but Lake Orion celebrated Halloween with its annual downtown parade it has to be done."

Oct. 19

**Orion students** 

M-STEP results rank in top 10 across Oakland County: When compared against 28 other districts in Oakland County, Lake Orion students rank in the top 10 in every category on the state's M-STEP test.

Lake Orion's third through eighth graders and eleventh grade students' scores rank in the top 10 across the four test categories: seventh in math, fifth in English, ninth in science and eighth in social studies.

Village residents to vote on LO Police Dept. millage: Village residents will vote for a continuation of the Lake Orion Police Department's existing millage when they go to the polls during the Nov. 8 general elec-

Orion Veteran's Memorial gets new additions: On Sept. 14, Orion Veteran's Memorial board members and local veteran's gathered for the opening of the Veteran's Memorial Victory Garden and the filling of a community time capsule.

LOHS Leadership class cultivates future trailblazers: The Lake Orion High School Leadership Development Workshop class, or simply Leadership or LDW, as it is known in the high school, planned, organized and choreographed the Homecoming activities: the parade, the student Activities Night, the themed-days at the high school, the Powderpuff game, the Pep Rally, the Homecoming Court elections and the decorations and halftime ceremony at the football game.

Oct. 26

Court denies judgement, preliminary in-

junction in Detroit Free Press case pending discovery info: Orion Township received news on Monday that the judge in its case against the Detroit Free Press denied a partial summary judgement and preliminary injunction request from the Free Press.

"This is really good news. Essentially the judge is asking for discovery, Supervisor Chris Barnett said at the Board Trustees budget workshop on Monday. "This is not and Trick or Treating at local businesses. That's a mighty scary a victory, but it is good news because

judge isn't buying their story.'

Village roads could see major rehabs in future, council considers options: There are 11.6 miles total of village-owned roads. Every road was rated using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) visual rating method.

The PASER method is a visual evaluation that includes engineering properties. PASER ratings are: 1-3 poor condition, 4-6 fair condition and 7-10 good condition. The village's engineering firm informed the council that there were no 8, 9, or 10 rated roads in the

'Sensory rooms' purpose intended to aid special needs students; LO schools had conducted investigation, worked with parents to develop student plan: Recent allegations in the Lake Orion school district have left many residents wondering what emergency safety interventions and "cooler rooms" are and how they are used for special needs students in surrounding school districts.

Nov. 2

The LO Lions Club hosts annual Christmas charity auction Nov. 5: The Lions host

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# Varicose Vein treatment covered by insurance?

"Americans who are suffering from unsightly, swollen, painful varicose veins might want to take closer look at their insurance", says Dr. Charles Mok D.O., at Allure Vein Center.

"What most people don't know is that the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare, covers treatment for varicose veins," he adds.

"We're seeing more and more people for this condition. Why wouldn't you have it treated when its an easy procedure with little to no out-of-pocket costs?"

Forty mlllion people suffer from varicose veins, which can result in substantial pain and complications if not treated. Symptoms may include:

- •bulging veins •restless legs •aching, throbbing, cramping
- "Early detection with free vein screening is essential," says Dr. Mok. "Wait too long and you could experience unwanted skin changes

including swelling and skin ulcers."





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their eighth annual "A Christmas for Everyone" charity auction this Saturday, benefiting the club's Christmas Basket program.

Lake Orion Police Dept. seeks arson suspects in garage fire: The Lake Orion Police Department is searching for suspects in a garage fire determined to be a case of arson.

Police received a call shortly after midnight on Oct. 25 that a detached garage under construction at a home on Northshore Drive was on fire.

Nov. 9

'Restore M-24' project nearing completion date: Orion drivers and businesses fed up with the traffic congestion and construction on M-24, take heart: The end is in sight - almost. Next Friday the lanes should be clear of construction.

"Nov. 18 is the open-to-traffic date. The project completion is next spring because we have tree planting to do in the spring," said Lori Swanson, Michigan Dept. of Transportation M-24 Project Manager.

VFW Post 334 holds special memorial honoring those buried at sea: The chime of the bell was an ominous, yet grateful, reminder of the sailors who fought and died in service to their country, and now lay at rest in the deep.

VFW Post 334 service members, family and friends gathered for a special memorial service at the Veterans Memorial Park, honoring veterans buried at sea, with a special

tribute to sailors who served, and died, aboard the USS Lexing-

Inspection of LO Village sanitary sewer system reveals poor manhole conditions: Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC), the Village of Lake Orion's engineers, started inspecting the village's sanitary sewer system May 2.

