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Year!**

New year as newlyweds

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Home on leave from overseas, U.S. Army Specialist Andrew Ferguson brought 2012 to a close as a married man.

Andrew and Rachael (Meitz) Ferguson, both of White Lake, exchanged wedding vows in downtown Clarkston, Dec. 23, specifically, the conference room of the Movement recruiting firm in the Clarkston Mills.

"We were looking at Depot Park, but it's too cold, so we looked over here," Andrew said.

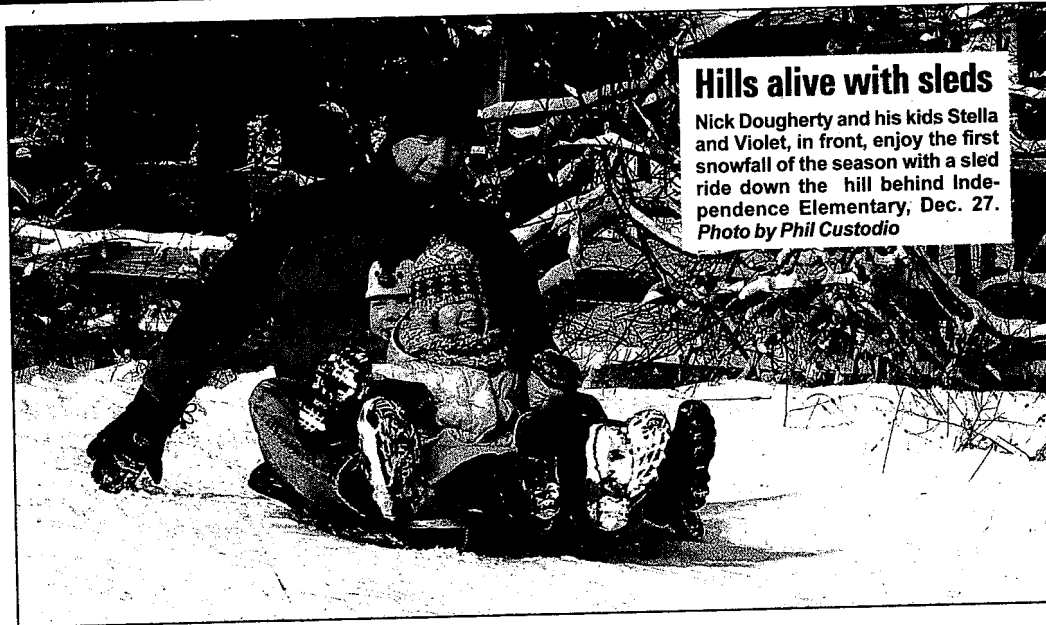
"We saw the building with its bay window and the bridge, and we really liked it," Rachael said.

"We like how the conference room looks out on the bridge," said Andrew. "It has a Norman Rockwell look. We really like

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Andrew and Rachael (Meitz) Ferguson exchange vows in downtown Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio



Hills alive with sleds

Nick Dougherty and his kids Stella and Violet, in front, enjoy the first snowfall of the season with a sled ride down the hill behind Independence Elementary, Dec. 27. Photo by Phil Custodio

Resident enthusiastic about oil, gas potential

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Davisburg resident Carol Compagnoni heard a knock at her door, she didn't anticipate finding out there might be oil or gas under her property.

"It's kind of a neat thing if you think about it. It just gives your property extra value," said Compagnoni.

With a packet of brochures, maps, and paperwork in hand, Eric Mayfield, a representative of oil and gas producer West Bay Exploration, was on her doorstep to offer a 5-year lease agreement with the Compagnonis for their mineral rights.

If the Compagnonis sign the agreement, they will receive money up front along with a monthly check for 1/8 of the royalties if the drilling operation produces oil and gas.

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) accepted Jordan Development's proposal for continued drilling in the Indian Springs Metropark Compagnoni's home in October. Since HCMA's unanimous approval of the West Bay, a partner of oil and gas company Jordan Development, has been visiting landowners who live near the park.



Carol Compagnoni has a decision to make about oil. Photo by Mary Keck

On Dec. 18, Jordan Development approached the Independence Township Board of Trustees about a potential oil and gas exploration project.

While a drilling rig or wellhead would not be located on their property, oil and gas could be extracted from beneath the Compagnoni's land through horizontal drilling.

"We're in the 160-acre radius of the drill site that they have preliminarily chosen,"

Compagnoni stated.

With the HCMA's permission, Jordan Development could choose to drill in a different area, however.

"There's no guarantee that that's the spot to actually drill; they just go in and cover all their bases before they bring the equipment," Compagnoni explained. "It's possible [the drilling location] could shift north, south, east, west and with that we could fall in or out of the 160 acre radius."

Overall, Compagnoni felt her interaction with the representative from West Bay Exploration was positive. Mayfield was prepared with maps and photos, and he had answers to "any question a homeowner would have," she described.

In particular, the Compagnonis had questions about how extracting the minerals might impact their water.

"Our concern was our water table," said Compagnoni.

Her worries were relieved somewhat when Mayfield told her "they drill so far down it doesn't have an effect on our water table."


Despite her positive interactions with
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HAPPY NEW YEAR! The staff at Mesquite Creek on M-15 celebrated the New Year 2013 with fun and festivities all weekend long. Photo by Mary Keck

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Oil decisions this month

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West Bay's representative, Compagnoni decided to have the lease agreement reviewed by a lawyer.

In their contract with the HCMA, Jordan Development cannot install a well within 500 feet of any stream or open water without the HCMA's permission.

In addition to worries about potential impact to water quality, Compagnoni was concerned about noise, smells, and truck traffic in the Metropark.

"We use the park a lot. I don't want to see it; I don't want to smell it; I don't want to hear it," she said.

Jordan Development and the HCMA determine drilling sites, and a well has already been placed off of Teggerdine Road. Six potential well locations were outlined in a map of Indian Springs Metropark reviewed by the HCMA in October.

The majority of the sites are in the southeast corner of the park along White Lake Road; one is just off Ware Road on the park's north side and another is slated for

the southwest corner.

When it comes to potential environmental impacts from the project, Compagnoni isn't troubled.

"There's been enough studies showing that once something comes into an environment, the natural habitat just adjusts," she said.

The Compagnonis had until January before Mayfield returns to answer their questions and likely collect a lease agreement for their mineral rights.

"It really comes down to this: we can sign this contract or not. It's up to us," said Compagnoni. "If we don't sign it, it doesn't mean they're going to give up on their project. It just means that we aren't going to be getting any money off of anything that could potentially be drawn."

View a map of potential Indian Springs Metropark drilling sites in the HCMA's October meeting packet available on www.metroparks.com. Find information on mineral rights leases on msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/oil_and_gas_development.

Briefly

Less for library in 2013

At Clarkston Independence District Library's public hearing on its 2013 budget, Dec. 19, Director Julie Meredith estimated the library's funding is \$104,802 less than in 2012.

In 2013, the library's revenues will be \$1,030,798 and its expenditures are projected at \$1,038,316. The library board voted unanimously to take the \$7,518 difference from the fund balance, which is \$219,569. In 2012, the library brought in \$1,135,600 and spent \$1,128,800.

As a result of the lower revenues in 2013, the library has eliminated a full-time position and reduced its hours of operation.

View the library's budget online at www.indelib.org or watch the public hearing at www.independencetelevision.org.
pegcentral.com.

Bowl for lacrosse

Clarkston Lacrosse hosts a bowling fund raiser on Jan. 27 at Cherry Hill Lanes, 1:30-4 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per bowler and includes two hours of bowling, shoes and two slices of pizza and soda. The event also includes door prizes and raffle prizes for \$5 per ticket. The raffle prizes are a 50" plasma TV, iPad and Blu-ray player.

For more information, please contact Cathy Schlaff by emailing dschlaff@yahoo.com.

Info on Oak Hill work

Road Commission for Oakland County hosts a public information meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8, about the planned 2014 paving of the gravel portion of Oak Hill Road from Dixie Highway to east of Jossman Road on the north border of Springfield Township.

The meeting will be from 4-7 p.m. at Groveland Township Fire Station No. 1, 14645 Dixie Highway. The meeting will be open-house format with no formal presentation - walk in any to ask questions of RCOG staff or review project information.

The project will involve asphalt paving of a one-mile gravel portion of Oak Hill Road, with some concrete curbs, gutters, and storm sewers. The \$1.9 million project is expected to start in the spring of 2014 and be completed that fall.

Eighty percent comes from federal funds, 10 percent from RCOG, and 5 percent each from Springfield and Groveland townships.

