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Officials set to revisit Senior Center issue

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Independence Township officials and area seniors are once again planning to revisit the issue of new Senior Center facilities in Independence Township.

The Independence Township Senior Advisory Committee is recommending a new building with adequate basic structure, then adding on as expanded needs can be demonstrated and dollars are available.

Independence Township residents voted down a new senior center proposal in August 2002 when it was combined with improvements to Clintonwood Park and had a \$7.5 million price tag. In November 2002, a proposal combining a new township hall and a community center with senior facilities for \$26 million was also voted down by the voters.

Lois Seddon, a member of the advisory committee, said the new facility the committee is discussing will fall far short of earlier proposals in scope and cost.

"The discussion will focus on the immediate needs of our growing population of seniors and will not attempt to solve all of the township's building requirements, such as the need for a new

town hall," Seddon said.

While the committee's approach to a new building is conservative, they are hoping it will provide space for meeting rooms, athletic facilities, locker rooms and offices.

"We are not interested in building a Taj Mahal," senior committee member Harry Knitter said. "We just want to have adequate facilities that are appropriate for the kinds of programs and recreation that we (the seniors) need."

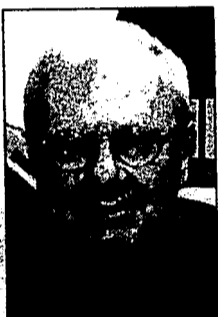
The current Senior Center at Clintonville Park, which was built as a family homestead, is considered outdated and inadequate by the advisory committee.

"We have done just about everything we can to plug the leaks, block the drafts and patch the walls," Senior Center coordinator Margaret Bartos said. "It's costly to maintain and never was expected to fulfill our needs. Many of our programs are conducted at offsite locations because we don't have the space or facilities to handle them at the center."

Another major concern for Bartos is the center is not handicap accessible.

"People in wheelchairs can't even get around in the current senior center," Bartos said.

Township Supervisor Dale Stuart



Dale Stuart

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Good cotton candy



Patience Brown enjoys a bag of cotton candy while attending the Pine Knob Elementary Fun-Fair on March 20. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

Sportsmen's club struggles to pay for river cleanup

BY DON SCHELKSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An environmental cleanup project in Independence Township's southeast corner is proceeding, but the cost threatens the future of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club's charitable giving.

Depending on finances, it may also threaten part of the environment the club hopes to preserve.

Excavators are preparing a holding area for more than 16,000 cubic yards to be dredged from about 1,100 lineal feet of sediment from the Clinton River, where lead has been discovered.

Richard Lemaster Jr., scheduled to be installed at the sportsmen's club new president this week, has been project manager for the dredging since last year. While he gives credit to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for their help and understanding, he is concerned about both public perception and the financial impact.

"We've been working with the state

pretty closely and they've been helping us out a lot," Lemaster said. "We've been jumping through hoops and doing everything they've required us to do."

According to MDEQ documents, hydraulic dredging equipment will remove sediment and pump it upland, where it will be placed in "geotubes" to allow water to drain. The "dewatering" will allow fluids to gradually flow back into the river after being filtered through approximately 700 feet of existing wetlands.

Solid lead particles are expected to stay in the "geo-textile" bags in the containment site.

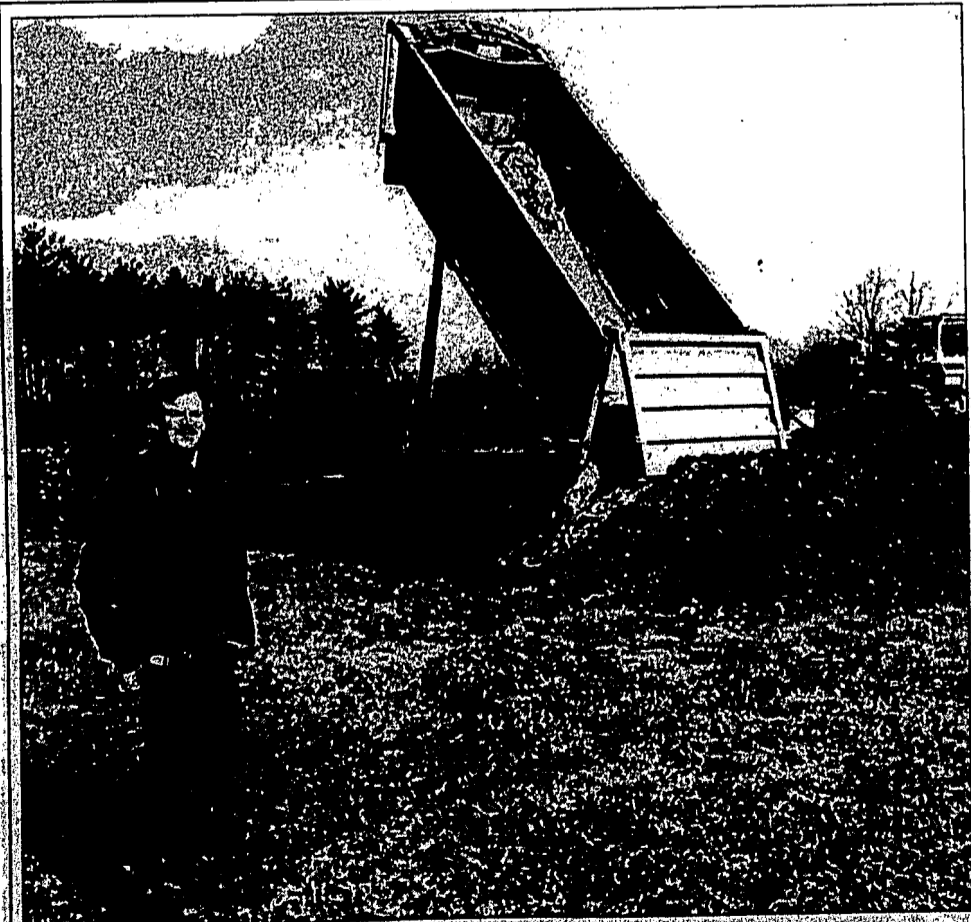
A contractor has already moved about 10,000 cubic yards of soil to create the containment area.

"We've moved a lot of dirt," Lemaster said.

The project was first discussed with

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Discolored Paper



Richard Lemaster Jr. watches as excavators move dirt at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club in preparation for dredging of the nearby Clinton River. The project is expected to cost more than \$200,000. Photo by Don Schelske

Briefly

Sievers announces bid for Clerk

Independence Township resident Tim Sievers today announced he is a candidate for township clerk in the Aug. 3 primary election.

"This is my home," Sievers said, a Republican. "I want to ensure our community maintains its distinctive character and heritage as we try to balance growth and enhance our quality of life."

If elected, Sievers plans to expand voter outreach efforts and increase voter participation; keep taxes in check while maintaining a fiscally responsible budget; and ensure future development reflects the character of the community.

"I know that with the support of family and friends we can make a positive impact in Independence Township," Sievers said. "I look forward to working with residents and community leaders to make the township an even better place to live and work."

Sievers is a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School and has a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Greenville College in Greenville, IL. He currently is employed with the Michigan House of Representatives as a communications specialist for the Republican caucus.

Correction

In the March 17 edition of *The Clarkston News*, Kim Schroeder-Proctor was incorrectly identified as Kim Proctor-Smith.

The Clarkston News regrets these errors.

Churches set to dedicate home

The Clarkston Christian Coalition are set for the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity home on Fisher Street in Pontiac. The event is slated for 2:30 p.m. on March 28.

The CCC is comprised of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran, Clarkston Community Church, Clarkston United Methodist, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, Sashabaw Presbyterian and St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Stakoe announces re-election bid

State Representative John Stakoe recently announced he is seeking re-election to a second term in the state House of Representatives.

"As state representative, I have been given a great trust," Stakoe said. "People are counting on me to represent them and I try my hardest to do exactly that."

Stakoe is from Highland Township.

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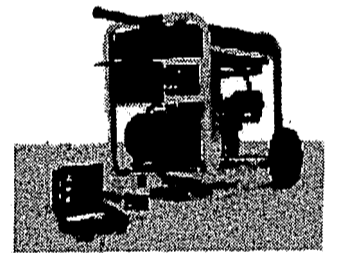
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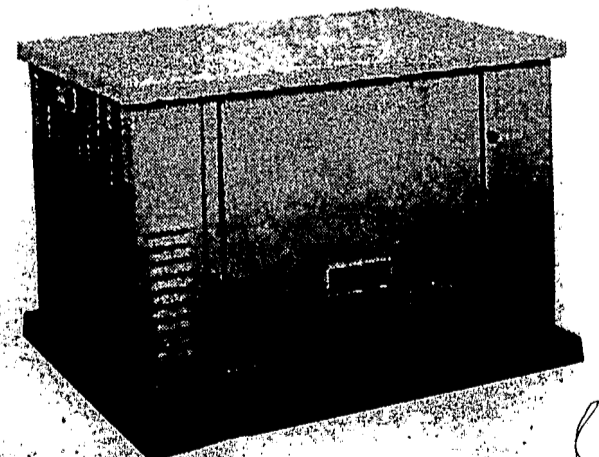
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Local Guardsman serves 3 tours of oversea duty

BY DON SCHELKES

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Maria Timmerman has learned a lot about patience over the past several years.

Warren "Bill" Timmerman, her husband, is a staff sergeant with the 1775th Military Police Company of the Michigan National Guard based in Pontiac. The 27-year veteran is currently serving his third tour of overseas duty at age 54.

Maria Timmerman, a special education paraeducator at Clarkston High School, has gained appreciation for the experience of military families and has added to other people's understanding as well.

"The thing most of my peers find interesting is he's a dad," she said. "You get a lot of 'we appreciate our kids in Iraq,' but we have a lot of dads over there."

Bill Timmerman joined the National Guard in 1970 after his father (a World War II) veteran advised him to do so to avoid the Vietnam draft. He went inactive when the couple's two children were born, but decided to go back to active Guard status in February 1990.

"He went back active not expecting the takeover in Kuwait to affect the National Guard," his wife said. "These guys expected state duty."

In December 1990, Timmerman's unit was "federalized" and the family learned about rapid deployment when he was told to report with vital papers to the armory on a Sunday, then was told the next Wednesday to prepare to leave for Saudi Arabia that Friday.

Also unexpected was the suspension of Timmerman's benefits from General Motors for several months. Eventually they were restored, but it was not an easy time for the family, especially when they learned his unit narrowly missed being part of a Scud attack on Al Khobar.

"That was our trial by fire," Maria Timmerman said. "That whole first deployment was a shock."

During that time, the Timmermans were able to communicate regularly by e-mail and even telephone. One irony is that they could learn more from relayed cable news reports than from their own chain of command.

"They found they could call home, find out where the Scuds were going, and not have to get into chem



Staff Sgt. Warren "Bill" Timmerman is flanked by daughter Lauren and son Erick prior to his third deployment overseas with the Michigan National Guard. He previously served tours in Saudi Arabia and Iraq and is now stationed in Kuwait. Photo provided

gear," she said.

Returning from "Operation Desert Storm" in September 1991, Timmerman had a few years at home before being activated in December 1995 for duty in Germany, then Bosnia, replacing regular Army MPs in a variety of duties.

"I call him the military temp agency," Maria Timmerman said. "With base closings, they can save the taxpayers lots of money," since Guardsmen only get full housing and benefits while they are on active duty.

He returned home in May 1996 and continued at GM until he retired Sept. 10, 2001, one day before the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington,

D.C.

In January 2003, Timmerman was activated for "Operation Iraqi Freedom," and the family faced a bit of a quandary because of daughter Lauren's high school graduation that spring.

In a quirky set of circumstances, the sergeant injured his shoulder in a company baseball game while encamped at Fort McCoy, Wisc. ("The old man is very competitive," his wife said.) He hid his injury until he arrived in Germany, but his superiors later shipped him back to the States for treatment and recovery just in time for graduation.

Please see Guard continued on 23A

CHS senior receives ROTC scholarship at Michigan Tech



Steve Shiel

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The average cost for tuition, fees and room and board at a public university is expected to be about \$10,000 for 2004, according to the Princeton Review's Web site. That price is expected to increase 5 percent each year for the rest of the decade.

For Clarkston High School senior Steve Shiel, he won't have to worry about that.

Shiel was recently awarded a three-year Army ROTC scholarship to attend Michigan Technological University in Houghton this fall.

"It's quite an accomplishment," Steve Shiel, Steve's father, said. "He's been interested in going into the Army and serving his country."

Shiel found out about the ROTC scholarship on the Internet and applied online. His application was then sent to universities with the appropriate program.

Not only did Tech offer Shiel a scholarship, but Western Michigan University also provided a scholarship option if he was interested in attending the school.

"He liked Tech since he wants to go into electrical engineering," Steve's father said. "It's the best place for that."

Once Shiel graduates he will complete a 4- to 5-

year commitment with the army. He will enter the military as a Second Lieutenant, a commissioned officer.

Shiel might make plans to make a career in the military, according to his father. He won't be on active duty until he graduates and goes to formal basic training.

"He wants to finish school first," Steve's father said.

The ROTC scholarship wasn't the only monetary award Shiel received. Tech itself offered him \$2,000 in addition to the \$17,000 that the ROTC is providing. He was also awarded a MEAP scholarship as well.

Shiel is an honor roll student at CHS, maintaining a 3.8 GPA. He's played baseball for four years and is very involved with math and science endeavors.

Even with world events being as dangerous as they have been in recent weeks, Shiel and his family are confident about his decision to join the Army.

"Nervousness seems a part of it," Steve's father said. "But I do believe in the cause and our defense. A lot of things are going on in the world right now."

American Legion selects 2004 Boys' State attendees

Students going to camp at Michigan State

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post #63 in Clarkston hosted a breakfast reception for this year's Boys' State Attendees on March 20.

Chris Kato Jr., Jason Kuhn, Michael Via and Tony Chester were the Clarkston High School students honored.

"My brother went and it trickled down to me," Kuhn said. "He had a good time and I decided to do it."

Chuck and Dana Fortinberry added a highlight to the morning when they provided needed funds to send the area's two alternates, Daniel Mayer of CHS and David Hughes of Brandon High School, to the camp as well. The cost totalled around \$600.

"It was really nice to have some community leaders step up and allow us to send six people," Roger Deaton, Boys' State chairperson, said.

The students, known as delegates, have the opportunity to learn more about city, state and federal government and politics during the one-week camp at Michigan State University.

"It seems like a lot of fun, going really in depth into the background of how government works," Via said.

The reception allowed the delegates to meet with one another and talk with former "staters" who attended the breakfast to share their experiences.

"It give you a really in-depth look at how campaigns work," Anthony Cocciolone, a 2003 stater, said.

The staters also heard about the history of the American Legion and remarks from local dignitaries as well.

"Seeing them really gives you hope," Deaton, said. "These guys are volunteering, in sports and have all



This year's candidates selected for the 2004 Boys' State were honored at a recent reception in Clarkston. Photo by Alicia Dorset

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Boys' State has been in existence in Michigan since 1937. Close to 900 student leaders attend the conference, representing all locations of Michigan. Each two

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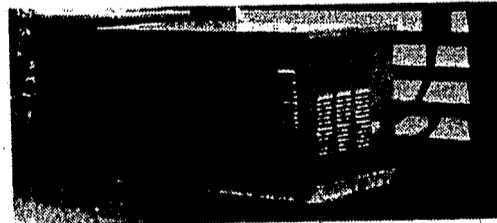
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Opinion

Was that out loud?

Thinking out loud:

• Congratulations to the Clarkston High School basketball team for their run in the state tournament. Coach Fife and his squad have provided the area with some exciting "March Madness."

• As long as I am giving out congratulations I might as well send some to Bob Seger. The local rock star was recently inducted to the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame. If any artist produced better road trip music I have yet to hear them. I only wish I could have been around back in the day when Seger was selling out Cobo Hall.

• I have a problem I need to come clean about. I am addicted to Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs. I can't be trusted with them in the house. They must put an addictive chemical in the candy, because I just can't resist another after I have tasted one.

The sequence usually goes like this: I eat one and because it was so good I have another. Well after two eggs it is now more of a meal than a snack so I need to eat two more. After the fourth egg there is just two remaining in the six pack and since it does not make much sense to put away just two I finish off the pack.

I know, I have a problem.

• Despite being painted as the running liberal (please excuse the old SNL reference) in the letters to the editor, I like to think of myself as an independent and as someone who never runs.

That is probably why I am angered with both sides on how they are complaining about how the Sept. 11 tragedy should be dealt with in this political season.

My opinion is President Bush should be able to use footage from 9-11 in campaign commercials. It is a major part of his presidency and the rallying of the country was probably his most impressive accomplishment of the last four years.

However, the Democrats should be able to discuss whether Bush fell asleep at the wheel and could have prevented the attacks without being branded as unpatriotic.

At this time, both sides are using a national tragedy to score political points.

• Why am I addicted to Donald Trump's "Apprentice" show on NBC? Better yet, why was I so happy that Omarosa was kicked off the show? I definitely need to invest in a life.

• I used to play tee-ball as a kid and was actually pretty good, but I really don't like cats. (See March 10 letters to the editor to get reference.)

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Rock n' Roll never forgets its roots

As a lifetime resident of Clarkston, I was beaming with pride to know that our local resident and superb performer Kid Rock had the honor to introduce the magnificent Bob Seger as an inductee into the Hall of Fame.

Bob Seger is our original hometown hero. His music encompassed our young lives. His concerts at Pine Knob were one of a kind. Amazingly he remains innocently humble. I don't think he truly realized his musi-

cal influence.

Congratulations to him. His recognition is long overdue.

Maybe we can get our two local boys to perform a concert together. Wouldn't that be a night to remember? I'm sure Pine Knob would have numerous sold out shows.

Thanks for the music.

Sandy Matich

Thanks for highlighting Athletic Boosters

For those of us interested and sincerely concerned about our retirements, it needs to start with our kids. If you save tons of money and have a generation of kids who have no respect for themselves or their parents, money won't fix their lives. What Keith Clement and the Clarkston Athletic Boosters are doing provides an invaluable service to all in this community. Providing extra-curricular activities for our kids guarantees the parents our children are plugged into more than just an

athletic endeavor. They are completing their education and ensuring us they will be responsible, dedicated leaders in the next generation.

I don't know Keith Clement personally, but I've seen him at all the football games; he is one of many unsung heroes in our community. Thanks for your write up in *The Clarkston News*.

Benson Lange

Wolves hoops reached quarterfinals in 1980

Ed Davis's article, in the March 17 edition of *The Clarkston News*, covering the Clarkston/Waterford Kettering basketball game was very good.

But, a statement on the second page states, "The Wolves have never gone further than the quarterfinals" is incorrect. Around 1980 the Wolves lost to High-

land Park in the semi-finals at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse. I believe this was Tim McCormick's senior year. Gary Nustad was the coach, prior to Dan Fife's coaching tenure.

John Priebe
Clarkston

Face Painting



Mallory Mast paints a winding snake on Joey Herron's face at the Pine Knob Elementary Fun Fair on March 20. The face painting station was just one of the many activities for students and families to enjoy. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

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Dogs and cats, the inside scoop

Over the years I have been pretty up front about canines and felines. Dogs are great to have and cats are okay. Before you cats lovers sharpen your pencils, put away your anger (life is too short to be angry all the time). I've stated it over and over, I have nothing against cats. Cats are cool. They keep the house clean of varmits. They don't bark. They're quiet and sneaky. But, I just like dogs better.

**Don't
Rush Me**



Don Rush

Why?
Because dogs have been with us since there was an "us." When people got together, they started genetically altering those critters with long snouts and bushy tails in the Canidae family. We found the qualities we liked from Canis Lupus and Canis Latrans and all the other Canis Critterus and bred out the things we didn't like. Before long, where there were no Canis Familiaris, we all had dogs that barked with joy when we came home. Some had dogs that drooled. Some bred dogs to stuff in their pockets. Others wanted dogs to herd small children in the backyard. Me, I just wanted a dog that would instinctively know when to open the refrigerator and get me a beer (I haven't found that breed yet, but when I do...)

So much for the history of man and dog, as told by that acclaimed historical pundit, Donnius Rushus.

Of current events, dear wife Jen provided the following she received via e-mail. I wish I can say, "I, your hero, Don Rush have authored the following." Alas, I cannot. I can say, "I, your humble scribe, Don Rush, hopes you smile and laugh as I did when I read the following."

Pet Diaries

As seen in a dog's diary:

8 a.m. - Oh Boy! Dog food! My favorite!

9 a.m. - Oh Boy! A car ride! My favorite!

10 a.m. - Oh Boy! A walk! My favorite!

11 a.m. - Oh Boy! A car ride! My favorite!

Noon - Oh Boy! The kids! My favorite!

1 p.m. - Oh Boy! The yard! My favorite!
3 p.m. - Oh Boy! The kids! My favorite!
4 p.m. - Oh Boy! Dog food! My favorite!
5 p.m. - Oh Boy! Mom! My favorite!
7 p.m. - Oh Boy! Playing ball! My favorite!
9 p.m. - Oh Boy! Sleeping in master's bed! My favorite!

As seen in a cat's diary:

Day 183 of my captivity...

My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects.

They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the mild satisfaction I get from ruining the occasional piece of furniture.

Tomorrow I may eat another house plant. Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded. In an attempt to disgust and repulse these vile oppressors, I once again induced myself to vomit on their favorite chair -- must try this on their bed.

Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body, in an attempt to make them aware of what I am capable of, and to try to strike fear into their hearts.

There was some sort of gathering of their accomplices, I was placed in solitary confinement throughout the event. However, I could hear the noise and smell the food. More importantly I overheard that my confinement was due to MY power of "allergies." Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage.

I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and maybe snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit. The bird, on the other hand, has got to be an informant and speaks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my every move. Due to his current placement in the metal room, his safety is assured. But I can wait, it is only a matter of time...

* * *

I do believe that pretty much sums it up.

Comments for Donnius Rushus can be e-mailed to: donrushmedon@abl.com

A Look Back

At our Community Meetings
Through The Pages of
The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1989)

- Voters narrowly defeated a \$1.5 million bond issue that would have covered costs of relocating the Independence Township central fire station to the former Hosler Pontiac property on M-15. With seven percent voter turnout, the issue failed by 55 votes, with 471 yes votes and 526 no votes. The unofficial results were in from the township's 12 precincts by about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

- Those passing the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road in Independence Township may soon see a new elevated water tower. Township board members voted unanimously March 21 to authorize engineering plans for the project, along with a sanitary sewer project planned for Dixie Highway and White Lake Road. Once the plans are drafted, the township and the Downtown Development Authority boards must approve the project.

- An old barn used by area teens for parties is the latest target for demolition under Independence Township's property maintenance ordinance. The owner of the 100-year-old barn on Reese Road near Bitterbush was given 30 days to demolish the property. The township board voted unanimously on the action March 21. After 30 days, the township will take action in circuit court to have the structure razed in accordance with the ordinance.

25 YEARS AGO (1979)

- A 600-room Pine Knob hotel-convention center, 22 stories high with its roof forming the highest and longest ski run in Michigan could be finished in time for the 1982 Super Bowl. Joseph Locricchio told the Independence Township Planning Commission efforts would be made to complete the structure for the match between the top teams in the National and American football leagues at the Pontiac Silverdome.

- Hamady Complete Food Centers will open a store on Dixie Highway in Independence Township on Oct. 1, if everything goes as planned. The supermarket will be part of a shopping center located on eight acres between Hahn Motors and House of Maple and Pine. Construction is scheduled to begin May 1, according to Roger Reynolds, an owner of Danash Associates, Inc. of Waterford Township, developers and builders of the project. Hamady, a Flint-based supermarket chain, purchased the property from Danash in January, Reynolds said.

- Construction of a two-story professional medical and dental building on M-15 just north of Dixie Highway should begin by the first of June. Final site plan approval for the building, owned by Dr. Charles Munk, an orthodontist, was unanimously approved by the Independence Township Planning Commission last week. The traditional-style building should be completed between six and nine months after construction begins, Munk said. The 22,000 square foot building is to have 121 parking spaces and be built on three acres of property.

50 YEARS AGO (1954)

- Bids were accepted by the Board of Education on March 22, for the bonds in the amount of \$600,000. The successful bidder was Kenower MacArthur.

- Armloads of shoes and warm clothing mingled with school books today as pupils brought their contributions for needy children to schools in a Save-the-Children "Bundle Week."

Use Depression era thinking to save

It has become obvious to this slow thinker that I'm never going to get over my Depression era rearing.

I came to that conclusion recently (I told you I'm a slow thinker) during my attempt to put a smooth finish on some plywood.

I had stained it and applied a coat of Polyurethane, sanding the roughness between each coat. The roughness persisted.

I called my refinishing friend Tom Schaible (He likes me because I usually spell his name right.) He asked, "Did you use a fine hair brush?"

No! I took his suggestion and got my smoothness.

Now then, why didn't I use a fine hair brush to begin with? I have them in various widths. Well, they're rather expensive compared with the three for a dollar kinds I usually buy.

That's Depression era thinking. Use the cheap brush and save the \$5 brush until you need it, which time may never come, but it looks good hanging on the pegboard.

It's like our finest china, silverware and table linens. Depression raised people go through lifetimes using the daily ware, saving the good stuff for special occasions, of which there may be none that warrant bringing out the best.

My snow shovel blade is at least an inch and a half shorter than when new, it's been pushed across the concrete so often. My hoe is much thinner, I still use a manual lawn mower at times to save fuel and often wash my own van to save \$4.

We weren't raised exactly poor. Dad went to work for the Grand Trunk Railroad in 1926 and was never without a job. Maybe it was because all the news was about our country being in a depression that we were

**Jim's
Jottings**



Jim Sherman

raised with that influence.

I don't know if we really had to put cardboard in our shoes when we wore a hole in the sole or if we were being taught thrift. I've come to believe our smashed bean sandwiches, hand-me-down clothes and the order to 'eat everything set before you' was lesson-teaching, not necessity.

If that was the case, our folks did a good job. Such rearing slows one's hands when a dinner check arrives. It also makes it reasonable to use toilet paper on our noses instead of Kleenex, not turn the hot water tap when cold will do just as well, save pennies, shut doors, use more blankets, rinse brushes, save ribbons and cheat on deodorant.

You won't find a Depression raised person having On Star communications in their new car. Nor will they have plasma tv, clear-channel car radios, battery operated can openers, midget cell phones hanging from their belts or wearing clothes that accentuate their navel and surrounding area.

The 1930s people regarded saving string as a competition, comparing the size of their ball with neighbors. Gifts were opened with care, not to tear the wrap, but to have it for reuse. We still rinse out re-closable plastic bags, reuse bread and newspaper wrappers, wash paper plates and take unused motel soap.

In our basement are shelves of jam jars, baby food jars, salad dressing, pickle and peanut butter jars. We have every game ever bought for our three children, and I don't believe a single one of them is complete, nor has an intact box.

So, why don't I throw them away?

What?

That would be throwing out our past. It would be like not proving our love. I just couldn't do it.

It would be very depressing.

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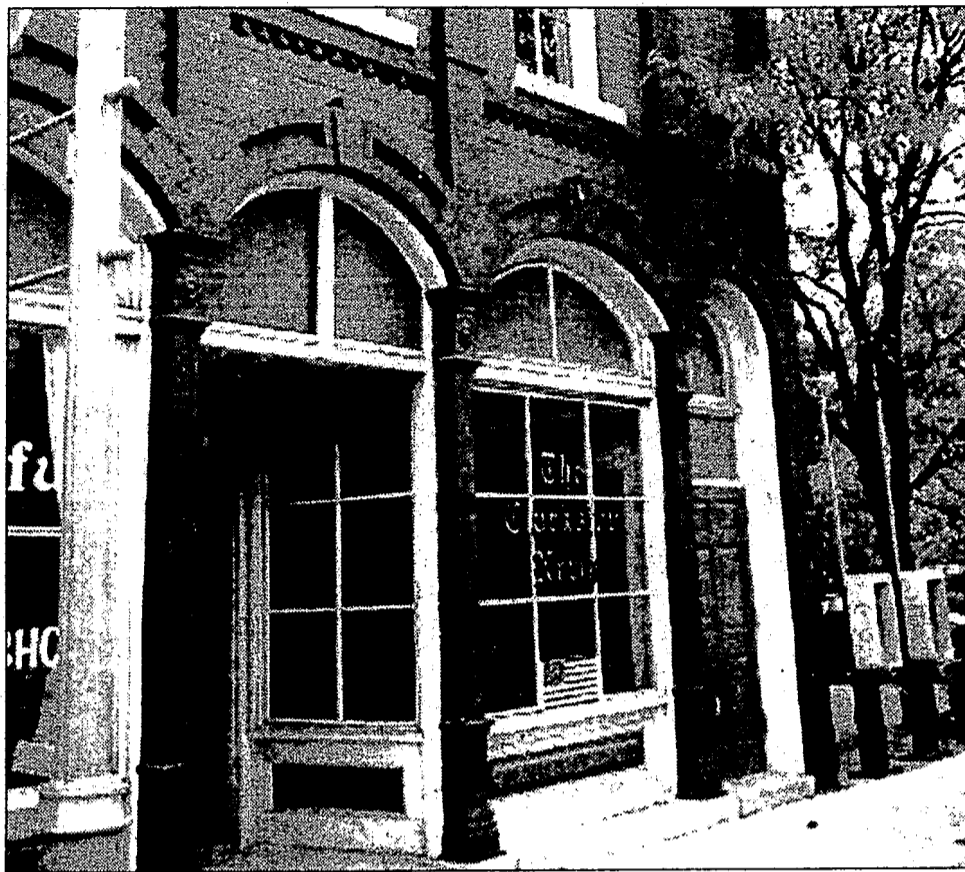
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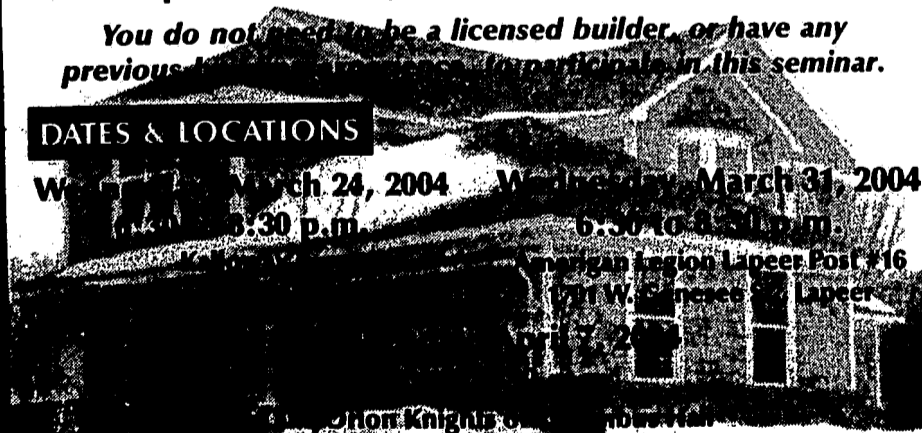
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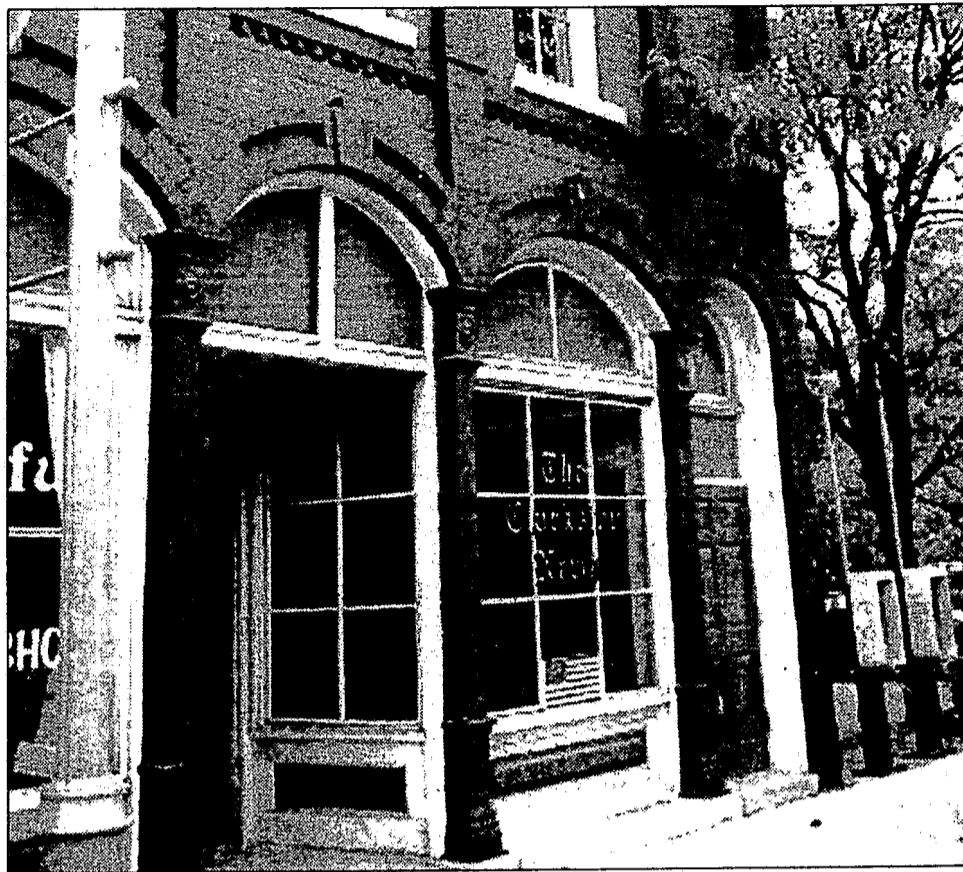
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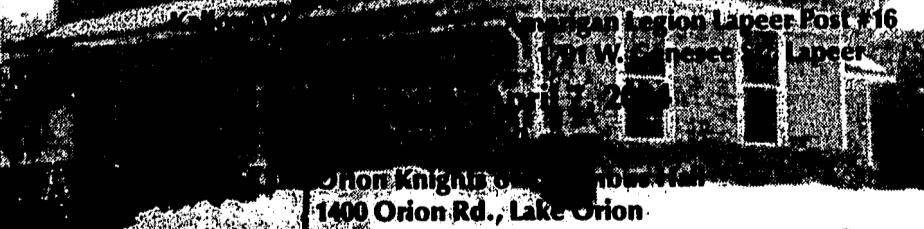
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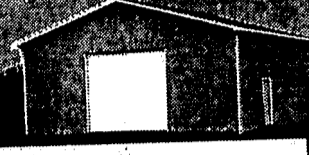
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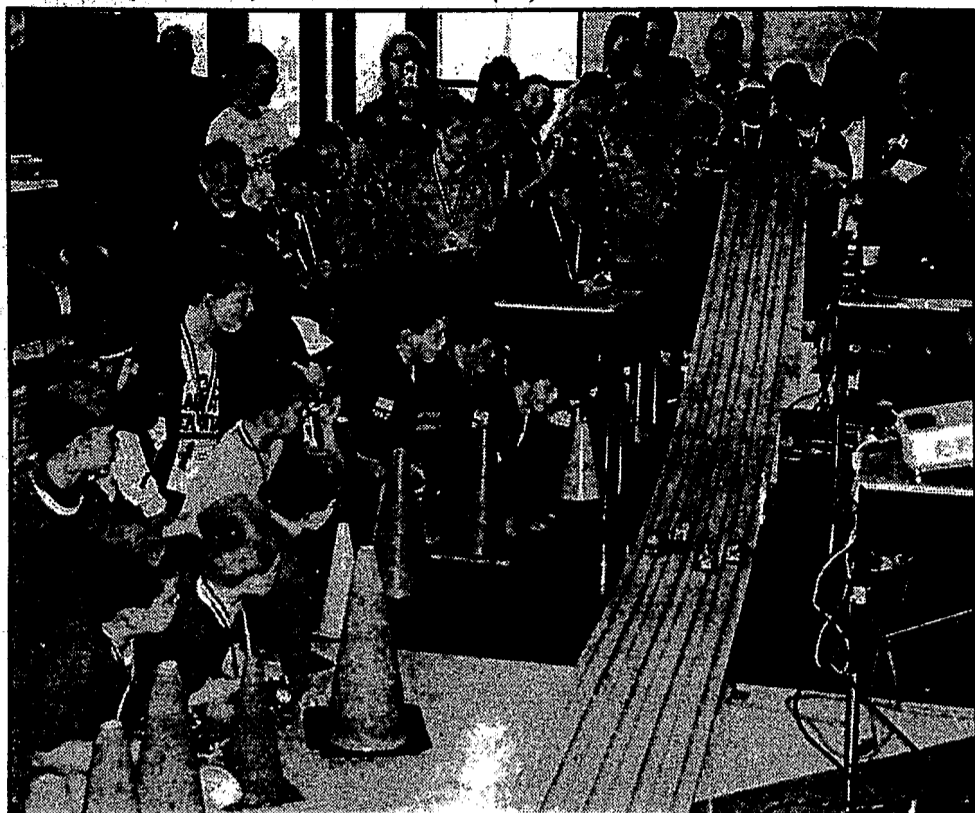
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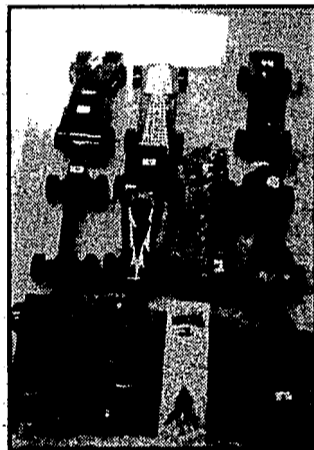
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Scouts and their families fill the Clarkston Elementary School cafeteria to watch the Pinewood Derby races. Photos by Don Schelske

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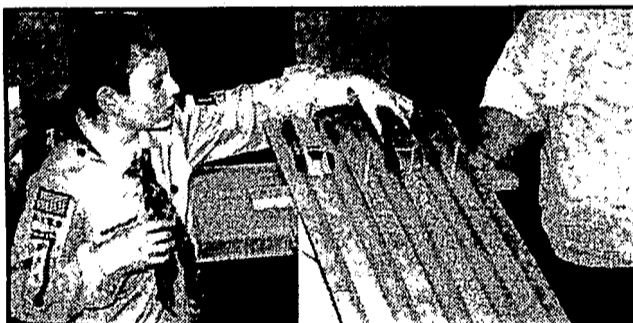
Just a few of the day's racers.

Cub Scout Pack 126 enjoyed their annual Pinewood Derby at Clarkston Elementary School Saturday, March 20, with speed and style as the order of the day.

In a historic Cub Scout tradition, blocks of wood were carved, sanded and painted, then pitted against each other on a gravity-powered track. Pack 126 used computer sensors to automatically record times, and awards were given to the fastest finishers and the



Displaying their trophies for being the fastest racers of the day are (from left) Matt Wright, first; Andrew Williamson, third; and Nate Larkins, second.



Webelos Scout Spencer Smith places his hand-carved racer on the track.

best design.

More than \$1,500 in prizes were donated by area businesses (including *The Clarkston News*,

which donated two one-year subscriptions), adding to the excitement of the event.

CHS quiz bowl teams finish high in state competition

Clarkston High School's Japanese quiz bowl teams presented impressive finishes recently after they participated in the Japan Bowl on March 6 at Michigan State University.

Fourth year students took first place again and will be advancing to the national competition in Washington, D.C. later this spring. Team members included Mike Kruk, Collin Chesney,

Greyson Lattousent, Jen Kendrick, Andrea Logan and motivational mascot Mr. Moo.

Third year students had a good finish with a fourth place rank and are already looking forward to next year's competition. The team practiced everyday after school for two weeks prior to competition. Team members were Greg Thorstad, Jessica Seto, Chelsea Hassett, Brian Arpcke and Justin Summer.

Rounding out the

Clarkston representation were the second year students who finished second. Team members Cheryl Fick, Kevin McKean, Kim Vanderweel, Mike Merz and Guo Du used after school practice time to make the impressive finishing.

Students were given various questions to answer as team, including math problems, proverb identification and basic translation and speaking.



Second-year students



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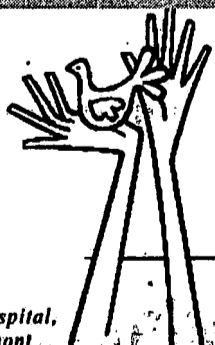



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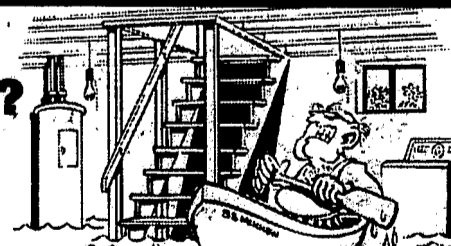
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CHS students expelled

A closed session Monday went 45 minutes longer than scheduled, then the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education voted on five students involved in drug possession at Clarkston High School.

Administrators had recommended permanent expulsion for four of the offenders and long-term suspension for the fifth, but the board voted to reduce the expulsion for one sophomore to a 75-day expulsion with an opportunity to reapply next year.

