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Dispute turns deadly

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A domestic violence case took a lethal turn, Jan. 6, when a deputy shot an Independence Township man after he threatened to stab her and another officer.

"Domestic disputes are one of the most dangerous situations for deputies - they're very unpredictable," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard. "Thankfully we're able to bring most to a peaceful solution but unfortunately sometimes we're not left with a lot of options."

According to police re-

ports, Jeremy Rucinski, 38, threatened his girlfriend, a 35year-old Independence Township woman, with a switchblade knife, 2:54 p.m., Jan. 6. He demanded his cigarettes, which she had hidden from him. She called police after barricading herself in a hathroom in their home in the 6900 block of Rattalee Lake

Deputies arrived and found the woman in the house - she told them Rucinski was in the attached garage. Two deputies were inside the home with the woman and two were just out-

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Snow removal for seniors

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer For many, shoveling a sidewalk is a mere

inconvenience, but for others it is an impossibility.

"As people get older, it's physically strenuous to shovel or plow," said Senior Coordinator Patty Collins.

Collins, who organizes a new Chore Program for the Independence Township Senior Center, said snow removal is particularly important for seniors.

"It's a safety issue," she explained.

If roads and driveways are not plowed, emergency nearby who can help.

With the aid of the Senior Center's Chore Service program, seven seniors in Clarkston and Independence Township had plowed and salted driveways sidewalks after the flakes started accumulating on Dec.

"I don't know what I would do," said Lee Wooley, who is 83 years old and legally blind.

vehicles can't access homes, and seniors with lower incomes can't afford to pay for plow service. Also, some may not have family or neighbors

Wooley has lived in her Please see Grant on page 4

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Sara Sanger prepares to take the stage in Clarkston Village Players production of "Sinners, which opens Jan. 11. Please see page 22 for story and pictures. Photo by Mary Keck

Future looks good to local leaders

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

At the start of a new year, Clarkston community leaders are busy preparing

for the future.

For Dr. Rod Rock, Clarkston superintendent of schools, that means working on curriculum adjustments to meet students needs and match Michigan

Common Core and Smarter Balance standards which replace the MEAP and MME

Toward further alignment, we will work, on implementation of businesses flourishing, and Please see Leaders on page

standards-based grading, projectbased assessment, and an outstanding foundation in literacy," Rock said.

Supervisor Pat Kittle is feeling great about 2013.

"I think Independence is right

on the cusp of something really big," Kittle said. "I'm confident the McLaren project will be happening with the many good things that will happen with thousands of

medical 💞 community. Housing starts, meetings and a more active

infrastructure improvements like road expansion are all on our radar screen.

Goals for 2013 include to continue, to investigate new ways to conduct business in Independence, from functional collaborative to audits benchmarking to rebidding contracts.

"We are going to get serious about putting a rock solid HR process in place in the township including job descriptions, goals and objectives, an ethics policy and, an evaluation process, he said. "We will also focus on

new jobs and Kittle communications with township residents with more newsletters, a professionals coming into our more robust website, townhall,





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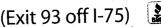
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Leaders look to move forward in 2013

Continued from page 1A community television network."

They are also looking to get more citizen input in how the township is managed. They will assemble two new Citizen Advisory Boards focusing on water and sewer business model and how the township invests its short and long term cash.

"As I said, 2013 is looking like a breakout year for the township. I'm just glad to be able to play a small part in it," Kittle said.

Clarkston Mayor Joseph T. Luginski said due diligence has put the city in a position

to continue to have a balanced budget while not depleting the fund balance.

"We will continue to manage the finances of the city in this manner, Luginski said. "As we head into the New Year, am very excited about our city's future. We have been able to keep our heads



Luginski

above water over the last few years, which have been trying for all of us. We accomplished this by being fiscally responsible and running a tight ship."

Going forward, city leaders need to continue to protect, preserve and progress, he said.

"We need to protect all of our historic buildings, both residential and commercial," he said. "By doing so we can preserve our city's small town, historic nature and feel. We owe it to those who came before us, to ourselves, and especially to our children and those who will proceed us."

Clarkston needs to progress as well, he

"Yes, I believe these two worlds can live together. I would like to see a few more destination venues, shops and restaurants, in the city for both the citizens and visitors to enjoy," he said.

Home values have decreased over the last couple of years, but county projections show the market may have bottomed out,

and values should stabilize and increase over the next few years, he said.

"We will continue to have our great events such as Concerts in the Park, Taste of Clarkston, Art in the Village, and the SCAMP Home Tour along with our several amazing Main Street parades," he said.

Clarkston is a gem in northern Oakland County and a wonderful place to live and raise a family, with beautiful historic homes and downtown, along with a fantastic local business community, he said.

"I am proud and honored to be both a resident and mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston and wish all of the residents and business community in our city a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous 2013," he said.

Clarkston School Board President Cheryl McGinnis' goals include developing a balanced budget to meet the needs of the school community by providing the necessary resources to educate all children.

"We want to make decisions by putting kids first," McGinnis said. "We want to continue to explore opportunities to develop additional revenue streams."

They will also continue to look at Elementary Foreign Language and Middle College programs to attract students to the

district and increase learning for all.

"As a board, we need to continue to improve our governance responsibilities," she said. "We need to work together to develop consensus and where necessary improve our bylaws and operating procedures so that everyone knows what is expected from all board members and how as individuals we should communicate and as a board."

McGinnis

The district must make strides forward to empower administration to implement initiatives that meet the needs of our students, she said.

"I remain optimistic that with the upcoming administration and board workshop, we can begin to develop consensus on those things that are best for our students and our community," she said.

"We must bring our budget in alignment with our revenues while continuing to provide the high caliber education known to Clarkston. We must continue to provide improvements to our capital needs and technology infrastructure and finally we must continue to develop relationships with our community and keep them informed about the education of our community's children."

The school district is also working to update technology and improve buildings and other capital assets, Rock said.

"We will work to develop additional partnerships with the townships, community colleges, county, other districts, public sector, private sector, and not-for-profit sector," he said.

Interdependence is essential in excellent schools and communities, he said.

"We will continue to advocate for public schools, teachers, and knowledge-based reform. We are aware of the negative effects of pending legislation, and we will do all we can to inform and transform reform," he said.

"We will work to balance our budget, settle contracts, and to refinance bonds. Our employees are the heart of our organization, and we must assure that they know how much they are valued, even in difficult economic times."

This is a very exciting time for learning in Clarkston, he said.

"We have a very clear, knowledge-based vision, and it is incredible to see how it is affecting our students and educators. We can't wait for the community to better understand and embrace where we are headed and what it means for all of us," he said

The district will also continue to work with safety officials to inspect and update school security plans and procedures, Rock said.

Briefly

Snowmen sought

Get out your buttons, carrots, and spare hats and scarves because Independence Township's Parks, Recreation, and Seniors department is challenging you'to build a traditional or non-traditional snow sculpture.

Call 248-625-8223 or email immcoy@twp.independence.mi.us. Only one entry per category may be submitted by the deadline, Feb. 28 at midnight. First, second, and third place winners will be announced in March.

Charity Week

Clarkston High School's fourth Annual Charity Week is Jan. 28-Feb. 2nd.

Funds from each event is donated to charity: The Rainbow Connection, DRAW (Disaster Relief at Work), Jimmy V. Foundation, and Cure Search, a National Childhood Cancer Foundation.

The week begins with the Clarkston "C" Factor Talent Showcase on Jan. 28, 5 p.m. at Clarkston Junior High School Performing Arts Center. The Jimmy V. Volley, ball tournament is Jan. 30 at the high school, 6 p.m. Admission for both is \$1.

Spring Break Clarkston Style

Clarkston Coalition for Youth is organizing Spring Break Clarkston Style to help local teens have fun while staying safe by encouraging businesses to offer healthy, supervised and affordable activities during spring vacation, March 29 April 7.

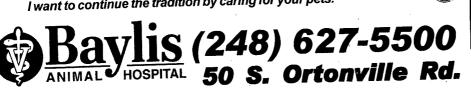
Businesses wishing to participate can contact the Clarkston Coalition for Youth at info@clarkstonyouth.org.

For more information, go to www.clarkstonyouth.org.



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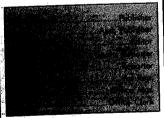




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From left, Lois Seddon, Patty Collins, Carolyn Morrison, and Barbara Rollin are eager to expand the center's chore service program. Photo by Mary Keck

Grant helps Senior Center

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Independence Township home for 50 years.

"I used to shovel when I was younger," she said and remembered making a game of shoveling the snow with her five children.

Now that Wooley's children have grown up and no longer live in Michigan, "either I have to do it or have someone help me," she said, "I'm here all by myself."

Because of Wooley's visual impairment, she cannot drive and relies on the Senior Center for transportation. If her driveway isn't plowed, their SMART Van can't get through.

"I'm unable to go to the doctor or the store," she said. "I really am in need of help."

Thanks to the Senior Center's Chore Service program, Wooley won't be snowbound this winter.

