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## Twp. gets new trucks *Independence Twp. trustees OK \$1 million purchase for fire dept.*

BY JAMES MARTINEZ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

By year's end, the Independence Township Fire Department will buy two rescue trucks valued at nearly \$1 million combined.

The Independence Township board okayed the purchase at their March 7 meeting, but plans to explore finance options were postponed until their next meeting scheduled on March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk presented a financing plan offered by Pierce Manufacturing, the company selling the trucks, which includes approximately \$38,000 in savings if accepted.

"We're looking at what works best economically for the township," said Ronk, who explained Pierce's plan was just one payment option.

"That is an option. We're just hoping we can get just a little better rate with some of our local banks," concurred township Finance Director Susan Hendricks.

"We put out requests for proposals from various banking institutions last Thursday (March 9). This Thursday at 11 a.m. we will open the bids. Then we will make a recommendation to the board about the financing options," she added.

Ronk explained the two vehicles are not traditional fire engines, but rescue trucks designed to carry equipment to

emergency scenes.

According to Ronk, the purchase from Pierce out of Appleton, Wisconsin, is part of a larger five-year plan meant to replenish and restore rescue capabilities.

"When he went ALS (Advanced Life Support) five years ago, we sold three medium rescue trucks to buy ambulances," said Ronk. "So we've kind of been doing rescue work off our fire engines, which is limited."

"We can't carry everything we have. These trucks will allow us to get everything back and expand rescue services," he added.

One of the vehicles is designed primarily to extract victims from auto accidents. The truck, costing an estimated \$525,196, comes with hydraulic tools and allows firefighters to fill up their air tanks directly from the truck on an accident scene. The truck also has two light towers to enhance night time operations, said Ronk.

"This truck is replacing one we already have," said Ronk, who explained the department plans to sell its special response unit sometime around the end of the year. He speculated Pierce needs about nine months to build the truck.

The second truck is designated to carry equipment for technical response including trench and rope rescue, structural collapse and confined space rescue.

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## Monkeying around...

Derek Werner and his daughter Clare Catallo-Werner, 4, enjoy Depot Park during a beautiful Saturday afternoon on March 11. Photo by Martinez

## Reality check: Rea introduces Clarkston to MTV

BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Reality TV found a way into Clarkston.

For six weeks in February and March, camera crews and production teams from around the country were focused on the life of Clarkston youth Katarina Rea. The 16-year-old grabbed the attention of MTV and brought the international cable company home as she took her first step towards a spot in the entertainment industry.

Rea is one of the eight girls being featured by MTV in the new reality TV show titled "Tiara Girls." The show debuts April 19, but filming wrapped up on Feb. 19.

"Tiara Girls" follows beauty pageant participants in their daily lives as they prepare for an upcoming competition.



Photo courtesy of  
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Though Rea has participated in pageants for several years, she has been trying to break into the entertainment business for a while.

"I always look up casting calls all the time," Rea said. While looking up information for a friend, Rea said she came across a casting call for the show.

"We wrote an e-mail to every producer and I got a few interviews over the phone and then they were like 'Okay, we're coming next week,'" Rea said, recalling how shocked she was when she heard the news.

A few days after the call, a production team and camera crew showed up at her door, ready to roll. For the next six weeks, everywhere Rea went — eating, sleeping, exercising or just hanging out with friends — the cameras followed. Every aspect of her life was filmed leading up to the Miss Michigan Teen Galaxy Pageant in Bay City on Feb. 18.

"I wasn't too crazy about it," said Rea about the constant surveillance. Fortunately, Rea was homeschooled most of her life, so there were no worries about interfering with daily classes. Everything else, however, was fair game.

"They go in the dressing rooms with you. The only thing they don't do is go to the bathroom with you, but they stand right outside the door and wait for you," Rea said.

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## A day of giving...

Mary Kubo of Rochester Hills talks with nurse Anne Simpson prior to giving blood during the March 12 Red Cross Blood drive at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Photo by James Martinez

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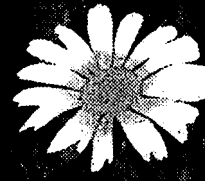
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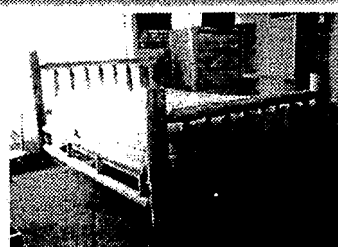
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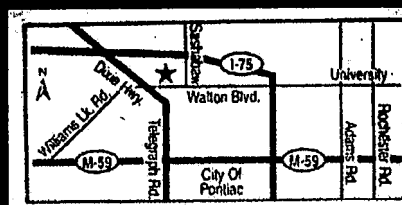
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## Briefly

### Benefit raffle March 24

A raffle to benefit the Jacqueline Milzow Memorial Scholarship Fund is scheduled for March 24 from 7-11 p.m. in the Deer Lake Banquet Center.

The one-night raffle is for a 2006 red, fully loaded Pontiac Solstice convertible roadster. One ticket per person is required for entry into the event and each ticket purchased equals one chance to win the car.

The car's winner does not need to be present at the event to win. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Live entertainment, a strolling dinner and a cash bar included.

Tickets are \$100 each and are partially tax deductible. They are available at the Deer Lake Athletic Club located on White Lake Road.

The Jacqueline Milzow Memorial Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation conceived to provide educational opportunities for underprivileged young people in Oakland County. The fund was created in memory of Jacqui Milzow, a longtime educator and resident of Oakland County.

For more information, call 248-625-8686.

### Benefit Euchre Party

A euchre party held by the Oakland Liver Transplant Fund Benefit for Teresa Tersigni is scheduled on March 24 at American Legion Post 63 on Ortonville Road. There is a \$20 entry-fee which includes a buffet and two drink tickets. Registration and the buffet start from 6-6:30 p.m. with play beginning at 7 p.m. Participants must be 18 years or older to attend. The event features cash prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Reservations are recommended because seating is limited. For tickets or more information call 248-625-1000.

### Volunteer Recognition

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Clarkston Community Schools are joining together for the second annual Community Wide Volunteer Recognition Night.

A special invitation for April 5 is open for any group, organization, church, individual or community who has ever volunteered. The event is from 7-9 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center and includes humorous and motivational Keynote Speaker LaRon Williams.

A reception will immediately follow the speaker in the CHS cafeteria.

Please RSVP by April 3 at 248-623-3897.

### WIB luncheon

The next Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Women in Business luncheon is scheduled for March 23 from 10:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oakhurst Country Club.

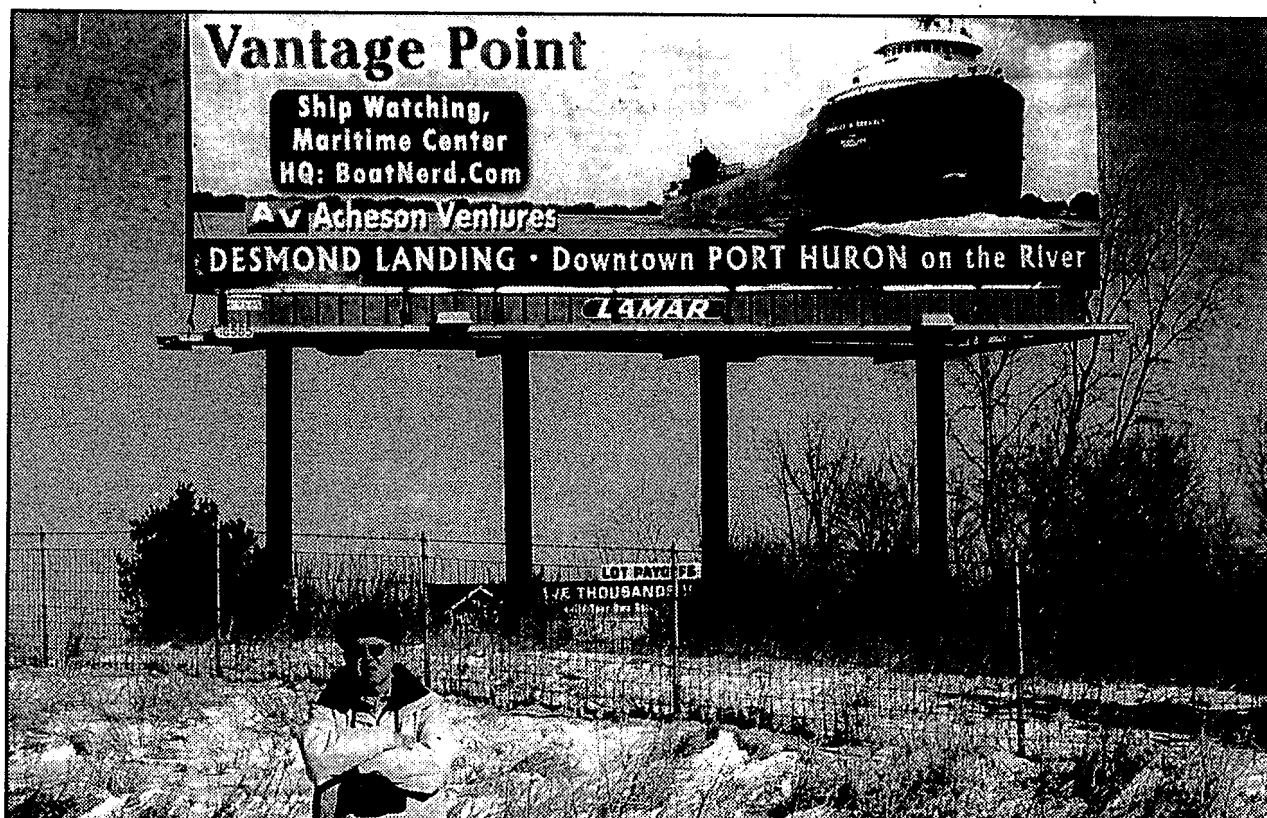
This meeting's theme is "Knowledge." A business panel of experts will present information on marketing, financial and organizational issues that face businesses of all sizes. A question and answer period is included.

The cost is \$25 per person, \$15 for Chamber members with their prepaid reservation.

For more information, call the chamber office at 248-625-8055.

### Addition

Those interested in donating money to the Dandelion Bridge fund-raising effort by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club featured in the March 8 edition of *The Clarkston News* can call Julie Piazza at 248-625-6708. To refer to the article, visit [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com) and search for "Bridge fund-raising in full swing."



John Meyland stands under a billboard on I-69 south of Lapeer using his photograph of Great Lakes boat "Charles M Beeghly." Photo provided

## Local's photograph is larger than life

BY JAMES MARTINEZ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Motorists near Port Huron and Lapeer see the photography of Independence Township John Meyland everyday.

Meyland's photo of Great Lakes boat Charles M. Beeghly is displayed on two billboards for Acheson Ventures of Port Huron. The billboards are located on I-94 near Port Huron and I-69 at M-53, about twelve miles south of Lapeer.

While fully cognizant of the first billboard, the second monstrous advertisement caught Meyland off-guard.

"We were driving down the expressway and my wife said 'Hey, there's the boat,'" said Meyland. "I was surprised to see it and wasn't aware it was there. It's kind of gratifying. Let's face it, a lot of people see it on the expressway... And it's a picture I took. You take it and never think it'll end up there. What percent of pictures you take end-up anywhere but your files?"

Meyland, an amateur photographer, took the picture from a friend's boat on the St. Clair River just off Marine City in the summer of 2001 with a 6X9 medium format camera.

"It fit the right slot we needed," said Paul Maxwell of Acheson Ventures, LLC who saw the picture on-line spurring him to get permission for use. "The ship is well known to local residents... It just adds so much to the billboard."

Maxwell said the picture is meant to advertise a project by Acheson Ventures to revitalize waterfront property in the Port Huron area previously used by railroads and heavy industry. He described Acheson Ventures as a two-pronged organization including a philanthropic arm and development company.

The picture's journey to the billboard started when Meyland sent it to [www.boatnerd.com](http://www.boatnerd.com), a Web site funded by Acheson and filled with current information and history about the Great Lakes and seaway shipping.

Meyland started submitting pictures to the site in 1999 as a way to share his photos with other boat and Great Lakes enthusiasts.

"For anyone interested in the Great Lakes, it's a wonderful site," said Meyland, who's passion for boats blossomed during his childhood in the Upper Peninsula in the late 1940's and early 1950's. "I was raised in the U.P. and it was a treat to see the boats in Marquette at the ore docks."

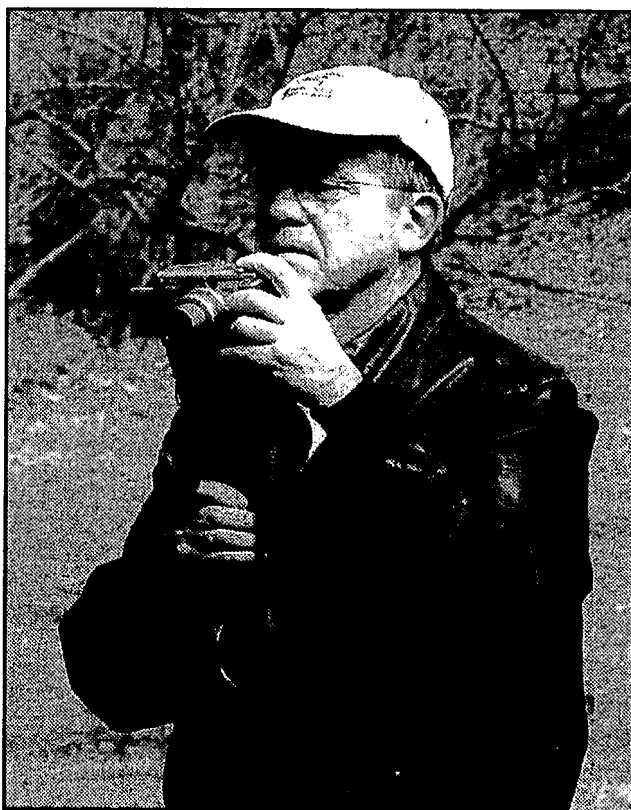
In addition to the billboards, the photograph was used free of charge in a fund-raiser by Captain James C. Acheson and the international Shipmasters' Lodge #2 of Port Huron.