As of Oct. 14, HRC has inspected 126 of 349 manholes in the Village of Lake Orion: 52 of 126 manholes were in good condition. while the remaining 74 are reported to be in poor condition. In October 2015, the village through the state of Michigan.

Nov. 16

### LO Village Council seeks new member;

Council selects officers, appoints committee members: At the Lake Orion Village Council meeting on Nov. 11, the council re-elected members and announced they will be seeking an additional council member as well. Ken Van Portfliet was re-elected as council president and Bradley Mathisen was elected as Pro-Tem President.

**Voter turnout tops 75 percent in Orion** area: Orion Township and the Village of Lake Orion saw a 75.93 percent voter turnout in the 15 precincts for the Nov. 8 General Election.

And while there were contested local elections for the township Board of Trustees and the Lake Orion Board of Education, there were no major upsets.

Orion Twp. expects balanced budget in 2017: The Orion Township Board of Trustees wrapped up a series of budget workshops on Monday with a proposed balanced budget for the upcoming 2017 fiscal year, including \$13,000 to spare.

Four Lady Dragons sign to play collegiate sports: Four of Lake Orion's best and brightest student-athletes have agreed to continue their playing careers at the collegiate level, signing national letters of intent during a special ceremony at the high school on Nov.

The fall signing day featured accomplished young women, each a standout in their respective sports and in the classroom: Moyea Russel in golf, Jamie Bell and Shelby Misiak in softball and Sarah Hennings in swimming.

Nov. 23

School board votes to close Pine Tree El-



was approved for a Orion Oaks Elementary kindergartners Logan, Ava, Landon and Jackson showed their \$663,300 SAW Grant patriotic spirit during the school's Veteran's Day celebration.

ementary: The Lake Orion school district has known for some time it would need to take steps to cut costs and realign the district to fit declining student enrollment. On Nov. 16, the Board of Education voted unanimously to close Pine Tree Elementary.

The board also voted unanimously to



Seniors are No. 1! Big surprise, the senior class won the Activities Night during the Homecoming festivities.

eliminate the focus school structure, redistrict the six remaining elementary schools and all the middle school boundaries and suspend intra-district open enrollment for the 2017-18 school year.

Village decides on new water rates for 2017: On Nov. 21, the Lake Orion Village Council decided on new water rates that will kick in Jan. 1, 2017.

The new water and sewer rates will be \$2.74 and \$3.87 per unit, respectively. One unit measures 100 cubic feet of water, or 748 gallons. With approximately 1,540 users, homes and businesses in the Village, the council hopes to break even with the new rates.

> Orion Twp. Inaugurates new board, welcomes two new members: The members of the Orion Township board, as well as township deputy officers, took their oaths of office during a swearing-in ceremony Thursday.

LO Swim & Dive team earns top honors at state meet; Lady Dragons set team, individual varsity records: The Lake Orion varsity girls swim and dive team completed their season with a convincing showing at the state championship meet on Nov. 19, finishing in eighth place as a team. This is the fourth consecutive top-10 finish for the Lady Dragons at the state meet.

Nov. 30

**LO Community Christmas Tree** lighting festivities support 'Shop with a Hero' program: It was a quintessential downtown Christmas celebration Saturday at Children's Park for the more than 100 people who showed up to share in the yuletide joy, with proceeds from the event benefiting the Shop with a Hero program.

Orion Goodfellows embody the holiday spirit with 50th annual newspaper fundraiser supporting area families: Sometimes Santa doesn't wear a red outfit with fluffy white trim. This year, as has been the case for the past half century, the Orion Firefighters Goodfellows will don their full fire gear and share that mantle with Kris Kringle.

"Heroes on the Front Line" reveals truth on community epidemic; Opioid overdoses becoming prevalent in Orion and surrounding areas: The North Oakland Community Coalition (NOCC) hosted "Heroes on the Front Line", a panel discussion regarding the opioid epidemic in Oakland County on Nov. 28.

Dec. 7

Village seeks public opinion on water rates: The Village of Lake Orion will be moving forward with a change of water rates and will be holding a public hearing to discuss the Village's option on Dec. 12 at 7:30

"We are hoping to get opinions from the public if they want a one large financial burden or a phased multi-step approach," said Council President Ken Van Portfliet.

Good-bye, Larry 'Whitey' Hauxwell; Colorful character kept the Leader's press running for 56 years: It's hard to imagine the Oxford Leader without Lawrence "Whitey" Hauxwell.

For nearly six decades, the 1957 Oxford High School graduate operated the press and was as much a local institution as the newspaper he printed. On Dec. 5, 2016, Hauxwell passed away at his home in Oxford. He was 77.