"I think the Senior Center is doing a marvelous job of helping us," she said.

The Senior Center's chore program was made possible by a grant from the Friends of the Senior Adult Activity Center (SAAC).

"Our goal is to help the fifty-plus community," said Friend of SAAC Carolyn Morrison.

Whether it's plowing, salting, or shoveling, "we're trying to help the people who need it most," said Senior Center Coordinator Barbara Rollin.

\$4,000 of the grant was used for the Chore Service Program, which provides snow removal aid to seniors.

"There's a huge need for that," Collins

Seniors don't only benefit from the Chore Service in the winter, though.

"Snow removal is just a piece," Collins

Home maintenance, fall leaf disposal, transportation, and visiting with seniors are other ways volunteers and funds from the Chore Service support those in need.

"We focus on low-income seniors," said Collins.

While the Senior Center would like to do more, "we have limited resources," she noted.

The Senior Center is reaching out to Interfaith Caregivers who match volunteers with seniors to help meet their individual needs.

"We would like to expand the program, but that depends on participation from the community and recommendations from the Senior Center," said Lois Seddon, a Friend of the SAAC.

Residents interested in volunteering to help with snow removal or who wish to donate to support the Chore Service program can call the Senior Center at 248-625-8231.

Clarkston snow

RVMARVKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Major streets through Clarkston, which are maintained by the County Road Commission, were cleared, salted, and safe for driving and walking after recent snowfalls, said resident Cory Johnston. On the other hand, opinions on snow and ice removal in downtown Clarkston were mixed.

Johnston was displeased with the City of the Village of Clarkston's response to the snow

"Many sidewalks and secondary streets are still snow covered with many patches of ice and hard packed snow," Johnston said. "I don't know why the city has not taken care of this."

Village resident Suzanne McVinnie didn't share Johnston's view, however.

"They seem to keep up pretty well with the snow," she said.

McVinnie saw the plows out early in the morning to clear the roads.

Village Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Bob Pursley felt clearing Clarkston's streets and sidewalks went well, but said the plow occasionally ran into trouble when cars were parked in the way.

"You can't plow in areas with cars,"
Pursley noted.

If Clarkston gets more of the white stuff, Pursley advises residents to keep their vehicles off the roads and out of the parking lots, so the plow can get through.

In addition to trying to work around parked cars, the city employs only part-time help, and Pursley admits, "we're short sometimes personnel-wise."

The DPW's three employees were out over the holiday weekend salting and plowing, Pursley said.

"We try to do it early in the morning or at night," because less people are on the road and there are fewer vehicles in parking lots, he explained.

Once the snow is pushed aside, the DPW hauls it away. On Jan. 2, they took piles of snow and disposed of them in the back of Depot Park, Pursley stated.

Besides clearing the roads, Clarkston DPW is also charged with taking care of the sidewalks near the Mill Pond and Depot Park lots as well as the path through Lakeview Cemetery.

To do the work of snow and ice removal, the DPW has two trucks, a front-end loader, and a small tractor. From Pursley's point of view, the roads and sidewalks were made safe for residents after the heavy snow.

Seven inches of snow fell in the afternoon and evening of Dec. 26, with a couple inches over the next week.

According to Craig Bryson of the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC), "we were salting the moment the snow started."

The RCOC starts in areas with high traffic volumes and higher speeds, so "I-75 was a top priority for us," Bryson said.



Standing in back from left are care-package volunteers Mary Pope, Jeffrey Singles, who enlisted in the Army and leaves for basic training as soon as he graduates high school, Katy Walker, Brian Ballard, who is home on leave from his second deployment to Afghanistan and has been a recipient of one if these boxes, Cheryl Ballard, and Julia Singles; kneeling, Colleen Champagne, Linda VanHuylenbrouck, Ashley Rollman, and Andrea Rollman; and in front, Claudia Bradford and Louise Downs, founder of The Desert Angel. Photo pro-

Angels in Clarkston

Total Nutrition in Clarkston hosted a packing party for troops overseas with Desert Angel, Nov. 27.

The volunteers collected enough items to send 76 care boxes to the troops, as well as three large boxes for military dogs serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. They also raised funds to send over 100 boxes.

Total Nutrition, 5811 S. Main Street next to Clarkston Post Office, is a donation location for Desert Angel, with boxes, mailing labels, suggested list of donations, and other items for care packages. Suggested donations include hygiene items, candy, pocket foods, dry cereal, and socks.

"It was such a good feeling to be able to send all of these packages overseas, but the best was when we received a note from a soldier who received one of our boxes, and he happens to be from Traverse City," said Linda VanHuylenbrouck, health coach at Total Nutrition. "That's a pretty amazing feeling to know you have helped make the day of someone so far away."

For more information, call 248-770-0793 or check www.thedesertangel.org

Township teaches in 2013

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts Kids Empowered Friends Forever, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, at Clintonwood Parks Carriage House.

Girls ages 7-9 will learn how to be true friends to each other, set boundaries, work through conflict, and ways to be supportive and build each other up.

Parks and Rec is also organizing Buddy Basketball, a non-competitive recreational league for boys and girls with special needs.

Each player will be paired with a "buddy" to assist as needed. Sessions are on Monday evenings for one hour and include drills and some game time.

The league runs for six weeks, Feb. 4-

March 18. Deadline to register is Jan. 11. Sign up to be a player, ages 7-13, or a buddy, ages 7-17. Download registration form and medical form at www.itpr.org.

Call 248-625-8223 for more information.

Starting Jan. 16, Independence Township's Independence TV will offer training on video production. Instruction topics include video editing, camera, audio, and lighting basics, as well as field and studio production.

The classes are free to township and City of the Village of Clarkston residents. Contact Program Manager Joe Barnhart at 248-673-9581 to register.



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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Running into 2013

By now you are either deep into your New Year's resolution, you have given up and are asking yourself why you make one just to break it, or you are still trying just to write down the year correctly.

I didn't really make any resolutions this year. I mean, how do you really top 2012 after giving up the sugar-enriched pop, Starbucks Frappucchinos and other weight-inducing treats?

Pretty much by continuing on. I have

not had pop since June. I have ... well I have had a frappuccino. I was allowed one bad weekend - so I indulged (my logic, whipped cream has fat in it. Yes, the amount of sugar is greater but ... don't worry, I am not going back).



But back to the question - how to top 2012? Basically, keep going. I am doing one more round of my nutrition plan with Nuview Nutrition.

Depending how I do my next phase, it will be a life plan. The me a year ago would be scared giving up favorite foods and dishes.

But I have been away from sugars and bad fats so long now, I don't have any cravings. Oh, sure, the holidays were hit or miss, but everyone has something they

Every day is a new day to say I don't want it. I don't need it. I lost 60 pounds. I do not want it back.

The next stage will also include exercise. I know I was so good at avoiding it or so good at not having the time. But I have a crazy goal this year to run.

I have already signed up for two 5Ks. I am doing the Color Run in May again (if you don't have a team, let me know. You can join our colorful crew).

The second is not the Warrior Dash. I am trying something different with a few of my classmates from elementary - kind of like a reunion.

We are doing the Foam Fest at Stoney Creek Metropark. It is the first year it is coming to Michigan. It has foam, mud and obstacles.

I have been invited to do another event called Every Person Involved Cares 2013 Half Marathon and 5K; I am still debating since there is another event the following week. By the way all of these are on www.active.com if interested.)

But I would like to run, not walk like I did last year. I am ready for the next phase. Anyone have running shoe tips?

Financial recap for Independence Township

Reviewing Independence Township finances, Police, Fire, Safety Path, Water and Sewer and General Funds will finish the year pretty much in accordance with the 2012 plan. For example:

General Fund, up \$319K due to increased building fees and lower salary expenses;

Fire Fund, down \$1.58 million due to planned purchased of three fire trucks and negotiated HSA Payment;

Police Fund, up \$193K due to decrease in yearly county fees;

Cable, down \$76K due to studio equipment purchase;

Safety Path, up \$24K, delay N. Sashabaw Safety Path Project;

Sewer, down \$1.8M due to plan to subsidize Tri-County/Detroit Sewage Project Fees for township residents; and

Water, up \$65K, increase in building

Interest income was overestimated when the 2012 budget was first put together. A \$108,000 adjustment downward was made spread across multiple fund balances.

The Water and Sewer Funds for 2013/14/ 15 are what is giving us cause for concern. While Operating Costs have remained flat over the past several years, the townships in north Oakland County are getting "clobbered" with yearly fee increases from major tri-county interceptor projects needed to upgrade the flow of our waste to treatment plants in Macomb and soon Pontiac.

The approved 2013/14/15 budget has the township deficit spending over \$1 million per year to subsidize these project costs out of the Sewer Unrestricted Cash accounts. While a short term fix to keep sewer costs

low, there will be a time where we will have to replace the cash from these Unrestricted Funds to cover needed repairs and capital improvements.