The funds raised went to a scholarship set up to assist a Blue Water (St. Clair County, Michigan or Lambton County, Ontario) resident in furthering their education in the programs at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy or the Georgian College Marine Program.

Despite the selection of his photo, Meyland keeps a humble attitude about his amateur photography career, which dates back 25 years, but intensified after his retirement from General Motors in 2001.

"It's just to share them... I'm not in a business, that's not the intent. The intent is for other people to enjoy them," said Meyland. "When you take photos, a lot of it is just the opportunity. Just being in the right

Please see Billboard on 20A



Amateur photographer and Independence Township resident John Meyland tries to take a picture a day. Above, he takes pictures of the water passing under the M-15 in Depot Park. Photo by James Martinez

## Clarkston Optimist's have high hopes for dinner dance

Everyone involved with the Clarkston Optimists dinner-dance celebrating the club's upcoming 20th anniversary has great expectations for the event on March 25 at the Deer Lake Banquet Center.

"We founded our club in Clarkston in August of 1986. There were 40 members back then, we are close to 100 now," founding member and former president James Evans said. "This is our big fundraiser. We get the best of everything ... We've got the best dance band we've ever had. We are featuring the number one menu at Deer Lake."

Area businessman and past Clarkston Optimist President Don Brose, who is now the Optimist Michigan District Chairman, feels the theme he set for Michigan this year, "Illuminating our Youth," will be well recognized at the Clarkston Optimist dinner-dance.

"The event is pretty special. We'll raise close to \$30,000 in that one night. A lot of that money goes to our youth clubs," Brose said. "Plus it's a great party."

Those in attendance can groove to the classic stylings of the Dan Rafferty Band to aid digestion of no doubt sumptuous salmon, steak and chicken from the Deer Lake banquet center kitchen.

The Optimist's dinner-dance also features a cornucopia of must-haves spread across a raffle, a live auction and silent auction.

Included in the bounty this year are vacations to exotic locales like Cozumel which make a quiet Michigan spring seem like the Yukon. Golf packages to local havens such as Oakhurst,

Shepherd's Hollow and Oakland Hills will not be in short supply. Carl Matisse, who coordinated the donation drive with Jill Papour for this year's festivities, expects the ever popular 'Night at the Ballpark' package - which includes an inning in the broadcast booth to return this year. A slew of tickets to Pistons, Tigers and Red Wings games are sure to be on hand as well.

"We have the members solicit items. We try to get everyone to participate," Matisse said. "If anybody wants to donate they should call us."

For anyone wanting to donate items

**'The event is pretty special. We'll raise close to \$30,000 in that one night. A lot of money goes to our youth clubs,'**

**- Don Brose  
Optimist District Chairman**

to the auction or in search of tickets to the event, call Mike Page at 248-330-2632 or Ahdi Dasuqi at 248-625-0504. Tickets for the dinner-dance are \$100.

Over the past 20 years the Optimists have donated to many area causes such as the Renee Przybylski Memorial Spray Park, Independence soccer fields, sponsor high school and music scholarships, honor students monthly, offer oratorical and essay contests, basketball competitions and youth golf outings.

The Clarkston Optimists have five Alpha clubs across the Clarkston Elementary schools and Octagon clubs at Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School.

The Optimists regular meetings are every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at Liberty Golf Course and are open to the public. For more information call Roger Diederich at 248-625-5915.

## St. Patty's Day Celebrations

Catch the spirit O' the Irish! Here are only some of the many St. Patrick's Day events happening in the Clarkston area:

Forget about green beer. The Union will be serving up real Irish brews such as Guinness and Harp while offering corn beef and cabbage to keep the small leprechaun inside their patron's stomachs from growling too loudly. Those who traipse through the doors will also be met by the authentic Irish stylings of the band "Modesty For Bids."

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will host a St. Patrick's Day Warm-Up Party on March 15 featuring a corned beef dinner and live Irish music by Inis Ceol, a traditional pub style Irish band.

Advance dinner tickets are \$10 per

adult and \$7 for children 7-10 years of age. Tickets available at the door for \$12 and \$9. Show only tickets are \$5.

For further information, contact Dan or Salli at 248-623-0444 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Stop by Mr. B's, located on Dixie Highway, to have a tradition corned beef and cabbage meal with green beer. Featured for the big St. Patrick's Day party is the band "Planet of Fund."

For more information, call 248-25-4600.

The Church of the Resurrection is hosting a St. Patrick's Day party at 6:15 p.m. which includes food and fun. The church is located at 6490 Clarkston Road. For more information call 248-625-2325.

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## Say the magic word ...

Children at the Independence Township Library got a special visit from Merlin the Wizard (a.k.a. "Baffling Bill" Schuler) on March 8 as part of reading month. Merlin dazzled the audience with his tricks while teaching kids the importance of making reading a priority. Photo by Andrew DuPont

# Lozano's sentencing adjourned

BY JAMES MARTINEZ  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sentencing for Road Commission for Oakland County Board Chairman Rudy Lozano was adjourned March 8 when prosecutors requested he undergo a presentencing alcohol investigation.

Lozano is scheduled to appear again in 52-2 District Court on March 27 at 3 p.m. following an evaluation with the court's probation department at 1:30 p.m. the same day.

"They have to go get an alcohol evaluation," said Lapeer Assistant Prosecutor Matt Funke, whose office handled the case.

Lozano said he had an alcohol evaluation done prior to his appearance and provided it to the prosecution.

"That was done by an outside agency, but there was no recommendation made about what he should be sentenced," said Funke. "There were no guidelines to go by and we objected and requested a presentence investigation."

Judge Kelley Kostin confirmed that legally an evaluation must be completed, but that a full presentence investigation was not required by law.

"The prosecutors requested a full PSI (presentencing investigation) and the court has no objection if he (the prosecutor) wants to see it," said Judge Kostin.

"The court had no problem with the evaluation (Lozano completed) because it was prepared by someone who was extremely qualified."

The proceedings scheduled for 9 a.m. got off to a late start shortly after 10 a.m. with neither Lozano nor his attorney Mark Lyon present. Lozano showed up at approximately 10:35 a.m. followed by his attorney shortly afterwards.

As Lozano arrived, Judge Kostin was in the process of issuing a bench warrant for his arrest. The warrant was thrown out when he arrived, she said.

After his arrival, Lozano apologized and told the judge he was ready to proceed without his attorney.

According to Lozano, he thought the appearance was rescheduled for 11 a.m. after his attorney faxed the prosecutor a request to push the time back.

"He apologized profusely and it does sound like there may have been a mix up between his attorney and the court," said Judge Kostin.

When asked, Funke said he was unaware of any such communication from Lozano or his lawyer to his office or the court.

The March 8 sentencing date was scheduled on Feb. 10 after Lozano plead to a lesser charge of driving his vehicle while impaired.

# Still no board action on senior center ballot issues

BY JENNY MATTESON  
Clarkston News Editor

The plodding pace to create ballot language for an August senior center bond issue and millage is frustrating some members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

At the March 7 regular meeting of the Independence Township Board of Trustees, Advisory Committee Chair David Lohmeier voiced that frustration.

"We on the commission are worried about the timing - we'd hope to come before the board at this time

with a proposal, but the information wasn't available," said Lohmeier.

Lohmeier detailed several lacking pieces of information needed before making a formal proposal:

- The official construction costs for the new senior center.
- The language for both the bond and millage proposals.
- Whether or not the new senior center will include a gymnasium.
- With what name to reference the project and new

senior center.

As stated in the March 8 edition of *The Clarkston News*, township officials and advisory committee members did receive copies of proposed ballot language late on March 6. Copies of the language were also available at the March 7 meeting.

However, Lohmeier emphasized during the meeting that the advisory committee did not have time to review the documents.

The proposed language for the bond issue is calling for a \$3 million project. At this time, the language does not include a set number of years the bond can be outstanding or the authorized millage amount to pay back the debt.

A four-year, 0.5 mill is listed in the proposed language for the senior operational millage. This millage would create a new tax in the township.

The language proposed in both instances makes reference to senior use, but includes language for recreational and community purposes.

"Speaking for myself at this point, I'm a little concerned about the millage proposition," said Lohmeier. "First on the half mill, I think we'll be way below that."

Please see Senior Center on A20

**'We need more than enough to do the job, but not so much that we overshoot. I want to caution us at building too much into this proposal.'**

— David Lohmeier  
Parks and Rec  
Advisory Committee Chair



## Pet of the Week



The puppy's name is "Oakley" and she is an eight week old yellow Labrador retriever. She is owned by Laura Maclelak of Clarkston. According to the owner, the puppy is extremely energetic, is a lover and will curl up on anyone's lap and has a favorite handmade blanket that she drags around the house. To see your own "baby" here, please e-mail a photo to shermanpub@aol.com, atten: Clarkston pet of the week.

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## It's reading month

The neighbor's donkey and horse were looking at me with eyes that said 'How could you?'

I wanted to shout, "What am I supposed to do during March Madness or when the Tigers start playing ball?" But I didn't.

You see, my girlfriend moved into a new house recently with a TV that had two fuzzy channels at best. I looked at her move as an opportunity to do something I've pondered for years: taking the plunge back into the Jurassic period when there was no TV.

The first few weeks went well. I read voraciously. On breaks, I'd look out the window and see the donkey and horse chewing hay and having those animal conversations we can't hear. I felt like I'd drifted back to some better place and I'd left behind those annoying 24-hour sensationalist news channels, that horrible reality TV and the banal, trite sitcom humor. I looked at the donkey, and thought, "I'm moving back towards how things should be." She brayed in agreement. The horse gave me a Mr. Ed smile.

I continually watched the donkey and the horse, making eye contact with them often. Each recognizing the importance of March, which is reading month. I felt I was part of some elite brotherhood. We had a code. I was one of those reasonable bipeds who wouldn't mind hoof prints when I lent out books.

That's why I crouched down low on the couch when the cable guy came. I had lasted about three whole weeks without TV. The donkey and horse watched with disapproval through the picture window. I wanted to shower.

Just before the cable guy arrived and the donkey brayed about Judas — and knifed backs and the beauty of simple dry hay and rainy days, I read several essays. They were from a book by Robert James Waller, the author of "The Bridges of Madison County." His essays definitely bring out what's really important in life. Life that slips away if you're not paying attention.

After working some time, the cable guy mumbled something about the job at my girlfriend's house not being entered correctly in the computer — meaning someone else would have to come out at a later date. I was fuming and called the company, finding further frustration on hold after losing cell phone service twice. I was about to scream at the guy, but Waller's discussions about the truly important things convinced me to look for the high ground. I was polite and asked the cable guy, who had already packed up his truck, how I could best legally set up the system I was already paying for until the next worker showed.

He unpacked his truck and hooked up the cable, taking his shoes off at the door, even though other angry customers surely waited ahead on his route.

That incident aside, I have increased my reading and saved time away for TV and cell phones. I've rediscovered the great mind adventures I loved slipping through books in a stall.

It's a shame that the great reading in the

township board is not a reality when you

consider that the project has had a life cycle of 30 years

and that's not a typographical error.

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township board was attempting to get the voters to ap-

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gate, plan, dine, create, dance and play their favorite

card games.

Now fast forward to 2006. The Senior Advisory

# Opinion

## Opinions on township raises Knowing when to take 'No' for an answer

Dear Editor,

I was amazed to read that the Independence Township Board of Trustees voted themselves yet another cost of living raise. This news came in the same week that my employer lowered my cost of living pay substantially because the government price indexes required it to.

Apparently, township trustees only consider COLA indexes that go up for one month into consideration when voting themselves a raise. More proof to taxpayers that big heads vote themselves big wallets.

Now thanks to township trustees, all township residents cost of living has gone up. I hope taxpayers remember this arrogant slap in the face by marking their calendars and voting down the illegal 10-year 19.2491 non-homestead millage proposal on May 2.

Letters  
to the  
Editor

And lets not forget that in August yet a third vote will be held on a millage for a bigger, better senior center. This project has overwhelmingly been defeated twice at the polls and once again property was acquired after the defeat and the taxpayers wishes have been ignored.

The very people that have found the money to vote themselves raises must surely be capable of finding the funding for the pet projects that have been voted down and deemed unworthy of funding by the voters.

Independence Township residents hold on to your wallets, the tax and spenders running Independence Township don't know how to take no for an answer — they just know how to take!

Michael L. Powell, Independence Township

**Editor's Note:** The 10-year, 19.2491 millage on the May ballot is for Clarkston School district operations and not Independence Township.

## Do trustees realize state of economy?

Dear Editor,

We've never been compelled to write a letter to the editor of this paper before, but recent events in the township have encouraged us to do so.

We are active community members, both as individual and as a local business. For years now we have supported the township through-and-through in many aspects: from the Chamber of Commerce to Rotary, to school's education and Leadership Clarkston, etc.

However, we now find ourselves asking the same questions again and again — Do the Independence Township officials realize what shape our State is in? Does the shape of the Big Three ring a bell?

What are they thinking when they approve two pay raises in two years, while their residents are taking pay cuts and layoffs? Whose economy are they comparing our township with? Or do they think we're still back in the boom of the 90's? How does this help our com-

munity or our businesses prosper?

Being in the financial/economic business for almost two decades, we can not see how Clarkston can continue with township officials spending other people's money like this, money that we really can not afford to spend.

I ask the citizens of our fine community, is this the right thing to do, and the right time to do it — continuing to raise the payrolls for township officials?

We would like to take the time to express our gratitude to Editor Jenny Matteson for having the moral fiber and valor to report the facts as they are, and bring to our citizens some very important issues affecting all of us in the township.

Sincerely,

Bill Langdon

Toula Langdon

Langdon Capital Management Inc

## Enjoy knowing where taxes are going

Dear Editor,

I just want to express my appreciation for your cut and dried, black and white, factually verifiable reporting!

