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SMILES FOR SANTA: Logan Dille, at left, and Holden Dille of Rochester Hills meet with Santa at Clarkston Flower Shoppe, Dec. 16. Please see page 15 for more pictures from the event. Photo by Phil Custodio

Search is on for oil

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Wildlife and wildlife aficionados aren't the only visitors to Indian Springs Metropark these days. Oil rig operators have been frequenting the park in both Springfield and White Lake townships.

Jordan Development, an oil and gas company from Traverse City, has drilled one exploratory well just off of Teggerdine Road and will likely bore more holes in the ground around the park. The company's sights aren't only set on Indian Springs, however.

Chris Bickley of Jordan Development intended to share a presentation with Independence Township Board of Trustees on potential oil exploration in Independence, on Dec. 18.

Jordan entered into an oil and gas lease with the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) in 2011. To lease the entire 2,134 acres of the park, the HCMA will receive \$150 per acre, or \$320,199 upfront, and one quarter of the royalties from any valuable minerals found beneath the ground.

In June 2012, Jordan drilled approximately 5,000 feet under the ground of Indian Springs to determine the potential of striking oil. Now, they have other well sites in mind, and the HCMA has agreed to let Jordan keep searching.

Jordan has "continued to sign leases with private property owners throughout Springfield Township, and they were also able to acquire leases from the Pontiac Lake state park lands," said Indian Springs Metropark engineer Mike Arens.

Arens, who observed oil-producing wells in Kensington Metropark and the one exploratory well in Indian Springs, described his experiences with West Bay Exploration, another Traverse City company that frequently partners with Jordan Development.

"The well-head site during development is a

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Vandalism sparks security review

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Early Sunday morning, two portable toilets in Depot Park were set on fire. This latest instance of destruction of city property has prompted city officials to consider taking stronger measures to curb vandalism.

"All the more reason to get those security cameras," said Mayor Joe Luginiski during the City Council meeting on Dec. 10.

The Depot Park gazebo, playground, and city hall building have also been targets for vandalism this year, but the council has only discussed installing surveillance

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BLANKET WORK: National Honor Society member Jessica Moster works on a blanket for St. Joe's, Dec. 13. See page 4 for more pictures from the group's service project. Photo by Phil Custodio

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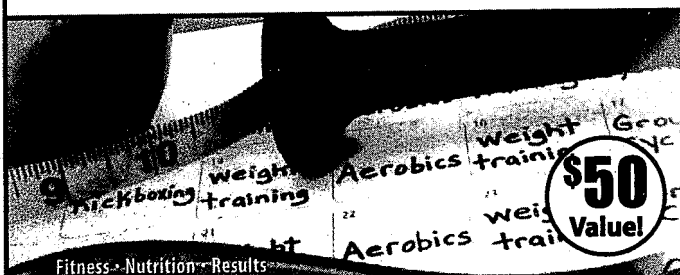
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COMPETITION CHEER: Rachel Christensen and Katie Clements compete with the Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team in the first round at the CCCAM Scholarship Invite in Brandon on Saturday. The Lady Wolves took sixth place with a score of 620.02. Their next competition is the Bronco Bash at Holly High School, Jan. 5. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

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School safety

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

In response to the school-shooting tragedy in Connecticut last Friday, visitors should expect more security at Clarkston schools.

Security measures include requiring visitors to enter through main entrances and sign in at the office. All other doors will be locked. At some schools will be a note with a phone number to the office to call before gaining entry.

"If you are an unfamiliar face, you will be asked to show identification before entering," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

All front doors will be locked after school starts, and staff members will admit visitors this week, Rock said.

"For the past several years, staff has practiced lockdown procedures to ensure we know what to do when there's an intruder," he said.

Clarkston Board of Education will continue to review and revise security policies, said board President Cheryl McGinnis.

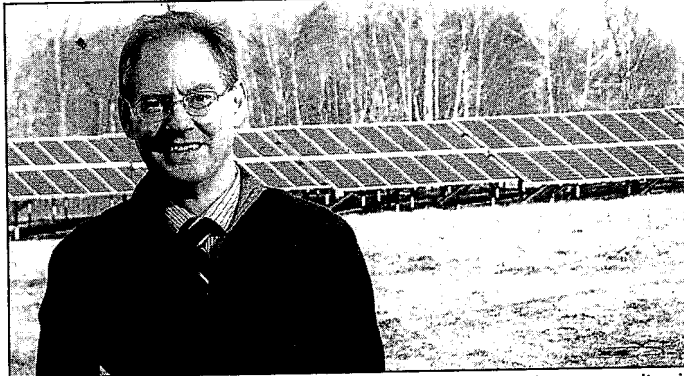
"A report to the Board of Education is pending and I do see that school safety could be a topic of an upcoming board meeting," McGinnis said.

In 2009-2011, Clarkston received a Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools grant to review district safety policies and procedures, coordinate response programs with local responders, in collaboration with Lake Orion and Oxford Schools.

The review included sessions with Michigan State Police Tactical Bomb Squad, Oakland County Health Department, local hospitals, Student Emergency Response Training, SWAT/tactical team school-intruder exercises, and chemical spill simulation.

District policies to protect students address hazing, harassment, bullying, and aggressive behavior toward students, disorderly conduct, search and seizure, weapons, safety standards, facility security, video surveillance and electronic monitoring, emergency evacuation of schools, and bomb threats.

"However, at first blush, none of these policies appear that they would have prevented what happened at Sandy Hook Elementary School," McGinnis said. "Governor Snyder has stated this massacre has 'given him additional pause' as to whether he would sign SB 59; which would allow individuals with permits to carry concealed pistols after completion of additional training into gun free zones like schools - pause is necessary, as our nation looks to find answers to how we can control brutal, senseless acts upon others."



Metropark engineer Mike Arens, next to Indian Springs' solar energy site, is keeping an eye on exploration for oil energy at the park. Photo by Mary Keck

Oil search considered in Independence

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construction site," Arens explained. "It is typically a well-drilling operation for the span of two to three months [then] that drilling operation will disappear and all that will be seen at the well head location will just be the well head itself."

Arens notes some truck traffic associated with drilling projects to bring in equipment.

"There's equipment coming and going," he said.

While there is a gas smell at the operation, Arens said it remains "localized to the site."

There are also "generators and diesel motors operating, and they are audible within a few hundred feet," he described.

Because of the noise, truck traffic, and smells, Arens emphasized, "site selection is critical." When it comes to the drilling location, the HCMA is "intimately involved in that process," said Arens.

Based on their lease with Jordan, the HCMA only allows mutually agreed upon wellhead sites determined to be non-environmentally sensitive and not used for recreation.

Considerations like tree buffers, distance from park recreation and residential areas, and places where minimal surface vegetation will need to be removed are a part of choosing the right wellhead area. As a result of the HCMA's site selection, Arens said there's been no impact on wildlife or wetlands.

Another stipulation in the lease: "We did not permit hydraulic fracturing in our wells," said Arens. Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) is a process in which high volumes of water and chemicals are pumped at a high pressure into the ground to break rock formations and release natural gas.

Despite the careful considerations made when working out a lease agreement with Jordan, Arens admits not everyone living nearby wants oil rigs in Indian Springs. The public opinion he's heard runs the gamut. Some are entirely against any kind of drilling, others are excited about the potential revenues, while many don't have an opinion

either way.

"It has been a balance to make sure we're balancing the environmental and recreational potential impact against the need to use these revenues for needed improvement and repair projects," said Arens.

Since 1993, the HCMA has acquired about \$13 million in revenues from successful wells drilled mainly in Kensington Metropark.

"Just because someone's looking in your area, it doesn't mean a thing in terms of actually producing anything," Arens pointed out.

If Independence Township or landowners in the area are thinking of entering into an agreement with Jordan Development, he encouraged them to remember "they don't have to take exactly what's presented... all the terms of the standard oil and gas lease are subject to negotiation." He also stressed the importance of "communicating with and educating the residents."

Overall, Arens said, "If they can balance the land use concerns of the township, the interests of the neighbors with respect to potential nuisance, if they can mitigate the potential environmental and recreational issues, then the potential for revenues can be very helpful in meeting whatever needs they have financially."

As for Jordan Development, "I'm sure they are a responsible company," said Chairman of the HCMA Board Anthony Marrocco. "They came to us with a proposal, and they laid out what they intended to do, so we agreed to some terms with them and made sure everything was done in a safe manner."

Michigan State University Extension offers oil and gas leasing advice for landowners on msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/oil_and_gas_development.

Find the HCMA's lease with Jordan Development at www.metroparks.com. The Independence Township board will meet again on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall.

Jordan Development did not respond to requests for comment.

Briefly

Holiday hours

Clarkston News offices will be closed for Christmas on Dec. 24-25, and New Year's on Dec. 30-31.

Deadlines for classifieds are 5 p.m., Dec. 20 for the Dec. 26 edition and 5 p.m., on Dec. 27 for the Jan. 2 edition.