We are putting a Citizen Action Team together to review the business model for the Water and Sewer departments to ensure

the model going forward is realistic and viable over the long term.

viewpoint

Supervisor's

Pat Kittle

If you are interested in volunteering, please drop line а pkittle@indetwp.com. We are looking for residents with strong financial skills and/or an understanding of the mechanics of waste removal to help ensure a sound fiscal policy and

communication strategy is put in place.

And just one more thank you goes to the Independence Rotary Club. Joe Waldron and Bart Clark from the Rotary invited us to a "Shoes for Tots" Christmas program on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road.

Over 450 kids received hats, gloves, scarves, shoes and an optical exam on behalf of the very generous folks from the community. What a great event. What a bunch of great people. You gotta love Independence.

In closing, all of us at Independence Township wish each and every one of our residents a safe and happy New Year.

Contact Independence Township Kittle Supervisor Pat pkittle@indetwp.com.

Reader says don't forget pedestrians and cyclists

Dear Editor,

The city council had a somewhat lengthy discussion on this even though the agenda only said "Explanation of possible action of grant" ("City considers road, sidewalk additions," Dec. 26).

The proposal by the city manager, apparently with the support of the city engineer, is to seek a grant to put a longer right hand turn lane on west bound Clarkston Road at Main Street. Surprisingly, the alternate was to pursue a grant for a new lawn tractor because the old one may need new tires. The recording of the meeting is on the city web site for those who might be interested.

The problem I see at this intersection, in addition to there not currently being room to do what they are proposing, is that all this traffic will go north on Main Street and out of the Village of Clarkston.

So how would this work make the Village a better place to be? There is nothing in the article about pedestrian safety being mentioned even though this is a very dangerous intersection and a pedestrian was hit in the

crosswalk last year.

At the previous City Council meeting, there was a lengthy discussion of Main Street and parking issues even though neither of them were on the agenda. There is no known plan for any of this, no funding in place, and it seems no organized discussion.

In my opinion, the only way to truly enjoy the Village of Clarkston is by walking, perhaps on a bicycle, but not by driving in a car. The city council discussions seem to be about parking and roads, not people, safety or how to make the Village of Clarkston a better place to be instead of simply an easier place to drive through.

Maybe those issues will be discussed at a future meeting, and if we are lucky, they will be on the agenda so everyone will know about it. Maybe the Planning Commission will take it up, invite the public to participate, and make a recommendation as planning seems to be completely lacking in the council's present discussions.

Cory Johnston Clarkston

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Maitrott's buzzer beater sinks Central" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team turned the tables on Detroit Central on a 3-pointer from Mike Maitrott with less than two seconds left in the game to win 51-50.

"Schools mull over advertising offers" Clarkston schools considered lucrative food service, sports, and advertising offers stemming from the opening of the new high school. School board members were concerned about the appearance of endorsing products such as Coca-Cola if they accepted such deals.

"The show must go on" Larry Sefa, new owner of the 25-year-old Clarkston Cinema, hoped the community would come through and keep the movie theater running. He offered family friendly flicks with small-town charm.

25 years ago - 1987

"Springfield's been home since '39" When Steve Jantz moved to Springfield Township in 1939 they didn't have a road yet, just tire tracks. But since he moved to Springfield it was home. He attended occasional township meetings. After he retired in 1982 he was at every meeting in the front row.

"Board accepts top 10 for student ranking system" Clarkston School Board eliminated valedictorian and salutatorian status for Clarkston High School graduates in favor of an academic top 10. Incentive for the change came from parents who questioned the system after their daughter was seventh academically even though she had straight A's and the top grade available in every honors class.

50 years ago - 1962

"January proclaimed March of Dimes Month in Clarkston" Independence Township Supervisor Duane Hursfall proclaimed January March of Dimes month and urged his fellow citizens to support the campaign to "Give for the life of a child."

"Clarkston student honored" Clarkston High School graduate and first year student at Albion College Richard B. Sheldon was among Detroit Edison scholarship winners honored by Edison.

"Village Players announce case" Clarkston Village Players cast Sherry Moore, Tuli Lasswell, Lee Moore, and Harry Farhrner as the leads in the play Born Yesterday.

Please see page 30 for more letters to the editor

I turned my head, and ... What happened?

I think this phrase came from a Broadway show Stop The World I Want To Get Off: "I just want it to slow down so I can get a handle on it."

It was hard enough to follow our own three kids become adults, but watching the grandkids grow has been nothing short of turning around and asking myself, "What happened?" Where did the time go?" I mean "little" red-headed Danny and his busy sister Karen jumped out of the nest and in to oblivion so quickly.

The first two grandkids exited Michigan and fell in love with Colorado. Dan, when he's not brewing his own beer, is using his accounting degree for investment fund accounting for Great West Financial in Denver.

Karen is using her interior design education for a Denver office design company. When not at work these days she's teaching 12-year-olds skiing at Beaver creek.

Back here at home, we still have daughter Susan and Tim's trio, Savannah, Trevor and Heley. But, soon they will flee, too.

Too soon for my liking. I don't know if schools have honor rolls these days, but if they do Susan's three are

You Jottings readers notice any pride showing? ---0---

I don't know if Dan has named his beer, but I have a thought that goes back about 55 years.

A sailor from Wisconsin and I became good friends.

Jim's **Jottings**



Jim Sherman

He went home and eventually bought a liquor store. One day a man (thought to be a customer) came in and asked, "Do you have Baraboo beer?"

My friend said, "Yes, sir, Baraboo Brew, direct from horse to you."

The man was from Baraboo Brewing. He cleaned out Whitewater Liquor Store's supply and they never sold it to them again. ---0---

Here's to a healthier 2013, states the Health supplement in The American Legion magazine. See, I'm not the only

lifter from others.

- * Lose weight avoid quickie cures
- * Stay in touch but find positive friends.
- * Quit smoking again
- * Save money walk more and quit the gym.
- * Reduce stress try relaxing.

Yeah, that's so easy. No tv or newspapers, find work

you love, find more people to love, start you childhood over and wear blinders and earplugs

One more: Hang out with people who are buying. ---0---

Memorize the following:

- · A person who doesn't pass gas is called a private
 - Don't suffer from insanity. Enjoy it like I do.
- · Work hard. There are millions on welfare depend-
- · Our electeds in Washington, D.C. have done an outstanding job convincing our fellow Americans the way to go, is super slow.

Everyone needs a little Garrison Keeler humor in their life:

- Men can multi-task. They can read on the toilet.
- · Since I live on the former radio Lone Ranger's property, I learned where he took his garbage -- To the dump, to the dump, to the dump, dump, dump, dump.
- · One last thing A dog walks into a bar and said, "Hey, look at me, a talkin' dog. How about a drink for a talking dog? Sure, the toilet's down the hall, first door on the right."

Time for AARP already? There must be some mistake.

When I first started typing columns back in 1986, one of the first "gems" of journalistic dribble I labeled Don't Rush Me recorded (lamented) the fact I had found my first gray hair.

At that time, when I was about 22, I was sensitive of my age. Everybody always thought I looked older than I was. And, when I found that single strand of gray I pulled that sucker out and threw it away, pronto-like. Then I wrote about

Holy sands of time, Batman, where has all that time gone?

Twenty-seven years, 40 pounds and a few marriage's later I don't lament anymore about gray hair.

These days I'm just happy to have hair even if it's one of the 50 shades of

When I was a wee lad, I remember my Grandpa McDonald. He was bald. And, all the stories I heard was he was bald by the time he was in his late teens. He was bald back in the day when it wasn't cool to be bald and folks weren't shaving their heads to be a part of the

When I got to the seventh grade, Sashabaw Junior High School science on

many science facts of the day. I don't remember any of them, save for this, "Your hair gene is determined by your mother's father."

Don't



A column by Don Rush

"Crap," I remembered saying to myself. "I'm doomed."

At the tender age of 13, I figured by the time I graduated from high school my dome would start to show. Five years is all I had. Much to my father's chagrin, I grew my hair longer and bushier than any of the Rushs before me. My own kids

get a kick out of looking at pictures of yours truly during the late 1970s and early 1980s. The hair, ah the hair.

I remember intently watching the late actor Telly Savalas' TV cop show. I remembered his chrome dome, suckers, cool shades and I remembered the cool lid he rocked. (That last part is Rush vernacular for "the cool hat he wore.")

And I remembered making myself a promise if my hair started to go, I wouldn't cry in my Cheerios and walk

around with thinning strands of hair. I One thing I didn't ask for and didn't exwould go Kojak like Savalas. I would have it all off. I may or may not have practiced the line "Who loves ya' babe" a few times in front of the bathroom mirror, you decide.

Somewhere along the way (probably when I turned 18 and still had lots of bushy brownish-gingerish-blondish hair) I adopted a better attitude.

And, as anybody who is older than 18 knows, taking on a better attitude at that age is hard.) I told myself that every year I had hair after my 18th birthday would be a bonus year. By the end of this month I will have chalked up 32 bo-

Thinking about it, I think my hair looks pretty good. Each year the gray spreads, slowly over taking the brownish-gingerish-blondish hair. I don't mind the gray hair on top of my head, but when my sons started calling me Santa because my beard was too much white, I shaved it off. Haven't grown facial hair since.