Summer heats up political season in year 2012

The world didn't end in the second half of 2012, despite predictions to the contrary, but an intense political season did. Many seats were determined by the primary vote in August due to a lack of opposition, but others went down to the wire in November.

July 4

Split vote on school funds: This year's \$71 million school budget was approved in a split vote – Clarkston Board of Education Trustees Susan Boatman, Rosalie Lieblang, and Joan Patterson voted against it; President Cheryl McGinnis, Vice President Elizabeth Egan, Secretary Barry Bomier and Treasurer Steve Hyer voted for it. Concerns at the June 25 meeting included \$26,000 for Middle College, a high school alternative program in partnership with a local college. Superintendent Rod Rock is working on implementing the program.

City 2012-2013 budgets OK'd: Clarkston City Council approved a 2012 budget with a surplus and a balanced 2013 budget during their public hearing on June 25, but the votes were not unanimous. "We spent \$48,000 less than what we took in," Councilman Thomas Hunter said of the 2012 budget. The savings were due in part to the light winter, Treasurer Sandra Barlass pointed out.

July 11

Hot times at Fourth: With over 100 parade participants, residents couldn't resist celebrating the patriotic holiday downtown even in 90-degree temperatures. With red, white, and blue costumes, sparkling banners, patriotic band music, and lots of candy, Clarkston kicked off Independence Day with the "American Made" parade.

Burn ordinance controversy heats up:

"If you're poor, you can't burn anymore," sums up John Keusch, who is critical of the Independence Township board's revised Open Burn Ordinance. On June 19, the board approved first reading of the new ordinance, which bans leaf burning on any land less than one acre.

July 18

Deep trouble with shallow ponds: For residents living along the Mill Ponds in downtown Clarkston, low water levels have been the source of deep concern. As a result, locals have voiced their frustration to City Council, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Ed Adler, owner of the dam on Washington Street. Many believe the opening and closing of the dam is to blame for the lack of water in the pond.

Clarkston couple conquer mountain trail: Two long-time Clarkston residents are in the midst of the adventure of a lifetime as they hike the entire Appalachian mountain trail, from Georgia to Maine. Mark and Julie Lamphier, or EZ and Gravitly as they are called on the trail, left in March and just recently crossed into New York. However, they still have over 800 miles left in their journey.



Patriotic parade participants, including these Revolutionary War reenactors, braved 90+ degree heat in the 2012 Fourth of July parade. *File photo*

July 25

Rain Garden offers more than beauty: If you've noticed a few extra blossoms in Depot Park, you might be looking at the Wild Ones' Rain Garden. It's more than just a pretty spot, however. "It's helping to manage parking lot run off, filtering, and taking out salt in the storm water," said Jim Breuck, president of the North Oakland Wild Ones.

Drought hits crops, bees, bottom line:

If you did a rain dance in celebration of the precipitation last week, you're not alone. Michigan, like 50 percent of the United States, is suffering from drought conditions. While Michigan's drought isn't as severe as some other states, farmers in Davisburg and Clarkston are feeling the impact of the hot, dry weather, and so are consumers.

August 1

Churches welcome new role in elections:

North Oaks on Ortonville Road is home to Precincts 3 and 4 on Election Day. "Part of our mission is to serve the community," said North Oaks Pastor Steve Brown, who was happy to make the building available for township elections. Clerk Barbara Pallotta chose to move polling places from schools to churches to increase safety. Church buildings are less likely to be crowded during the day, and they offer ample parking for voters.

Kids brush up on artwork at camp: The creativity was flowing at Clarkston Junior High School as students in grades 6-12 participated in Teen Art Camp. "It's different from other camps," said Roxanne Thornton. "It shows me different ways I can use my skill and express myself."

August 8

Ghost Walk brings history back to life:

An air of mystery surrounds the first Ghost Walk event organized by the Clarkston Community Historical Society and Heritage Museum. One August 11, costumed storytellers will share tales of the paranormal, historical tidbits, and information about mourning traditions at designated sites around Clarkston.

Tanner home perfect spot for film production:

The mayor's speech was made up, but music, mood, and swanky mansion were real at a movie shoot last weekend in Springfield Township. Jim and Audrey Tanner, who often host parties for SCAMP and other community groups on their sprawling estate, hosted cast and crew of the drama "Approaching Midnight."

Finn remembered: Zachary Daniel Finn of Clarkston died from injuries suffered in a traffic accident this past weekend. He will be remembered for his smile and sense of humor, said his Uncle Brian Varney. He passed away Aug. 4.

August 15

Local youth help out at Santorum speech:

For former presidential candidate Rick Santorum, young people like Everest Collegiate High School Life Club members are what his pro-life message is all about. "It's so encouraging to see young people like this, as pro life as any generation in the country," said Santorum at the Birth Choice Pregnancy Resource Center fundraiser.

Roots to fruits hopes to revive local food culture: Most people believe the economy could use a boost, but is the answer to

financial woes in fruits and vegetables? According to the owners of Roots to Fruits ecological design firm, farming isn't only an avenue to a stronger economy; it is also a road to reviving local culture.

Winners point to change, positivity in primary election: From dog bites to walking door-to-door in 100-degree heat, the candidates for Independence Township were truly challenged before Election Day. Many of those who came out ahead in the August 7 primary believe voters were casting their ballots for change.

August 22

Clarkston schools bristle over state designation:

Under the State of Michigan's new school ranking system, three Clarkston schools need extra attention, but school officials say Clarkston kids get enough attention as it is. Under the new designations, Andersonville Elementary, Pine Knob Elementary, and Sashabaw Middle were named "Focus Schools," based on the state-test-result gap between the top 30 percent of students and the bottom 30 percent.

Tips lead to arrest: Tips from neighbors led to the arrest of a suspected burglar, linked to thefts from vehicles and homes across Independence Township. Joshua Alen Yennior, 21, of Independence was booked on Aug. 14 and arraigned on three counts of possession of stolen credit cards, each a four-year felony.

August 29

Done deal on 90 N. Main: The former Clarkston High School and township hall, 90 N. Main Street, is set to have a new owner – Curt Catalo, owner of Clarkston's Union and Union Woodshop restaurants. Catalo signed a purchase agreement with building owners Bob Roth and Ed Adler. The building will house Union Adworks, which produces catalogs and other literature for brands such as Jeep, Dodge, Chrysler, Ram, Mopar, Fiat, and Apple.

Anticipation high for Labor Day parade:

This year's Labor Day parade, sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club, is certain to draw a crowd. With almost 60 entries and Detroit Redwings' Karen Newman singing *The Star Spangled Banner* to kick off the event, it is no surprise that parade-goers are excited. The festivities will begin at Renaissance High School and end at St. Daniel's Church.

September 5

Downtown road repairs on the way: Clarkston contracted for \$35,280.50 with Asphalt Specialists Inc. (ASI) for road repairs. Seventeen spots on Depot Road and other streets were highlighted for repair. ASI cut out broken sections of asphalt and replaced them. In addition to replacing asphalt, ASI filled cracks in the road as a preventative measure.

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Gridiron heroes and spikers reign in fall 2012

The second half of 2012 marked more memories and victories for Clarkston athletes. Hard work and dedication paid off as they thrilled fans. Great job for an awesome year! We look forward to seeing what you can achieve in 2013!

August 15

Scrimmage for a cause: Gridiron heroes took to the field for their fourth annual Football for a Cure to raise money for McLaren Breast Center and McLaren Breast Cancer Institute.

August 22

Wolves score seven goals in their first tournament: Kickers added their first set of wins of the season by beating Traverse City Central, 3-1, Petosky, 2-0, and lost to Traverse City West, 3-2.

Touchdown for Lighthouse: The Clarkston football program collected 6,478 pounds of food for Lighthouse of Clarkston.

August 29

First game's in the bag: Junior running back Ian Eriksen ran a 99-yard return 13 seconds into the game against Rochester Adams for the first touchdown of the season. The Clarkston Varsity Football team won their home opener, 42-28.

September 5

On the green: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team beat Lake Orion in their first meet, 186-207.

September 12

Racing to win: The Clarkston Girls Cross Country team finished in third place at the West Bloomfield/Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark out of 15 teams.