Happy Holidays!

Veterans invited

Clarkston Junior High School is seeking World War II veterans.

The CJHS Social Studies Department invites veterans every year to share their experiences with ninth graders as part of their study of World War II.

Veterans can share their first hand experience on Feb. 6 in 15-20 minute sessions.

For more information, call 248-623-5600.

Cookies for ESTHERS

It's cookie baking time for ESTHERS Children. The non-profit group based in Independence Township makes Christmas cookies every year to raise funds for its work in Brazil to prevent the sexual exploitation, trafficking and prostitution of young girls.

A small tray of cookies and chocolates is \$50 for three of each variety. Large tray, six of each, is \$75. Each tray include a variety of 12 cookies and eight chocolates.

The trays include shortbread, apricot thumbprint, spritz, gingerbread, peanut butter kiss, turtle bars, raspberry bars, magic bars, date pinwheels, butter balls, santas whiskers, nut cups, cream cheese sugar cookies, and butter ball cookies, and chocolate covered Oreos, chocolate covered pretzel rods, english toffee, peppermint bark, chocolate espresso crunch, buckeyes, chocolate caramel turtles and coconut filled chocolates.

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From left, Meghan Gruebnau carries a completed blanket to add to the stack, with Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul and NHS advisors Amy Hohlbein and Susan Mohr.

Blanket service

National Honor Society members at Clarkston High School filled the Performing Arts Center, Dec. 13, to make blankets for St. Joe's hospital.

"It was so moving to see the dedication to service from all of our members," said Brooke Huisman, National Honor Society president. "We had over 120 blankets! We more than doubled the number of blankets we received last year. This project is a great way to give back to the community."

It was a service project for the group, said Amy Hohlbein, National Honor Society advisor along with Susan Mohr.

"Students donated all the fleece," Hohlbein said.

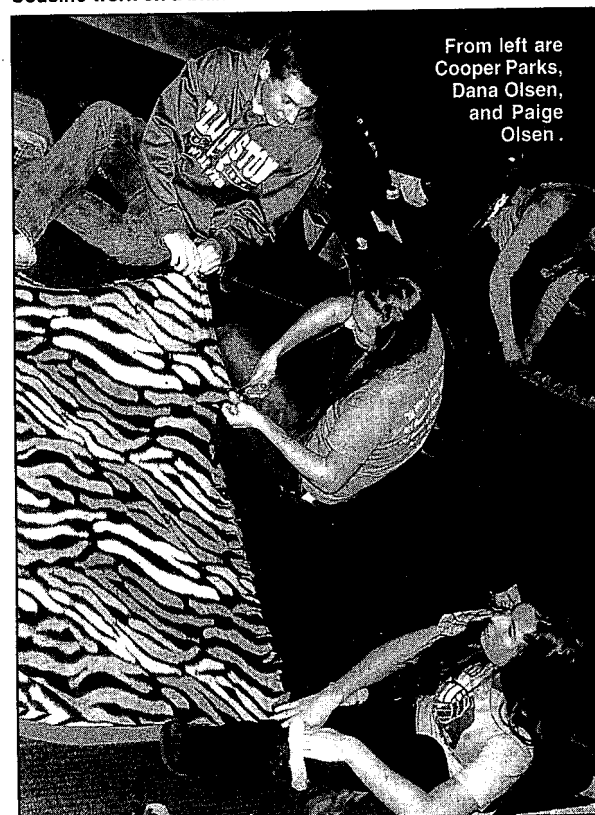
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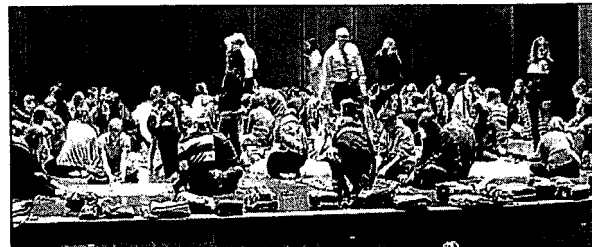
From left, Spencer McIntyr, Harry Witzke, and Sophia Mia finish a blanket.



From left, Sean Johnson, Mitchell Johnson, Sharvil Patel, and Scott Cousino work on a blanket.



From left are Cooper Parks, Dana Olsen, and Paige Olsen.



Main Street seismic survey approved

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If the ground beneath your feet starts vibrating as you stroll down Main Street this winter, it's probably not an earthquake.

In a unanimous vote, the Clarkston City Council agreed to allow West Bay Exploration, an oil and gas exploration company from Traverse City, to conduct a geophysical seismic survey on M-15 around mid-January.

While municipalities are not always contacted about such tests, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requires companies to contact landowners along state roads before seismic surveys are conducted.

Similar communication with property owners isn't necessary for testing done along county roads, Pat Gibson, Vice President of West Bay, explained.

West Bay's search for potential pockets of oil and gas underground involves laying

a line of cable along the roadside. Once the cable is placed, a tractor will run the length of it, vibrating as moves. Gibson, who was invited to attend a meeting after the city received a letter about the geophysical test, estimated the whole process would take two to three days.

He assured no roads would be closed for the project, but there may be flaggers directing traffic around the operation. The seismic survey would start south of Waldon road and end off of Dixie Highway near the Lancaster Lake Apartments.

Based on the information gathered, West Bay will determine if further exploration for valuable minerals under the earth is necessary.

"After we run the seismic test, that's when, if we saw something promising, we'd be back here asking landowners to sign an oil and gas lease to allow us to continue looking for oil," said Gibson.

"Should you find oil on my property, can

I move to Beverly Hills?" asked one resident with a laugh.

"In the end, that's why we're here," Gibson replied. "We're in the oil exploration business," he pointed out.

West Bay begins the process of searching for oil with a seismic survey, and they've had luck in other parts of Oakland County including Kensington Metropark and the GM proving grounds.

On the other hand, "there's a pretty high probability that we won't find anything," said Gibson.

Even after the seismic survey is completed, West Bay won't know what's in the ground unless they drill.

"There's no testing available at this point that can tell us without drilling if there is oil, gas, water, or just rock down there," he said.

When Councilman Mike Sabol asked about hydraulic fracturing, Gibson answered, "We don't frack."

Cameras planned for park

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equipment.

"It just never made the budget for various reasons, but I think we need to rekindle that process," said Luginski, who suggested placing cameras on Main Street and in Depot Park.

Councilman Stephen Hargis agreed, emphasizing the need for urgency.

"We've had complaints about people down here fooling around on and off for a long time, and we need your help to put a stop to this," Hargis told Lt. Dirk Feneley, who attended the meeting. "We've got to do something now."

The new commander of Independence Township's substation encouraged the city to consider adding lighting and

security cameras to the park. He suggested posting signs warning of video surveillance too.

"It's a great deterrent," said Feneley.

City Manager Dennis Ritter was given the task of looking into the city's options for obtaining security cameras and improved lighting.

"We need to get a couple of companies to come in and survey the property," said Luginski.

As for catching the perpetrators who ignited the port-o-potties, "we have no suspects at this time," Feneley stated.

The next City Council meeting is Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall on Depot Road.



DONATIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED: Sigma Beta Sorority member Joan Weglarski, at left, and sorority President Teresa Tersigni, at right, gather donated coats with Becky Hemminger, manager of Clarkston Self Storage. The philanthropic non-profit organization collected coats of all styles and shape for the Baldwin Center in Pontiac. *Photo provided*

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Holiday heroes

I remember when I was in elementary school and was asked who my hero was. I felt like it was an odd question mostly because it was singular.

I have never been one to come to a decision on one solely option. I picked heroes.

As I have gotten older, the list has grown and as we head into Christmas with a tragedy on our minds and a retching pain in our hearts from last Friday it's time to celebrate heroes this holiday season.

As news reports came out from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, I began to shut out the repeated information about the gunman. All I could think about was the students, staff and the entire community.

Out of the stories came another sad one about Victoria Soto, a first grade teacher, who was shot and killed while shielding her students from the gunman. She gave her life for her students.

A teacher shouldn't have to worry about having to shield his or her students from a threat. But I haven't met a teacher who wouldn't.

It's not just Soto who is a hero, it is every teacher. It's what they do in the classroom, what they do for their students when the classrooms are empty and when they are doing a little bit extra.

They have superpowers those heroes. They can whip out their board and show students a new way to solve a problem, introduce them to new books and new ideas and they can plant a problem in their students' heads and watch what ideas they come up with to solve the problem.

They look over the students inside and outside of the classroom. Some make sure students have enough change for a bite to eat or donate/volunteer with organizations to further help students like Blessings in a Backpack.

Besides teachers there are other heroes out there hidden in the Clarkston community - members of the transportation department for gathering toys and food donations for the Lighthouse of Clarkston.

Not to mention everyone who donated during the holiday season for families could have a great holiday.

For anyone making today a better tomorrow for someone else, you are a hero and thank you.