Life has happened in those 27 years since I found that first single strand of gray and plucked it off my noggin. It's been good. I'm doing better than I deserve and what more can a man ask for?

pect to get was my very own, first time offer to me a member of the American Association of Retired People.

ARRRG! OMG, ARRP?

Me, of ARRP age . . . already? Re-

But there it was right in my own mail box. Last week I pulled out the mail and in my hands was my offer to join the American Association of Retired People. If I respond by Feb. 8, 2013 with my check for \$16 I can be a member of the older folks association. Then I could get AARP, the magazine, 10 issues of the AARP Bulletin newspaper, discounts to hotels, car rentals, cruises, home security, cell phone service "and more."

I don't feel older.

I don't think I think older, either.

And, I don't think I want representation in Washington and all 50 states, "fighting age discrimination, protecting pension rights, Social Security and Medi-

I ain't sending in my application nor the 16 bucks. I'm not fighting the age thing, I just don't want to acknowledge or celebrate it. It is what it is . . . Well, at least I got hair enough to brush.



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Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Jewelry thieves

A resident in the 5000 block of Flemings Lake Road thought she recognized a man knocking on her door, 11:30 a.m., Dec. 28. The man, described as a black man, 6-feettall, in his mid 40s, said he was in the neighborhood looking to buy a house, and invited over a woman he called his sister, a black woman, about 5-feet-2-inches tall, very heavyset, about 25-30 years old. The woman asked to be invited inside to see the residents' dog, then asked to meet the

resident's husband while the male visitor stayed upstairs. The visit lasted about 15 minutes. Later, after returning from an errand, the residents found a safe and jewelry had been stolen. They said the suspects were polite, well spoken, and dressed nicely, and they also realized they didn't know them.

Trailer break-in

Someone broke into a trailer in a in the 4000 block of Maybee Road and took landscaping tools, Dec. 31.

Call the Sheriff's Office, 888-887-6146.

Shooting among several domestic violence cases

Continued from page 1

side the garage when Rucinski opened the overhead garage door, pulled out the switchblade, threatened the deputies, and then moved toward them with knife in hand.

Deputies repeatedly ordered Rucinski to drop the knife. One of the deputies shot him with a Taser but he didn't stop. The other deputy shot Rucinski once with her service pistol to protect herself and the other deputy, Bouchard said.

The deputy who fired the lethal shot was placed on administrative leave as Special Investigations Unit checks it out, as is standard procedure in cases where lethal force is used. Bouchard said.

"It's still early, but initially this looks straightforward," he said.

According to the "21 foot rule," a person with a knife is a threat within 21 feet - a person can close that distance and attack in less than 2 seconds.

"He was 6-10 feet away," Bouchard said. The sheriff declined to identify the deputy, but said she has been with the Sheriff's Office for 8 1/2 years.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of all involved," Bouchard said. "We support the deputy - even if there's no choice, it's a struggle whenever you use deadly force."

Rucinski was treated at the scene by deputies and Independence Township paramedics, and taken to Genesys Hospital where he was pronounced dead. His girlfriend told deputies he was very agitated for the last several days and on medication.

Domestic violence as well as suicide cases are definitely up over the last couple of years, Bouchard said.

"Maybe it's the economy, the anxiety of the times," he said.

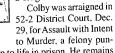
Recent domestic violence cases in Independence Township include Tyler Douglas Colby, 19, of Independence Township, who is in Oakland County Jail charged with breaking his father's skull with a hammer.

Colby allegedly attacked his father in his

sleep at their home in the 5200 block of N. Ridge Trail, 3:35 a.m., Dec. 28.

Colby was arrested at the scene. The fa-

ther, who was conscious when deputies arrived, suffered a skull fracture and broken bones in his arm and hand, and was operated on at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. The suspect was taken to McLaren Oakland for treatment of a drug overdose.



ishable with up to life in prison. He remains in jail on "No Bond / No Contact with immediate family.'

Colby

A 41-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for domestic violence and two outstanding felony warrants after a 15year-old girl called police for help, 7:37 p.m.,

The girl called police while hiding in a closet as her mother, a 41-year-old Independence Township resident, argued with the suspect, her boyfriend.

She and her mother then fled their home and met with deputies. Giving the officers a key and permission to search, deputies found the suspect hiding in a closet in the master bedroom. A warrant request for domestic violence was reviewed but denied.

Deputies shot with a Taser a combative 33-year-old Independence Township man, 2:15 a.m., Dec. 29. Officers had responded to a domestic violence report in the 5000 block of N. Marshbank. Deputies separated the couple, and the male left the residence. A short time later, deputies were sent back because he had returned and was threatening the female. When deputies attempted to enter the home, the suspect opened the door and became combative with deputies and they Tasered him. He was jailed for resisting and obstruction of justice.



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Wolves cut Dragons at the tail

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Before going into the next set of games the Wolves have on their schedule, long-time head coach Dan Fife wants to focus on getting offense straightened out.

The focus comes after two losses before going on holiday break and a few hiccups during the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team's most recent game last Friday.

The Wolves headed to the lair of their crosstown rivals Lake Orion for a OAA crossover game.

They came out with a few burn marks and quite a few lessons as they conquered a win over the Dragons, 55-45.

"It was an ugly win," said Fife. "But after break it was a good win for us."

A few missed shots in the beginning of the game by Clarkston fueled the Dragons' fire as the home team slowly took control of the game with a five point lead.

The Wolves took control of the ball and senior Dylan Hancook saw an opportunity and passed it to teammate senior Jordan Dasuqi, back on the court from an injury. Dasuqi sunk a 3-pointer to close the distance on the scoreboard.

Junior Nick Owens and sophomore Andrew Myers fueled the board with baskets of their own to bring the Wolves into the lead, 7-5.

The lead wouldn't last as the first quarter ended with Lake Orion ahead, 12-11.

The battle continued into the second quarter, and the Wolves took control of the score twice before Lake Orion struck back with baskets.

With less than a minute left in the first half, Clarkston stole the ball from the Dragons, and Owens made a shot.

It hit the rim and sophomore Merrick Canada caught the ball and threw it to Dasuqi, who made his shot with only a few seconds remaining putting the Wolves, 27-25.

Lake Orion opened the second half to tie the score but a basket and a 3-pointer from Dasuqi put the Wolves back into the lead. They ended the third quarter ahead 41-33.

They continued to climb the board reaching a 12-point lead.

The Dragons cut the Wolves lead down to five points with 90 seconds to go in the game. Clarkston fans were eased when the Wolves were sent to the line four times and made 6-of-8 free throw shots to end the game, 55-45.

Dasuqi led the team with 19 points, scoring three field goals, and had nine rebounds.

"It's good to have him back because of the experience," said Fife. "He can make a lot of shots a lot can't."

Myers added 12 points to the board; Owens scored 10 points, and Hancook had nine points.

"I thought Hancook was good in the second half," said Fife. "He created a lot of op-

portunities for us, It was his activity, too. He had a lot of offensive rebounds."

The Wolves host West Bloomfield this Friday and Pontiac next Tuesday. Both games begin with JV at 5:30 p.m. with varsity following at Clarkston High School, 6093 Lake Flemings Lake Road.



Dylan Hancook reaches up to score on the Dragons. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Dream come true

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Nick Matich was sitting in Clarkston Varsity Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson's office when Richardson handed him a letter.

"He was like I have some pretty good news for you," Matich remembered before he read the letter with Richardson.

Matich, starting outside linebacker for the Wolves since he was a freshman, was named to *The Detroit Free Press* All-State Dream Team.

"It was a really huge surprise to me," Matich said. "I was not expecting it at all. I was just shocked more than anything. There were only a couple of juniors there."

"He had a great year," added dad, Kurt Matich. "He played both ways. They went deep into the playoffs and the line was amazing. It was a team effort."

Nick added he thought his 2012 fall season was good. He went to a lot of college camps during the summer and was in the weight room a lot.

"It wasn't my best season yet," he added. "I am going to improve more."

The Matich family was also impressed by the banquet held on Dec. 12. The top 22 players in the state were there as well as head football coach from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Central Michigan University and other col-

leges

"It was amazing," Kurt said. "It was a nice tribute they had. Mark Dantonio, from Michigan State, was the key note speaker."

Nick began playing football with the Clarkston Chiefs when he was nine-yearsold. Kurt had asked him if he wanted to play since Nick's friends were playing.

"I said sure," said Nick. "Why not since I was a pretty big kid. I started and there was a weight limit."

Because of the weight limit he started out with the 14-year-olds on the varsity team - giving him experience and knowledge to build off of in the future.

He added the experience has helped him as he continued playing and started in the Wolves' varsity team as a freshman.

While Nick is in between football seasons, he is holding tight in what he calls "the big waiting game."

He explained it is when colleges and coaches take a look at players and their film and contact players.