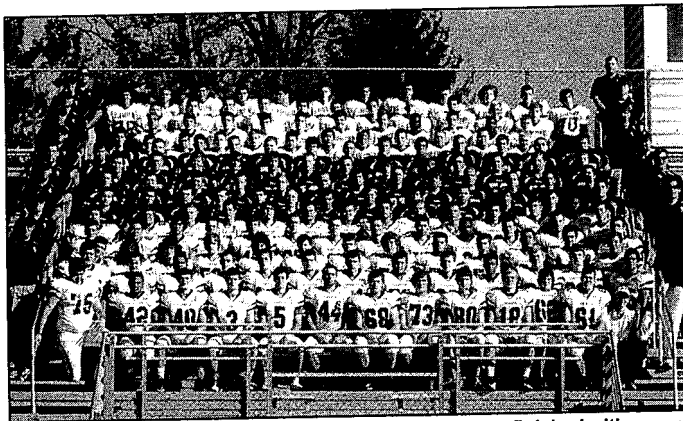
DeFinis finishes of Rochester with late-game goal: Sophomore Joey DeFinis led the Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team to victory over Rochester with a late goal to put the Wolves, 2-1.

September 19

Blocking Seaholm from win: In the Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team's home opener, they beat league foe Seaholm, 3-0.

September 26

Cougars caged in nailbiter: The score was tied 21-21 as the Clarkston Varsity Football



The Freshman, JV, and varsity Clarkston Football teams finished with a combined 27-0 record. File photo

team battled Stoney Creek. Junior running back Ian Eriksen struck with a 4-yard run to put the Wolves into the lead. A PAT from junior kicker Shane Hynes put the score 28-21.

Broncos corralled in shutout: Junior Brad Schultz led the Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team in their big finish against Holly. He scored two goals in the 5-0 game.

October 3

Wolves clinch playoff spot: Junior running back Quinn Montgomery finished his 9-yard run with 3:12 left in the Clarkston Varsity Football team's Homecoming Game to score his first touchdown. The team finished 61-19 and with their sixth win to clinch a spot in the playoffs.

Kickers rally to topple three opponents in one week: Senior Gary Bigger led the Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team with four goals as the team took down Waterford Kettering, 5-1, Lake Orion, 3-1, and Rochester Adams, 3-2.

Lady Wolves unravel Raiders in league battle: The Clarkston Girls Volleyball team recovered from their first 25-21 loss to North Farmington to win the next three matches for a 4-1 finish.

October 10

Gray, Olsen lead team to second in OAA: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team took second place in the OAA Red tournament, Oct. 1. Anna Gray and Paige Olsen finished as medalists. Gray finished in fifth place with a par of 85 and Olsen finished in eighth place, par of 86.

October 17

Clarkston pulls last minute win over Lake Orion: With 14.3 seconds to go on the clock at Lake Orion, the Clarkston Varsity Football team clinched the OAA Red title after Ian Eriksen scored on his 1-yard run. With a 2-point conversion from D.J. Zezula to Nathan Yeloushan the game ended 21-14.

Senior kickers lead team in Farmington win: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team closed their regular season with wins over Rochester and Farmington.

October 24

Spikers claim OAA Red title from Dragons: The gym was tense as the Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team battled their fifth game against Lake Orion for the league title. After tying the score after the first four games, 2-2, both teams matched point for point in the tie breaker. Sarah Bullen scored two

points to win the game for Clarkston, 18-16.

October 31

Onward to districts: The Clarkston Varsity Football team knocked Davison out of the running for the state championship in the first round of district playoffs, 41-0.

Pounding paths to finals: Runners were getting ready for the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals after the girls team finished in second place and the boys finished in third place.

Desire, talent and sacrifice yields 9-0 season: Gridiron heroes made Clarkston history with the freshman, JV, and varsity teams all going undefeated for their 2012 Fall season. They also claimed the OAA Red title for their respective levels.

November 7

Wolves on a roll: Clarkston gridiron heroes were gearing up for their next stop in the playoffs with their football game against Rockford for the MHSAA Regional title after beating Grand Blanc in the district finals, 35-19.

Clarkston trumps Dragons for district crown: After close matches against Lake Orion and Romeo, the Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team closed the district playoffs with winning the title from the Dragons, 3-2.

November 21

Volleyball champions: The Our Lady of Lakes Varsity Volleyball team finished their season winning the Catholic League Championship and the Class D District Championship.

December 5

Wolves net Cardinal in first game: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team opened their season with a 49-36 win over Davison.

December 12

Undefeated into season: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team used the second half of their first three games to sink wins against Waterford Mott, Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep.

Victory in season opener: The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team took down Lapeer West 48-25 to open the season.

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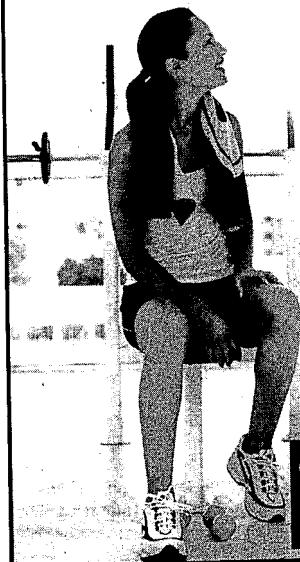
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Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

Snow day magic

When flakes fell outside the front windows of *The Clarkston News* office last week, I thought of snow days. Those glorious unexpected holidays from school meant sledding, fort building, and cracking through the icy surface of what had been a puddle just the day before.

If I was lucky, we'd get a blizzard right around my birthday on Jan. 12, and discovering school was out felt like getting an extra present.



Dressed in layers and unable to put my arms down like Ralphie's little brother, I threw myself down onto the snow without worry of getting hurt because I had plenty of padding.

The snow crunched as I created snow angels just my size, then I would lie there for a while feeling the soft, cool kisses of snowflakes tickle my nose and cheeks.

Hundreds of fork-shaped footprints were etched in the snow beneath the bird feeder, icicles formed along the edges of the birdbath, and I watched as individual flakes landed in my gloves.

The power of so many tiny snowflakes to transform my backyard overnight was like magic!

A similar wintery spell was cast on downtown Clarkston when it turned into a frosty wonderland.

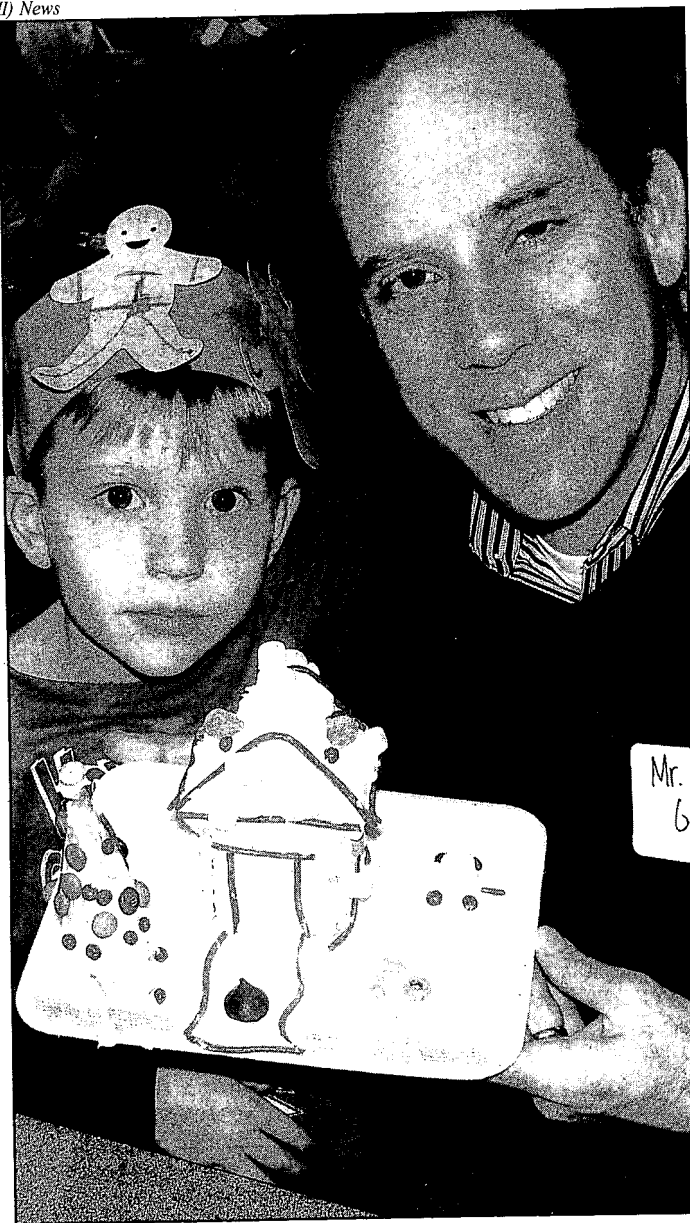
The Optimists' rink froze for skaters, snow blanketed the roof of the gazebo in Depot Park, and ducks sprinkled with snowflakes swam in the stream beneath the bridge, oblivious to the cold.

The evergreens and red ribbons in the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club planters along Main Street looked even more festive with a layer of frost.