It's not only refreshing to read about the recent payroll increases passed for the township board — by the township board — but that there's a reporter at Sherman Publications that doesn't sugar coat the reality of what is taking place, regardless of how bitter the personal cost may be.

I imagine that you may not be popular with some

parts of the Clarkston community right now, but as an executive focused on growing my business here, it's refreshing to know how my tax dollars are being spent — and I have you and The Clarkston News to thank for that!

For what it's worth, I respect your tenacity and nerve! Keep up the good work!

Luc Robert Poirier

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## Wait long enough for senior center

Dear Editor,

The fact that we now have the services of two advisory committees trying to make the new senior center in Clarkston a reality is remarkable when you consider that the project has had a life cycle of 30 years — and that's not a typographical error.

In 1977, according to The Clarkston News, the township board was attempting to get the voters to approve the construction of a new facility where the senior citizens of Independence Township could congregate, plan, dine, create, dance and play their favorite card games.

Now fast forward to 2006. The Senior Advisory

Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee are attempting to prepare the language for the inclusion of issues to be voted upon during the August election. The result, if successful, would enable the township to proceed on construction of a model building, along with a separate gymnasium, to house the senior contingent and their activities. It also makes possible for them to raze the existing center, which has for years been operated as a temporary facility that costs more to maintain each year and falls far short of serving the needs of area residents.

In the present building, there is no library. People

Please see Letters, page 23A

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## A Look Back

At our community's  
history through  
the pages of  
The Clarkston News

### 15 YEARS AGO (1991)

• Judge says 'yes' to cityhood ruling: Another hurdle was passed in Clarkston's run for cityhood last week, but the Independence Township Board has provided an additional roadblock.

On March 13, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge John O'Brien upheld the state Boundary Commission's decision to give the village the right to incorporate as a city.

However, the Independence Township Board voted to appeal O'Brien's decision at the March 19 meeting, pushing the case to the Michigan Court of Appeals. The motion to appeal passed 5-2, with Daniel Travis and John McCrary voting no.

• Take part in shaping schools: Community volunteers are asked to help Clarkston Schools act on an extensive improvement project.

The district school improvement plan was initiated last fall. The efforts satisfy new state law, Public

Act 25, which requires each district in the state to complete improvement efforts.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1981)

• Angry taxpayers try for lower assessments: Patience was short, tempers were high and agitation moved full-speed ahead, fueled by the long wait and shared horror stories.

Over 100 residents choked the basement, landing and stairs of the Independence Township Hall on the evening of March 10.

Armed with fistfuls of information to defend their positions, some faced a three-hour wait to appeal their 1981 tax assessments before the Board of Review.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1956)

• Annual Athletic Banquet Mon., March 19: On Monday, the 19th day of March, at 7:00 P.M. the Clarkston Rotary Club will sponsor the annual Athletic Banquet for those who have been active in athletics the past season at the Clarkston High School. The banquet will be held in the High School Cafeteria.

• Village Head Orders Police To Enforce Parking Rules: In a statement to The Clarkston News, Russell Colton, President of Clarkston Village, stated that he had ordered the Village police to enforce all parking regulations in the village.

He stated the new signs would be erected immediately and that all violators would be issued tickets.

## Friday is 'Saint' Sean's Day

John Theodore Rush -- aka Sean -- is either blessed or cursed. Son Sean's birthday is March 17 -- affectionately called Saint Sean's Day by Clan Rush. By the way, those not familiar with Celtic (K-eltic) takes on English spellings, the name Sean is not pronounced Seen nor Scene. It's Sean, excuse me . . . S-h-a-w-n.

True to the side of his genetic makeup which comes from a relatively small island in the Atlantic Ocean, Sean has a twinkle in his eye. I believe it's his left eye, but I could be mistaken which baby blue has the extra glimmer. That said, both his mom and I understand what the future could hold for our son. He could be one with the Force (goodness), or he may go the route of Darth Vader and be tempted by the Dark Side.



don  
rush  
don't rush  
me

We have our work cut out for us. The other day I asked him what his favorite Irish song was. "I'm not sure what it is called. I haven't heard it in so long. It's the one with Captain Farrell. They say, 'Musha ring dumma do damma da.'"

That, my friends, is a song all five, nearly-six-year-olds should be aware of . . . *Whiskey in The Jar*. It's a nice little ditty about our hero (who is telling/singing the story) who robs Captain Farrell of his money, which and I quote, "made a pretty penny." The nameless hero takes his booty to his own main squeeze, Jenny. When the hero goes to sleep, Jenny calls the captain, swipes our hero's rapier and submerses his pistol's ammunition in water. He's taken prisoner and laments about his "darling sporting Jenny."

Like I said, a great song that all six-year-olds should know and recite.

Sean of the twinkling eye is looking for fun. Sometimes he goads his older brother Shamus into fits. He winks at his mother. And just the other day he donned his roller blades and went out the back door to roll down a grassy hill that drops 60 feet down (it's a great sledding hill when there's snow). He'd roll down, walk up and do it again. He's got some strong legs, too.

The thing is, he's a good kid. He's polite, likes to help out and generally wants to make people smile. He's entertaining. He likes to sing, laugh and dance. I'm just worried -- an Irishman born on St. Patrick's Day -- Jesus, Joseph and Mary -- somebody bless him!

Last year's St. Paddy's Day joke got some folk' Irish up . . . so, here is this year . . .

Paddy was found dead in his backyard, and as the weather was a bit on the warm side, the wake was held down to only two days, so his mortal remains wouldn't take a bad turn.

At last his friends laid him in the box, nailed it shut and started down the hill into the churchyard. As it was a long, sloping path and the mourners were appropriately tipsy, one fellow lurched into the gatepost as they entered the graveyard. Suddenly, a loud knocking came from in the box.

Paddy was alive!

They opened the box up and he sat up, wide-eyed, and they all said, "Sure, it's a miracle of God!"

All rejoiced and they went back and had a few more drinks, but later that day, the poor lad died.

Really died. Stone-cold dead.

They bundled him back into his box, and as they huffed and puffed down the hill the next morning, the priest said, "Careful now, boys; mind ye don't bump the gatepost again."

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A young Irishman sits at a pub in the New World drinking beer and conversin' with the barkeep. Another comes in and sits besides him. He says, "How you do?" Hearing the lilt he asks, "You be Irish?"

"Yes I am."

The first man yells, "Barkeep give us another round and one for my friend here, as he's from the old sod as well."

The second man asks, "So where in the old country ye from?"

"Dublin," responds the first.

"Dublin, you say -- so am I." And the second man hollers, "Barkeep bring us another round and a shot of your best Irish Whiskey for me and my friend here."

Afterwards, the first man asks from where in Dublin and the second man responds with the street. The first man says, "Well I'll be -- so am I," and yells, "Barkeep another pair of beers and Irish Whiskey for the pair of us."

The phone behind the bar rings and the barkeep answers it. It's the owner of the pub, who asks, "How's business?"

The barkeep responds, "Not too bad, the O'Malley twins are here getting drunk again."

## Just jotting...

I have even more proof that you're never too old to learn, not that any was needed. And it involves my own trade, a preacher and a woman.

It is also an unsavory tale of stealth, smuggling and the King of England.

The first printing press in the United States was financed by the nonconformist clergyman, The Reverend Jose Glover of Sutton, Surry England. He planned to found and control a printery press in New England.

"On a fog-wrapped London night in 1638, after the harbourmaster had checked the passenger list and cargo, cleared the ship and passed down the gangplank into the darkness, hushed voices could be heard from time to time, calling softly from ship to shore. Large objects were passed into the ship's hold."

All this secrecy was because the King did not encourage enlightenment among the colonists. He prohibited presses, paper and anything connected to the black art from coming here.

With the press was a complete font of type and a large supply of paper. The Rev. died enroute, but his wife continued his mission. In on the deed was Stephen Daye, who, thus, became America's number one printer.

The press was set up in Cambridge, Mass. His first sheet was titled, "The Freeman's Oath," which every member of the Massachusetts Colony had taken.

The first book ever printed in the U. S. was "The Whole Book of Psalms." Only 11 are said to be in existence. If you've got one, you're rich.

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And: Willpower is the ability to resist temptation until you're sure no-one's looking.

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Members of the United Nations Security Council get to serve as its presiding officer for one month. The United States' turn came in February when John Bolton took the gavel. Doesn't seem right that the UN's hosting country, the country that is its largest financial supporter gets to preside on the shortest month of the year.

On the other hand, to me there's a whole lot about the United Nations that doesn't seem right.

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I've mentioned before that I write a lot of letters. A few years ago I wrote a brewery (I'm not going to mention its name and give them any publicity) about how the sound of pouring irritates me.

That gurgling sound affects me the way fingerprints on blackboards affects others. There's a too-often-played commercial on how that is nothing but the sight and sound of pouring.

I'm not going to protest in writing to them, knowing I'd get the same answer. Their rep wrote that their survey showed the pouring sound made people thirsty.

If you've ever wondered about subliminal advertising, here it is. Hasn't our government of the U.N. passed a law ag'n that?

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Why did the Snowman call the dog Frost? Because Frost bites!

Remember - if everything is going your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.

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Have you ever noticed that many of the people doing the rioting in the Middle East, Americas, El-whatevers, etc. wear their baseball hats backwards?

Is that another American custom they're picking from our youths? That is why hat-bills are forced back on 'em? To protect something, anything, everything?

We Americans have had a great influence around the world . . . Our way of mostly clucking, pecking and cawing. But I think we've got to get some more ideas.

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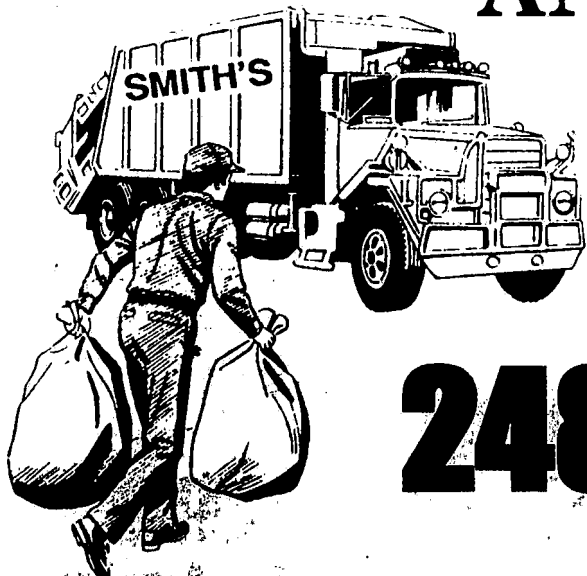
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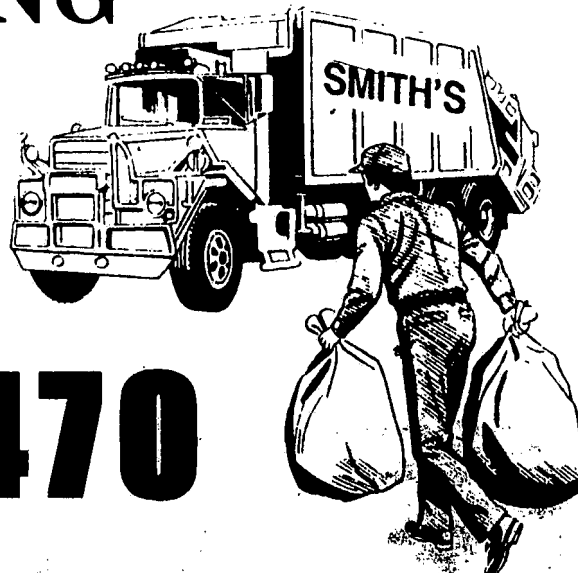
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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**March 7:** 21-year-old Lake Orion woman with her seven-month-old child as her passenger ticketed for marijuana possession and released on Harvard Avenue. Four other people were with her in a total of two cars originally reported as suspicious vehicles. Reports showed no other arrests.

Waterford resident claims the driver of the truck threw an unknown fluid-like substance onto her windshield as she drove behind him on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road. The victim also stated the male driver, whom she did not recognize, spat out the window towards her vehicle and flipped her off. Following the incident, which took place around 1:10 p.m., the victim saw the same vehicle and subject behind her car at the Secretary of State's Office on M-15.

An unknown person/s broke into an apartment on Marshbank used for the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance after school tutoring program. The incident took place sometime between March 1-7. A CAYA volunteer reported several food items missing, board games strewn about and graffiti.

Pear Lane resident claims she was notified by a recovery agency on behalf of a credit card company that she owes \$1,037.18. The woman says she does not own a credit card from that company,

but was informed by the company her social security number and other personal info was used in 2004-05 to make the purchases.

**March 8:** 40-year-old Clarkston woman arrested for operating her vehicle while intoxicated on Dixie Highway near Waterford Road. P.B.T. results were .11.

Unmarked pills confiscated from two Renaissance High students and sent for testing.

**March 9:** Possible criminal sexual conduct (CSC) reported on Boyne Highland Trail.

Police cited an 18-year-old Clarkston man for assault and battery and disorderly person after he allegedly fired a BB gun from a car at a 12-year-old as the child walked down Mary Sue Road. A 17-year-old male from Clarkston driving behind the suspect was also cited for disorderly conduct following the incident.

36-year-old woman arrested for domestic assault outside a bar on Dixie Highway near M-15 following an a dispute with her husband.

**March 10:** A resident in Green Lake Apartments on Parview Drive summoned police after a woman, naked from the waist down, arrived at his apartment around 2:30 a.m. The Sterling Heights woman, 32, said she drank alcohol at two nearby establishments, but did not recall how she got to the apartment complex. Her car was found in one of the bar's parking lots on Dixie Highway near M-15. The woman had minor injuries to her

lip and left knee. Following the incident, police discovered the man making the report was a registered offender for criminal sexual conduct II in 2001. Police learned she left her clothes at another apartment whose renters offered her their couch when she was too drunk to drive home from the bar.

Oakvista resident reports someone made a fraudulent cash withdrawal on his credit card valued at \$1,031 on Feb. 16 in Florida.