For his upcoming football season he would like to improve as much as he can and get ready for college football.

"Plus live it up," he added. "It is my last season of high school football."

Nick was also named Associated Press Division I-2All-State, All-Metro North, All-Oakland County and All-League for his junior year.



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Grapplers prove good man can't be kept down

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Nate Vandermeer (112), Bret Foltz (119), Nick Vandermeer (160), Adam Myers (215) and Luis Reyes (285) eased the Wolves into third place at the Manning Vieau Invite in Brighton on Saturday.

All five were undefeated for the day going undefeated in their five matches.

"Overall we are looking better," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "We have guys improving every day not only conditioning wise but with their technique. It is definitely an improvement when you wrestle that kind of competition and come out with five guys undefeated that's a good day."

Clarkston finished with four wins over Holly, 40-30; Brighton "B" team, 73-0: Novi 50-13; and Battle Creek Lakeview, 37-23.

"It was a good performance," said Moscovic. "We wrestled some good teams. We had a couple of guys out of the lineup -Chris Calvano and Grant Ulrich - and we were successful. We needed guys to step up, and they did."

He noted Josh Cohoon stepped into the lineup and ended up getting a pin against Holly and pushed the Wolves ahead of Holly for the win.

Another wrestler stepping into the lineup was freshman Nolan Eriksen.

"He did a good job for us and ended up getting a few wins," Moscovic added.

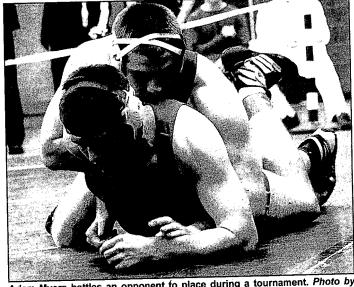
They lost to Macomb Dakota, 37-30.
"They are ranked a little bit ahead of us, and they are a really good team," Moscovic

said.

The Wolves tied for fifth place with Huron with 100 points in the Tournament of Champs in Goodrich, Dec. 29.

"For that kind of level, missing two guys and taking fifth it shows what kind of team we are becoming," Moscovic added.

Nick Vandermeer was undefeated for the day in the 152-pound weight class. He beat St. John's Brant Schafer, a returning state champion and ranked in first in Class B, in the semifinals. Vandermeer came back from a 7-1 deficit to win 9-7 after posting two points



Adam Myers battles an opponent to place during a tournament. Photo by Wendi Reardon

in the overtime period.

He continued with a win over another state champion, Addison's Jared Bruner, 7-4, to win the championship. He received an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Wrestler for his success.

Calvano (189) placed in second after a 7-4 loss to St. John's Payne Hayden, who is ranked 12th in the nation and is the only wrestler to beat Calvano this season and had done it twice by only a few points. Calvano finished the tournament with a 3-1 record.

Myers went 3-2 for the day taking second place after a 3-0 loss to St. John's Blake Cooper, 4-3.

Cameron Wilkie (125) took sixth place after a loss to Birch Run's Adam Bishop, going

Mitchell Nelson (103), Foltz, Jake Dionne (135), Tyler Slating (140), and Reyes finished the day in seventh place when wins over their opponents in the last round.

"We had a lot of guys who got some tough matches in the first round and lost but came back to place," said Moscovic. "I was proud of them. It is a tough tournament because we were wrestling against Class D and C teams and we don't see them a lot."

The boys head to Farmington Hills Harrison on Wednesday for a dual against Harrison and Lake Orion.

They head to Novi on Saturday for the Detroit Catholic Central Super Duals.

"It is one of the toughest tournaments in the state," said Moscovic. "It is extremely competitive nationally. We are going to have our hands full. I think we can compete."

The tournament has top-ranked teams from Michigan as well as Ohio and Illinois.

"We can do well," added Moscovic as they get ready to see some of the teams including Bedford and Richmond. "In order to beat those teams we will have to wrestle well up and down the lineup."

Wolfpack Update

The Lady Wolves came back from holiday break to beat Sterling Heights Stevenson, 61-23.

Erika Davenport led the team with 15 points and 16 rebounds and Jessica Altene added seven points and had seven rebounds in the game.

The girls head to Southfield-Lathrup this Friday, 7 p.m.

Icers got the new year started with a 2-point lead against OAA opponents Farmington on Saturday.

Adam Johns and Alex Tanielian scored the goals in the first period for the Clarkston Varsity Hockey team and by the second period Farmington had tied the game.

Farmington won the game with a goals scored 4:44 in the overtime period, 3-2. Jack Viazanko made 30 saves in the net.

The Wolves beat Rochester Unified on Dec. 21, 6-4.

A.J. Kowal opened the scoring with a goal, and Rochester Unified answered with three goals in a span of two minutes. Roman Reiner, Kyle Hogarth and Jacob LaPorte brought the Wolves back up and into a 4-3 lead.

Garrett Polish and Joe Smith scored in the third period to secure the win.

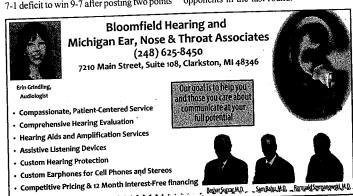
Nick Surovec had 25 saves in the

The boys are 4-9, 1-3-1 in the OAA. They head to Holland's Edge Arena to take on Grand Haven this Saturday, 1 p.m.

The Wolves are rolling in wins on the lanes for bowling. The boys varsity and JV teams posted three wins before break. The varsity team beat Lake Orion, 22-8, Holly, 27-3, and Troy, 19-11.

The JV team beat Lake Orion, 30-0, Holly, 24-6, and Troy, 28-2.

The girls varsity team had two wins against Holly, 22-8, and Troy, 30-0. They lost to Lake Orion.













Hitters claim Holiday Classic crown

Ice Silver 10U has done it again and the season is still very young. They have won a tournament championship for the second

They entered the Holiday Classic Softball Tournament held at the Genesee Field House Dec. 15 and 16 and placed first after going 4-0 in the tournament.

Abbey Barta was one of the many heroes of the weekend. Over a two-day span, Barta pitched in three of the four games including the championship and held all her opponents to only three total runs. While pitching against the Southeast Storm, Barta struck out 12 batters completing a no-hit shutout and Ice Silver won 7-0.

On day two of the competition, Barta was the scheduled starting pitcher to face the L.C.

During the game, pitcher and first baseman Abbey Tolmie was injured. While sliding into third to steal the base, a thrown ball skipped off the indoor turf striking Tolmie under the helmet cage hitting her in the mouth. Tolmie had to be taken to the hospital to receive medical treatment to include stitches in her upper lip and the sealing of two front teeth that had been cracked.

"It was inspirational to see the heart of this team truly shined when it was able to persevere above the traumatic injury of their teammate and continue to rise above it to victory," said Coach Paul Workman. "This, like the others, was a true team effort and the entire team and coaches should be congratulated on the victory.

Barta stepped in and completed pitching against the Bandits and was called upon again to pitch in the championship game against Team Michigan with a final winning

More highlights of the weekend included a key double by Hannah Workman when she



ICE Silver 10U celebrates winning the Holiday Classic Tournament at Genesee Field House in December. It was their second tournament they claimed first place. Photo provided

broke up the no-hitter being dealt by the Southeast Storm in their second game of the tournament. Hannah Cady followed suit with a double of her own during the same game vaulting Ice Silver to the 7-0 win.

Tolmie had a strong pitching outing against the South Lyon Stealth as well as hitting a hard line drive home run up the middle greatly contributing to the teams 8-3 win on the first day of the tournament. It was during the championship game when Barta helped her team with a long, high home run causing the fans and players to come out of their seats.

"Team highlights were the aggressive and smart base running making it an exciting and energizing tournament to watch," said Workman. "Although there were some individual

highlights, Ice Silver stresses nothing could be possible without the help of everyone on the team.

Tolmie added the cherry-on-top to the weekend when she returned from the hospital to support her team in the championship game. Through discomfort, Tolmie proved sportsmanship and dedication sometimes comes at a cost. Her inspirational leadership and courage did not go unnoticed.

Tolmie's injury was just another reason why Ice Silver 10U and Ice Black 9U coaches support the mandatory use of face shields during softball for these young girls. It is a reminder to all to check and wear proper safety equipment while these young ladies continue to navigate learning the intricacies of this

wimmers dive into season

The Wolves are off to a great start for their winter season after beating three opponents and had quite a few swimmers qualify for the Oakland County Meet in February.

The Clarkston Boys Swim and Dive team opened the season against Oxford for a 91-

Landon Holloway, James Nelson, Dalton Pokley and Eric Misteravich qualified for the

Division 1 state finals with a time of 1:42.42 in the 200-yard medley relay event. Nelson also qualified for a trip to the finals in the 100yard breast stroke event with his time of

The boys continued with a 150-30 win over Royal Oak on Dec. 18. First year swimmers Nelson, Jack Bacon, Ian Benson, Mitchell Biggs, Alejandro Cordoba, Mathew Culver, Isaac Keer, Josh Kuczera, Andrew Vassilakos and Matt Zurek continued help the team during the meet.

