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Dixie project starts with night work

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Roadwork on Dixie Highway has begun, but you may not have noticed it yet. Right now, crews are only coming out at night to videotape sewer lines.

According to Rob Morosi of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), workers are marking sections of damaged sewer lines to be repaired or replaced. Drivers might see single-lane closures at night through April as a result of this preliminary work for the Dixie Highway resurfacing project.

"We'll start the bridge work in earnest" just after Memorial Day, said Morosi.

Work includes replacing a bridge over the Clinton River, north of Hatchery Road just south of Sashabaw and repairing the bridge north of Andersonville Road.

After April, drivers can expect lane closures on Dixie Highway near those projects.

In addition to repairing sewer lines and bridges, MDOT will install and update traffic signals as well as repair sidewalks, gutters, and curbs. The project to resurface nine miles of Dixie Highway from Telegraph Road in Waterford Township, through Independence Township, to just north of I-75 in Springfield Township will cost about \$19.2 million.

Find more information, call MDOT at 248-451-0001 or get updates on www.michigan.gov/drive.

Blast from the past



Clarkston Elementary Physical Education teacher Lane Hurd teaches students some dance moves from back in the day at the school's Get Groovy Dance last Friday. For more pictures, please see page 17. Photo by Wendi Reardon

City employees get raise

BY MARY KECK
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City employees will have a little bit more money in their paycheck in 2013.

On Jan. 14, Clarkston City Council unanimously approved a wage increase for every employee, except City Manager Dennis Ritter who proposed the raise for his fellow workers.

Ritter intends to retire from his part-time position in April.

All seven of the city's personnel who

received a raise are employed on a part-time basis without benefits, and they have not seen their wages increase for about six years.

"The responsibilities of each position have increased over the last six years," Ritter told the council. "The city is in a strong and sturdy financial position and is able to absorb the proposed increase of personnel costs."

To give every part-time employee a

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Deadline for Habitat help

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

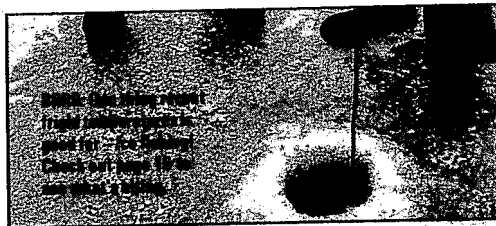
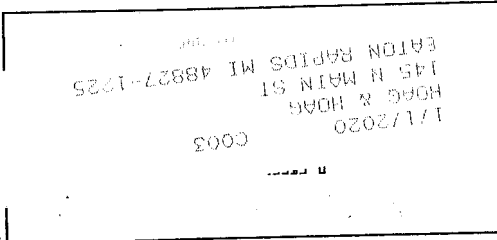
It's crunch time for Habitat for Humanity in Clarkston.

Paperwork's complete, a family's willing to work, and volunteers and community groups are ready to pitch in — all that's needed is some property.

"It's down to the wire. We need to find property in Clarkston," said Stephanie Osterland, director of family and community relationships for Habitat for Humanity. "We're looking for any sort of property, vacant land, housing — we're still hopeful."

DJ Kaleena and their children Bryce, 6, and Brina, 8 months, have been working with Habitat for Humanity for more than a year to secure a new home for their family.

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Questions, answers on oil pooling plans

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In December, Supervisor Pat Kittle said Independence Township could be caught in a catch-22 with oil and gas exploration because of compulsory pooling. To find out more, *The Clarkston News* talked with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Assistant Supervisor of Wells, Hal Fitch.

What is the potential impact of oil and gas drilling?

"People are always concerned about impacts of oil and gas drilling, but we've got a pretty good, thorough and comprehensive body of regulations here in Michigan to protect the environment and to protect public health," Fitch said.

"That doesn't mean there's not going to be some impact to people," he pointed out. "There's some noise during the drilling operation; there's truck traffic, there's things like that, that are just an essential part of the development that are unavoidable."

Should oil and gas companies discuss compulsory pooling with landowners when asking about lease agreements?

"I don't think it ought to be used as a threat. But on the other hand, I guess people should know if they don't sign a lease, the operator does have some other recourse," he said.

If residents have questions, they should retain a knowledgeable attorney, he added.

What is compulsory pooling?

"For every well that's proposed to be drilled, [the DEQ] requires the [oil and gas producer] to designate a drilling unit, a certain tract of land that can be efficiently and effectively drained by one well," Fitch explained.

Drilling units vary in sizes ranging from 40 to 640 acres. An oil and gas developer must have all the mineral rights in a drilling unit under their control before the operation to install a well can begin.

With such large swathes of land in a drilling unit, there are often multiple property owners. While some may be willing to sign lease agreements, others may not.

"In those instances, we have to have a mechanism where the remainder of people who have leased have a means to develop or benefit from their production of oil and gas and also to protect the people who have not leased from drainage of their oil and gas without compensation," said Fitch.

"By not leasing, people are not going to prevent a well from being drilled necessarily. If [the oil and gas developer] can get the majority of the mineral owners in one of these drilling units to negotiate a lease, the company's going to drill it one way or another. Compulsory pooling just ensures the people that haven't leased will get their fair share," he added.

The only way property can be

Oil and gas timeline & upcoming hearings

May 8, 2012: For \$444, mineral rights for oil and gas beneath Bay Court park were sold to Jordan Exploration.

Dec. 10, 2012: Clarkston City Council approved a seismic survey. The survey will aid West Bay in determining if there is potential for oil and gas in Clarkston.

Dec. 18, 2012: Jordan Exploration offered Independence Township 1/6 royalties of any oil and gas found beneath 70 acres of land in Independence.

Jan. 29, 2013: Public hearing set at Independence Township Board meeting, 7 p.m. in Township Hall. Representatives from Springfield and Waterford townships will share their perspectives on Jordan Exploration, an oil and gas company from Traverse City. Jordan Exploration is exploring for oil and gas in Indian Springs Metropark.

Feb. 5, 2013: At 7 p.m. in Township Hall, Chris Bickley is scheduled to come before the Board of Trustees again to answer questions about Jordan Exploration's proposal.

compulsory pooled is through a hearing, which is a judicial proceeding presided over by the assistant Supervisor of Wells.

What happens at a compulsory pooling hearing?

Hearings are initiated through a petition from the oil and gas company that owns the mineral rights and intends to drill the well. Since 2011, Jordan Exploration and West Bay Exploration have initiated two compulsory pooling hearings each.

"The petitioner has to show they've made a diligent effort to obtain a lease from the mineral owners; they have to show us the anticipated cost of drilling a well and completing it. They will propose a plan for pooling," Fitch said.

Before the hearing, individual landowners will receive a copy of the petition. If they respond and state their wish to participate in the hearing, "they can provide testimony; they can cross examine witnesses; they can present their own witnesses," he explained.

If a property owner doesn't respond to the petition, "they can still come and make a statement, but it won't carry evidentiary weight."

Once all the testimony has been heard, the assistant supervisor of wells will make a ruling.

"Not every [proposal] is granted, but most of them are," said Fitch.

Of the four compulsory pooling hearings petitioned by Jordan Exploration and West Bay Exploration over the past two years, three petitions were granted. One hearing was dismissed because Jordan Exploration came to an agreement with the landowner who didn't want to lease.

What happens once the assistant supervisor of wells rules in favor of compulsory pooling?

If the petitioner's proposal is granted, the assistant supervisor of wells will issue a pooling order. Landowners who are pooled will pay a part of the cost of drilling and completing the well. The estimated price to drill a well is based on the oil and gas company's estimate. Pooled property owners will not collect an up front bonus, and they will receive 1/8 of the revenue from any oil and gas produced.

According to Fitch, the landowner's share of the drilling costs can be paid up front. "I can't recall any case where anybody has put their money up front," said Fitch.

Usually, pooled property owners choose the second option, which is to pay their share of the well installation with money they receive from any oil and gas found. In addition, "there's usually a penalty assessed also because of risk," Fitch explained. "If they've not put up any money ahead of time, they don't have any risk. So, there's a percentage assigned to compensate for that risk, and that might be 200 or 300 percent of the actual cost."

What if the oil and gas company drills, but doesn't find anything?