**March 12:** Police arrested two men for fighting following an altercation in Big Boy on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road. Witnesses allege the men beat up another man sitting in the restaurant.

Elkrun Drive resident answered the door at 3:34 a.m. after someone rang the doorbell and discovered paint poured over the door. The resident's daughters later found paint covering a vehicle in the driveway, some of which made satanic references.

## Springfield Township

**March 7:** Employee of Kroger Fuel on Dixie Highway confessed to police she embezzled over \$2,500 over the last month.

**March 8:** Unknown person broke into a vehicle parked overnight in a business lot on Dixie Highway near E. Holly Road. Entry was gained by breaking the driver's side window and the car stereo

was stolen.

**March 10:** Debbie Jo resident cited for barking dogs.

## Man breaks leg in accident

A 20-year-old Clarkston man suffered a broken leg in a four-car accident on March 9.

The accident occurred on Sashabaw Road north of Clarkston Road at approximately 6:54 a.m. The man was driving a 1990 Ford Probe northbound when he crossed left of center and struck a southbound 1998 GMC van operated by a 46-year-old Waterford woman.

The GMC van crossed left of center due to the first impact and struck a northbound 2006 Ford pickup operated by a 52-year-old Waterford man.

After striking the GMC van, the Probe continued north in the southbound lane and struck a 2002 vehicle driven by a 54-year-old Oxford resident.

Independence Township Fire Department personnel arrived at the scene and extracted the Clarkston man from the his Probe and transported to Genesys Medical Facility.

The crash remains under investigation. No other injuries were reported and reports made no indication whether alcohol was involved.

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## Plane crashes on I-75 median

BY JAMES MARTINEZ  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For a brief moment on March 7, I-75 became a runway as an airplane crash landed in the median near East Holly Road in Springfield Township.

At approximately 4:20 p.m., the privately owned single-engine Piper aircraft was forced to land following engine problems.

The 45-year old pilot and a 37-year-old passenger, both from Coldwater, Ohio walked away from the crash nearly unscathed refusing medical treatment. A press release from the Michigan State Police states the men were flying from Salinas, Ohio to a small airport near Brighton. They were in the air for about one and a half hours before the engine failed.

"They said they'd been lost for the last half hour," said Springfield Township Fire Chief Charlie Oaks, who indicated the men were traveling to pickup a car purchased from an area dealer.

As stated in the press release, the man claimed he had approximately four hours of fuel left at the time his engine started faltering. He switched fuel tanks, but was unable to restart the engine.

"His intentions were to come down on I-75, but it was a little off," said Oaks, who responded to the scene. "They were definitely lucky people as far as I'm concerned."

The plane suffered extensive damage, but no vehicles were involved in the incident.

"It's a wonder there wasn't an accident the way people drive on I-75," marveled Oaks.

Bob Apple, a Springfield Township Fire Department on-call captain and licensed recreational pilot, praised the pilot.

"I thought he did a pretty good job. He could have done a better job by putting it on the freeway," said Apple, who explained pilots are trained to look for flat landing surfaces like roads and fields for emergency landings.

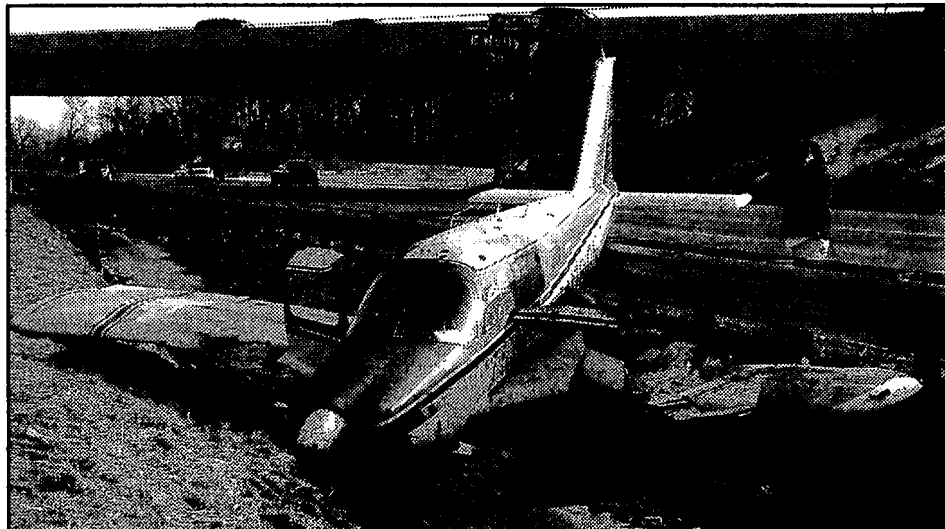
Apple was unsure whether traffic forced the pilot into the median rather than the road.

The MSP press release stated the pilot lined up with the freeway and then put the aircraft into the median.

"If it hadn't been for the guardrail, he would have made it. Overall he walked away, which is what your taught to do by protecting the fuselage (where the pilot sits)," said Apple.

According to Oaks, a lane in north and southbound I-75 were closed initially to handle the response and cleanup. After an hour, the southbound lane was reopened, while the northbound lane was closed for the duration of the cleanup. Oaks said the Springfield Fire Department left the scene around 8:14 p.m. with only a little cleanup remaining.

As stated in the press release, the Springfield Township Fire Department responded to the scene along with the Groveland Township Fire Department, MSP from Groveland and Metro North, several Oakland County Sheriff's deputies and an investigator from the FAA. Young's Environmental cleaned up the hazardous material (consisting mostly of fuel) and Woody's Towing removed the airplane taking it to the Oakland Airport.



This single-engine plane crashed into the median between north and south I-75 near East Holly Road in Springfield Township on March 7 at about 4:20 p.m. Photos by Noah Purcell

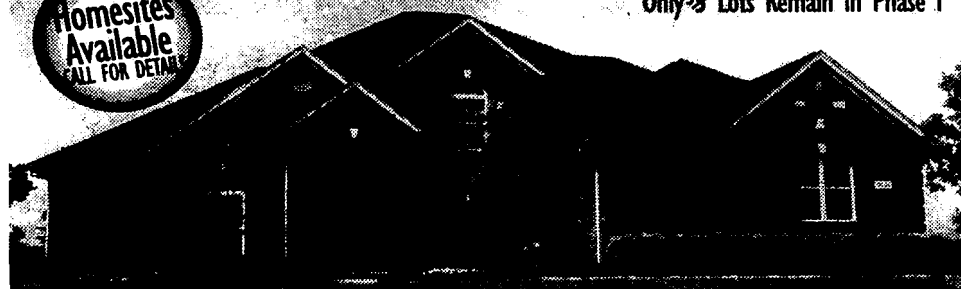


The plane suffered extensive damage when it struck the guardrail and I-75 median.

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# Two businesses robbed in Independence

BY JAMES MARTINEZ  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two Independence Township businesses were robbed last week by separate armed suspects who escaped with just over \$350 and left no one physically harmed.

The first robbery took place on March 10 around 4:34 p.m. An unknown man entered Candice's Flowers on Sashabaw Road near Maybee Road as an employee worked in a greenhouse room at the back of the building.

Hearing the front door bell ring, the employee came to the front of the store, stated police reports.

After a brief conversation, the man pulled a gun from his pocket and instructed the woman to open the cash register, turn over the money and lay on the floor. The woman handed over the money, but refused to lay down, so the suspect instructed her to the bathroom and shut the door.

The man escaped with approximately \$85 in cash and the woman's cell phone.

The suspect is described as a 5'10," over 200-pound, white male near 60 years of age with a husky build and potbelly. He had a long gray beard and a mole over his left eye. According to reports, he wore a light blue and white short sleeved shirt.

A few moments after the suspect left the store, the woman left the bathroom and witnessed the man fleeing eastbound on Maybee Road in an older late 1980's or early 90's burgundy pickup truck with cap. According to reports, significant scratches were across the tailgate of the truck.

Detective Lonnie Mullins of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Township substation said the woman gave an excellent description resulting in a sketch (included with the article) of the suspect. He also said the mole over the man's left eye is a distinguishing feature for identification.

The second robbery took place on March 11. A different man escaped from Radio Shack on Dixie Highway near White Lake Road, after robbing a store employee at knife point.

The suspect escaped with \$280 in a deposit bag after entering the store around 7:47 p.m., just prior to closing.

Reports state the knife was approximately 8 inches long. The suspect is described as a 5'9" white male in his mid to late twenties with a slender build. During the robbery, the man wore blue sweat pants, a dark blue hooded and blue winter ski mask.

Police quickly set up a perimeter, but efforts by air and canine units were unsuccessful in finding the man.

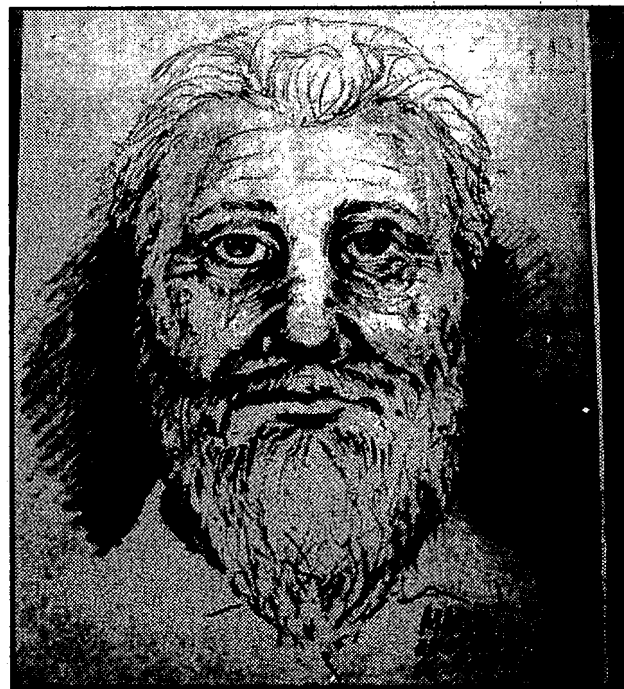
"They got the call and within two minutes the first officer arrived there," said Mullins. He indicated he did not believe the incidents were linked.

"I don't think they are," said Mullins. "They could be, but the suspects are two different people."

No video surveillance was produced from either robbery, said Mullins.

According to Mullins, both crimes are armed robberies because both suspects clearly showed a weapon in each incident.

Those with information should call the Independence Township substation at 248-620-4968.



Composite sketch of the suspect who robbed Candice's Flowers on Sashabaw Road armed with a gun. Sketch provided

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Before you can answer that question, you need to be somewhat familiar with what the Federal Reserve does, particularly its ability to contract or expand the money supply. For example, if the Federal Reserve feels that inflation is heating up, it may raise the federal funds rate, a key short-term interest rate. This causes borrowing to become more expensive, so consumers are more likely to save money, instead of spending it. In theory, this reduction in demand will lead to less upward pressure on prices, thereby bringing inflation under control. And lately, inflationary fears have been on the minds of the Federal Reserve's governors, because the Fed has raised the federal funds rate 12 times from June 2004 through November 2005.

Of course, Alan Greenspan could take these actions by himself; he needed to get agreement from the other Federal Reserve governors. And the same will be true with Ben Bernanke. Nonetheless, the Federal Reserve chairman does wield considerable power; when testifying before Congress, Greenspan's mere words had the power to move markets.

Still, as an investor, you probably shouldn't place undue emphasis on what the Federal Reserve chairman says, or what actions the Fed takes. You need to look beyond short-term events and make moves that can help you in the long run. Here are two ideas to consider:

- **Consistently diversify your holdings.** When the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, some industries such as housing and construction, may be adversely affected, while others, such as healthcare and energy, may actually benefit. But you'd find it almost impossible - and quite costly - to constantly juggle your portfolio in response to rising or falling interest rates. Consequently, you'll be much better off by building a diversified portfolio containing many different types of stocks, along with other investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit. Over time, you may need to "rebalance" your portfolio to make sure that it is properly diversified and that it still reflects your risk tolerance and time horizon.
- **Build a bond ladder.** When interest rates rise, the prices on your existing bonds will fall. That's because no one will pay you full price for a bond that offers a lower rate than bonds that are just coming on the market. To build a bond portfolio that offers benefits in all interest-rate environments, you may want to create a "bond ladder" consisting of bonds of varying maturities. When market rates are high, you'll have short-term bonds coming due to reinvest. And when market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds - which typically pay higher rates - working for you.

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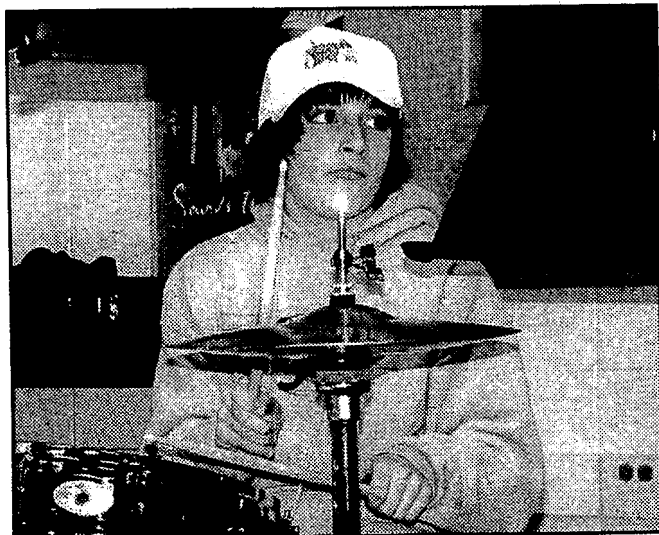
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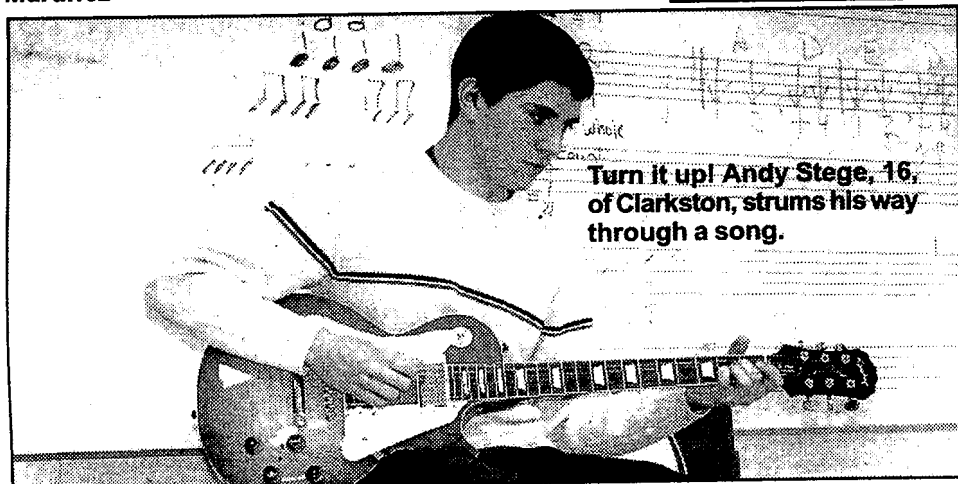
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"AC/DC Adam" Starts, 12, of Lake Orion, bangs away on the drums during the Born to Jam-Rock Band Clinic hosted by Independence Township Parks and Rec at Sashabaw Middle School on March 11. The clinic started on Feb. 25 and concludes with a concert in March. (Right) the band jams together. Photos by James Martinez



Turn it up! Andy Stege, 16, of Clarkston, strums his way through a song.