Chamber recognizes members who have made an 'Impact' on the community: The Orion Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual Impact Awards ceremony Dec. 1 to recognize area business leaders who have made a significant contribution to the Orion community.

The chamber honored Drew Ciora, Patti Charette, Brian Birney, Pam Omilian, Alex Chudzinski and Dana Mosure-Judge.

Navy veteran's family receives his Purple Heart 73 years after his death: It's been more than 73 years since Harold Keener died during World War II while serving aboard the American gunboat the USS Plymouth PG-57, but on Friday the Navy presented his son, Donald Keener, with a long overdue recognition of Harold's sacrifice to his

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country.

Lake Orion children will shop with their police heroes on Dec. 14: The Lake Orion Police Department's 8th annual Shop with a Hero program will take place on Dec. 14, and there is still time for people to support kids in need.

Dec. 14

Village Council votes in favor of four-year phased water rate plan: The village council held a public hearing regarding the proposed changes in water rates on Dec. 12, and ultimately voted in favor of a four-year phased plan.

With two options, one being an \$8 million single bond debt issue at 2.5 percent interest, and the second option being an \$8 million phased bond debt issue at 2.5 percent interest over four years, the village council wanted to hear from village residents to gather a popular opinion.

**Veterans commemorate 75th anniverary** of Pearl Harbor attack: On Dec. 7, area Veteran's gathered to commemorate the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Veter-

NOTA got an early Christmas present, thanks to a \$4,000 grant from the Home Depot foundation to renovate the transportation hub's breakroom.

Dec. 21

Orion Township honors The Lake Orion Review for 135 years of service: On Dec. 19. the Orion Township Board honored *The Lake* Orion Review as Orion's "Storyteller" with a Proclamation marking the newspaper's mile-

LO school board votes 7-0 to sell Admin. Building: The Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education voted unanimously at its board meeting Dec. 14 to sell the district's administration building on Lapeer Road in the Village of Lake Orion.

Lions Club annual Christmas basket program reaches 230 Orion Area families this holiday: The Lake Orion Lions Club held the packing day for their annual Christmas basket program at the CERC building last Friday, benefiting area families in need of assistance this holiday season.

Ginopolis gets high marks in annual per-



(Nov. 16 issue) Lake Orion High School stand-out student-athletes (from left) Moyea Russel (golf), Shelby Misiak (softball), Jamie Bell (softball) and Sarah Hennings (swimming) all signed national letters of intent



The Orion Area Lighted Parade was a big success again this year. Here, the Center Stage Dance Company is wih their Frosty the Snowman float, which took home the prize for best float this year.

ans of all ages and ranks came together at the Orion Center for a Candle Ceremony in memory of those killed at Pearl Harbor.

**NOTA** gets an early Christmas present thanks to Home Depot grant: While many people in the area depend on the North Oakland Transportation Authority for rides, Home Depot decided it was time to spread some holiday cheer and give back to the organization with a much-needed gift.

formance review: Superintendent Marion Ginopolis received a "highly effective" rating from the Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education members in her annual performance review, presented at the board's Dec. 14 meeting.

The Review's own Don Rush elected president of Community Papers of MI: Community Papers of Michigan (CPM) recently elected Don Rush, assistant publisher of

Sherman Publications, Inc., to serve as board president to lead the association for a three-year term.

Dec. 28

'Lake Orion Review' publishers share thoughts on the newspaper's history, importance of community newspapers during ONTV interview; Segment to air soon on ONTV YouTube Channel: Orion Township Clerk Penny Shults interviewd Jim Sherman, Jr. and Don Rush., both of Sherman Publications, Inc., for a segment of Oakland Leadership to air in the upcoming year. Shults interviewed Sherman and Rush at the ONTV broadcast station Dec. 22 about the newspaper, its history, its impact on the community and the importance of community newspapers in gen-

Orion Twp. passes balanced budget for 2017: The Orion Township Board of Trustees wrapped up the year in the black, passing a balanced budget for the upcoming 2017 fiscal year, including \$8,000 to spare. The

township's total expected general fund revenue for 2017 is \$6.8 million, just surpassing its projected 2017 expenditures of \$6.8 million.

Polar BRRRRR! The 17th annual New Year's Resolution Run begins at 10 a.m. Jan. 1 in downtown Lake Orion. The event raises funds for the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority and it projects and programs.

LO graduate and tech mogul visits current students: Matt Zittzmann, a 2004 Lake Orion graduate, visited his hometown on Dec. 19 to speak with technology-minded students about his endeavors. Zittzmann is CEO and cofounder of Kamcord, a mobile application that allows the user to record what is playing on their smartphone or tablet screen.