SMILES OF THE WEEK: At right, Christina Calka, owner of Village Fashion Boutique, and Laura Kotting of KH Home are ready to brighten up Main Street with new internally lit signs. City Council recently lightened up on their sign ordinance, allowing certain "Open" signs in downtown Clarkston. Photo by Mary Keck

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Clarkston man at center of big drug case" A 70-year-old Independence Township man and 35-year-old Waterford man were charged in connection with a sting operation at the Megabowl. Undercover officers recovered about \$2 million in cash and diamonds. The suspects were charged with dealing cocaine.

"In-line skating proposal draws mixed reviews" Despite protest from two officials, a proposed privately-owned skating rink to be built on township park property was approved in concept by the Independence Township Board. The 8-by-200-foot rink was to be built in Sashabaw Plains Park off Maybee Road.

"Clarkston sailor celebrates Christmas aboard ship" Michel J. Doud was a U.S. Navy petty officer third class aboard the U.S.S. Nimitz aircraft carrier. He was serving as a boatswain's mate as the carrier patrolled the Arabian Gulf.

25 years ago - 1987

"Kids gain personal growth at camp" The wilderness surrounding Eagle Village in northwestern Michigan was recreated on the inside of Cedar Crest Academy for a "New Horizons" personal growth training program of 18 students.

"Spikers set sight on improvement" Gordie Richardson took over the helm of the Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Volleyball team as the Lady Wolves started a new season with two seniors and a handful of new players.

"Status quo" A conflict erupted at the Independence Township Board meeting when Supervisor Frank Ronk recommended reducing trustee salaries. After about 20 minutes of heated discussion, the board voted 5-2 to freeze trustee, supervisor, clerk, and treasurer salaries and fringe benefits.

50 years ago - 1962

"New school site purchased by board of education" The Clarkston Board of Education determined from a population projection survey from 1961 three additional school sites should be purchased.

"Lutherans dedicate new church Sunday" Calvary Lutheran Church of Clarkston was set to formally dedicate its recently completed building at 6850 Bluegrass. The Rev. Dr. O.V. Anderson, president of the Central Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church, was to lead the Rite of Dedication.

Hopefully I'll hear the bells on Christmas Day

Peace on earth and good will to men.
 This holiday season was kinda mucked up last week because of a whack job in Connecticut. Before the whack job went on his rampage, I already had a column written for this week. My column was gonna' be about the end of the world, Dec. 21, 2012. But, I kinda figured it could have been seen as insensitive. So, scrap one column, think of another.

**Don't
Rush Me**



**A column by
Don Rush**

And, I got to thinking -- well, thinking a couple of things. One, the ancillary thing is, yep there is crazy in the world and yep, there is evil, too. More importantly, however, there is goodness on this earth and even in this country. Unfortunately, goodness doesn't get good play.

Every day, little acts of kindness go on, with nary a blink of an eye. Everyday, acts of bravery, compassion and courage are carried off by one person for another. We don't concentrate on acts of mercy or humility, but we sure as the dickens dwell on evil perpetrated by one or some on one or others. I get it, it's news.

But here is the thing about news that most folks forget: News is only news because it is not the norm, it is different, out of the ordinary -- and therefore is reported. I think we forget that.

As adults, I think we also forget to "report" on acts of love. Instead, we fall into the easy action of regurgitating whatever we hear on the news. Lazily we throw back the bad news without a thought or a balance of good.

Admit it, it's easier to be a Negative Nelly or Donny Downer when sitting around the kitchen table talking with family. Bad things and gossip are just more fun.

If I were to suggest one thing -- how we, one family and home at a time -- can start to make a positive difference, it would be this: Stop the gossiping and then balance the negative with the good.

* * *

One of my favorite Christmas hymns is *I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day*

and for some reason the song that kept on playing in my head this past weekend (Frank Sinatra version).

I reckoned there was a reason my subconscious thought about it. So, I googled it and here is what I discovered. Did you know the song was written on Christmas Day, 1864 by American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. And the interesting part, the poem was penned as the American Civil war raged on.

How could that be? In the midst of all the death and turmoil, how could this man find the hope in his soul to put those beautiful words together?

I heard the bells on Christmas day
 Their old familiar carols play,
 And wild and sweet the words repeat
 Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And thought how, as the day had
 come,
 The belfries of all Christendom
 Had rolled along the unbroken song
 Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Till ringing, singing on its way
 The world revolved from night to day,
 A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
 Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head
 "There is no peace on earth," I said,
 "For hate is strong and mocks the song
 Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and
 deep:
 "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
 The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
 With peace on earth, good will to men
 * * *

What do you think? How do you find hope in the midst of despair? What makes you get up and do your best each day? How do you teach your kids to cope?

Me? I remember my mother saying, "the sun always come up." I take it to mean even the darkest hour will end, replaced by light. Maybe I'm just an optimist at heart, but if so, it's Mom's fault.

Send your thoughts about this or other topics to Don@ShermanPublications.org



Merry Christmas From The Grandkids

When we first started this Jim's Jottings holiday tradition, the two grandchildren Dan and Karen Offer (inset picture) were small enough to fit on my knees. It was 1988. Dan was 3-years-old and Karen was four-months-old. In that first picture, Karen had no hair, I had more and I still wore a suit and tie to work every day. Now they are grown and living out west and I only wear a tie if the occasion arises. They are the children of our daughter Luan and her husband, Bob Offer. The Offer children both live in Colorado.

Back then, the three grandchildren standing around me, were only being dreamed of and anxiously waited for. Now, too, they are growing and becoming

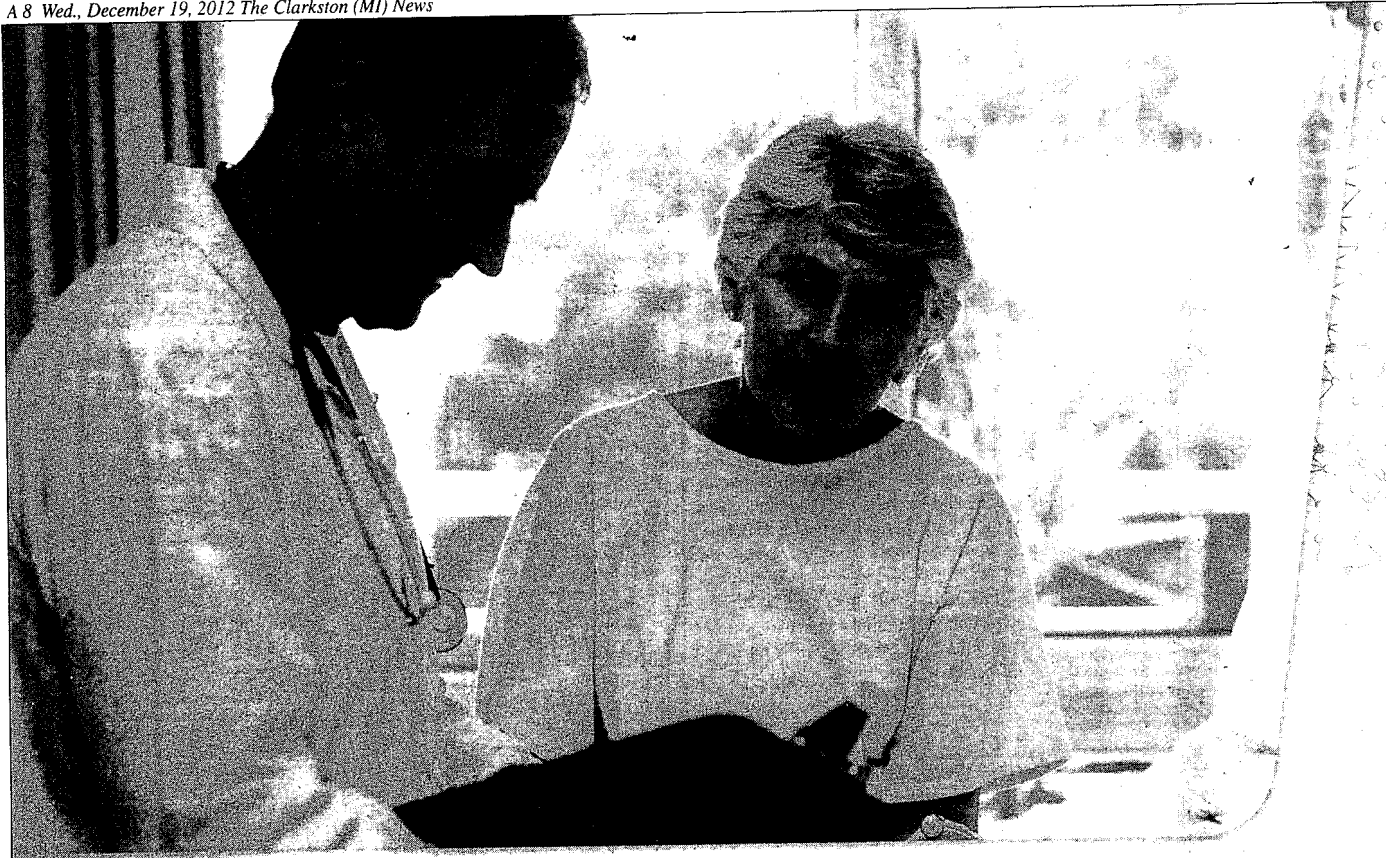
fine young people. The Speed siblings seated with me, from the left are Haley and then Trevor (both 13) and Savannah, 17 Their proud parents are our daughter Susan and her husband, Tim Speed.