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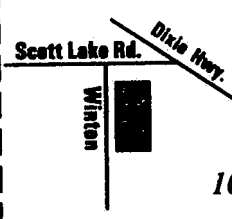
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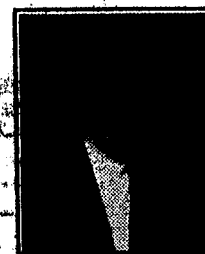


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# Clarkston School wins Michigan Future Problem Solving Bowl

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The sixth grade team from Sashabaw Middle School made a historic win at Eastern Michigan University on March 5 by becoming the first team from Clarkston to ever win the Michigan Future Problem Solving Bowl. The team was also victorious in the Action Plan Team Presentation Competition. The team moves on to national competition in Fort Collins, Colorado on June 1-4.

The fifth grade team from Bailey Lake Elementary placed third in the same division and scored a first place trophy for their Team Presentation.

Holly Kornas, who coached both teams, said she was surprised but thrilled at the outcome.

"I was jumping up and down for the third place team," Kornas said, adding how shocked she was to hear another one of her teams placed even higher.

"I knew I had a super smart group... I just didn't know what we were up against," said Kornas. "When they called the first place team I went nuts. We were jumping up and down and hugging each other."

These were just two of 13 teams

from Clarkston Schools that competed at the bowl. Students worked on problems related to the future - climate threat, freedom of speech and nutrition - throughout the school year. After being scored by trained evaluators, the top 50 percent were invited to the state competition.

At the state level, students were given a the topic of health care access and given two hours to write and solve 16 problems on the subject. The team ultimately had to write an action plan for their best solution and prepare a skit based on their plan.

The parents of team members were also on hand to assist in the competition. Some worked as chaperones while others worked as assistants and helped judge other presentations.

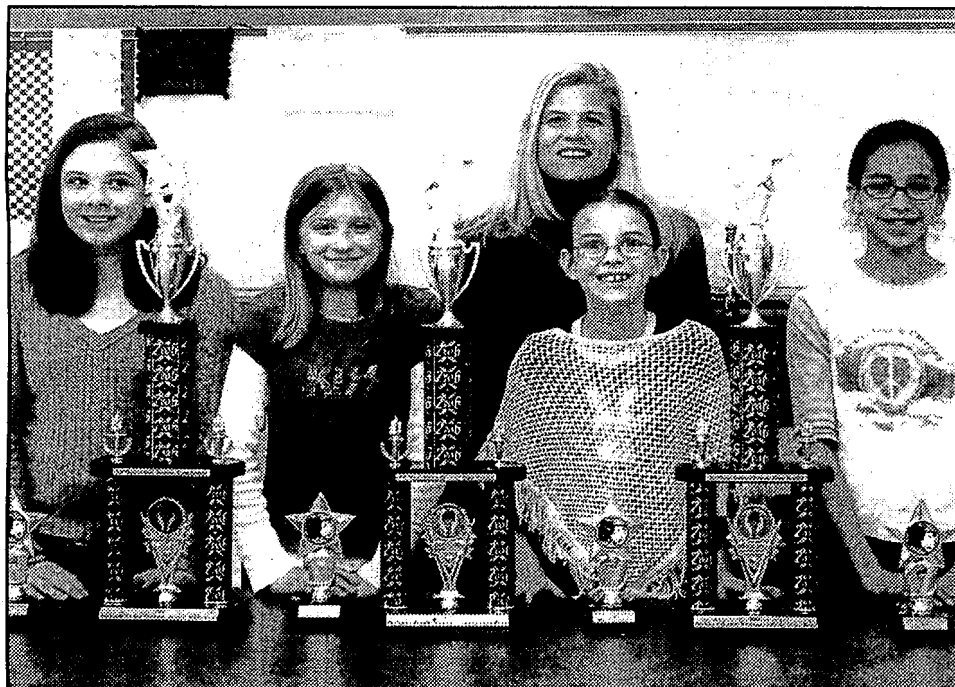
"They were super supportive and I couldn't have done it without them," said Kornas.

Now the SMS team is back practicing as they prepare for the national competition before the thrill of victory can even wear off.

"I'm still in shock. I'm definitely proud of them," said Kornas.

**'I knew I had a super smart group ... I just didn't know what we were against.'**

**- Holly Kornas  
Coach**



The SMS sixth grade team was awarded State Champions in the Junior Division. Pictured are (left - right) Angela Niezgoda, Sarah Keller, Abbey Hubregsen, Nadia Torres and Coach Holly Kornas.



The BLE fifth grade team earned third place in the Junior Division. Pictured are (front, left to right) Lauryn Johnson, Nick Azzopardi. (back) Calvin Reilly, Coach- Holly Kornas and Sean Johnson. Photos provided.



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# MEAP results breakdown

*Majority of Clarkston students meet or exceed state standards in all subjects*

Results for the latest set of Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) testing were released from the Michigan Department of Education March 9.

The MEAP underwent several changes this year, including a consolidation for simultaneous testing for grades 4-8 and for the first time and the addition of testing for third grade students.

Results for the Fall 2005 MEAP for Clarkston Schools are as follows:

## In third grade:

- 67.8 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 29.1 percent met Michigan standards in math.
- 44.9 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 50.1 percent met Michigan standards in reading.
- 9.3 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 49.9 percent met Michigan standards in writing.
- 23.2 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 65.4 percent met Michigan standards in English language arts.

## In fourth grade:

- 56.7 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 38.2 percent met Michigan standards in math.
- 37.3 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 58.3 percent met Michigan standards in reading.
- 7.1 percent exceeded Michigan standards and

67.3 percent met Michigan standards in writing.  
• 16 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 77.9 percent met Michigan standards in English language arts.

## In fifth grade:

- 51 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 38.8 percent met Michigan standards in math.
- 44.9 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 50.9 percent met Michigan standards in reading.
- 51.7 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 41 percent met Michigan standards in science.
- 6.4 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 74.7 percent met Michigan standards in writing.
- 22.1 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 70.5 percent met Michigan standards in English language arts.

## In sixth grade:

- 47.6 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 38.3 percent met Michigan standards in math.
- 40.4 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 52.6 percent met Michigan standards in reading.
- 70.5 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 21.9 percent met Michigan standards in social studies.
- 11.7 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 75.6 percent met Michigan standards in writing.
- 24.4 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 67.9 percent met Michigan standards in English language arts.

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## In seventh grade:

- 39.9 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 34.5 percent met Michigan standards in math.
- 32.6 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 56.8 percent met Michigan standards in reading.
- 5.8 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 72.6 percent met Michigan standards in writing.
- 14.8 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 73.1 percent met Michigan standards in English language arts.

## In eighth grade:

- 42.8 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 37.6 percent met Michigan standards in math.
- 35.6 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 53.7 percent met Michigan standards in reading.
- 48.7 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 41.8 percent met Michigan standards in science.
- 13.3 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 67.1 percent met Michigan standards in writing.
- 18 percent exceeded Michigan standards and 68.7 percent met Michigan standards in English language arts.

Look in next week's issue of *The Clarkston News* for more on these results and what they mean for the Clarkston School District.

## Clarkston bands shine at district performances



The Clarkston Junior High School Eighth Grade Symphonic Band performs at the District 4 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Festival on March 11. Photo by James Martinez

During the past two weekends, 12 bands and orchestras from the Clarkston Instrumental Music Department participated in the District 4 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Festival. Of those 12 groups, 11 earned first division ratings, making them eligible to perform at the State level.

In perusing statewide results, this a unique result for a school system and should be viewed as a "point of pride" for the Clarkston schools and community.

For those not familiar with the festival process, the band or orchestra prepares three selections – a march of the director's choosing, a selection from the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's "required list" and a piece chosen by the director to showcase his or her group's best attributes.

Three adjudicators listen to the concert performance and award a series of grades based on tone, rhythm, intonation, technique and interpretation. A predominance of grades on each judge's sheet determines the rating he or she awards the group. The ratings of all three judges are then combined for the concert rating.

Following the concert performance, groups proceed to sight-reading where the director is given seven minutes to teach the students two pieces of music – a march and a concert piece – that the students have not seen before. This process

relies on the knowledge the students garnered throughout the year. Strengths and weaknesses are clearly demonstrated in the sight reading room.

A single adjudicator awards a rating based on the same factors used on the concert stage plus some additional concepts such as error recovery, preparation and involvement in instructions.

Parents and those in attendance during the sight reading process are always amazed at what is accomplished in this short amount of time.

The sight reading rating is combined with the concert rating using an MSBOA formula to obtain the final rating. Ratings range from a high of first division to a low of fifth division. Only those groups earning a first division rating are allowed to go on to the State level. Groups earning first and second division ratings are awarded medals for their accomplishments.

Directors of the Clarkston bands and orchestras include: Wendy Stuart - Orchestra, Michael Lewis - Band, Julie Mathews - Band, Justin Harris - Band, Shelley Roland - Band and Amy Armbruster - Band Student Teacher.

Clarkston High School hosts a State Band and Orchestra Festival on May 5-6. The community is invited and encouraged to attend all performances. For more information and an updated schedule, go online to [www.clarkstonbandorchestra.org](http://www.clarkstonbandorchestra.org).

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## District 4 MSBOA Festival First Division Rankings

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CJHS Eighth Grade Symphonic Band - Julie Mathews  
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CIHS Orchestra - Wendy Stuart  
SMS Seventh Grade Concert Band - Justin Harris  
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SMS Seventh Grade Symphonic Band - Shelley Roland, Amy Armbruster-student teacher  
SMS Seventh Grade Orchestra - Wendy Stuart

Discolored Paper



# Paw Prints tell the stories left behind by CHS Wolves

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School is a small community within itself, one that would seemingly require a town crier to spread the news. With the rise of the internet, people can find national headlines anywhere, but have difficulty knowing what is going on right around the corner.

Issues affecting the school do not sweep through the halls by word-of-mouth. They go on the record at the school's newspaper, *Paw Prints*.

*Paw Prints* is now in its second year of production under the guidance of teacher Mike Comos. The paper replaced *Filtered Noise*, a semi-annual magazine-like publication.

Like most high school papers, CHS students work on their stories as part of a class, which earns them credit for language arts. Unlike most classes, students have to apply for spots, like they would a job at a newspaper. Comos said he receives more applications than open spots and is debating adding interviews to the process of selecting staff.

Comos said he hopes to print six issues of *Paw Prints* throughout the school year, with a new issue coming out every five or six weeks, but that number could change if circumstances hold up production.

Though the large gap between print dates prevents the paper from covering "breaking news," Comos said he likes to see the students take an event or issue and write feature stories on the effect on the study body.

"We're much more feature-oriented... a lot of human interest, personality stories, organizations," he explained.

A quick glance through the 12-page paper shows stories on the war in Iraq, gas prices, upcoming theater productions, restaurant reviews and sports.

*Paw Prints* also showcases the many opinions from the student body, with several polls and editorials in every issue. Though most are not controversial, Comos said there were complaints from people when the paper covered the topic of Intelligent Design.

"We've had some individuals come up and complain, but we've never been an outcry," Comos said.

Steve Puroll, one of the staff writers, penned the argument against teaching ID in public schools for the paper. He said that was the only editorial he received negative feedback about.

"Not from a wide audience, but on a personal level, people who were my friends, said they didn't appreciate what I had put down," Puroll said.

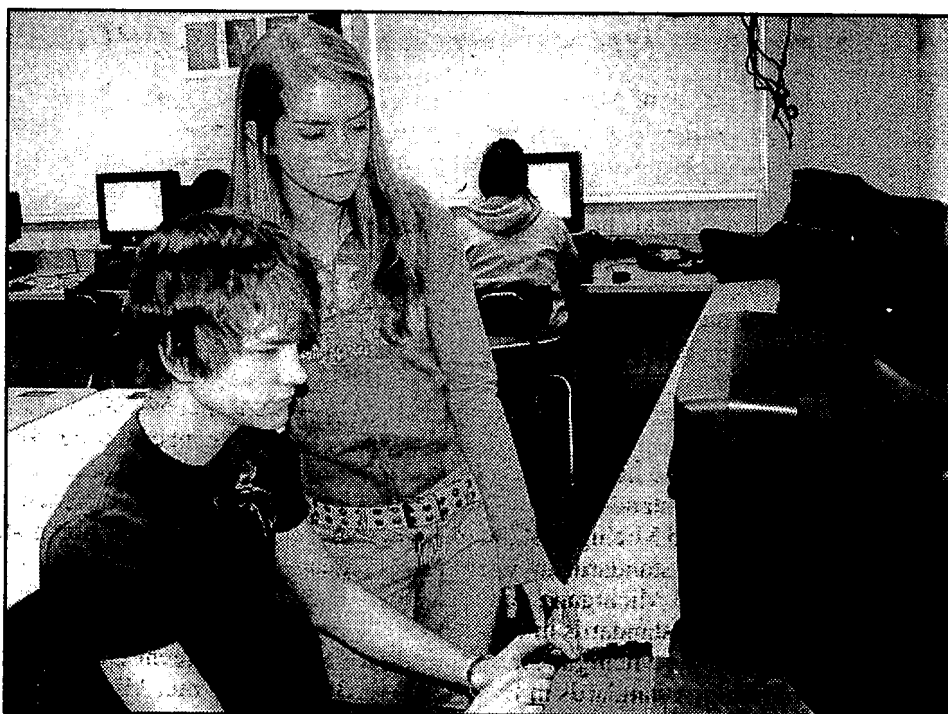
The stir was not just caused by Puroll's argument, but because the piece was so well written and presented, according to Kate Thomas, senior and current Editor-in-Chief of the paper.