"If it's a dry hole (non-productive), there's no cost to the pooled owner," said Fitch.

But, if the landowner chose to pay their share of the well installation costs up front, they won't be reimbursed.

Even after the ruling has been made, a property owner can negotiate a lease agreement with the oil and gas company. Those who entered into an agreement with the petitioner before the hearing will see "no effect on their lease," Fitch noted.

What options do landowners have if they wish to challenge a pooling order?

As the assistant supervisor of wells, Fitch presides over the hearings and makes the ruling, but a landowner can share their objection with the DEQ Director.

Fitch said, "That has been done once or twice, but my decision has never been overruled. Their next step would be to appeal it to the court."

Is compulsory pooling common?

"Most drilling units and operators are able to get leases from everybody in the unit, but we probably hold eight to ten compulsory pooling hearings a year," said Fitch.

While a local government could be subject to pooling, Fitch could not recall a case of a municipality refusing to lease their mineral rights.

"It's pretty rare that we have a governmental unit that is subject to compulsory pooling," Fitch said.

For more information, call 517-241-1548 or check www.michigan.gov/deq.

Briefly

New rates for News

Postal rates are going up, Jan. 27. *The Clarkston News* is delivered through the mail so subscription rates are going up, but just by a couple bucks. New yearly subscription rates are \$32 for readers in Oakland County, \$33 for fans within Michigan, and \$38 for those Clarkston expats out of state.

City seeks new manager

Clarkston City Council formed a committee to find a new city manager because Dennis Ritter intends to retire in April.

The search committee includes Ritter, Mayor Joe Luginski, Councilman Eric Haven, and former mayor Sharron Cattallo.

The City Council will vote on the top two or three candidates. They hope to have the position filled within 12 weeks.

Packages for troops

American Legion Post 63 is collecting items to fill packages they'll send to troops overseas.

Donations such as boxed cookies, microwaveable popcorn, mini cereal boxes, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, international phone cards, and sunglasses can be dropped off at the Village Hall at 375 Depot Street or the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union at 8055 Ortonville Road.

A full list of the items the American Legion is seeking can be found at drop-off locations or on villageofclarkston.org.

If you know a soldier from the area who needs a package, leave their address at one of the drop-off locations. A packing party is planned for Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 8047 Ortonville Road.

Lacrosse fund raiser

Clarkston Lacrosse is holding a bowling fund raiser this Sunday at Cherry Hill Lanes, 1-30-4 p.m.

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

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

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Independence Township senior center Director Barbara Rollin accepts the donation from Trustee Jose Aliaga. Photo provided

Aliaga returns

After missing two Independence Township Board meetings to visit Peru over the holidays, Trustee Jose Aliaga has returned.

While in Peru, Aliaga said he spent most of his time with his family; however, he also organized a Christmas Party where donated gifts were given to children in need.

"I feel good when I go there and help them out," said Aliaga. "I accomplished everything I went there for."

Now that he's back in Michigan, Aliaga donated his pay from the period he was absent, \$346, to the Senior Center. Aliaga will attend the next regular Board of Trustees meeting on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at Township Hall off Waldon Road.

Clarkston property sought for Habitat family

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 "Unfortunately, it's been slow," DJ said. "We were ready to go at the end of the summer."

If the Jan. 31 deadline passes, they will consider surrounding communities. But they really want Clarkston.

With her grandparents and mother hailing from Independence Township, this is where Kaleena grew up.

"It's like home," she said. "We were always at my grandparents' house."

Growing up, she attended Clarkston Free Methodist Church and enjoyed getting ice cream at Sashabaw and Maybee roads.

They both work outside the home, DJ fulltime, and are qualified to buy an at-cost, no-profit home through Habitat for Humanity.

They applied and were approved more than a year ago. Eligibility is based on need, income, credit, consistent bill payment, and willingness to put in sweat equity, Osterland said.

To qualify, a family provides 300 hours of work, including 100 hours from each parent. The third hundred can come from friends and family.

Kaleena worked most of her hours at Lighthouse, completing paperwork for



DJ, Kaleena, and their children are working to find a new home in Clarkston. Photo provided

families in need.

DJ performed landscape and home maintenance work for his hours.

"The nice thing is they put hours in on their own home," Osterland said. "They help at the office, with houses, they've become part of Habitat community."

"It's wonderful, a blessing," Kaleena said. "It's a great opportunity to help someone better themselves."

In 2012, Habitat helped 19 Oakland County families close on homes.

Since 1994, the non-profit group built or renovated homes for 165 families in Oakland County. This will be the first project in

Clarkston.

"It's for families interested in helping themselves and improving their own lives," Osterland said. "It's a hand up, not a hand out, a stepping stone, a vehicle to help them get where they need to go."

The family has been living in Auburn Hills for the last three years. Their trailer is in disrepair with a large hole in the floor covered by plywood, as well as mold, heating, and plumbing problems, and other issues.

"The house isn't good - we did a lot of work just to make it livable," DJ said.

A \$35,000 gift has already been donated for the family's home. Habitat's goal is to have a house or lot by Jan. 31 so they can move in by summer.

My Habitat Clarkston, a committee of churches, chamber of commerce, community groups, and schools, stands ready to help.

The committee organized a benefit concert featuring Alexander Zonjic and Friends after Taste of Clarkston last year, and is ready to help with the next step.

Habitat is looking for donation or sale of a 1,200-1,500-square-foot home valued at \$150,000 or less, or vacant property valued at less than \$150,000, within Clarkston school district. Call Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, 248-365-4076 or 734-891-3352.

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Raise dips into savings

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raise, the city spent \$26,044, and the cost for the higher wages will be paid from the city's fund balance.

The fund balance from their audit shows the city has \$321,719 in budget surpluses accumulated over the years.

In April, a \$60,000 deficit was projected for the 2013 budget, and as a result, Mayor Joe Luginski said he would waive the \$3,850 he is paid annually, and the council members agreed to donate the \$25 they earn for each meeting they attend back to the city, too.

Salaries for members of the Planning Commission were also cut.

The most recent 2012/2013 budget the council adopted on Nov. 26 showed an \$8,378 deficit, which was covered by the \$321,719 in the fund balance.

While most in attendance at the meeting on Jan. 14 felt the employees deserved a raise, using money from the fund balance was a point of contention.

"It is not the increase that I have a problem with, but rather the inattention to its impact on the budget this year and in future years," former councilman Richard Bisio said.

He cautioned the council, "you need to look in the long range as to how you can sustain that level of expenses in future years because if you keep dipping into the fund balance year after year, it's going to be gone."

"I support the idea of increasing compensation for our employees," said councilman Stephen Hargis. "I think they're a long time coming, but I also agree with Richard about dipping into the fund balance."

Councilman Mike Sabol had a similar view. "This is something that potentially is favorable to the city and the right thing to do to make sure that we keep and are able to get good people to come along, but I don't want to do it without making sure that we think through it and make sure we can cover it through the balance in the future," Sabol said.

Ritter felt the need for a raise outweighed



'We do not sacrifice people for the sake of a big bank account.'

- Eberhardt

concerns about the fund balance.

"I think the employees' wage has been held back at the expense of maintaining the fund balance, and I agree that we should not necessarily use the fund balance for operating purposes, but it's been a long time since we've had any consideration given to the employees here," he asserted.

Council member Carol Eberhardt concurred.

"The fund balance isn't spent willy nilly. That's clearly shown by the percentage of fund balance we have," she said.

According to the city's audit, the fund balance is 52 percent of the city's total general fund expenditures for the year.

"We do not sacrifice people for the sake of a big bank account," Eberhardt added.

Luginski agreed with her.

"I don't care what organization you've been in, the most important asset you have is your people," he stated. "The most expensive thing you can do is train and hire new people."

Luginski supported using the fund balance to cover the cost of the wage increase.

"I think if we want to continue to have the work and the effort and the loyalty from our folks, we as an employer, need to reward those people too."

View the city's budget on the web at villageofclarkston.org. The City Council's next meeting will take place on Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall on Depot Street.

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Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

Winter gardening?

While some critters hibernate, local gardeners don't. Instead, growers are planning, learning, gathering together, and flexing their green thumbs indoors.