In 1988, I wrote, "From time to time their names appear in Jottings and I thought you might like to see who we're writing about." These days, I sometimes mention m'dog Shayna (that's her in front).

While situations, and stations have changed in the 23 years since 1988, some things do not change. We still find more joy in giving than in receiving and me and the grandkids still wish you a Merry Christmas!

-- Jim Sherman, Sr.

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Late night parking

A deputy on patrol passed a vehicle matching the description of one involved in an assault case on Dixie Highway, 10:21 p.m., Nov. 30. The vehicle pulled into a parking lot at Andersonville and White Lake roads, drove behind a business into the dark, and turned off its lights. The deputy ran its license plate and found it was not the suspect vehicle, but stopped to check on it anyway. The driver, a 23-year-old Waterford Township man, was found with baggies of marijuana, pipes, and a billy club. He was cited with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The drugs, pipes, and club were taken and put into storage.

Traffic stalled

A deputy stopped to help clean up a mattress and other items blocking two lanes on southbound I-75 at Sashabaw Road, 11:35 p.m., Dec. 6. A records check of the driver, a 38-year-old Clinton Township man, showed his license was suspended. He was cited with improper load and spill on highway, and driving with a suspended license.

Fire in park

Someone set on fire the portable toilets in Depot Park, Dec. 9. A deputy on patrol reported the portapots fully engulfed at 6:50 a.m., and Independence Township firefighters quickly put them out. The fire was limited to about a 25-foot area.

Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

More than meets the eye

A deputy on patrol ran the license plate of a vehicle on S. Ortonville Road at Dixie Highway, 8:15 p.m., Dec. 7, found its registration was expired, and stopped it. The driver, a 22-year-old Independence Township man, smelled strongly of marijuana and was found with a glass pipe packed with it. He was cited with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and expired registration.

Gas and go

A deputy was gassing up his patrol car on Dixie Highway when he smelled marijuana from a car at the other end of the pumps, 10:26 p.m., Dec. 9. When the vehicle drove away the deputy, also noticing it had dark tinted windows, followed and stopped it. The driver, a 17-year-old Highland Township boy, said the passenger, an 18-year-old Metamora man, had the marijuana. They also had a pipe and grinder. They were cited with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, and the driver was also cited with an equipment violation for the windows.

Expired plate

An 18-year-old Independence Township woman and 23-year-old Lapeer man were stopped for expired license plate at Sashabaw and Maybee roads, 8:49 p.m., Dec. 9. The deputy asked the driver for license, registration, proof of insurance, and the marijuana she could smell. The driver denied having any, but was found with a glass pipe. She was cited with possession of drug paraphernalia and expired plate. The passenger was advised and released on misdemeanor warrants for shoplifting in Grand Blanc and Lapeer.

Store busted in sting

A 35-year-old White Lake Township man was cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor in a sting operation in the 7000 block of Andersonville Road, 5:23 p.m., Dec. 13. He checked the decoy's driver's license, which clearly stated he was under 18, but still sold him a six pack of beer. The sheriff's sting operation included 10 local shops, and this was the only one where alcohol was sold to a minor.

Mailbox blown up

Residents in the 6000 block of Peach Drive were awakened to explosions, about 2 a.m., Dec. 10. The next morning, they found their mailbox had been blown up. Paper residue indicated store-bought fireworks had been used.

Bronze statue incomplete

Part of an outdoor bronze statue and some tree removal equipment were taken from a home in the 4000 block of Newcastle Drive, Dec. 10.

Identification fraud

Someone used the name, address, and Social Security number of an Independence Township man to take out a fraudulent loan taken for about \$3,000 and make two credit card charges for about \$170, Dec. 11.

Speeder caught with pot

A deputy stopped a 17-year-old Independence Township boy for driving 41 mph in a 25 mph zone on Northview Drive and Perry Lake Road, 2:57 p.m., Dec. 12. He smelled strongly of marijuana, and had a marijuana-packed glass pipe and grinder. He was cited for driving under the influence of drugs and possession of marijuana, and the vehicle was impounded.

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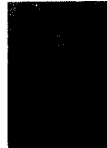
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First half surge boost Cagers

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sisters Erin and Erika Davenport used their combined scoring abilities to lead the Lady Wolves in their second OAA Red win, this time over Troy last Friday, 58-35.

"We are definitely making strides from our first game," said senior Delaney Kenny. "We looked like we had everything going for us. Our defense was pretty good. We pulled everything together and had a good win."

The game began with a basket from junior Carly Giroux. The Lady Colts struck with their own basket to tie the score with five minutes left in the first quarter.

It would be the last time they would score until the end of the quarter as Erika went to the line for two points. It started her six point run.

Erin was next after capturing the ball from Troy with a steal and putting five more points on the board.

The Lady Wolves finished the first quarter with a basket by senior Patrice Matthews from a pass from Giroux to put the score 18-6.

They opened the second quarter with a basket by Erika from Kenny.

The Colts were heading down to the other side of the court to score when the ball came loose. Sophomore Jessica Altene made a grab for the ball and passed it off to Erika who scored to put the game at 22-6.

The Lady Wolves finished the first half ahead 32-9.

"Our girls came out with a lot of energy and a lot of focus," said Wasilk. "We were

just ready to play and it showed right from the start. Defensively we were pretty solid with our press. We had a lot of steals and moved the ball well on the offensive end. We rebounded on both sides of the floor as well."

Erika led with 18 points and Erin had 13 points.

Clarkston opened the week with a 47-31 win over OAA foe Avondale.

"We had a good second half," said Wasilk, referring to the team outscoring Avondale by ten points. "Avondale is pretty talented. Our press did some nice things in the second half."

Erika led with 24 points and had 16 rebounds. Kacy Robinson scored seven points with one field goal and Kenny had five points and eight rebounds.

Clarkston begins OAA Red play undefeated as they head into this week and Kenny said previous games prepared them for the league.

"Our previous games have been more like practice for us and tests for us," said Kenny. "It was good preparation. We definitely needed those games to prepare us for Troy."

The Lady Wolves (4-1, 2-0 OAA Red) host Stoney Creek (4-1, 2-1) on Thursday before going on holiday break.

"It is going to be tough," said Kenny. "But we have been practicing a lot harder lately. We will be prepared if we keep working hard and will come out with a win."

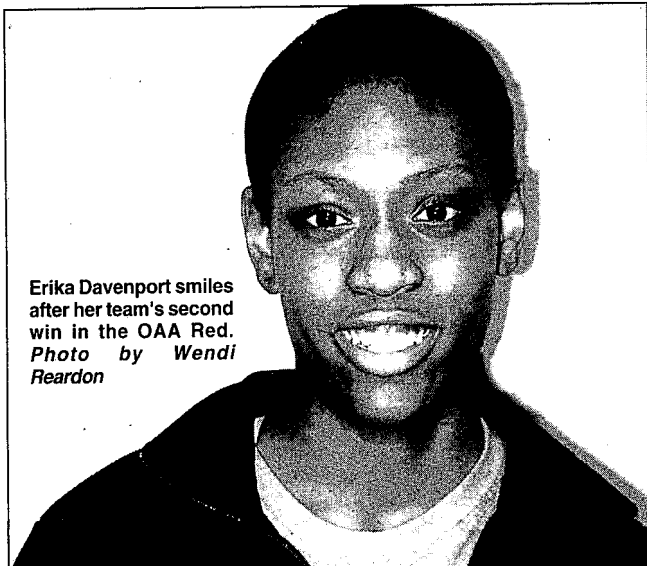
"It should be a pretty good game," Wasilk added.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Finding herself blocked by Troy defense, Kacy Robinson passes the ball to Lady Wolf. Photo by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Erika Davenport smiles after her team's second win in the OAA Red. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Davenport leads the way

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Troy had tied the score against the Lady Wolves last Friday but Clarkston sophomore Erika Davenport changed the tune of the game quickly.

She scored six consecutive points to bring the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team back into the lead.

The Lady Wolves finished with their second win for last week and Davenport finished as leading scorer with 18 points. She also began the week as leading scorer against Avondale with 24 points.

"She has a lot of energy around the basket," said head coach Tim Wasilk. "She rebounds well and finishes inside. The good thing about her is she is really unselfish. When we give it to her inside she passes it to the cutters or passes it outside for a jump shot."

As the team heads into their sixth game of the season this Thursday, Davenport said the team has been working hard together and also on their defense.