Thomas, 17, is in her third year of the journalism class and said one of the challenges with the school paper is keeping students interested.

"We try to make it interesting, but it's tough to cover stuff that kids want to read without having us being allowed to write about it," Thomas said. "They censor us a lot."

Thomas said the staff works to put out a paper that does not offend other students.

"We always stay to the side of being careful rather than risking anything," Thomas said.



Seniors Kate Thomas and Steve Puroll work on the next issue of *Paw Prints*, the CHS Newspaper. Photo by Andrew DuPont

mas said.

With the exception of printing, which is handled by a company in Alabama, the 19 students who create *Paw Prints* do everything from writing to selling advertisements.

"We're the only high school in town, so they should advertise with us and most businesses are pretty good about it," Comos said. "Financially, we're okay. We survive because we can get enough advertising to supplement it and that allows us to give it out free to students because we want to get it out there as much as possible."

Comos noted that both the newspaper and yearbook typically attract more female students than males, with this year being no exception. Currently, the newspaper's female to male ratio is 17:2, while the yearbook's ratio stands at 29:1.

"If (guys) knew the ratio, they would probably be more interested in it," Comos joked.

Looking to the future, Comos said he would like to balance his time better between the yearbook and newspaper. Currently, Comos said the yearbook takes precedent but that could change very soon.

## ABC presents town hall meeting with school administrators

Do you have a question about a Clarkston Community Schools district policy? Are you aware of the ways schools address the different needs of our kids? Would you like to ask administrators about current issues affecting our schools?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then attend the Academic Boosters of Clarkston Town Hall Meeting on March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Clarkston Junior High School.

This is an opportunity to meet with administrators and discuss the district in an informal setting. Representatives from the administration and school board will be on hand to discuss current issues and answer questions. This event is free and open to the public.

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# Clarkston News Sports

## Whose house?

*Ballers venture into Dragons' den, emerge with district crown*

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Reporter

United as they are under a single mascot, Clarkston's basketball team exacted a parcel of revenge for their football playing brethren, beating Lake Orion 56-50 to win the district title on March 10.

This past fall the Dragons dispensed with the Wolves to capture a district championship on the gridiron. On the hard court though, Clarkston weathered their upstart neighbors best efforts to emerge with their 15th district crown in the past 16 years.

"We have a target on us at all times. In our district, everyone's coming after us," said senior Joe Moran, who scored a game high 17 points to go with eight rebounds, three steals and a block.

After a first half featuring seven lead changes, Clarkston held a 29-21 advantage. A 6-0 Lake Orion run to start the third quarter brought the score to 29-27, but a quick Wolves' time-out later Clarkston was back on track.

"We knew they were going to make a run. Coach Fife, he's the best coach in the state, he knows how to keep his troops together," Moran said.

After their brief strategy session, the Wolves uncorked a 12-2 run, at one point leading 41-29, which gave them the cushion needed to ward off a streaking Lake Orion team down the stretch.



Clarkston won their 13th straight and 15th district title in the last 16 years with a 56-50 defeat of Lake Orion on March 10 in front of a record setting crowd in the Dragons' home gym. Photo by Noah Purcell

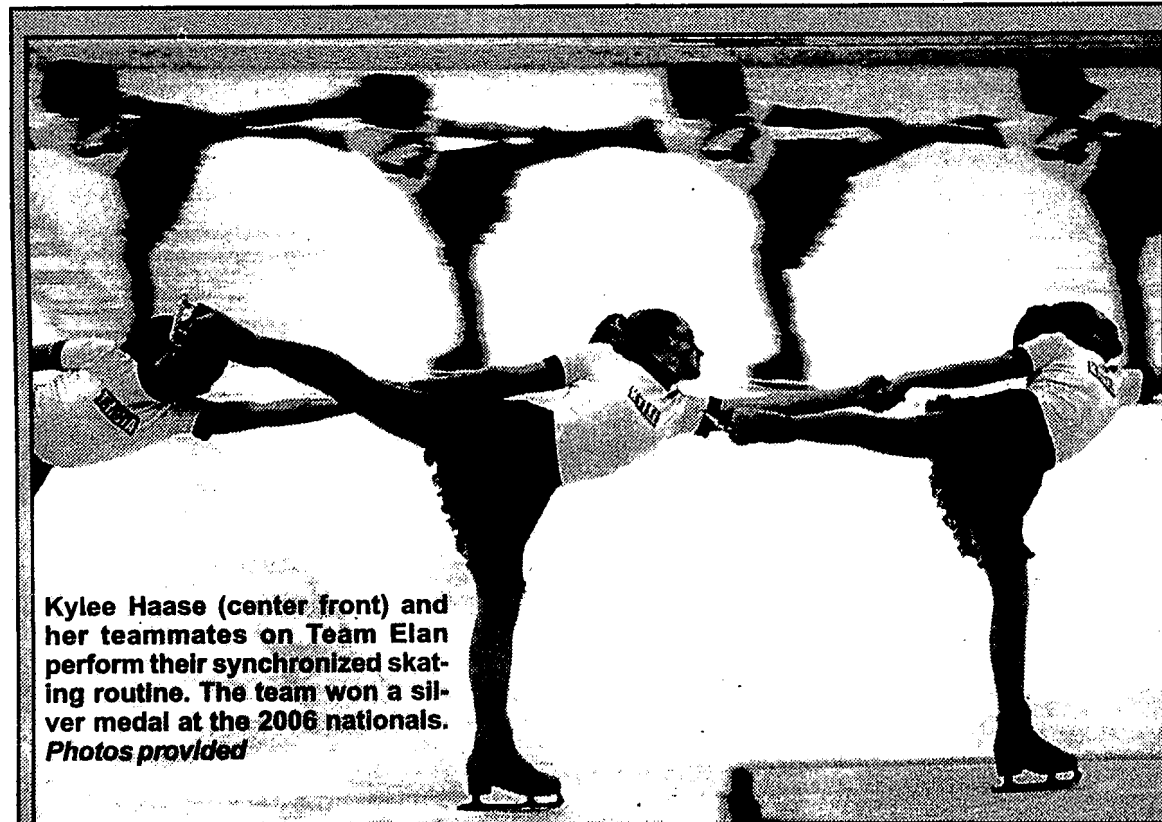
Clarkston junior Dan Owens shone during the third quarter run, hitting two 3-pointers and adding another field goal for eight of his 13 points.

"Every 3-pointer came at a crucial time," said Lake Orion Coach Jim Manzo in reference to Owens' outside shooting.

Despite Owens' cold blooded shooting, determined play from the Dragons ensured the estimated crowd of 3,200 had something to cheer about until the bitter (or sweet) end.

"I still remember them getting it up to 12 and thinking 'Man, I hope this doesn't get out of hand.' Our guys got us a second win. We started playing better defense and limiting them to one shot,"

Please see Districts, page 19A



Kylee Haase (center front) and her teammates on Team Elan perform their synchronized skating routine. The team won a silver medal at the 2006 nationals. Photos provided

## Athlete of the Week Kylee Haase



Clarkston resident Kylee Haase is this week's Athlete of the Week after helping the Team Elan juvenile team secure a silver medal at the 2006 nationals in Grand Rapids.

"It was a lot of fun," said Haase, who is a seventh grader at St. Stevens Lutheran School in Waterford.

This was Haase's fourth year competing with Team Elan and she felt her experience helped her and the rest of the team at this year's nationals. Last year her junior team finished third overall.

"I told the other girls to think about (nationals) just like any other competition," Haase said.

Haase is done with synchronized skating, which resembles the more popularized water version except is carried out on ice, until tryouts for Team Elan in April. Her practice schedule will resume in July.



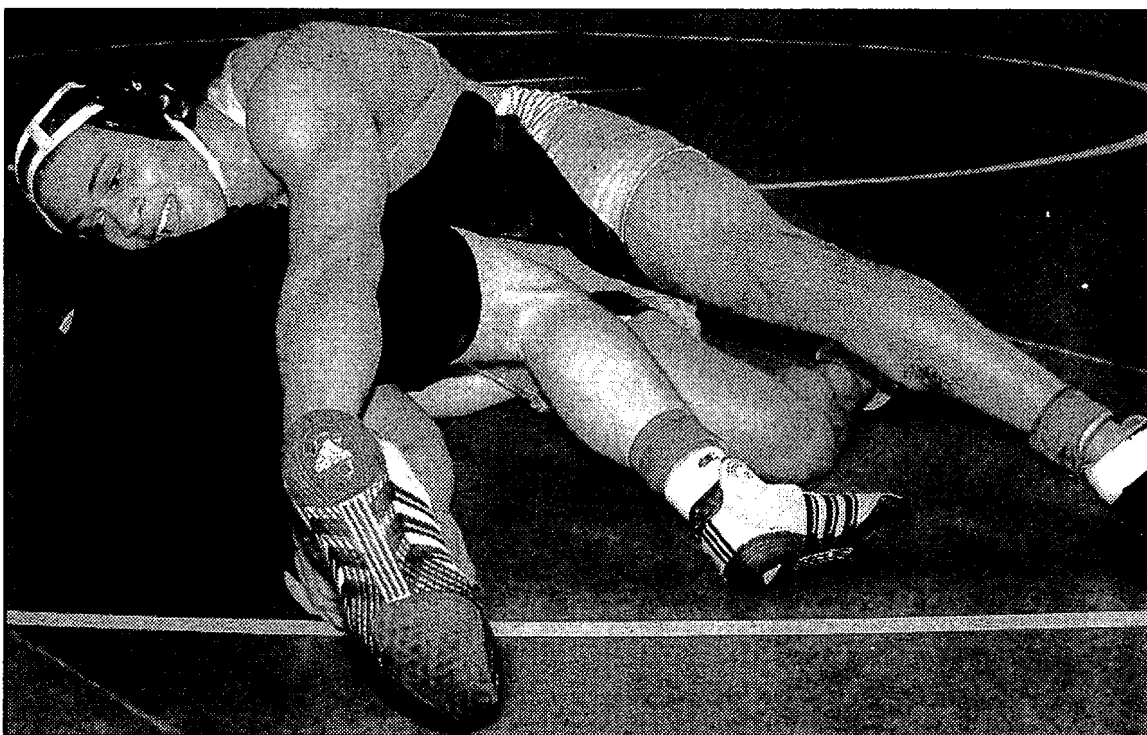
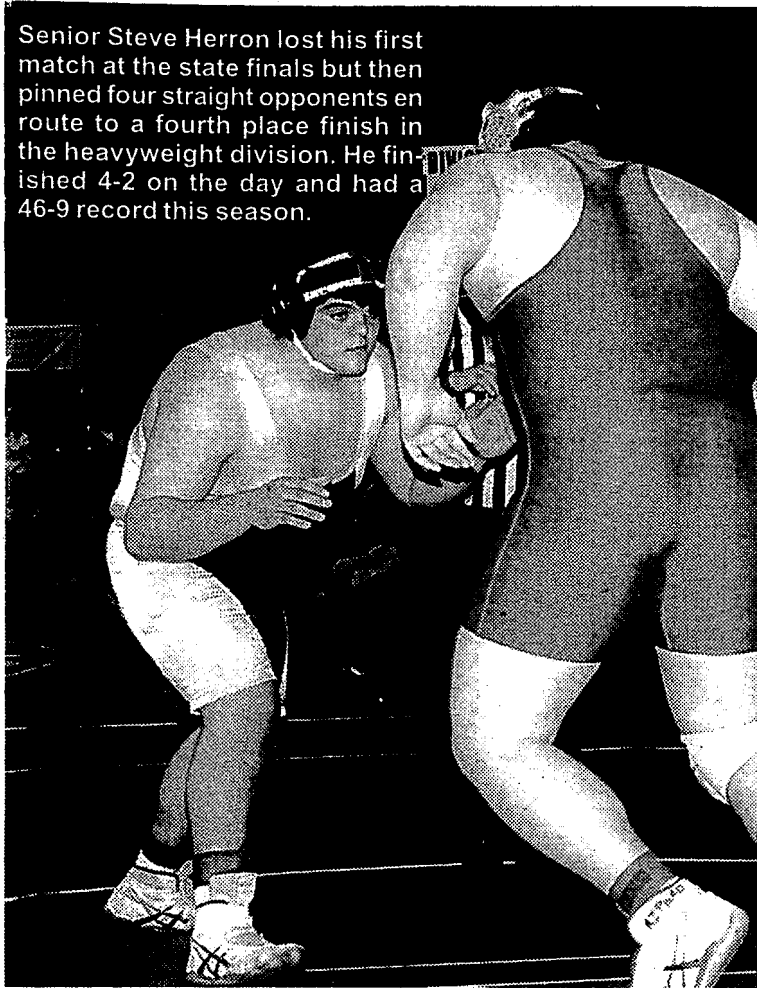
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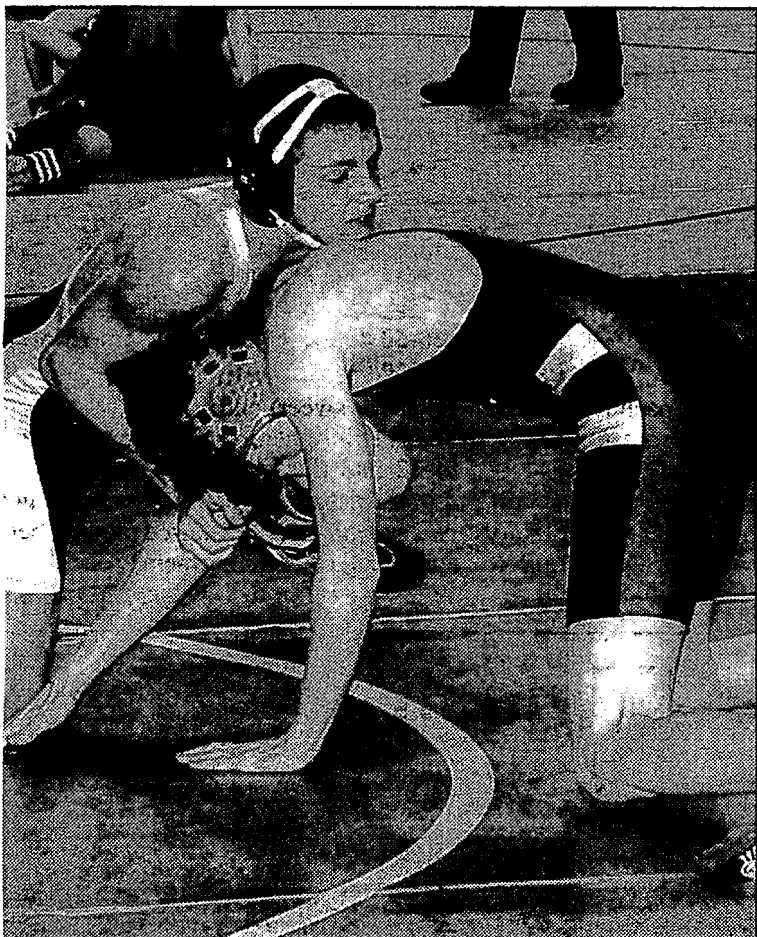