Under the snow, the lights hanging from shop windows emitted a cheery glow, and the Mill Pond took on a picturesque quality with its white sheen.

Unlike my school days, I didn't get to stay home due to the falling snow, but the beautiful winter scene downtown inspired that carefree snow day feeling.

As I left tracks around Clarkston, I realized I'm younger than I'm ever going to be right now, and even though my birthday is just around the corner, I'm not too old for sleds and snowballs yet. Wishing you lots of magical snow days in the New Year!



SMILES OF THE WEEK: Brendan and his dad Dan Gerard are proud of the gingerbread house they made at the Independence Elementary holiday party, Dec. 21. Photo by Phil Custodio

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A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Clarkston man at center of big drug case" A Clarkston man was charged for the second time with conspiracy to deliver cocaine and jailed on \$5 million bond. Joseph Edward Puertas, 70, was arrested along with an employee James Talley, 35. Puertas' family owned the Megabowl near Baldwin and I-75 in Orion Township.

"Task force to study I-75" The Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland wanted to do something about the congestion on I-75 especially with the combination of travelers heading to work, Palace of Auburn Hills traffic, and new shopping complex being built on Baldwin Road. They spearheaded a task force with government representatives from communities along I-75 and developers.

"Middleton: I'm not running against Mat" State representative Tom Middleton sat down with *The Clarkston News* to discuss why he was running for senate, what he was going to contribute and to clarify he was not running against Mat Dukakis from Lake Orion.

25 years ago - 1987

"Officials see continued growth '88" Local government officials were predicting steady growth and increased traffic was for the new year.

"Blue and Gold club helps others" Over 200 teenagers at Clarkston High School joined forces to do good deeds in the community since it was formed in 1987. The idea from the club came from Principal Dr. Robert Burek. A high school he previously worked had it and it was successful there.

50 years ago - 1962

"Thayer Wilson in TV performance" Miss Thayer Wilson of Clarkston, choreographed a dance number presented in the Christmas dance program at Hollins College. A senior, Ms. Wilson arranged a group selection, "And the Glory of the Lord Shone Round Them," for the program. The production was also presented on video tape on a local Roanoke television station.

"Local Woman on March of Dimes" A Clarkston woman will be among the leaders of the fight against crippling birth defects and arthritis. She is Mrs. Kelly Burnette, who will serve as chairman of the 25th anniversary March of Dimes Mothers' March in Independence Township.

Late gift ideas to be ignored (reprint from the first week in 2006)

It's been over three weeks since Jottings has been live, and in a way that's good. Had we been live recently, chances are we would have offered two gift ideas that would lighten your change drawer, while being totally unnecessary.

Some days before Christmas, *Hallmark's Holiday Gifts* folder came in my mail. Not having been in a Hallmark store in a year, I looked to see what's new in cards.

Well, cards were not even shown. Instead there were some clever things like a battery operated grill brush, wet/dry nose hair cutter and a hook/slice talking swing meter for golf clubs, among other valuable things.

What I found most intriguing was a battery operated marshmallow toaster.

Every marshmallow toaster in the world knows that finding a properly shaped twig, one with a pronged end that's not too big or too small is a required ritual for toasting this confection.

Fie be unto anyone who would bring a three-pronged, battery operated toaster to a marshmallow roast, even when "perfectly toasted marshmallows are only a push-button away with this automatic, hand-held rotisserie," as the ad promises.

This \$20 item (4 AA batteries not included) is made of stainless steel with a sure-grip ergonomic handle. I think

it was the 'ergonomic' handle part of the description that got me into Werner's Lake Orion store.

I was there at least three weeks before the holiday. I wandered the store for a while looking for this three-pronged, but finding none, I asked their whereabouts.

Jim's Jottings



A column by Jim Sherman

"Oh," said the nice lady, "we sold out of them right away, but maybe I could get one from another store."

"No, no," I said. "I didn't want to buy one, I just wanted to see if this was a joke or misprint."

Thinking about it later I realized merchandising was another field I wasn't qualified for.

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The other not recommended gift item is in *The Grateful Palate's Gift Handbook 2006*.

This is the outfit that hooked daughter Susan into getting me into the Bacon of the Month Club.

The owner of this company signs his greeting, "*Peace, Happiness and Pork Butt -- Dan Phillips.*"

He's into making the Pig Party a political force. If elected he would have pigs worshiped like sacred cows in India and sausage would replace bullets.

He says, "I'd turn the White House into a restaurant and the Washington Monument into an awesome smoke house."

Besides pork, Mr. Phillips is also into stirrers and muddlers. Webster defines muddler as something confusing. Mr. Phillips describes it as a stir-stick for cocktails. His are made from ash and jarrah and cost \$24.95.

Since I stir with my index finger, \$24.95 sounds a little heavy.

Phillips' Muddler is a steal compared to The Stirrer. This kitchen tool is also made of jarrah, a wood with "a gorgeous grain." A guy in Port Douglas, Australia, on the edge of the Daintree Rain Forest and the Great Barrier Reef, creates them.

The Grateful Palate owner says, "It doesn't matter if you're scrambling eggs, making risotto or watching television, you'll want to hold it in your hands. It is sensual and practical."

Which shouldn't be confused with the price of \$39.95.

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Bill Cosby says, "As parents, my wife and I have one thing in common. We're both afraid of children."

Erma Bombeck: "When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice safe playpen. When they're finished I climb out of it."

You can get the straight poop on T.P. here

You know I'm just like you (even if you're a chick). I am just an average Joe and every time a new year comes around I kinda want to do things better. And, if I can't do better, then maybe just doing them a little different will work, too.

With that in mind, I'll share with you my thoughts for this new year and how I came to these conclusions.

Some days before Christmas I received the following e-mail.

Hi Don,

Recently, my video team and I released a video that highlights the economic and environmental impact of toilet paper and the hidden costs behind this paper product.

After the site popped up in my quick research, I thought I'd reach out, hoping you'll find some value in the video. Let me know if it's something you'd be interested in seeing or possibly share.

Thanks! Emily S.

Well, of course I had to respond to her correspondence and I did so thusly, "Emily please send me the video link. I am sure I can whip up a column. As I tell my sons, bathroom humor never goes out of style."

She complied and sent me a link to the *Hidden Costs of Toilet Paper* (which you

can Google and find yourself). Since Emily complied, so did I. I watched the quirky little one minute, 20 second video.

And, here is what I was told:

1. Bidets are better than using T.P.

2. Only 25-30% of the world's population uses toilet paper, but folks in China, Japan and Europe are itching to get in on the fun.

3. The average person who uses T.P. uses 57 sheets a day; 20,000 a year; or each of us flushes about 384 trees down the crapper a year.

4. The average American spends between \$40 and \$70 a year keeping the water closet stocked with paper.

5. The world uses 27,000 trees a day in toilet paper.

And, 6. Bidets are better than T.P.

Before I get into that uncomfortable discussion about bidets, what they do, and how, I have a few questions (and if you want to skip my questions, you can start thinking about water picks not to use for rinsing your mouth but your backside right now.)

My questions are rather simple. When calculating T.P. usage, did they take into account single or double ply purchases,

Scott or Charmin brands, white or designer colors?

So, I've stalled long enough. Bidets. I know (by quick Don Rush math and sound deductive reasoning) that 70 to 75 percent of the world's population uses a bidet over good ol' American toilet paper. And since most folks use 'em, they must be good, feel good and do a good job in cleaning up after doing what needs to be done. But, since I ain't a globe-trottin' playboy type, the only thing I think of when I think "bidet" is a high pressure stream of water rinsing over my particulars once the job is done. I don't know, it just seems like there'd be lots of messy splashing going on.

But ever the reporter, I got over my own prejudices and looked up how to use a bidet. First, do what you do and then . . .

1. Straddle the bidet. If it's a stand-alone operation you can either face the controls or back into place. Regardless, it looks like you need to shuck your slacks and hang 'em some place.

2. Adjust the temperature and jet strengths for comfort. I read this: be very careful when turning on the water, as many bidets can produce a very high jet of water with only a slight turn of the control and that can ruin your whole day.

3. Position yourself over the water jets

so the H₂O hits the desired area. For some bidets you can continue to hover above the bidet or you can sit down on it. I guess this is a personal choice that I'd rather not think about.

4. (And, here's where I think bidets lose their luster.) Clean anal area and/or genitals. Clean the desired area using your hands, as you would when taking a shower. Question: Why not just shower?

5. Dry your skin. Some bidets have a built-in air dryer that you can use (which actually sounds pretty groovy in a tingly kind of way). Others don't, so you pat dry with toilet paper. I read many bidets have a towel on a ring positioned next to the bidet with a towel to be used for drying. To this I say, "Oh hell no."