"There's reading to do to keep the ongoing education refreshed," said Clarkston Community Garden Manager Jim Tesnar. Since winter's chill has blown in, Tesnar's looking through seed catalogs to find new hybrids and varieties.



He keeps an eye on the temperature too. Once the ground freezes, Tesnar will cover his strawberry plants with straw. In late March, he'll pull the mulch back to make way for a new batch of strawberries.

Roots to Fruits co-owner Mark Angelini feels the colder season gives gardening ideas a chance to germinate. "I spend time reading and researching, ordering seeds and plant stock, eating lots of stored produce and pickles, reviewing garden plans and designs and formulating a game plan for the upcoming season," he said.

But don't think rooting through catalogs, reading, and researching gives growers cabin fever. Instead, they often seek out one another. "The monthly Oakland County Permaculture Meetup is a fantastic social gathering, plus we have skill shares for seed starting, vermicomposting, and a seed swap," Angelini said. The Oakland County Permaculture Meetup occurring in Clarkston once a month is just one event attracting green thumbs.

American Roots owner Trish Hennig attends "upcoming presentations locally sponsored by our North Oakland chapter of Wild Ones, but also on a state level we have the WAM (Wildflower Association of Michigan) conference with nationally recognized as well as Michigan-based speakers," she explained.

When growers aren't together, you might find them testing farming methods at home. For gardener Lacie Greives winter is a time for experimentation. She's trying out seeds collected from her flowers and vegetables over the summer. If sprouts emerge under her indoor light, she'll know they have spring planting potential. If nothing happens, she'll need to order new seeds.

In addition, "I plan for crop rotation," Greives said. Greens don't grow well in the same patch of soil year after year, so Greives keeps track of where she's planted during the previous season. While the snow falls outside, she'll think of new places for next season's veggies.

DPW works hard to keep township working

Have you ever wondered what those DPW guys are doing that drive around town in the white pick-up trucks with the Independence Township logo on the door? This is what I have experienced so far in my first six weeks on the job.

There are actually 13 Department of Public Works (DPW) employees who are on the road at any point in the day. These are the workers who are responsible for maintaining over 40 different facilities including wells, water towers, booster stations, sewage lift stations, pressure reduction valves as well as 120 miles of sanitary sewer mains and 118 miles of water mains all dedicated to make sure the water in your residence is flowing and the toilets are flushing.

A few examples of your tax dollars at work. There are 11 Sewer Lift Stations in Independence that collect raw sewage from upstream households and businesses. When the Lift Station holding tanks reach a pre-determined level, giant pumps turn on and force the waste uphill so it can begin its next trek downstream to the main sewage interceptors.

The guys in the white trucks ensure the Lift Station main pumps run smoothly, check and make sure the back-up generators are operational and perform routine maintenance that ensures maximum life expectancy for the millions of dollars worth of investment in these stations.

There are also 16 wells that extract millions of gallons of water per day from the aquifers running under Independence Township. Specially trained DPW Technicians are constantly taking water readings and checking the filtration and chlorination systems to ensure the water in Independence exceeds federal and state standards.

It's these same DPW guys that are charged with maintaining the big blue water storage tanks in the community, the water they hold

and even changing the red emergency lights on the top of the towers—some reaching over 140 feet into the air. These gravity fed water towers help provide pressure consistency and balance the flow of water based on demand and time of day.

You will also find DPW employees and their white trucks at new construction sites around the community. These guys tap into the water main and connect the house to the community water system. Taking about 3-4 hours each, 81 water taps have been completed in 2012.

Supervisor's viewpoint



Pat Kittle

Lastly, there are always DPW guys on-call in the evenings and holidays. When an alarm at one of the substations goes off or a call is received about a water problem, the on-call technician rushes off to diagnose and rectify the

problem.

So that is how a big part of your water and sewer tax dollars are spent. The township has been doing a good job to keep these operational expenses flat over the years. The tough part in managing the Sewer budgets are the annual fee increases coming from Detroit and the new Oakland/Macomb Interceptor construction projects. It is not uncommon for these fee increases to vary from 3-4% up to 10-12% per year with little or no warning. (More on these in another article)

Next time you see one of these white trucks parked at a job site, remember they're the guys checking to make sure the stuff we take for granted, our water and sewage systems, are operating at top efficiency. Give the guys a friendly wave. They deserve it.

Call Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle at 248-625-5111 ext. 244

Red flags in oil offer

Dear Editor,

Our neighborhood in Independence township was approached by a West Bay Exploration oil company representative the same day that we received oil lease paperwork in the mail. Our property is located in the area that they want to extract oil from in Independence Township. We were surprised to see a West Bay Exploration representative at our door before we had a chance to even read the agreement.

The representative was a notary and was requesting that we sign the paperwork while he was there. Red flags immediately went up. We declined to sign the lease because we hadn't had a chance to read the agreement, nor research this topic. After doing a few minutes of research, we're glad we didn't sign the lease.

We discovered that West Bay Exploration has offered Independence township 1/6 in royalties for the rights to gas/oil under township property (Bay Court). While West Bay's offer

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Ice rink to open at Clintonwood"
Outdoor, lighted ice-skating is expected to come to Clarkston this week with the opening of an ice rink at Clintonwood Park. Ann Conklin, Independence Township's Director of Parks and Recreation, said last week she hoped to have the rink up and running today, weather permitting.

"New elementary school coming to life"
The site of the new elementary school had yet to be decided but floor plans to show how the school would look were presented at a special meeting for the Clarkston Community Schools board of education. The design included "pods" of four classrooms for each grade level and letting in lots of natural light.

25 years ago - 1987

"Baggins came home" A 15-pound black and tan tabby cat named Baggins found his way home. Kathy Binkley offered a \$500 reward in local papers, but after two months Baggins was still missing. Then, Binkley began feeding a stray that was hanging around in the garage, and who should show up for the food, but eight-year-old Baggins. He was pretty skinny and ate six cans of cat food in the first ten hours he was home.

"Stuarts celebrate 25th" Dale and Deborah Stuart of Independence Township celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, Jan. 19. In celebration, their children treated them to a weekend at the Renaissance Center, Detroit, and an evening at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"\$1.8 million spells massive cuts" The Clarkston school district administration recommended massive cutbacks for the 1988-89 school year and used \$1.8 million as the target. The proposal was in wake of objections of tax increase requests by voters in June and October.

50 years ago - 1962

"Clarkston upsets Holly in overtime"
With a minute and 27 seconds left to play in the game, Holly pushed ahead 51 to 53, but not for long. Clarkston's Mike Bray evened it up with only 34 seconds left to play. In the overtime, Dan Craven hit a two pointer, but Holly was right back with two quick baskets to even it up again, but for the last time. The Wolves won a 60 to 57 upset victory.

"Clarkston's Junior Miss to compete for state honor" Clarkston's Junior Miss Janet Tisch was one of 24 high school seniors entered in the Michigan Junior Miss Pageant in Pontiac. She won the Clarkston Area Jaycees first annual Junior Miss Pageant in December.

Letters To The Editor . . .

In defense of public TV

Dear Editor,

The scathing front page expose' that appeared in last weeks' edition could help publicize Independence Television.

Though in operation for nearly two decades, Clarkston's little cable cast facility had fallen on hard times.

Originally a creature of a monopoly franchise agreement that was grudgingly supported by various cable companies serving Independence, the studio has produced hundreds of board meetings. Information on Parks and Recreation, activity schedules, senior news, parades, music shows, interviews with local authors, candidates, news makers from local elected polls, Sheriff Bouchard

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There's a good reason used car sales are up

For Christmas, son Jim and his wife Linda gave my car, a 2008 Ford Edge, a complete detailing from Classic Appreciation in Rochester.

When I bought the car from Skalne Ford the sales person, Kaycy, properly assumed this would be my last new car purchase.

When Linda took my car to Rochester for the detailing, she left me her 2013 Buick Lacrosse. It had 270 miles on it.

When she picked it up two days later it had 273 miles on the odometer (if that's what they still call the mileage recorder now-a-days).

No outer-space traveling machine could have more lighted dials, boxes and icons than that 2013 Buick. On an arched, 10-inch long panel under the center of the steering wheel, there are 15 boxes of choices and eight unlighted things.