Zittzmann described the journey since 2012, of getting Kamcord off the ground with his partners, Kevin and Adi, and his life voyage that preceded their business.



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#### The Goddard School receives recognition



McDonald, owner of The Goddard School of Lake Orion, has been awarded the Circle of Excellence Award by Goddard Systems, Inc., franchiser of The Goddard School.

The Circle of Excellence Award honors

Goddard School owners for exceptional per-

formance in the areas of quality assurance and health and safety.

McDonald and her team believe that teacher accountability and adhering to health and safety policies and procedures helps to create a great work environment.

"We continually strive to provide an educational program that not only prepares children for success in school, but for success in life as well," said McDonald. "Our top priority is to provide a safe, nurturing learning environment."

The Goddard School is located at 935 E. Silverbell Road. For more information call Kellie at 248-364-

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### "Voorheis Vixens" take over with kayaks

The "Voorheis Vixens", a group of local Lake Orion women, took over Lake Voorheis every Tuesday this summer and fall with their kayaks.

The paddling group of ladies was started the summer of 2015 with just three local ladies. Their outings continued to grow as word spread about their weekly fun nights on the lake. The Vixens spread the news of their outings through their Facebook page, Voorheis Vixens.

and family to join in so there are anywhere from three to 50 ladies paddling the lake each week. Many participants have never kayaked before or been on the lake which leads to wide ranges of abilities and ages. There are also often extra kayaks available for other women who want to join the fun, but do not own their own equipment.

paddling around the lake, in and out of

by one of the islands on the lake to share beverages, enjoy girl talk and watch the

set a goal of including 35 women in the outing. The goal was exceeded when 48 ladies joined the event.

Unfortunately, the added to

Many ladies invite their out-of-town friends

The ladies spent their Tuesday evenings

canals. The group will eventually settle stunning sunsets. On Aug. 9, the group

Vixens last night on the lake was Nov. 1, but the group still plans to continue getting together periodically. For those interested in joining the Vixen fun or being Vixens Voorheis Facebook page, emails can be sent to renee.klebba@gmail.com.

#### Orion Library presented with gift from "Friends"

The Orion Township Public Library was recently presented a check from The Friends of the Orion Township Public Library for

The funds will be going towards new furniture and recent renovations that are taking place at the library.

"These funds will be for the new comfortable seating and study furniture that is going into the Periodical Room," said Karen Knox, Director of the Orion Township Public Library.

The new furniture is scheduled to be installed by the end of December. The Friends made the donation possible due to many fundraising efforts over the past year, including three Used Book Sales and the Passport to Spring Gala event.

For those interested in learning more about the Friends, visit orionlibrary.org/friends. The Orion Township Public Library is located at 825 Joslyn Rd.



(Front left to right) Carla Tousley, Friends Membership Chair; Diane Griffiths, Friends President; Karen Knox, Orion Library Director; Christine Martinico, Friends Treasurer. (Back left to right) Pat Belanger, Friends Vice President; Rob Zielinski, Friends Secretary. Photo provided.

### The Lady Dragons show their strength in female robotics competitions

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A beautiful sunset photo on Lake

Voorheis during the fall months.

Lake Orion's Robotics Team 302 showcased Lake Orion's talent at an all-girls robotics competition held at Bloomfield Hills High School in early Nov.

The all-girls competition featured 32 teams where only girls were allowed to fix and drive the robots. Team 302 worked in alliance with three other teams, and earned enough points to advance in each round of the finals. In the final tie-breaking match, the girls came out ahead and were able to bring a trophy home to Lake Orion.



The Lake Orion Robot Rebels FLL (First Lego Team) competed in the Sharkfest tournament in Troy at the middle school level. The team received both the 1st place Champion's Award and 1st place for robot performance. The Robot Rebels are made up of seven female students, four from Scripps, two from Waldon and one from Carpenter. The Robot Rebels will be competing in the state tournament in December.

Congratulations to FTC Team #11691, Scripps Dragons, for taking First Place in the

> Great Lake Bay Region FTC Robotics Qualifier at Bullock Creek High School in Midland earlier this fall. The Dragons went undefeated winning eight straight matches out of a field of 35 teams, catapulting them to victory and earning an invitation to the FIRST in Michigan FTC State Championship in Battle Creek December 16-17. Nice job students, parent mentors, and sponsors. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Mike Tefend for his tireless dedication and leadership in this rookie endeavor and Mr. Colwell for being the team's staff supervisor/ coach.