"We are trying to get better," she said.

Davenport joined the team in her freshman year and has been playing basketball since she was a little girl bouncing the ball

in her backyard.

"I just picked it up," she said as she explained everyone in her family was playing basketball.

"I have been playing with older people all of my life which has really helped me for where I am now."

She added watching them play, running some of their moves and playing with them has helped her.

Having her sister, senior Erin Davenport, on the team also helps Erika on the court.

"We have a really good connection," said Erika. "We know where we want the ball to go. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses. It is a big factor. She knows what I am good at and what I am not. We try to help each other."

Her personal goals for this season are to work more on outside defense and be more of a team player.

When Erika is not playing basketball she is hanging out with friends and her sister. She also plays softball on occasion.

Her advice to aspiring players is to work hard, play tough and never give up.

"Listen to your coaches," she added. "They know what they are talking about."

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The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team takes second place at the Early Bird Bowling Tournament, Dec. 8. Photo submitted

Wolves bowl over opponents

The bowling teams ruled the lanes as they took on Troy-Athens last week.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team won by claiming all 30 points. Sophie Hubble bowled a 199 game and a 172 game for 371 series; Chelsea Turk, 166 and 202 for 368; Vicki Wolfgang, 141 and 157 for 298; Hailey Paul, 141 and 128 for 269; Jess Benedict, 118 and Tess Horowitz, 124.

The varsity boys team won 26-4. Eric Wagner 245 and 243 for 488; Kyle Kirby 214 and 197 for 411; Jacob Kersten, 188 and 171 for 359; Anthony Hernandez 179 and 162 for 341; and Brock Nowak, 158.

The JV team won their match 28-2. High scores came from Kevin Wagner 174 and 188 for a 362 series and Evan Farough 172 and 186 for 358.

The varsity teams competed in the Early Bird Bowling Tournament in Farmington and the format was qualifying games of six baker games and three team games.

The boys got off to a good start in the baker games, averaging 208 in six games.

They were low in their first team game but came back with 1,040 and 1,007 in the last two games.

Grads continue their riding success

Former Clarkston High School Equestrian team standouts are still riding and continuing the strong tradition they learned from their Clarkston equestrian program.

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Blazing the path into the college ranks are Grand Valley State University senior Jacquelyn McClain and junior team captain and regional champion Kasey McKay, both ride on the Stock (Western) team. Albion College Senior Alyssa Olson rides on the Dressage team, was a team captain and has advanced to the national competition. Grand Valley State sophomore Amber Olson rides on the Hunt Seat Team; sophomore Lauren McEvilly rides on the Oakland University

They averaged a 200.85 and won the second place trophy. They missed winning the tournament by 38 pins.

"It was a very nice start to the year and another valuable lesson learned how a few more spares means the difference between first and second place finishes," said assistant coach Alan Pittman.

High scores for the boys were Kersten with a 584 series, Wagner with a 592 series and Kirby with a 651 series. High games went to Hernandez with a 237 game and Kirby with a 246 game. Kirby missed medaling for series by five pins.

The girls also had a good start. After the baker games and the first team they were sitting in third place. During the second game they were knocked down in the standings.

They tried making a come back by tying the tournament winner for high score the third game but the deficit was too large to overcome.

"They fought hard and never gave up. This was a valuable experience for future tournaments for the girls," said Pittman.

Horowitz had a high score with a 210 game and Hubble had two 197 games.

Hunt Seat Team, and sophomores Taylor McEvilly and Erin VanBuskirk ride for the Michigan State University Polo team. Adrian College freshman Emily Pobuda rides on the Hunt Seat Team and has been named captain for the 2013-14 team.

Information on the Clarkston High School Equestrian program can be found on the high school website.

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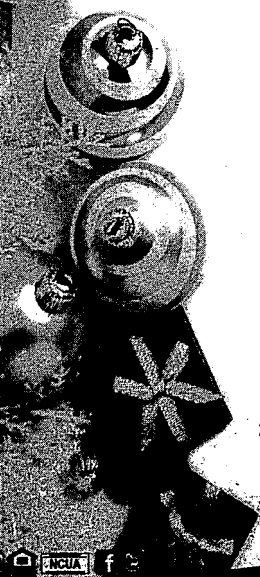


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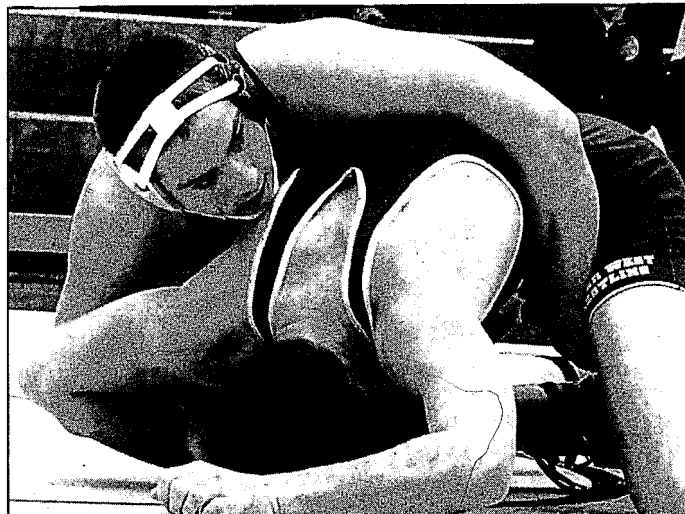
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Adam Myers gets a hold on his opponent. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Grapplers learn from tournament

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team took fourth place at the Horn Memorial during the weekend.

They beat Rockford, 54-12, and Tecumseh, 44-29, and lost to St. John's, 58-12, and Hartland, 45-18.

"I was proud of our kids and how they competed," said coach Derek Moscovic. "We wrestled a couple of matches well and then we had some other matches where we need to improve on."

He added St. John's was a dominating team and six of their wrestlers are ranked in the nation.

Standouts for the tournament where Chris Calvano, Nick Vandermeer, Tyler Slating and Mitchell Nelson.

"It was an up and down day," said Moscovic. "We had some great performances in some duals and then we had some less than great performances. It was one of those things you pat yourself on the back for the accomplishment of winning but there is still a lot of work to do in order to be able to compete against the best teams in the state."

The tournament also gave them a good

look of where they are right now and where they need to be if they want to get to the state finals.

"Hartland is a team we will have to get past to get to the state tournament," said Moscovic. "In order for us to get to the state tournament we will have to improve in order to have a chance. It is a good indicator on what we need to improve to become one of the state's best programs."

The boys will have another opportunity to see where they are at as they head into another big tournament this week.

On Friday and Saturday they will head up against local teams in the Oakland County Meet.

"It looks good," he said. We have a chance to wrestle well. I think if the guys can wrestle for two days and compete and keep their heads clear for every round we will do well. We have a lot of tough competition."

The tournament begins on Friday, 4 p.m. at Southfield High School, 24675 Lahser Road. It continues on Saturday at 9 a.m. at Lake Orion, 495 East Scripps Road.

~Wendi Reardon

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Kayla Gabriel and Jessye Tinson welcome guests.



As part of the Royal Court, Mason Van Gieson and Nicholas Strubbe pose for photos.

A step into the Renaissance for holidays

Guests walked through the doors at Harvestland Church and were transported to merry olde England as the Clarkston High School Vocal Arts Department presented their third annual Ye Olde Madrigal Dinner last Friday and Saturday.

The inspiration came from the 16th and 17th centuries,

the height of the Renaissance period and the students stepped into roles of royalty and servers.

Guests of King Markus Rogers and Queen Jordan Stuart were treated to dinner, songs and humor from the court jester Manny Estrada. The night ended with students and guests singing "Silent Night."

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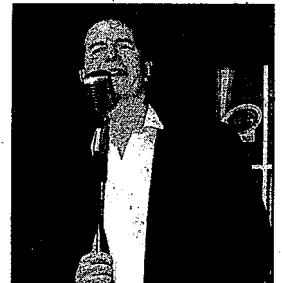


Jennifer Moran of Oxford and her children Kristina and Joseph Moran check out Clarisse the reindeer, there with Ricky Carrasco of Carousel Acres.

Christmas fun

Families braved the damp weather to fill The Birdfeeder and Clarkston Flower Shoppe and parking lot for some Christmas fun, Dec. 16.

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Tom Mazzaro provides some holiday tunes.

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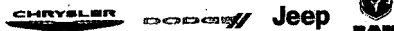
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Lauren joins Wolven family

Aimee and Paul Wolven of Grand Blanc are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Hope Wolven. Lauren was born July 24, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Lauren joins big sister 2-year-old Haley Faith in their Grand Blanc home.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Dalene Van Houten of Grand Blanc. Paternal grandparents are Ken and Shirley Wolven of Independence Township.

Also welcoming Lauren are maternal aunt, Melanie Van Houten, and maternal uncle, Stephen Van Houten, both of Grand Blanc.