I tried to read about these things in the manual only to learn the new cars come with discs or cd instructions.

A handle sticking out of the right side of the steering column has seven settings, separated by a dial marked SRC. Linda couldn't remember what that stood for. And, I couldn't turn it.

I ignored the lever coming out the left side of the steering wheel. I signaled my turning with my left arm out the window, which I did learn to operate.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

The dash board is a nerd's dream of unimportant stuff, but one thing is a second rear viewer. I guess that's for backing up. I was able to shift gears, because I remember some old car I owned had the shift levers on the console.

I never turned off the windshield wipers, tuned the radio off her pre-set jazz music, or tried to move the seat for my much longer-than-her-legs.

It was to the office and back (twice) for me to get my crossword puzzles.

This 2013 experience made me conclude potential new car drivers are so overwhelmed by all the gadgetry they might upgrade from a 2005 car to a 2008, but never risk their life trying to learn how to drive a 2013 car.

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A guy named Greg detailed my car and brought it to my house. He said he wanted to see my "bald" dog.

He found so much Shayna hair in my car he was sure Shayna was nude.

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This "no reading" habit Congress has adopted for new laws in Washington included the Fiscal Cliff legislation. It was small by Washington standards, only 750 pages, but no one had time to read it, though it has 41 new taxes.

Pelosi's standard, "Pass it then we'll have time to read it" rule is gaining momentum (God help us all).

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Some gleaned Oxymorons:

Only in America do sick folks have to walk all the way to the back of the store to get prescriptions or a flu shot while healthy people can buy candy at the front.

Only in America do people order double cheese-burgers, large fries and a diet drink.

Only in America do banks leave the vault doors open, but chain pens to the counter.

Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America do we have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

You Are The Boat

Oh -- I don't know, a little over a year ago I think -- Pam Belding (or as I like to call her, Red) started sending me the ever-evolving manuscript she was writing.

I hoped she did it so I could edit. Outside on the patio furniture I would sit and read. Armed with nothing but a red felt tipped pen I would edit and make important and sometimes witty commentary.

(Before I go any further, I feel obligated to state for the record there is something empowering about wielding a red felt tipped pen. I can see the allure some teachers face when correcting their students' papers. But, I digress. Where was I... yes, yes, red pens and Red...)

I would print off Red's raw pages and with pen in hand would edit her stuff. As I have plenty of experience in doing this, I was confident I could help her out.

About 27 drafts later, I can't say I helped her any, but I can say she has penned a pretty darned-good self-help book. *You Are The Boat* though written by Red, is a voyage into your life.

"My family was planning on leav-

ing the country and living in Brazil for an extended period of time. I was home schooling my son, and I was struggling. I found it wasn't nearly as fun as I thought it would be or as easy. I was panicking," the ginger-haired Ortonville area resident said recently.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

On one of her daily walks she asked no one in particular (some may say God), "How am I supposed to get through this with this attitude? The very next day as I walked I thought 'attitude is like a rudder on a ship.' From there the idea that your life is like the different parts of a boat started."

And that's how her analogy got its get up and go.

Soon the heart became the ship's wheel; strength became the mast, a person's soul their sail. At home at her dining room table, with colored pencils she sketched out her boat -- one of those tall ships from the 19th century, complete with the wooden lady figure

head that looked suspiciously a lot like Pam.

Pam said once she started thinking about her boat (her life) and once she started to ask her boat's Captain (The Big Skipper in the sky) for help, and letting her Captain steer, her life started to get easier if only because she wasn't making it harder.

"Once I got it, I wanted to help other people feel strong and stable. Who wouldn't want to share it? It's not just for me. I'm not this elegant. I'm not this simple -- I like to complicate things. This didn't come from me. It came to me to share," she said. "I wanna' help other people feel better."

Before finishing up her book and self publishing it, Red started leading *You Are The Boat* group presentations. From these she talks with other people she discovered parts of her boat were missing. These parts were added into the final draft.

You Are The Boat is 55 pages that

can help folks struggling, gain some perspective. I think it's good for any age reader -- young teen on up the rigging to old folks like me.

It is a very simple book written from the heart (and through a lot of self introspection).

"This whole thing has taught me I have a lot more to learn. I am not done! It's only when I think I am done that I start making things a mess. When I was writing *You Are The Boat*, a number of other ideas came to me. I plan to write those, too," she said.

You Are The Boat is a soft cover book. Pam built a picture of her boat.

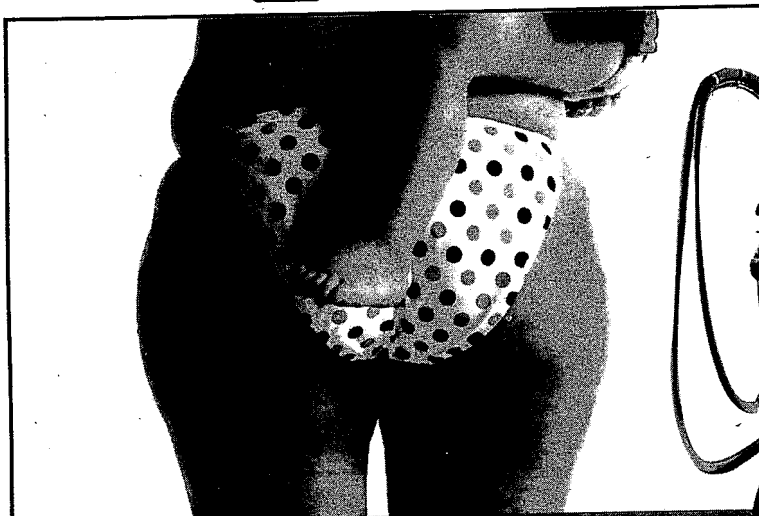
That wall hanging is the cover art for her book. She wanted to thank Clarkston photographer Mark Kelly of MPK Photo for cover shots.

Red has a website www.currentinspiration.com where she writes her thoughts of the day blog-style. Oh, and you can order *You Are The Boat* there, too.



Pam Belding

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Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Thefts from vehicles

A GPS was taken from an unlocked car parked in the 4000 block of Clearview Drive, Jan. 5. Someone smashed windows, pried open a work trailer, took two ladders, and stole gasoline from a work van's gas tank at a business in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, Jan. 7.

Thief sought payback

A 21-year-old Holly man turned himself in to authorities, Jan. 6, in connection with a theft case. He allegedly took a cell phone from the business he worked at in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, shortly before he quit last October. He activated the phone, which the store detected, then broke it and had it replaced at another store. He told deputies he took it as payback over a dispute over commissions. Investigation continues.

Reckless driving

A 22-year-old Independence Township woman jumped from a moving vehicle as it was being driven in circles in a field off Sashabaw Road, injuring her knee, 11:37 p.m., Jan. 7. The driver, a 23-year-old Independence Township man, was cited with reckless driving. The woman was treated at POH for an injured knee.

Scofflaw speedster sought

A record check showed a vehicle's license plate was registered to another car, 3:39 p.m., Jan. 11, at Dixie and Maybee Road. The deputy hit the lights to pull the car over, but it took off, passing traffic in the left turn lane. With speeds exceeding 100 mph, deputies decided to end pursuit. Investigation continues.

Stolen phone tracked down

After a group of co-workers finished their meals at a restaurant in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 6:51 p.m., Jan. 11, one of them realized her cell phone was missing. She used a location app to track the phone to a gas station at Dixie and Andersonville. She found it there with a cashier, who had paid someone \$50 for it.

Domestic assault

A 24-year-old Detroit woman was under investigation for attacking a 44-year-old Independence Township man at his home, 3:11 p.m., Jan. 13. In an on-and-off relationship, they were arguing when the woman reportedly grabbed a knife and threatened him, then pulled a pistol from her bag and hit him in the face. The man's oral and written accounts differed, but he had injuries to his face.

Warrant arrest

A deputy ran the license plate of a vehicle in front, found it was unregistered, and stopped it, 9:18 p.m., Jan. 12, at Dixie and Maple Drive. The driver, a 22-year-old Independence Township woman, had a misdemeanor warrant on a traffic charge out of 52-2 District Court and misdemeanor warrant for embezzlement out of White Lake. The passenger, a 23-year-old Davisburg man, had a misdemeanor warrant for traffic out of 52-1 District Court. He was cited for providing false identification to police, and advised and released on the warrant. The driver paid a \$100 bond on the traffic warrant, and was turned over to White Lake police.