#### **Congrats Waldon 8th grade football on a great season!**



8th grade Waldon Middle School boys had a great season this year ending 5-1 in league play and beat Scripps 28-7 to win the coveted City Championship. Congrats to head Coach 6th grade Waldon teacher Dave Duva, the assistant coaches and all of the players. Photo provided.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION DOWNTOWN **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** 

**ANNUAL REPORT** FYE 06/30/2016

Pursuant of DDA Act 197 of 1975, TIFA Act 450 of 1980, and LDFA Act 281 of 1986 REVENUE Property Tax: 520,222

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Intergovernmental - Local	\$	68,747
Interest Earned	\$ \$	488
Other Revenue	\$	109,666
Total Revenue	\$	699,123
EXPENDITURES		
Community Development	\$	394,370
Debt Service - Principal	\$	120,000
Debt Service - Interest	\$	14,400
Capital Outlay - net	\$ \$ \$ \$	75,221
Total Expenditures	\$	603,991
INITIAL ASSESSED VALUE		
Real Property SEV	\$	9,316,600
Personal Property SEV	\$	916,800
Total Initial Assessed Value	\$	10,233,400
CAPTURED VALUE		
Captured Real Property	\$	22,234,570
Captured Personal Property	\$	769,160
Total 2014/2015 Captured Value	\$	23,003,730
TAX INCREMENT REVENUES RECEIVE	ED	
From Village	\$	247,930
From Township	\$	187,469
From Intergovernmental-Local	\$	153.571

Source 2015-2016 Audit Alice Bryce, Village of Lake Orion, Finance Director / Treasurer

588,969

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

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#### LAKE ORION

**PUBLIC NOTICE** VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** 

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

			Go	Other overnmental		,		Gov	Total rernmental
Revenues	General	Pu	ıblic Works		Police	Funds		Funds	
Property Taxes	\$	957,326	\$	-	\$	_	\$ _	\$	957,326
Intergovernmental:									
Federal, State and Local		249,595		-		355,750	215,592		820,937
Charges for Services		189,021		132,263		12,004	12,700		345,988
Fines and Forfeitures		-		-		68,099	-		68,099
Interest		1,497		232		-	3,048		4,777
Other		186,589		15,383		3,032	11,921		216,925
Total Revenues		1,584,028		147,878		438,885	243,261		2,414,052
Expenditures									
Current:									
General Government		598,007		-		-	-		598,007
Public Safety		-		-		725,518	-		725,518
Public Works		179,694		406,977		-	100,738		687,409
Community Development		67,385		-		-	-		67,385
Recreation and Cultural		23,466		-		-	-		23,466
Other Functions		63,900		-		-	-		63,900
Debt Service:									
Principal		-		-		17,653	15,000		32,653
Interest and Other Charges		-		-		-	1,827		1,827
Capital Outlay		-		-		-	181,928		181,928
Total Expenditures		932,452		406,977		743,171	299,493		2,382,093
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues									
Over Expenditures		651,576	(2	259,099)	(;	304,286)	(56,232)		31,959
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			,			. ,	, , ,		-
Transfers In		-		273,010		334,263	214,201		821,474
Transfers Out		(669, 173)		(70,114)		(9,977)	(50,260)		(799,524)
Total Other Financing Sources (Use	s)	(669,173)		202,896		324,286	163,941		21,950
Net Change in Fund Balance		(17,597)		(56,203)		20,000	107,709		53,909
Fund Balance-Beginning		393,629		150,212		-	543,627		1,087,468
Fund Balance-Ending	\$	376,032	\$	94,009	\$	20,000	\$ 651,336	\$	1,141,377
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#### VILLAGE OF LAKE ORION

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because: Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital Outlay 181,928 Capital Outlay-departmental 8,758 (166, 164)Depreciation Expense Change in Other Post Employment Benefit Liability (122.970)(418.262)

53,909

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Principal Repayments 32.653 (49 793) Installment Loan Proceeds (10.538)Increase in Compensated Absences \$ (490.479)

Change in net position in governmental activities

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement PSLZ LLP - Certified Public Accountants

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Change in Net Pension Liability

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mortgages. Some which are limited to a knowledgeable independent experts. 

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costs associated with them. The reverse available mortgages include both those enjoying government backing and those which are private. They do not restrict the use the borrower makes of the funds and offer different methods of receiving the funds including lump sums or installments over the life of the borrower or for a specific term. The biggest disadvantage of the reverse mortgages is the upfront costs, even though they are added to the mortgage balance. Before considering a

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# What's the BIZ?