Welcome Graeme

Amy Ginn and her husband Brian Stanton of Kensington, Maryland, joyfully announce the birth of their son, Graeme Thomas.

Graeme was born Nov. 16 at Sibley Hospital in Washington DC; weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mickey and Ted Ginn of Independence Township and Gaylin and Jim Petty of New Hampshire. Thank You to all those in the Clarkston community who supported us with kind words and prayers as we awaited Graeme's birth.



Got a Milestone to share?

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Also for sale are 11x14 limited edition signed prints of "The Church" taken from the Christmas card 2011. Prints are \$30 at the church, 6600 Walden Road.

For more information, call 248-625-1611.

Christmas Services



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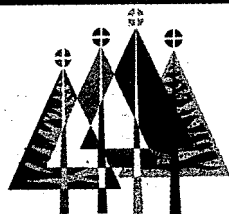
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People Poll
 November 26, 2012

What's it like at the North Pole?

"It's really cold and pine trees grow there, but not as many as we have in Michigan. Santa's workshop is there.



There's a lot of snow. After Christmas, maybe you could see elves and rabbits outside."

- Aidan Roundy

"Santa and the elves make presents there."



- Maggie Haar

"The first thing is it's cold and it's always snowing."



- Jordan Bick

"I don't know, I've never been to the North Pole."



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Chicken Soup for Soul includes local

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was Christmas time when Clarkston resident Ronald Dimmer was inspired by the reaction of his first son's viewing of the bright holiday lights.

The inspiration was transformed into a poem and "Christmas Through Your Eyes" was recently published in a collection of holiday stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Gift of Christmas*.

"This particular poem happened accidentally," he said looking back. "Our oldest son, Andrew, at the time was 7 months old. It was evening and it had just gotten dark. We had a Christmas tree in the front of the house in the bay window."

It was Dimmer's grandmother's artificial tree from the 1950s and was covered with white lights and ornaments.

Andrew was quiet as his dad held him as they both gazed out of the window.

"He was quiet, which for him was unusual," said Ronald.

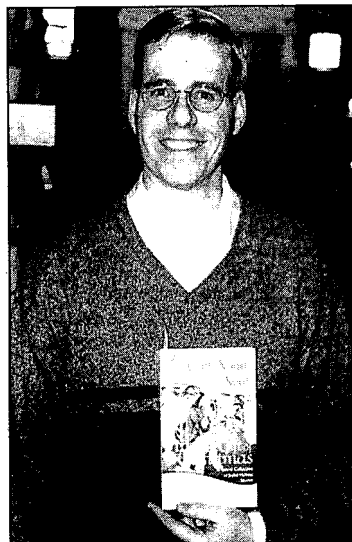
But it wasn't just the quiet but the look on Andrew's face he noticed.

"He was looking at the tree and there were the reflections from the windows all around and the lights from the outside the window," Ronald smiled. "It was his wide eyes, I know it sounds cliché to say it, but it was the wonder while he was watching. It just hit me - everything is new to him."

It also hit him children are only young for a brief time. It was also Andrew's first Christmas and Ronald's first Christmas as a father. He felt he needed to do something to capture the moment.

He chose to write it as free verse poetry to get in a lot of information and a clear image without having to explain too much.

"I thought it would have more of an impact," he added.



Dimmer

He wrote a few drafts and included mental snapshots of how Andrew was when he was 7 months old.

Ronald skimmed the poem for descriptions and smiled as he stopped at "headlong glee."

"He would crawl along as fast as he could in the house and get into everything, constantly exploring," he said. "If he was crawling, he was panting because he was going so fast to keep up with himself."

Another few words, "grasped in both hands and tasted," described more of Andrew's curious nature as he grabbed items. If anything was covered he would lift it up to see what was underneath it.

Andrew, now 12 is still the same way. He just opened his web business

CreationsUnleashed.com. He take Lego bricks and creates new designs with them.

"It is mindblowing to think how much he has changed but how much he has stayed the same," Ronald said. "He is constantly getting everything he can. He is going nuts with it."

He added his youngest son, Nathan, who is 9, is the same way.

"Both sons like the poem and it applies to both sons," he said. "The same kind of opportunity is there for both. I look at what they are going through in life from their perspective. Everything that does happen to them is new for them."

When Ronald finished the final draft of "Christmas Through Your Eyes" he put it away and continued being there as the boys grew and being there for his students as a middle school teacher.

It was years later when his wife, Linda, came across the entry for *Chicken Soup for the Soul* while she was working on children books manuscripts the poem came back to life. She convinced him to submit the poem and he finally did it.

"It was pretty exciting to find out this would be commemorated and look at it years later," he said when he found out "Christmas Through Your Eyes" was selected.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Gift of Christmas is a special edition for readers because the edition includes 121 stories instead of the normal 101 stories.

"These are good stories," said Ronald. "They are definitely heart felt. They make you think about the world and appreciate what you have especially nowadays life is so fast paced. You really do have to stop and smell the roses and appreciate what you have - that was what I was doing and motivated me to do this. There will never be another first like this. I wanted to savor the moment."

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Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all who recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., Jan. 8. Topic: "Settling Into The Quiet - Solitude vs. Loneliness," led by a bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

Around Town



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

Give gift of health

The days are winding down to find the perfect present for the holidays.

LaVida Massage of Clarkston can help your loved ones wind down with a massage and facials.

"A gift of massage says you care because it's about health," said Andrea Ryeson, owner.

She added massages also help relieve holiday stress as well as help people sleep better and lower blood pressure.

"It is a great way also to introduce someone to a massage," Ryeson said. "Most nowadays people wake up with back, neck or shoulder pain. They come in and through a massage see all the benefits."

The gift is also perfect for college students just finishing a hectic semester and finals and about to start another busy semester. It gives them the time to relax and help ease the stress.

Ryeson added you can also give the gift of couple's massage and participate in the gift with your loved one.

LaVida Massage is currently offering two specials on their gift cards. With the purchase of three \$50 gift cards, receive a

free massage or free facial. With a purchase of one \$50 gift card, receive a free \$10 gift certificate.

Stop by today to pick up a Christmas present or to treat yourself.

"Life is hectic," said Ryeson. "Here it can slow down. We provide a nice, comfortable atmosphere so relaxation begins from the time you walk in the door."

LaVida Massage is located at 5880 Sashabaw Road, in the Kroger plaza. They accept walk-ins and do take appointments. They are open seven days a week, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 248-625-7300 or visit www.clarkston.mi.lavidamassage.com.

~Staff Writer Wendi Reardon



Andrea Ryeson, owner of LaVida.

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

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and

third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

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

General Support Group for anyone with a cancer diagnosis, fourth Thursday, 2-3 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All welcome. 248-625-1326.

Saturday

Preschool Vision Screening for children 6 months-5 year, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, www.clarkstonlions.org.

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

This week on ClarkstonTV.com

Online options to read *The Clarkston News* is expanding. For a limited time, check out ClarkstonTV.com for a free trial online subscription to the paper. User name is "free" and password is "trial."

ClarkstonTV.com features 76 shows, many updated weekly. Find the show you want to see, go to ClarkstonTV.com and click on the button number next to the video player. Shows include:

Phil in the Blank, editor Phil Custodio tells us the latest news of the Clarkston area each week, with interviews of state Rep. Eileen Kowall, author Kelly Hagen, Preston Brooks, and country singer Justine Blazer;

Don't Rush Me, assistant publisher Don Rush discusses the news from all over North Oakland County;

Seeing Green, reporter Mary Keck talks to local people about nature, conservation, organic, natural and local foods, with interviews about preserving Brady Lodge at Bay Court Park, Joan Donnay cooks and talks about local and organic foods at Essence on Main, a haunted house here in Clarkston, Depot Park Rain Garden, Camp Wathana with NOHLC, and Clarkston and Springfield farmer's markets;

Jill's Show, Jill Mitchell talks shop with local businesses Plum Hollow Design Studio, Plum/Lowrie Chih Cookoff, Whigville Market, Al Deeby Chrysler/Dodge, Essence on Main, Fountain's Golf & Banquet, Sand Hill Studio, KH Home, Dr. Shivajee Nallamothu, The Learning Experience, Lisa's Confection Connection, Max Brook/Real Estate One, Mesquite Creek, Union General, Visiting Angels, Silverkiss Jewelers, and Jim Sherman, Jr.;

Pet Talk, Dr. Robin Krieger and Becky Taylor of Clarkston Animal Medical Center talk about how to take good care of your pets;

Clarkston Sports, Dale Ryan, the Voice of the Wolves, at Clarkston High School football and basketball games, and other events;

Community Connection, with Clarkston, Independence Township, churches, local non-profit organizations, and local events;

and **Staying Alive**, a video showing the importance of CPR training in a humorous way.

Many programs are aired on local public access channels in north Oakland County.

New shows for 2013 include "This Dam Landscape" with Tom Lowery, "AutoTalk," "One Free Meal" with Jill Mitchell.