Then you are 'sposed to rinse and wipe down the bidet and then wash your hands. If this sounds like something that will float your boat, the starting cost for a bidet is about \$120. Have fun.

Am I a better man now than before I watched the video. I can't really say. Will I do things differently after watching the video.

No.

I am an American, and I will continue doing what I do, when I do it, the way I've always done it regardless the cost to me or the world.



A column by Don Rush



▶ It's not what you lose. It's what you gain.

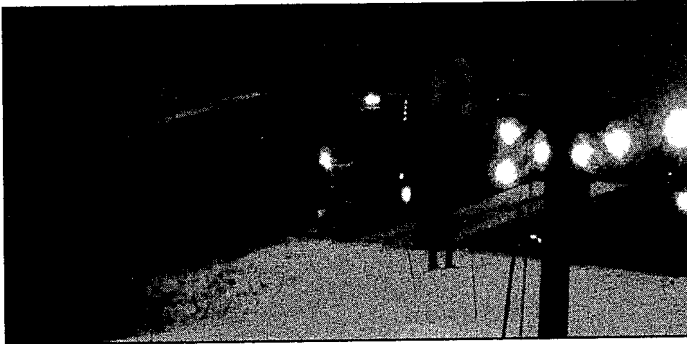
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ICY ROADS: Last week's snow fall resulted in several accidents as drivers lost control on slippery roads, including rear-end crashes on Dixie Highway at Ortonville Road and White Lake Road, as well as this van in the ditch on Clarkston Road at Lakeview Boulevard, Dec. 26. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Vehicles damaged

A driver on Maybee Road at Dixie heard something hit the driver's side door, 7:41 p.m., Dec. 19. When she got home, she found a small dent, where it had been hit by a pellet. She didn't see who might have done it.

Pine Knob Road residents reported the rear window of their minivan shattered while parked in the driveway overnight, Dec. 25.

Branch falls on car

A Waterford resident was driving north on Sashabaw Road near Maybee Road when a large branch fell on her car, 3:27 p.m., Dec. 20. The branch shattered the windshield and damaged the frame, but didn't injure the driver.

Mail theft

An E. Church Street resident noticed his mailbox door open and flag up, missing a bill payment envelope he had placed there for mailing, 4:10 p.m., Dec. 20. The envelope with check inside was gone, and his mail carrier said the post office didn't pick it up. He was advised to cancel the check.

Shoplifter

A loss prevention employee watched a 32-year-old Dearborn Heights man enter the store in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, 7:15 p.m., Dec. 20, take four six-packs of energy drinks, and walk out without paying. The employee stopped him, recovered the items, and called police. The suspect told deputies he didn't know why he steals and wants to stop, but supplied a false name at first to avoid warrants out of Dearborn. He said he intended to resell the items to stores in Detroit. He was cited for shoplifting, and handed over to Dearborn Police on the warrants.

Counterfeit change

A shopper discovered the \$5 bill she received in change from a gas station at Dixie Highway and Walton Road was counterfeit, 6:02 p.m., Dec. 21. The bill had been rejected at a store in the 6000 block of Dixie.

Hit and runners

Residents in the 4000 block of Curtis Lane called police when two men parked their pickup truck in their driveway, complained of injuries, and walked away, 3:39 a.m., Dec. 24. The pickup was extensively damaged on its left side, with both airbags deployed. A sheriff's K9 unit tracked and located the two men, who were turned over to Waterford Police for hit-and-run.

Involuntary commitment

Deer Lake Road residents called police when their adult son, who didn't live there, tried to break in, 10:20 p.m., Dec. 26. The 35-year-old son, who was intoxicated, ran off. Deputies followed his tracks in the snow and found him hiding under a table behind a storage barn. He was taken to McLaren for involuntary commitment.

Unwanted storage

A Pine Knob Road property owner checked her upstairs apartment after a tenant moved out, found a marijuana plant as well as an SKS semiautomatic rifle stored there by her adult son, and called police, 7:12 p.m., Dec. 26. The resident didn't know the rifle was kept there. Deputies confiscated the plant for destruction, and took the rifle for safekeeping until the 37-year-old son can pick it up.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office
CRIME TIPLINE, 888-TURN-1-IN OR 1-888-887-6146.

Home on leave for wedding

Continued from page 1
the atmosphere."

The wedding was officiated by the Rev. Sheila Francis, who is friends with Rachael as well as Michele Bradley, Andrew's aunt who works at Real Estate One in downtown Clarkston.

"It's a beautiful setting, it really is," Bradley said. "I'm glad they ended up here."

"We were very happy to provide a nice place," said David Bradley, headhunting services director at Movement. "We love the village, it's a great place."

Andrew is a highly decorated medic with the 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, First Armored Division, based in Germany. He deployed with the unit for a tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2011, where he went out on several combat missions.

He and Rachael have been friends since elementary school.

"He would help me with my homework," Rachael said.

Attending different high schools, they lost touch for a while but got back together thanks to social networking.

"I wished her a happy birthday on Facebook and we started talking and reminiscing," he said. "We clicked - physically, emotionally, spiritually, it's all there."

"We share our values. We match," Rachael said. "He always supports me just as I do for him."

Andrew has 14 months left in his enlistment, after which he will get his pharmacy technician's license.

Rachael is a University of Michigan graduate studying social work at Oakland University.

The couple plans to settle in the area. "This is where we grew up - our friends and family are here," Andrew said.



Photographer Sara Robichaud, friend of the bride, takes a picture of the couple and their families and friends at the Clarkston Mills. Photo by Phil Custodio

Calvano conquers DCC

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Chris Calvano stepped up to the mat in the middle of Lake Orion's gym and took his spot opposite from Nick Giese from Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

On the referee's signal they battled for first place in the 189-pound weight class at the 52rd Annual Oakland County Wrestling Championships, Dec. 22.

Calvano took control of the match and ended it with a pin as the clock marked 3:34.

"It's great," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "Chris has had a good year. He has wrestled some good kids. He comes in every day and works hard. He is willing to learn and it shows. He comes out here and is pretty dominating. It is still early and he has to work to the end but I am proud of him with what he has accomplished. He should be proud of himself."

The Wolves scored 239.5 points during the two day tournament to place in fourth. Novi Detroit Catholic Central took first place with 347 points followed by Oxford in second with 278 points and Rochester in third, 264 points.

"It is a tough tournament," said Moscovic. "We wrestled well and I am proud of our kids. I think by no means did we wrestle our full potential. We had some kids walk out of here feeling like they could have done a little bit better. They should. Our ultimate goal is to win every time."

The team placed nine wrestlers in the top eight finishers with Calvano leading the way in his first place finish in 189-pound weight class. He went 4-0 for the day beating Travis Tank from South Lyon East, Josiah Thomas from Brother Rice, and Shane Shadia from Rochester.

Nick Vandermeer (189) took second place

after a 9-6 loss to Shon Powell from Birmingham Brother Rice. He finished 3-1 for the day with wins over Ken Daniels from Southfield, Aaron Bibik from Livonia Churchill and Aaron Morgan from Rochester.

"He had a good tournament," Moscovic added. "I am proud of him. It's a great accomplishment. He had a tough kid who was All-State. He went out a little cautious and it might have cost him instead of going out there and setting a tempo of his own style. I think next time it will be a different match."

Cameron Wilkie (130) finished in fourth after a 5-1 loss to Sam Johnson from Holly. Nate Vandermeer (112) and Luis Reyes (289) took six place. Adam Myers (215) took seventh place after a pin against Ryan Groves from Livonia Clarenceville, 30 seconds into the final period.

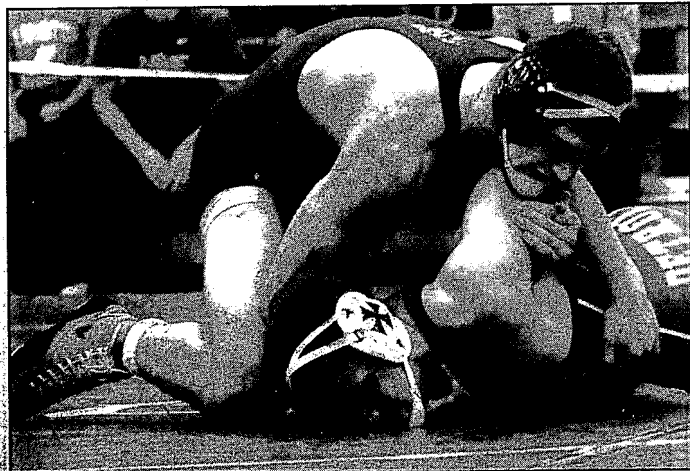
Finishing in eighth place were Connor Ryan (119) and Mike Cardinale (130) going 2-3 for the tournament and Jake Dionne (135) who finished with a 3-3 record during the two days.