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### **Chamber announces 2017 Executive Team**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Our Mission at The Orion Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote the Community and to enhance the growth and development of business in the area. The Chamber is a valuable resource for businesses, provid-

ing leadership, advocacy, professional development and economic growth for businesses in and around the Orion area. As our value proposition states, "The OACC is an effective and influential community partner. We

work closely with and strive to be a strategic, trusted partner of Orion Township, the Village of Lake Orion, Oakland County and the State of Michigan. Our goal is to serve as the leaders of positive future growth for members' businesses and the community."

The Board of Directors is the chief governing body of the OACC, which represents the interests of our Members. The Board is responsible for setting forth policies and procedures that define how the OACC operates in areas that include human resources,

planning, finance and community relations.

The 2017 Board is comprised of 13 members, with diverse expertise and talents, in both the business and government sectors. In addition to monthly Board

> meetings, each member volunteers additional time serving on one or more of our committees.

The President, Vice President,
Treasurer and Secretary make up the Executive Board.
We are proud to announce your Executive Board for
2017.

**Matt Pfeiffer,** owner of Northern Flooring and Interiors, is our newly elected Board President. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Vice President of the OACC Executive Board.

**Todd Daniels** of Wealthpath Financial Advisors steps into the role of Vice-President this year. Todd served his first year on the Board in 2016, and also held the

position of Ambassador Committee Chairperson.

**Pam Omilian**, owner of API Consulting, was elected to her first term as Treasurer of the Board. Pam was a newly-elected OACC Board member in 2016.

**Kellie McDonald**, owner of the Goddard School in Lake Orion, retains her role as Secretary of the Board for a second year.

From the staff and Board of the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce, we wish you a prosperous New Year and we look forward to continuing to serve and promote our Members and the Orion area!



The Orion Area Chamber Board wishes Chamber members and the community a prosperous 2017.

#### **January Breakfast**

Thursday, January 12 8:30 to 10 am. Orion Center

Network over breakfast at the Orion Center. Guest speaker LOCS Superintendent Marion Ginopolis will speak about the state of the school system.

> Sponsored by Holistic Health by Valerie



#### **Thirsty Thursday**

Network with the Chamber at our monthly Thirsty Thursday! Come out and get to know your fellow members, enjoy some frosty beverages, and help grow our community.



Thursday, January 19, 4 to 6 pm Lockhart's BBQ, 37 E. Flint St., Lake Orion

#### **Coffee Connect**

Network with the Chamber at our new monthly Coffee Connect! Come out and get to know your fellow members,

enjoy coffee and pastries, and help grow our community.

Bring business cards and a topic for group discussion.

Tuesday, January 31, 8 to 9 am Crates Coffee House 1472 S. Lapeer, Lake Orion

To register for Chamber events, call 248-693-6300, email us at info@orionareachamber.com or register at orionareachamber.com.

# Chamber announces new business partnerships for 2017

The Orion Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce new partnership opportunities for our members in 2017.

Our Gold and Silver
Business Partnerships
offer unique marketing opportunities
and premier recognition at all of our events
for the coming year. These
partnerships are designed to help

build and strengthen relationships with other Chamber Members, as

munity, while the additional support gained through

well as the com-

these Partnerships helps the Chamber to implement its long-term strategic plan to work on a better environment for businesses in the Orion and surrounding areas. We are proud to acknowledge Lockhart's BBO-Lake Orion and

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Partners for 2017, and thank them for their unwavering support of the OACC, their fellow Members and community as a whole!

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Matt Pfeiffer, Northern Flooring & Interiors

#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Todd Daniels, Wealthpath Financial Advisors

#### **TREASURER**

Pam Omilian, API Consulting

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# Welcome to our newest Chamber members!

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**Chris Collins** 

#### Join the Orion Chamber.

Join today at orionareachamber. com or call the Chamber office at 248-693-6300.

# Make your Chamber membership work for you

This is your opportunity to meet the Chamber staff, introduce your business, and familiarize yourself with the variety of benefits the Chamber has to offer. We will cover everything you need to know to start making your Chamber membership work for you, including how to:

- Submit information for publication in the Chamber's weekly electronic newsletter, the *Monday Motivator*
- Submit employment opportunities for publication on the Chamber website.

- Register for networking opportunities and events.
- Take advantage of all the marketing opportunities available through the Chamber.
- Participate in the member-to-member discount program.
- Organize a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Not just for new members! We will be covering lots of new information. The orientation is free, but space is limited so registration is required.

Our next session is Tuesday, January 17 from 9 to 10 am at the Chamber office, 46 W. Shadbolt Street, Suite C. Enter on Lapeer Street. Call the Chamber office to register.



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# For the first time in history, the brain has a mirror for itself

this technology.