For more information, to host your own show, or post community information on the "Community Bulletin Board," call Alan Partington at 248-821-1373.

Obituary

Robert G. Dangel, 72

Robert G. Dangel of Clarkston passed away Dec. 8, 2012, at age 72.

He was the loving husband of Nancy (Stewart) for 51 years; beloved father of Tim (Sheryl) and David (Shawne); devoted grandfather of Amanda, Erica, Christin, and Michael; great grandfather of Ariana; patriarch of his family and the nephew of Marion H. Abbott and Helen Abbott of Wilmington, De.; preceded in death by his parents George and Margaret Dangel, also of Wilmington.

A great man in every sense, husband, father, nephew, friend and citizen. His legacy endures. He will be deeply missed.

Mr. Dangel was executive vice president of automotive of the Sandy Corp, Troy; consultant/writer; advisor and advertising manager for 30 years for Nancy's business, the Great Midwestern Antique Emporium, Waterford. Mr. Dangel was a graduate of the Charles Morris Price School of Advertising and Journalism and Howard Business School of Advanced Management.

A memorial service will take place on Dec. 27 at 11 a.m. at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston, where friends may visit at 10 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 2101 Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19805. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home.

Matthew George, 35

Matthew P. George, "Matty," of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly, Dec. 16, 2012, at age 35.

He was the loving husband of Kelly; proud father of Camden and Sullivan; brother of Tony (Angela Povillaitis) George; son-in-law of Dave and Kitty Raup; uncle of Samuel, Henry, Morgan, Nathan and Brandon; brother-in-law of Kyle (Sandy) Raup; stepson of Jeanne Baker; preceded in death by his parents James and Jeanette George.

Celebration of Life Service, Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Thursday, 3-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for the future education of Cam and Sully. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Joanne J. Marsac, 78

Joanne J. Marsac of Clarkston, formerly of Gladwin and Waterford, passed away Dec. 10, 2012, at age 78.

She was the mother of Fred (Debi) Marsac and Janet (Brian) Sinclair; grandma of Daniel, Kara, Ben and Hannah; preceded in death by her parents Fred and Mary Volcheck.

Joanne was an elementary teacher for 38 years retiring from St. Benedicts Catholic School.

Memorial Service was Dec. 15 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Heather Pines Adult Foster Care.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

William L. Shaw, 71

William L. Shaw, 71, formerly of Clarkston, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, at his home in Viera, Fla.

He is survived by his wife Fay, and their children Tracy (Joseph) Gonzalez, William L. (Cynthia) Shaw, Jr., Gwendolyn (Richard) Newton, Robert (Beverly) Vandercook, and Susan Vandercook Brown, grandchildren Jenna and Joey Gonzalez, Jesse and Samuel Newton, Kelsey and Kendra Brown, Brother Eugene (Carol) Shaw Jr., and sister-in-law Carolyn (Arthur) Edlund. He was preceded in death by his sister, Susan Brown and his parents Eugene L. and Lillian Shaw Sr.

Mr. Shaw was a well regarded Senior Vice President of Chase Bank for 36 years, and owner of Amtax Accounting and Tax Service for many years. Through the years, he was affiliated with numerous charity organizations, always helping in his community wherever needed.

He served for a number of years as board director for the Salvation Army and remained a supporter throughout his life. A Memorial Service was Dec. 17 at Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston. Memorial donations may be made in Bill's memory to The Salvation Army, Vitas Hospice in Melbourne, Fla., or any other charities that lend helping hands to people in need. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send a private condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

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Obituaries posted daily
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Margery M. Parke, 72

Margery M. Parke of Clarkston passed away Dec. 13, 2012, at age 72.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert "Bob" and son Tim. She was the loving mother of Rodney (Jennifer) Parke and Juli Parke; proud grandmother of Colin and Kyle; dear sister of Jim (Virginia) MacArthur.

Funeral Service was Dec. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Valentine Walter, 90

Valentine Elizabeth Walter, "Val," of Waterford passed away Dec. 12, 2012, at age 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Del, and siblings Stan, Ed, Phyllis, and Alice. She was the loving mother of Larie (Bill Rose) Miracle and Lyle (Kay) Walter; proud grandmother of David (Aimee) Miracle, Jodi (David) Harper, Stephen (Rachel) Walter and Emily (Ben) DeNoble; sister of Chet, Joe, Millie, Dorothy and Irene; also survived by nine great grandchildren.

Val enjoyed sewing, craft shows, golfing and the Detroit Tigers. She had volunteered at NOMC for many years.

Visitation was Dec. 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Dec. 17 at the Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene, Waterford. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Histiocytosis Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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And all of that from a "safe" distance here in Clarkston. Is there any hope for us? As people of faith what can we do and how do we respond, especially this Christmas?

There are certainly no easy answers and we dare not offer trite cliches to those suffering - or to any of us for that matter.

However if the Christmas story is going to mean anything, it has to mean something at a time like this.

And if we are going to be part of what God is doing to save this world that he loves so much (John 3:16), then it is precisely now that we are called to be God's people - to be the light to the world (Matthew 5:14).

Last Friday as I watched the news unfold I shared these words on Facebook: "We pray for all those impacted by the tragic mass shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, and especially for those families who lost children or other loved ones in this nightmare. With them we mourn, we pray, and with the Psalmist we plead: 'Out of

the depths, I cry to you, O Lord, hear my voice!' (Psalm 130:1)...As family and friends and all in our nation grieve these senseless deaths and injuries, we claim the promise of the Prince of Peace and commit ourselves to never tire in bringing his message of hope, peace, joy and love to a world that seems sometimes so filled with darkness, sin and pain."

Sin and evil are certainly very real. But so is God's love and the resiliency of people.

A sign in Newtown says: "Our hearts are broken - our spirits are strong."

Stories of heroism and courage from children, teachers and staff, and first responders are already being told.

People today, people 2000 years ago at that first Christmas, and people long before that cried out to God: "Out of the depths, we cry to you, O Lord, hear our voice!"

God what will you do to help this broken world and when will you come to make things right?

I believe God's answer arrives as a

newborn baby in a cave to a humble couple in a small town. Not a grand entrance, but one we can relate to.

He is Immanuel which means God with us (no matter what!), and his name is Jesus which means God saves (from sin and death and evil!).

Jesus is God's promise that "The light shines in the darkness, and darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5)

And all of this happens in the real world we live in today. In a part of the Christmas story we seldom focus much on, King Herod was trying to find Jesus not long after his birth so he could kill him (Matthew 2).

He was jealous and didn't want another king on his turf. So he ordered the mass killing of all the young boys in Bethlehem.

Mary and Joseph barely escaped to Egypt with Jesus. The sounds of those tears and the cries of outrage mingle with tears and cries of those in Newtown today - and ours too.

The real context for the Christmas story does not look like the perfect Christmas card, but rather it is precisely in the midst of violence, sin and evil that the Prince of Peace is born.

Last Friday night I had tickets for the new Hobbit movie but I almost didn't go. It just

didn't feel right to go and enjoy myself, while others were hurting so.

But knowing that Tolkien's writings deal with the struggle of good against evil, light against darkness, and the significant role in that struggle of simple folk and little people, like hobbits (and like me), I went.

In one of my favorite scenes the good wizard Gandalf was asked why he chose a "halfling," the hobbit Bilbo, to come along on their quest against the forces of darkness. What could he do and what did he have to offer?

Gandalf's response is a word for each us and the difference we can make right where we are - no matter who we are.

He says that "it is the small things, every act of normal folk that keeps the darkness at bay — simple acts of kindness and love."

He continues: "Why Bilbo Baggins? Perhaps it is because I am afraid, and he gives me courage."

As people of faith we hold the "darkness at bay" and give one another courage when we shine the light of God's hope, peace, joy and love right where we are.

That's our calling and I believe that is the gift of Christmas.

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

Spiritual Matters



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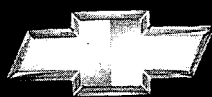
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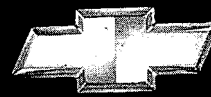
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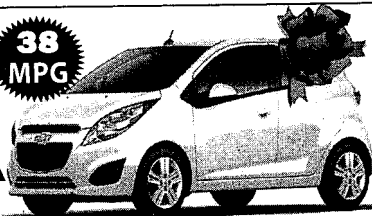
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**CLARKSTON
ORDINANCE NO. 129-4**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 129 TO MODIFY THE DOWNTOWN SIGN DISTRICT AND THE NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICT SIGNS SECTION TO ALLOW ILLUMINATED OPEN SIGNS.

The City of the Village of Clarkston Ordains:
Section 1.01. That Article II, Definitions, be amended to add the following definitions:

Illuminated "Open" Sign: Any internally illuminated sign displaying the word "OPEN" in the Village Commercial District intended to enable a passerby to discern whether an establishment is open for business.