## Four Wolves place at states

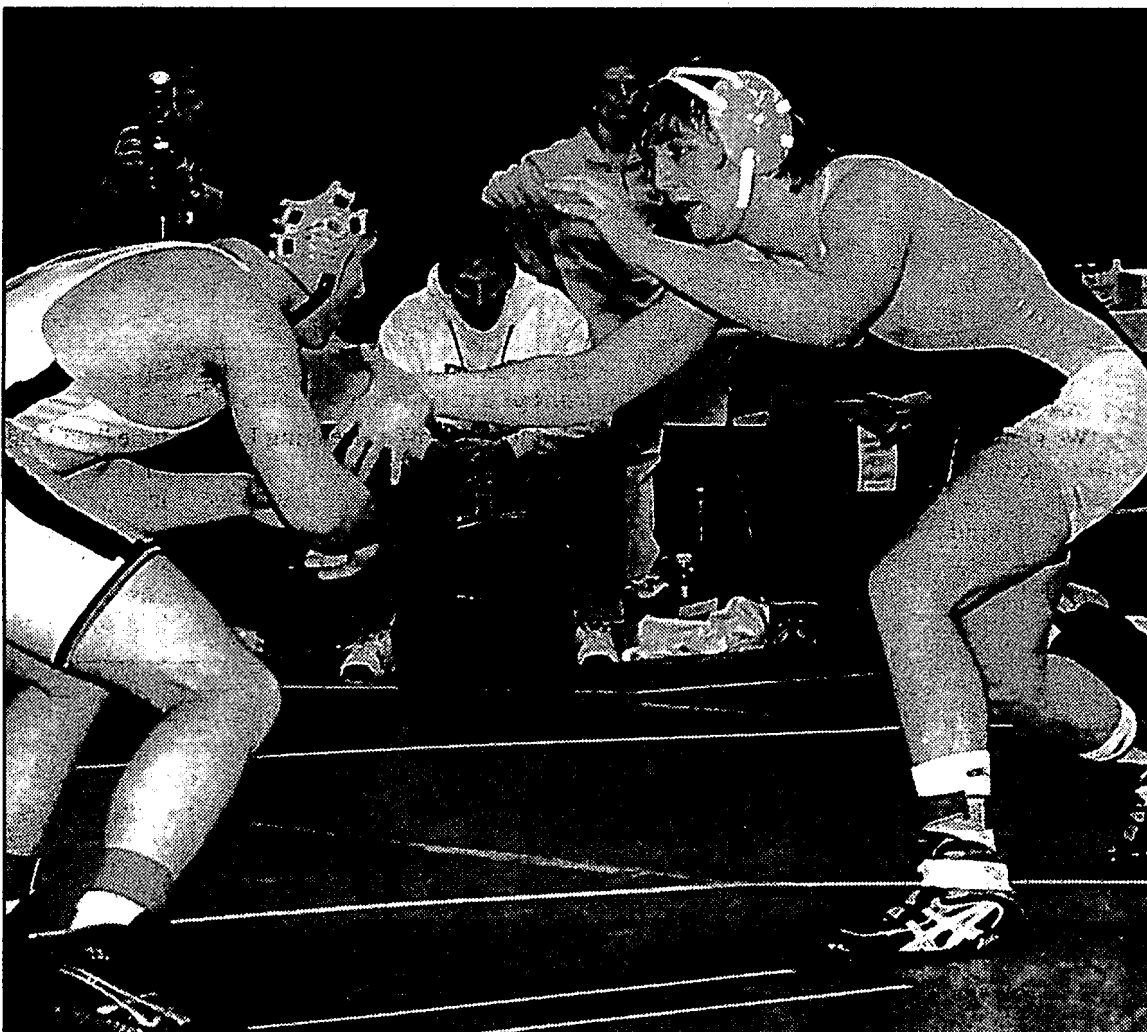
Senior Steve Herron lost his first match at the state finals but then pinned four straight opponents en route to a fourth place finish in the heavyweight division. He finished 4-2 on the day and had a 46-9 record this season.



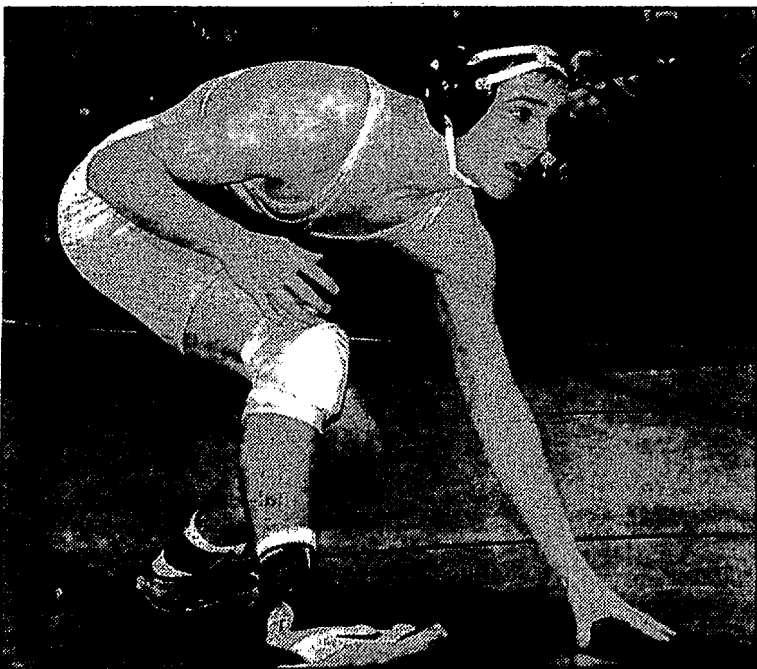
Clarkston qualified eight wrestlers for the individual state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills, March 9-11. Senior Josh McAllister was the Wolves top finisher, taking third place in the 171-pound class. He finished 4-1 at the finals and was 42-12 on the season.



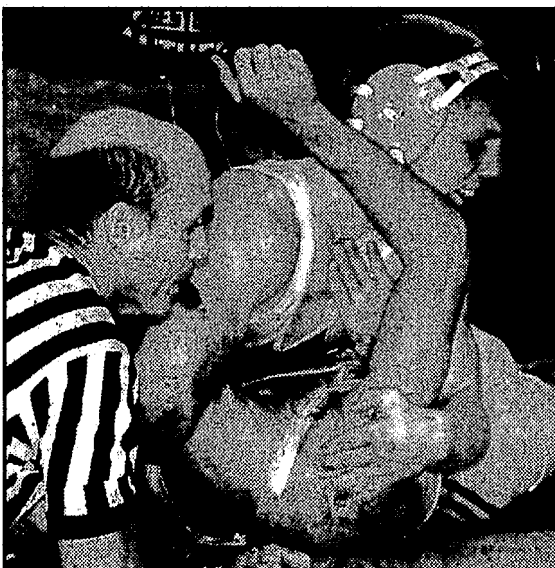
Junior Mike Maguire fought his way to seventh place in the state in the 119-pound class with a 3-2 record at the finals. He was 43-11 this season. *Photostory by Noah Purcell*



Junior Tommy Ellsworth took sixth place in the 160-pound division. He was 3-3 on the day and finished with a 44-9 this season. Due to a quirk in the brackets, Ellsworth had the dubious honor of eliminating teammate Adam Lauzen (not pictured). Lauzen, a sophomore, went 1-2 at the state finals and pieced together a 31-17 record this season despite spending most of the year wrestling two weight classes above his actual size in the 189-pound division.



Junior Bryant Craft had a stellar season for the Wolves, compiling a 47-4 record and qualifying for states in the 152-pound weight class.



Junior Colton Tweed was 45-11 this season and made the state finals at 145-pounds.



Senior Mitch Miller qualified for states at 135-pounds. He was 29-20 this season.

## Fresh start awaits volleyball next year

The Clarkston volleyball team's season ended with a jolt on March 3 as the Wolves lost a 3-2 match to host Stoney Creek in the opening round of districts.

Though there are only three departing seniors, Clarkston Coach Kelly Avenall does not have a clear picture of next year's team.

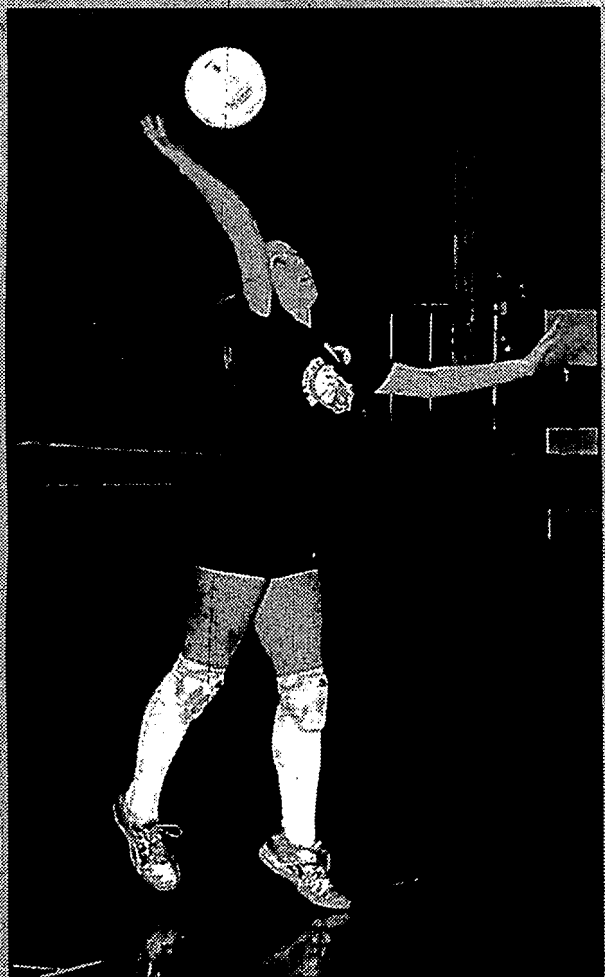
"I met with the kids and gave them a list of things to work on during the summer. I'm looking at freshman on up next year," Avenall said.

While Clarkston struggled in the OAA I this year with a 3-7 league record, the Wolves freshman and junior varsity clubs achieved measures of success.

The freshman team won their own tournament and the JV won the Fenton tournament.

The picture of next year's varsity squad should be in better focus after Avenall's skills camp. The camp begins the first week after school releases for the summer vacation.

—NOAH PURCELL



Junior Marilyn Porth could be back next year to serve up some aces for the Wolves. Photo by Noah Purcell

# Swimmers need to refill ranks

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Reporter

Archimedes might have learned something from studying the relationship between the Clarkston pool water and the boys swim team as nine of the 19 members from this year's team are seniors.

For Coach Kenwyn Chock and the Clarkston boys swim team, next season will be a return to basics.

"Next year will definitely be a rebuilding year. I'm losing nine seniors who have been a big part of the program," Chock said.

Without any qualifiers for the state finals the Wolves season came to an end at the OAA II league meet on Feb. 24. Clarkston finished fifth overall at the league meet and received strong performances from many of the departing seniors. West Bloomfield won the league title.

While senior Matt Inch finished eighth overall in the 500 freestyle at the OAA II meet, his time of 5:03.73 is a new school record.

Senior Josh Badgerow won a medal with a third place finish in the 100 backstroke, took fourth in the 100 butterfly and teamed with senior Ryan Kurre, senior Mike Nelson and freshman Robert Nelson for a fourth place finish in the 200 freestyle relay and a fifth place finish in the 200 medley relay.

Kurre also came away from the league meet with some hardware thanks to a third place finish in the 100 butterfly.