The brain now has a technological auditory mirror for itself. It is a safe and comfortable non-invasive EEG mirror effect that allows the brain to self-regulate on its own terms. It turns measurable brainwave activity into high-resolution tones that are sent back to the brain live. As the brain responds to itself live, it is measured and tracked with great detail and people experience remarkable results.

# Why this technology is unique

Traditional medicine contends that chemistry drives function. Brain Life Center believes that function drives chemistry and primary function begins in the brain.

This licensed and certified technology is patented and quite unique from standard forms of neurofeedback which

depend on operant conditioning (assuming how the brain should be and creating conscious exercise to push it in that direction). Rather than making these assumptions, this technology passively supports the brain to self-regulate on its own terms and as it naturally sees fit. Improvements happen more quickly and permanently when the brain balances itself rather than a person being asked to consciously train their own brain. Speed and longevity result when the brain seeks its own "normal" rather than being forced to match a pre-determined pattern of "normal."

Brain Life Centers' approach is based on the belief that brainwave disturbances are a result of physical and emotional traumas. They are able to identify how trauma is affecting brain function and brain patterns. With this understanding, they are able to directly target the areas of the brain that most require this passive auditory mirror effect. As a result, this modality is faster and more effective which is why their clients usually report results within five to ten sessions.

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### Who's In?

Join our growing group of proud Orion Area Chamber members!

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### What's Coming Up?

**Thursday, January 12th**, 4:30 pm, Ribbon Cutting at Anytime Fitness Lake Orion, 3603 S. Baldwin in Orion Township.

**Thursday, January 26th**, 4:30 pm, Ribbon Cutting at Pulte Homes, Bald Mountain, 1323 Addington Court in Lake Orion.



Wednesday, February 1st, 11:30 am to 1 pm, Chamber Luncheon, at



the Palace of Auburn Hills, 6 Championship Drive in Auburn Hills. Our guest speaker will be an executive with the Detroit Pistons.

#### **Members Making News**



#### Heather Obrecht-White, SA+A Architects,

was recently nominated to serve on the 2017-2019 Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Detroit's Board of Directors as the Membership Committee Board Liaison. Founded in 1986, CREW Detroit is an organization of over 150 professional women within a growing network of over 8,000 professional women

in 66 chapters across the US and Canada.

Baker College's Auburn Hills

\$18,000 in equipment and supplies

campus has donated nearly

# What's going on?

Member-sponsored and community events

BBQ 101 Class, Saturday, January 14th, 10 am to 1 pm, at Lockhart's BBQ, 37 E. Flint Street in Downtown Lake Orion. Learn how to prepare the perfect smoked ribs with Lockhart BBQ's pitmaster Chris. \$60 per person. RSVP required; call 248-690-9362.

Please check out the OACC's new Events Calendar for more Chamber member-sponsored events at orionareachamber. com/events/calendar

# from its dental hygiene program to three charitable southeast Michigan health care organizations. The three dental health care providers receiving donations are Oral Health Solutions, a nonprofit in Berkley, the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic, in Pontiac, and Oakland Primary Health Services, in Pontiac. All of the organizations provide low- or no-cost dental care to patients in their local and surrounding communities. The donations include equipment for taking and process-

ing X-rays, operatory chairs and

stools, an autoclave sterilizer and a

nitrous oxide anesthesia machine.

Some clinical supplies were also

donated.

Member Profile: Holistic Health by Valerie

### New Year, New You?

We all do it. We make an ambitious
New Year's resolution with every
intention of keeping it and making
a positive change in our
lives. Then the second
week of February rolls
around and somehow
that goal no longer
seems attainable or even
reasonable. So what went wrong?



things like stress, sleep and, most definitely, food. As a Certified Nutritionist and

on how their body responds to

Wellness Coach, I feel it is essential to educate my clients on how the human body was actually designed to function.

This allows a person to make the

most informed decisions about those factors in their life that will either aid in or sabotage their wellness efforts."

Holistic Health by Valerie is launching two new wellness programs available to small business owners as well as corporations looking to make health a priority at the workplace. These seminars were designed by Valerie and fellow wellness advocate Christine Betz, owner of BeAwarel apparel. Each program is an interactive and informative experience that speaks to the most common health concerns facing today's professionals.



Is it a lack of willpower, are we too busy, or is it just plain laziness?

"I suggest it's none of the above," says Valerie Johnson of Lake Orion, owner of Holistic Health by Valerie and an Orion Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and Elite member. "Too often I see many people fall short of their wellness goals due to a lack of knowledge

In addition, Valerie will be a presenter in VIP Total Fitness – an eight-week course offered at the Orion Center by Dennis James, beginning Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. This program includes dance, self-defense, yoga and, of course, nutrition.