"We did a lot better than last year," said Moscovic, adding Clarkston only had four finishers in the top six including Nick Vandermeer, Myers and Wilkie.

"These kids are the ones to go out and compete and they work hard," he continued. "It is something to be proud of. We are starting to bring back the tradition. If they keep working hard, setting their goals high and setting the standards for the young kids it will happen again. We are proud of our performance."

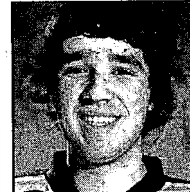
The boys head to the Manning Vieau Invitational in Brighton on Saturday.

They head to Farmington Hills Harrison, 29995 West 12 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, on Jan. 9 for a dual against Harrison and Lake Orion.



Chris Calvano uses his strength to keep Detroit Catholic Central's Nick Giese on the mat. Photo by Wendi Reardon

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Congrats Athletes of the Week, July - Dec.

July

Hitter Abbey Tolmie, Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team, Kicker Jimmy Todd, Clarkston Riverdaws IU

August

Hitters Dylan Peck and Shauna Siwicki, Defensive back and wide receiver Travis Smith, Lacrosse goalie Adam Gohl, Runners Alyssa Bey and Kayla Russell, Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team

September

Swimmer Sami Stelpflug, Running back Ian Eriksen, Spiker Rachel Dickerson, Tennis player Alexis Haselwenter

October

Clarkston Chief Ava Hernandez, Hitters ICE Silver 10U, Golfer Anna Gray, Clarkston Girls Cross Country, Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team

November

Runner Lysie Gram, Clarkston Chiefs JV White football team, Amiley and Lamont Williams, Defensive back and Running back Alex Dicea

December

Linebacker Jessé Chadwell, Icer Garrett Polish, Cager Erika Davenport

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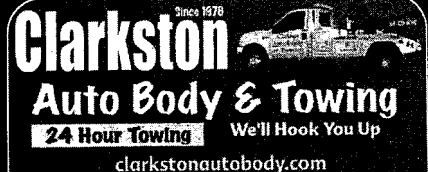


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Jacqueline Gergle, fifth grade, guesses how many gumdrops.



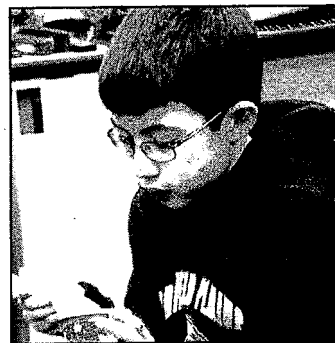
Breanna Bordine, third grader, snacks.



From left, fourth graders Mathias Heister, Collin Horst, Rachel Tanniellau, and Nic Little enjoy red-nosed cheer.

Santa party

Springfield Plains Elementary kicked off their winter break with a Holiday Party of food, fun and games, Dec. 21. Photos by Mary Keck



Adam Sprague, fifth grade, scoops up a tasty treat.



Third-grader Brooke Peel balances dice on a popsicle stick.

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More sprinkles! Reece Stachowiak (right) lets Aiden Scott know when he has added enough sprinkles to the sugar cookie.

Beginning winter with holiday fun

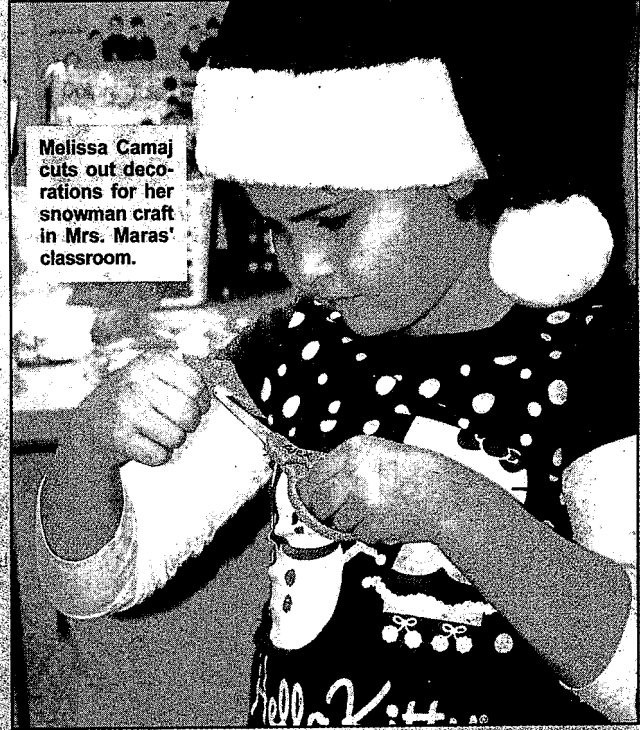
Clarkston Elementary students started the winter with games, crafts and treats on Dec. 21.

The fifth graders headed to the cafeteria for their holiday pizza party mixed in with music and dancing.

Other grades enjoyed decorating and eating cookies, decorating ornaments for home Christmas trees and games with friends.

But a favorite in Mrs. Winn's classroom was visiting a chocolate fountain with marshmallows and strawberries. Yum!

Photos by Wendi Reardon




Melissa Camaj cuts out decorations for her snowman craft in Mrs. Maras' classroom.

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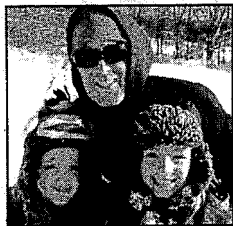
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New Year's resolutions for 2013?



"2013, it's the year of giving back."
— Al Smock, with daughters Alexandra and Cassidy



"Always to stay more organized."
— Ellen McNaughton



"Lose weight."
— David Chiappelli



"To get good grades."
— Daniella Daigle, graphic design student at Oakland University

By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Riding to national success

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Sergey Douglas, Sarrah Palmer, Andrew Paquette, and Savannah Rovelli went to the American Royal Horse Show in Kansas City, MO, as O.A.T.S. riders.

They came home as "The Fearsome Foursome."

"They all placed in the top 10 for their division, and Sarrah won Overall National Reserve Champion," said Nancy Lee Heussner, O.A.T.S. founder.

"Riding is fun – I'm good at it," said Palmer of Oxford, who competed with her horse, Benny, and the team last November in the United Professional Horsemen's Association Exceptional Challenge Cup.

About 120 riders per week from five counties go to O.A.T.S., Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles.

Working with the horses, they learn to become independent riders, build muscles, develop balance and coordination, and receive other benefits, said Nancy Lee Heussner, who founded the non-profit organization in 1997.

"The horses are phenomenal – they're calm and they want to work," Heussner said.

"It's changed my mobility," said Melissa Sturgis of Clarkston, 41, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis when she was 27 and joined O.A.T.S. for riding therapy last March. "I was riding an Amiga scooter at one time."

Now she is a volunteer, helping out three days a week to maintain



O.A.T.S. riding champ Sarrah Palmer also volunteers at the center, here helping Mary, an adult rider who has multiple sclerosis. Photo by Phil Custodio

the arenas and run therapy programs.

"It helps people with autism, those who are nonverbal, when they have to speak to the horses, helps stimulate a walking gait, and builds camaraderie," she said. "It's awesome."

The center is planning Horses for Heroes, a new program with

Wounded Warriors. The eight-week program for wounded veterans starts March 12, at no cost to the vets. They are also looking for veterans to volunteer, with training starting this month.

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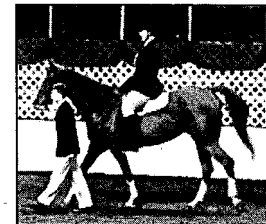
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Andrew Paquette on Kroc, with O.A.T.S. volunteer Ann Ettenger.



Savannah Rovelli and Boomer with her parents.



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Fund raiser to help Allie McCullough, diagnosed last May with Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, 2 p.m., Jan. 20, Cherry Hills Lanes, Dixie Highway. \$20, bowling, pizza, shoe rental, pop. 248-420-6595

Intro to Zumba, with Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Jan. 22, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All welcome. www.ClarkstonWomensClub.org.

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Slow Flow Yoga with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45 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

Around Town



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

for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

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

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

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

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

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

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. 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.

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

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

Wednesday

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

Senior volleyball league, 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays, Fridays, St. Trinity Lutheran Church. Previous experience desired by not required. \$40, through April, therh7966@comcast.net. 248-625-3881.

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

CrossTowne 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.