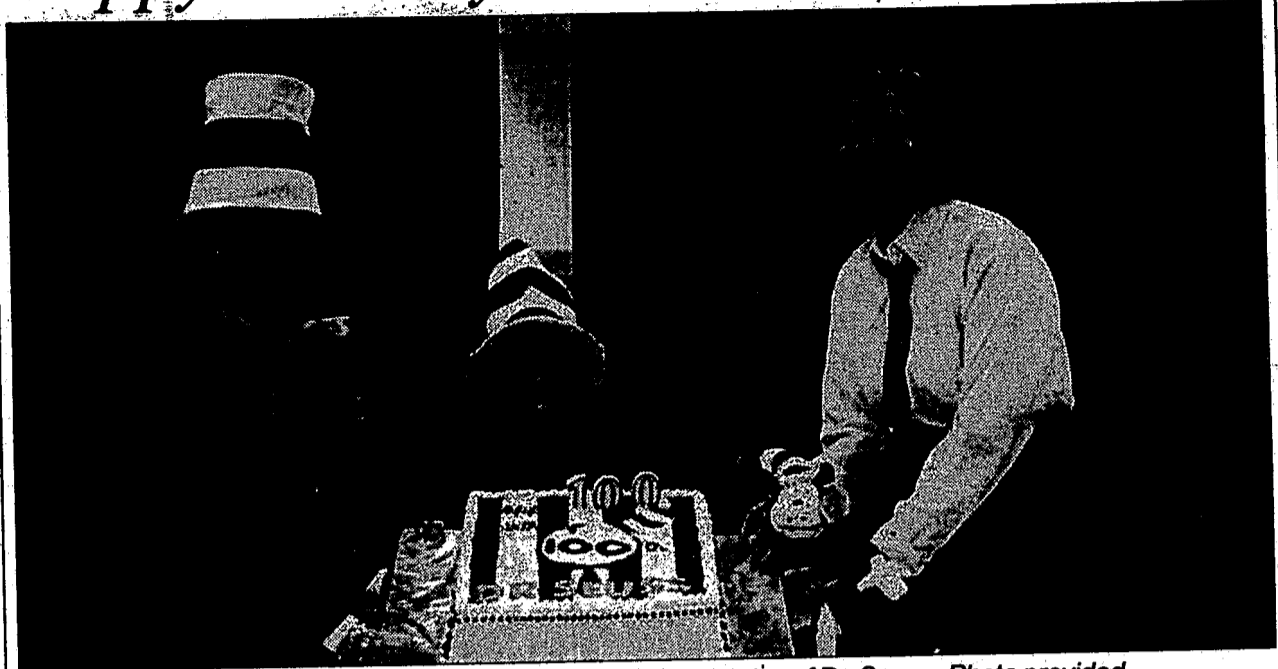
The actions involved three freshmen and two sophomores. The other sophomore received a 75-day "suspension," effectively dismissing him from school for the remainder of this academic year. The three freshmen were all permanently expelled.

Superintendent Al Roberts later said the one change came after the student's mother presented additional evidence to the board. The potential of the student's readmission is not guaranteed, he said.

Board documents listed a combination of violations of the student code of conduct, including "criminal acts," "substance abuse, drugs, narcotic drugs and counterfeit substances," "building rules and regulations" and "failure to comply with directions of school personnel."

— Don Schelske

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Gold Wing Road Riders host annual party, fund-raiser

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News
Staff Writer

The Waterford Gold Wing Road Riders Association will host their 23rd annual anniversary party and fund-raiser to benefit the Open Door Outreach Center, a charity that supplies food and clothing for those in need, on Saturday, March 27.

Make sure to dress like your favorite character from the television series "Mash" if you plan on attending.

Each year the fund-raiser has a theme to make the evening even more memorable. The Max Klinger look-a-like contest is sure to do just that.

"We have fun and do good work for charity," Rachel Sparling said.

The event takes place at the American Legion Hall on Mary Sue Drive in Clarkston. Dinner is included in the evening and will be served at 7 p.m.

Planned activities include entertainment from a disk jockey and magician. Attendees are asked



A charity auction is just one of the events planned to help raise funds at this year's annual Open Door Outreach Center fund-raiser, hosted by the Waterford Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

Photo provided by Rachel Sparling.

to bring a canned food item to donate as well as a wrapped item to be included in an auction.

Last year the chapter raised \$350 during their 30-minute "blind auction" and donated more than 200 lbs of food.

The Gold Wing Road Riders are comprised of local individuals with a love for hitting the open road on their motorcycles.

The Waterford chapter meets weekly for rides. The group often rides to a meeting place, such as a

restaurant, to allow members to get together and catch up.

"You meet a lot of neat people and there's always people to ride with," Starling said. She's been riding with her husband Mark for the past few years.

The Gold Wing Road Riders also sponsor other events throughout the year, such as a Fun Run.

The Waterford chapter is just one of 48 groups associated with the Gold Wing Road Riders in Michigan.



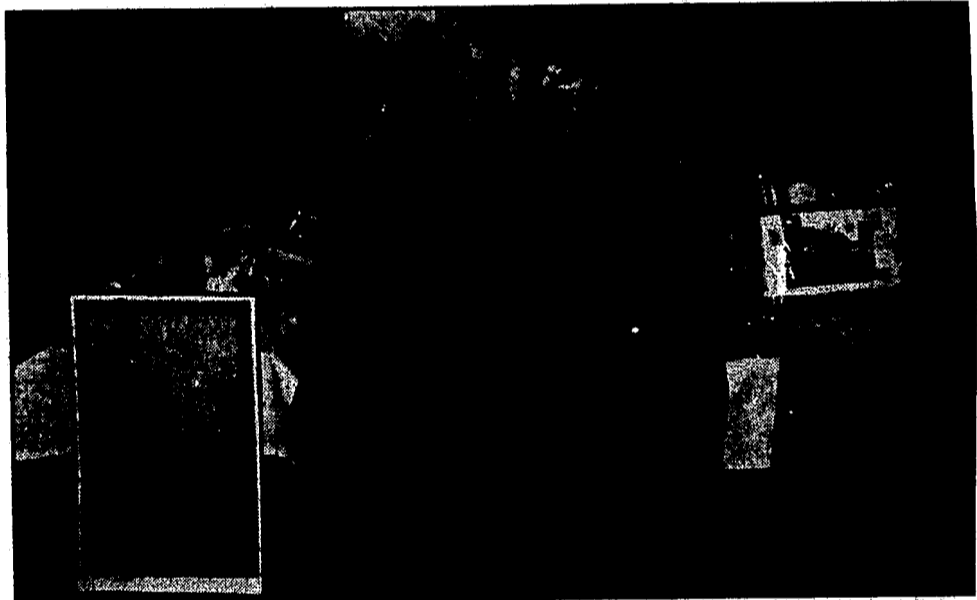
Larry and Joy VanderWeel pose with son Michael and Andersonville Elementary principal Bruce Martin. Photo provided.

And the award goes to...

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club Student of the Month Award was presented to Michael VanderWeel on March 3 at the club's regular breakfast.

VanderWeel is a fourth grade student at Andersonville Elementary School. Students are selected based upon the Optimist Creed, which emphasizes friendship, goodwill toward others, improvement of self, an optimistic attitude and good citizenship at school.

Remembering forgotten angels



Ellen Langdon and Lillian Machowski present the many donated gifts at the Forgotten Angels fund-raiser on March 14. The event, hosted by the American Legion Chief Pontiac Post 377, raised more than \$6,000 for Gateways, an Easter Seals program for developmentally-disabled adults. A raffle, silent and live auctions, food and music all added to the fun day. The event was made possible by help from the American Legion, all the donators, staff and the Gateways parent group. Photo provided.

Chamber hosts career seminar

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Career Connections, in partnership with Clarkston Community Schools, is hosting a youth seminar on Tuesday, March 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Liberty Golf and Banquet in Clarkston. This year's topic is "Exploring Career Pathways".

Roundtables will be

facilitated by 25 area business persons and professionals who all represent different career pathways.

The students will also hear from guest speaker Shawne Deperon of President Vision Works.

There is no cost for students to participate, but space is limited to the first 120 junior and senior students who register. Forms and permission

slips are available at the Clarkston High School office and must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Students will be bused to and from the seminar's location. Students will not be allowed to drive their own vehicles. A continental breakfast will be provided.

For more information, contact the chamber at (248) 625-8055.



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March 14: Reckless driving arrest on Dixie Highway. A 31-year-old Clarkston man allegedly chased another vehicle and confronted driver over previous rent dispute.

March 15: Minor in possession of alcohol arrest on M-15. An 18-year-old Waterford man was found with whiskey in his car.

Check fraud at TCF Bank on Dixie Highway. A 50-year-old Waterford woman opened an account and wrote about \$3,000 worth of checks on the account, but bank later found her deposit checks to be fraudulent.

Larceny of prescription drugs from mailbox on East Circle.

Larceny of golf clubs and bag from vehicle on Dark Lake Drive.

Larceny of CDs, personal planner and \$120 cash from vehicle on Mann Road.

March 16: Larceny arrest at Kroger on Dixie Highway. A 21-year-old Clarkston woman was found with \$38 worth of merchandise.

Felony warrant arrest on M-15.

Assist to Michigan State Police on I-75 and Waldon for property damage crash.

Larceny of stereo, speakers and amplifier from vehicle on Mustang Drive.

Assist to Michigan State Police for personal injury crash on I-75 at Clintonville Road.

Family trouble on Tuson Boulevard, mother-son dispute.

Damage to neon sign at Dandy Oil, Sashabaw and Maybee, caused by construction equipment.

Check fraud at National City Bank on Dixie Highway. A 34-year-old Holly man allegedly stole a busi-

ness check from North Baldwin Auto Parts and tried to cash it for \$1,800.

March 17: Breaking and entering to safe at Alano Center on Clintonville Road. Taken was an estimated \$60 to \$200 from donation safe, apparently with use of safe key.

Arrests for possession of marijuana on Everest. A 17-year-old Clarkston woman and a 15-year-old Clarkston boy were found with suspected marijuana in their car.

Larceny of cellular telephone from backpack at Clarkston High School.

Operating while intoxicated arrest at Sashabaw and Oak Hill Road. A 41-year-old Ortonville man registered a blood alcohol level of 0.91 percent.

Suspicious circumstances (footprints outside home) at Independence Mobile Home Park.

March 18: Larceny of \$185 cash from cash box at Clarkston Foot Specialists on Dixie Highway.

Damage to mailbox on Hawksmore.

March 19: Larceny of \$39.99 worth of gasoline from Speedway station on Dixie Highway. A clerk obtained description of suspect and vehicle, then followed suspect to the Kroger parking lot. The suspect, a 45-year-old Clinton Township man, at first denied being at the station until deputies informed him of video surveillance.

Larceny of Coleman cooler from vehicle on Mann Road.

Juvenile dispute on Dixie Highway.

March 20: Open door at Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church, no problems found.

Suspicious telephone calls on Hadley Hills Court.

March 21: Telephone harassment on Deerwood. Damage to flagpole and tree at Waldon Creek subdivision.

Damage to mailbox on Woodcrest Ridge.

Springfield Township

March 15: Juvenile assault on Canterbury Circle, student altercation at bus stop.

Assist fire department with entry to home on Morning Street for medical emergency.

March 16: Operating while intoxicated arrest on Andersonville Road. A 50-year-old Holly woman involved in a personal injury crash registered a blood alcohol level of 0.16 percent.

March 18: Felony warrant arrest on Dixie Highway.

March 19: Arrest for driving while license suspended and outstanding warrant on Dixie Highway. A 41-year-old Davisburg man was stopped for driving 70 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, and was found to be driving without a license.

Warrant arrest on Dixie Highway. A 62-year-old Davisburg man was found to have outstanding warrants from Wexford County for being more than \$8,000 in arrears with the Friend of the Court.

Public intoxication on Davisburg Road. A 48-year-old Clarkston man was reported to be walking in the roadway, and was found on the ground. Springfield Fire Department responded and transported the man to POH Medical Center.

March 20: Telephone threats on Foster Road.

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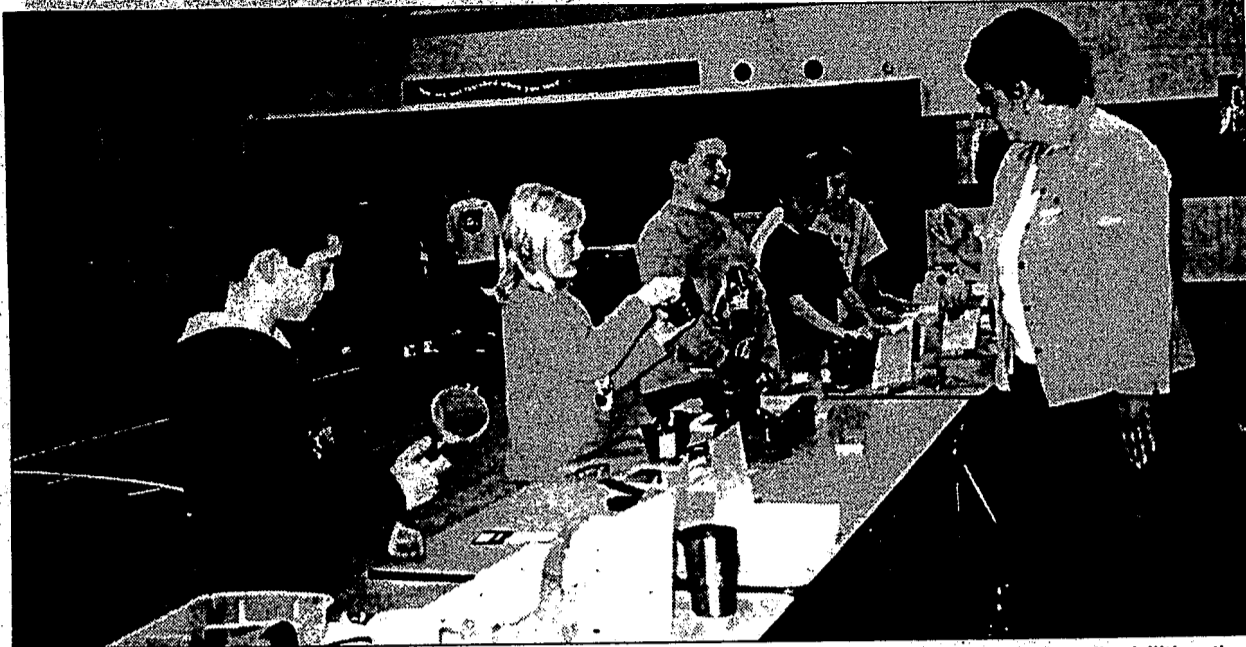
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Discolored Paper

Hands-on learning



Students at Andersonville Elementary spent the morning of March 11 learning about various disabilities that members of the community face. The presentation featured many hands-on activities. Photo provided by Andersonville Elementary.

Sportsmen

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MDEQ in 2000 when dead swans were found in the area. While lead shot was found in the swans, and while club members use a shooting range on club property, the club has never admitted culpability in the incident.

"People automatically started pointing fingers at us," Lemaster said. "We've been here for 60 years, and before 2000 there was never any mass kills of swans."

The amount of lead found in some of the swans led to some suspicion of foul play, Lemaster said, and other causes of death were possible.

"If it is us, it's not just us," he said. "There's other things involved here."

Regardless, the club agreed to the dredging project, recognizing the potential for more drastic rulings from MDEQ.

While the dredging project should be complete within 10 weeks, environmental monitoring will be a long-term task, as will the challenge of paying the bill. Lemaster said an attorney quoted a cost of \$200,000, but, "We're going to far exceed that."

The all-volunteer, 1,800-member club has already faced challenges with finances for improvement projects. The spring task list also includes a new earth berm and wall at the adjacent Waterford Hills Raceway (also operated by the sportsmen's club) in response to local residents' complaints about noise.

"All these expenses are really cutting into our budget," Lemaster said. While the club has been involved in high-profile fund-raising for projects such as children's medical expenses in the past, "Right now we have to concentrate our time to raise money for these projects."

A letter-writing campaign to members and outdoor sports suppliers has generated about \$35,000, and a special fund-raiser last year added \$20,000, but there's still a long way to go.

"It's pretty rough," Lemaster said, noting the difficulty of maintaining youth programs and the like. "We're all volunteers. We do things for good and people keep kicking us in the shins, calling up with complaints and calling us swan killers."

One possibility for additional funds could be to allow removal of trees from the club's heavily wooded property. While it would generate some money, it would also detract from the beauty of the facility used for camping, shooting, archery and other outdoor activities.

"That's something we really don't want to do. They're just aren't many areas like this in Oakland County anymore," Lemaster said.

To donate toward the project or to learn more about the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, call (248) 240-8096.

Senior Center

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agrees with the seniors about the current facilities and is bringing an open mind into the discussions.

"The senior facilities are woefully inadequate," Stuart said. "We want to explore all our options and see what we can do and what we can plan for. We need to be careful about it."

When asked about putting the issue on the ballot again, Stuart stated it was "certainly an option but not the only way it could be done" and that "we will not ignore what the voters have said before."

Sandy Meyer, Bob Brown, Seddon and Knitter will represent the advisory committee and meet with Stuart, Clerk Joan McCrary, Trustee Dan Travis and planner Dick Carlisle March 30.

"The likelihood is that we will have at least 15,000 or more seniors to serve in 2020," Seddon said. "We need to look toward the future and be ready to meet our needs sooner rather than after the fact."

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Thanks for making me a celebrity (reader, that is...)

About a month ago I signed up to do some guest reading for a few of the Clarkston elementary schools to help celebrate "March is Reading" month. (I was just excited to hang out with little kids more than anything else).

However, my March 18 visit to Mrs. D. Smith's third grade class at Springfield Plains Elementary not only allowed me to hang out with some of those smart little kids but elevated me to a whole new level in life: a celebrity.

"This is Miss Dorset and she's our celebrity reader today," Smith said as she introduced me to her class.

Whoa! A celebrity? Excellent! I thought the title of "reporter" would have worked just fine.

"Wow, it's not every day I get to be a celebrity," I said. "I'm a reporter for *The Clarkston News* and I brought one of my favorite books to read today."

And with that it was a chaotic sea of 8-year-old bodies rushing to the story area, all trying to accomplish the same thing: be the closest person sitting in front of me.

By this point my ego was having a field day. A usual day for me includes eating my morning cereal of puffed wheat, making lots of phone calls at work, battling for a treadmill at the YMCA and getting a healthy dose of the Food Network.

Between the Lines



Alicia Dorset

This was clearly much better than that.

My book was a hit, I'll admit it. I read "Click, Clack, Moo", a fabulous tale about cows that go on strike and demand electric blankets from a stubborn farmer by way of demand letters produced on an old typewriter. The kids had read it before, but it was still a favorite.

I finished reading to my captivated audience and applause filled the air.

My confidence was sky-high. And then the questions started.

As someone who is on the question-asking end, having someone interview me is always a fun venture. Mrs. Smith's students didn't let me down.

- "How do you get facts?"
- "How do you get story ideas?"
- "How old are you and where did you go to school?"



Clarkston News reporter Alicia Dorset meets with her fans after participating as a celebrity reader at Springfield Plains Elementary. Photo by D. Smith.

- "How did you get this job?"
- "Have you always wanted to be a writer?"
- "Do you interview the Pistons?"

I was incredibly impressed with the questions, the above mentioned being just a few of the inquiries that arose from the 20-minute question-and-answer session I hosted. Here's how I responded:

- "I do research and ask questions to get facts."
- "Sometimes people give me good ideas or sometimes our staff comes up with stories about things happening around town."

"I'm 23 and I went to Michigan State." (I then apologized to the row of boys adorned in Michigan sweatshirts).

"I had some internships and found out about this job by doing some investigating online."

"I've wanted to be a writer ever since I was the class reporter for Miss Cowan's third graders when I was eight."

- "Sorry, don't get to interview the Pistons."

I constantly hear about young children not being interested in reading and the overall sad state our nation will be in years from now. I don't believe it, not Mrs. Smith's class is an example of the intuitive learning that make up today's schools. I think if we have a little more faith, and a copy of "Click, Clack, Moo" today's students will promise to be fabulous individuals for tomorrow.

Later that week I went to Clarkston Elementary and read a story of mine from a recent edition of *The Clarkston News* to a group of fourth graders. While I didn't have any cool cow drawings this time, the students again had good questions for me about being a reporter in Clarkston.

Thanks to all the cool kids for making me a celebrity for a few days.

And if I ever interview the Pistons, Mrs. Smith's class will be the first to know about it.



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Sports

Clarkston hoops team returns to quarterfinals

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Chippewa Valley gym wasn't able to hold all the fans who attended the regional final March 19. Nor was Chippewa Valley able to hold Clarkston back from grabbing its second straight regional title.

The Wolves playoff run continued with a 74-55 win over host Chippewa Valley, which improved Clarkston's record to 20-4 overall and put them in a rematch with Flint Carman-Ainsworth in the state quarterfinals for the second consecutive year. Results of that game were not yet available at press time. Should Clarkston win, they would advance to the state semifinals Friday at 7 p.m. at Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

A happy, sweaty and hoarse coach Dan Fife said his team's season has already been very special.

"20-win seasons are always outstanding," he said. "I think in high school, that's the mark of a good team. I'm happy to get back to quarters. It's been our goal all year. Our kids remember the loss last year (in the quarterfinals) in Saginaw. Our kids, they just play hard.

They have to work hard in order to be successful and I'm proud of them and the way they compete. It (winning a state championship) would be a dream come true. I've thought it about it all my life - playing in a state championship, but we've never got there."

For the third straight playoff game in a row the Wolves started slow and trailed in the first quarter, but for the third straight game they also found a way to fight back and carry a lead into halftime. The Wolves trailed 12-9 after the game's first eight minutes, but 3-pointers by Robbie Clark and Kyle Rademacher, along with a nice putback by Ryan Kaltz helped the Wolves take a 21-16 lead. Chris Johnston, known typically for his strong play in the paint, showed his versatility on the perimeter by draining a 3-pointer and then brought the Wolves' student section, known as 'The Jungle' into a frenzy as the 6-foot-6 senior finished off a great pass by Brad Goodman for an alley-oop slam dunk. The jungle then quickly came up with one of its many chants in yelling, "You can't do that!" across the gym floor to the Chippewa Valley faithful. The Wolves carried a 32-

21 lead into the break.

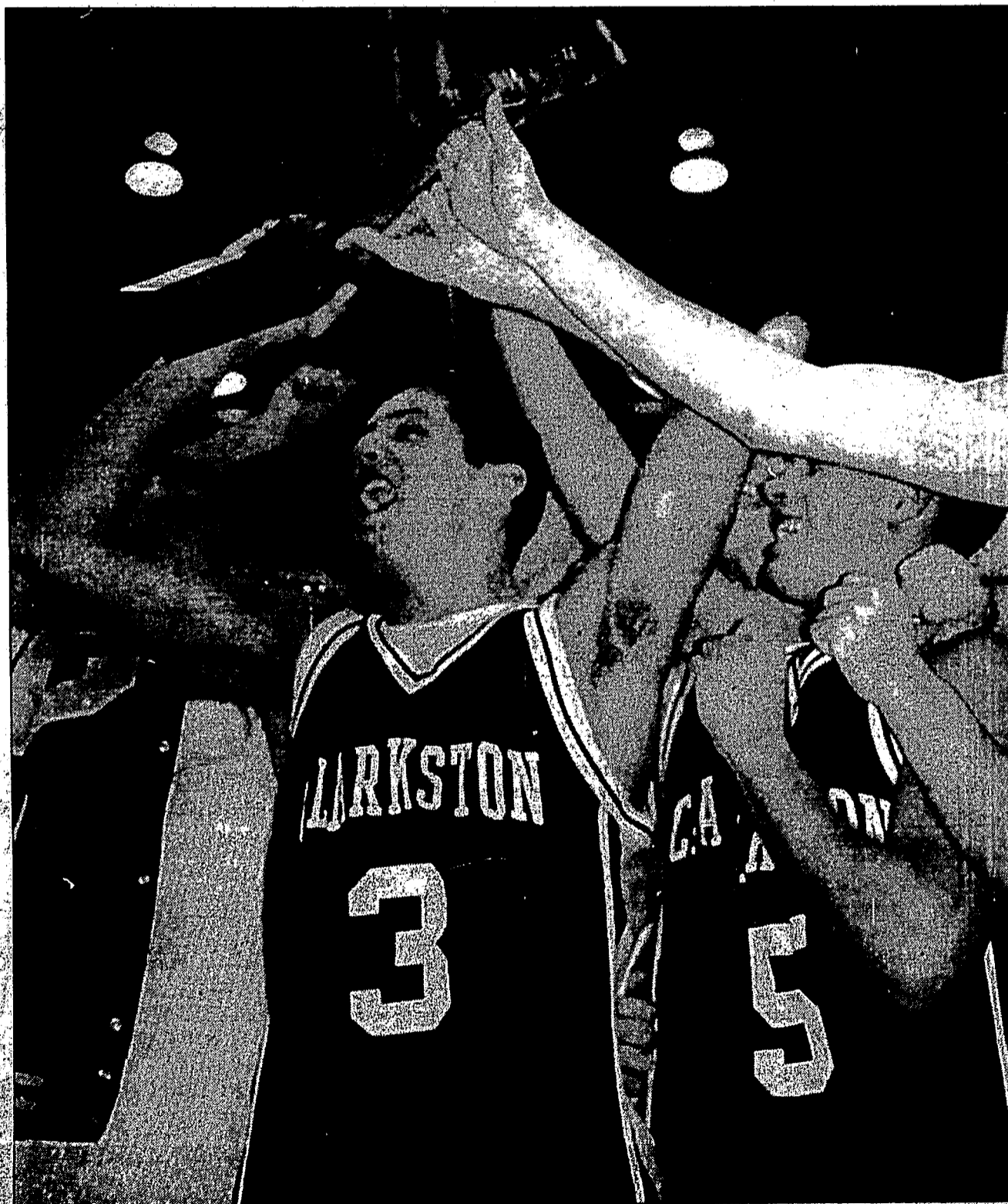
The third quarter belonged to junior guard Brad Goodman. A quick jumper with 5:10 to play in the quarter, coupled with steal off an inbounds Chippewa Valley pass, which was taken the length of the floor for an easy layup helped the Wolves extend their lead to 42-28 late in the third.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for his courage and his desire. I get mad at some of his thought process sometimes, but I'm hardest on my guards because I was a guard and my kids played guard and I don't think you can win in high school, or any place, without a good guard," Fife said.

Clarkston led by as many as 17 in the fourth quarter, but much like the regional semifinal game against St. Johns, the Wolves had to battle through a late game scare.

"They're (Chippewa Valley) a big, strong team," Fife said. "I can't say enough about how our league (the OAAI) prepares us. It's not something we're not used to. You just have to adjust and not look for ex-

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Ryan Kaltz (3) and Kyle Rademacher (5) are all smiles after the Wolves' regional final win. Photo by Ed Davis.



Chris Johnston's strong inside play has been a mainstay for the Wolves throughout their playoff run. Photo by Ed Davis.

Faded Ink

LaHousse, Johnson make CHS diving history

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston senior divers Greyson LaHousse and Bobby Johnson readily admit they won't miss much about diving for Clarkston and they don't think their coach Kenywn Chock will miss them much either. But they did everything in their power during their senior year to make sure they'd never forget it.

"She's not a fan of diving," LaHousse said with a laugh. "She pretty much lets us be and it's better that way. We pretty much just coached ourselves this year and motivated each other, helped each other and yelled at each other a lot."

The two went the season without having a full time diving instructor, so they took it upon themselves to make each other the best they could be. The two video taped each practice and meet and studied the footage to help them improve. Additionally, they got some help along the way from Bloomfield Hills Andover coach Don Mason, who they credit as being one of the best diving coaches in the state.

The two made school history this year by being the first male divers in Clarkston High School history to be named all-state. They finished 20th and 23rd out of a field of 36 divers at the state finals in at the University of Michigan March 12. Both agree they could've finished stronger, but were happy with their individual successes this season. LaHousse suffered through back pain during the state finals, which set in shortly

after warm-ups.

"I felt okay before warm-ups, but suddenly I didn't feel good any more," he said. "I was confident heading in, but I didn't like the way the (diving) boards were set."

Johnson said, "I felt better (physically) than he did, but I think we both agree we both could've done better."

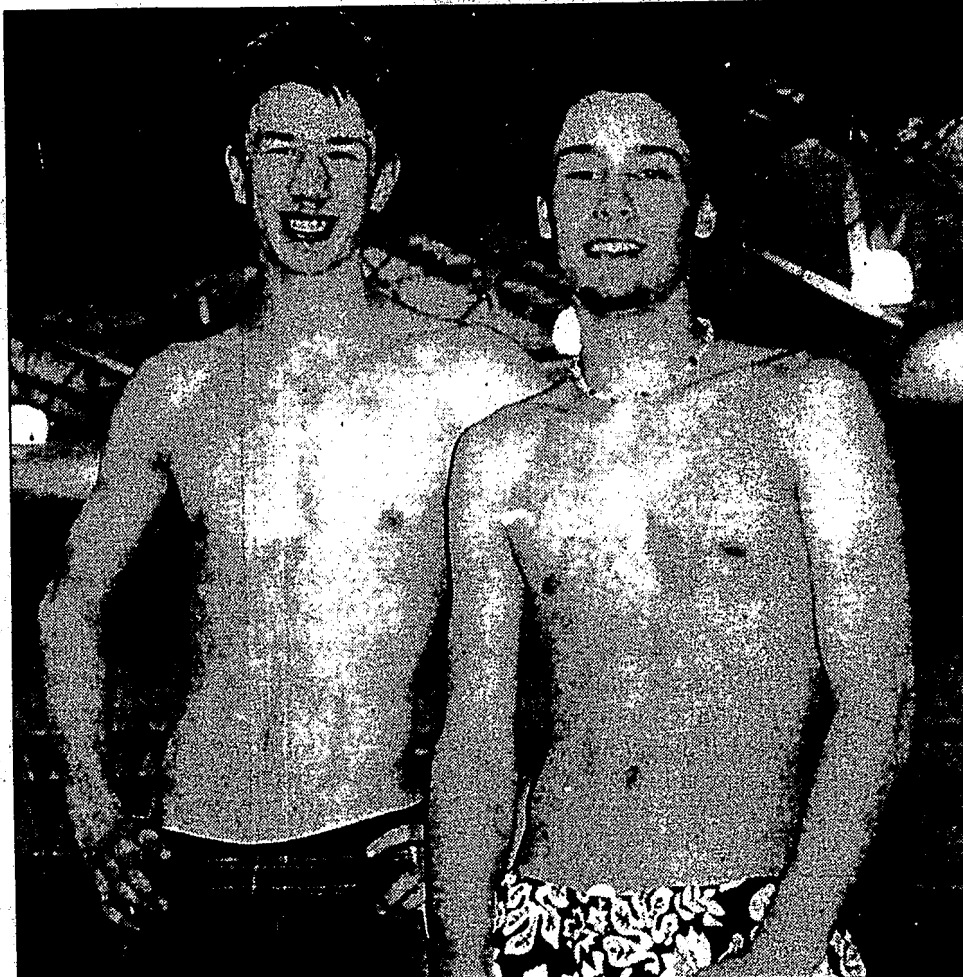
LaHousse said his personal highlights of his career included placing third at regionals this year and setting the six-dive school record with a score of 220.35 last year against Royal Oak. He also said the two had standout performances at this year's OAA league meet, where LaHousse placed third and Johnson fourth. However the two think they should've placed higher.

"The judges didn't give us what we deserved that meet," LaHousse said.

Johnson cited the regional meet at Lake Orion as his standout performance of the season, where he set a personal best on the six-dive score with 210.65, and finished eighth.

"I hit the board with my feet and still managed to get eighth," he said revealing what was left of the scar on his ankle. "Had that not happened, I think I would've finished in the top five for sure."

The two readily admit there is an unspoken cold war of sorts between divers and swimmers. However, LaHousse and Johnson say they work harder than probably any of their teammates and say their job is tougher.



Greyson LaHousse and Rob Johnson are the first male divers in CHS history to make it to the state finals. Photo by Ed Davis.

"I've had to deal with swimmers the last four years," LaHousse said with a slight laugh. "If any of them can do what we do I'll take on their entire practice. We already do what they do (swim). I'd like to see them pull off one of our dives."

LaHousse and Johnson both competed in swimming events this year, partaking in several relay races.

"We practice just as long as they (the swimmers) do, probably longer," Johnson said. "I'd say in the last two and a half

years we've maybe not practiced a total of six weeks."

So, how what lies ahead for Clarkston's first all state male divers? Possibly more diving as a tandem, if LaHousse gets his way.

"I'm trying to convince him to be my synchronized diving partner next year at Michigan State," LaHousse said. "We haven't decided on anything yet, but about the only thing I'll miss from diving here is Bobby."

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By Ernie Harwell

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Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.



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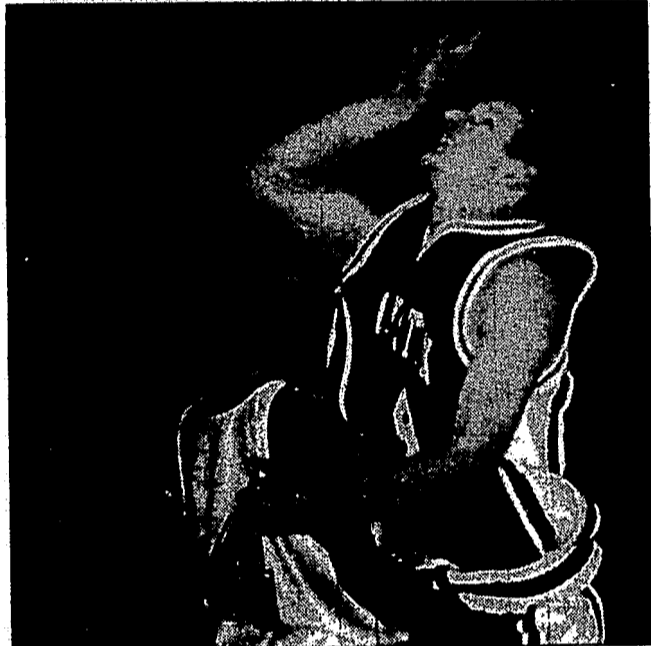
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cuses."

The Big Reds connected on consecutive 3-pointers to cut Clarkston's lead to 11 and forced the Wolves to take a time out. However, Chippewa Valley resorted to relying on three pointers the rest of the way and was forced to foul Clarkston, who once again missed only one free throw the entire night. They finished 25 of 26 from the charity stripe.

Goodman and Johnston both finished with 23 points, while Clark added 13. The Wolves also got strong performances from some members of a bench, which is growing deeper as the playoff run continues.

"We got great minutes from Chris Miller tonight and our freshman Bren Berquist did a tremendous job. The other night (against St. Johns) it was (Joe) Moran. I tell every one of our kids be ready. I'm getting more and more confidence with our kids," Fife said.



Robbie Clark battles the Chippewa Valley defense. Photo by Ed Davis.

Wolves survive late 'Red Scare'

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Writer

A 20-point third quarter lead gave Clarkston varsity coach Dan Fife a window to sit Chris Johnston. But a late-game rally by St. Johns gave him reason to put him back into the game.

The Wolves survived a scare in their regional semifinal 70-60 win over the Red Wings March 17 at Chippewa Valley High School. The win improved Clarkston's record to 19-4 and put them in the regional final against host Chippewa Valley.

"I always want to win. I just hate losing," Fife said. "I wanted Johnson to have two fouls to give. I knew we had to weather it, and take care of the ball, which we didn't."

As has been the case throughout the Wolves' playoff run, Clarkston started slowly as the Red Wings limited the Wolves to a mere seven points in the first quarter. But the Wolves awoke in the second, scoring 24 points, primarily because of the continued strong play of Chris Johnston and Brad Goodman. However, a pair of threes by Kyle Rademacher aided the Wolves cause. "When he came in, he completely changed the complexion of the game," Fife said. "He's been our sixth man all year." The Wolves took a 31-18 lead into the break, which helped quiet, a very boisterous St. Johns student section.

St. Johns began the second half with a three-point play on its first possession to cut Clarkston's lead to 10, but the combination of Goodman and Johnston, along with Robbie Clark helped the Wolves take control of the game as they led 49-29 with just

over three minutes to play in the third quarter.

But as Fife said, St. Johns showed a lot of character and refused to give up, as they entered the fourth quarter trailing by a dozen. With Johnston on his third foul, Fife sat his star center and the Red Wings used the opening to cut the Wolves' lead to seven thanks to a pair of Red Wing three-pointers.

Not known for his scoring, Mark Thornberry answered with a clutch jumper to put the Wolves back up by nine with 4:07 to play. Clarkson's Ryan Kaltz then turned the ball over on a very controversial no call. Fife, and dozens of Clarkston's fans from the bench, screamed that St. Johns kicked the ball, but the referees, who were hounded all day for their decision making, awarded the ball to the Red Wings, who at this point, trailed 62-55 with 1:10 to play.

"Talk about competitors. I kept telling our kids they were not going to quit. They won a district in football. They're going to fit like crazy to win, but that's what this time of year is about," Fife said.

With less than a minute to play the Wolves' inbound pass was intercepted by St. Johns, but a timely block by Johnston helped the Wolves preserve their lead. The Red Wings were forced to foul the rest of the way, but that strategy didn't pay off as the Wolves superb free throw shooting, missing only one of 27 attempts, including a perfect 13-for-13 by Brad Goodman.

"No question we shot free throws well. But there's been other games we shot free throws poorly too. It was just one of those nights," Fife said. "When Clarkston suits up, most people want to beat us. I can't imagine who wouldn't want to beat us."

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Ron and Cindy Juzysta named boosters of the year

Couple has been involved since 1991

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

For well over 10 years Ron and Cindy Juzysta have been going that extra mile to make sure Clarkston High School athletes and fans have a great time at Wolves sporting events. Their dedication and hard work was honored earlier this winter by fellow athletic boosters as the two were named Athletic Boosters of the Year.

"It's a great honor for us to be named," Ron said at halftime of the Wolves regional final win over Chippewa Valley March 19.

The two have been involved in the booster program since the early 1990's. Both of their children were Clarkston athletes as their son Kevin, a 1991 Clarkston grad, still holds the CHS batting average record of .524. He was an all-state baseball player and also played football for the Wolves. Their other son Craig played soccer and graduated in 1988.

"We're just an old retired bunch," Ron said with a laugh. "It gets us out of the house and gives us something to do on Tuesday and Friday nights."

Clarkston Athletic Boosters Presi-

dent Keith Clement spoke highly of this year's winners.

"They're always lending a hand when others need it," Clement said. "They have an extra sense of what being in the boosters is all about."

The two traditionally work the concession stands at girls' basketball games and also work at track meets in the spring. Ron also works as a member of the chain gang during football season.

"Rain or shine, I'm out there," he said. "Sometimes those late season games get really cold, but it's still a lot of fun to be part of it."

Even after over a decade of serving hotdog after hotdog, the two have not lost their appetite for the old time stadium favorite. Ron said he cooked up over 1,200 hotdogs at a county middle school track meet, but still thinks Clarkston's are mighty tasty.

"I still say Clarkston hot dogs taste great," he said with a smile. "And our popcorn is great too. We just enjoy the whole thing. We've been doing this for quite a while and it's fun because years ago some of these kids we see can barely see up over the concession stand, and years later these same kids are graduating. Our granddaughter is 15 months old. Our goal is continue to work with the boosters until she graduates. We just love it. It's a lot of fun," he said.



Ron and Cindy Juzysta were named Clarkston athletic boosters of the year for their outstanding service to the organization. Photo by Ed Davis.



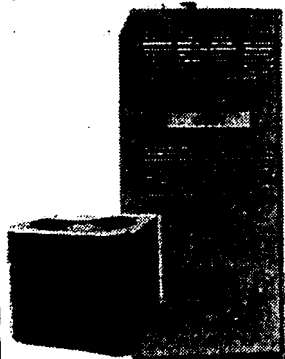
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Clarkston swimming achievements

Michael and Richard Frenchi, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Frenchi of Clarkston, completed this year's high school swim season with several personal times. Michael, a senior, and Richard, a sophomore, both attend the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in Detroit.

Michael has been a member of the varsity swim team for four years. He was co-captain for the 2003-2004 season. His personal best times include 22.89 for the 50 free, 49.07 for the 100 free, 1:47.98 for the 200 free and 4:58.29 for the 500 free.

Richard has competed with varsity swim team for the past two years. His personal best times included 1:52.33 for the 200 free and 4:58.82 for the 500 free.

The brothers' goal this year was not only to improve their times but also to qualify for, and attend, the MHSAA State Swim, which they accomplished.

Michael plans on continuing swimming in college this fall and Richard will continue to swim for U of D during the high school season and the Oakland Live Y'ers the remainder of the year.