Eat well to be well!

To learn more about these exciting opportunities, contact Valerie at 586-242-0418 or valeriehealthcoachlo@gmail.com.

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#### Consider Some New Year's (Financial) Resolutions

**Grant Fodor** 

We're just about ready to open the door to 2017, so you might be thinking about some New Year's resolutions. What's on your list this year? More visits to the gym? Learning a new language? Mastering the perfect beef bourguignon? All worthy ambitions, of course, but why not also

include some financial resolutions?

By reviewing your needs and goals, you can identify some resolutions that are particularly relevant to your own situation. But here are a few suggestions:

Build an emergency fund. If you needed a major car repair or a new furnace, or faced some other large, unanticipated expense, could you cope with it? If you didn't have the money readily available, you might have to dip into those investments intended for long-term goals, such

as retirement. Instead, build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Cut down on debts. It's not easy to cut down on one's debt load. But if you can find ways to reduce your debts, you'll help improve your overall financial picture. Many debts are not "useful" – that is, they don't carry any tax advantages – so every dollar you spend to pay down those debts is a dollar you could use to invest for your future.

Boost contributions to your retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Your earnings have the potential to grow tax deferred and your contributions may lower your taxable income. Plus, most plans offer a selection of investment options, so you can choose the investment mix that fits your objectives and risk tolerance. Therefore, if your salary goes up this year, or if you

think you can find other ways to free up some money, increase your contributions to your retirement plan.

Review your portfolio. Is your investment portfolio still on track toward helping you meet your long-term

goals? If not, you may need to make some changes. You'll also want to study your investment mix to make sure it still accurately reflects your risk tolerance. Over time, and often without your taking any significant actions, your portfolio can "drift" to a place where you are taking on too much risk – or even too little risk – for your needs and long-term objectives. If this happens, you may need to "rebalance" your holdings.

Avoid mistakes. None of us can avoid all mistakes, in life and in our investment activities. But as an investor, you'll clearly ben-

efit from minimizing your errors. For example, it's generally a mistake to jump out of the market in response to a period of volatility. If you wait for things to "calm down" before investing again, you might miss out on the opportunity to participate in the next market rally.

Think long term. Keep this in mind: You're not investing for today or tomorrow, but for many years from now. Try to keep a long-term focus when making all your key investment decisions. By doing so, you can avoid overreacting to short-term developments, such as a sudden drop in the market or a "momentous" political event that actually decreases in importance as time goes by.

Try to follow these financial resolutions as best as you can. You could make 2017 a year to remember.

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### **Managing Work Stress**

For many of us, our experience in the workplace can include much worry and stress. The stress we experience at work can lead to anxiety, problems sleeping, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, irritability, withdrawal, and even depression.

There may be several reasons why we experience stress at work. Some individuals may feel overwhelmed: "I've been assigned too many projects at one time!" Others may feel frustrated: "I cannot complete the project I'm working on until I have the information I need from the other team." And still others may feel fearful: "I'm afraid I will meet with failure and disapproval."

When feeling overwhelmed at work, it will be especially important to prioritize, organize, and act decisively. Sometimes difficult or challenging tasks need to be broken down into smaller more manageable

steps. This can help us to stay more focused, and as these steps are successfully completed, we will be more able to take comfort in the progress achieved.

When feeling frustrated at work, it may be helpful to turn attention to our experience in relating with others. In our conversation with supervisors, colleagues, or subordinates, careful use of language that reflects collaboration and shared ownership may help reduce anxiety over the limited control you have as one individual. Judicious use of affable and congenial behavior in our interactions with others can also help to support effective collaboration, communication, and problemsolving.

When feeling anxious at work, we often need to address negative thinking and fear of failure.

Now, if your goal is to eliminate negative thinking,

I would recommend revising your goal. We use negative thinking to help direct our attention, anticipate problems, and avert failure. But if instead of managing these thoughts to our advantage, we are robbed of our confidence, then there are several ideas which may be helpful. "Is the negative thought I'm experiencing actually true?" "Can I turn the volume down on a negative thought that is only repeating itself over and over?" "Can I at least accompany, if not replace, a negative thought with a positive one?'

There are also several ideas which may be helpful when we are struggling with an underlying (or

not so underlying!) fear of failure. First, it may be helpful to remind ourselves that failure is usually not absolute. In fact, success is often built on failures that we encounter and resolve along the way. Now, if we're going to catastrophize, then we ought at least to look for the comfort we're supposed to find in facing our worst fear! But the best plan is always never to give up! We are most fearful not when we're focused on applying ourselves but when we're just idling helplessly.

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