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

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

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

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.

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 Clark. Please see Around Town on page 17

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Life is circular, transcendent, as Mayans knew

For those of you who may not have noticed, the world ended last month. Not the physical world, as many had predicted, but the world as we know it.

This may not be news worthy as it happens all the time, "I die every day" (1Cor 15:31) says the Apostle Paul. The person I was yesterday no longer exists. Today, I am a "new creation" (2Cor 5:17). It is up to me to choose what the "new creation" will be for me. If I continue to look back at what was, hoping for what used to be, or focus on the future of what may or may not occur then I miss the gift of new life that is available to me in this now moment. The gift is to be found in the now, that's why it is called the present.

The Mayan Calendar ended Friday, Dec. 21. For linear minded people, who do not comprehend the eternity of existence, this meant the end of time. This and similar events plus the prophecies of doom and destruction that accompany them can create a fear response. This response has been capitalized upon by doomsayers throughout history.

Practically every year we hear of a prophesied Second Coming or other dooms day event. The

Second Coming has been anticipated since the first century, in the days following Jesus Ascension (Acts 1:11.) And many are still waiting.

I believe that the Second Coming is not an outer event, but an inner experience of our awakening to our divinity; the kingdom of Heaven, the kingdom of God, the Christ, that is located "at hand" (Mt. 4:17), "within" (Jer. 31:33), "in you" (Col. 1:29). When we approach scripture, whether it be the Bible or the Bhagavad Gita or the Tao te Ching or any of the world's sacred texts, as just a myth or history, we miss the spiritual or metaphysical importance of the writings.

The Bible is "our" story; these sacred writings point to the evolution of our consciousness of God active in our lives. This is because we are made in the image and after the likeness of God (Gen. 1:26) and "God is Spirit" (Jn. 4:24). We are inherently spiritual; we are spiritual beings having a human experience, and we are human beings learning to express our spiritual divine nature.

The Mayan calendar is in the shape of a circle. A circle has no beginning and no ending. The calendar ended Friday and started anew on Saturday. Many of us celebrated that day by having a Planetary Birthday Party. Happy Birthday to you!!!

Life is a circle, with no beginning and no

ending, only we define it sequentially in the limitations of our three dimensional world as having a beginning and an ending. Spirit transcends the limitations of time and space, the three dimensional world. Our Second Coming, our awakening, comes as we consciously transcend the limitations of time and space to realize our divinity, the kingdom, as our here and now reality.

December 26th was St. Stephens Day or Boxing Day in Great Britain. A day dedicated to sharing our bounty with those who are less fortunate.

To some it is the first day of Christmas, "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree," the twelve festive days that end on January 6th; Epiphany, the "showing forth," which celebrates the visit of the Kings honoring Jesus Birth with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

To all of us it is the beginning of a new life. We can choose to continue to drag the old along with us. Or, we can choose to show forth the new.

We can choose to be "new creations," looking for the gifts that exist in the moment and sharing these gifts of peace, joy and love with all. So it is and so be it.

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Spiritual Matters



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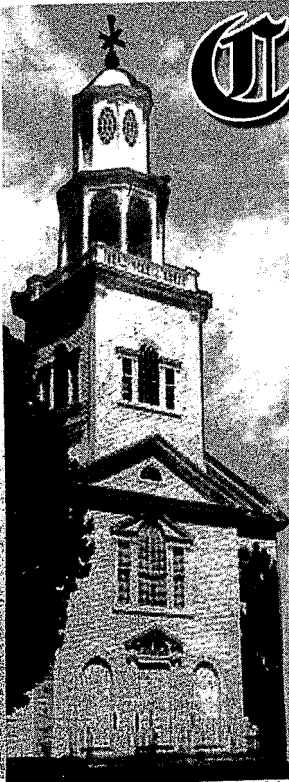
Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, St. Daniel's, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Wednesday Evening FEAST, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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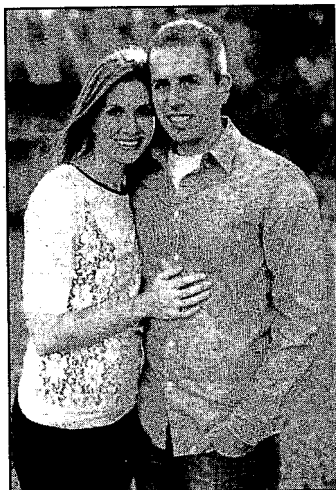
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Claire and Todd

Kubinski - Addis

Claire Mary Kubinski and Todd Robert Addis have announced their engagement. The Midland, Mich., couple are planning a July 2013 northern Michigan wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Oxford Dentist Dr. Michael Kubinski and his wife Patricia of Clarkston. Claire graduated from Notre Dame Preparatory High School in Pontiac and received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University. She is employed with Dow Corning Corporation in Midland as a supply change development professional. Claire also is a registered Yoga teacher and received certification through the Center of Yoga in West Bloomfield.

The future groom is the son of Frand and Lori Addis of Lake Ann, Mich. Todd graduated from Benzie Central High School in Benzonia and received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He currently is studying toward a master's degree in business administration at the University of Michigan-Flint and plans a May 2013 graduation. Todd also is employed as a reliability/project engineer at Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation in Hemlock, Mich.

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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.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.



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Leaf burning law catches fire in autumn 2012

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Water woes for township resident: Whipple Lake resident Darwin Moore posted a sign protesting Independence Township's enforcement of dock rules.

Welcome back!: The once quiet and empty hallways through Clarkston Community Schools were filled with noisy students getting reacquainted, and lockers opening and closing once again.

September 12

Taste of Clarkston turns downtown into outdoor feast: Main Street in historic downtown Clarkston was the spot for the 15th annual Taste of Clarkston, Sept. 23. Co-hosted by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Independence Township, and City of the Village of Clarkston, the event featured over 30 local restaurants and 50 exhibitors, live music, and fun for the kids.

About \$100,000 spent in primary races: Candidates in the 2012 Primary raised over \$100,000 to fund their campaigns, according to finance reports. Of the candidates for supervisor, Terry Fortuna raised the most at \$16,963 with \$15,500 being self-donated. Pat Kittle, who got the most votes, amassed \$15,625 for his campaign mainly through \$100 to \$500 donations from supporters.

September 19

McLaren Hospital bid reaches state

senate: McLaren's pre-hearing to appeal their Certificate of Need (CON) denial was postponed for 30 days, but advocates for hospital in Independence Township kept at it. Sept. 12, state Sen. Mike Kowall, District 15, introduced a bill to amend the Public Health Code governing CONs.

Clarkston grad working Saturday night: Clarkstonite Tim Robinson, who graduated from Clarkston High School in 2000, debuted on Saturday Night Live. According to Tim's grandmother Ann Robinson Moller, he has been funny for a long time. "We always thought he had that personality," she explained.

September 26

Changes could water down local burning: Township Trustee David Lohmeier proposed a burn permit policy revision, to allow residents to inform the fire department of a medical condition aggravated by smoke. Then anyone living within 800 feet of them wouldn't be issued a burn permit. In addition, burn permits already issued would be revoked if a resident within 800 feet provides documentation of their health issue to the fire department.

Blehm works behind the scenes to keep schools running: David Blehm of Clarkston has worn a lot of hats for Clarkston Community Schools over the past 36 years - custodian, head custodian, building maintenance supervisor, and all-around go-to guy for any and all maintenance issues.

October 3

Hospital dropped from senate bill: State Sen. Mike Kowall's bill to amend Michigan's Certificate of Need (CON) law dropped a provision allowing a McLaren hospital in Clarkston. Although a Clarkston hospital was no longer in Bill 1269, McLaren intended to press on.

O.J. movie tour kicks off in Clarkston: Local filmmaker Norm Pardo hit the road to promote his reality-documentary movie about O.J. Simpson. Stops included Clarkston, Flint, Detroit, then up and down the east coast.

October 10



Christian Dahlerup and his mom Suzanne Dahlerup waves summer goodbye, and at the Smith's Disposal truck during the Labor Day Parade. File photo

New burning policy clears board vote: Independence Township Board approved a new burn permit policy. Under the new policy, locals with an illness verified by a physician can file with the fire department. Once the fire department is aware of the resident's condition, any neighbors living within 400 feet will not be issued burn permits. If someone within the 12-acre area already has a permit to burn, it will be revoked.

Deer Lake Beach restoration begins: Thanks to a \$50,000 donation from the Clarkston Optimists, Deer Lake Beach got some TLC. Work included renovations to the lifeguard hut, a new dock, and landscaping.

October 17

Downsize eyed for Planning Commission: Clarkston was looking to shrink the Planning Commission from seven to five members. The change was requested because it was difficult to get a quorum.