The Wolves continued their hunt when they faced Avondale, Dec. 20. Pokley made his state time of 54.76 in the 100-yard butterfly event as the team won the meet, 129-54.

The boys head to Rochester Adams on Thursday, 6 p.m.



New on the Clarkston Boys Swim and Dive team are, from left, Mathew Culver, Jack Bacon, Josh Kuczera, Andrew Vassilakos, James Nelson, Isaac Keer, Matt Zurek, Mitchell Biggs and Alejandro Cordoba. Not pictured, lan Benson. Photo submitted

Tweens and Teens: Result different kind of medical carying

Some parents stop taking their children to the doctor for well-child checkups once the shot schedule tapers off.

If your child is a teen or tween, gone are the days when he/she was placated by a lollipop after a doctor's visit. Now you likely have to badger or bribe him/her to see the doctor or outright drag them to medical appointments. Even more challenging for parents is making sure the doctor is a good match for the growing child's needs, medically and emotionally.

After a childhood of doctors' visits aimed at preventing disease and tracking developmental milestones, teens and preteens need a different level of medical care. "We move from a prevention model to a sick model,"

says Jessica Kimball, D.O. Most teens, she says, "don't consult doctors regularly unless they are sick or need physicals for sports participation or jobs."

The well visit model should continue. "All adolescents should see their health care provider at least once a year," Dr. Kimball says. During those visits, your teen or preteen's doctor not only should evaluate your child's physical and mental health and any need for immunizations but take the time to discuss school performance and social issues. This is great for doctor-patient counseling about problems that plague kids – for example, peer pressure, eating habits, and drug/alcohol education.

Enlisting a doctor who really understands teens can ease the process of



turning over the medical reins. Is it easy? The answer is no, but Dr. Kimball can make it easier for your tweens and teens to learn how to take responsibility for their own healthcare and to help establish healthy practices when they are on their own.

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Man of snow

Lewyn Beernink and his dad Kevin Beernink made this snowman over the weekend at their home in Independence Township, with a carrot nose, or beak, sidewalk chalk eyes, and seed tops of decorative grass for hair. Photo provided

Financial workshop

Daniel Krug & Associates along with Penn Mutual host Financial Health Evaluation Workshop on Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. and Jan. 11 at 10 a.m., at 8040 Ortonville Road, Suite C, Clarkston.

Topics include financial flexibility, protection, growth and retirement. The first step toward taking control of your financial future is being aware of your current financial status. Reserve your spot by calling Jennifer at 248-625-2788. Securities offered through Sigma Financial Corporation, member FINRA/SIPC.



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Ryan and Shanna

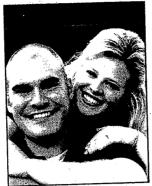
Laura and Steve Shiel and Mark and Laurel Williamson of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Shanna Marie Williamson, to Ryan James Henderson, son of Don and Patty Henderson of Brighton, Mich.

Shanna is a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School and graduated from Central Michigan University in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations.

She went back to CMU to receive her Masters in Physician Assistant Studies and will graduate in July of 2013.

Ryan is a 2004 graduate from Hartland High School and attended CMU to pursue a degree in entrepreneurship and decided to leave in 2007 to start his own companies, Sports Addix & Wrestling Addix.

The wedding is planned for September 2013 in Clarkston.



Zachary and Stephanie

Wotton -Beach

Mr. and Mrs. Michael William Wotton of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter Stephanie Lynn Wotton to Zachary John Beach of Clarkston.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wayne Beach of Clarkston. An August 2013 wedding is planned.

Kubinski-Addis

Claire Mary Kubinski and Todd Robert Addis have announced their engagement. The Midland, Mich., couple are planning a July 6, 2013, northern Michigan wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Oxford Dentist Dr. Michael Kubinski and his wife Patricia of Clarkston, Mich. 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 chain development professional. Clarie also is a registered Yoga teacher and received certification through the Center of Yoga in West Bloomfield, Mich.

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



Claire and Todd

master's degree in business administration at the University of Michgan-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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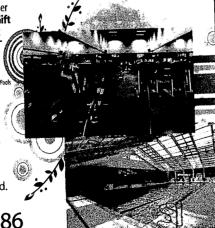
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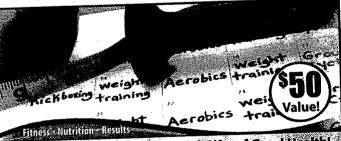
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From left are fifth grade hand bell performers Molly Milosch, Kate Engel, Nina Baker, Rachelle Scott, Kate Funke and Jane Nedwick. Photos provided by Tyler Rozwadowski



Michael Sitto, as the Angel Gabriel.

Christmas pageant

Everest Collegiate High School and Everest Academy celebrated the Christmas season with their annual Christmas Pageant, Dec. 18, in an evening filled with music.



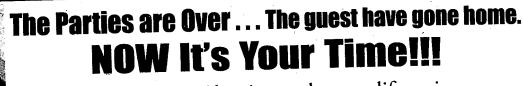
Portraying the Holy Family are Adam Legg as Joseph, Kathryn Steel as Mary, and Ava Pruchnicki as the Baby Jesus.



The Three Kings, from left, Nicholas Santarossa, Nick Plonski, and Derek Dobies.



Jake Essensa, at left, and Jack Cross on the hand bells.



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– Lynn Brockman

"There is no resolution.
They are going to continue to spend, and they are going to tax



people more."

From Facebook:

"It was about time that partisan politics lost, and I hope that compromise to move forward sinks in."



- Jim Buckley

"There's no difference. They're going to do what they want. Government doesn't listen to you or

- Rob Hull

"As the facts start coming out, it appears to be a spending bill that will add more than \$4 trillion to the deficit over the next decade.

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Joshua Bennett

By Mary Keck

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The Clarkston Mom Squad is, from left in back, Amy Horvath, Savannah Woods, Jill Casscone-Wisser, Sarah Pilgrim; front row, Amanda Mujais, Danette Meny, Melanie Traver and Sarah Hudson. *Photo provided*

Clarkston Moms are on a mission

The Clarkston Mom Squad is getting ready for their next mission

trip.
They are heading to Nairobi,
Kenya, with Volunteers in Service
Abroad to work at an International
Child Care School.

"While there, we will work with Mike and Vicki, the local contacts and assist the school located outside of the Kibera slums in whatever they need help with," said Melanie Traver. "Possibilities include finishing a building project, running a Vacation Bible School or helping the local teachers with their classrooms."

They will also get a chance to visit a SEED organization, which is a non-profit group that facilitates business development for people who would otherwise not be able to earn a living.

"We will get to visit a group of widows who are able to provide for their families by making paper bead jewelry," Traver added.

To raise money for the mission

trip, they are hosting "Supporting Local to Go Global," a dinner and a show fund raiser on Jan. 26. They will have dinner, silent auction and music from local artists.

Some of the silent auction items are a private helicopter ride, hour massage from Moonbeam Massage, night out at the movies, and Tim Horton gift baskets.

"It's a perfect time to buy any Valentine gifts and give back to a good cause at the same time," said Traver.

All proceeds will go towards the mission trip. The cost of the dinner is just a donation.

People can also send donations directly to Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell St., Clarkston, MI 48346, with "Kenya or Mom Squad" in the memo line, or visit www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/melanie-traver/ClarkstonMomSquadFundraising Page. For businesses looking to donate, contact the church at 248-623-1224.



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Special Events

Independence Township Conservatives Club hosts state Rep. Tom McMillin, 45th District, to discuss Health Exchanges and other issues; Greg George, Americans for Prosperity, will speak on Right to Work legislation, 6 p.m., dinner; 7 p.m., meeting, Jan. 10. Red Knapps, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-393-7509.

Open auditions for "California Suite" by Neil Simon, Clarkston Village Players, 7 p.m., Jan. 14 and 16, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Roles for four women, four men. 248-620-7478.

Zumba for the Arts, 7-9 p.m., Jan. 18, Springfield Plains Elementary school gym, 8650 Holcomb Road. \$10. All proceeds support Clarkston Choirs and CHS Drama Club.

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.ClarkstonWomens Club.org.

Canned Film Festival, 7 p.m., Jan. 30, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Pajama night - wear appropriate jammies, bring slippers, bean bag chair, sleeping bag and/or pillows to watch Tangled on 12-foot screen. Regular seating also available. For admission, donate food item for charity. 248-922-3515.

Art Presentation, Tudor Portrait Miniature, Lievine Teerline and the Art of Limning, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 6, Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Light lunch and presentation. \$7/members, \$9/non-members. Register, 248-625-8231.

Wild Game Dinner, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 9, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Elk, white tail deer, duck, walleye, salmon, domestic turkey, samples of other wild game plus desserts. Gun raffle, 50/50, "cheer" basket raffle. \$20. 248-625-9912.

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

Around Town

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

White Lake Road. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550. 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-

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

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

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

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

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.