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Welcome (back) to the Jungle

What a week it was out in Clinton Township for the regional basketball tournament. What a week it was for the Jungle. And what a difference between Wednesday and Friday night.

On Wednesday night the Jungle traveled to Chippewa Valley in support of the Wolves in their regional semifinal game against St. Johns. As much as I think the Clarkston student fans showed more class in their chants and behavior than the St. Johns student body did, I will also freely admit that I think the St. Johns student body had a bigger presence in the gym that night. I think the Red Wing faithful were louder and more supportive of their team than the Jungle was that night.

But something changed Friday night.

Friday night against host Chippewa Valley, was without a doubt, the best atmosphere I've ever been lucky enough to be a part of in a high school sporting event. I've covered high school sports for three years and seen an awful lot of basketball, football, softball and baseball games. I've been to dozens of gyms over that time, but Friday night the Jungle was unbelievable and showed what it is truly capable of.

While talking to another photographer during a timeout he said to me, "This is what it used to be like, back at the old high school. They used to be like this during a non-league, regular season game. They used to be like this all the time. Something changed once they got that new school."

Credit Chris Kato for being a madman with his Wolf headgear and making his lap on the gym floor. Credit the rest of the Jungle for coming prepared with newspapers in boycott of the other team's starters during the introductions. Credit the noise. Credit the chants. Credit the behavior. And credit the CHS administration who allowed its students to have fun, but in a respectful and classy way.

I've never seen a group of students so fired up for an athletic event in my life. Not even games against Flint Northern, Southfield Lathrup or either Pontiac school matched this atmosphere. Not on this night. For me, not even the Wolves football playoff run back in 2001 matched this intensity from student section point of view. For me, this was what high school sports is all about - great competition, great fan fare, great plays and class.

The Jungle is back. And while Kyle Rademacher might be the Wolves first man off the bench, the true sixth man on Friday night was the Jungle.

Welcome back Jungle - you've been missed.

The Bottom Line



Ed Davis

CHS powerlifters medal at state meet

Fourteen members of the Clarkston High School powerlifting team traveled to Montrose High School March 20-21 and came home with a total of 12 medals and several state records.

The girls' team competed Friday evening and placed third in team competition. Individual medalists were Jenna Beno (second in the 114 lb weight class), Laura O'Neill (first at 123 lbs), Justine Morris (sixth at 123 lbs) and Maggie Cornell (first at 198 lbs). O'Neill set a state record for the deadlift (295 lbs) in

her weight class.

The boys competed on Saturday, March 20.

The varsity boys' team had medal performances from four seniors. Bill Haun places second in the 155 lb weight class with a total of 1,150 lbs. In the 181 lb weight class, Matt MacKinnon placed eighth lifting 1,020 lbs. Jason Smith placed sixth at 194 lbs, lifting 1,200 lbs. Brett Kenerson placed third in the 275 lb weight class, with a lift total of 1,470 lbs. Kenerson had the highest bench press at the state meet pressing 400 lbs.

Athlete of the week - Kyle Rademacher

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

For some seniors, coming off the bench and playing behind some underclassmen might cause frustration. For Kyle Rademacher, all it does is make him smile.

The two-year varsity player and co-captain of the 20-4 OAA I league, district and regional champions has been a spark off the bench this season. Don't look for Rademacher to score in double digits, but when he does make his way onto the floor, the senior has an uncanny ability to hit big baskets at the most opportune times.

"I just like to get in there once the game has started and really try to make something happen once I get out there," he said. "Lately coach (Dan Fife) has been telling me to shoot more. I'm big on passing and defense, but at the same time, I'm not going to end my career without shooting."

Rademacher has made quite a few clutch three point baskets in Clarkston's recent regional tournament wins over St. Johns and Chippewa Valley, but perhaps it's his leadership ability which is his greatest asset, Fife said.

"He's a great leader and has a great attitude," Fife said. "He's been a great team player for us. If he doesn't have the attitude he has, we might not be as good as we've been this year."

Rademacher accepts, and excels, in his role as sixth man, playing behind the junior guard tandem of Robbie Clark and Brad Goodman.

"He takes pride in being a sixth man for us. Sometimes he's probably deserved to play more. He's always full of energy and always makes practice fun. One thing about Kyle - he's always in a hurry. He's never the last one off the practice floor, but he's accepted his role and has done a great job for us this year. He's a great communicator on the floor and he's not going to back down from anybody. That's who he

is," Fife said.

Rademacher said the best moment for him this season so far was the Wolves' come from behind win over Troy. Clarkston trailed by 21 with four minutes remaining, and Fife called on his sixth man for a spark.

"Coach asked me and (John) Kast if we wanted to come in and play. I was like 'heck yes.' We went into double overtime and pulled it out. It was a great game," Rademacher said.

He credits a portion of his development to playing a lot of basketball with his father and brother, Joe, a sophomore, at CHS.

"Sometimes my dad wouldn't let me come in for dinner until I shot 50 free throws," he said.

Rademacher said his favorite academic class at CHS is Law and Society, taught by John Zittel. Next year, the Rademacher will be attending Western Michigan University where he plans on studying criminal justice.



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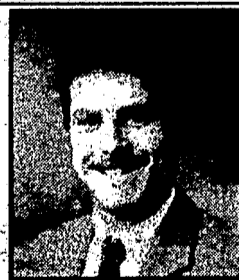
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Obituary

Norma L. Adams

Norma L. Adams, of Gilbert, AZ and formerly of Swartz Creek and Davisburg, died March 16, 2004 at age 71.

She was preceded in death by her son Raymond Jr. and his father Raymond; mother of Connie Jo Adams and Cathy Jean Adams both of AZ, Patricia (Jack) Garnett of Davisburg and Teresa (Ed) Sikora of FL; grandma of Jack (Erin) Garnett II, Craig Garnett, Quin Searight, Randy Searight, Saraya and Adam Sikora; great grandma of Jack Garnett III, Gracie Garnett and Tessa Garnett; sister of Jean Alexander and Tessie Wathen both of IL.

Mrs. Adams retired from Pontiac Motor, Orion Plant. She enjoyed knitting, playing cards, visiting casinos and especially her family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery.

William L. Bland

William L. Bland, of Pontiac, died March 19, 2004 at age 45.

He was the beloved husband of Sheila; loving father of William Jr. and Breanna; dear son of Billy and Sharon of Pontiac; grandson of Chet and Bea Drobek of Lapeer; special "papa" of Zach, Paige, Kiley, Torie, Natasha and Melina; brother of Vince of Madison Heights; Gayle Bales of Davison, Cheryl (Roger) Splude of Pontiac, Lori (Ramiro) Casarez of Clarkston and Wayne (Jenny) of Holly; stepfather of Tom (Tracy) Moore, Renee (Kenny) Moore all of Oxford and Keri Moore of Pontiac.

Mr. Bland was a member of the Pontiac Moose Lodge #182. He worked as a food service manager. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Henry Ford Hospice or MI Cancer Foundation.

Edward Walter Rahja

Edward Walter Rahja, of Crystal Falls and formerly of Clarkston, died unexpectedly March 11, 2004 at age 45.

He was brother of Pat (Gary) Lessel of Clarkston, Martha (Jim) Cox of Rochester and Martin (Joanne) of Waterford and also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Rahja retired from General Motors and enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27 at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, Leader Dogs for the Blind or Insight. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

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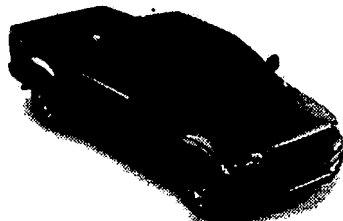


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Michigan upsets Team USA at Junior Nationals

Joel Cooper and his Michigan teammates upset Team USA 11-6 Feb. 5 to push Team USA to the brink of playoff elimination at the 2004 USA Curling Junior National Championships at the Centerville Curling Club.

Cooper, the team's alternate, got the call to skip in the team's last game of the competition. The win was the second straight victory for Clarkston residents and teammates Cooper and Victor Rennie.

"We stuck together as a team," Cooper said. "Just being loosened up before the game helped us. If we focus too much we goof up."

Michigan took advantage of several missed shots by Team USA throughout the game, scoring three in the second end and following that up with four in the fourth to go up 7-2.

Team USA skip Chris Plys of Minnesota staged a comeback after the fifth-end break stealing two in the eighth to close the gap at 8-6. Team USA was then forced to try to steal the last two ends but just couldn't convert all of its shots.

"We were all working hard together," Rennie said. "I think since we won our last game it gave us a lot of motivation for today."

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Maria Timmerman peruses photos and items brought back by her husband from his previous tours of duty in the Middle East. Photo by Don Schelske

Timmerman has always excelled in physical training, his wife said, so he worked hard to get back in shape and rejoined his unit in Kuwait last August. Although he should have returned home last December, an executive order from President George W. Bush extended tours of duty for all ground troops for an additional year.

Now, Maria Timmerman expects her husband to return in April or May. It could be even

earlier, but "They're trying not to listen to the rumors." Overall, Staff Sgt. Timmerman has enjoyed his military service. He could have retired from the National Guard after 20 years of service, but each additional year will result in additional pension benefits.

"Management in GM compared to the order of military life...he works with military life a lot better," she said. "He likes the military, even in spite of the previous two deploy-

ments." Maria Timmerman, meanwhile, hopes her patience will be rewarded.

"I'm wondering if this will be the trip that will end all trips," she said, but she has perspective during the wait.

"When I wondered if he was dead for about three hours during Desert Storm, it changed everything for me." She gained new appreciation for single moms and, "You realize things could be a lot worse."

Stakoe announces coffee hours

State Rep. John Stakoe recently announced he will sponsor regular coffee hours Friday, March 26.

Stakoe, along with County Commissioner Tom Middleton, will be available for an informal gathering from 8-9:30 a.m. at Pete's Coney II.

Stakoe will also meet with residents from 12-2 p.m. at the Highland Township Hall, located at 205 N. John St.

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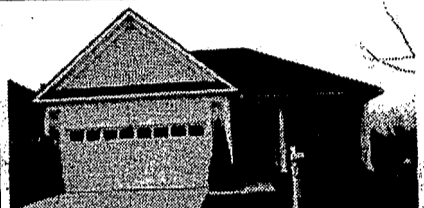
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"Walk outside."
— Elizabeth Gifford



"Walk outside and see budding flowers."
— Kristin Smith

By Alicia Dorset

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Lighthouse manager maintains focus

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There was a storm of financial proportions in 2003 for Lighthouse Emergency Services, but they battened down the hatches and now hope for smooth sailing ahead.

Connie Stapleton is among those who weathered the storm, being assigned Clarkston branch manager last June in the midst of several staff cuts.

"It was tough, but we made it through," she said. "We're all learning our new roles."

Stapleton's role began more than six years ago, when she saw a newspaper ad for Lighthouse volunteers. Her youngest son had just entered first grade, and she took advantage of the opportunity.

"I thought, 'I have to get out of the house. I have to do something,'" she said, although she admitted little knowledge of what Lighthouse Emergency Services was all about.

"I knew the kids took canned goods to school, and that's all I knew," but she learned a lot in a short time. "I was just amazed how many people are low income in Oakland County."

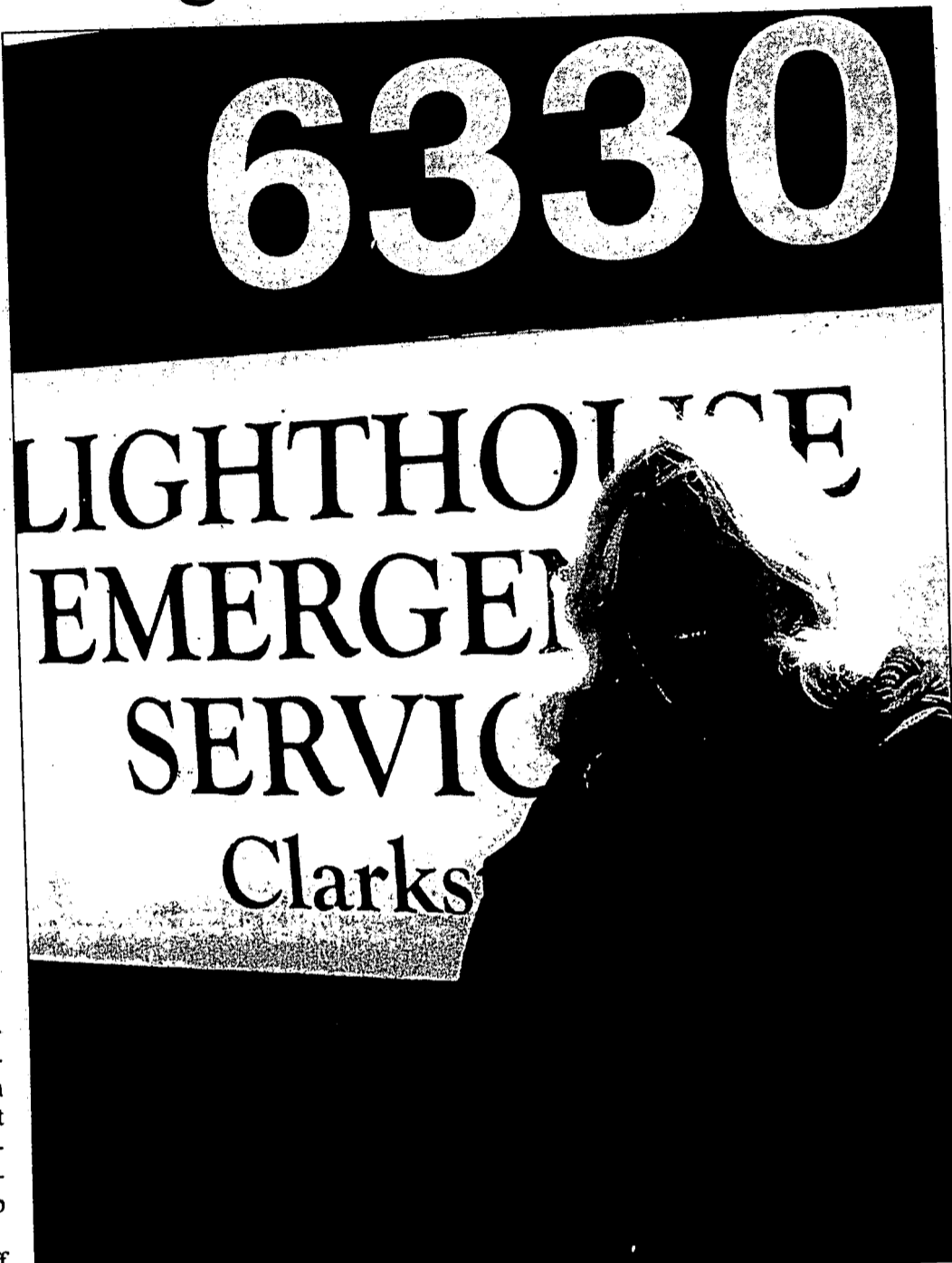
She started volunteering two days a week at the Clarkston branch, but gradually increased her time there. After about a year, she began work as a full-time staffer.

"From the beginning, it was very rewarding," she said, and as holder of a psychology degree she found the work with people very attractive. "I wondered what I would do when I stopped being a stay-at-home mom, and this worked out perfect. It's close to home and it's right up my alley."

Working with two other full-time staff and many volunteers, Stapleton is now more administration and less hands-on counseling. While she recognizes the importance of the paperwork, she still likes working with clients best.

"I've found as I've moved up from working the desk as a volunteer, I have less and less contact with the clients," she said. "That's kind of discouraging, because that's what drew me to this place."

Nonetheless, there are still times of joy when working directly with people in



Connie Stapleton serves as Clarkston branch manager for Lighthouse Emergency Services, and enjoys helping those in need in northern Oakland County. Photo by Bob Flath

need. She cited a recent example of a woman living in a motel with a week-to-week rent challenge. Stapleton helped her with arrangements for a standard apartment situation.

"That was extremely rewarding because this lady had gone through a lot of difficult times," she said. "She made that move with gentle pushes from us, but she did it."

The "gentle push" has become more im-

portant, especially in light of the organization's financial challenges.

"We foster self-sufficiency. We are refocusing on that part of our mission statement," she said. "We don't want to just give somebody a bag of food every month or help them with their rent every 12 months. We want them to get out of the system of dependency and get out on their own and be contributing members of society."

The transition process from last year's budget cuts has not been easy, but Stapleton said the organization's mission has been maintained.

"It's been very difficult for the staff. We've really had to pick up the pace, but

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The Clarkston Foundation and Suburban Ford of Waterford present the beginning of the selection process to select the 2003-2004 "Teacher of the Year". Students, former students, parents, colleagues, administrators or members of the general public may nominate teachers. An impartial selection committee comprised of local citizens selects the winner. This year's winner will be announced May 7 and will receive free use of a new Ford car of their choice for a full year. Nomination forms are available at all Clarkston elementary schools, the Board of Education office, Suburban Ford of Waterford and Clarkston State Bank. Completed forms should be mailed to the Clarkston Foundation, P.O. Box 711, Clarkston, MI 48347. All nomination forms, with all supporting materials and documentation, must be received by the Foundation no later than Thursday, Apr. 8.

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Independence Township Parks and Recreation presents **The Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, Apr. 3. Once the sun begins to set, just after 7 p.m., children can search for special eggs hidden in the "secret egg patch" filled with yummy treasures. Come early for a craft and other activities. A special guest with long ears has made a promise to appear. Don't forget to bring a flashlight complete with fresh batteries. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Families are encouraged to hunt for eggs together, but parents, please leave the findings to the children. Tickets are currently on sale for this event and sold by age groups. Cost is \$5 per youth resident and \$7 per non-youth resident. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Parks and Recreation at (248) 625-8223.

Make plans to attend the **Men of Grace** concert on March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Clarkston United Methodist Church sanctuary. This musical group of Grace Centers of Hope is men that are currently in, or have completed, the one-year rehabilitation program at Grace Centers of Hope. All proceeds will be donated to the Grace Centers of Hope Little Grace Village. For more information, call (248) 625-5141.

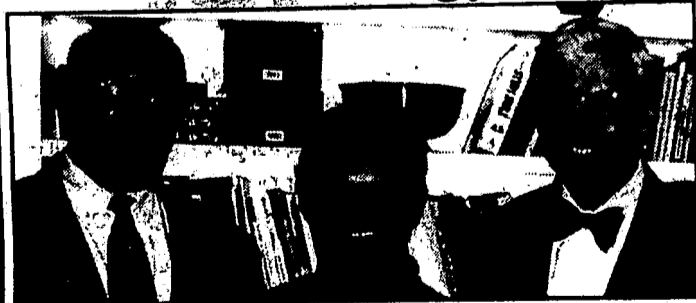
The **Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Career Connections**, in partnership with Clarkston Community Schools, is hosting a youth seminar of Tuesday, March 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The seminar will be held at Liberty Golf and Banquet and will feature the theme "Exploring Career Pathways". There is no cost to participate, but space is limited to the first 120 junior and senior students who register. Forms are available through the Clarkston High School office. Permission slips must be signed by a parent/legal guardian to participate. Students will be bused to and from the event location. No personal vehicles will be allowed. A continental breakfast will be provided. For more information, contact the chamber at (248) 625-8055.



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Lighthouse

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we're getting the job done."

Volunteers were always important, but now even more so, and Stapleton has high praise for approximately 50 regular volunteers and those from scout units, churches and civic groups who make occasional donations.

"Without them we wouldn't be able to do anything," she said.

While the Lighthouse finances were falling, the need did not. In February, the Clarkston branch helped 539 people with food. They expect an increase during the summer (the food assistance number in July 2003 was 949), because children do not benefit from school meals.

Things are looking up, with a \$30,000 shot in the arm from a recent local fund-raiser and a separate \$20,000 from a private donation. A major fund-raiser will be the annual Hunger Walk in Pontiac May 1. (To participate, call 335-1832.)

The staff is hoping to recruit more volunteers to take over some of the regular assistance programs such as Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions so the full-time staff can devote themselves to other duties.

Volunteers of all kinds (and ages) are always welcome, and Stapleton believes there are

some good learning experiences when young people get involved.

"Statistics show a large percentage of children who volunteer in community service will grow up to be volunteers," she said. "That's what our country needs: people who will get involved and help someone."

Off the job, Stapleton enjoys yard work and family time. With a husband and three sons (ages 21, 19 and 13), that time is valuable. The two oldest are now in college, but they still enjoy togetherness when possible, whether by going to movies, bowling or even in an old-fashioned tradition.

"Our family will actually sit down and eat dinner together, and that's rather unusual nowadays."

With all of the challenges of the past year, Lighthouse workers seem to really enjoy their work.

"I have the best job in the world, because I can come to work and help somebody and use other people's money to correct the problem," she said.

Also, "We get a lot of hugs around here."

To volunteer or donate to Lighthouse Emergency Services, call (248) 620-6116.



As branch manager, Connie Stapleton handles many administrative duties, but the part of the job she still enjoys most is direct contact with staff, volunteers and clients. Helping people is what motivated her to volunteer with Lighthouse Emergency Services six years ago, and she jumped at the chance to work for the agency in a full-time capacity. Despite budget problems and staff cutbacks, Stapleton said Lighthouse is still helping people. Photos by Bob Flath

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From Kettering University...

The following undergraduate students, and Clarkston residents, graduated from Kettering University in December 2003:

Adam Myers, David Goss, Heather Myers, Jason Teran, Kimberly Pennycoff and Thomas Mauti.
The following students, and Clark-

ston residents, were named to the fall 2003 Dean's List at Kettering University: **Matthew Allison and Rebecca Flores.**

To obtain the honor, students had to maintain a weighted grade average of 92.0 out of possible 100.

University of Michigan...

The following students, and Clarkston residents, were named to the Engineering College's Dean's List for fall 2003:

Michael Cholette, David Fick, David Stapleton, Adam Wadecki,

Erin Wilke, Daniel Jorgenson, Raymond Smith II, Ashley Solley and Brian Vargo.

To qualify, students had to maintain a 3.5 GPA or better for the term.

Spring Arbor University...

The following student, and Clarkston resident, was named to the fall 2003 Dean's List at Spring Arbor University: **Megan Medina.**

To obtain this honor Medina had to maintain a 3.5 GPA or better.

Central Michigan University...

The following students, and Clarkston residents, graduated from Central Michigan University in December 2003:

Kara Bergkoetter, Brian Fitzgerald and Diana Moore.

Bethel College...

The following student, and Clarkston resident, was named to the fall 2003 Dean's List at Spring Arbor University: **Jonathan L. Schindler.**

To obtain this honor Medina had to maintain a 3.5 GPA or better. Bethel College is located in Mishawaka, Ind.

Achievement...

David Smith will present a project at the 34th annual Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects at Western Michigan University on Tuesday, Apr. 13.

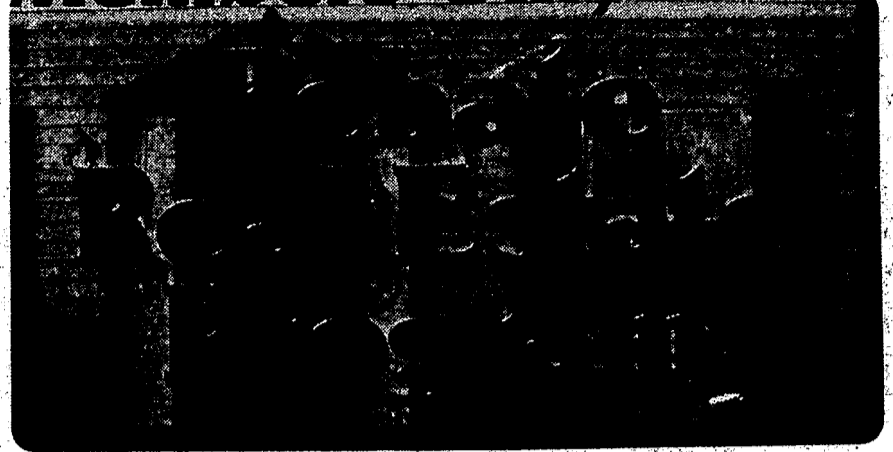
Smith, son of Michael and Laurie of Clarkston, graduated from Clarkston High School in 1999. His project is "Children's Playhouse Redesign". He plans to receive a bachelor's in engineering management/integrated supply management in April 2004.

The conference, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be held at the Parkview Campus. It is open to the public, free of charge, and is sponsored by WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

A roadway reconstruction project, an indoor navigation device for visually impaired persons, an electron vacuum tube guitar amplifier, a three-wheeled commute vehicle and pumpkin launching devices are among the projects that will be presented.

Featured that day will be 196 seniors in construction engineering, electrical and computer engineering, industrial design, industrial and manufacturing engineering, materials science and engineering, mechanical and aeronautical engineering and paper and chemical engineering will present the results of 70 projects they have completed to solve problems facing business and industry.

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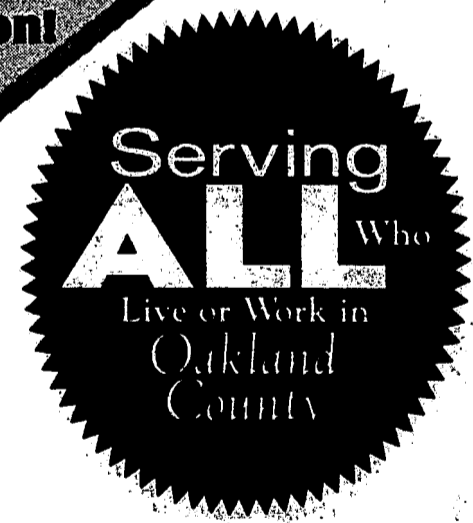
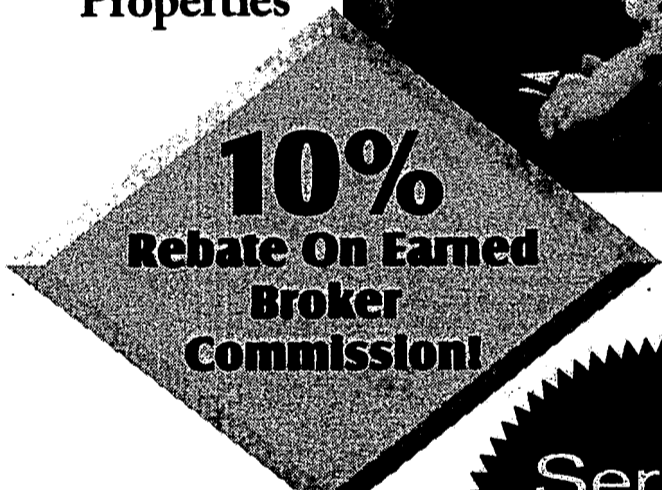


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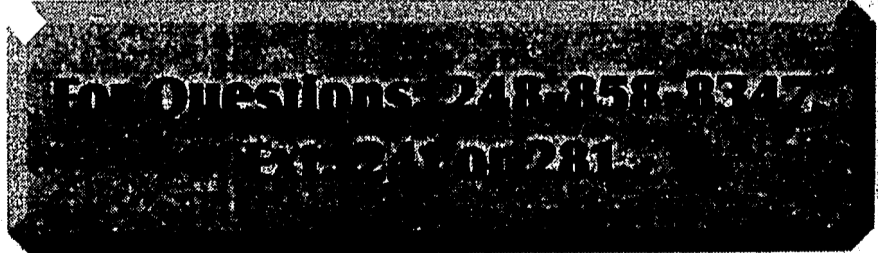
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Annual basket raffle raises funds, excitement at PKE Fun Fair

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

All eyes were fixated on the library for the past two weeks at Pine Knob Elementary, but it wasn't the books holding students' attention this time. Twenty-three bushel-sized baskets, overflowing with free goodies, had all mouths watering in anticipation of what was inside.

The baskets were part of the school's annual basket raffle, a fund-raiser to benefit the PTA featured during the March 20 Spring Fun Fair. (The total amount raised this year was unavailable at press time).

This year's basket raffle was the third year for the event, coordinated by PKE's PTA. The baskets were put on display in the library in the days leading up to the fair.

"During class, the librarian has a hard time getting kids to pick books because they're glued to the baskets," Kim Miller, PKE PTA, said.

Each class picked a theme for their basket and filled it accordingly. The baskets, direct from Detroit's Eastern Market, were then carefully hand-painted by volunteers Roni Halley, Maureen Addis, Laura Ushiro and Monique Zeder to match the chosen theme.

Additional baskets were done by PKE support services, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and a parent.

Basket-winner hopefuls bought \$1 raffle tickets to be placed in a drawing for the basket of choice.

This year's basket themes



Kim Voog-Sabbag's second grade class at Pine Knob Elementary proudly display the basket, "Family Book Collection", they created for the school's annual basket raffle on March 20. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

included "Pool Party", "Summer Fun", "Girls Just Want to Have Fun", "Family Game Night" and "Barrel of Laughs".

There was even a raffle for a student to be principal for half a day.

"The 'Barrel of Laughs' basket is always popular with older kids," Miller said. The "Movie Night" basket was also a big hit as well.

The PTA relies on the donations from the school and local businesses to fill each of the 23 baskets. More than 22 area businesses generously contributed to the fund-raiser, and items were still coming in the day before the fair. Circuit City allowed

'It's amazing to see the kids when they've won.'

**Kim Miller, PTA
Pine Knob Elementary School**

Miller to spend \$75 on whatever she wanted in the store when she asked for a donation.

Even Kid Rock donated an autographed picture to complete the "BBQ" basket.

"The best part is seeing them (baskets) when they're all together," Miller said. "You get worried about the donations, but

they always come through."

The PTA was hoping to raise an amount similar to last year's figure of \$3,500. The money would help with PTA activities as part of the annual budget.

Funds from the past helped build the school's outdoor classroom.

Not only did the students enjoy the chance to win a basket, but they also found excitement in helping the school raise money.

"This is one fund-raiser where they feel like they're really a part of it," Miller said. "The teachers were really good about it. They had to send out notes and reminders."

Kim Voog-Sabbag's second grade class created the "Family Book Collection" basket. Her students voted on the theme and what the class would be responsible for in terms of donations.

"They could bring in anything to do with reading," Voog-Sabbag, who helped coordinate the fund-raiser, said. "I thought they were really creative. The kids were very excited, and their excitement gets the parents here."

Items in their basket included a Disney boom box, book lights, Teddy Graham crackers, a \$10 Borders gift card, various popular youth books, a travel pillow and flashlight.

Support from parents was also crucial to the success of the fund-raiser.

"I'm always amazed at how the parents come together," Voog-Sabbag said. "The kids are excited and feel like they've given to it."

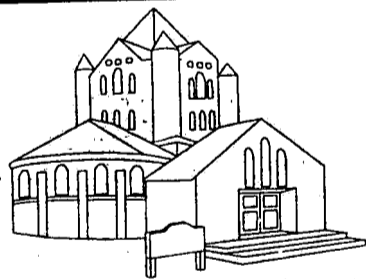
For Miller, one of the best aspects of the drive was seeing the faces of winners when his or her name is called out. Whenever she received a handful of coins in exchange for a ticket, she knows there's a little face waiting patiently to win.

"It's amazing to see the kids when they've won," Miller said.

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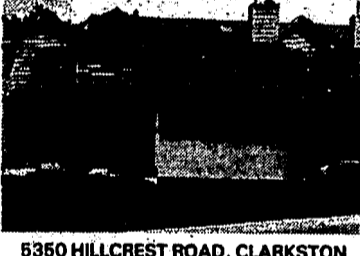


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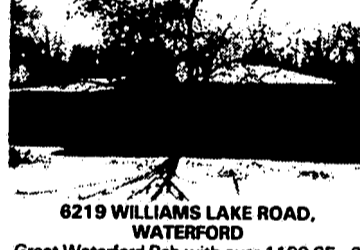


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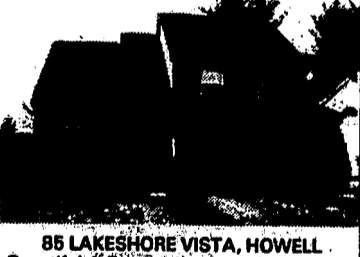


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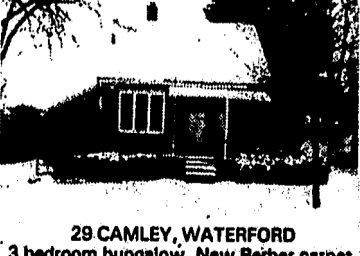


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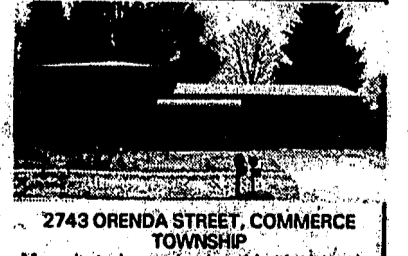


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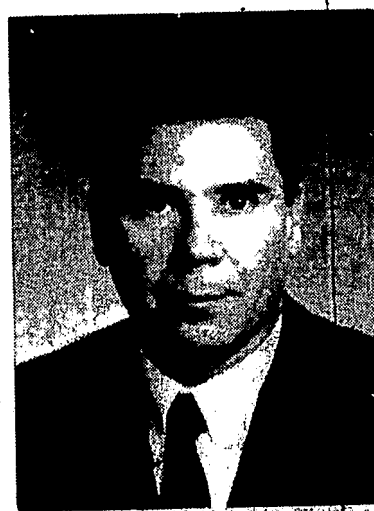
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More Around Town

Continued from 2B

The Independence Township Senior Center and First Congregational Church in Clarkston are offering **Project Healthy Living** as a service to the community. The event takes place on Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church, 5449 Clarkston Rd. Free tests and services will monitor blood pressure, foot, vision and hearing checks, and self-breast exam techniques. Optional tests with fees include a PSA test for prostate cancer (\$25), CA 124 for ovarian cancer (\$25) and H Pyloric for ulcer or stomach problems (\$15). Stroke screenings by Advanced Screening include carotid artery (\$35), aortic aneurysm (\$35), leg circulation (\$35) and heart screen (\$65). All three vascular screens are available for \$95 or all four screens for \$150. A blood panel, with 22 profiles, including total cholesterol, thyroid, glucose and others can be requested for \$40. (A four-hour fasting is recommended for the blood panel. Tea, coffee and water are allowed). Accepted payments are cash, check, money orders or major credit cards. For more information, call (248) 625-8231.

You're invited to **Calvary Lutheran Church** for a live simulcast for parents. John Trent, in partnership with Focus on the Family, will help us understand the unique personalities of each family member. In addition, parents will discover a plan of action for building healthier relationships with the family, basing on individual personalities. Join us for this informative evening, Thursday March 25 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Calvary is at 6805 Bluegrass Dr. in Clarkston at the southwest corner of I-75 and M-15. For more information, contact the church office at (248) 625-3288.

Club 5529 presents Matt Giraud and Same Old Joke (pop-funk/hip hop) on Friday, March 26. Doors

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the March 16, 2004 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. **ledge of Allegiance**
Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wagner, Wenger
Absent: None

There is a quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda as amended,
2. Approved the Consent Agenda as amended.
3. Approval of Purchase Orders in the amount of \$510,015.24.
4. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$473,175.76.
5. Approved Second Reading and Adoption of Amendments to the Liberty PUD Zoning, including map amendments to add parcels 08-27-300-007, 028, 08-27326-001 thru 065, 08-28-400-005 & 007 to the Liberty PUD by rezoning from R1 A to PUD and text amendments applicable to such added property and the existing retail/commercial phases of the Liberty PUD.
6. Approved bid award for Sunny Beach No. 2 Drainage Improvements.
7. Approved bid award for Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection
8. Approved bid award for Year-Round Recycling Center
9. Approved bid for Annual Spring Clean-Up Days.
10. Approved motion authorizing Goose Round-Up for Cranberry Lake.
11. Approved motion authorizing Goose Round-Up for Deer Lake.
12. Approved motion authorizing Goose Round-Up for Van Norman Lake.
13. Approved resolution to Set the Public Hearing for Andersonville Road Sewer SAD.
14. Approved motion to enter into negotiations with Springfield Township regarding Household Waste Drop Off Program.
15. Approved resolution of P.O. H. Hospital Location.
16. Approved motion to post Clark position for DPW.
17. Approved motion of Non-Union Benefits as submitted.
18. Approved motion to waive procedures regarding Wetland permit - Oakland County Sportsman's Club.
19. Approved motion to consider Request to Purchase Time for Retirement under MERS.
20. Approved motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2004 as amended.
21. Approved motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

Published 3/24/2004

open at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$7. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or www.5529music.com.

Instruction for new quilters begins with **"First Quilt: From Beginning to End"** on Monday, Apr. 5 at Clarkston Community Education. A variety of quilting classes are available for beginning and experienced quilters. Call Clarkston Community Education at (248) 618-9260 for more information or to register. Check out their Web site at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec.

Be a part of **Senior Day at School**. Fifth grade students at Independence Elementary School will welcome local seniors as part of their Serving Our Community Kids' Style (SOCKS) program. The students will talk to seniors, entertain them and serve a light snack. If you would like to share your childhood memories, hobbies or just casual conversation with the students, call the Independence Township Senior Center at (248) 625-8231 to register. Adults age 50 and up are eligible.

Enjoy a **spaghetti dinner** at the Independence Township Senior Center. On Friday, March 19 from 5-7 p.m., family, friends or just yourself are invited to this friendly fund-raiser staffed by senior volunteers. Eat hearty for just \$4. Yummy homemade desserts will be available for just \$1. Carry-out is available by calling the senior center at (248) 625-8231 one day in advance.

The **Clarkston Community Women's Club** hosts Sandy Bauman, M.S., as she presents 'I Forget Where I Put my Memory' at the Independence Township library on March 18 at 7:30 p.m. Bauman will be providing practical and humorous tips about using specific memory enhancers, nutrition, relaxation, physical activity and vitamins to improve recall and retention. The evening begins with the club's regular business meeting followed by Bauman's presentation. Guests are wel-

come and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Gail Ferguson at (248) 623-9462.

Look what's new at **Clarkston Community Education**. Invention: From Mind to Market Place is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, call Dort at (248) 618-9260.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN
AUTHORITY

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority will conduct a Public Hearing on its plans to submit a Grant Application to the State of Michigan, Natural Resources Trust Fund Board for the purchase of land at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township, Oakland County. The hearing will be conducted on March 25, 2004, at 1:00 P.M., E.S.T., at the Nature Center Building located within Indian Springs Metropark. The entrance to Indian Springs Metropark is directly north off White Lake Road, approximately 1 mile west of Teggerdine Road. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the acquisition plans and to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on the plans either in person during the Hearing or in writing. Plans showing the extent of this acquisition will be available for public review prior to the Public Hearing at the Authority's offices, 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48114, beginning March 24, 2004, during regular business hours, (8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.).