World security at risk in election, Rogers said: U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers spoke to the Independent Tea Party Patriots about his experiences overseas, current events, America's role in the world, and the upcoming election.

Sewer, cemetery rates on the rise: During a Special Budget meeting Oct. 9, Independence Township Board voted to increase sewer rates from \$80 per quarter to about \$83.25 per quarter. Residents will see the change in rates on their February sewer bills.

October 24

Revised McLaren plans OK'd: The state denied McLaren hospital's Certificate of Need (CON) application for Clarkston and stripped it from Bill 1269, but McLaren didn't give up. McLaren's new plan calls for a Level II Trauma center. Independence Township

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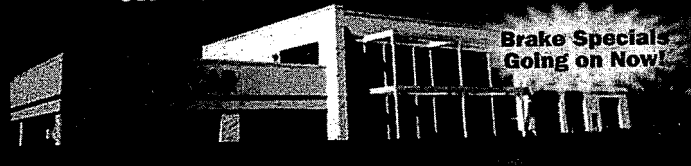
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Board voted unanimously, Oct. 16, to approve second reading of the revised plans for McLaren's Sashabaw and Bow Pointe location.

Scary house isn't so scary, downtown man says: Chip Travis thinks he's seen and even interacted with a ghost in his house in downtown Clarkston. The ghost, who he named "Sarah," would send him ping-pong balls and bathroom-mirror messages written in steam.

Clarkston turns pink to raise awareness: Downtown Clarkston was decked in shades of pink this week to raise awareness for breast cancer. The Clarkston Retailers' Paint the Town Pink, A Ladies Night Out event raised \$700 for Swan for Life Cancer Foundation, which provides free education, support and resources to cancer patients, families, caregivers and friends in Southeastern Michigan. Twenty retailers participated in the event.

October 31

Early treats at Friendly Forest: Children smiled as their favorite cartoon and fairy-tale characters handed them candy at the Friendly Forest in Clintonwood Park, Oct. 20. The kids dressed up in their Halloween costumes for the annual event, hosted by the Independence Township Parks and Rec and Clarkston Area Optimist Club

Fair fun: Clarkston Elementary students grabbed their family and friends on a fall Saturday to take them to their school fair. They spent hours playing games. A popular stop was the Cake Walk and face painting.

November 7

World conference at Clarkston High: Educators from around the world filled Clarkston High School - their mission, to learn the latest in teaching techniques. About 700 teachers attended the international Harvard Project Zero Conference, Nov. 2-3 at the high school.

Make way for monarchs: Depot Park is a favored location for nectar-loving butterflies. In particular, it's a preferred spot for the Monarch butterfly, especially now that the park and Rain Garden will be maintained as a "Monarch Depot."

November 14

Flag unfurled for veterans: Cedar Crest Academy commemorated Veterans Day with a flag ceremony conducted by veterans. Army Major Jeff Jurard and Marine Major Steve West were joined by Robert Gallo, Chris Giles, and Al McFarland of American Legion Post 1370 in the ceremony, Nov. 12.

New supervisor gets up to speed: Supervisor Pat Kittle won 13,588 votes on Election Day even though he was running unopposed. Since the primary election in August, Kittle's been brushing up on municipal management and finding out firsthand what it takes to keep a township running.

After vote, library cuts staff, hours: In light of the library millage proposal's failure, the Clarkston Independence District Library Board was gearing up for another campaign for a 1.25 mill rate in 2014. The race on Nov. 6 was tight with only 30 ballots making up the difference between "yes" and "no" votes.

November 21

Food for those in need: The shelves were getting low at the Army Reserve 919th Food Pantry in Saginaw, and Clarkston Junior High School students took the challenge to fill them. This year's annual food drive to help Operation Homefront was another success. They raised \$1,500 in cash and collected around 7,000 food items.

Think harvest for holiday meals: Joan Donnay of



From left, Clarkston High School National Honor Society Executive Board members Amanda Chamberlain, Ekta Dhir, Anna Gray, Abbey Kojima, Stevie Davis, and Brooke Huisman drop off blankets at St. Joe's Pediatric Ward. NHS students made about 150 blankets.

Essence on Main recommended shopping locally and organically when preparing holiday meals. She also suggested cooking with the ingredients harvested recently such as sweet potatoes, squash, onions, and garlic.

November 28

Free art Fridays in downtown Clarkston: A band of local artists has been responsible for the placement of art in downtown Clarkston recently. As part of Free Art Friday Clarkston, they place small and large paintings, portraits, and other works of art in trees, planters, light poles, and anywhere else they can think of.

December 5

Safety search: Clarkston Junior High Principal Adam Kern and other school staff checked students' belongings, Dec. 3, as a precaution after a bomb threat the previous Friday. Oakland County Sheriff's K9 units searched the school on Friday after the threat was found written on a bathroom stall.

City sees the light in sign law: The Clarkston City Council adopted a sign ordinance allowing internally illuminated signs, voting 3-2, Nov. 26. Council members Mike Sabol, Peg Roth, and Eric Haven voted in favor of the ordinance while Carol Eberhardt and Tom Hunter opposed the measure. Mayor Joe Luginski and Councilman Stephen Hargis were absent.

December 12

Reforms unwanted: School officials took action as state legislators in Lansing consider several education bills. The state house was deliberating House Bill 6004 and Senate Bill 1358, to expand the Education Achievement Authority (EAA), and House Bill 5923. If passed, this bill would create special designation charter, or virtual, schools with open enrollment.

December 19

Vandalism sparks security review: Two portable toilets in Depot Park were set on fire, Dec. 16. This latest instance of destruction of city property has prompted city officials to consider taking stronger measures to curb vandalism.

December 26

Stockings stuffed by students with care: In addition to gingerbread houses, songs, games, and other Christmas fun, Independence Elementary students in Jodee Blaszkowski's second-grade class spent some of their holiday party, Dec. 20, stuffing stockings for children in need at Lighthouse. They filled 24 stockings with gifts.

Lorraine J. Bollman, 84

Lorraine J. Bollman of Troy passed away Dec. 16, 2012, at age 84.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Bud and son Ron (Lisa) Bollman. She was the loving and devoted mother of Mal (Doreen) Bollman and Lorie (Terry) Gravly; grandmother of seven and great grandmother of five; sister of Dale (Betty) Brumfield, Charles Brumfield, and Ruth (Fred) Pfeifer.

Memorial Service, 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12, at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Saturday, 2 p.m., until time of the service. Memorials may be made to Susan G. Koman for the Cure. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Alice A. Manser, 78

Alice Ann Manser (Sterling) of Flint, formerly of Davison and Oscoda, passed away Dec. 25, 2012, at age 78.

She was the mother of Loretta Blasko, Richard (Denise) Manser, Nancy Porkarski and Allen (Hyun) Manser; grandma of Andrew Manser, Kevin and Katie Blasko, Gordon (Stacy) Manser, Megin Manser, Joey and Daniel Brand, Audrey, Samuel and Caleb Manser, Mandy and Michael Upton; great grandma of Joey, Adrian, Brandon, Ian, Maverick, Alicia, Ashley and Lily Ann; sister of Donald (Pat) Sterling, Caroline (Jim) Sloan and Yvonne Taylor.

Alice was a master gardener and an avid quilter. She served as past High Priestess of the Ladies Oriental Shrine, El Said Court #28 and was a member of Order of the Eastern Star, Flint Chapter #138. Alice was the head of shipping at L.S.M. Systems Engineering, Waterford.

Family services will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Donations in her memory to a charity of your choice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Emily M. Zubalik, 40

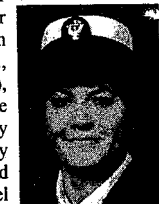
Emily Marie Zubalik left us suddenly on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2012, at age 40.

She was preceded in death by her mother Beverly. She was the daughter of Ernest Zubalik; sister of John (Michelle), Judith (James) Brooks, Sr., Maria Gemma (formerly Rosemary), Theresa (James) Radich, Ernie and Anne Zubalik, Mary (Mark) Dix and Amy (Joseph) Lucas. Emily was survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She had special love for her God-son Michael and Krystyn, whom she helped raise, as well as her great niece and nephew Faith and Jope.

Emily was employed at Ford Motor Company for the past year. She was very proud to serve in the U.S. Navy and looked forward to her next commission.

Emily touched many lives; she had a great love for her family and will be dearly missed.

Rosary Service was Dec. 27 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Dec. 28 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lake Orion, with her nephew Father Anthony Brooks officiating. Memorials may be made to Sisters of the Holy Cross, Detroit. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.





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