Tech support scam

An Independence Township woman called an online computer technical support website for help with her machine, about 12:30 p.m., Jan. 15. About half an hour later, she got a call from someone who said he was from the website, but she said she was busy. Calling back the next morning, they had her type in an IP address giving them remote access to her computer, then fill out an onscreen form to wire them \$160. She commented the procedure was different from before, and they told her it had changed. After she complied, she felt uneasy about it, cancelled her credit cards, and reported it to the IRS and Michigan attorney general.

Drug arrest

Responding to a complaint of a suspicious vehicle parked in the wrong direction on Marconi Street at Eames Court, a deputy found a 38-year-old Marconi Court resident and 49-year-old Orion woman, Jan. 16. The Orion woman, the driver, gave permission to search. The Independence Township resident was found with two bags of marijuana and a silver pipe. He was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The driver was cited with improper parking.

Pellet problems

A driver heard something hit his car when driving in the 2000 block of Mann Road, 4:16 p.m., Jan. 16, and called police. A deputy found a group of kids playing with Airsoft pellet guns nearby, but they denied shooting at vehicles. Later investigation revealed a property manager had confronted a group of youths earlier, and confiscated a bb gun. The kids told him they were shooting at trees.

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Wolves score two wins

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers are continuing down the road of growth after taking down two OAA Red foes last week.

Junior Nick Owens led the Wolves in their 63-57 win over Southfield last Friday. Owens scored 22 points in the game with six 3-pointers.

"It's a good challenge," Dan Fife, long-time head coach, said heading into the game. "They are good and play hard."

The Wolves were ready for the challenge going into the game and held the Bluejays down to two points in the first quarter.

By the end of the second quarter, Clarkston knew they could have the game if they continued on their intensity as they headed to the locker room with a 31-17 lead.

The Bluejays scored 27 points in the final eight minutes of the game, but by then it was too late.

They gave Southfield their first loss in the league as Clarkston improved 3-1 in the OAA Red and 7-2 overall.

Senior Jordan Dasuqi added 21 points during the game with three field goals and sophomore Andrew Myers scored 12 points.

The Wolves opened the week with a 53-44 win over Pontiac.

"It was an ugly win," Fife said. "But we are young. We are going to play young. We have to get up early, and they took it to us really good. I am happy with our win."

The Wolves took the lead near the end of the first quarter after senior Nathan Yeloushan scored inside to bring the score

to 6-5. Pontiac responded with their own basket and Clarkston kept going with six points from Owens, Dasuqi and Yeloushan.

With 42 seconds left Pontiac's Jordan Reid scored a 3-pointer to put the score 12-10.

The Wolves opened the second quarter with a pair of field goals from Dasuqi and Owens as they continued to hold control of the board.

They ended the first half, 30-24.

Pontiac came back with a fight in the second half, and two minutes into the final quarter, they tied the score at 39 points.

Myers broke the tie with his basket inside. After Pontiac took possession, Owens worked on a steal causing the Phoenix to lose control of the ball, which led to another basket for the Wolves.

Owens stole the ball again and passed it off to Myers who gave the ball to Dasuqi, who ended up scoring a field goal, 46-41. They kept it up and scored seven points in the last 90 seconds to take the win.

"We didn't quit," said Fife. "It looked like a heavyweight battle in the middle of the floor. Both teams got tired. I don't think our kids are going to quit."

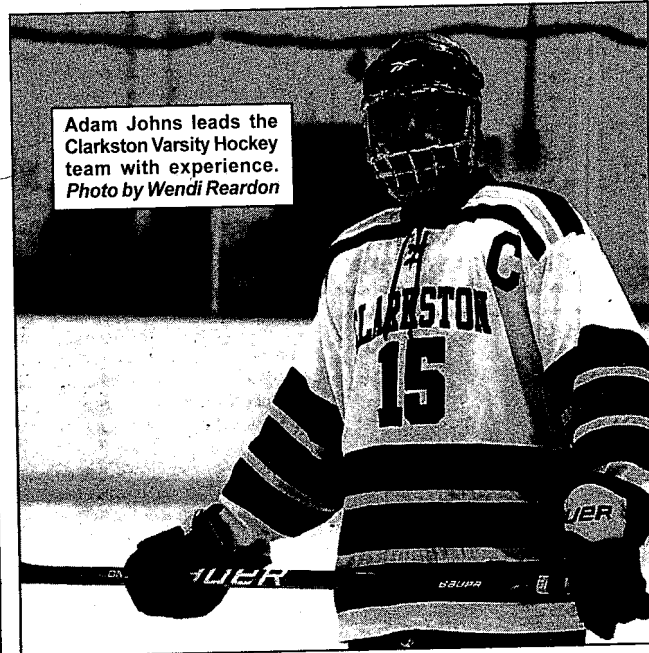
Dasuqi led with 17 points, Owens had 13 points and Myers had 12 points.

"I was impressed with Owens' defense,"

Fife added. "I was really happy with the way he played defense especially when he was having trouble shooting. He helped us on the floor."

The boys head to North Farmington on Friday. They are back home when they take on Southfield once more on Tuesday, 7 p.m.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Adam Johns leads the Clarkston Varsity Hockey team with experience.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

Leadership on the ice

Nominated by his varsity hockey coaches for athlete of the week, Senior Captain Adam Johns has been a stalwart leader on defense for the past four years.

Johns is the only senior on the squad who is a veteran of this many campaigns.

Bryan Krygier, his head coach, credited Johns with strong leadership skills.

"Adam trains harder than anyone on the team and leads by example," he said. "He is not afraid to give solid advice to the young players when he thinks they need a little bit of encouragement."

Johns' leadership on and off of the ice was clear at the beginning of the season when he commented on the potential of the combination of new and returning players on the team.

"Our strengths are our speed, our physical play and our chemistry," he said early in the season.

Johns continues to lead by example as the boys head into the last round of OAA Red games against Lake Orion and Stoney Creek in the next week before going into

the league playoffs.

Little did Johns know a pair of ice skates he was fitted for at the age of two and hours of pond hockey skating would lead him to this important leadership role on this year's varsity hockey team.

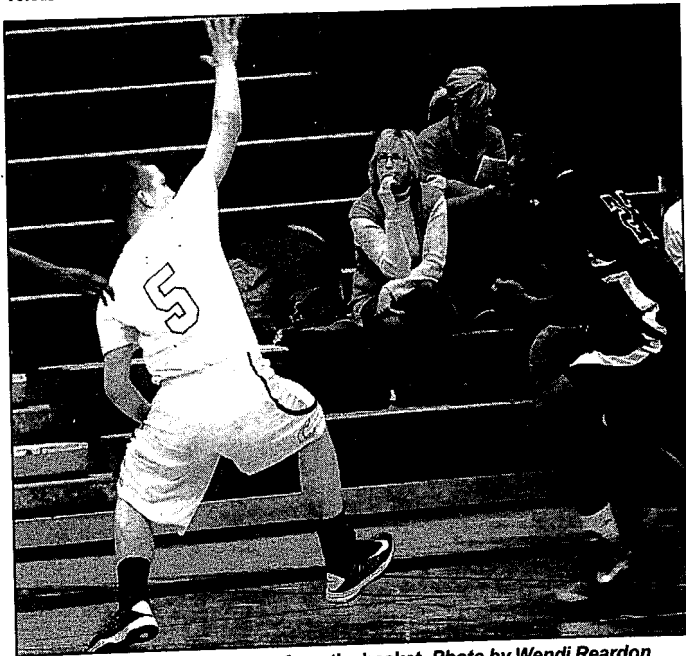
He joined organized hockey when he was five years old and played for travel teams most of the time.

Being athletic is just part of the family genes, he explained. His older sister was a star for the Clarkston High School Girls Track and Field team. In addition his cousin, Trevor, was also one of the top scorers for the Wolves hockey team in the recent past.