Daniel R. Duncan
Chief Planner

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority

Date: March 24, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #04-0016 Theresa Petherbridge, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR OUT-DOOR SALES OF LAWN FURNITURE FROM MAY THRU SEPTEMBER PLUS SIGNAGE Dixie Highway, Lots 77, 78, and 79, C-3 Townends Sub, (Waterford Hill Florist and Green House)
08-33-302-010 & 011
- Case #04-0017 Ann Bahri, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW TEMPORARY BANNER ON BACK OF BUILDING
Maybree Rd., C-1
Pine Knob Wine Shoppe
08-27-400-008

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
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Beverly A. McElmeel
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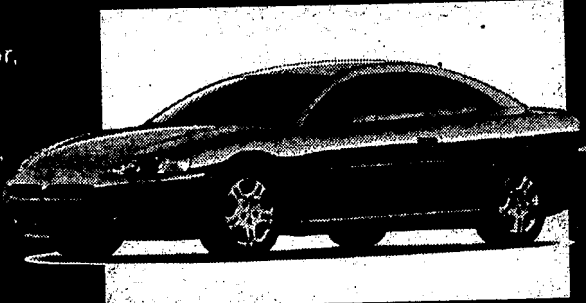
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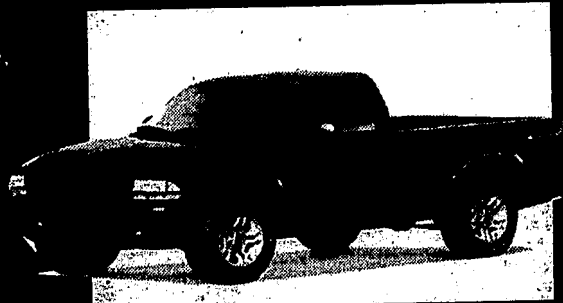
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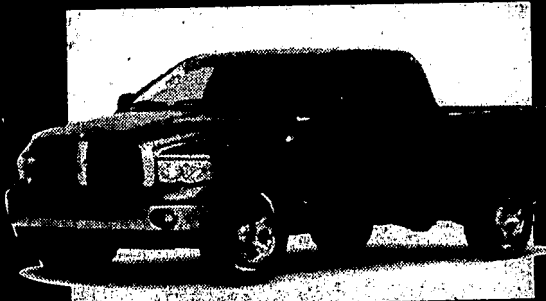


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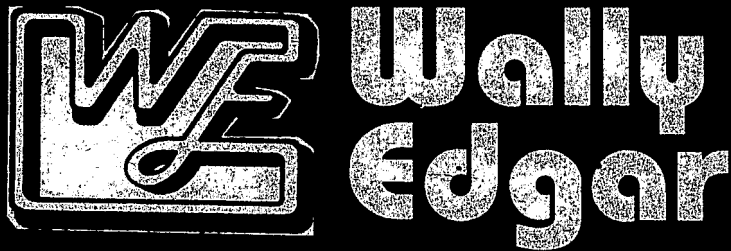
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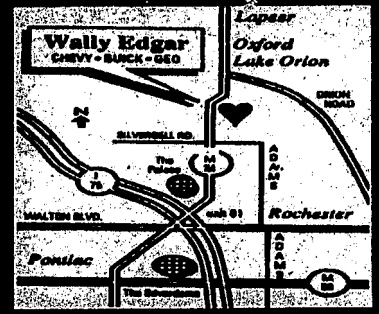




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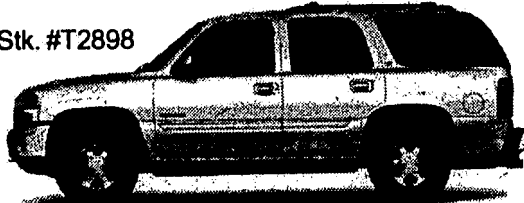
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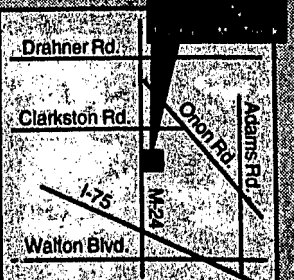
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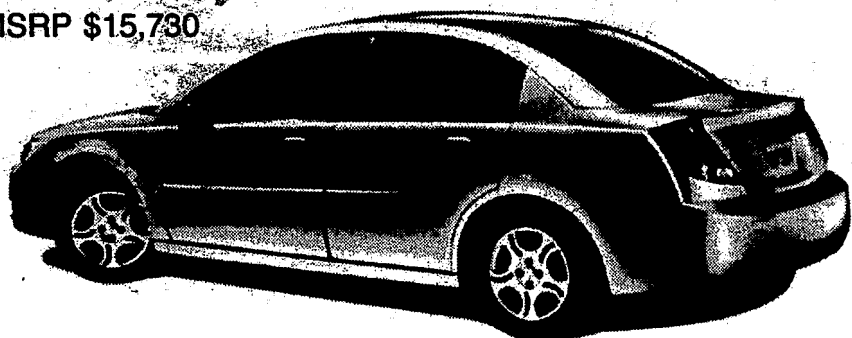
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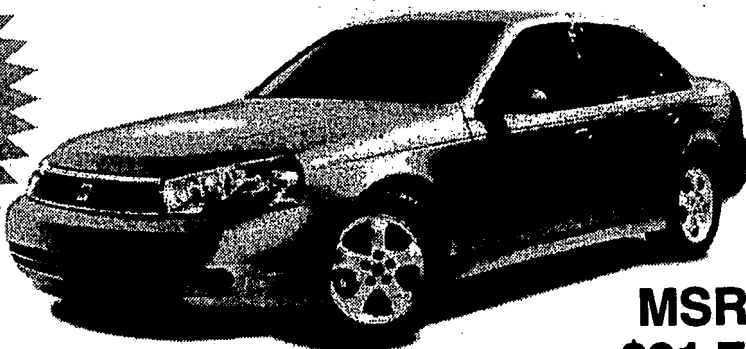
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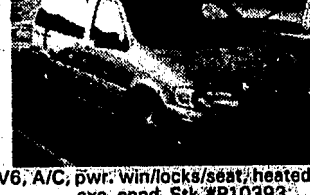
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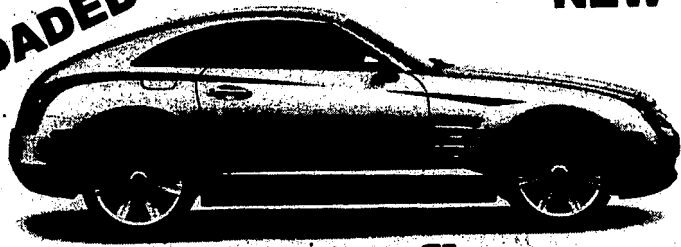
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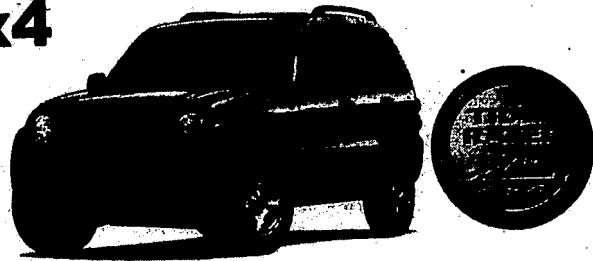
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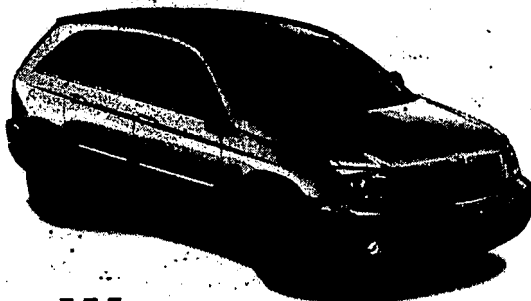
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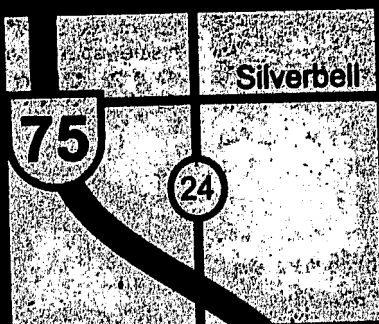
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Pastor Spann watches son Prince-Yrral carefully color a picture of Mona Lisa in the school's European wing.



Pat Holihan serves refreshments to passengers making their way through the school's family night. An AV cart was turned into the beverage cart as Holihan, complete in stewardess suit and pin.



Families tried their luck at a guessing jar to see how many styrofoam peanuts, doubling as ice cubes for the Antarctica theme, could fit into a jar.



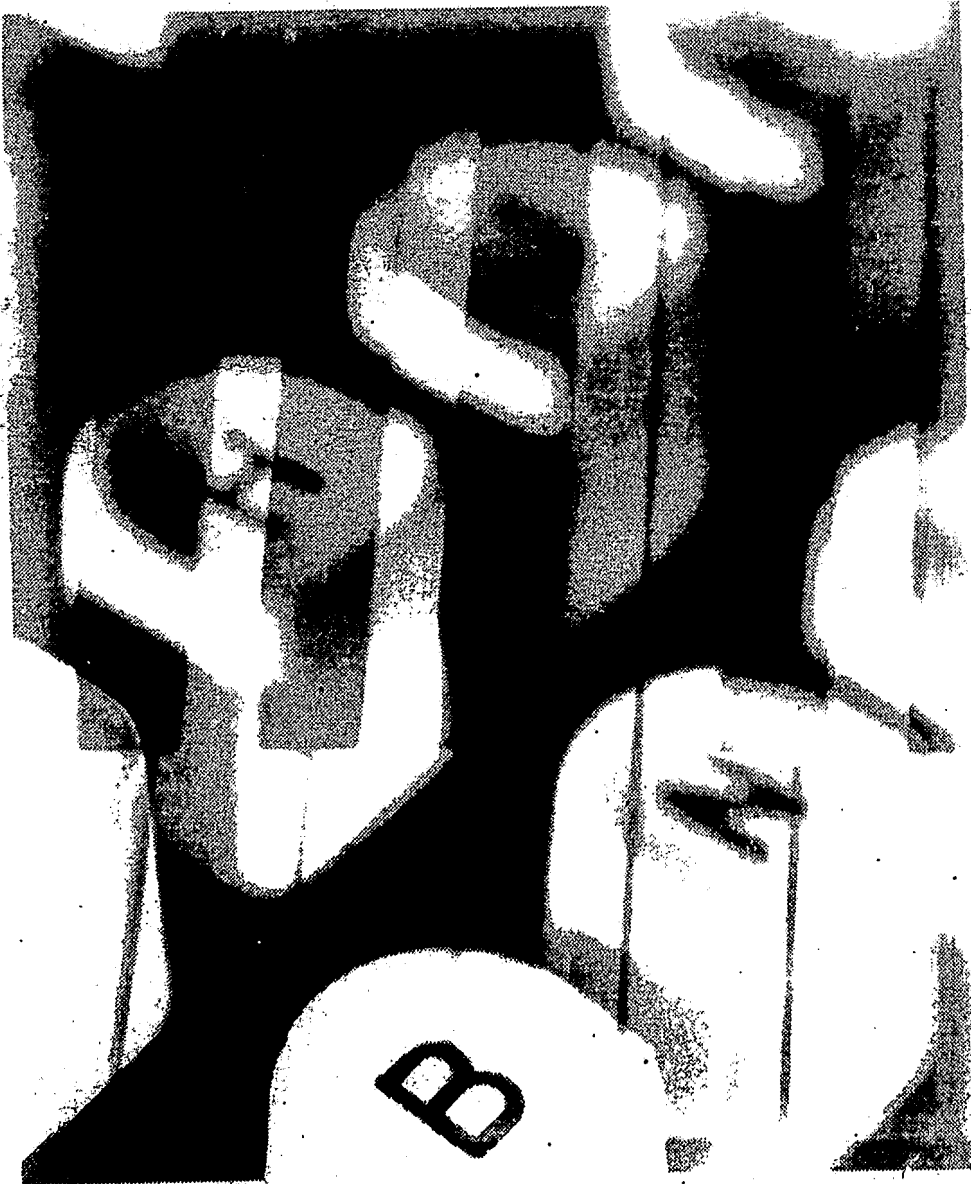
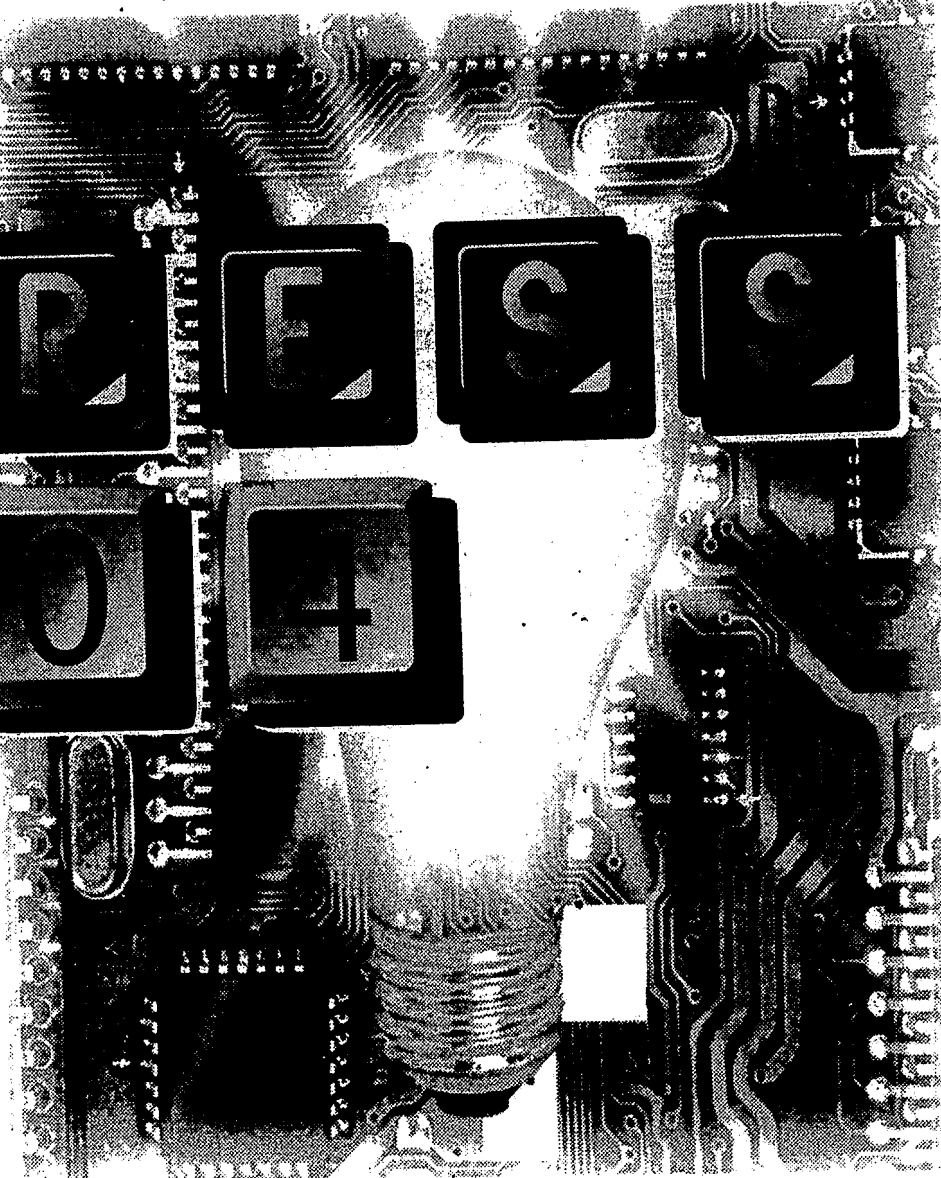
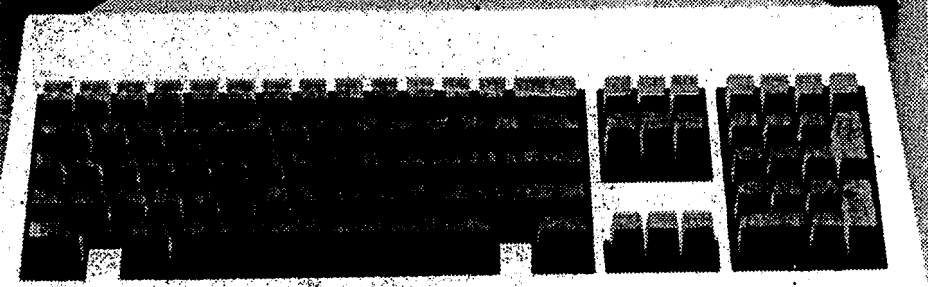
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Unique gifts, beautiful flowers abundant at new store

Clarkston's latest retail addition aims to provide customers with only the best in local floral and gift selections.

Blossoms and Petals, making its home in the Gateway Plaza on White Lake Road, is a warm, friendly atmosphere providing only the best products for its clients.

And besides, what other store boasts having its own butler, with candy, ready at the front door?

"Winston always has treats for the kids," Pamela



Winston and the rest of the staff at Blossoms and Petals are ready to serve.

Griffin, store co-owner, said of Winston, a tall statue that helps accentuate the fun attitude at Blossoms and Petals. The tall sculpture holds a tray brimming with various candy treats.

"We're super friendly."

Open for business since December 2003, Blossoms and Petals is a full-service florist. The trained staff at the store is ready for all wedding, funeral and delivery needs.

Did we mention the unique fashion in which the flowers arrive?

"We're the only flower shop with a 6-foot-5-inch law-student delivery guy," Griffin said.

The store is also an FTD retailer, providing the highest quality floral arrangements possible to customers.

In addition to being a flower shop, Blossoms and Petals also carries a unique line of gifts to choose from.

Hand-blown glassware, created by local artists, catches the shining rays of sun into the store. Looking for a different gift for the friend who has everything? Try the glass bee catcher that uses a base of 7Up to trap the buzzing pests.

The store also features Ross' Fine Chocolates, a local endeavor out of Waterford.

"We don't use big guys," Griffin said. "We use mom and pop places."

Themed parties are a new addition to the store's line of services. Children's parties are a popular choice for parents looking for a fresh twist to traditional party ideas. Kids can make mini herb gardens or create one-of-a-kind terra cotta flower pots complete with a small arrangement.

Adults can have fun with themed parties as well. Learning how to make centerpieces has been a popular choice for 'grown-up' parties. The event is complete with wine and appetizers.

The attention to customer satisfaction simply reflects the owners' dedication to community loyalty.

Co-owner Donna McCloskey is a Clarkston regular, having owned a State Farm agency in the community for the past 30 years.

"Donna is big into volunteering all over town," Griffin said. "She's a big supporter of small businesses."

Blossoms and Petals is a store that is working hard to be seen in the community. Parade goers can keep their eyes peeled for the store's beautifully decorated float. Holidays also offer a chance for the store to get out to the people, too.

"On Valentine's Day we had six guys selling flowers out on the road with one dressed like Cupid," Griffin said. "You should have seen it: a tutu and wings on at his age!"


Make sure to stop by Blossoms and Petals for spring arrangements, especially Easter, early, Griffin said.

Who knows: maybe you'll be greeted by Winston or another interesting character ready to help your gift and floral needs.

Blossoms and Petals is located 7070 Gateway in Clarkston at the Gateway Plaza at Andersonville and White Lake Roads. For more information on store services, call (248) 922-1200.




Dressing up like Cupid on Valentine's Day, John Yacik displays a tutu and wings while selling flowers.



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Troy Tech leads the way in wireless technology

Troy Tech Services, based in Grand Rapids, has opened a Waterford location.

"We are very excited at the endless opportunity to service the Detroit Metro and surrounding area," President Rita Cribbs said.

Deborah Schiller, director of the Waterford operation, has a background with IBM as a field engineer.

"We out-service our competition and offer our company's state-of-the-art technology, support service or project," Schiller said. "We offer fast response at a competitive rate."

Troy Tech Services offers state-of-the-art wireless networks and other computer solutions. They have the most seasoned wireless certified engineer in the state of Michigan, Dave Witek, who has experience with such projects as the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor campus, including all academic buildings and the U of M Medical Center.

Troy Tech has accepted the challenge of designing and installing the wireless network for William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills (which will include video on demand).

The company offers expertise with both local area networks and wide area networks

(up to 40 miles), all with the latest RF (radio frequency) technology.

Witek said the right RF wireless system provides high speed efficiency, high security and long-term cost savings. By properly designing a building's network, he can assure flexibility in movement of computer equipment, as well, all without the hassle of hard cable.

"Our first line of security is to keep the RF in the building," he said.

Companies should consider not only the benefits to internal company computer operations, but also the advantages of paying for only one T-1 line for a building and dropping T-1 lines to multiple sites because of wireless technology.

"They can save a lot of money by using the wireless link to connect to the Internet," Witek said, noting the return on investment can be as little as eight to 18 months for such installations. Witek knows about security and offers the most secured system in today's technology.

The Waterford office is a prime example, with an estimated savings of \$2,500 for their own system over conventional network wiring.

The company will continue

to look to the future with technologies such as voice-over-IP.

"The industry is really moving headlong into that," Schiller said, and she believes they can help Michigan businesses pull back into the computer technology race. She said Ohio and Indiana are ahead of Michigan, and "When Ohio is ahead of Michigan, that's really sad."

With its headquarters in Grand Rapids and a satellite office in Kalamazoo, and with a total of 300 employees, Troy Tech will continue to excel in the staffing area, helping companies with short- or long-term contracts.

Certified technicians are also available to help with software and hardware problems, and the company is authorized to sell and service several major brands.

Before joining Troy Tech in 1995, Schiller spent 18 years working for IBM, and she says her staff can help other businesses with their needs.

"Anyone in IT, we can provide them," Schiller said, including contractors or direct hires into companies.

Schiller lives in Clarkston and Witek lives in White Lake Township, and both have a personal commitment to the community.

Troy Tech Services is located at 5093 Williams Lake Road, Waterford, in the Schram Technical Park. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Telephone is (248) 618-9100. Fax is (248) 618-9900. Web site is www.troytechservices.com.



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Oxford Bank is the oldest commercial bank headquartered in Oakland County and has operated continuously under local ownership and management since its inception. Currently, the Bank has six retail banking locations in Clarkston, Dryden, Lake Orion, Oakland, Ortonville, and Oxford, along with a consumer loan center in Oxford and a new commercial loan center in Orion Township.

In December of 2003, the Bank announced the appointment of Jeffrey M. Davidson to president and chief executive officer. Mr. Davidson is the 11th president and seventh CEO in Oxford Bank history.

Randall G. Fox, the Bank's president and CEO since 1985, will remain as chairman of both the Bank and its holding company, Oxford Bank Corporation, as well as the president and chief executive officer of the Corporation. This move initiated a three-year succession plan that will conclude in Mr. Fox's retirement in 2007.

The year 2003 proved to be a profitable year for the Corporation and the Bank. Oxford Bank Corporation posted its 21st consecutive year of record earnings.

Net income for the twelve months ending December 31, 2003 was \$5,126,000, a 6.17 percent increase over numbers reported in 2002.

Oxford Bank offers a wide range of financial and banking services, including mortgage and construction loans, consumer loans, commercial loans and checking accounts, credit cards, merchant services, personal checking and savings accounts, and on-

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The Bank also provides financial services and planning through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.

To learn more about how Oxford Bank can as-

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The Clarkston branch of The Oxford Bank.

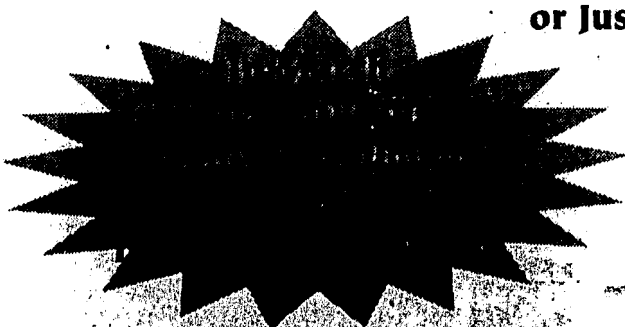
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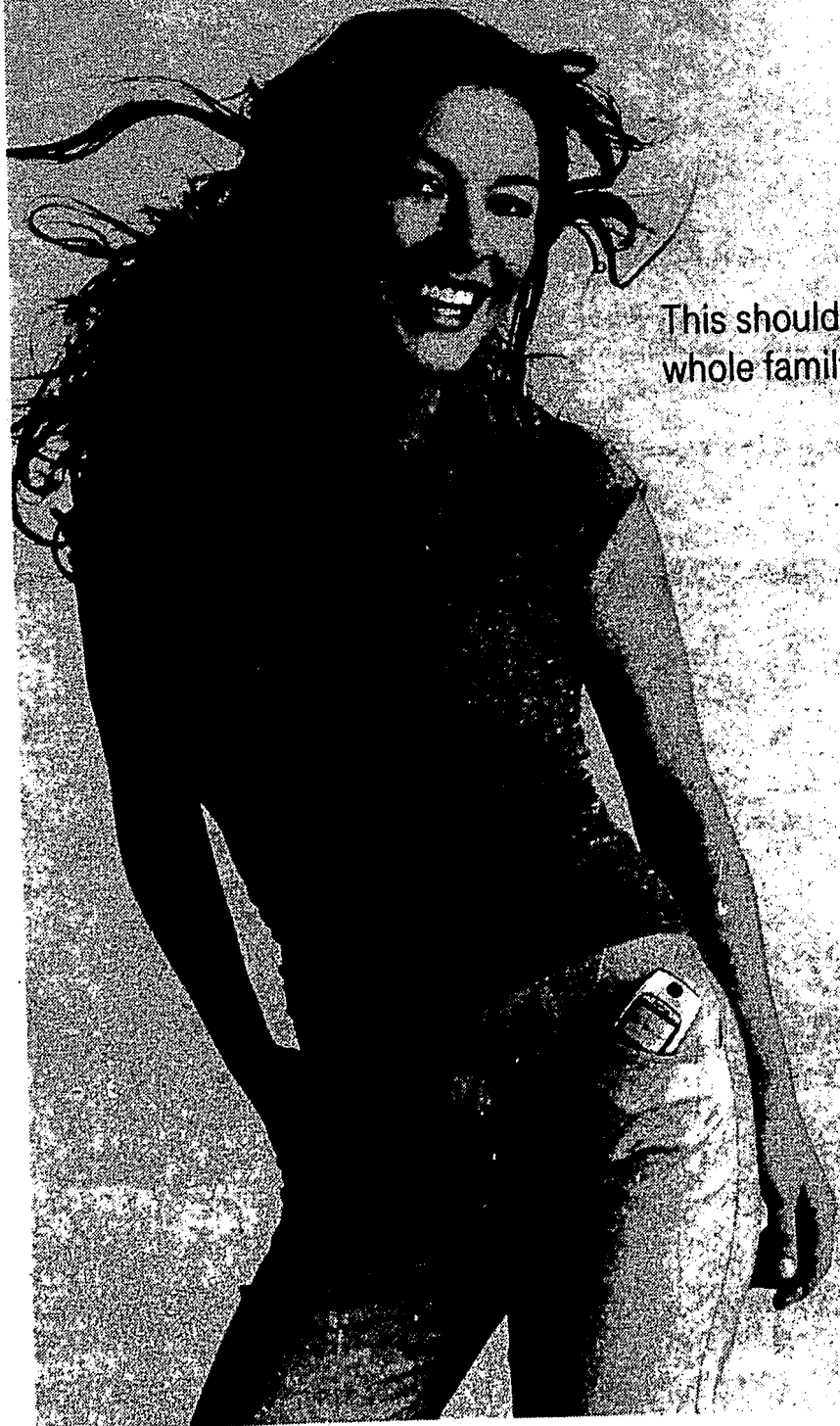
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Deer Lake Athletic Club offers healthy living

If it is a healthy lifestyle you are looking for, Deer Lake Athletic Club is the place to be.

Overlooking one of Clarkston's most scenic lakes, Deer Lake Athletic Club offers a complete sports and recreation home for all seasons. They accept new memberships throughout the year for you, your family, and your business.

As a Deer Lake member, the sports and social events for which they are known will become an integral part of your lifestyle. Deer Lake members meet new people and make friends while doing something positive for themselves and their families. Their professional staff is waiting to help you realize your fitness goals.

Options Deer Lake Athletic Club offers includes:

Tennis: The club has eight indoor tennis courts.

"We have a very successful junior program for kids four-years-old to 17. We offer both group lessons and private lessons for kids," director of tennis Mary Jo Colonna said.

The club also has more than 100 adults in tennis lessons.

"You can play tennis if you are four-years-old or if you are 84-years-old," Deer Lake tennis professional Shellie Sanders said. "It is good for any age."

In order to take lessons, individuals do not need to be members of the club. Tennis Pro Mike Witkowski organizes Deer Lake's adult tennis clinics. Players of all levels are welcome.

The club also has a summer league program where players compete with other clubs throughout metro Detroit.

Swimming: Deer Lake Athletic Club offers both swim lessons, swim team and water aerobics.

The club is enclosing their current outdoor pool to make it a year-round pool. In addition, they are building another outdoor pool that will be more of a play pool.

"We are all very excited about the new pools,"



The staff at Deer Lake Athletic Club wants to help you with a healthy lifestyle.

aquatic director Jill Hancock said. "Swimming is very popular with about 70 kids in our swim programs."

These are also open for nonmembers.

Work out room: The club has Dan and Cherie Houston working as Directors of personal training. The duo is able to tailor a workout to a persons specific body type and also establish diet plans. Both the athletic trainers are certified.

In keeping with the spirit of having the best athletic club, Deer Lake recently invested in state-of-the-art fitness equipment include machines from Lifefitness and Cybex.

The athletic club also offers a variety of aerobic classes.

Deer Lake Athletic Club also has an on-site restaurant, The Back Court is open to the public as well as members and their guests. They have elegant banquet and conference facilities which can accommodate 25 to 350 guests, and they have a full service catering department! Let them help you plan your next party - graduations, showers, cocktail parties you name it. Deer Lake can arrange everything from outstanding food to courteous staffing and they can create a menu to fit your liking.

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The company also plans to continue adding merchandise to their Web store at www.framesunlimited.com.

Frames Unlimited has 37 locations throughout the states of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

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Gott said it is important for him to stay current on the status of vehicles in the shop for repair. On a typical day he will receive constant updates from his mechanics on all jobs underway.

"That way, I can personally convey an update to my customer," Gott said.

For the owner, his interest in auto mechanics surfaced in high school. Right after graduation, Gott started work at a car repair shop in Detroit. When its owner retired a few years later, Gott took over the business. In 1963, Gott's Auto Service was born.

Family owned and operated, the business has extended to include Robert's sons, Bob Kevin, and daughter Lisa Morgan.

Vinnie Ventimiglia, Brian McClure and Rick Verscheure round out the mechanical team. "We can do most all mechanical repairs," Gott said. "We do work on domestics as well as some foreign cars."

A towing service is available as well.

Besides overseeing his business, Gott is a member of the Clarkston Rotary, something he has much pride in.

"The rotary is a service organization that raises money to help scholarship programs in the Clarkston area," Gott

said. "Being a Rotarian shows that you put service above self."

Gott, his family and all the qualified staff members at Gott's Auto look forward to servicing your vehicle.

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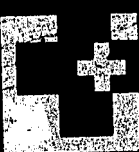
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If you want fresh, made from scratch Italian food, Giacomo's ristorante in Clarkston is the place to be.

The restaurant, owned and operated by Rick and Carol Testa for the last two years, makes pretty much everything from scratch with the exception of some of the desserts they serve and the pasta noodles.

"I'm not sure how many restaurants still make a majority of their menu items, from scratch in this day and age, with all the short cuts there are, I am proud that we do things using our own recipes and quality ingredients. We aren't pulling lasagna out of boxes," Carol said. "We want to go the extra mile. We want our customers to enjoy their meal."

Giacomo's offers traditional Italian fare including lasagna, veal parmigiana or linguini with clam sauce, using tried and true recipes. However they also prepare steaks, crisp salads, appetizers and desserts with their ever popular signature dessert the chocolate boudini (which they do make in house).

"We do not want to leave anyone out so we have more than great Italian food. We want to appeal to everyone or at least try," Carol said. "We recently introduced a ribeye steak simply rubbed with Italian herbs and char grilled to order, it has gone over really well, it will become a regular menu item."

Another recent introduction at Giacomo's offerings is sandwiches and wraps for the lunch crowd. Sandwiches include an Italian Burger, Pastrami on Rye and traditional BLT. Some of the wraps include a turkey club and grilled chicken with an avocado salsa.

The restaurant is open seven days a week and is also willing to open up their doors during off hours for private parties. Giacomo's is open for your private party on Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. It is a great environment to have a baby shower, wedding shower or anniversary party. You select the menu, enjoy the event and Giacomo's Ristorante will provide friendly service and a cozy atmosphere.

They will also open the restaurant weekday morn-



Giacomo's Ristorante serves Italian food such as lasagna.

ings for area businesses to hold office or staff meetings. Giacomo's can open as early as 8 a.m. with the restaurant being available without interference until they open at 11 a.m.

"We will serve you an awesome, out of the ordinary breakfast customized according to your needs," Carol said. Breakfast meetings are by booking only.

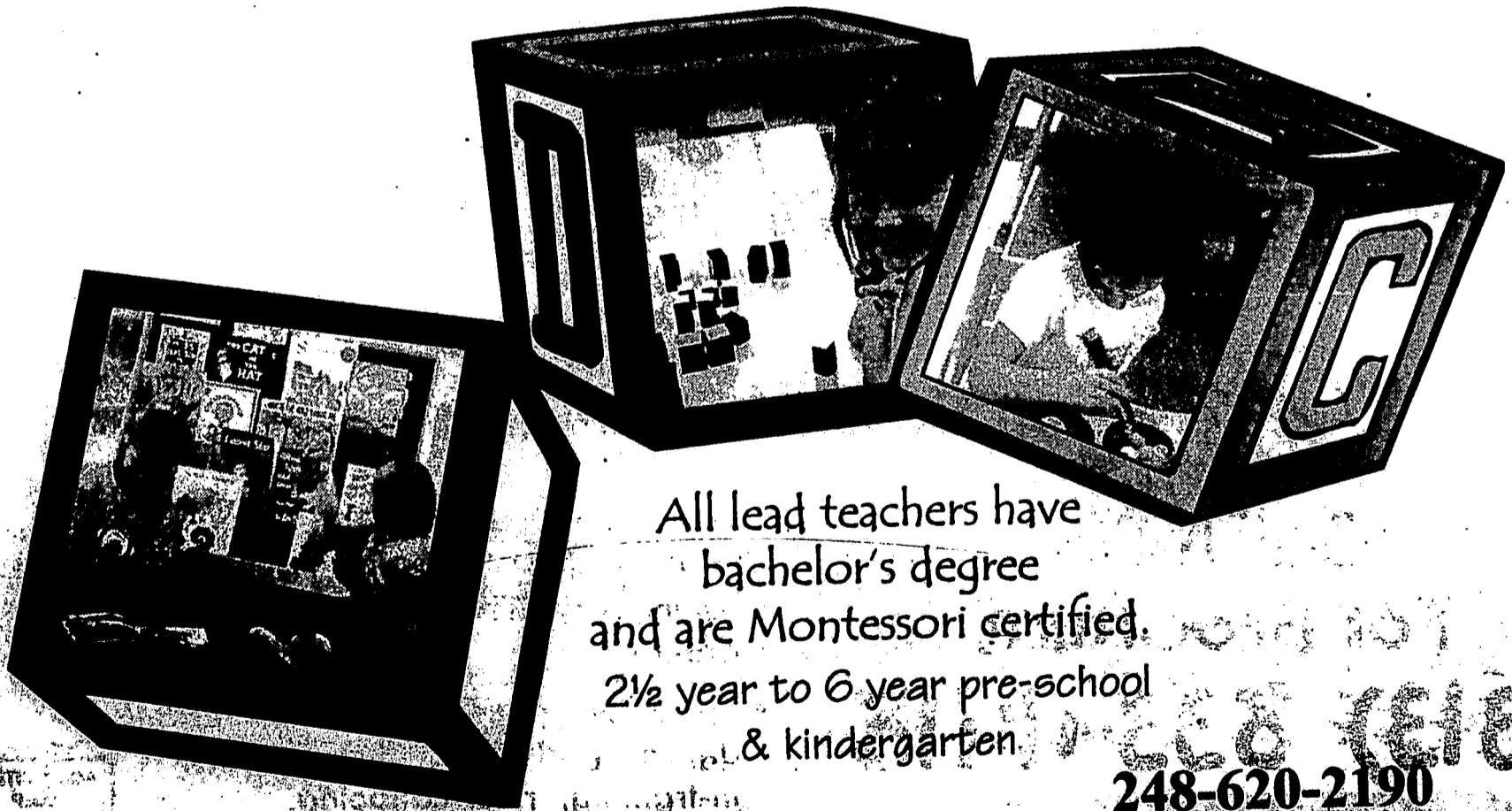
Giacomo's also offers catering service. For custom menu planning or if you have any questions you can contact Carol at (248) 620-8500.

Rick and Carol truly enjoy serving the Clarkston community.

"For the longest time we wanted to do something our selves and opening a little restaurant here seemed to fit. We have always loved the Clarkston area. For me, what makes it more special is that we are fortunate enough to have out business in the same community that we live." Carol said.

(Giacomo's Ristorante is located at 7071 Dixie Highway in Clarkston. They are open seven days a week including Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Their phone number is (248) 620-8500.)

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Rotary Club continues devotion to local service

The Clarkston Rotary Club has some big plans, but then, they have a big history of service.

"The movers and shakers of Clarkston were all in the Rotary Club" when it was founded in 1940, current Vice President John Halleran said.

The club is no longer limited to "movers and shakers," but they do seek service-minded people from the community who want to help with the club's service to the community.

In July, Halleran will take over from current President Joel DeLong, whose footsteps he is proud to follow.

"Over the last few years, we've tried to stress continuity from one president to another," Halleran said, and one continued goal is to build up the membership from the current 29 to about 35 or 40.

The Rotarians are seen regularly at annual fund-raising and service events. The Goodfellow newspaper sale (printed by *The Clarkston News*) helps raise money for Christmas charity work, which this past year provided "Shoes for Kids" for about 325 needy children in northern Oakland County.

"The first time I did that, it really put the spirit of Christmas in my heart," Halleran said.

Other service projects include:

- The hosting of the Labor Day parade in downtown Clarkston. The Rotary has run the parade for 64 years.
- Displaying Christmas decorations in downtown Clarkston.

• The awarding of scholarships to students from Clarkston and Renaissance High Schools.

• The providing of a picnic for the students attending the SCAMP program in Clarkston.

A new event for the Clarkston Rotary was the recent "Taste of Spring" at Bordine's Nursery. The wine tasting event will help bolster the Rotary funds for more good local charity.

To help build the membership, the Rotary Club will attempt a "business partnership" with the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce and individual businesses. The aim is a mutual relationship.

"There has to be a benefit to the businesses, and the Rotary would like to see that, too."

Halleran joined the Clarkston Rotary in 1989 after moving to the area in 1987.

"I didn't know many people in Clarkston," he said, but that changed with his Rotary membership.

He served as president in 1995-96, and it didn't take much to get him to agree to serve again.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I think the best job in all of Rotary is being president of a club."

The Clarkston Rotary meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the Clarkston Cafe. Each meeting includes dinner and a short business meeting. For more information call (248) 649-5560 ext. 241 or (248) 625-7645.



John Halleran will take over later this year as president of the Clarkston Rotary Club, a group devoted to making the Clarkston area an even better place to live and work.



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Lowrie's Landscape celebrate 25 years of service

Lowrie's Landscape Inc. had modest beginnings 25 years ago.

"I started it out of a pickup truck like a lot of landscapers do," Tom Lowrie said. "It's one of the easiest businesses to get into, but it's very difficult to stay in it."

Lowrie has stayed in it, and during the peak season employs from 25 to 30 employees, all committed to keeping it a trusted firm for innovative design and construction.

Over 25 years, Lowrie believes he's learned a lot through "the school of hard knocks," especially in the reality that running a business involves more than the knowledge of how to plant trees.

The company now does about 80 percent of business in custom residential landscaping, with the remainder in commercial applications. Their Dixie Highway location (working from offices in a home which is 165 years old) also offers help for do-it-yourselfers with both design help and bulk landscaping materials such as top soil, mulch and decorative stone.

The nursery is stocked with the highest quality plant material. Large trees and shrubs are purchased before the season begins, so the best material is available. Lowrie's fellow designers are landscape graduates of Michigan State University's school of design, but they also have unique strengths and approaches to their projects. Potential customers can be assured of unique designs fit for their particular situation.

"We start with a custom design," he

said, noting the firm's position as a "full-service design and build" company.

Lowrie's general manager and foremen, meanwhile, have more than 50 years of combined experience in landscape construction.

The designers keep up with the latest trends in landscape engineering. Among the popular items offered these days are water gardens and artificial putting greens, which can offer a bit of a "getaway" without the need to get away.

"People can bring a little vacation land to the home," Lowrie said.

In addition to helping existing homeowners with beautification, the firm is eager to help new home builders. In many cases, builders will allocate about 10 percent of their construction budget to landscaping.

"I've had some spend more," he said, noting that good landscaping enhances a home's marketability.

In addition to expert treatment of lawns, trees and plants, Lowrie's offers tasteful accessories such as low-voltage lights along walkways and around homes.

"People can appreciate the ambience of the home round-the-clock," Lowrie said, in addition to enjoying an added feeling of security.

"People are spending more time at home," he said, and more folks are taking advantage of the resources to make that time at home more enjoyable through an attractive landscape.

Lowrie's Landscape also offers a digital design service, taking photographs of a property then using computer imag-

ing to help the customer visualize the goals before doing any work on the land.

Lowrie's Landscape Inc. has offices and nursery at 9539 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. Business hours are

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Telephone is (248) 625-8844. Fax is (248) 625-9184. For more information from the Internet, visit www.lowrieslandscape.com.



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Manager/coach Bill Clark said the staff has worked hard to earn top status by keeping agents educated, informed and dedicated to thorough service.

"The reason we are number one is we do pay attention to detail," Clark said. "We have the best training program in the state."

That training includes a 90-day program for new agents at their Sterling Heights headquarters. Agents

tend to stay with the company (many since the company was formed in 1989), adding to their reputation of experience.

The Clarkston office was founded as Clarkston Real Estate Services in 1989, later affiliating with the national Coldwell Banker company and merging with Schweitzer (the third largest agency in southeast Michigan) in 1989.

The 56 agents and six office staff know what it takes to help buyers and sellers. Real estate agents have several national designations to which they can aspire, and the Clarkston office has 10 percent of all the national designations in the the North Oakland

County Board of Realtors.

The agents believe in giving back to the community, and have done so with annual participation in the Toys For Tots campaign, last December collecting around 2,500 toys. They've also adopted 100 senior citizens through Lighthouse Emergency Services, and helped raise \$30,000 for the agency in a February event at which two top sponsors were from the agency.

The Oakland County Board of Realtors gives an annual humanitarian award, and five of the last nine recipients were from Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate's Clarkston office.

The majority of the business is in residential real estate, although two agents also help commercial customers. Some specialize in new home construction.

While some are still concerned about the state of the economy, Clark said "all the indicators" show a comeback. In the Clarkston area, the real estate market is always a busy one.