Section 2.01. That Article XXII, Signs, Section 22.03, Definitions, be amended to add the following as definition 24, and renumber definitions 24 through 25 to 25 through 60:

24. **Illuminated "Open" Sign:** Any internally illuminated sign displaying the word "OPEN" in the Village Commercial District intended to enable a passerby to discern whether an establishment is open for business.

Section 3.01. That Article XXII, Signs, Section 22.05.D, Downtown Sign District, be amended to add the following as paragraph 8, and renumber paragraphs 8 through 13 to 9 through 14:

8. **Illuminated "Open" Signs:** One (1) illuminated "open" sign per public entry may be provided at any business that is located within the Village Commercial District, subject to the conditions listed in Section 22.08.k.

Section 4.01. That Article XXII, Signs, Section 22.08, Nonresidential District Signs, be amended to add the following as paragraph K:

K. **Illuminated "Open" Signs:** One (1) illuminated "open" sign per public entry may be provided at any business located within the Village Commercial District, subject to the following conditions:

- The sign is displayed in a window.
- The dimensions of the sign shall not exceed 13.5 inches by six (6) inches.
- The internally illuminated part of the sign shall only include the word "Open" in red letters that are no greater than five (5) inches tall. The background of the sign shall be black. The sign shall not contain any other words, symbols, logos, borders or other graphics or light features whatsoever.
- Illuminated open signs that incorporate flashing, revolving, rotating, or moving lights or other parts are prohibited.
- Signs shall be illuminated only during hours when the business is open.

Section 5.01. That Article XXII, Signs, Section 22.05.A, Permit Exempt Signs, be amended to add the following as paragraph 23:

23. **Illuminated "Open" Signs**

Section 6.01. That Article XXII, Signs, Section 22.06.B, Illumination, be amended as follows:

5. **Interior Illuminated Signs.** Illuminated wall signs using an interior light source are prohibited. Signs using visible bulbs, neon, fluorescent or similar lights are prohibited, except for illuminated "open" signs in the Village Commercial District that meet the requirements of Section 22.08.k.

Section 7.01. Savings Clause.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law when they were commenced.

Section 8.01. Repealer Clause.

All ordinances or policies of the city in conflict with the provisions herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance is intended to be both preventative and punitive, and is intended to be in furtherance of and an extension of, but not in conflict with, the provisions of the city charter of the City of the Village of Clarkston, and the laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 9.01. Severability Clause.

Should any section, subdivision, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

Section 10.01. Effective Date.

Public Hearing having been held by the Planning Commission for the City of the Village of Clarkston on Sept. 5, 2012; the provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after publication.

Made and passed by the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston this 10th day of Dec., 2012.
Kelly Richter
City Clerk

Published: December 19, 2012

Santa volunteers for seniors

About 40 volunteers gathered at Waterford Parks and Rec. to wrap 654 gifts for Be a Santa to a Senior.

"It is beautiful to see that despite tough economic times, so many generous people giving of their time and reaching deep into their pocket books," said Shannon Wygant, Home Instead Senior Care.

Seniors in need were identified by local community groups and organizations including Independence Township senior center, Richardson senior center, Walled Lake Villa, South Lyon senior care and rehab, Novi senior center, OLSHA La Amistad, Oxford Meals on Wheel, Dublin Senior Center, Encore Adult day program, and Neighbor to Neighbor.

Home Instead Senior Care has organized Be a Santa to a Senior for the last eight years.



Independence Township senior center volunteers Rosie Landry, at right, and Mary Jo Ried help out at Be a Santa to a Senior. Photo provided

Healthy chia

Question: What are chia seeds and how should they be used as part of a healthy diet?

Answer: Most people know chia seeds as being responsible for producing a furry green friend called the Chia Pet. However, more recently this seed has gained popularity because of the health benefits it provides. Serving as an excellent source of omega-3's, fiber, protein, minerals, and antioxidants, chia seeds can easily be incorporated into your diet in drinks, snack

items, raw, or combined with water to substitute for an egg. Because widespread consumption of chia seeds is relatively new, conclusive research on the exact health benefits is still developing. Emerging research with small sample sizes suggest possible cardiovascular benefits like lowered cholesterol, triglycerides, and blood pressure, as well as the promotion of weight loss.

Fitness Matters



Heidi Duffy

Question: Should I be taking a probiotic supplement?

Answer: There is no short and sweet answer to this question. Yes, probiotics are believed to aid in digestion. However, at this point in time we lack enough scientific evidence to strongly promote or discourage their consumption. Beyond gastrointestinal issues, the use of probiotics for other ailments like colic, high cholesterol, or immune system disturbances is currently under examination. With many different strains of probiotics, it is to be expected that each one affects the body differently. That said, taking a probiotic supplement with many different strains doesn't necessarily improve its efficacy, according to experts. Given the limited scientific backing, it is recommended that probiotic intake be reserved to those strains of bacteria that have been well studied (like Lactobacillus Rhamnosus or Lactobacillus GG) and probiotic products made from reputable brands.

Question: Do I really need to sweat profusely to get in a good workout, or is this another fitness myth?

Answer: Myth all the way! Sweating and the overall quality of your workout do not go hand in hand. Workout quality depends on the type of activity, the intensity and the duration. Sweating is simply a way for your overheated body to cool itself...that's it. Some people sweat from the very beginning of physical activity and others end up doing 30 minutes before the first bead hits the floor. Your environment, specifically the temperature and humidity, certainly plays a role, but the amount you sweat is very individualized as well. When you're physically active, your core body temperature rises and the body looks for an easy way to dissipate heat. So, the next time you're sweating and someone mentions that you look hot, just tell them, "Really, I was just starting to get cool."

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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Hunter followed by the pledge of allegiance. Clerk Richter gave the Oath of Office to new Council Member Carol Eberhardt.

Roll Present: Mayor Pro Tem Hunter, Sabol, Roth, Haven and Eberhardt

Absent: Hargis and Mayor Luginski

Others Present - City Manager Ritter

Moved by Sabol, supported by Roth to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Eberhardt to close the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Motion Carried. Absent: Mayor Luginski and Hargis Resolved by Sabol, supported by Haven to approve the Program Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application in the approximate amount of \$5,000 as follows and authorize the Mayor Pro Temp to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Roth, supported by Haven to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent: Mayor Luginski and Hargis Moved by Roth, supported by Sabol to adopt the amended Ordinance No. 129-4 Illuminated "Open" signs.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Haven, Roth, Sabol

Nays: Mayor Pro Tem Hunter and Eberhardt

Absent: Mayor Luginski and Hargis

Motion Carried. Ordinance Adopted.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Haven to adopt the amended Ordinance No. 129-5, Article 16, Section 16.18 to reduce Planning Commission Membership from 7 to 5 members.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Hunter, Haven, Roth, Sabol and Eberhardt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Luginski and Hargis

Motion Carried. Ordinance Adopted.

Resolved by Haven, supported by Eberhardt to adopt the amended 2012/13 budget as of October 31, 2012.

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Roth, supported by Haven to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Richter

City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2012-346, 437-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of JENNIE SMIGIELSKI, Date of birth: 05/13/1912

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JENNIE SMIGIELSKI, died 10/05/2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to CHESTER C. SMIGIELSKI, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 7:00 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

Case #13-001

Travis, Linda, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE IV, SECTION 50-919. (b) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO STABILIZE FOUNDATION OF BOAT-HOUSE (REPAIR EXCEEDS 50% OF STATE EQUALIZED VALUE)
4941 Ennismore Dr., R-1A
Woodhull Lake Sub No. 3, Lot 213
08-34-352-008

Case #13-002

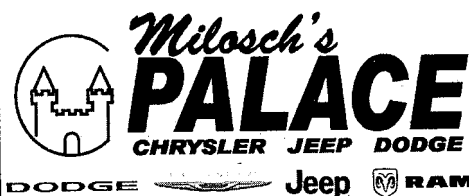
Kevin O'Grady, Petitioner for In Sight Building Co
APPLICANT REQUESTS A 328' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOME (ALREADY BUILT)
6846 Williamsbury Cir., R-1A
Brookstone Hills, Lot 18
08-17-153-012

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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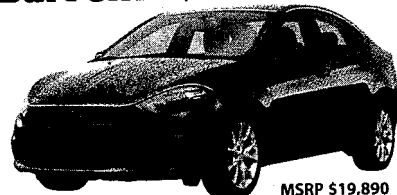
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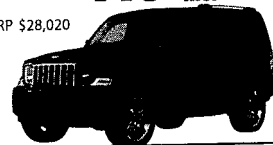
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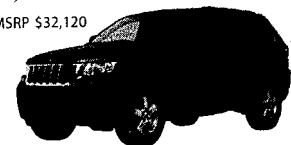
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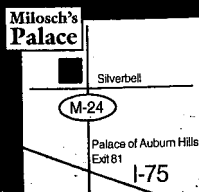
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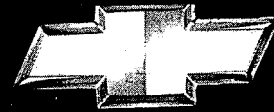
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