Johns currently has a 3.2 grade point average. His favorite subject at the high school is Forensic Sciences, which is also taught by his favorite teacher, Mr. Brosky.

He hopes to attend Western Michigan University in the fall.

The Wolves' record is currently 8-7-1. They play their crosstown rivals Lake Orion this Saturday at 8 p.m. at Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.



Andrew Myers blocks Pontiac from the basket. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Cagers pile on wins on the court

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves had their opponents where they wanted them by the end of the first quarter last Thursday when they beat West Bloomfield, 65-37.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team had closed the quarter after going on an 8-point run begun by sophomore Erika Davenport with four points and escalated after senior Delaney Kenny scored a 3-pointer.

"Our defense has always been consistent," said head coach, Tim Wasilk. "Offensively we know we are going to get a couple of hits off the valleys and it isn't always the case. As long as we are solid defensively it works out. We were getting the ball inside to Erika. She created a lot of good stuff for us early."

The first quarter closed with Clarkston taking a 17-7 lead over the Lady Lakers. The momentum carried into the next quarter as Kenny added two more to the board.

West Bloomfield scored on their next possession with a 3-pointer. The Lady Wolves reacted with Davenport starting another run. This time they would score 15 points, four points from Davenport and eight points from her sister, senior Erin Davenport.

The run ended with the Lady Lakers scoring one point from the free throw line with less than two minutes to go in the half. Clarkston scored five more points before the half closed, 38-17.

Erika led with 22 points. Erin added 16 points, and Kenny had 11 points.

"Erika has improved with confidence and feels more comfortable with it being her second year on varsity," Wasilk said, adding Erin was great, too. "Erin can get to the basket with the best of them. She is quick in her step and finishes really well."

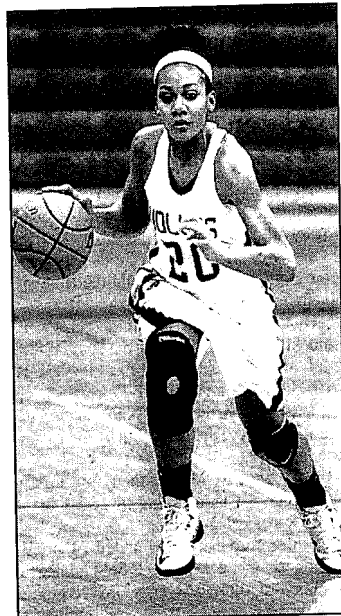
The win came off two more big wins for Clarkston after they beat Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 74-49, and Southfield-Lathrup, 37-35.

"Lathrup was great for confidence," Wasilk added. "I don't know if they believed they could beat Lathrup until halftime. By halftime we knew we could beat them."

The Lady Wolves played Pontiac on Tuesday going in with a 10-1 overall record and 6-0 in the OAA Red. They head to Avondale this Friday, 7 p.m.

Going into this week, Wasilk said the team will work on their presses and keep the players motivated.

"It is a long season," he added. "We just find ways to keep the kids on task."



Kacy Robinson makes a run down the court. Photo by Larry Wright

Cats iced in last period

Junior Jacob LaPorte led the Wolves in their success over OAA Red rivals Oxford last Thursday with two goals.

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team won the game 6-2 after scoring four unanswered goals in the third period.

It came after a back and forth battle throughout the first two periods, where the lead was traded twice before the second period ended in a 2-2 tie.

Junior Chase Wiedemann had one goal and assisted on both of LaPorte's goals. Junior Shawn Cotter also assisted on one of LaPorte's goals. LaPorte also had an assist.

Juniors Garrett Polish, Roman Reiner and Kyle Hogarth added one goal each to round out the scoring.

The game was a penalty marred grudge match with Clarkston in the box eight times to Oxford's ten trips.

The Wolves made 38 shots on Oxford's goalkeeper, Justin Gizinski while Clarkston's goalie junior Nick Surovec saved 22 of the Wildcats' attempts.

The win moved the boys up to fourth place in the OAA Red putting their league record 2-2-1 and their overall record 8-7-1.

The Wolves are on the road as they take on Howell on Thursday. They are back home on Saturday as they take on rival Lake Orion at 8 p.m. at Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison

Court, Bloomfield Hills.

They head to Onyx next Tuesday for another OAA Red battle against Stoney Creek, 6:30 p.m.

The Onyx Ice Arena is located at 52999 Dequindre Road in Rochester Hills.



Chase Weidemann leads the puck into Oxford territory. Photo by Larry Wright

Wolfpack Update

Skiers continue to reign on the mountain as the Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team raced past two more foes.

They beat Notre Dame Prep, 24-69, and Rochester, 20-65.

Finishing in the top ten in the Slalom were Lance Holsbeke in second at 44.28; Alex McIntosh, third, 44.35; Derek Vanfalle, sixth, 45.66.

For the Giant Slalom, Vanfalle led in third place finishing in 35:23. McIntosh finished in fourth place at 35:38; Ryan Callahan, fifth, 35:40; and Holsbeke, eighth, 35:50.

The girls team beat Rochester, 28-50, and lost to Notre Dame, 32-40.

Finishing in the top ten for the girls team was Karoline Holsbeke in fifth place in 50:56 and Caroline Spymann finished in sixth place at 50:70. She led the team in the Giant Slalom with her ninth place finish in 37:57.

The bowling teams were successful on the lanes. Against Berkley, the JV boys won 28-2; varsity boys won 27-3; and varsity girls won 23-7. Against Farmington Hills Harrison, JV won 26-4; varsity boys, 26-4; and varsity girls, 17-19.

Canned Film Fest

North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road, invites the community to enjoy a movie and help people in need at the Canned Film Festival, 7 p.m., Jan. 30. Bring a food donation for admission.

The event benefits Lighthouse of Oakland County and Ortonville Community Emergency Fund.

Bring appropriate pajamas, slippers, bean bag chair, sleeping bag and/or pillows to watch *Tangled* on a 12-foot screen. Regular seating also available. Call 248-922-3515.



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From left, Blake Romig, Josh Hampshire, and Kevin Miller set up on Mill Pond.



Josh Hampshire and Kevin Miller fish for pike.



Kevin Miller and Jennifer Miller caught a sizable pike. Fish photos provided



Blake Romig caught a fish.

Fish on!

Ice anglers took advantage of recent frigid temperatures to catch and release pike out of the Mill Pond in downtown Clarkston.

Blake Romig, Josh Hampshire, and Kevin Miller were on the ice, Jan. 18.

They hadn't caught anything yet that day, but were successful in catching 14-16 inch fish previously.

Photos by Mary Keck

Smile of the Month

Domonique Chambers
Domonique is a sophomore at Lake Orion High School. She enjoys dancing at Roxana's Dance Expressions, reading and hanging out with friends.
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Sled races at Metropark

Indian Springs off White Lake Road hosts the Metroparks Cardboard Classic, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Children and adults are challenged to create two-person, cardboard sleds to race down the park's sledding hill. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners for fastest and most creative sleds. Registration and judging begins at 10:30 a.m.; races start at noon.

Sleds must be made of cardboard, any type of tape, paint and glue, and sledders must be able to see out of them. Daily entry permit is \$5. Register at 810-494-6026.



Bella Wertz finds a good beat to groove to on the dance floor.



Grady Castle moustache you a question - what do you think of his stylish hair?



Benjamin Bonser boogies.

F out, n!

Clarkston Elementary students and their families headed to school on Friday night for the "Get Groovy" dance.

They dressed up in the grooviest outfits they could find from the disco days of the 1970s, including fun, colorful tie-dyed T-shirts.

They danced, played games and enjoyed delicious treats with their friends.

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Wendi Reardon



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President Obama recently proposed several changes to U.S. gun laws, including bans on most semi-automatic rifles and high-capacity magazines...

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"I totally agree and support the president's stand on guns."



— Marilyn Parke

"I totally agree with the president's views on the need for gun control."



— Michelle McTeer Wisniewski

"It's a political play on words. Nothing was said about how it was going to be paid for. We are a country facing bigger problems than any law-abiding gun owner and those who are either criminals or crazy don't care."

— Troy Cichoracki

"I like these 'fireside chat' style messages from the president. Not sure I agree with many of the president's proposals, but I appreciate that he has put his cards on the table to start a serious debate on the matter."