"Clarkston is a premier area," he said, with quality neighborhoods, shopping and schools. "It's everything anybody would want."

Clark, whose father was in commercial real estate, got his real estate license in 1968 when the auto plants weren't hiring.

"It was a business I could do while going to college," he said, earning his GRI (Graduate of the Real Estate Institute) even before his college graduation.

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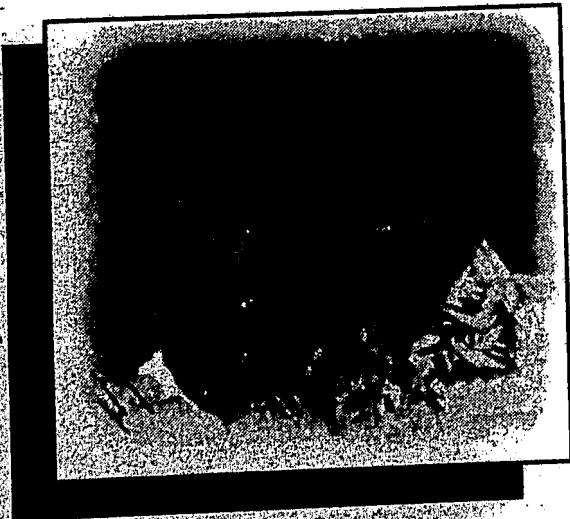
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Local church offers loving outreach to community

The most important thing to know about Clarkston's Oakland Woods Baptist Church is "that we love people."

Pastor Bob Galey summed up the mission of the church, which started as a living room Bible study in 1986 and has now grown to a congregation of 168 regularly attending families.

Galey has been pastor since 1994, and he cites Jesus' two-pronged command to love God totally and love others. While the church (affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention) has a strong foundation on the Bible and the Gospel, he knows some have been hurt in other places.

"This is a warm and forgiving place," Galey said. "We're not about a lot of dos and don'ts here."

Members are encouraged to become involved in one or more "teams" focusing discipleship, ministry, administration, worship, evangelism and fellowship, and the schedule appeals to a variety of worship interests.

A Sunday morning "Son Rise Service" offers a praise band-led worship time, while a second morning service offers a more traditional church choir.

Youth ministries are important, with a monthly "Phat Wednesday" meeting which is more of a concert setting. A Friday "Holy Grounds Coffeehouse" offers Bible study and games with a laid back atmosphere.

The church offers several special events annually, including a summer vacation Bible school featuring a 100-foot long banana split, and a fall festival which last year attracted between 600 and 800 people with free food and games to all.

The church campus has expanded in recent years to provide more space for more ministries. In addition to regular church functions, the building is open to weekly meetings of Kindermusik (a music program for toddlers), La Leche League for mothers and TOPS ("Taking Off Pounds Sensibly").

The church has offered special "oil change weekends," with members providing the service free of charge to single moms (and \$5 to others covering only the cost of the oil).

"We think we should be about good deeds," Galey said, noting a benevolent fund which helps three to four families each month "as we're able" with rent payments or other emergency needs. "We don't do it for them; we do it for Christ's glory."

The church has been involved in extensive outreach in connection with the film, "The Passion of the Christ," with Sunday services dealing with several "true or false" questions about Christ. The church will celebrate the Christ's death and resurrection with "Experiencing God — The Musical" at 7 p.m. April 3 and 6 p.m. April 4.

An Easter egg hunt is also planned Saturday, April 10. The free event last year attracted lots of kids, who

found about 5,000 eggs within minutes.

Galey said Jesus Christ is relevant to the needs of today's society, and Oakland Woods Baptist Church wants to prove that to the community.

"Most people, at some point, want to be part of something bigger than themselves," Galey said. "We're trying to be the body of Christ in this community."

Oakland Woods Baptist Church meets at 5628 Maybee Road. Sunday services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. Telephone is (248) 625-7557.

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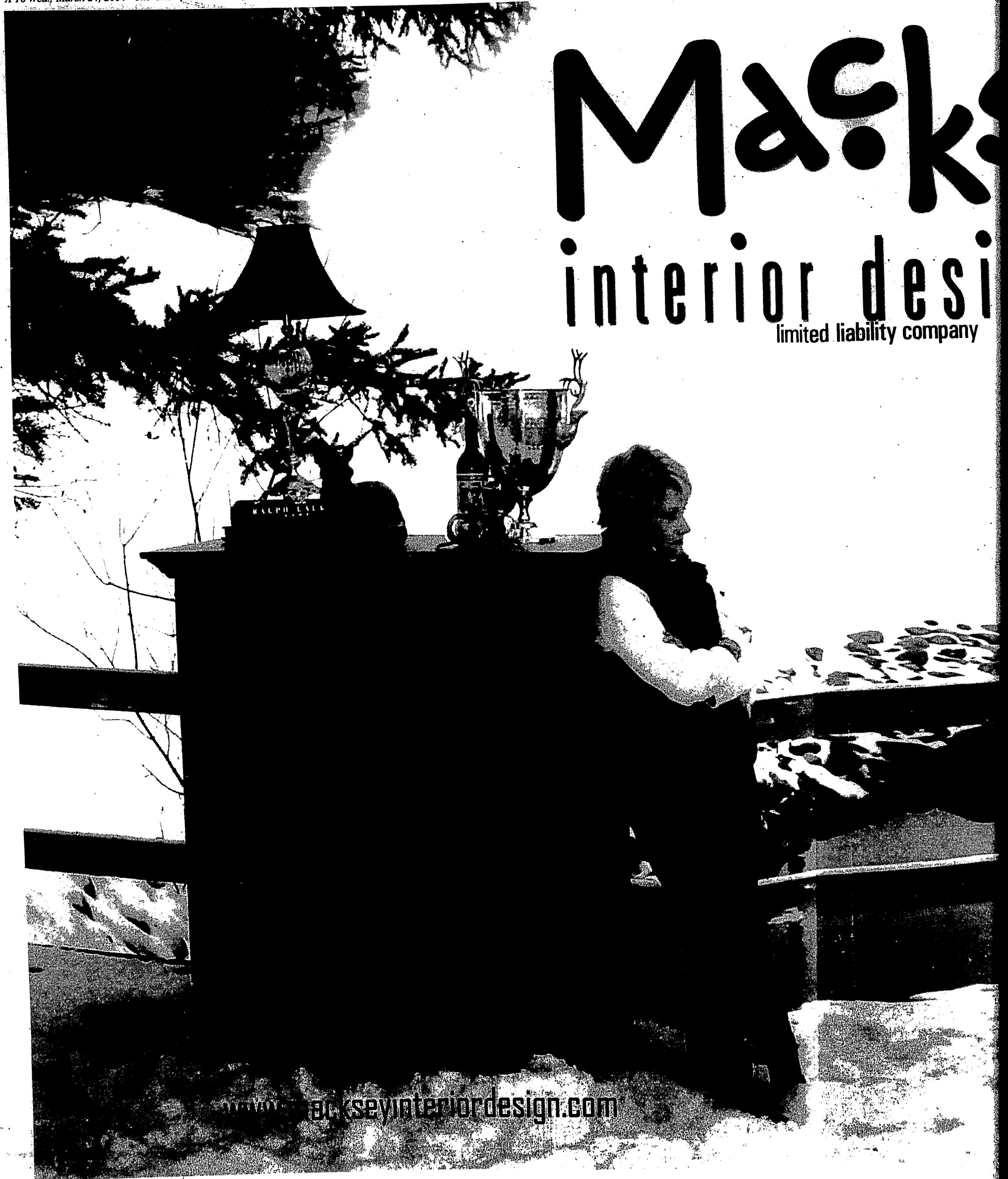
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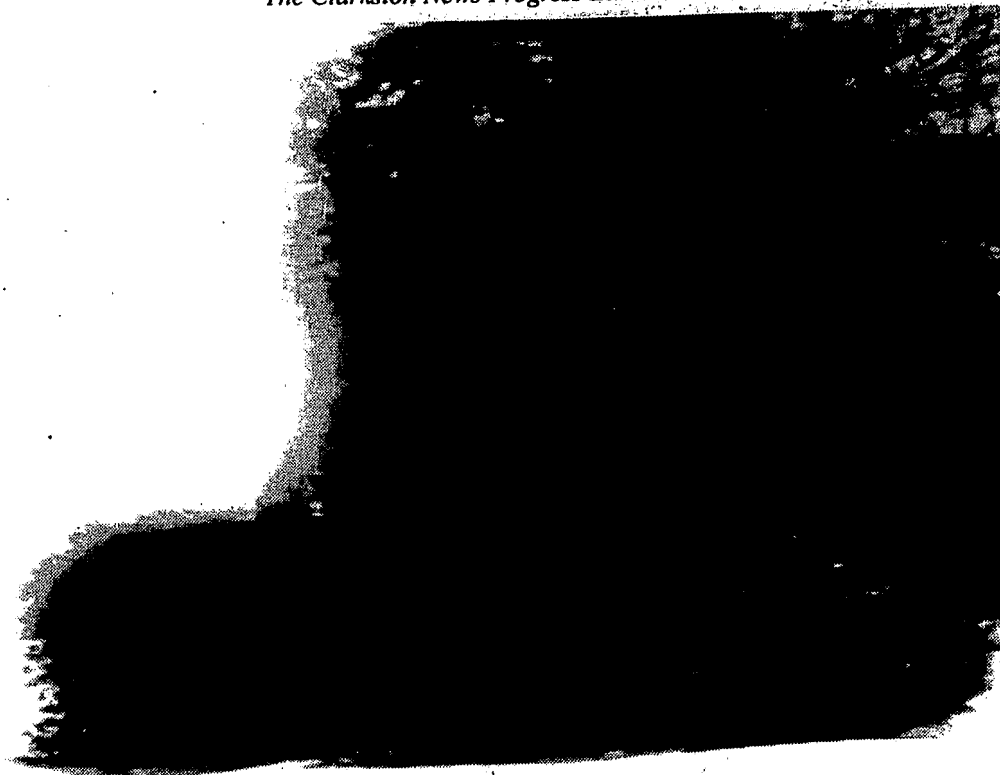


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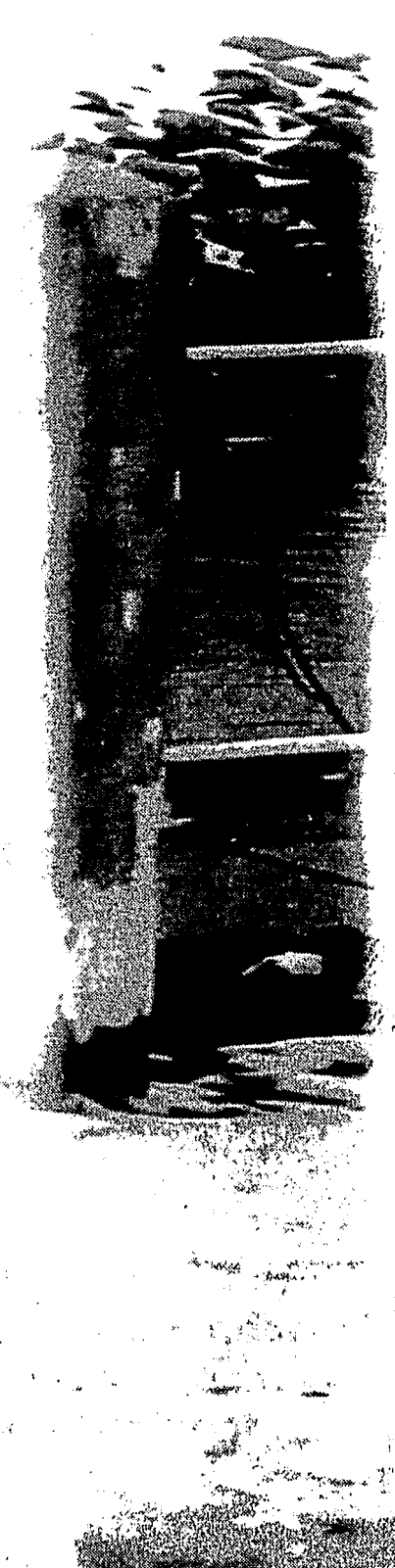
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Owner Jonathan Stricker and his staff of 35 have been in their Davison location for two years, and their site in Clarkston opened two months ago.

Tim Leszczynski, corporate sales manager, and Chevonne Bryant, processor manager, with Stricker and staff provide everything from real estate to mortgage.

Stricker said they also have mobile closures and are a foreclosure redemption specialist. They have more than 100 different investors for their mortgages, he said.

"We do everything from real estate to mortgages to title company to bi-weekly mortgages and mobile closers," said Stricker, and they make the process as convenient as possible. "We come to the client for application and closing at their home."

At Preferred Mortgage, they don't work with just the regular mortgage customers, he said, they also can take the "difficult mortgage."

"We really have a lot of 'niche' products," said Stricker. "We have a 40-year mortgage with interest-only option. It allows the client to qualify for 45 percent more home."

He said the efforts of Preferred Mortgage are to make the entire home buying process as

easy as possible for buyers. "We are a one-stop shop."

Other offices and services supplied by Stricker are: Preferred Realty, Mobile Closer, and Opportunity Funding, where foreclosure is the specialty.



Jonathan Stricker of Preferred Mortgage

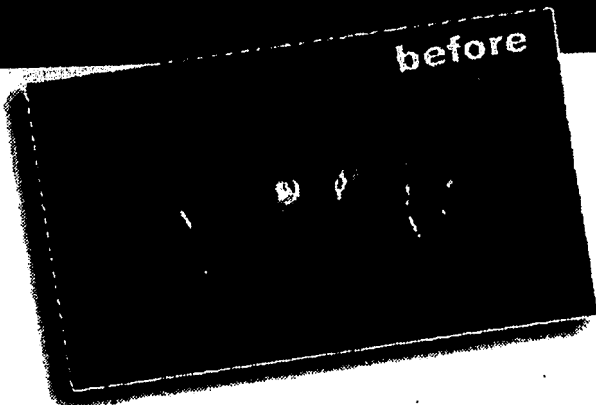
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The office hours at Diagnostic/X-Ray services are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The state-of-the-art facility employs Board Certified Radiologists and Registered Technologists.

Clarkston Health Center opened in May 2003. Genesys Health System and POH Medical Center decided to build the Clarkston Health Center because they found a need in this community.

"This is great for Clarkston and North Oakland County," Supervisor Kelli Thomas said. "There are not a lot of facilities in the area that offer a full range of diagnostic tests at one location."

One of the great aspects of Clarkston Health Center's Diagnostic Services is the quick service patients receive. The center offers same day or next day patient scheduling and expeditious report turn-around time. Ultrasound and CAT scans can be sent via high-speed electronic image distribution to receive reports within an hour.

"You can set up an appointment right away. That is the difference between us and other diagnostic centers," Thomas said.

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Clarkston Health Center is located at 5625 Water Tower Plaza in Clarkston.

and a staff of highly-skilled caregivers, there is no reason to go anywhere else for your out/patient diagnostic needs.

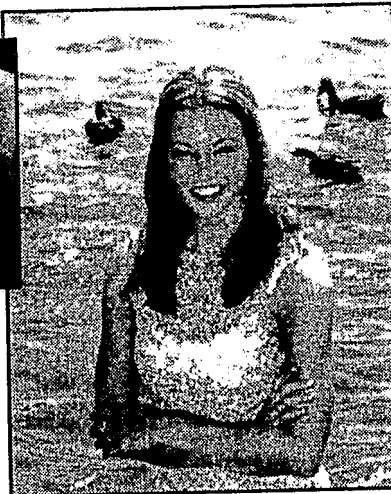
In addition to Diagnostic/X-Ray services, Clarkston Health Center offers 24-hour emergency services with board certified ER physicians, physical therapy-rehabilitation services, outpatient laboratory services, MRI provided by Michigan Resonance Imaging and Pine Knob Pharmacy. In March and April the following specialty physician offices will be open:

Heart Care, Regional Cardiology Associates and Women's Integrated Health Care.

"This is a first class building," Executive Director Jerry Vogler said. "We have the best equipment and staff."

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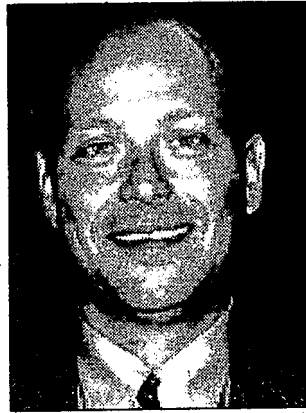
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A 1988 graduate of Arizona State University, Langdon earned a bachelor's in business administration. He also holds a board certification in life, health and disability insurance from Michigan State Uni-



William H. Langdon, Jr.

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Local loan experts help fulfill homeowner dreams

Carl Moraw and Mike Proctor are Clarkston area residents who know and care about the community. They are also affiliated with one of the largest and most trustworthy names in finance, Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation.

Moraw, Proctor and Chase as a whole are committed to helping with the dream of owning a home.

"It's really the biggest purchase someone will make in their lifetime," Moraw said. "We emphasize working closely with the home buyer to ensure they get into their homes with the best rates and financing options available."

"It's good to have someone you can trust who will stand behind you as a customer," Proctor said. "We

can adapt to meet the customer's needs."

With a business built on relationships, the representatives take time to get to know each and every customer.

They offer a wide variety of competitive financial products, including interest-only loans, zero-down loans, home equity and jumbo loans. Innovations include special programs available to help union members and military veterans.

Chase offers free, underwritten pre-approval, and Proctor recommends a visit to the finance company first. This allows the customer to understand the home financing process as a whole, placing them into a better position to negotiate the price for that new home.

Chase also has a preferred Realtor program which works to the home buyer's advantage by locking in an interest rate early in the process.

The company's strength in the industry is such that the home buyer need not worry about the mortgage being sold to another company, as Chase services its own loans. By working with seasoned loan officers, homeowners also can depend on proactive communication when the rates are right for refinancing as well as a great resource when the time comes for another home purchase.

While their office is in Bloomfield Hills, both men emphasize their Clarkston roots. Both have children in Clarkston Community Schools, Moraw has been a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church for six years and Proctor may be familiar from riding his unicycle in Clarkston parades.

They enjoy bringing their business to town, too, and work hard to make it convenient for their clients.

"We'll meet with a customer anywhere at a time that is convenient for them," Moraw said.

Proctor said interest rates continue to be favorable, and he wants to make sure people don't miss out on these opportunities.

"Buyers continue to have a competitive edge," he said. "We're going to have a fantastic year, and I'd like to see everyone get into a home."

The offices of Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation is located at 100 Bloomfield Hills Parkway, Suite 160, Bloomfield Hills.

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"We've been amazed by the reception," Erica McCann, operations manager, said.

Owned by Ron and Janna McCann, the new Clarkston location is another endeavor for the couple who has been with Merry Maids since 1994. Their first franchise served Genesee county when they started 10 years ago. The Clarkston office serves all of northern Oakland and Macomb counties.

Merry Maids offers many services to clients needing a 'clean sweep' of their homes. The company specializes in deep cleaning techniques.

"It's a more thorough procedure," McCann said. "We have set procedures for each room of the house."

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Carrying out the deep cleaning techniques, as well as all other services, are the highly trained members of the Merry Maids staff.

Known as teammates, the staffers go through intense training to execute the standards set by Merry Maids. Extensive background checks, a day of orientation and two weeks of training are all part of the process to become a Merry Maid teammate ready to service the Clarkston area.

"We look for positive attitudes and work ethics," McCann said.

Accountability and dependability are traits checked not only by the teammates themselves but by their supervisors. The staff uses a nonabrasive line of products designed especially for Merry Maids.

Amy Escobedo serves as branch manager in Clarkston and does random checks of homes to make sure Merry Maid standards have been followed by the



Amy Escobedo, operations manager for Merry Maids' latest branch, stands outside one of the company's well-visible cars. All teammates wear the company's uniforms when at a home for easy identification.

teammates. Escobedo has been with the company since 2001 when she started out as a teammate.

The quality work atmosphere and company philosophies results in staff members happy to represent Merry Maids. Teammates often work their way up to higher positions in the company. Their green and purple uniforms are always easy to identify.

"We like to promote from within," McCann said. "We don't want to take away from our employees."

There are no set fees for the services at Merry Maids: it's based on the contents and conditions of each individual home.

"There's nothing we won't clean," McCann said. "If we can't do it, we'll find someone else who can."

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Slick and Bubba's Create Elite Websites... Expeditiously

Friends Brad "Bubba" Saeger and Luc Robert "Slick" Poirier have combined their talents and created Slick and Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites, a company dedicated to designing, maintaining and hosting custom websites ranging from individual *e-Profiles* to major corporate enterprises in as little time as possible (in most cases *6 days or less!*) without resorting to cookie-cutter style mass reproductions of the same layout.

"We strive to take the mystery out of websites and show new businesses ways to enhance their marketing on-line", said Poirier. "The way we do this is by custom-creating a website that is unique to the business and speaks to how that business wishes to be portrayed. For established company's that have questionable websites, Brad shows how using the new toys of technology can truly augment their image." Poirier describes Saeger as the company's "visionary techno-artisan."

One of the many aspects that separates Slick and Bubba's from other website designers is they do not use stock templates. Their first order of business when they get an account is to get out a sheet of paper and sketch some ideas.

"We make sure everybody gets their own unique site," Saeger said. "We avoid stock templates in an effort to keep our designs fresh. Our position is if we help your business succeed then our business will succeed and that's possible only when your website can't be confused for someone else's."

Poirier and Saeger never thought about a business partnership until Saeger's wife came up with the idea.

"When we first met to discuss the notion, I drafted a business plan that was just shy of 2 pages. After a couple subsequent meetings the plan grew to 23 pages and I knew we were on to a tremendous opportunity," said Poirier.

"My wife came up with the idea and (Luc and I) just took it and ran," Saeger added.

Saeger, a self-described "techie", brings a ton of computer knowledge to the company and Poirier, a notable ham

when it comes to public speaking, contributes a vast array of operations talent that has helped the duo go from obscure start-up to "Hey-I-wear-your-shirts!" status in less than 5 months. However, it's been the growth of the company's talent pool that really has made a difference for the company.

Kevin "K.B." Bond is the company's Regional Account Executive for the Detroit Metro Market and plays a vital role in not only growing Slick and Bubba's client base but in marketing and promoting the company's new Internet dating site, *Still-Looking.com*.

"We've experienced tremendous growth in our membership database, and the site's not even fully developed yet!" said Bond. "It's a true grass roots phenomenon."

Another key member of the team is Scott "Data" Stanley, Senior Database Analyst & Programmer, who had a role in successfully ironing out the initial kinks present during *Still-Looking.com*'s launch.

"We realized a problem with our profiling questionnaires when 'questionable' and very unlikely matches were made and brought to our attention," Stanley said. "Fortunately, our client database understands that the site is brand new and will constantly evolve to the point we can compete on a national/international scale... flawlessly. That's why we're not charging a dime for membership...the site's 100% free."

Senior Designer/Programmer James Baylo wasn't available for comment, but played an integral part in designing the database for *Still-Looking.com*.

Rounding out the talent pool are members from the rock band *RockStar*, Detroit's premier 80's hair band tribute show, who enthusiastically endorsed *Still-Looking.com* since the site's launch and have since promoted the site during each of their house-filling appearances. The band will be included in a series of commercials Slick and Bubba's will shoot this summer, which will feature ballad, blues, and rock renditions of the company's jingle penned by Poirier, Saeger and



Slick and Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites began five months ago.

Stanley.

Another factor in the company's growing success is Slick and Bubba's membership in the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

"This alone, more than anything else, is what made a notable difference for us," said Poirier. "Being part of a chamber that is so business focused and community centered made it very easy for us to want to participate in the luncheons, mixers and multi-chamber socials designed to enhance business-to-business relationships. This is *not* the same chamber from 18 months ago."

Which is why the company is active in the Ambassador's and Golf Committees, was a corporate sponsor for the 2003 Clarkston Business Expo and will return again for the 2004 Expo, is the corporate sponsor for and active members of the Clarkston Jaycees, and will be a corporate sponsor for the 2004 Concerts in the Park series. They were invited by the chamber to speak to its members on the importance of net presence and Internet marketing, to participate in the Youth Career Day at Liberty Golf, and sit on the Chamber Scholarship Board. And this doesn't even cover all

that they manage to do for the community.

"We actively participate in the CROP Walk, AIDS Walk, and recently the Walk for Warmth," Poirier said. "We've rolled-up our sleeves and either helped with projects for Habitat for Humanity or donate blood to the American Red Cross. We even volunteer at Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic. It's because we're so physically active that we can justify our avid support of the Girl Scout's annual cookie drive...by consuming our weight in Thin Mints."

"As a company, we really capitalized on the diversity of talents that make up our team, which helps make our jobs a lot of fun," said Poirier. "Some of the fun projects we're coming up with for 2004 is the launch of *Slick and Bubba Swimwear* and *Slick and Bubba Beer*, and for 2005, the *Men of Slick and Bubba's Beefcake Calendar*. Obviously, we're gonna have to cut back on the Thin Mints for that one."

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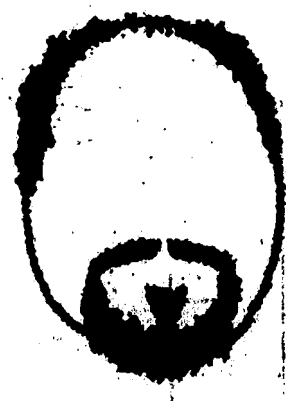
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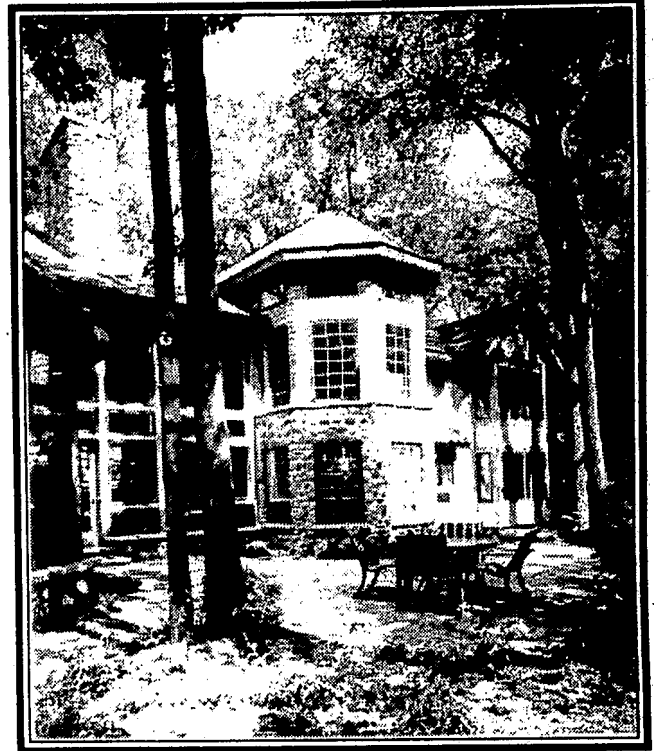
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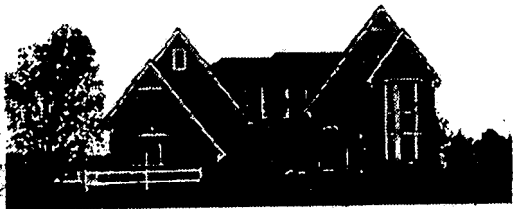
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Stars and Stripes Gymnastics Academy continues to soar

Clarkston's Stars & Stripes Gymnastics Academy's enrollment continues to grow with no signs of slowing down. They have more than 1,000 students varying in ages from 2 to 18.

Rebecca Foster and Cassie Nelson started the Academy in September 2002. Their love of the sport started at an early age. Both are former gymnastic competitors and they both started coaching in their early teens. They have common goals for the future and decided to go into business together.

"We knew exactly how we wanted to run our Academy," Foster said. "Our goal has always been to provide an environment where children come first. That is the core of our gym's philosophy."

The academy caters to all ability levels and offers over seventy classes to aspiring gymnasts and cheerleaders. Stars & Stripes is a year round facility which also offers weeklong summer camps throughout July and August.

The Cheerleading aspect of the business has rapidly expanded in the last six months under the guidance of Michelle Wilson. "We are extremely fortunate to have a person of Michelle's caliber as our Cheerleading Program Director," Foster said. "Michelle has many long term ideas for the cheer program and is currently implementing a new competitive All-Star Cheer Program which will be launched this April."

The All-Star Team is a competitive cheer team that will attend local & state competitions throughout the year from June 2004 to March 2005. Nationals in Orlando, Florida are one of the goals. Michelle will be holding an informational meeting on Sunday, April 4 at 4:30 p.m. for all those interested. Grades k-12 are welcome to attend. "We really hope to see children from a variety of communities in this program," Wilson said. "One of the most beneficial aspects of being on an All-Star Team is meeting new cheerleaders and learning from them."

Clarkston High School does not currently have a High School Gymnastic Team and Cassie Nelson



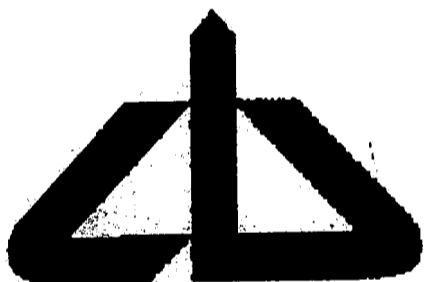
Stars and Stripes Gymnastics Academy is located at 7152 Gateway Drive.

wants to help rectify that. She is working with some parents in an attempt to start a team. "Unfortunately, we are having a hard time convincing the Athletic Department," said Nelson. "Stars & Stripes will cover the cost of competitions, participation fees and provide the training facility. Parents will cover the cost of coaches. This much needed activity will not require any money from the school district." Nelson wants to give high school aged children the opportunity to represent their school and possibly earn schol-

arships to college.

You can visit them at www.stargymnast.com or call to get on their mailing list.

(Stars and Stripes Gymnastics Academy is located at 7152 Gateway Drive in Clarkston. They are open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact them by phone (248) 625-3547; fax (248) 625-3577 or e-mail gymnastics@stargymnast.com.)



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Freedom One Financial is Michigan's largest full-service 401(k) plan provider. They are registered with the SEC as an investment advisory firm, and manage more than \$1.5 billion of retirement plan assets.

Freedom One Financial Group believes in first class treatment for their customers and team members (employees), as well.

The organization is exclusively endorsed by the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association, California Motor Car Dealers Association, Michigan Lumber and Building Materials Association, Michigan Manufacturers Association, Michigan Tooling Association and Missouri Automobile Dealers Association.

Freedom One Financial has a 99 percent client retention rate, is ranked one of the top 401(k) record keepers in the country by Plan Sponsor magazine for three consecutive years and has been named one of the top ten largest money managers by Crain's Detroit Business.

One item that separates Freedom One Financial from other 401(k) providers is they sign as a co-fiduciary with their clients. By contractually agreeing to be a fiduciary to their plan, Freedom One reduces their clients' financial and legal exposure.

"We put ourselves on the same side as our customers," owner Mark Wayne said. "I bet if you asked a lot of business owners they would not know that they are held personally liable for insuring their 401(k) plan meets all of the Department of Labor's regulations."

Freedom One also prides itself on the amount of one-on-one attention they give each client.

"Every six months, we travel top each client to meet individually with our client's employees to ensure they understand how much to contribute to their 401(k) and how to properly invest their money," Wayne said.

All the company's services are in-house. They have nearly 80 employees, which will grow to over 100 by year end, helping to service their customers.

"I love taking over 401(k) plans because the cli-



Owner Mark Wayne shows off the full-service fitness room available to Freedom One Financial employees.

ents are blown away by the way we do things. We guide every employee through the process and make sure they are educated on how things work," Wayne said.

Wayne started the company 16 years ago. Originally based in Troy, Wayne decided to move the business to Clarkston.

"I came to live in Clarkston in 1995. It is a great hometown area. We attended to the Fourth of July Parade and in 10 minutes we were sold," Wayne said.

Wayne along with his wife, Kerri and children, Karley, Michael and Mia Grace enjoy the area.

Freedom One Financial moved into their new 35,000 square foot building on M-15 Dec. 5. The

building shows their firm commitment to their employees. An underground parking lot, full-service fitness room and barbecue area helps make their team members feel good about coming to work.

"We really want to help every member of our team in every way possible," Wayne said.

The company has hired Clarkston Fitness and Nutrition, CFN, to help train the employees in the fitness area.

"I know walking into one of these workout rooms can be very intimidating. CFN is exceptional at what they do and the employees love them," Wayne said.

(Freedom One Financial Group is located at 8031 M-15 in Clarkston. 248) 620-8100 (phone), 248) 620-8111 (fax)

Perfect your tan at MetropoliTan Salon in Clarkston

Keeping that bronzed, summer look all year long has never been easier.

MetropoliTan Tanning Salon- the Clarkston hot spot to be- offers extended hours for your convenience, plus prices that haven't changed in 12 years.

You'll know the moment you walk in the door you're in the right place. The vibrant hand-painted wall mural and southwestern decor sets the mood and transports your mind to a warm place, no matter what the temperature is outside. This is always a great aid in beating those nasty winter blahs.

In fact, there is a generous amount of customers that tan specifically to beat bouts of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

"We really care about our customers," the staff says, with continued customer satisfaction is their goal. "We want to know what we can do to make sure they're comfortable and become longtime customers. We have a confidential customer card and suggestion box and the owner is the only one who reads the cards."

The salon, which has been recognized in the tanning industry trade magazine, *Looking Fit*, offers 15 spotless tanning rooms.

Their newest feature is the Mystic Tan room. Mystic Tan offers a customized sunless, UV-free tanning application to each customer based on their body size, skin type and desired color. Three tanning level options are available to produce the optimal tanning results for each individual customer. The entire process takes less than 60 seconds (visit their Web site for more information).

Three new Dr. Mueller beds, The Super Sonic, The Solar Shuttle and The Luxura, feature 160-watt Very High Reflector lamps with facials. This equipment, straight from Germany, is simply the best.

The Monster Bed is a 52-lamp high pressure/low pressure machine producing a "superior tan". Three cooling fans will keep you comfortable while tanning in this bed.

There are also stand-up tanning booth models to

choose from.

All equipment, which is upgraded yearly at MetropoliTan, utilizes a carefully formulated and controlled mixture of UVA and UVB light waves, designed to tan you with a minimized risk of sunburn.

Tanning outdoors can't give you this control, since the sun emits the entire spectrum of ultraviolet light, including the most intense rays that burn you more quickly.

The staff's main concern is tanning in moderation, making sure customers tan instead of burn.

The MetropoliTan crew, all certified through the Smart Tan Network, carefully monitor the tanning process for customers. They also work with new customers for a skin analysis and tanning prescription. Also, employees are expected to attend tanning seminars every year for continued education.

Special eyewear is supplied by MetropoliTan to protect your eyes against damage. Sunglasses are not adequate in a tanning unit. Indoor tanning eyewear stops 99 percent of UVB rays and 99.9 percent of UVA light, allowing only visible light through so you

The salon offers a clean, well-maintained facility. They have a nice room with accessories to freshen up in, which is a big help for people who stop in during work. There are also staff members specifically focused on keeping the store clean. Rooms and beds are cleaned and sanitized after every tanning session. They understand how important that is for customers.

Individual walk-in sessions: five-, 10-, 15- and 20-visit packages, or unlimited tanning sessions are offered as well as other package choices. New customers will receive their first visit free with free lotion.

The staff encourages customers to check out their Web site, www.metro-tan.com, for daily specials and new and exciting information.

MetropoliTan Tanning Salon is located at 6495 Sashabaw in the Independence Town Square Plaza at the corner of Waldon Road. Hours are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Call (248) 620-0303 for more information.



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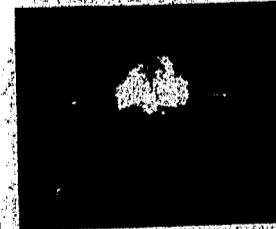
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Pine Tree Place celebrates 5th anniversary of 'family'

Pine Tree Place opened in February 1999, but many may be unfamiliar with who they are and what they do.

Reversing the trend of regional and national conglomerates, Sandy Mabery, along with his parents and sisters, opened a purpose-built home for the frail elderly.

"We are not an assisted living facility; we are an assisted living home. Rather than call it 'home-like,' we refer to it as a home," said Mabery.

When words like "home-like" become overused they sometimes lose their meaning. Pine Tree Place has redefined what home-like should truly represent.

There are no huge dining halls, sitting areas or commercial kitchens at Pine Tree Place. A beautifully furnished living room and dining room is connected by a centrally-located open kitchen, as the focus of the home.

Apartments are not connected by long corridors, but nicely-appointed bedrooms open into short hallways leading to the living areas of the home. It is not along a busy commercial road, but is quietly nestled on a residential street.

The home does not have 50 to 100 elderly residents sharing a building. Instead, it is a home with 18 to 20 people who have truly become a family.

Mabery's sister, Crystal Carrier, is director of operations and a Licensed Practical Nurse with more than 20 years experience in the emergency room. She also has a degree in human resource management with a specialization in gerontology and previous experience working at senior centers in Macomb County.

"On most days you will find my brother or father doing maintenance jobs, or my younger sister, Kim, volunteering in the office," said Carrier, "and we have some great employees who have been with us since we opened. Pine Tree Place is truly a family business."

Pine Tree Place combines the features of the traditional home with the amenities of a modern assisted living facility. The 9,500-square-foot ranch-style home has 18 bedrooms with private baths, with a licensed capacity for 20 residents. Monthly fees for the basic level of care ranges from \$2,485 to \$3,525 and includes three home-cooked meals per day, weekly housekeeping, weekly laundry, cable television, medication assistance and activities including exercise therapy.

Pine Tree Place has a high staff to resident ratio and Carrier is on call 24 hours a day to assist the staff.

Residents are encouraged to treat Pine Tree Place like their own home.

"If a resident is having trouble sleeping and wants to come out for milk and cookies at 2 a.m., that's fine," Carrier said. The midnight shift loves to visit with the residents. Their first priority is the customer, but Mabery said they also strive to make Pine Tree Place an enjoyable work environment for employees, also.

"We realize happy employees are critical to the success of a business, they are the front line that keep the customers satisfied," he said. "We don't necessarily look for employees with previous long term care experience, but more importantly we look for caring, compassionate individuals who like working with the elderly and train them on-site."

Pine Tree Place is located at 5480 Parview. For more information, call (248) 815-7975 or (248) 620-2420.



Staff and residents at Pine Tree Place celebrate living with a family spirit. It's not a "home-like" atmosphere, it is "home."



Members of the Clarkston Rotary Club.



Clarkston Rotary Club puts on Clarkston Labor Day parade annually.

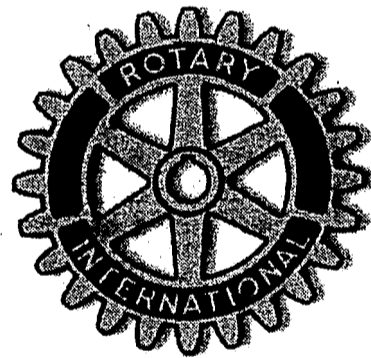


Clarkston Rotary Club provides a Foreign Exchange Student Program for Clarkston area schools and families.

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What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary is nonpolitical and nonreligious. It is open to all cultures, races and creeds.

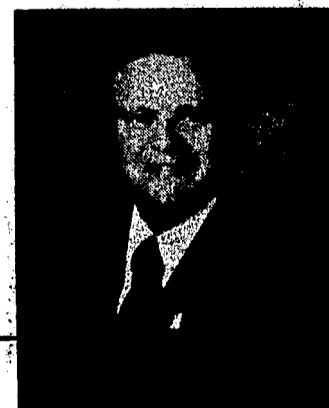
Where do they meet?

The Clarkston Cafe - 18 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston - on Mondays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

What does the Rotary do?

The Rotary provides a great place to network and meet new people and... sponsors many community and international service activities.

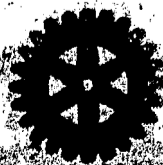
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Joel DeLong
President
Clarkston Rotary Club

Contact The Clarkston Rotary Club Today!

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Relaxing salon provides soothing styles to clientele

Tucked away off Main Street and Depot Road in downtown Clarkston is a lovely little gem called Creekside Salon.

The salon has been part of the village for seven years and all the staff members, except for one, have been career stylists at this location.

Lisa Burdick, salon owner, expressed her thrill and gratitude for the staff.

"The women who work here with are the greatest, both professionally and personally," Burdick said. "They strive to excel in their work and continue to focus on updating education and fashion sense. We have an exceptional staff of serious professionals who are wonderfully talented, friendly people."

Specializing in total hair care, the staff has every aspect of color and cuts down to a science. 'Easy hair care' is the motto and that is exactly what is the fashion and desire of the clientele. With everyone living very busy lives, the requests always seem to be for great cuts that are easy and quick to do, and of course, in style.

The talented stylists can include color and sun-catching hues to add dimension and shadows to pull the entire look together.

"This time of year is always a popular time for colorful hair," Burdick said. "After a couple of gray Michigan months, the March color madness begins."