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-

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

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.

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

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

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 but not required. \$40, through April, trherh7966@comcast.net. 248-625-3881.

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

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

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., madefrom-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-

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 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.

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 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, schools. 248-559-1147 ext. 3435. •

Religion Don't listen to experts in 2013

Spiritual

Matters

Pastor Greg

Henneman

Someone has said that an expert is anyone who is more than 100 miles away and you have to pay to talk to them. Our culture is full of experts. There are experts out there who will tell you that the economy is lousy -

you'll never get that career you've always wanted. You're marriage is too far gone -you might as well call it quits. You don't have the skills necessary you might as well settle for less.

Oh yea? Listen to what the experts used to say:

Everything that can be invented has been invented.

Charles H. Duell, U.S. Patent Office director, 1899

Who the h- wants to hear actors

H. M. Warner, Warner Bros. Pictures, c. 1927 Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote. Grover Cleveland, 1905

There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom.

Robert Millikan, Nobel prize winner in physics, 1923 Heavier than air flying machines are impossible.

Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, c. 1895 Ruth [Babe Ruth] made a big mistake when he gave up pitching.

Tris Speaker, 1927

The horse is here to stay, but the automobile is only a novelty.

The Michigan banker who advised Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the new motor car company

Gone with the Wind is going to be the biggest flop in Hollywood history. I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling flat on his face and not me.

Gary Cooper

Why not dream some big dreams this New Year? Scripture says that God can help you "sing a new song" (Psalm 96). God can make you into "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). He can give you "a new heart and a new spirit" (Ezekiel 36:26). You can "be made new in the attitude of your mind" (Ephesians 4:23). Through faith in God you can "put on a new self" (Colossians 3:10)!

Don't listen to the experts this New Year! Listen to God! And go for it!

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church.

In our churches...

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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, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 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.

Celebrate Recovery ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323.

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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH 6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Oakland Christian School Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne, Dan Whiting, Geoff Black Sunday: Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am Nursery Care at all services Wednesday: Children's Ministries 6:00-8:00 pm Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm www.clarkstoncommunity.com

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Fax: (248) 394-2142 Interim: Rev. William Lange Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Dream Keepers Youth Group Rible Study Wednesday 7:00 pm Youth Groups 6-12 Wednesday 6:30 pm www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH 6765 Rattalee Lake Road Clarkston, 48348 (248)625-1344 Services: Sunday 9:45am & 11:00am Morning Worship Service Exploration Station -Children's Ministry Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life – Adult Life Ministry c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry Ozone - Children's Life Ministry Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services A Church For Life www.bridgewoodchurch.com

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 248-625-1611 Website:<u>clarkstonumc.org</u> Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am 6:00pm Evening Service Nursery available for all services

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH 5482 Winell-Clarkston (corner of Maybee & Winell) 248-623-1224 Service 9:00 • 10:30 Wednesday 7 pm Youth & Adult Ministry

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston

(W. of M-15, just 5, of I-75) 248-625-3288 Pastor Jonathan Heierman Sunday Worship: 8:15 am (traditional), 9:30 & 11:00 am Also at both 9:30 & 11:00: Nursery, Children & Youth Programming Wednesday Evenings: 6:00-8:30 pm Dinner, worship, small groups Nursery, Children & Youth Programming www.calvaryinfo.org

ST.DANIEL CATHOLICCHURCH 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston (W. of M-15, S. of 1-75)

625-4580 Rev. Christopher Maus Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Religious Education: 625-1750 Mother's Group, RCIA Scripture Study, Youth Group



Actor Sara Sanger plays Diane Gillis, who is shocked by news from Carolyn Cavanaugh, performed by actor Nancy Penvose in Sinners. Photos by Mary Keck



Lust and Laughter

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"There's nobody really innocent in the play," said actor Jennifer Gentry-Saulski of the characters in the Clarkston Village Players' latest production Sinners.

Monica Lloyd, who isn't quite what you might expect from a clergyman's wife.

In this satirical comedy by Canadian playwright Norm Foster, the wife of Reverend Edmund Lloyd (played by James Hoxsey) is a seductress who gets caught in the midst of an affair with furniture salesman Peter Cramer (Cyrano Jones).

Once the lovers are discovered, a hilarious tale of murder, mistaken identity, and infidelity ensues, which

leaves no one innocent when the curtain falls.

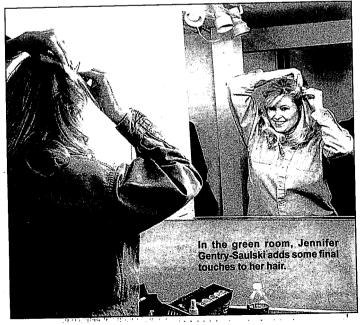
"It's naughty but not nasty and very suggestive but not vulgar," said Director Al Bartlett who would rate Sinners PG-13.

Through the characters' saintly Gentry-Saulski plays femme fatale and saucy behavior, the play exposes a nugget of wisdom: there's a little bit of sin in all of us.

This truth is made easier to swallow by rib-tickling performances delivered from a talented cast. From murder by a clock radio to a threatening plush Tweety Bird, there are plenty of laughs to lighten the

Sinners opens on Friday, Jan. 11, and runs on the weekends until Jan. 26 at the Depot Theatre on White Lake road. Purchase tickets at www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.





Pines of Clarkston adds Memory Care facility

BYMARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Planning Commission approved site plans for a Memory Care facility on Dixie Highway on Dec. 13. Pines of Clarkston's new building will have 20 rooms for residents along with a café, meeting area, and space for exercise.

'Our residents have various degrees of dementia, but they are very physically capable and active people," said Pines of Clarkston owner Tom Kenny.

The Memory Care facility will also have an interior path.

"A lot of our residents will walk 3 to 5 miles a day," said Kenny. "We're trying to make it a great place to live."

While the inside of the building offers positive features for potential residents, the exterior needed improvements when the site plan came before the Planning Commission in July.

"We didn't like the entrance they had," said Township Trustee Ron Ritchie, who serves on the Planning Commission. Ambulances and fire engines would have had to back up to exit, which the commission felt "was not good for an emergency situation," said Ritchie.

Not only was the drive-up space troublesome, but locals were concerned about the impact on the wetlands and water quality of Deer Lake.

"Everything that's to the west and the north of us impacts Deer Lake," said Joel DeLong who lives just South of the Pines of Clarkston.

"There is runoff that goes behind four of the homes that goes through a storm drain and enters directly into the canal off Simler Drive, which flows directly into Deer Lake," DeLong explained. "There has been a tremendous amount of sediment. When there has been a lot of snow, the melt has literally flooded one of the neighbor's back yards."

Ken Gill a member of the Deer Lake Property Owners Association and Chair of the Water Quality committee said, "the current retention pond is not doing an effective job."

When the revised site plan came before the commission during the public hearing in December, Pines of Clarkston received a warmer reception, however.

"We have the highest regard for this developer," Gill said.

"They addressed all the concerns we had and came back with a positive fix," said Ritchie.

With the updated plans and public hearing complete, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the Memory Care Facility.

Obituaries

Arnold Callender, 78

Arnold L. Callender of Waterford passed away Jan. 1, 2013, at age

He was the husband of Rita for 57 years; father of Rick (Vicki), Jeannine (Randy) Johnson and Darla (Scott) Duncan: grandpa of Tiffany. Garron, Katie and Alora: preceded in death by his

grandson Ricky; great grandpa of Logan; brother of Beverly King.

Mr. Callender retired from Poncraft Door Company and enjoyed participating in the Woodward Dream Cruise for many years.

Memorial service, Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church, Waterford, where friends may visit at the church from 12:30 p.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Calvin Dunk, 87

Calvin Dunk of Mikado, Mich., 87. formerly of Clarkston passed peacefully in Woodbridge, Va., Jan. 4,

2013. He was preceded in death by the love of his life for 51 years Frances J. Dunk and brother's Albert and Dewey. He is survived by his brother Lloyd of Croswell and a sister Jewell Sledz of Southgate. He was the



dear father of Mark of Washington, Mich., Janis (Claude) Carlson of Lake Orion, Lori (Robert) Mazzone of Woodbridge, Va., and Las Vegas, Nev.; a step daughter Bonnie (John) Montgomery of Clarksville, Tenn. Cal and Fran enjoyed a winter home in Florida and spent many happy years there. Loving grandchildren, Bill Dunk of Dryden, Jason Dunk of Lake Orion, Andrea (Andrew) Zielinksy of Clarkston, Eric (Patti) Carlson of Monticello, Minn., Jack (Jennifer) of Rochester Hills; step grandchildren; Kendra Byard and John Montgomery both of Clarksville, Tenn.; three great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

He was a veteran of the Navy during World War II.

Funeral Service, 12:30 p.m., Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. He will be interred together with his wife at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Mich. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Richard Clark, Jr., 72

Richard A. Clark, Jr., "Dick," of Grand Blanc passed away Jan. 1, 2013, at age 72.