— Jason Nolan

"Nope. He's a socialist overreaching dictator who believes the Constitution is nothing more than toilet paper."

— David Yackell

By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Neiman pledges community support

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"It's absolutely terrific," said Clarkston Rotary President Bart Clark of the new Neiman's Family Market set to open in late May or mid-June.

Renovation of the former Farmer Jack store located on Dixie Highway and White Lake Road began on Jan. 14.

On the same day, Clarkston's Rotarians hosted Bryan Neiman who spoke to the group about various ways Neiman's Family Market hopes to get involved in the community.

"My dad was a Rotarian," said Neiman who served on the St. Clair Rotary's board for three years. With the Clarkston store, Neiman aims to express an attitude similar to the Rotarians, who "put service before self," he said.

At other store locations, Neiman's Family Markets have given back to the community by working with the local Rotary. For example, at the St. Clair store, local Rotarians partnered with Neiman's to put together 11,000 pounds of groceries, which were donated to a food bank.

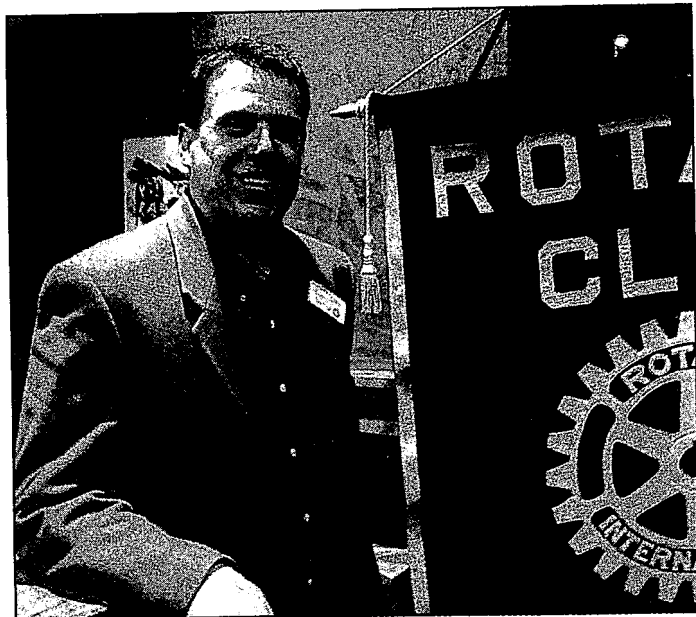
Getting the store involved in the community isn't only done through partnering with local organizations, Neiman pointed out. "We want to be that local, hometown grocery store," he said.

To accomplish this task, Neiman's Market intends to carry products grown, made, and produced locally. The store has already approached Cook's Dairy Farm and hopes to sell their milk and ice cream.

They'll also seek public input through "Can't Find It" cards, which will be available in the store. By filling out a card, residents can ask for particular products they'd like to see sold, and "what people want in the store, we'll do our best to get it in," Neiman stated.

By requesting local products and partnering with Clarkston's organizations, "the community will lead us," said Neiman. "We're looking forward to working with them," said Clark.

Find out more at www.neimansfamilymarket.com or www.clarkstonrotary.org.



Bryan Neiman met the Clarkston Rotary to provide updates on Neiman's Family Market's new location on Dixie Highway. Photo by Mary Keck



Renovation has begun on the former Farmer Jack store on Dixie Highway, with the new Neiman's set to open by mid-June.

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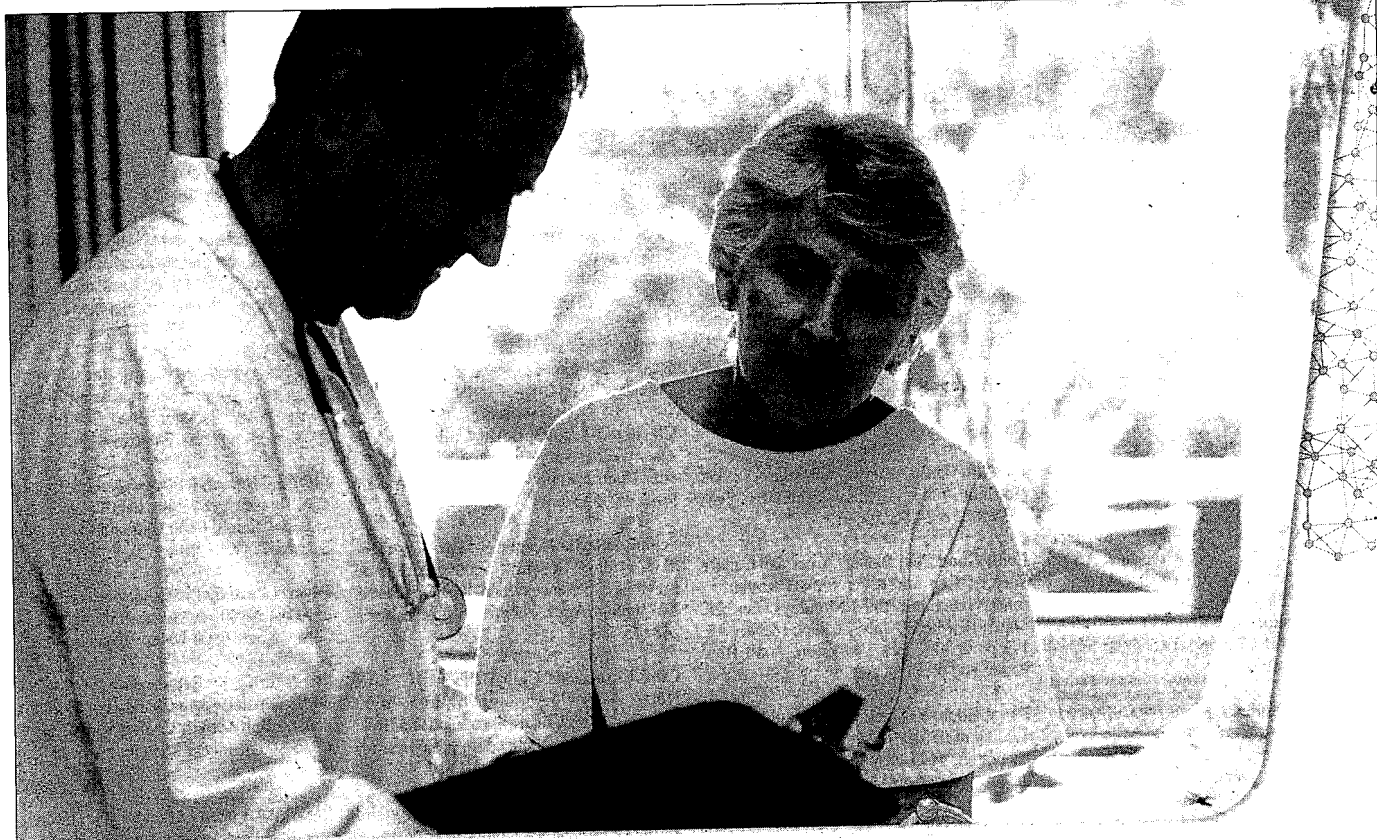
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Snowmobile safety class, 5:30-9 p.m., Jan. 28, 30, Independence Township Parks and Rec, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. \$18/resident, \$23/nonresident. 248-625-8223.

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.

District Open House, Clarkston Community Schools, 7 p.m., Jan. 30, Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road. 248-623-5408.

Art Presentations, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 6: Tudor Portrait Miniature, Lieveine Teeline, Art of Limning; March 6: Spiritualism in Abstraction, Art of Paul Jenkins in the Context of Buddhism. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$7/members, \$9/non-members. 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.

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

Around Town



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

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

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

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.

Look Good Feel Better, American Cancer Society, free makeover for all women in cancer treatment, third Mondays, Jan. 21, March 18, May 20, July 15, Sept. 16, Nov. 18, 1-3 p.m., McLaren Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe. 800-395-LOOK.

Tuesday

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.

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.

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.

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, 7-8:30 p.m., third Wednesday, Library Community Meeting Room, 6495 Clarkston Road. February: New Zealand and Australia. 248-625-2212.