"It seems everyone needs a sunny boost, even in their hair," Burdick said. "We do a tremendous amount of color and highlighting to brighten up the mood and the hair. It truly is a wonderful lift."

Creekside is a unique salon situation. The staff's goal is to go above and beyond great hair care and service. Once inside, the peaceful environment allows the client to be relaxed and pampered. Soft music plays to lull the stress of the day away and allow the individual to fade into total relaxation.

"To hear someone say how wonderful it is to crawl off I-75 and turn to putty in our chair is to know the goal was achieved," Burdick said. "You can actually watch them slide into the surrounding peaceful pamperville."



The staff at Creekside Salon is talented and knowledgeable in the latest hair trends.

According to Burdick, the goal is to get a client to forget every little stressful issue, if even for 30 minutes.

"It is such a fabulous gift to give them, and they so appreciate it," Burdick said.

The staff welcomes everyone to Creekside Salon. Families have been coming to the salon for years, even before it was called Creekside.

"The townspeople have been great to us and we are so fortunate to have such a great following," Burdick said. "I cannot say 'thank you' enough to our career customers who have been with us for so long."

Creekside welcomes new customers to their unique salon and the talents they possess.

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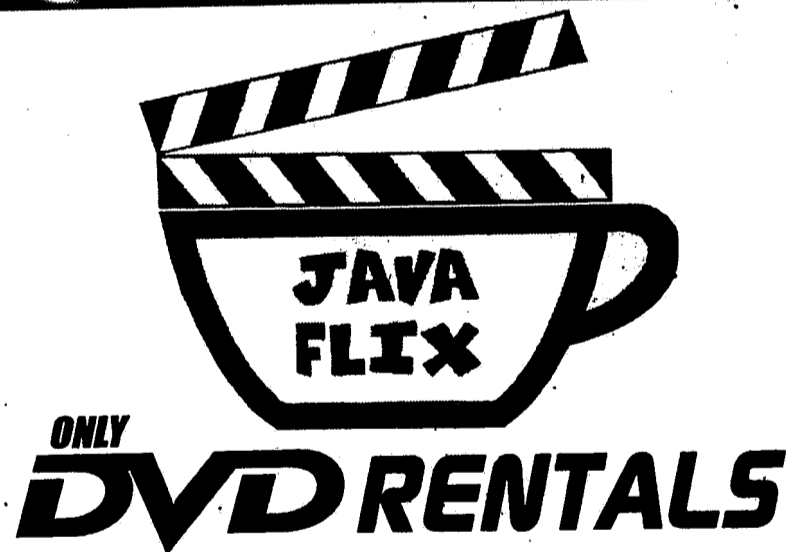
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The Clarkston News is still 'the' local paper

Businesses come into a town and businesses go. It's the same story with newspapers.

The Clarkston Enterprise was published every two weeks from 1877 to 1878.

From 1895 to 1896, it looks like the four-page Clarkston Advertiser was published every Friday.

In 1905 a printer drifted into town and started The Clarkston Record. This paper lasted for all of six months. But, of importance was the apprenticeship of a high schooler named Lee Clark as printer's devil. In about 1920 the Clarkston State Bank published The Community News, with Lee Clark (an assistant cashier by then) as editor.

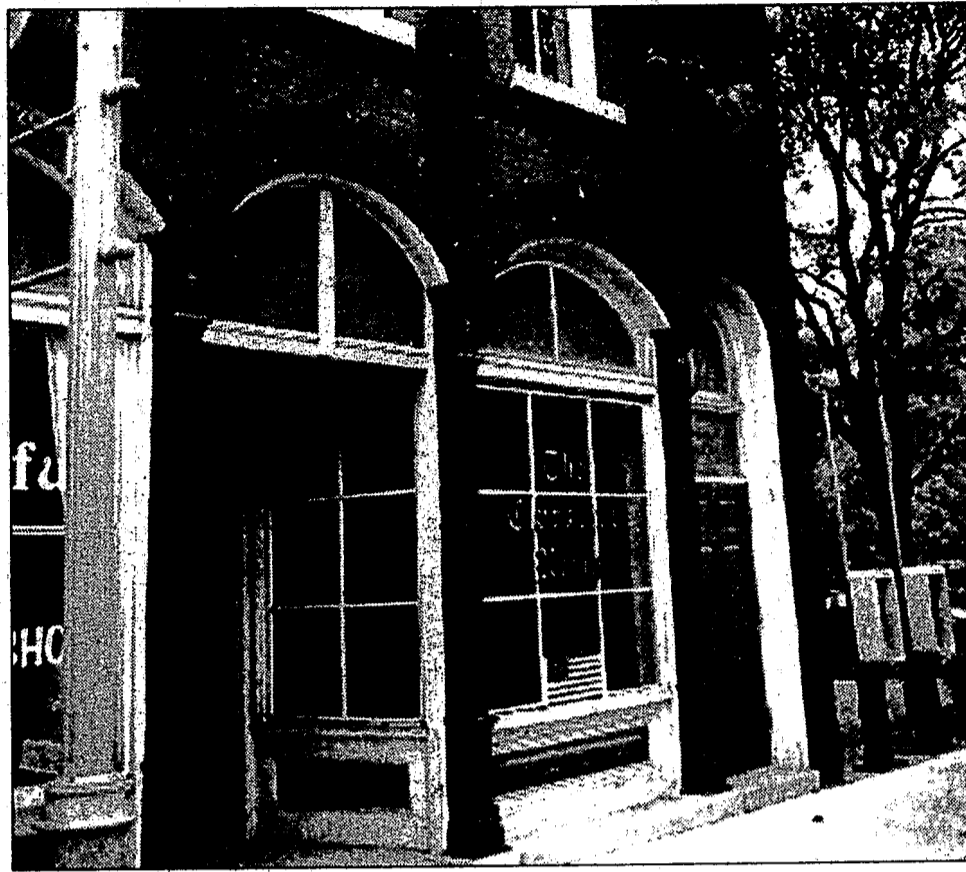
All these publications ended and by the time of the Great Depression there was only one Clarkston newspaper, The Clarkston News. But, even that wasn't an easy task.

"We're told it had six publishers in the first four years," former publisher James Sherman, Sr. said. "But without copies of papers prior to 1932, ownership cannot be verified."

We do know James and Hazel Sherman bought The News in June of 1966, from William H. Stamp (whose first issue was April 21, 1931).

This September The Clarkston News will celebrate its 75th anniversary. We've published stories of businesses opening and closing; of births and deaths; of war-time and of peace. By our birthday, we will have published 3,900 editions.

"We're a growing and viable business," said second generation publisher



5 South Main Street in downtown Clarkston is home to one of the oldest local store buildings. It's also home to one of the community's oldest businesses, The Clarkston News. The News has called 5 S. Main home since 1967. (Our newest address is: www.clarkstonnews.com)

Jim Sherman, Jr. "We're thankful the residential and business communities continue to support us. We're still here because The Clarkston News is a strong community newspaper. We believe in being the local newspaper. What you see in The Clarkston News are stories and articles that affect folks in this area. We

are not a regional newspaper. We are the newspaper of record in our community."

When the Sherman family purchased The Clarkston News in June of 1966, the circulation was 1,133. It was eight-pages. Today, while newspapers across the country have shrinking circulations, The News' press run is up over six percent

from last year, at 3,400. We publish between 40 and 52 pages a week of local news and advertising.

After 38 years, The Clarkston News is still part of the Sherman Publications, Inc. (SPI) group (still owned by the Sherman family). And, we still print the news local folks want to read about. In addition to news and feature stories, The Clarkston News prints engagement, wedding, anniversary, birth and school news.

The News' sister publications at SPI include newspapers The Oxford Leader, Lake Orion Review and The Citizen, plus the total market publications, Penny Stretcher, Ad-Vertiser and Metamora Crossroads.

SPI employs nearly 60 people. We spend over \$400,000 a year on newsprint. Of the 364 tons of newsprint we use, only 11 percent in waste is generated (this is picked up weekly for recycling). Each week we print more than 62,700 copies of our publications.

Last year was the best in SPI history, with well over \$3 million in ad sales and subscriptions generated. In 2003, The Clarkston News also established its presence on the worldwide web. Our web address is www.clarkstonnews.com.

Our on-line edition publishes most of the editorial content of the print, with obituaries updated daily. We also publish all our classifieds on-line.

To place an ad or announcement in or subscribe to The Clarkston News, call 248-625-3370. A subscription costs only \$24 a year. You can also visit our office, located at the corner of Washington and Main streets in downtown.



Dr. Shivajee Nallamothe stands ready to help Clarkston area patients with orthopedic health needs.

Orthopedic surgeon offers new hip, knee procedures

One never knows who will walk through the door at Dr. Shivajee Nallamothe's office.

Not too long ago, the orthopedic surgeon saw a woman complaining of pain in her side. She had just returned from Jamaica, where she began feeling the pain.

A visit to a doctor there resulted in advice to take it easy and see a doctor when she returned.

"She had a broken hip," Nallamothe said, and he sent her immediately to a hospital for treatment.

It's an incident which illustrates the need to immediately see a qualified doctor, and Nallamothe offers his services.

There may be some irony in the location of his Sashabaw Road clinic. He has been active in the field of sports medicine and general orthopedics, and the proximity of the Pine Knob Ski Resort means easy access for some patients. He sees children of all ages.

Nallamothe is also proficient in adult orthopedics. He has kept up with the latest in modern surgical procedures, and even helps train residents.

He offers "minimally invasive" hip and knee replacement procedures requiring an incision of only about three to four inches.

"Minimally invasive surgery has less bleeding, less complications and faster recovery," he said. "I think it will offer patients a lot better outcome and a hap-

pier experience."

Dr. Nallamothe is a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University who finished his residency in 1999.

Nallamothe remembers touring the community and seeing some of the local schools and other community facilities. He was impressed enough to make Clarkston not only his business home, but his family home as well for the last five years.

"The community is growing," he said. "I thought I would grow with it."

His three children (ages 8, 7 and 3) are students at Clarkston's Everest Academy, where their mother is active as a volunteer.

Dr. Nallamothe is assisted by a staff of six, including folks to handle x-rays and physical therapy. It helps to have the doctor on the spot when the other services are offered in case questions arise.

When not serving patients, Nallamothe enjoys keeping physically active.

He recently joined a couple basketball leagues, and because he wants to keep doing things with the kids, he has attempted to learn snowboarding.

"I'm still trying to figure that out," he said.

Shivajee Nallamothe, DO, PLC, is located at 6310 Sashabaw Road, Suite A. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Telephone is (248) 620-2325.

The best keeps getting better at Solley's

Great service and competitive prices led Solleys Appliance and Fireplace to another great year in 2003. Solleys has been a landmark on M-15 between Clarkston and Ortonville for over a half-century and according to Alan Solley they will be around for many years to come.

Founded as a refrigerator repair business in 1948 by Alan Solley Sr., Solleys Appliance quickly grew into a sales and services business as customers came to respect the quality work and honesty of the Solley Family.

Solleys offers the very best in household appliances, from refrigerators to washers, dryers, dishwashers, ranges — top names like Maytag, Jenn-Air, Dacor, Sub-Zero, Bosch, Amana, Asko, Fisher & Paykel, Wolf, and more. You might think the building looks small, but because the building is much deeper than it is wide, the completely remodeled appliance display area allows Solleys to showcase the best that the major brands have to offer. A new Jenn-Air stainless steel kitchen display has just been added, as well as a new high efficiency laundry display including a very innovative Drying Center.

The fireplace showroom has been expanded, and includes more than 20 burning units from the finest manufacturers of wood and gas stoves in the world. Stoves from Jotul, Vermont Castings, and Lopi, are on display in one of the largest assortments of hearth products in the state. Fireplace brands include Heat-n-Glo, Majestic, Jotul and Fireplace Xtordinair. Gas log sets from Hargrove, Heat-n-Glo and Glo-Fire are among the wide selec-

tion. "We display many extraordinary fireplaces, including a gas see-thru arched fireplace, a gas fireplace perfectly suited for a bedroom, and the most efficient wood burning fireplace available," owner Alan Solley said.

"The year 2004 will probably see utility price increases again. At Solleys we have solutions to these problems. We have the newest, most energy efficient refrigerators; washers that cut water and energy usage in half, and gas and wood heaters that can dramatically cut heating bills.

Asked how a small store can compete with the large chain stores, Alan remarks that "We are now a member of the "Nationwide Buying Group", a co-op of close to 5,000 stores that negotiate with manufacturers. Also, our overhead is low because of our location. We are competitive with any store on the same product, with the same services provided. Other stores charge a fee for delivery, another charge for removal and still another for hook up. At Solleys that is not the case. The prices are clearly marked on the products and include everything commonly needed."

Alan believes his employees make the biggest difference between his store and his competitors. "People shopping at Solleys will always get more value, because the staff is dedicated to being knowledgeable and helpful throughout that customer's experience. We solve problems for our customers, whether it's finding just the right fireplace for their new home, or delivering the refrigerator in time to save the groceries from spoiling."



(From left) Tom Thurlby, Allyn Thurlby, Scott Grey and Alan Solley, members of the staff at Solley's Hardware and Appliance.

The salespeople get extensive training on the latest innovations in the products they sell and never stop learning tips and insights they can pass on to their customers. "We pride ourselves on providing customers with the information they need to make an informed decision on what unit will best suit their needs," said Alan Solley. "We will continue to offer products that, in our experience, offer our customers the best value for their money. I would en-

courage anyone who hasn't been in our store in the last year to stop in before buying anywhere else. We work very hard to offer the best products, the best service, and the best prices available."

Solleys, 3779 S. Ortonville Road in Brandon Township, is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Their telephone number is 248-625-2417.

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Although I was not at home on Tuesday, May 25 when your crew showed up, my neighbor said it was almost like an army of ants invading. Several trucks pulled up, men began piling out and swarming around the yard and the roof. I don't think of you as ants, I really think of you as a bunch of guardian angels that stepped in. I know this sounds like a sappy letter, but I was at the end of my rope by that time. My construction crew had started the job on May 14. It was supposed to have been finished by May 17. They left on Thursday, May 20 and I hadn't heard from them since. Since that time we had several rain storms. Rain was coming into the family room area and I could not get any other company to respond as quickly as you were able to.

Once again, thanks a lot. You did an excellent job and you are high on my recommended list of ethical caring companies.

Thank You,
Lucy Turner

"This letter is to inform you that the re-roofing job recently completed by Lake Orion Roofing at 15 W. Flint Street in Lake Orion was completely satisfactory. It was completed in a timely and professional manner.

I would like to make note of this professional manner that all work was conducted. Praise should go to Brad Lucas, the project manager, in the manner that he conducted himself. He was courteous, knowledgeable in his tasks and very cooperative at all times. It was a pleasure working with him. I was informed that should there be any problem that Lake Orion Roofing would stand by their work. I have, and will continue to recommend Lake Orion Roofing to anyone that is in need of a similar project."

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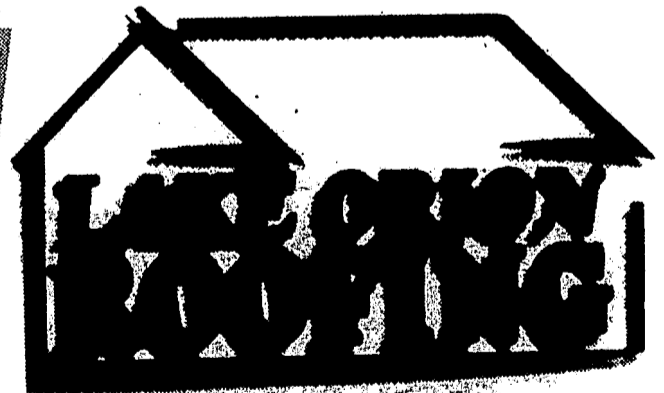
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Patients benefit from combined talents of Munk team

What could be a better pair than one doctor with 35 years of experience and one with the latest cutting edge technology knowledge? Not a whole lot when it comes to the combination of father and son right here on Main Street.

"Things couldn't be more wonderful," Charles said. "We fit together like a hand in a glove. The way we see things, it's so similar it's wonderful."

A recent graduate of the University of Michigan's dental school and the University of Detroit's orthodontic specialty program, Charlie came back to Clarkston to work with the person who started his desire to work in orthodontics: his father.

"The past six months have been wonderful getting back into the community," Charlie, a Clarkston High School graduate, said.

Working together has allowed the two doctors to offer even better services and knowledge to their loyal patients.

As both see it, they're a team with the best of both worlds.

Patients benefit from Charlie's knowledge of the latest orthodontic technological developments in conjunction with Charles' 35 years of hands-on experience.

Charlie spent time at U of M doing research with computers and presenting to international audiences. The experience lead him to look into bringing some of that technology here to Clarkston, such as possibly incorporating digital x-rays into use for clients.

Working together not only gives the father and son duo time to spend together in a working environment, but benefits their clients as well. With more doctors to serve patients, getting in to see a doctor is much easier.

The two doctors are striving to provide a very patient-friendly schedule. With expanded office hours, it is total convenience for people.

An additional office is located in Oxford for patients closer to that location, another benefit of added help at the Clarkston office.

Helping one another in the office has also allowed the doctors a chance to continue their own educations by



Charles and Charlie Munk look forward to providing the best orthodontic care to Clarkston as possible.

attending lectures and workshops to keep current in the ever-changing field of orthodontics. When one attends a conference, the other is taking care of patients back at the office.

The Munks see the addition of Charlie as just one more way to not only give back to their patients, but to the community as well.

"I love this community and always wanted to come back here," Charlie, who moved back to Clarkston recently, said. "Clarkston is my home and it's always felt like that."

Charles is still an avid supporter of the annual SCAMP program. Last year he donated two full orthodontic treatments, totalling more than \$15,000 as well as being a main sponsor of the Walk and Roll.

"The community has always been good to me and hopefully I've been good to them," Charles said.

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"With large practices, doctors come and go," Charles said. "The difference here is that we're family, we're not going anywhere. We have continuity. It's a career lifetime commitment. In fact, we are anxiously awaiting the addition of yet another family member to our staff."

This summer Charlie will marry Dr. Dori Freeland. She is currently completing her orthodontic specialty training at the U of D and will be a great asset to the team.

Not only is it a great joy for Charles to see Charlie everyday at work, it gives him a piece of mind that the practice is in good hands for the future.

"If something happens to me, what would happen to the patients?" Charles said. "Now the practice can go on. The staff is like family. We're looking forward to 35 more years of serving the community."

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Moyet explains, "We do it right and make sure the customer is satisfied. We want to make sure four or five years down the road, they are still enjoying their pond."

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Aquarius Waterscapes customers sing their praises.

"We are very pleased with the outcome of the project," says Bob Inskeep. "We were originally bitten by the pond bug while attending the Clarkston area Parade of Ponds this past summer. Already our new addition has provided the relaxation and beauty to our home that we imagined. We look forward to adding fish in the spring, completing an enlarged patio around the pond, and entertaining throughout the summer of



Aquarius Waterscapes makes sure they choose quality over quantity when it comes to pond building.

2004 and beyond."

Aquarius Waterscapes is once again sponsoring the "Parade of Ponds" pond tour this summer. The dates are August 7 & 8; tickets are \$10 and all proceeds will be donated to their charity, the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. Last year's inaugural tour was such an excellent experience in which everyone was able to share and express ideas on their own backyard paradise. There will be some new and exciting stops on this year's tour that will just make your heart skip a beat! Contact their office or the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce for ticket information.

The newest addition to their product lineup is the "Pondless Waterfall." This new and exciting system is great for clients who may not want a pond but still

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Leather Loft supplies only the best leather furniture

Leather Loft has been in Auburn Hills for only eight months, but the store has been in existence for the past 12 years assisting leather-hungry customers in Sarasota, Fla.

Located by Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Shops at the Crossing, Leather Loft provides only the highest quality leather furniture and other home decor to its customers.

"We offer 40 different styles from traditional to transitional to contemporary," Blake Thomas, store leather expert, said.

A vast selection is a big selling point for customers visiting Leather Loft. Customers may choose from 300 different colors when purchasing a piece. The store stocks about 80 percent of what is on display in the showroom.

Besides offering a wide variety of color selections, Leather Loft uses eight different factories to purchase merchandise from, representing such diverse places as North Carolina to Australia.

"Our staff is well-trained," Thomas said. "They know the ins and outs of leather."

Customers are never pressured into making a quick purchase, according to Thomas. The store is often commended for its easy atmosphere and knowledgeable sales staff.

"There's no high pressure here," Thomas said. "We have a pretty warm feeling. You're not going to make a bad buying decision."

The store does have a warm feeling. Soothing music fills the showroom while customers browse the vast selection. There is something for everyone.

Sofas range in price from \$599 to \$3,999. The store also offers a full line of reclining furniture and bar stools and tables.

"When buying leather, 70 percent of the cost comes from the grade of the leather," Thomas said. "We usually tell customers it's like buying a diamond: you might know that you have to have a one carat stone, but that means nothing in terms of the cut and

clarity you'll get."

Leather Loft features furniture from Omnia, which uses the Val Depone tannery. Val Depone is one of the world's most notorious tanneries in terms of quality, according to Thomas. They are the only Omnia Gallery in Michigan.

Leather furniture requires a tremendous amount of tedious labor. Only 2 percent of hides pulled for a piece of furniture actually qualify to be used as material.

When a piece doesn't have to be processed as much for imperfections in the leather, the price goes up. More than 90 percent of all leather furniture has imperfections buffed out, spray painted or corrected in other fashions so that it can be deemed 'top grade', according to Thomas. The label is often very de-

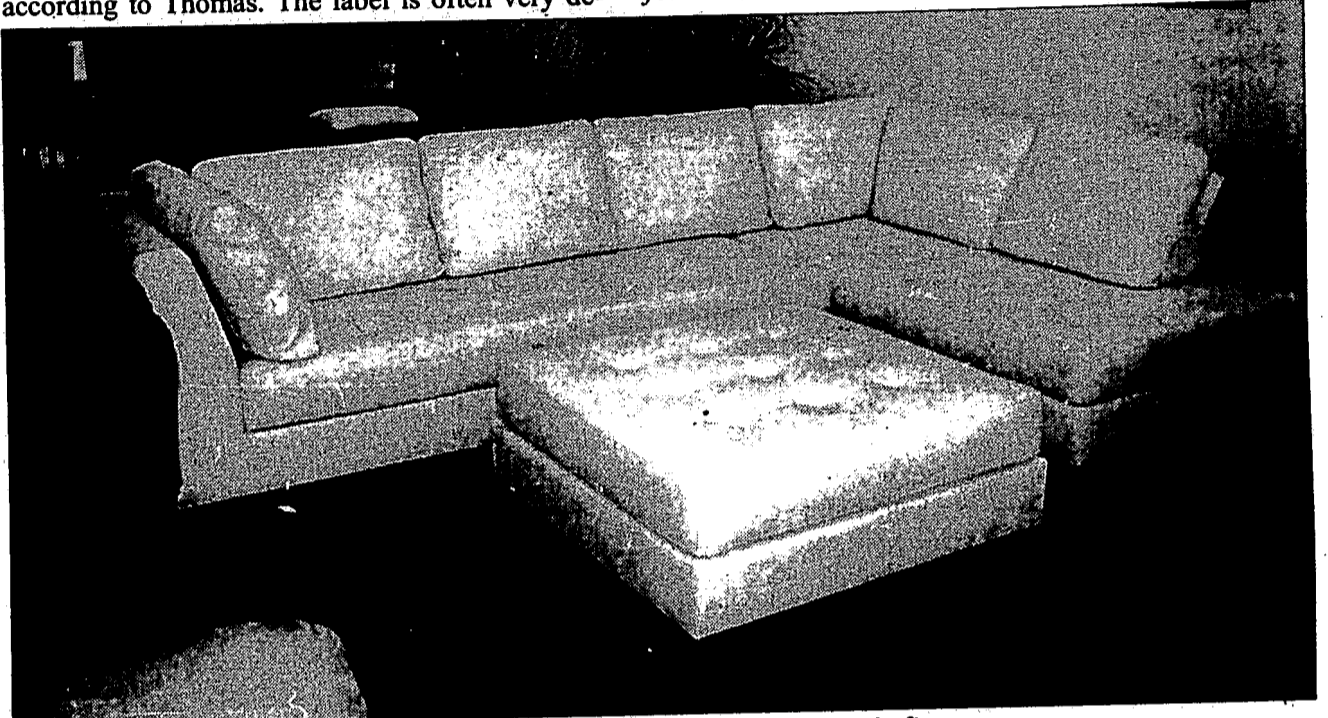
ceiving.

"Top grade is an overly used term that tells you absolutely nothing about the quality or processing of your leather," Katie Harvey, store owner, said. "I guarantee that whether you buy from Leather Loft or not, if you come in and express an interest, you will leave knowing more about leather furniture than most people who sell it."

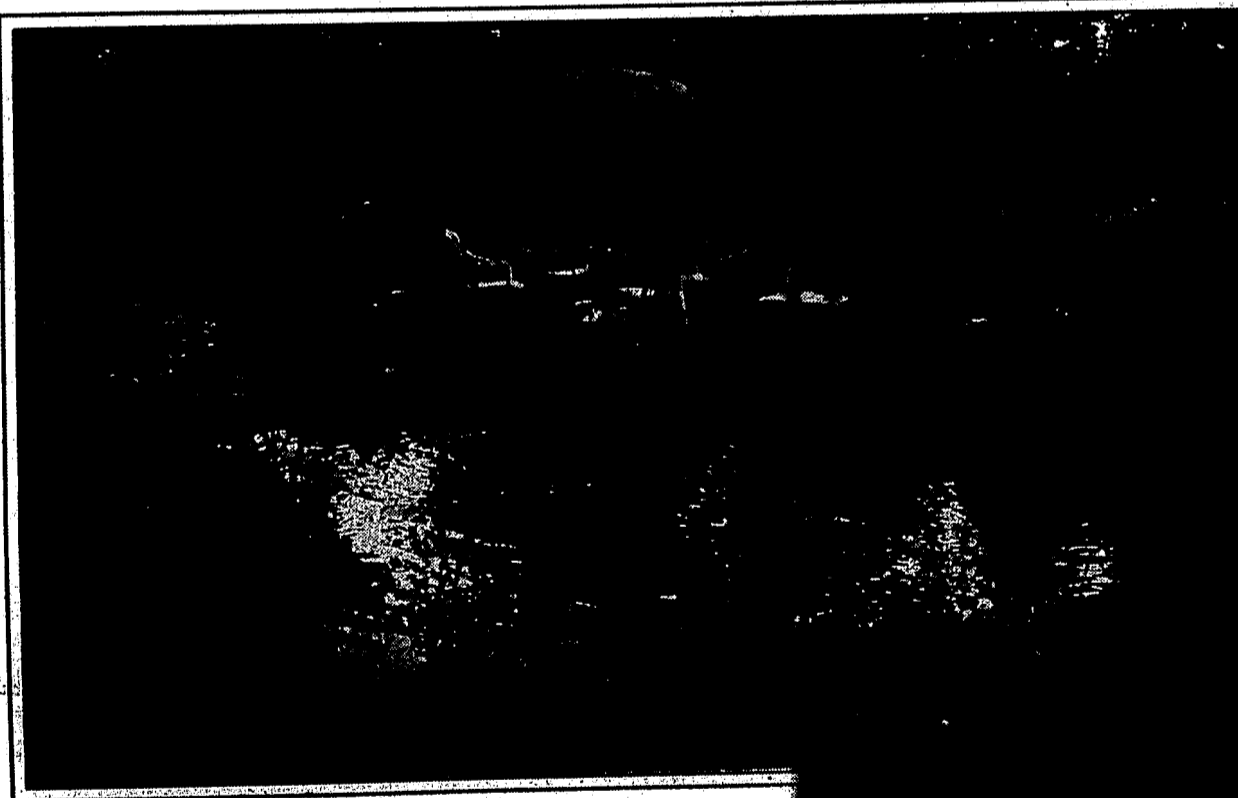
One of the most popular pieces in the store currently is a modern-looking sectional called the 'Espasio'.

The store will be featuring discounts up to 50 percent Apr. 1-15.

Leather Loft is located at 4131 Baldwin Rd. in Shops at the Crossing, directly across from Great Lakes Crossing. Call (248) 332-9100 for more information.

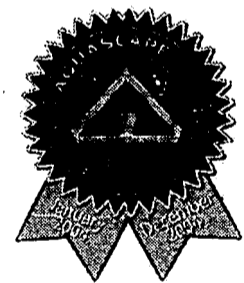


This couch is just one of the many popular pieces available at the Leather Loft.



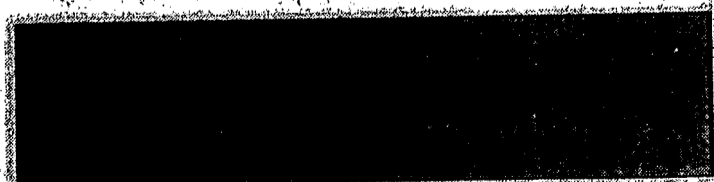
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Shepherd's Hollow gives private club feeling to the public

As Shepherd's Hollow prepares for its fourth full season as one of the country's premier public golf facilities, the mission of providing a private feel to the public continues.

With just one look around this vast facility, it quickly becomes apparent that Shepherd's Hollow is much more than a top-of-the-line public course.

"We're looking forward to a beautiful spring," Kevin Grostick, Head PGA Professional, said. "It won't be long and the driving range, chipping facility and putting green will be filled with people tuning up their games."

In addition to the opening of the course, spring marks the opening of The Grille room at Shepherd's Hollow. Lunch will be available in the restaurant daily to the public starting on March 29 with dinner following that Friday on Apr. 2.

Traditional favorites like the buffalo chili, club wrap and salmon salad will share space on the menu with new low-carb options. Offerings, a grilled vegetable Caprese salad and the return of a once famous BLT soup. Dinners will continue to display the freshest of seafood and the ever-popular "Chop House", a portion of the menu that continued to grow guest satisfaction.

"It gets easier to write menus each year," Erle Weber, director of food and beverage, said. "The clientele continues to pick its favorites and won't let me take them off the menu."

Weber, along with Sous Chef Benjamin Horner, continues to bring high quality American regional cuisine to the menu at Shepherd's Hollow.

The wines at Shepherd's Hollow are also a Grille Room favorite. Ten wines available by the glass, a half-bottle list showcasing all the great varieties and a bottle list of which Weber calls "hit players".

"We offer a spectacular list of recognizable varieties by renowned producers to take the guess work out," Weber said. "We don't gouge our clientele by high markups on beverage. It is unnecessary and



Enjoy an enjoyable day at Shepherd's Hollow.

greedy to do so."

Outdoor dining has become increasingly popular at Shepherd's Hollow. Whether on the overstuffed chairs and couches on the veranda or seated at a table on the newly constructed New York blue slate terrace, you can enjoy the great food and scenery.

Golf Digest recently rated Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club in the top 100 public golf courses in America.

"We aspire to be your private country club for

a day," Grostick said.

The private club feeling is one of the many reasons that bring golfers back to Shepherd's Hollow. With its extensive practice facilities, a pro-shop stocked with all the industry's best equipment and fashions, perfected manicured fairways and greens and elegant dining accommodations.

It's easy to see why Shepherd's Hollow continues to keep people talking.

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Sayles Studio captures the art of family photography

Taking a photo is something Beth Ann Sayles knows how to do well. It runs in her family.

Sayles Studio has been a family-run operation since 1945 and a staple on Dixie Highway since 1950. The original operation was started by Sayles' parents, Harold and Alice Sayles.

The couple established their reputation as creative photographers by photographing high school seniors for their graduation portraits. According to Sayles, that's what started their business.

While things are a little different in how the actual photograph is taken today, the guiding principle behind the idea is the same: creatively capturing an important moment for preservation.

Sayles started in the business in 1973 as her mother's apprentice. While her mother taught her everything about the basis of photography, Sayles furthered her education by obtaining a master's degree from the Professional Photographers of America.

Sayles specializes in seniors, children and families as well as pets.

"I love seniors," Sayles said. "They're my passion."

Many seniors are drawn to Sayles because of her ability to capture an individual's personality. She'll often take her clients on location for a shoot, depending on what that individual prefers. The shoots often feel like an adventure.

"My creative hunger sparked me wanting to shoot in environments," Sayles said. "It's often very confining to be in the camera room."

The upstairs portion of the studio has converted rooms that Sayles says offers variety to clients for photo backdrops. They also offer beautiful natural light, a medium her mother was well-known for working with.

Keeping up with current trends is very important for Sayles and her clients. A popular option she offers with her photo packages include detail shots, an alternative to traditional portrait. The photo may be that of the subject's feet, hands or other small bits of that person's individuality.

Digital photography, representing 75 percent of what she shoots, has aided Sayles' creative process immensely. She offers digitally-altered print options that clients have responded very well to.

While seniors are Sayles' first love, she hopes to expand more into the children's photography market.

"I love to work with kids," Sayles said. "It can be unique, unusual photography."

Sayles' passion extends to the art of photographing children.

"I am capturing the essence of innocence when I work with the little ones," Sayles said. "It's like that of the family practice of a physician, you might say, in that I see them develop from infancy to young adults to generations returning with their own new families. High school seniors remember my gift of human connecting and return with commission to capture special moments time after time."

Recently Sayles introduced pregnancy figure studies when a woman is in her last trimester. They are portrayed as works of art.

Once the baby arrives, the family returns to ex-

press the wonder of it all: the tiny feet, hands and awesomeness.

"We've developed such a faithful following over the years that parents return annually to record the growth and relationships of siblings until, at last, it is time for graduation pictures," Sayles said.

With two years experience in massage therapy, daughter Colleen Richards is opening her private practice within Sayles' facility this spring.

As an introductory offer, Richards is offering one 15-minute chair massage with every prepaid session during the studio's Spring Savings Sale.

Sayles' work is so gratifying, especially because she has such a loyal client base. Her customers know the value of photography and the power it has to spin a moment into a memory.

Clients can save 50 percent off any session now through December 2004 when a prepayment is made for a creation fee by April 15. This offer is perfect for spring, summer or fall family and children portraits or graduation assignments.

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Today that business operates 119 locally-owned franchises throughout the country. Jamie Scott and her husband are two people committed to providing that quality moving service to the Clarkston area.

Located on Dixie Highway in Waterford, the Scott's franchise strives to maintain the company's mission: to exceed their customer's expectations in value and high standard of satisfaction.

"We pride ourselves on local moving," Scott said. "We try to give our customers a local business feel."

The Scotts have owned the Waterford location for about four years. Scott's husband has a long history with the company; he's been with them since it started in Lansing almost 20 years ago.

"He definitely knows the moving business," Scott said.

Two Men and a Truck hire movers that they would want in their own home. The company refers to the 'Grandma Rule', realizing that they would only want people in their homes that you

would want around your own grandmother.

Choices are prevalent at Two Men and a Truck. The movers can move as little or as much as the individual needs, according to Scott.

"What's nice is that we're very customized," Scott said. "We can move big furniture or just help you pack some boxes."

The company will even go so far as to simply move furniture from one room to another when basic upgrades to a certain room, such as adding carpet, are necessary.

"It's nice to have that," Scott said.

The company will move anywhere in Michigan. Customers can pack their own boxes or have the movers do it. Two Men and a Truck also sells a full line of moving and packing supplies and will even deliver boxes, purchased from them, free of charge.

To help transport a home's important contents are the company's 26-foot trucks.

"You can almost fit an entire house in there," Scott said.

Two Men and a Truck is committed to its local aspect of operation, a feature that makes them stand out from other large, well-known moving companies.

"We want to be local, not a big corporation," Scott said. "Our owners are right here if you need them."

Customer service is a top priority as well. If problems ever arise, owners are quick to respond and filled with positive solutions.



Two Men and a Truck's recognizable moving van is always easy to spot.

"We try to take care of people," Scott said. "Moving is a stressful thing and we're just one aspect of it. We try to keep it stress-free."

More than anything else, Two Men and a Truck strive to maintain its high-quality reputation with customers.

"Our motto is 'movers who care',"

Scott said. "We really do care. People call us back because people refer them to us. It's an incentive to do a good job."

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Having grown to more than 9,800 members from both Clarkston and Brandon, the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union continues to function under the philosophy of a financial institution belonging to and serving the people of the community. Because of the welcomed growth the Clarkston branch recently remodeled into a convenient 10,000 square foot facility in Clarkston.

"The service we provide to the community is a philosophy," said Phyllis Welch, Chief Executive Officer of Clarkston Brandon Credit Union adding that credit unions were established by working class people to help members who are in need of financial assistance.

"The most important thing credit unions do is look at the person first," Welch said.

Owned by the people, with a volunteer board elected by its members, the credit union's simple philosophy of an organized cooperative credit society which evolved in the early 19th century to protect working class people.

"The profits are returned to the members," said Welch.

Established as a school employee cooperative, the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union has long encouraged financial services which the nonprofit, member owned cooperative, historically returns paramount savings and trust back



into the community.

Because of that trust the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union extended its' membership, beyond school employees, by opening services to the entire community, in June of 1999.

"We want to stress that it's the people that are important to us—this is not just a business," confirmed Donna Bullard, Vice President.

Membership benefits provide convenient services to the entire community including trusted low interest credit cards, draft free checking with no monthly service charge, and overdraft protection to

share accounts, and money market investments.

In minutes members can save up to 20 percent of current insurance policies through member benefit auto, home, and personal property insurance, as well as family group benefits including legal services.

With the growth of the extended membership the CBCCU continues to work hard to bring special services to the community, with a personal touch, by offering a day branch service to students within the Brandon School District.

Directed by Joanne Tumey, the success of the student-managed institution is evidenced by the age of their own accounts. Welch says many students who work for the credit union opened their own accounts while they were in grade school.

Hiring and promoting from within the community is paramount to both Welch and Bullard who say Brandon Branch Manager Dawn Chisholm has worked with CBCCU since high school.

"I can't say enough about Dawn and our Brandon office," said Welch

"That office really helped the credit union because, like this branch, our employees are all very dedicated with very good work ethics."

To join the comfort of old fashion financial services call or stop in at the Clarkston branch at 8055 Ortonville Road, (248) 625-2923 or 4 South Street, Ortonville, Mich. (248) 627-9944.

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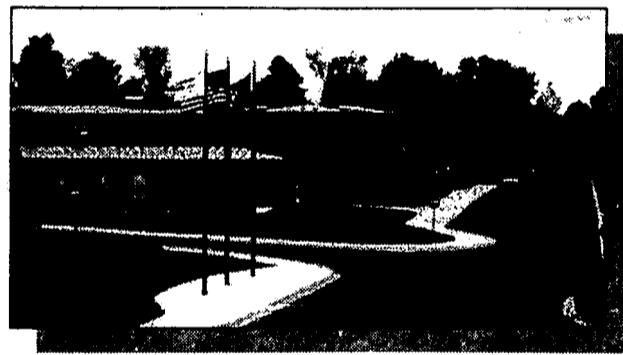
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Dinner and a movie just got some coffee competition

Looking for a way to update the dinner-and-a-movie option? Why not try a movie and coffee?

For those looking for a fresh twist to an old classic, Java Flix has just the solution.

Joining the group of new businesses in the Gateway Plaza in Clarkston, Java Flix is a full-service video rental location complete with a state-of-the-art coffee bar for movie buffs and coffee lovers alike, especially the owners, sisters Renee Sanger and Gina Bromley.

"We'd been in business for about three years and someone told us you should do something you love," Sanger said. "We're coffee nuts."

Sanger and Bromley opened the speciality store in March and have received rave reviews.

Java Flix carries new releases for just about every taste, but also has a large selection of speciality 'cult' favorites that are harder to find. Portable DVD players are available for rental so that customers can watch a movie favorite right there in the store with their favorite coffee brew.

Various rental memberships are available at the store. The 'Sneek Preview' membership is a traditional choice, allowing customers to pay per movie or video game rented. The 'Screening' membership is \$20 a month and lets customers check out as many titles as they'd like during that time. The 'Trailer' memberships goes one step further and includes DVDs and video games for just \$30 a month of unlimited access.

Once a movie is selected, the next step in an evening of entertainment is to select the right snack, whether its a sweet treat or a cup of joe.

"We asked people what kind of candy they ate as little kids," Sanger said. "We like to keep it a little different."

From the bulk candy selection, movie goers can chose paper dots, Tootsie Pops, Snowcaps, Pixie Stix, trail mix, Mike and Ike's, gummi bears, Sweedish fish



Renee Sanger and Gina Bromley offer only the finest coffee and movie selections at Java Flix.

and a traditional movie staple: malt balls.

Sanger and Bromley also carry gourmet popcorn made by two sisters in Indianapolis.

For those looking for a jolt of caffeine to make it through their movie, the coffee selections at Java Flix are truly unique.

"We opened the movie side up first and everyone asked when the coffee was coming," Sanger said, commenting on the enticing aromas from the local coffee brews.