He was preceded in death by his wife Judith. He was the loving father of Kim (Walter) Dudley, Steven (Bridget) Clark, Paula Clark and Beth (Jim) Galt; proud grandpa of Nathan, Haley, Celeste, Abby

and Olivia; and dear brother of Judy Clark. Visitation was Jan. 3 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Funeral Mass was Jan. 4 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made

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Judith Mosher, 71

Judith R. Mosher (Goetz), of Clarkston, formerly of Bay City, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 27, 2012, at age 71.

She was the wife of Ronald for 51 years; mother of Shari (Jay) Tina Malenfant, Landosky, Steven Mosher and Tammy (Brian) Broski; also survived by seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren:



sister of Robert (Katie) Goetz, William (Patricia) Goetz and Donald (Doris) Goetz.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Nancy Weiler and Sally Meier. Judy retired as a manager for the Oakhill Group Home.

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Rotary says thank you

Dear Editor

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to thank the many volunteers who committed time and energy for this year's Goodfellow newspaper sales and subsequent Shoes for Kids. Over 100 people wandered our streets in early December.

The newspaper donations collected during the two days on the streets, as well as a generous donation from the Clarkston Women's Club, this being the fourth annual pledge, goes a long way to fulfilling needs of the 425 Clarkston school children signed up for this year's Shoes for Kids program.

The Clarkston Lions Club Project KidsSight program took eye photos of 119 people, primarily between six months old and age five.

The Clarkston Optimist Club is now in their second year of their "Opti-Socks" distribution

Many of the local dentists donated toothbrushes and toothpaste to be given to the children attending this past Saturday. Oakland Woods Baptist Church opened the doors and hearts of their church again this year in providing a venue that allows us to offer so many different components to the program in one building.

And The Clarkston News, as always for

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We appreciate the community support shown each year in bringing this sizable project to fruition. Collectively we helped make a small difference in a child's life.

Clarkston Rotary Club and Joel DeLong, Shoe for Kids Chair

Call for action on mental health reform

Dear Editor.

After the Newtown suicide massacre and tragic loss of innocent children, medical governing authorities must reform how traditional medicine assesses and treats children with ADD behavioral conditions as well as mental illness.

For over two decades, children and young adults battling behavioral conditions have not received comprehensive bioassessments for causation of symptoms. Medical governing authorities have allowed the American Psychiatric Association to treat children before ruling out nutritional, physiological and environmental risk factors prior to premature drug therapy.

Safer prescribing protocols in children must become the new mandate. The FDA placed all ADD stimulant and psychiatric medications on their Med Guide Alert warning list, due to the increased potential to cause harm, especially in the child population.

Although ADD stimulant drug therapy is effective in children, the long term side effects have been described and warned by the FDA. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death in the United States college student population.

We should realize that suicide as well as violent suicide massacre has causation and is preventable through reformation in the clinical assessment process for children expressing behavioral symptoms.

The national movement for change and action is already in motion as discussed in the book *Over Medicating Our Youth*.

Many prestigious universities including Johns Hopkins School of Medicine instruct their medical students, systematic and comprehensive bio-assessments to rule out causation of symptoms prior to drug therapy. The Action Plan for Childhood Behavioral Conditions is also discussed in the book to help parents help their children determine causation of behavioral symptoms.

Join the Coalition Against Overmedicating Our Youth (CAOOY) and help give children a voice to determine causation of symptoms.

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Glen Bailey, president and owner of Powerhouse Gym, left, and Phill Stublensky Jr., managing partner of the new Clarkston Powerhouse Gym, are busy renovating the former Clarkston Gym on Sashabaw Road. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Powerhouse in Clarkston

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Powerhouse Gym International is opening its newest location in the former Clarkston Gym next to Hamlin Pub at Sashabaw and Waldon roads.

"We're very excited. We've been looking at Clarkston for a while," said Phill Stublensky Jr., managing partner of Lake Orion Powerhouse and the new Clarkston Powerhouse Gym.

The transition has been a challenge — Powerhouse Gym did not buy the facility from Clarkston Gym, which went out of business. They are working with Independence Plaza's management company to lease it.

Clarkston Gym's closing means memberships, gift certificates, and other agreements are all void.

"Yet, as a good faith effort by the Powerhouse Gym's corporate office and the new owners of the Powerhouse Gym Clarkston, we are honoring most written membership agreements under the previous Clarkston Gym," Stublensky said.

Present a written agreement to verify current membership. Agreements will be reviewed on an individual basis.

"We have to make sure they are within corporate standards," said Glen Bailey, president and owner of Powerhouse Gym. "Our goal is to be in business for a long time – everybody's been great so far."

The facility requires extensive renovation, including replacement of broken mirrors, flooring, and equipment.

"There is significant damage – it's unfortunate," Bailey said. "The members

are the ones who suffer. We wanted to start on Jan. 1 so there wouldn't be a lot of down time. Now, there's a lot of down time."

Current Clarkston Gym members can use the Lake Orion Powerhouse Gym by presenting a copy of current membership agreements while the Clarkston gym is renovated. Clarkston Powerhouse will open as quickly as possible, hopefully by the first of February, he said.

The 13,000-square-foot facility will offer a full range of cardio, strength conditioning, cross training equipment, Sports Performance Training for high school and elite athletes, spinning, palates, small and large group training, boot camps, nutritional supplements, functional training, hormone replacement therapy, and other health and fitness programs.

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A Powerhouse Pre-Sale Center is located in the old Bank of America office between the gym and Dollar General.

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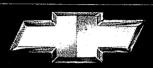
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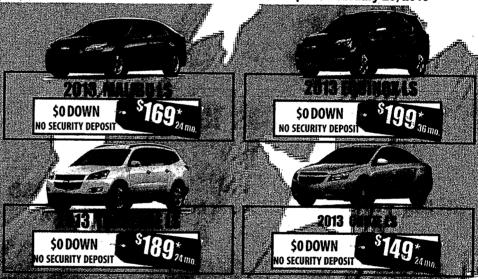
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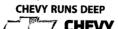
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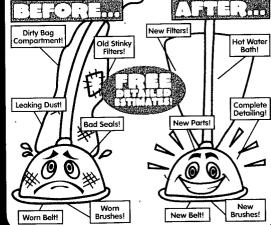
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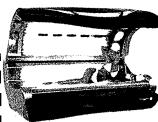
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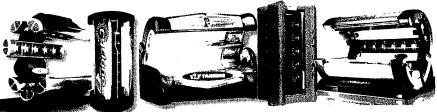
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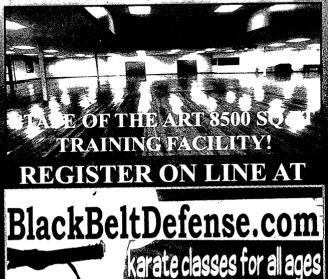
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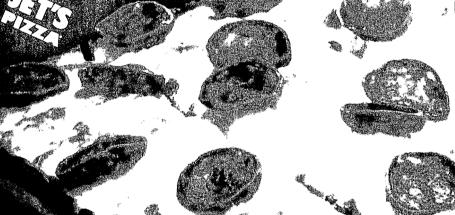
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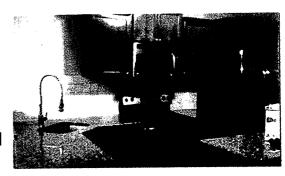
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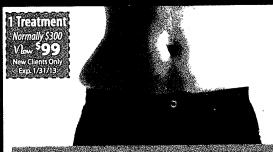
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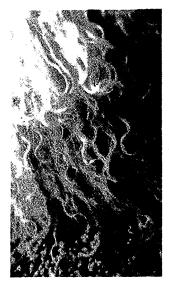
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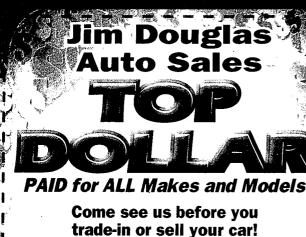
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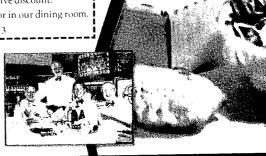
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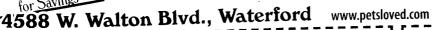
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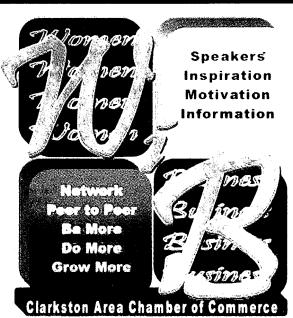
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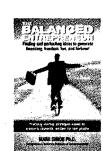


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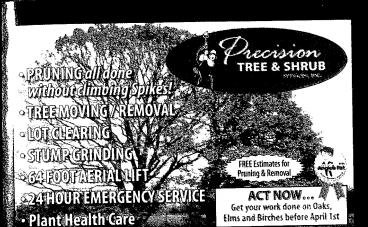
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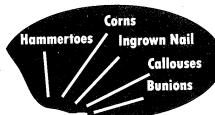
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