Thursday

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

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

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

fore, 248-625-8231.

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

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

50+ Individualized Computer Tutoring, Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$30/member, \$35.00/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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.

Saturday

50+ Spanish Lessons, Saturdays, 9-10 a.m., Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$60/members, \$65/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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.

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Proverbs 3:5-7 urges us to *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.*

What if we were to put all our trust in the Lord? What difference might that make in our lives? How might we be guided in reaching out and sharing the blessings we have received with one another?

Yes, there may be days when we do not feel very blessed but, if you really

think about it and view it from the lives of those in impoverished regions, we are blessed.

Think of the difference our reaching out, using the blessings God has given us, might make in the lives of others.

Think of how our taking time to care and show concern for them might build trust in us and, ultimately, in God!

When I think of trust I think of the relationship between Jesus and Peter. Peter was one of that inner-circle with Jesus, one of His closest friends.

He proclaimed Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God. In the next breath he was trying to prevent Jesus from going to Jerusalem and the death that awaited Him. Jesus rebuked Peter and how Satan was using him. Jesus also predicted Peter would deny Him three times before the cock crowed which Peter vehemently denied.

It was Peter who drew the sword to defend Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was Peter who entered the courtyard of the high priest. Trust was broken.

Think of how it feels when a trusted

friend betrays your trust.

A promise is broken, a secret spilled, and you are deeply hurt.

You want to pull away and not have anything to do with this friend.

When that happens, when you decide to get revenge for their action, when you bear the grudge, who is it that is hurt the deepest?

You are. It tears down our body, our health suffers, the friendship is destroyed and our faith is sorely challenged.

What did Jesus do for Peter?

After Jesus rose from the grave He meets Peter and the disciples on the lake shore where they had been fishing.

Jesus says to Peter, three times, *Do you love Me?* Peter keeps responding that Jesus knows he does.

Three times Peter denied Jesus, three times Jesus restored him.

If your brother sins against you, go and seek to be reconciled (Matthew 18).

Our God has revealed Himself in His Son, may He reveal Himself to others through us.

The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

Spiritual Matters



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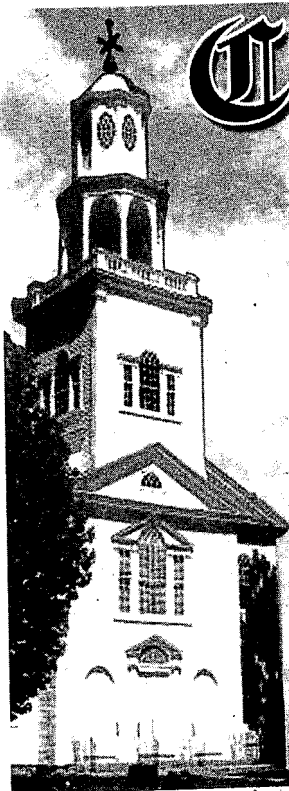
Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.

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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Obituaries

Erik R. Anderson, 31

Erik R. Anderson of Poulsbo, Wash., formerly of Clarkston and Rochester, passed away Jan. 13, 2013, at age 31.

He was the son of Ken (Suzanne McGill-Anderson) Anderson and Barbara Anderson; big brother of Will, Ben, and Christian; uncle of Emily Andres; Grandson of Elizabeth McGill; also survived



by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Erik was known as a "computer whiz" because he enjoyed building computers and was very talented with technology support. He was an avid reader who loved history, nature, traveling and camping. He attended Seattle Central Community College and Washington State University.

Visitation was Jan. 19 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private family funeral and burial. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Brain Foundation. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

John Helzer, 95

John Helzer of Waterford passed away Jan. 17, 2013, at age 95.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruby. He was the father of John (Sue) Helzer and Ilene (Dutch) Dutcher; step father of Paula Messer and the late Betty (Eugene) Helzer; also survived by 13 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.



Mr. Helzer retired from Pontiac Motors. John was a World War II veteran from 1940 to 1945.

Memorial Service was Jan. 21 Oxbow Lake Baptist Church, White Lake. Private Inurnment Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guestbook

Letters from the community

Public access an asset

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and Congressman Mike Rogers all have been a part of Public Access programming.

After establishment of a Citizens' Public Access Committee of which yours truly is a member, the reawakening of the studio began. We have a new program director and the committee, in concert with the Independence Township Board are working to reinvigorate service to this community.

Members of our committee have visited many of the surrounding access facilities and interviewed their personnel.

Gathering ideas from all, along with suggestions from residents, has been useful in reestablishing a viable asset that benefits users and viewers.

Without the assistance of an esteemed Hollywood producer who has no committee or board overseeing his work in a private sector environment, our progress may seem slow. But the goal is creating a resource for citizens to observe their government in action and provide an artistic outlet for local amateur producers. We can all congratulate *The Clarkston News* on the success of their television efforts.

But let me remind the editor that early in his career at the helm of this paper (in 2006), when television was not twinkling in the eye of print media, he was introduced to the community on our Public Access channel. Let's encourage those of artistic bent with broadcast enthusiasm to contact Independence Television and sign up for classes available.

Help rebuild our community television studio.

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Gillian and Christopher

Clarkston graduate marries

Gillian Nordquist and Christopher Roman were joined in marriage in a double ring ceremony at Rooke Chapel, Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., Sept. 15, 2012.

The Bride was given in Marriage before 130 guests by her parents, Martha Nordquist of Clarkston and Steven Nordquist of Okemos.

She is a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School and 2009 graduate of Bucknell University, BA, English and Spanish. She is a management analyst with the

Department of Defense, U.S. Army, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

The groom is the son of Ed and Kathy Roman of Alden, Pa. He earned a BS in Chemical Engineering at Bucknell University in 2008, and is a process engineer with Noramco in Wilmington, Delaware.

The couple met at Bucknell University as members of the Track Team.

They honeymooned in San Francisco, Calif., and Maui, Hawaii, and reside in North East, Maryland.

Students achieve success

Clarkston students named to the Hope College Dean's List for the second semester, 2012-13 academic year, include Clarkston students Chelsea Chase, Palmer D'Orazio, Anna Foss, Chelsea Grainer, Dimitrie Nastasa, Zachary Nickels, Joshua Stafford,

Ashley Urban, John Vanderveen, Rachael Whitmore, and Matt Wright.

Dominica Rhein of Clarkston was among over 700 students from Walsh University named to the Fall 2012 Dean's List.

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski followed by the pledge of allegiance.
Roll Present: Mayor Luginski, Hunter, Sabol, Roth, Haven, Hargis and Eberhardt
Others Present - City Manager Ritte and Attorney Ryan

Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Moved by Haven, supported by Hunter to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Resolved by Haven, supported by Eberhardt to approve the salary and wage adjustments per Exhibit "D" effective January 14, 2013.
Resolution Approved.

Resolved by Hargis, supported by Hunter that these financial institutions can be used as depositories for City funds: Chase Bank, Clarkston State Bank, Oxford Bank, Comerica and Oakland County Treasurers Investment Fund according to the Investment Policy and to comply with Act 20 PA 1943.
Resolution Approved.

Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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City Clerk

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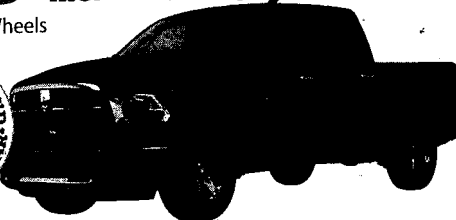
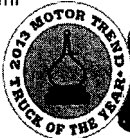
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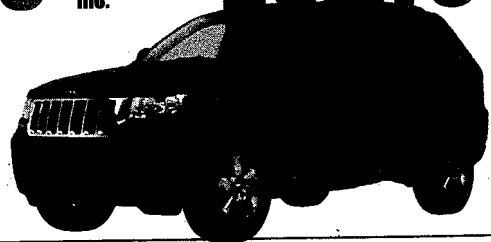


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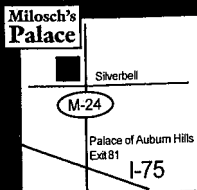
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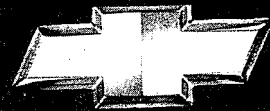
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