Using Great Lakes Coffee, the drink selections are made up from movie titles selected by staff members. Movies become even more exciting with a Vanilla Sky, Pretty in Pink, the Nutty Professor or for those felling a little more daring, the Fatal Attraction.

Even the drink sizes are movie related, from 'short' for small, 'extended' for medium and 'epic' for large.

"People come in at night and get a cup of coffee to stay up for their movie," Sanger said.

The unique small business is appreciated by customers so far.

"They want to support the little guy," Bromley said.

The sisters are experienced with running businesses, so the attention to detail at Java Flix is evident, a fact a lot of customers greatly appreciate.

"A lot of people wanna buck the corporate monopolies," Sanger said.

The trend has started. Forget about dinner before catching your favorite film. Go straight to the movies at Java Flix and get your coffee to go.



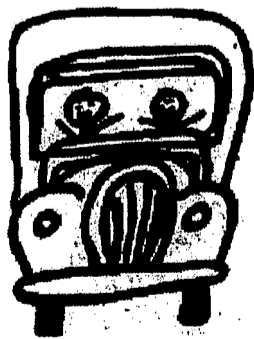
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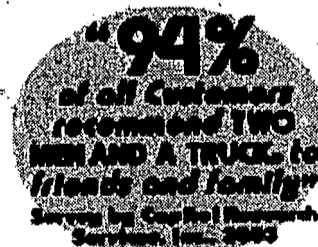
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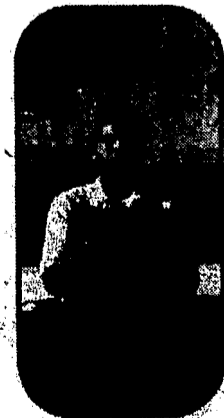
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Most people are probably aware of the phenomenon created by ABC's hit reality television show 'Extreme Makeover'. Through a combination of medical and dental procedures, participants receive what amounts to a complete physical transformation. They are literally 'made over', sometimes beyond their wildest dreams. The emotional impact on both the participants and their families can be overwhelming. However, most people may not be aware that a nationally known dental specialist, one whose specialty provides the exact dental procedures seen on 'Extreme Makeover', is in practice right here in Clarkston.

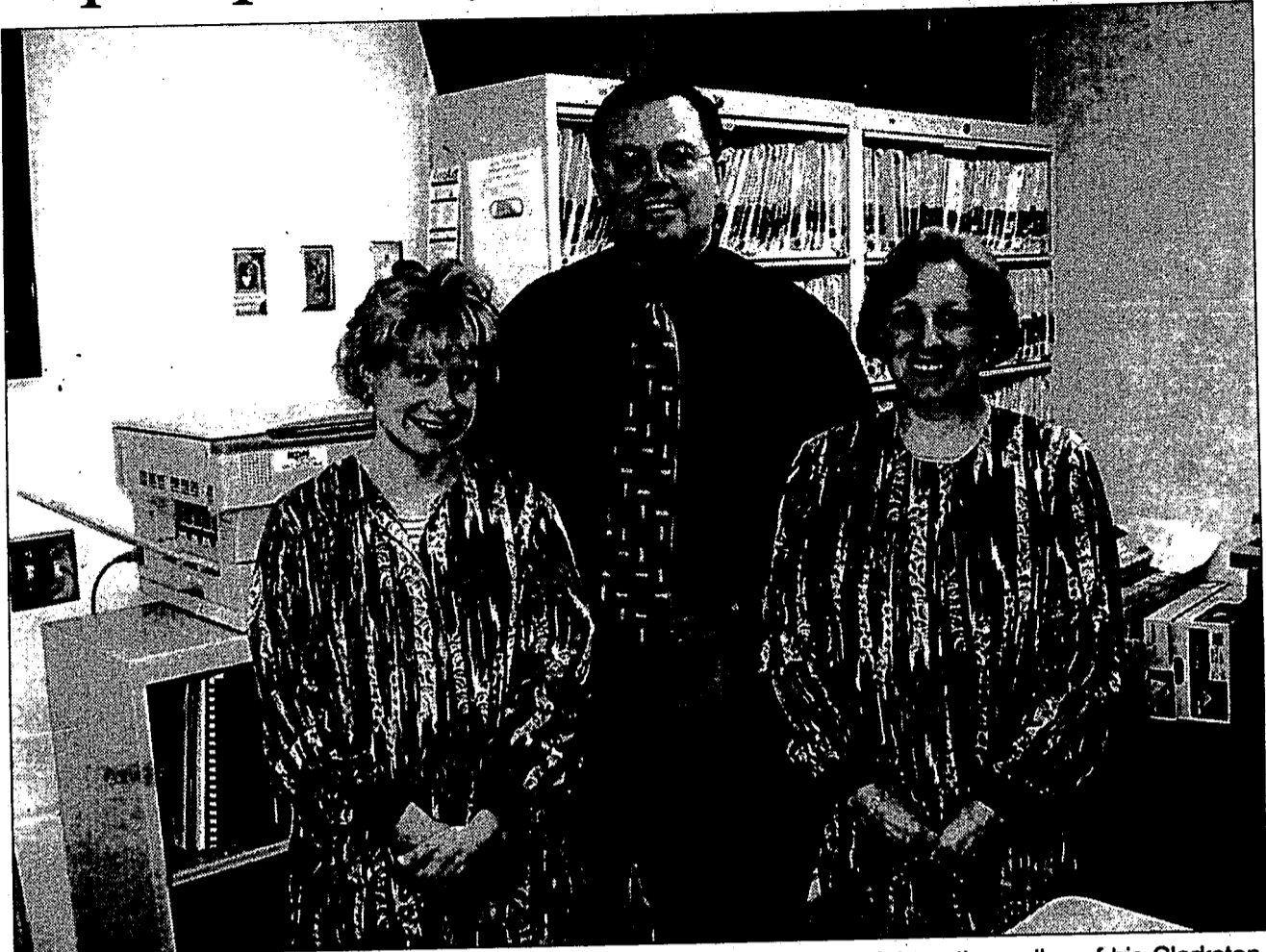
Dr. Mark Adams, whose practice is located on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston, is just one of those specialists.

Adams is a prosthodontist, one of the dental specialties recognized by the American Dental Association. Prosthodontists are restorative specialists dealing in the areas of cosmetic, implant and reconstructive dentistry. Specialists acquire two to three additional years of training beyond regular dental school.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Adams has been in practice in Flint for 20 years and Clarkston for three years. In addition to having been an assistant clinical professor at U of M, Adams lectures to other dentists around the country, as well as in Europe, on the latest techniques in smile design, tooth replacement and preservation of teeth for a lifetime.

"Most of the people I see are frustrated with their present condition," Adams said in response to why someone would choose to see a prosthodontist. "They would like their teeth to look and feel better. They would like to have treatment done once and have it last a long time. A lot of people have no idea that there is a 'specialty' in crowns, bridges, dentures, implants, cosmetics, etc."

Adams found that some of the make-overs recently on television are extreme, but not everyone needs or wants treatment as involved as that.



Dr. Mark Adams, along with Ruby Hosmer and Trish Cook, are ready to brighten the smiles of his Clarkston patients.

"My goal is to provide the people I work with the least amount of dentistry they need to get whatever it is they want," Adams said. "Sometimes that means minor treatment, sometimes extensive treatment."

"Over the past 20 years, I've developed an extensive network of other specialists to assist me in helping

my patients get the results they want," Adams said.

Dental make-overs, from the simple to the extreme, are the specialty of Clarkston's own prosthodontist, Dr. Mark Adams. His Clarkston office is located at 5649 Sashabaw Rd. To set up a consultation, call (248) 620-6396.

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Clarkston State Bank plans another year of growth

Mortgage Team, Online Banking and New Branch in '04

The excitement just isn't stopping at Clarkston State Bank (CSB) in January, the bank celebrated its 5th anniversary and announced its best financial results to date.

Edwin L. Adler, Clarkston State Bank's Board Chairman said in a press release from earlier this year, "The Board of Directors is extremely proud of the bank's progress and the many noteworthy accomplishments of 2003. Being able to celebrating a community bank's fifth anniversary is a direct result of the dedication and hard work of the talented team and genuine acceptance by literally thousands of individuals and businesses across Clarkston, Independence Township, and northern Oakland County, Michigan. We are all extremely grateful for the community's continuing support."

Then later that month, Crain's Detroit Business featured Dawn Horner, the bank's president and chief executive officer, regarding the recent success of community banks and how many have plans for expansion or acquisitions.

In that article she credits "big banks for a lot of the success Clarkston and similar bank have experienced. That's mostly where new community banks' customers are coming from... the bigger banks were getting bigger. As they changed, they changed the way they

were dealing with customers."

Other News:

Mortgage Packages Available - With last year's addition of CSB's loan processing center, a complete line of financing products with competitive rates now are available for customers.

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Online Banking

Launched in February 2004, this new service enables customers to access their CSB checking, savings and loan accounts and perform a wide range of transactions via their personal or office computer. This includes monitoring checking and savings account balances, deposit history, checks cleared, transfer money between accounts, stop-payment orders, and bill payments for both CSB loans and third parties such as utilities, mortgages, and credit cards. The new service is available 24/7 and accessible from nearly any online connection.



The Mortgage team at Clarkston State Bank is ready to help.

"Our new internet banking service adds another level of ease and convenience, plus designed-in, state-of-the-art security systems for both users' and CSB safety," explains Horner. We have had numerous requests for online banking from our customers who want to bank at their convenience from the comfort of their own home or office."

To become a CSB online banking customer, simply fill out an application online at

www.clarkstonstatebank.com or at any of the CSB branches.

New Independence Township branch to open in Fall 2004

CSB's new Independence Township branch will be located at the edge of downtown Clarkston on M-15 just north of Dixie Hwy. It will include a full-service lobby, drive-thru service, 24-hour drive-up ATM and night depository. It will also include offices and conference rooms for commercial/consumer lending and mortgage banking.

For any additional information on the bank's services, contact the Main St. office at (248)625-8585.

Talkin' trash with Smith's Disposal of Clarkston

Nearly 23 years old and Smith's Disposal and Recycling Inc. is still going strong.

"We've survived other companies selling out," said co-owner Ken Smith. "We're the only large independent company left in the northern area."

Service by the 33 employees on staff centers around residential trash pickup and recycling pickup -- targeting its efforts in the northern Oakland County region including Springfield, Independence, Waterford and Brandon townships as well as small portions of Orion and Groveland townships.

"We try our best to give the best service out there for the cheapest price," Smith said, adding the company is distinguished by its family-oriented service.

"I think it's the individual part of being family-owned and operated, being able to give the personal touch."

Smith, his mother Doris and his sister Carol Evans all share ownership. The company's longtime owner, Leonard H. Smith, Ken's father, passed away four years ago.

As for the staff, Smith said, "Most of our employees have worked here for 10 or more years. It's always hard to find good employees, but we've been able to come up with some pretty good ones over time."

Originally, the Smith family owned Clarkston Farm and Supply for more than 20 years.

During that time, Ken also worked

the summers driving an extra garbage truck for Ben Powell Disposal on Clarkston Road.

"Our business was getting slow because fuel purchase was going down with the increase purchase of gas out here," he said.

The Powell family, who ran their business for 30 years, discussed selling, which led to the Smith's acquisition of the company and relocation.

"And here we are almost 23 years later," Smith said.

Smith's Disposal is also involved in many aspects of community life, including membership with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clarkston Area Optimist Club.

For several years, the company has been a significant sponsor of the Clarkston High School Senior All-Night Party as well as made monetary donations to the Mt. Zion Church raffle, Optimist Club raffle and the Independence Township Fire Department.

The company sponsors Little League baseball teams in Clarkston and Waterford as well.

Smith's Disposal and Recycling, Inc. is located at 5750 Hwy. just off of Andersonville Road in Clarkston. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (248) 625-5470 for more information

Ken Smith, of Smith's Disposal and Recycling, Inc., says, "We try our best to give the best service out there for the cheapest price." Photo provided.



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Kostins continue local legal and charity work

Clarkston attorneys Robert and Kelley Kostin offer a great deal of experience and service to the community.

"We are a full-service law firm. We take pride in offering experience in handling our clients' needs including criminal, civil, custody and divorce proceedings (family law), personal injury and also real estate," Bob Kostin said.

Bob Kostin has more than 30 years of experience, while Kelley Kostin also serves as a Magistrate in the Rochester District Court where her duties include handling traffic and small claims cases, arraignments for criminal matters and certain misdemeanor and ordinance cases; She also performs marriage ceremonies.

This fall, she hopes her job description will change significantly, as she is a candidate for 52-2 District Judge, hoping to succeed retiring Judge Michael Batchik.

"This is something I've worked for a long time," she said. "I'm dedicated to my community and I'm dedicated to community service. I want to keep this a great place to live and work."

If elected, she promises to work hard to make the court system better. She has already earned significant endorsements, including a recent announcement of support from Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca.

Independence Township residents who have been married for eight years and have a son, Shay, Bob and Kelley Kostin make it a point to be active members of the community.

The firm is an active member of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and is a major sponsor for numerous chamber events including the annual Holiday Festival, Fourth of July Festival, Concerts in the Park and Halloween Howl. They are the corporate sponsor for the annual Chamber Golf Outing.

They are also sponsors of the annual Walk for SCAMP, a summer camp for special needs children and young adults.

Kelley Kostin is a member of the Clarkston Area Task Force for Youth and has been recognized as one of the organization's community business leaders.

Now Vice President of the Optimist Club of Clarkston, she has chaired the Community Oratorical Contest the last five years and was involved as a member of the committee for Law Appreciation Week.

In addition, she is in demand as a speaker at numerous local schools, bringing students a real-life perspective on a variety of legal topics and issues. She has also served on the Board of Trustees at Notre Dame Prep for more than a year.

"I can't say no to a good cause," she said.

Robert Kostin is actively involved with the Repub-



The law offices of Robert E. Kostin, P.C. include Ann-Marie McCafferty (left), Kelley Kostin, Bob Kostin and Sue Jackson.

lican Committee for Oakland County, the Oakland County Bar Association District Court Committee and several condominium associations

The Kostins are also members of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston.

Sue Jackson and Ann-Marie McCafferty, complete the Kostin office team.

Jackson has participated in six marathons to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, serves as a Director for the Clarkston Area Cham-

ber of Commerce and is the current chairperson for the Chamber Golf Classic. Both have also served on the scholarship committee.

Robert E. Kostin, P.C. is located at 11 N. Main Street in downtown Clarkston, with parking located behind the building. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours available by appointment.

The Kostins offer free initial consultations. For more information, call (248) 620-1030 or send an e-mail to RobertKostin@aol.com or KelleyKostin@aol.com.

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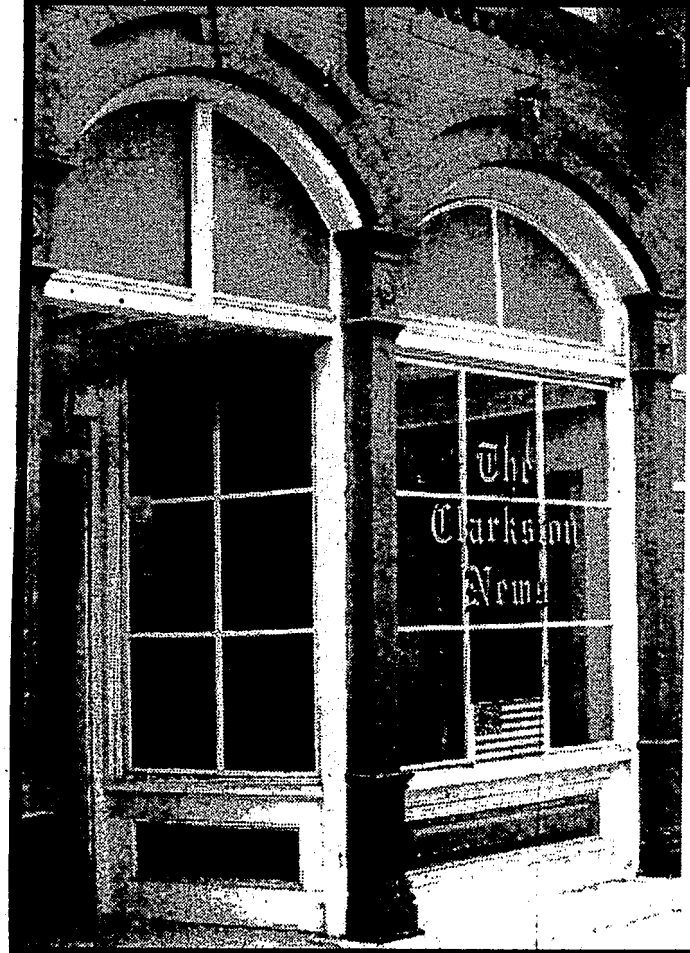


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Pine forest Day Camp is located at 4361 Perryville Road, Groveland Township. Phone calls can be directed to (248) 627-2821.

Winter address is 6735 Telegraph Road, Suite 380, Bloomfield Hills, 48301. Phone calls can be directed to (248) 627-1100. Fax (248) 647-1493.



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Lake Orion Roofing founded on 'Quality,' not quantity

Although Lake Orion Roofing has seen a dramatic increase in its residential and commercial customers with the growth of North Oakland County, Owner Mark Southern says his top priority is still customer education.

Lake Orion Roofing belongs to the Certified Contractors Network (CCN), networking with professional contractors around the country to provide customers with the most accurate and helpful information.

CCN provides guidance and training for its members so they can provide clients the highest quality construction services at the lowest possible competitive prices.

"We joined about 12 years ago, and it's all about taking care of the customer and doing what's right," says Southern. "I don't look at my job as just selling a roof...I want to educate my customers."

In business for 19 years and formerly located on Heights Road, Lake Orion Roofing relocated to a beautiful building on Brown Road in 1999. Southern has worked with residential homeowners, commercial businesses and new construction projects. He says Lake Orion Roofing customers are ones who are more concerned with value when it comes to their new roof than price.

"It's the consumer's job to be informed," Southern says. "Ask questions, get references. Our number one goal is customer satisfaction. If they want product quality and value, Lake Orion Roofing is definitely the company to call."

Lake Orion Roofing's reputation is the same as the philosophy the company was founded on, "Quality, not quantity," according to Southern.

"We do not compete with the low-ball bidding tactics that are associated with the other roofing contractors in today's market," he says. "So often these contractors are focused strictly on quantity, rather than quality. This is one of those times where the expression 'You get what you pay for' comes into play."

Lake Orion Roofing offers a complimentary roof analysis, including an investigation of your home's ventilation situation. Improper ventilation will void the

shingle manufacturer's warranty. Proper ventilation extends the life expectancy of your roof.

"We ask the homeowner a series of questions regarding their roofing problems when we're called to measure and troubleshoot a roof," says Southern.

"After the initial visit, we prepare a detailed estimate and schedule an appointment with both homeowners (if applicable), and sit down to explain the situation fully," he says. "We really want the customer to understand the whole process involved."

CCN, of which Lake Orion Roofing is a member, promotes a customer code of ethics that Southern says he strictly adheres to. CCN members pledge to observe the highest standard of integrity, frankness and professional responsibility in dealing with clients.

As an additional service to their customers, Lake

Orion Roofing may be contacted 24 hours a day at their Emergency Dispatch Service after hours. The company was the first to offer this service.

"People really like that," says Southern.

Lake Orion Roofing also offers a 24-hour warranty department.

Lake Orion Roofing, Inc. is conveniently located at 881 Brown Road, on the corner of Joslyn and Brown, across from Meijers. Office hours are Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

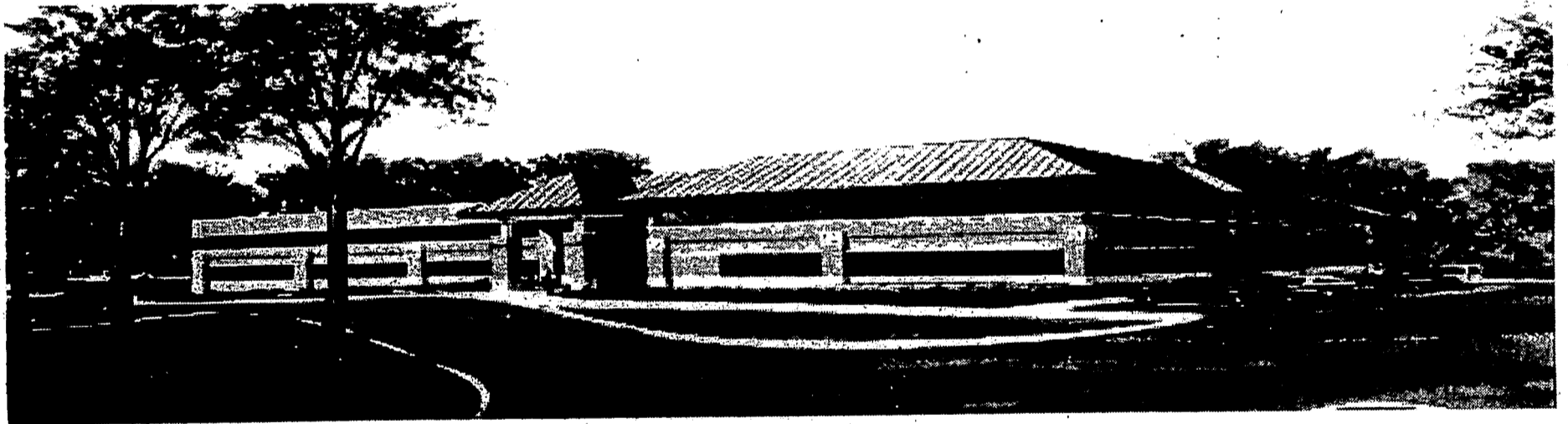
They can be reached by phone at (248) 393-0055, or by email at info@lakeorionroofing.com, through the website www.lakeorionroofing.com.

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Ms. Grupido recently hired a new stylist who said, "I have never seen a group of girls that are so knowledgeable and educated about custom hair cutting, styling and coloring in all my years of doing hair." This was an outstanding compliment coming from a seasoned technician.

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Ms. Grupido has 24 employees working with her at Reflections including 13 stylists (two of which are licensed estheticians), six nail technicians, one certified massage therapist, two receptionists and two hair assistants.

While Ms. Grupido has really taken this salon under her wing and made it even more of a clean and friendly place to come, she realizes it is her employees that are the true backbone of the operation. "The girls are fun and so friendly, they made me feel welcome right away." "The atmosphere is very light but the whole staff takes their jobs and what they can offer, very seriously. Our goal is to have you leave here looking good and feeling good."

"I have always been into beauty," Grupido said.

The new owner has really made sure the salon, which has been around for 12 years, caters to their customers.

Reflections of Clarkston's educated, caring professionals will provide the highest quality service in an atmosphere that allows clients to feel their personal best -- "That is our mission statement!" Grupido said.

Ms. Grupido has owned other busi-



The staff at Reflections of Clarkston takes the time to create an image to compliment the lifestyle of the customer.

nesses before, but it was always a dream of hers to own a hair salon. "The girls have been wonderfully helpful and supportive in this transition. We make all our decisions together. It truly is a dream come true."

(Reflections of Clarkston is lo-

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Patients can look forward to opening of dental 'spa'

Julie Lezotte, D.D.S. is very close to realizing a dream, and Clarkston area residents will reap the benefits of a revolutionary approach to dentistry.

The Dental Spa is slated for a June opening, and "Dr. Julie" (as her patients know her) is excited about the services and the atmosphere awaiting her patients.

"I have always wanted to open this type of Dental practice," she said, after close to five years of service in a Waterford clinic. That time led her to see Clarkston as a prime location for that practice.

"It's a growing residential community," she said, and she chose it after looking at other potential business sites. "I like the area and, most important, the people."

Dr. Julie did not always foresee a career as a dentist. She has a Bachelor's degree in political science and a Master's in labor and industrial relations. To pay her way through school, she worked in an orthodontist's office.

"I just really enjoyed the patients and seeing how happy they were to have such a nice smile after treatment. It really affects self-esteem positively," she said.

After a time of consideration, she earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, and is well aware that her past degrees will help her run the business.

She is now assembling her staff and putting finishing touches on what will be a refreshing experience for patients.

"It will have a very different atmosphere than any other office," she said. "It will be like walking into your living room. I want to create an office that is

comfortable and relaxing."

The spa will be accented with comfortable furnishings, aromatherapy to ease tension and a refreshment center.

In addition to traditional dental services, Dr. Julie will focus on cosmetic procedures such as all-porcelain crowns and veneers, "white fillings" and in-office whitening. She will offer Invisalign (clear braces) as well as phase I and phase II orthodontics.

She is excited to offer digital radiography, which offers up to 85 percent less radiation than traditional x-rays, and an intraoral digital camera to offer a better picture of oral problems.

She also offers a "paperless office." All information will be stored directly onto the patient's computer file.

"This not only is environment-friendly, but keeps patient information private."

Unlike other offices, The Dental Spa will offer procedures such as Botox cosmetic and chemical peels, and will carry a complete line of prescription-only moisturizers and anti-wrinkle products in the "renew your skin" skin center.

"I'm trying to create a holistic approach to dentistry," she said. "We can provide a wrinkle-free smile and a youthful appearance as you leave the office."

Although the spa will not be open until June, Dr. Julie is accepting (and already receiving) requests for appointments.

The Dental Spa will be located at 6100 Dixie Highway, Suite A. Hours will be by appointment. Telephone is (248) 623-4600.



Dr. Julie Lezotte looks forward to the opening of The Dental Spa and to serving past and future customers looking for "holistic dental care."

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A year of breakthroughs at POH Medical Center-Oxford

Coming Soon: An Emergency Care Campus For Life's Major and Minor Emergencies

At POH Medical Center, expansion of the Emergency Care Campuses continues, providing the Triangle Region of North Oakland County with emergency services close to home, where they really matter.

POH-Oxford is now in transition, operating as a walk-in clinic today, but with new technology and more extensive services arriving soon. This summer POH-Oxford will become a full scale Emergency Care Campus, capable of stabilizing patients who need immediate critical care, then transporting them to the hospital of their choice when further medical attention is necessary. The campus will be linked to the county's 9-1-1 EMS system and will handle walk-in minor emergencies as well. "This will be an important development for the community," says Tressa Gardner, D.O., Director of Emergency Services at POH Medical Center. "In short, we will be functioning as a hospital emergency room on the Oxford Emergency Care Campus."

"Oxford's goal is to have every patient examined by a physician within half an hour of their arrival," says Patrick E. Lamberti, POH President and CEO. It is a track record admired by those in the medical community and one that POH consistently meets at its other facilities. The practice was established by the late Robert Aranosian, physician and respected Emergency Services Director. "Dr. Aranosian created a model of Emergency Care that is fast and efficient," continues Lamberti, "one that many are trying to market, but that POH has perfected."

Like the Clarkston Health Center, (its counterpart on the Clarkston Campus)

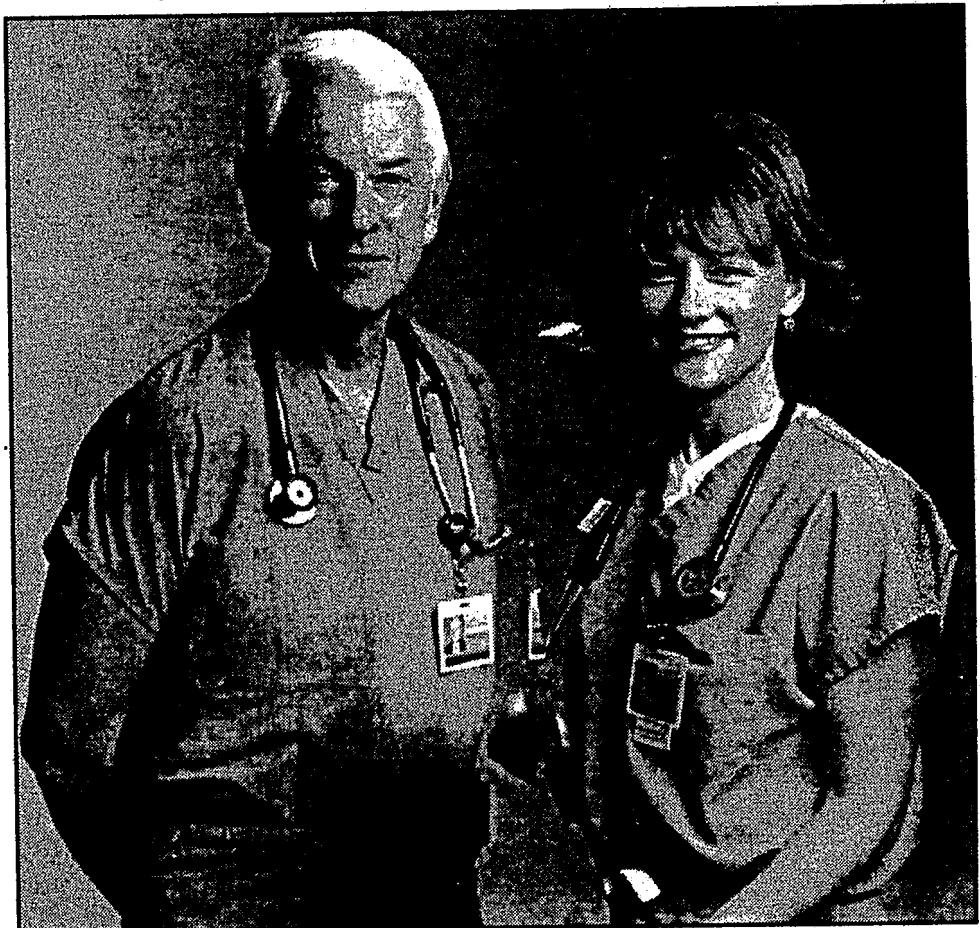
the Oxford Campus will be staffed 24-hours a day with emergency medicine board-certified physicians. POH has backed both campuses with its own time-honored emergency department at POH Medical Center in Pontiac, supplementing each with specialists and technological resources as needed.

Beyond emergency care, the campuses provide other benefits to the residents of the Triangle Region, including the availability of onsite state-of-the-art diagnostic technology. Once patients have been given a doctor's written order, they may have their CAT Scans, EKG's, mammograms and other valuable diagnostic testing performed at the Oxford Campus, regardless of their doctor's hospital affiliation. Testing close to home becomes an easy, logical choice.

A new, high-tech mammography screening system is already in place providing advanced detection capabilities, less radiation and breakthrough comfort levels.

The system is so advanced that it automatically adjusts, emitting the lowest radiation dosage necessary for each woman's breast characteristics. This is especially advantageous for younger women whose breasts normally have higher densities and often require higher radiation dosages. The new system can reduce radiation exposure by as much as 60% in these women.

For those who have found traditional mammography screening uncomfortable, the new screening eliminates much of the unnecessary distress. It senses breast thickness, then compresses only to the degree needed for maximum image quality — usually when the breast is still soft and pliable. Those wishing to utilize the



Emergency Medicine doctors Michael Doyle and Tressa Gardner are preparing for the transition as POH-Oxford gears up to become a full fledged Emergency Care Campus, treating major and minor emergencies including life-threatening situations.

new system do not have to wait until the Oxford Campus completes its transformation. The screening is available now for quick, complete and more accurate results.

This year also promises to be a groundbreaking year for POH Medical Center with the introduction of minimally

invasive knee and hip replacement surgeries, and the addition of minimally invasive surgery for abdominal aortic aneurysms. For information about these services, contact the hospital at 248.338.5000. For information about POH-Oxford, call 248.628.3000.

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Come and see what's new at Oxford Truck & Trailer

Progress is all about change - and Oxford Truck & Trailer (OTT) has certainly seen its share of change over the past year.

"2003 has proved to be a positive year even with managing through a few obstacles," said Rick Halula, who co-owns the company with Jack Calcut. "Some necessary personnel changes were made in the service, parts and sales departments to better serve our customers."

Technology changes have also kept the company on its toes this year. Thanks to the Internet, Oxford Truck & Trailer has quick access to information for more efficient parts ordering and to technical sites for better data and improved diagnostic capabilities.

In addition, employees are continuously improving thanks to on-line training provided through Western Star, Econoline, CAT, Cummins and Detroit Diesel. And being aligned with these original equipment manufacturers gives OTT the advantage of selling the latest products and services.

"New technology is definitely helping our company grow," said Calcut.

Oxford Truck & Trailer began six years ago with an idea shared by two friends. Halula and Calcut, who have known each other for 20 years, met at Worthington Industries. After following other avenues, the friends decided to open a business together.

"Initially we wanted a service center to better care for the Calcut fleet," said Calcut, who has owned a flatbed trucking company for the past 26 years, and operates it in conjunction with OTT.



Rick Halula and Jack Calcut offer top of the line Western Star Trucks, such as the Calcut truck pictured above, as well as quality service and parts at Oxford Truck & Trailer.

"When we found the right location to build our facility, we recognized a need for truck/trailer repair in the North Oakland County area - hence the formation of Oxford Truck & Trailer and the Western Star Truck dealership."

Oxford Truck & Trailer is a full service dealership for Western Star Trucks and Econoline trailers. The service department provides maintenance, repair and parts catering to semi-trucks, trailers, motorhomes, horse trailers, medium duty pickups, and construction equipment such as rolloffs and dump trucks.

The company can serve either the single equipment owner or companies

with fleets. Equipment can be for either recreational or business use.

So what does Calcut and Halula have planned for this year?

In 2004, OTT will be expanding its parts department in order to offer a wider variety of products over the counter. Also, the company computer systems will be upgraded to take advantage of cable internet connections, enhancing both capability and information flow.

"We hope to also continue attracting quality employees with dealership experience for added growth in our service, parts and sales department," said Halula.

Calcut and Halula would also like to see the company gain a greater market share for the Western Star Truck line.

"Our goal is to sell 25 new Western Stars a year," said Halula, "so come by, meet the owners, and see what's new to make your experience with OTT a good one."

Oxford Truck & Trailer is located at 2371 X-Celsior Dr., just off M-24. The office is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. through Fri. and Saturdays by appointment.

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Barkman Landscaping continues to improve

The exterior appearance of home and business is the focus of efforts by the educated, experienced staff at Barkman Landscaping.

Mark and Renee Barkman and their staff of 25 to 30, during the peak season approaching, can provide the best in landscaping service and products.

Starting with design consultants Shannon Ridley and Brian Makarewicz, both Michigan State University graduates, they can plan and install all aspects of the exterior for homes and businesses.

"We can handle your landscape package from the design phase to completion of the project," said Ridley, including pool installation and other water features, and both hardscaping and softscaping aspects.

Their award-winning team utilizes brick paving from Unilock for those hardscape portions, and those designs are overseen by foremen who are all Michigan certified nurserymen.

Ridley said Barkman Landscaping has continued to improve their design expertise, utilizing new computer software that doesn't limit their creativity. "We do virtual design, basically bringing the landscape to life on paper."

He said that concept is being well-received in the industry. "The software is being taught at 20 universities and colleges in the U.S. and Canada, and that number continues to grow every year."

Barkman Landscaping has served the southeast Michigan area for 20 years, and Ridley said that is due to the emphasis they have on improving.

"Our quality and professionalism enables property owners to have confidence and peace of mind about their landscaping needs," he said. "We put more back into expanding the education of our staff than most landscaping businesses."

Whether it is a new construction or renovation of an existing site, whether commercial or residential, Barkman Landscaping gets a great deal of satisfaction working with the community.

"It has a lot to do with Mark and Renee being from the community," said Ridley. "It's more of a 'family-



Brian Makarewicz and Shannon Ridley use computer programs to design landscape projects.

type' thing, doing business with neighbors and friends."

Members of the Davison Area Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Nursery Landscape Association, Barkman Landscape continues to help local homes and businesses look their best.

Barkman Landscaping, Inc. 401 W. Rising St. Hours: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., M-F Telephone: 888-884-0988 Online: www.barkmanlandscaping.com barkmanlandscaping@barkmanlandscaping.com

Castlewood Custom Homes continues to build dreams

Take one look around the unique development at Ingomar Farms and the constant attention to detail is evident.

Castlewood Custom Homes' latest development is located off of Dixie Highway in Springfield Township on Centennial Ellis Farm, an old farm that most residents know instantly by the name.

"The property used to be a horse farm," Jill Price, director of sales and marketing, said. "There's an equestrian theme throughout."

June 2003 saw the grand opening of the development and interest has been gaining ever since.

Customers interested in joining the community at Ingomar Farms can choose their home from eight different floor plans and three specific house styles: Colonial, Ranch or Cape Cod.

"Everyone has been great so far," Price said. "It's exciting working with families as they pick out a home and go through all the steps."

The equestrian theme that is unique to the property is carried well throughout, whether it's a few buildings from the original farm that still exist or the hitching post mailboxes. Even the home names are named after race tracks.

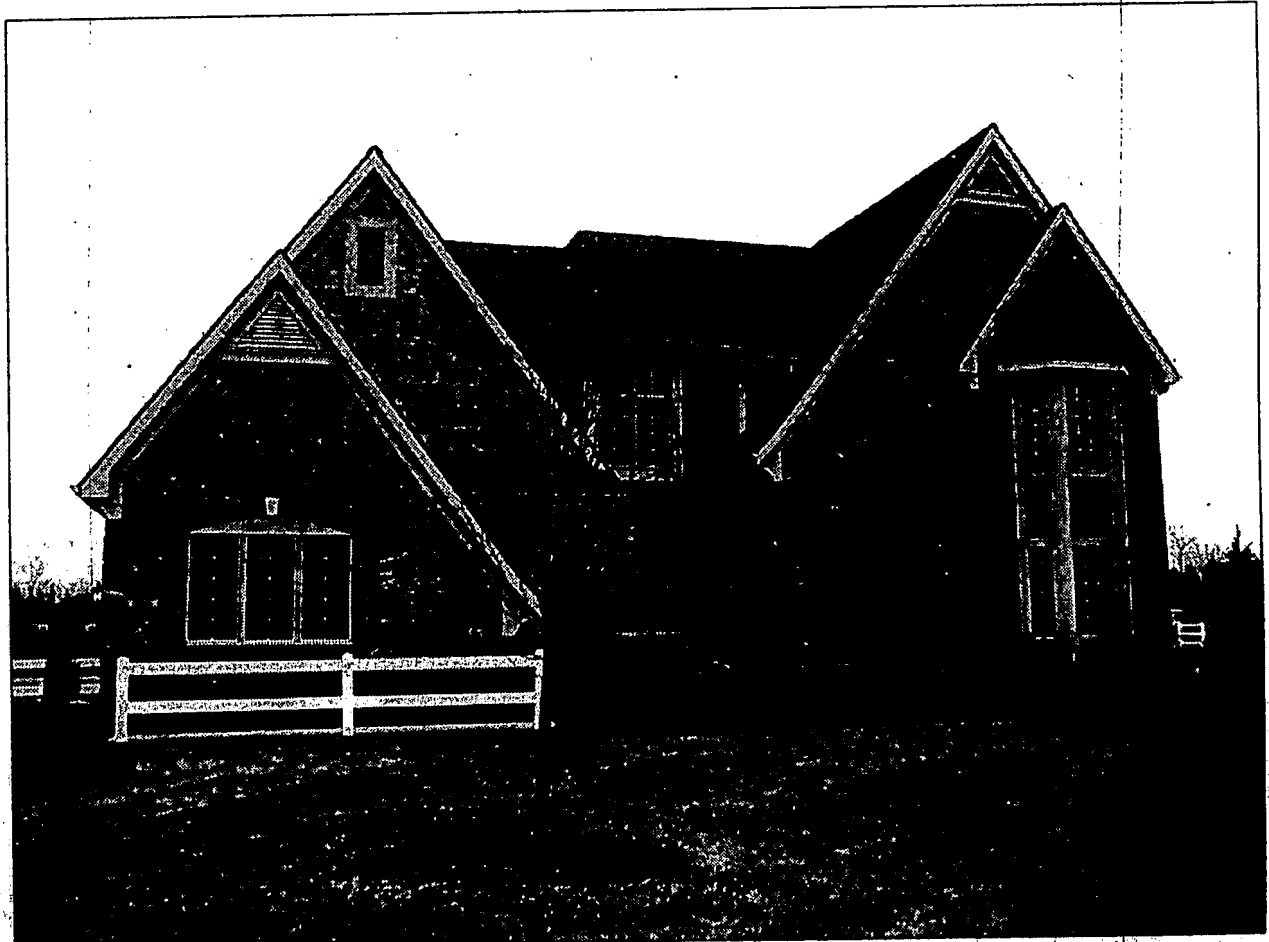
The Ingomar development has a lot to offer to customers beyond unique homes. A close location to I-75, jogging paths, Clarkston schools, waterfront options, picnic tables and a beach house are just a few of the amenities at Ingomar.

"It's close to downtown Clarkston," Price said. "The area is developing so much."

Another added feature at Ingomar is the superior craftsmanship found in the homes, thanks in part to the development's builder who is always on site making sure daily operations go smoothly.

Castlewood is also featuring Clarkston Village Place, a condominium development in downtown Clarkston's historic district.

The condos offer 3,000 square feet and include items such as granite countertops, private entrances and vol-



Model homes are ready for viewing at Ingomar Farms.

ume ceilings throughout.

Unlike many home building companies which use the cookie-cutter approach to building homes, Castlewood offers customers a unique opportunity to custom design their homes. The company builds no more than 20 homes a year so they don't lose the personal touch with the customer.

Castlewood is owned by the husband-and-wife team of David and Lynne Miller. Both are licensed

builders with a total of more than 30 years experience in the building industry. They are also members of the Builder's Association Industry of Southeast Michigan.

Castlewood Custom Homes, Inc. is located at 20 South Main St. in Clarkston. For more information on Ingomar Farms or any other developments, call (248) 620-3181 or (248) 625-2092.

Everest Academy offers Integral Formation

Teach the intellect. Form the heart. Educate the mind. That is the philosophy of Everest Academy, a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade private, Catholic school in Clarkston.

The academy is led by Father Alfonse Nazzaro, Director of Everest Academy, Richard Cross, Assistant Director of the Boy's school and Director of Boys International Program and Valerie McGovern, Director of the Girl's school and Director of the Girls' International Program.

The academy is co-ed from preschool to second grade, while the third through eighth grade classes are separated into a girls' and boys' programs.

The school will start a high school program in 2005. The current seventh graders are slated to be the first graduating class.

Everest Academy offers a personalized atmosphere where small class sizes and experienced teachers lead the children towards integral formation: academics, human, spiritual and apostolic.

Academic Formation: The academic education at Everest Academy is second to none. The curriculum challenges students to exercise each facet of their intellect: expression, relation, analysis and synthesis.

The low teacher-student ratio makes sure each child gets a personalized education.

"Keeping the classroom size small helps us to focus on the needs of our students and to make sure each realize their capabilities. That is very important to us," Cross said.

Everest has recently added a new science lab, two new computer labs, a research room, an art room and a multi-media center to their academy. The school also has an international exchange program for both the boys and the girls.

Spiritual Formation: Directed by the Legionaries of Christ, students learn and apply the Catholic faith in its fullness. The study of the Catholic Faith is complemented by encouraging a life of grace through prayer, sacraments and retreats.

The Catholic school has four priests for the 380

students.

"What a blessing it is today to have so many priests available to the students and families," Father Alfonse said.

The sacrament of Holy Communion is offered daily. **Apostolic Formation:** Students participate in organized, community outreach projects to imitate the charity of Christ whom they have been taught to know and love. Everest students serve their school, their church and their community through individual and group efforts.

This past year, the students have participated in a food drive, coat drive, toy drive and numerous retreats for both the students and family.


"We teach that it is better to give than receive. We teach how you have to give back after you have re-

ceived so many gifts from God," Father Alfonse said.

Human Formation: Teachers focus on forging integrity of character within their students which is the foundation of truth and fulfillment. This is done through self discipline and the fostering of personal conviction.

"We want to make sure these students go out in society and contribute to their community, state and country," McGovern said. "It is extremely important for them to have principals, values and morals. We teach them to be the person God created them to be."

(Everest Academy is located at 5935 Clarkston Road in Clarkston. Their phone number is (248) 620-3390. You can also visit them online at www.everestacademy.org.)

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Cellular telephones have come a long way. T-Mobile hasn't simply kept pace; they are leading the way with modern technology and creative products and features.

Retail sales manager Gina DeWitt said the company's service plans have something to offer everyone.

For example, multiple users can benefit from a family plan allowing two or more users to share the allowable minutes. An unlimited mobile-to-mobile service will not count against the standard minute allowance. Unlimited nights and weekends and 400 "whenever minutes" are also featured.

"T-Mobile offers by far the most minutes for the value," DeWitt said. "We always have more minutes in the package."

Cell phones have progressed far beyond simply voice, and T-Mobile has a great selection of bonus features for the discerning communicator.

"Text messaging is becoming really popular right now," DeWitt said, as is use of photo transmissions via wireless.

What she likes to call "the fun stuff" includes MegaTones and HiFi Ringers, which include the capability to download a real song to be used as the telephone's ringer. A college fight song, movie or TV theme or a modern hit will sound like the real thing on a T-Mobile phone. AOL Instant Messaging, e-mail and Internet

browsing are also available.

"It adds another dimension to having a cell phone," DeWitt said. "It's cool."

Creative payment options are also available. T-Mobile is currently offering a \$25 credit to their customers if they refer someone else to the Auburn Hills store.

"We have a handful of customers who have had their bill paid off every month, just because they refer a friend or two," she said.

Business customers have the confidence of a dependable T-Mobile network, and they specialize in high end cell phones which are really "data devices" with Internet capability and PDA functionality.

Customer service at the Auburn Hills store includes bill payment, upgrades, a wide variety of accessories and friendly service representatives.

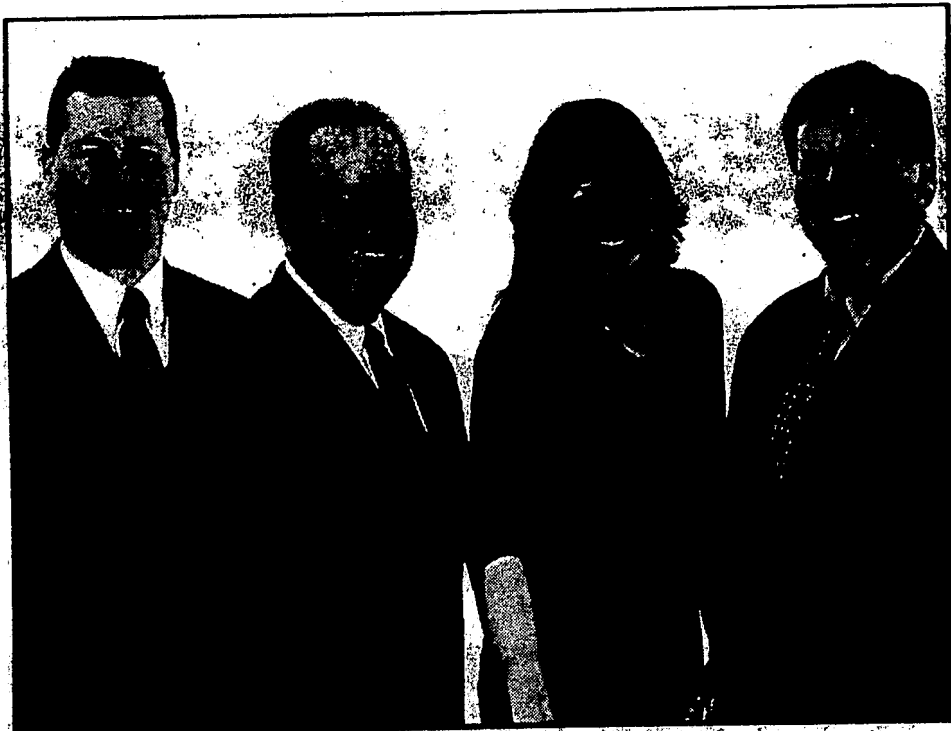
"All the people who work here are very knowledgeable," DeWitt said.

As T-Mobile gains popularity, the Auburn Hills store is expanding as well, with plans for a cart at Great Lakes Crossing scheduled to open in early April.

T-Mobile is located at 4143 Baldwin Road (across from Great Lakes Crossing) in Auburn Hills. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Telephone is (248) 334-5732. For more information, visit the Internet at www.t-mobile.com.



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Plum Hollow opens new store at Gateway Park

Plum Hollow Home Decor and Design is now open in a beautiful new location at Gateway Park. Owner Shannon Longstaff looked at the new op-

portunity with great excitement, but also with a degree of trepidation.

"For months I had watched the construction at

Gateway Park and thought, 'It's about time Clarkston had a retail center that people would get excited about.'

"The thought had crossed my mind several times that this would be the perfect place for Plum Hollow to relocate," Longstaff said. "The prospect of moving the entire store was almost unimaginable, especially since Plum Hollow Too in Grand Blanc was just getting underway.

"I casually mentioned to my staff that I thought Gateway Park would be a great location for us, but the timing of opening Grand Blanc and relocating Clarkston were just too close together. I felt I needed time to breathe," she said.

"The staff were so enthusiastic and optimistic that if we all worked together we could make this happen, so with all their vision and hard work, here we are!"

Customers have been thrilled with the new look. The entire space was built to their specifications, and they acquired additional space compared with their former location.

"It allowed us to redesign the store to provide a better place in which to work and service our customers," Longstaff said. "The design studio is much more private from the retail and the showroom is so grand with the open ceiling and acid-washed floor. I am so pleased with the way it all came together."

Those looking to improve their homes are invited to visit the new Plum Hollow. It's a gorgeous place for window treatments, wall coverings, wall decor and home accents.

"We love what we do, and it shows," she said.

Plum Hollow Home Decor and Design is located at 7048 Gateway Park Drive (near the corner of Andersonville and White Lake roads). Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Telephone is (248) 620-9000.



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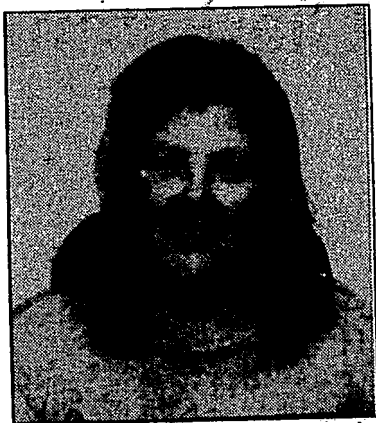
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Julie Nitowski has not only gained improved physical fitness, but she says The Fitness Loop has provided her with new friends, as well.

Women enjoy unique fitness experience

The Fitness Loop is unique among exercise facilities.

Specialized exercise equipment is positioned in between pads used for walking and running in place. By moving from station to station (when cued by the ongoing recorded music), a person gets a full-circuit, 30-minute workout, and several people can be involved in the workout.

Owners Ann Fischer and Connie Lilley wanted to offer "a

motivating workout for women," so they added special touches.

"The fact that our equipment is adjustable sets us apart from the rest," Fischer said, noting the program is workable for the very beginner to the very advanced.

"We're always changing something, or adding something, to keep the members interested," Lilley said.

Some of those additions includes a separate room for

warmup, cooldown and advanced exercises with free weights or large exercise balls.

Also included in the membership are an infrared sauna, motivational meetings and nutrition-based counseling. The staff of six includes a registered dietician and a personal trainer, and all are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

"There's always someone around to help you out," Lilley said.

Busy moms are welcome, and so are their children. A staffed room adjacent to the main exercise room is filled with toys and other features to keep the kids happy and secure.

Open since January, the business has already gained faithful fans who sing the praises of both the workout and the staff.

"I have lost several inches in my upper and lower body and gained new friends and more self-confidence. The Loop has become my new best friend," according to Julie Nitowski of Davisburg.

Carol Jirel of Clarkston appreciates the exercise and the accommodation of children.

"Finding time for myself has always been a challenge with a four- and two-year-old," Jirel said. "When I discovered The

Fitness Loop offered free babysitting service, I joined.

"Now I actually enjoy having the time to concentrate on getting healthy and the peace of mind knowing my children are safe in the next room. I feel confident this is the year I will reach my goal."

The Fitness Loop invites all women to reach the goal of better health. The benefit of a 30-minute workout three or four times a week is well-documented.

"It changes your body shape, increases your energy, reduces blood pressure and cholesterol," Lilley said.

A \$35 per month, year-long membership is the main offering, but short-term memberships are available for teenagers, including athletes seeking off-season fitness. (Some of the Clarkston Gators soccer team are members.)

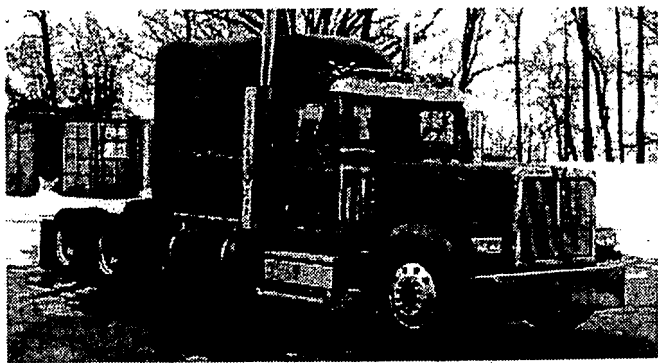
In the future, they plan to offer pilates, and an attached warehouse will be used for an obstacle course this summer.

The Fitness Loop is located at 7822 Andersonville Road (near White Lake Road). Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Telephone is (248) 623-6878.



Carol Jirel (with son Evan) appreciates the babysitting service provided by The Fitness Loop. That gives her a feeling of security while she enjoys her workout.

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Dr. Shader celebrates more than 25 years in Clarkston

Dr. Jack Shader has been providing exceptional dental care to Clarkston residents ever since he graduated from the University of Michigan 28 years.

"I have been here since 1977 and in that time we have built the finest dental practice we can" Dr. Shader said.

Dr. Shader decided on Clarkston since it was a growing community and a great place to raise a family. The dentist has not looked back since. He is a big part of the community by being a member of the Clarkston Foundation while also finding time to coach the Clarkston High School Lacrosse team. He also has made presentations to elementary school children in the Clarkston district for the last 10 years.

Dr. Shader says his practice takes pride in being able to offer much more than just your basic cleaning. Bleaching and full mouth reconstruction are just some of the many additional services the business provides.

"Our cost for bleaching is the lowest I have seen around," Dr. Shader said. "Also we have not been using silver fillings for eight or nine years. All our fillings are white so they are the natural color of people's teeth."

Dr. Shader's office also is proud of their customer service. Their policy is to stay on time and Shader says 95 percent of his appointments are seen within 10 minutes of their appointment time.

"We provide a real high quality of care. We stand behind all the work we do. We try to provide not only what our patients need, but also what they want," Dr. Shader said.

One way the office is customer friendly is they stay open until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday to work around patient's schedules.

Dr. Shader's partner is Dr. Mark Dennis who was chief resident at Detroit Receiving Hospital for five years. He graduated at the top of his class. Dennis offers sleep dentistry for those who want to wake up



From left, Angela Tucker, Dr. Jack Shader and Lisa Tait provide great customer service to their dental patients.

when their dental work is finished.

"He was the top graduate at the University of Detroit and turned down an oral surgery residency to come up here and practice general dentistry," Shader said.

Dr. Shader is in the process of purchasing a computer digital imaging system.

"We want to do that so people can see what their

teeth look like when they are whitened," Dr. Shader said.

(Dr. Shader's office is located at 6300 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. His phone number is (248) 625-9444 and his fax number is (248) 625-4813. They also have an office on Dixie Highway just south of Mount Holly.)

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Saturn North offers pleasant experience for 'guests'

Rick Clift has been in the auto business for 20 years. After a little more than a year as retail sales manager at Saturn North, he can vouch for the company's high standards.

Saturn North is part of the Al Serra Auto Group, which has a strong reputation in ethics and integrity. The Saturn company itself goes even further.

"Saturn has some very specific core values not necessarily shared by other divisions of General Motors or other manufacturers," Clift said.

Some of the terminology illustrates the difference. Saturn North is a facility, not a dealership. People who walk in the door are guests, not customers, and the guests are never required to negotiate a price.

"We believe it should be a very memorable experience," Clift said. "Our cars and SUVs are priced so we don't have to negotiate. It's a no-hassle, no-haggle environment."

Saturn vehicles continue to progress with the technology of the industry, using "space frame" construction to increase strength and polymer panels to decrease weight. Safety and reliability are well-documented and Clift said, "Owner loyalty is extremely high."

The Saturn line includes the ION "entry level" vehicles, the "L series" mid-size sedan and the VUE sport utility vehicle. (Watch for a mini-van coming in the future.) Prices begin in the \$12,000 range, and even the most expensive Saturn is only about \$30,000. Clift said the VUE competes with products costing from \$6,000 to \$8,000 more.

"That's where the value is," he said.

Locally, Saturn North has been a busy facility, with about 1,400 new cars and about 300 used cars sold last year.

The service department has a "100 percent training base," with all technicians staying up to date in industry standards. They offer a shuttle service for guests' convenience.

The 40-member team earned Saturn's "Summit Award" in 2002, an honor given to approximately 5 per-

cent of the nation's facilities.

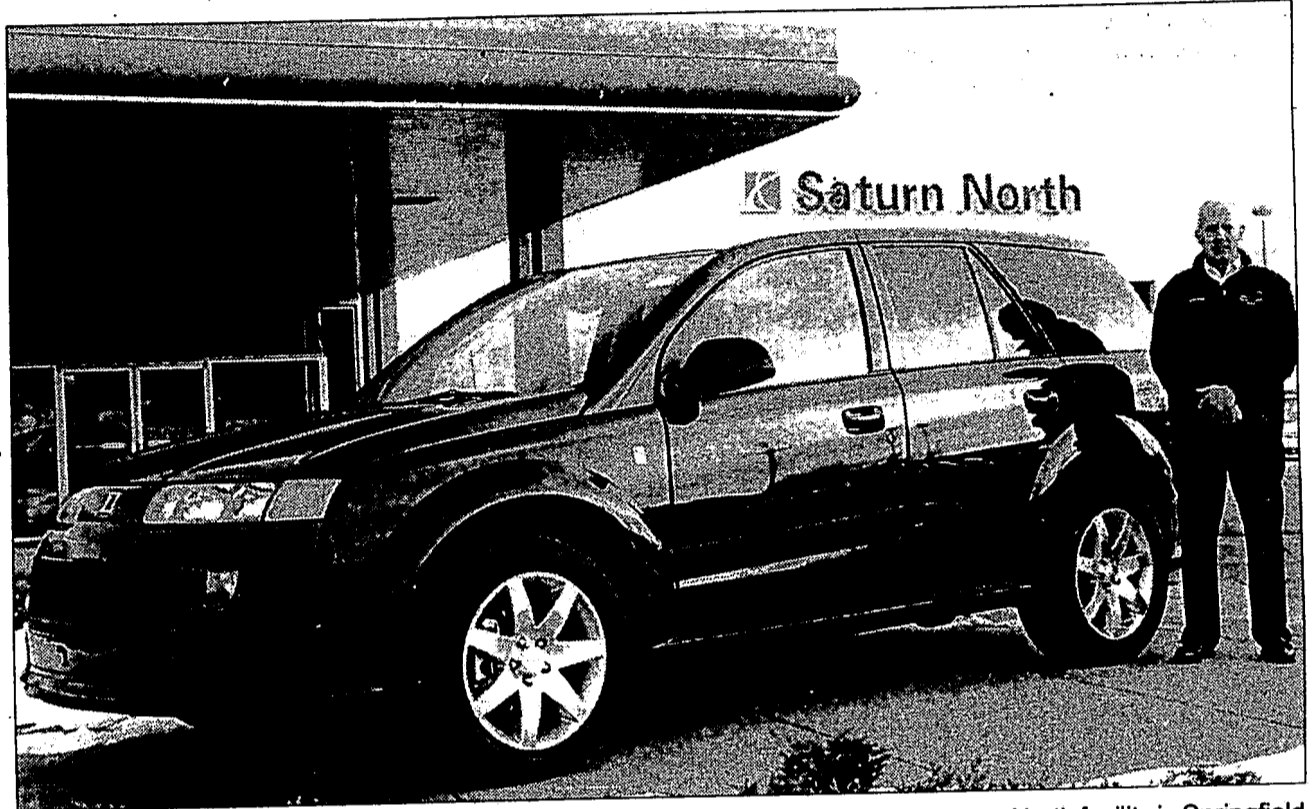
The Dixie Highway facility was built around 1990, and a major interior renovation is in the works within the next 90 days. Watch for news of a grand reopening to see new furnishings inside and an expanded parking lot outside, all to help guests better enjoy the experience.

Clift gives much credit to owner Joe Serra and Tom Delke, president of the Saturn North and Saturn of Southfield, for continuing the emphasis on the guests.

"He's very customer-oriented and interested in the community," Clift said, noting support of activities such

as the annual Oakland County 4-H Fair, Read Across America, charity golf tournaments and other events. "We believe in giving back to the community."

Saturn North is located at 8400 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. Sales hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Service department hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Telephone is (248) 620-8800. Fax is (248) 620-9750. Web site is www.saturnnorth.com.



New car sales manager Rick Clift stands beside the new Saturn VUE outside the Saturn North facility in Springfield Township.



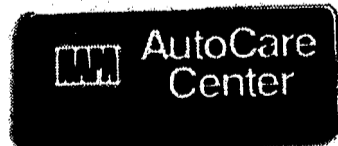
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MakeOver Place inspires self-confidence and beauty

When you look good, you feel good. When you feel good, you are radiant.

That motto reflects the philosophy of Maria Rotondo Mark, owner of MakeOver Place in Clarkston.

Mark is often asked what a make-over is, who needs one and how often they should be performed. To the salon owner, this is often self-talk.

"Make-overs do not begin with the masses," Mark said. "They generally are individual thoughts that inspire someone to action. It's an attitude, a new way of seeing yourself and a new way of seeing others."

MakeOver Place is not surgical transformation like that seen on television. At MakeOver Place, the focus is on the client's ever-present aspects. "I don't just sell products, I sell concepts," Mark said.

Mark has found that many individuals live in a world of self doubt, struggling to be good enough, pretty enough, smart enough, slim enough or even rich enough. Usually it is everyone else that has it together.

"Good communication is a must and trust and creativity are helpful," Mark said. "Trust and creativity are essential so the designer must listen more than she speaks. Each time one gets a new look or a new hair design, it brings a new feeling and a new way of behaving. Make-overs are about how we see ourselves from the inside with a thought to the outside, in addition to how others see you."

Make-overs do not just happen once in a lifetime, but whenever a person combines action with thought. To realize this, Mark suggests making an appointment with a stylist or dropping by the salon to look for a new style, fine tune a current one or simply ask questions for when you are ready to take your next step.

"Everyone needs a boost from time to time," Mark said. "Make my day and allow me to express my art through you. You are the art; I'm the artist that brings

your sparkle to the world."

The staff members at MakeOver Place are friendly, caring people. They are people-sensitive, therefore their clients receive more than they bargained for.

Various stations are set up throughout the salon to help nurture the client. Pedicures take place on the 'nurturing throne', hair designs are created at the 'refueling station', natural manicures occur at the 'belle manne' table and the 'rejuvenating station' provides facials.

Each of these are opportunities for the staff to give to the clients. The salon is for all people, whether it be men, women, children or teens. Age is not an issue, but sometimes it can be a barrier. As Mark sees it, age backwards is an acronym for 'eliminate a good attitude'.

"Is anyone ever the right age?" Mark asked. "In some wines, age is a superior quality. When applied to people, it disqualifies some and over qualifies others."

Mark encourages individuals to celebrate life, birthdays and a new way of seeing one's self. She herself will celebrate another birthday of March 27 and sees it as the day the world was blessed with her arrival, not just a number.

The attitude to affirm others prevails at MakeOver Place, where people have fun with self-expression.

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Maria Rotondo Mark looks forward to expressing her art through you as a client at the MakeOver Place in Clarkston.

Radiologists use larger space, new technology to help patients

Before moving into their new, larger facilities at the Independence Pointe complex in late 2003, Associated Radiologists of Oakland County shared a small waiting room with an obstetrics/gynecology clinic.

Dr. Victor Maldonado remembers times when he would have to step over people sitting on the floor in the waiting room. The examination rooms and storage areas were small, as well, and some patients were waiting as long as three months for a mammogram.

"It was very uncomfortable," Maldonado said. "Over the years, the demand for our services outgrew the space we had."

With new construction at Independence Pointe (known to many as the location of the Mesquite Creek restaurant), the radiologists moved from a 1,700-square-foot facility to a facility of about 4,700 square feet.

The move was a long time in coming, and Maldonado remembers some opposition from some local residents concerned about the building expansion.

"I think there was a significant amount of confusion," he said. Now that the building is reality, he hopes the neighbors recognize the reasons for it were real. "There was no hidden agenda."

With the larger space came newer, modern equipment to help with services far beyond normal x-rays, ultrasounds and mammograms.

One machine, a bone densitometer, helps detect osteoporosis. Maldonado said advances in the pharmaceutical industry have led to advances in diagnosis of the bone disease.

"In the old days, there were no drugs to treat osteoporosis," he said. "A new family of drugs requires a new level of detection."

The clinic has a modern, "multi-slide" CT scanner. The conventional machine tends to take a long time because it records images of one "slice" of the body at a time. The new machine is not only faster (requiring less radiation to be endured by the patient), it also gives the doctor a wider option of view angles for better diagnosis purposes.

Advanced technology is also demonstrated by a large computerized viewing room, with multiple computer monitors and light tables, allowing doctors to get the maximum benefit from the images produced by the scanning machines.

The clinic also features a larger, more inviting waiting room and separate changing areas for men and women, all with a staff concerned about the well-being of their visitors.

"We get compliments from patients," Maldonado said, also noting the presence of other medical specialty offices in the building (and a pharmacy soon to come). "You don't have to leave the building [for many

services]. This is a premier primary care facility."

The clinic came to Clarkston in 1990. In addition to meeting needs of a growing community, the staff of 16 realize another reason to strive for quality.

"If we don't provide the best services, there's another group of radiologists around the corner," Dr. Maldonado said. "We have to be competitive."

Associated Radiologists of Oakland County, affiliated with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, are located at 7210 Ortonville Road (M-15) in the Independence Pointe complex. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Telephone is (248) 620-9199.



Virginia Dascanza and Dr. Victor Maldonado demonstrate a new "multi-slide" CT scanner in the new facilities of the Associated Radiologists of Oakland County in Clarkston.

Montessori School of Clarkston takes different approach to education

The Montessori School of Clarkston offers children a different type of education. The preschool is for children 2 1/2 to 6 -years old.

The Montessori method, developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, has been used for almost a century. Its philosophy recognizes that children have a natural drive that inspires them to reach their potential.

Children's inherent love of learning is stimulated when they are given opportunities to engage in meaningful activities with the proper balance of autonomy and guidance from specially trained teachers. Montessori strives to balance freedom and responsibility so that the children develop self-discipline. The school's peaceful and noncompetitive atmosphere promotes strong moral character and human values.

The preschool is based on classrooms for multi-age groups. All the materials are out and the children choose where they want to work at their own level. There is a teacher for every 10 students with the teacher stepping in only when the students need help.

"This is really children directed. The teachers will ask if the students need help and if they don't the students will be left alone," school director Dee Dee Campbell said. "The teachers only help when they are needed."

The Montessori approach to education is one of educating the whole person. The children are assisted in acquiring the social skills and self-confidence needed to fulfill their potential.

With individual or small group lessons, the children progress at their own pace, mastering each work before moving on to the next. Reading is taught by using phonics and all mathematical concepts are learned concretely.

"When you see the faces of these kids after they have accomplished their task it is just amazing," Campbell said. "They have that look because they feel like they have taught themselves."

The school, which opened Aug. 27, 2003, has both three and five day programs available. Extended care is available for our students. Kindergarten is a full



Mac Diver works with the pink tower at the Montessori School of Clarkston.

day program. All of the head teachers have bachelor degrees and are also Montessori certified.

"I decided to open this up because I really believe in this type of education. When I realized Clarkston did not have a Montessori School I thought it was something the area needed," Campbell said.

The school has three classrooms, with the capacity to expand to a fourth classroom, and a computer lab.

"The response by the community has been great,"

Campbell said. "Everyone who is involved really loves it."

The Montessori curriculum is a three year program.

(The Montessori School of Clarkston is located on the southwest corner of M-15 and Oak Hill Road. Registration is now open for the fall classes. Summer camp will be available during the summer. Their phone number is (248) 620-2190. Their website is www.montessorischoolofclarkston.com.)

Great Lakes Athletic Club's outdoor pool opens in May

Pending good weather, Great Lakes Athletic Club is targeting Memorial Day weekend to open its new 7,000 square foot outdoor pool.

According to swimming coach Greg Palmer, the pool is 25 meters long, consists of six lanes, has a diving well and an open family swim area with zero depth/beach entry.

Palmer has been hired to coach GLAC's competitive swim club teams -- called the Navigators. Currently he is the head coach of Notre Dame Prep's Girls Swimming and Dive Team, the assistant coach of Lake Orion High School's Boys Swim Team and also the assistant coach of the Oakland Live Y'ers.

Palmer has 10 years experience in the coaching field. His career started with the Royal Oak YPAC swim team. He moved on to coach summer club with the Romeo Dolphins swim club. He spent two years coaching the senior group for the Lake Orion Liquid Lighting Swim Club. He's coached all-state, all-American and national level swimmers.

"Greg is a huge asset to our organization," the club's general manager Steve Pawlak says. "He's very well known and has a huge following."

Palmer is teaching different age levels of competition against other clubs during weekend meets around the state.

The first level targets kids 4-5 who have no fear in the water. "We'll teach them how to swim, how to have fun and about competitive swimming," Palmer says.

One intermediate level will teach 6-10 year olds swimming techniques and give them precompetitive experience.

Middle school age children will be given some competitive experience and given extensive swimming and diving lessons.

A senior group of swimmers usually has 12 year olds and up. "Typically you'll see competitive swimmers from high school or another club," Palmer adds.

Palmer is also seeking college-ages swimmers. "They bring up the level of the program," he says

Palmer believes swimming is a community-based sport. "It's family oriented and the staff is involved in the community. Summer swimming is appealing because it's a change of scenery. It's fun outside and kids are playing with other kids.

"I came here because I wanted to be outside; it's a different challenge. It's more laid-back and you can get work done," he says.

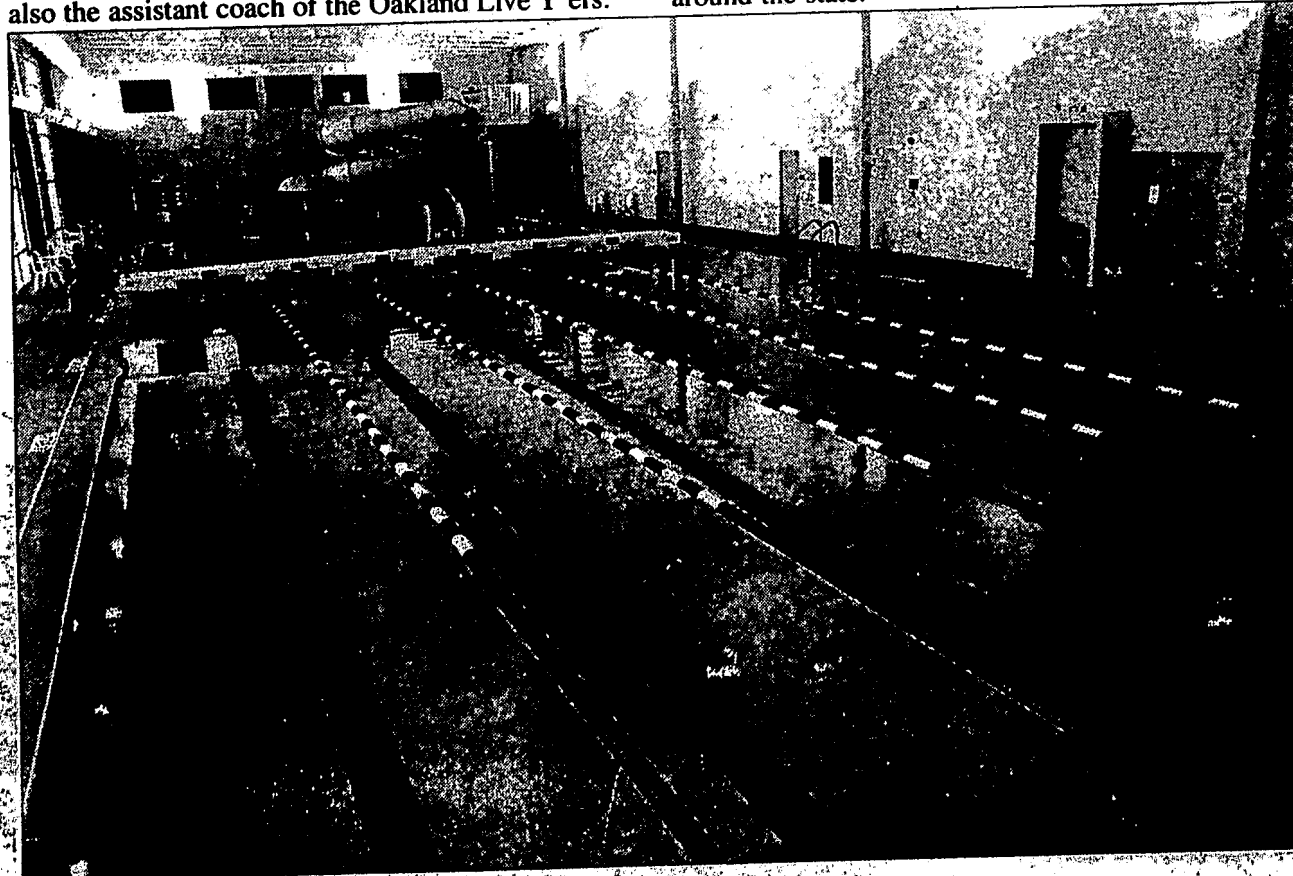
Palmer says the club's swim teams will use the outdoor pool from 6:30 -11 a.m. Swim lessons will also take place in the morning. The public can use the pool starting at noon until about 8 or 9 p.m.

Besides swimming lessons and teams, the Great Lakes Athletic Club also offers numerous summer programs and classes for kids such as daily/weekly camps, preschool camp, improving sport skills, water safety, scuba, kayaking, lifeguarding, martial arts, rock climbing and more.

New to the 80,000 square foot facility this spring will be the Blue Water Spa, Great Lakes Bread Company and St. Joseph Mercy Physical Therapy.

Great Lakes Athletic Club is located at 3800 Baldwin Road in Orion.

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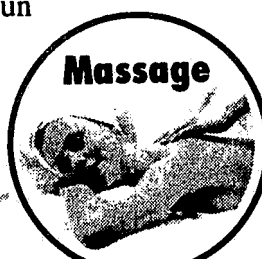
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Quality heart care and doctors coming to Clarkston area

Clarkston will soon be the home to two new cardiologists already well established in the field of cardiology, board certified internal medicine and critical care.

Dr. Leonard Salvia, D.O., and Dr. Mark Stuart, D.O., are opening up a new extension of Waterford's Heart Care right here in Clarkston: Heart Care at the Clarkston Health Center.

"We've been looking at expanding to Clarkston," Stuart said. "Clarkston is growing."

The new center, located at 5625 Water Tower Place at the intersection of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, will offer the same quality care that patients at the Waterford office have come to expect over the years from the talented staff.

Dr. Salvia has been in the Pontiac area since 1982. A graduate of Michigan State University's School of Osteopathic Medicine, Salvia has been in the current Waterford location since 1993.

The move is an important one to Salvia, who finds a great deal of his patients come from Clarkston and surrounding communities.

"We will increase service to the patients we already see," Salvia said of the new location.

Making the move with Dr. Salvia is Dr. Stuart, a fellow cardiologist at Heart Care and a Clarkston resident.

Dr. Stuart also graduated from MSU's medical school, earning his degree in 1993. He's been practicing with Heart Care since 1999.

"The idea of practicing close to home is appealing," Stuart said.

The doctors saw the potential to expand when they realized their patients

from the Clarkston area would refer their friends if they had an office closer to that geographic location.

"Being in Clarkston you'll get quality cardiac care closer to home," Stuart said. "We want to reproduce what we have in Waterford."

Heart Care is a full-service cardiologist's office. Among offered services are stress tests, echocardiograms, nuclear cardiac imaging, peripheral vascular ultrasounds, gated blood pool imaging, EKGs and holter monitors.

The new location will be associated with POH's Clarkston Medical Campus, a feature both doctors are very excited about for their patients.

"Clarkston lacks cardiology," Stuart said. "They've got good family services, but people would have to travel quite a distance for anything else."

Being located in the medical campus allows Dr. Salvia and Dr. Stuart to refer patients to other services quickly if the need arises and vice versa for the emergency room. Heart Care will work with the ER on the first floor of the building by offering a fast-track chest pain clinic. In the past patients suffering from such ailments would have to go to downtown Pontiac for treatment.

"Now you don't have to go a far distance to get quick answers on coronary artery disease," Salvia said in response to the full-service care available at the Clarkston location.

Not only will Heart Care be working in conjunction with other medical



Dr. Mark Stuart and Dr. Leonard Salvia will open a Heart Care in Clarkston this spring.

services in Clarkston, brand new, state of the art equipment will be featured in their new office as well.

Both doctors are looking forward to getting involved in the community in hopes of promoting information on healthy living.

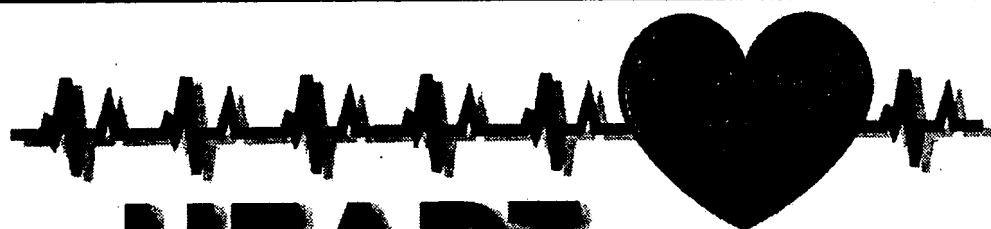
"Heart disease is the number one killer for both men and women," Salvia said. "There's a very underserved need out there."

Heart Care has five cardiologists that will work out of the Waterford and Clarkston offices. In addition to Dr. Salvia and Dr. Stuart, Dr. Creagh

Milford, Dr. J. Quen Dickey Jr. and Dr. Keith V. Atkinson make up the members of Heart Care.

The cardiologists are on staff at POH Medical Center, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, William Beaumont Hospital in Troy and Royal Oak, Huron Valley Hospital, Crittenton and NOMC.

Heart Care is currently taking new patients for the Clarkston office. For more information about the practice, visit the office's Web site at www.goheartcare.com or call (248) 620-4110.



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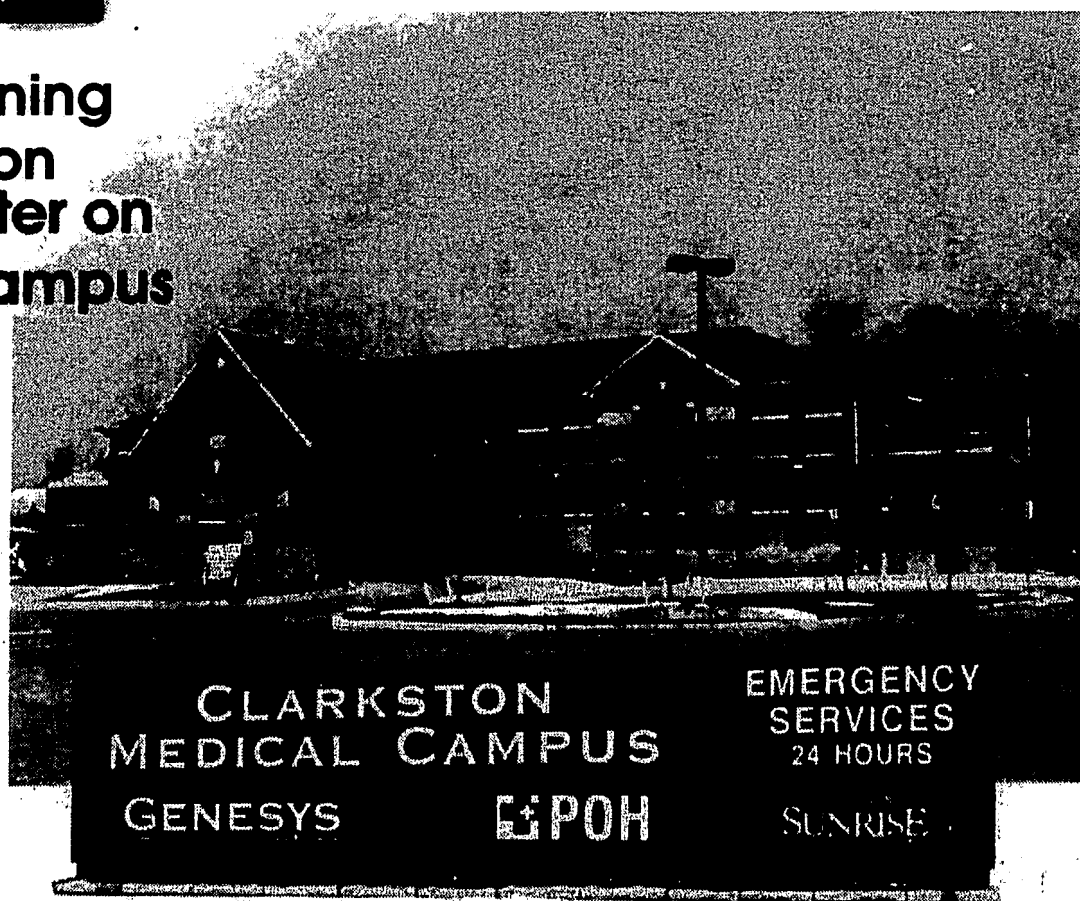
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