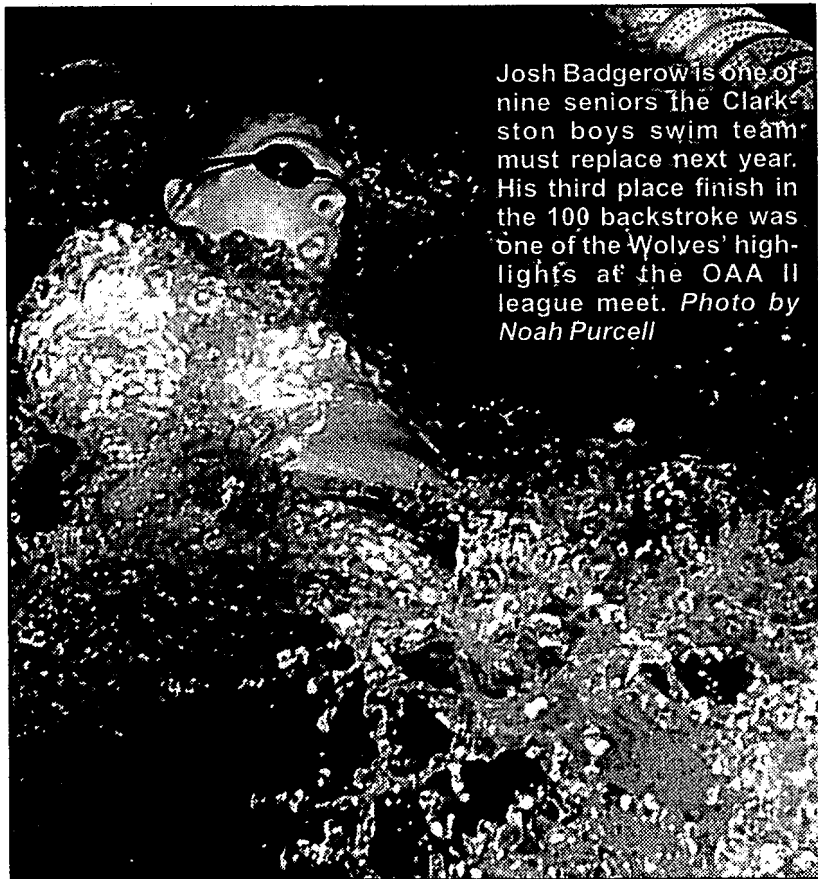
With seniors making up almost half of this year's team, Chock is happy to return an athlete like Robert Nelson, who she described as the team's best swimmer.

Individually, Robert Nelson's top fin-

ish at the OAA II meet came in the 200 IM where he took sixth place.

"The experience of swimming at OAA's helped him," Chock said.

With the high school season completed, Chock now turns her eyes to the next Clarkston Sea Wolves competitive swim team season, which begins May 1. The Sea Wolves compete in the RASL this summer and is open to swimmers from first to 12th grade. Those interested in joining the program can call Chock at 248-623-3799



Josh Badgerow is one of nine seniors the Clarkston boys swim team must replace next year. His third place finish in the 100 backstroke was one of the Wolves' highlights at the OAA II league meet. Photo by Noah Purcell



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## Districts

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Manzo said.

Lake Orion began cutting into the Clarkston lead late in the third and entered the fourth facing a 41-33 deficit. Continuing throughout the fourth quarter, the Dragons took small bites out of the Clarkston advantage and found themselves down only three points with 2:37 left in the game.

The Dragons' star sophomore Drew Maynard, saddled with foul trouble in the first half, came alive in the fourth as he scored nine of his 14 points during Lake Orion's late rally. Steady free throw shooting by the Wolves thwarted Lake Orion's best laid upset plans as Clarkston went 7-8 from the line down the stretch.

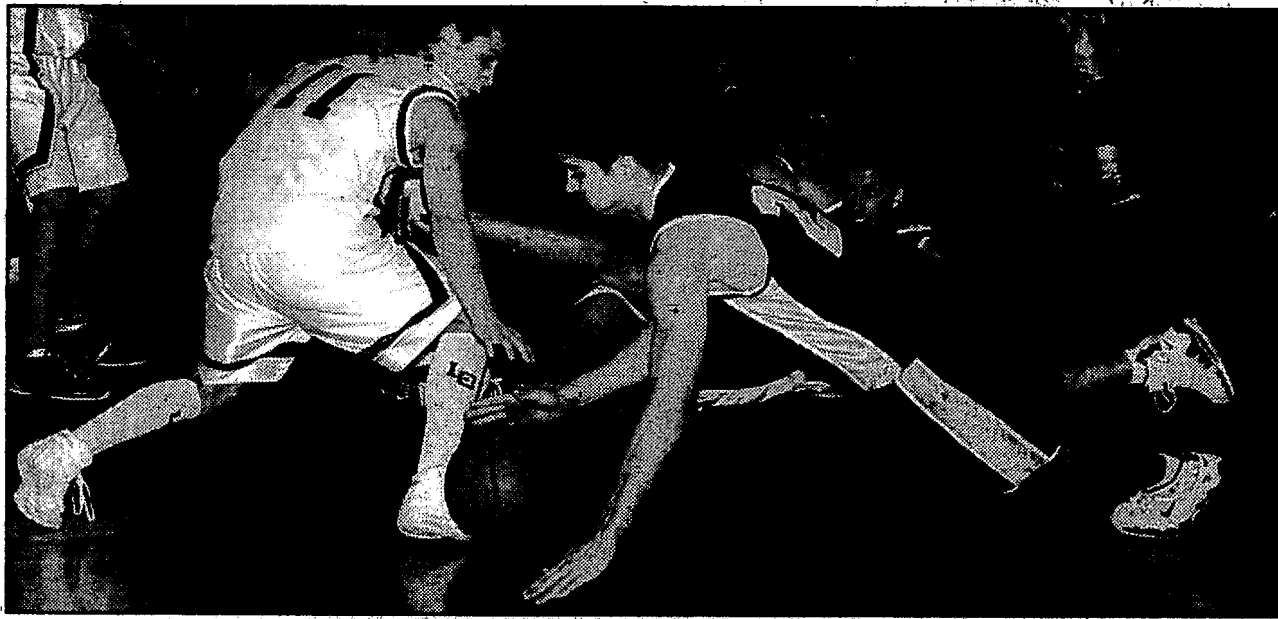
"I coached against Jim Manzo when he was a player. To see him weather the storm and get his kids to compete like that says something about what kind of coach he is," Clarkston Coach Dan Fife said.

Senior Joe Rademacher turned in a good game for Clarkston in the district clinching victory with 10 points and nine rebounds after suffering an injury in the Wolves' 77-33 destruction of Lapeer East in the district semifinal on March 8.

Sophomore Oliver Kupe led the way in the blow-out win with 19 points. Moran and junior Kevin Badgley each posted 10.

Clarkston has the honor of hosting the regional tournament this year and drew Grand Blanc in the first round. The game is scheduled for March 15 at 7 p.m.

The winner of the Clarkston-Grand Blanc matchup will face either Walled Lake Central or Macomb Dakota in the regional final on March 17 at 7 p.m. Walled Lake Central and Macomb Dakota's meeting on March 14 finished too late for this edition of *The Clarkston*

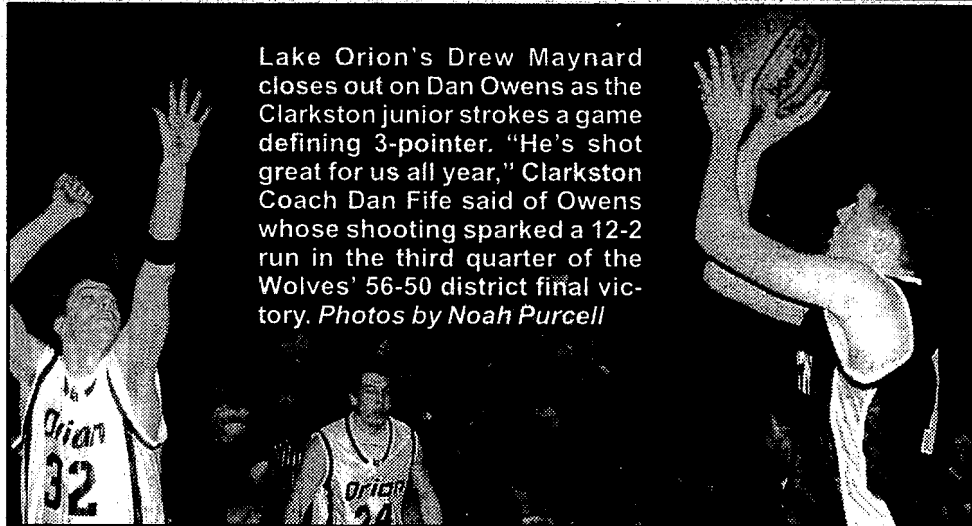


With loose balls at a premium Joe Moran hits the floor for the rock during the Clarkston-Lake Orion district final. Moran led all scorers with 17 points.

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The winner of the Clarkston regional advances to play the winner of the Midland Dow regional in a state quarterfinal matchup on March 21 at Saginaw Valley State University.

Lake Orion's Drew Maynard closes out on Dan Owens as the Clarkston junior strokes a game defining 3-pointer. "He's shot great for us all year," Clarkston Coach Dan Fife said of Owens whose shooting sparked a 12-2 run in the third quarter of the Wolves' 56-50 district final victory. Photos by Noah Purcell



## Holler if you hear me



The camouflage clad Clarkston student cheering section, known to their friends and enemies alike as "The Jungle" had all eyes on the Wolves as they strictly represented for their beloved bidders during the district finals at Lake Orion on March 10. The game set a new attendance record as 3,200 people stuffed themselves into the Lake Orion gym. "This was a great atmosphere for a high school basketball game," Clarkston Coach Dan Fife said after the game.

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Upon successful completion of the exam, students will be issued an ORV Safety Certificate. The class is taught by Sgt. Tom Wanles, a certified instructor.

The ORV safety class is open to ages 12 and older, parents are encouraged to participate. Cost is \$15 for residents and \$17 for non-residents. Call ITP&R at 248-625-8223 for more information.

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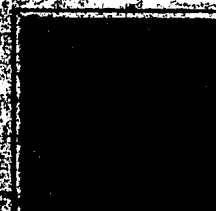
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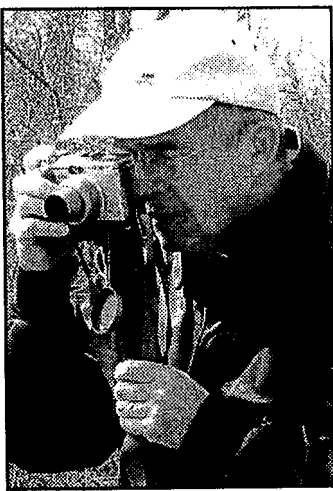
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In the future, Meyland plans to continue shooting Great Lakes vessels, which he generally does about four days a week during much of the shipping season from April to June.

In between trips, Meyland enjoys photographing local scenes and nature. He also sometimes takes photos for the SCAMP 5K Run held every year in Clarkston.

"I try to go by the adage, 'Take a picture a day,'" said Meyland. "There's always something interesting in the village, if you look."

Meyland's photo on the billboard can also be seen at [www.achesonventures.com](http://www.achesonventures.com).



## Trucks

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This truck costs approximately \$448,762.

Ronk said the department has a portion of the money already and that payments for the trucks are budgeted for in 2006. He could not provide exact monthly payments without a definitive financial plan in place, but acknowledged Pierce has payment plans of three and five years.

"We expect to have these trucks for fifteen years," said Ronk.

## Senior Center

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Also, the language needs to be very specific to the senior center, not to parks and recreation.

"We need more than enough to do the job, but not so much that we overshoot. I want to caution us at building too much into this proposal."

Trustee Dan Travis agreed to keeping the bond issue and millage proposal for senior center use only.

"I'm glad to see this language finally," said Travis. "I know the timing is short and hypercritical."

Supervisor Dave Wagner said the township's bond attorney advised against making the scope of the bond issue and millage too narrow. Both he and Treasurer

# Nominations sought for annual Community Awards

Do you know someone who gives their all year after year to the Clarkston community?

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Or is there a group in the area that simply made Clarkston a better place to live?

Then now is the time to tell those individuals and groups how much you appreciate their time, commitment and work.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting nominations for the Michigan Week Community Awards 2006. This annual event is scheduled for May 17 from 7-9 p.m. in the Clarkston Junior High School Auditorium.

The event honors the top individuals in the Clarkston area—Independence Township, City of Clarkston and Springfield Township—in eight categories:

• **Citizen of the Year:** an individual who gives his/her time, energy and talents to improve our community. Qualifying activities do not have to be exclusively volunteer in nature.

• **Young Person of the Year:** Young person, 18 and under, who give his/her time, energy and talents to improve our community. Qualifying activities do not have to be exclusively volunteer in nature.

• **Adult-Youth Volunteer:** Individual who gives their time, energy and talents, in a volunteer capacity, to help area young people. This award seeks to recognize individuals who provide ongoing volunteer efforts for youth in our community. Only volunteer activities qualify.

• **Business Person of the Year:** Local business person who contributes to the community making this a better community in which to live and do business. Qualifying activities do not have to be exclusively volunteer in nature.

• **Community Preservation:** Individual, group or business that made a significant contribution to-

wards the preservation of our historical community. Qualifying activities do not have to be volunteer in nature.

• **Community Beautification:** Individual, group or business that made a significant improvement to the appearance of the Clarkston community.

• **Community Enhancement:** This award recognizes a group, club or service organization's year-long efforts to enhance the quality of the community in the Clarkston Area.

• **Community Collaboration (Team Effort):** This award recognizes a collaborative effort by two or more individuals, groups, clubs or organizations to improve and enhance the Clarkston community. Efforts do not have to be exclusively volunteer in nature. "Organizations" is defined broadly, including businesses, government agencies and schools.

There are a few guidelines for nominating in these categories:

— Previous recipients in an award category may not be nominated for the same effort for which they were previously recognized.

— Anonymous nominations are not considered.

— Multiple nominations for a person or group do not affect the selection committee's decision. A single nomination is considered just as carefully as 50 duplicate nominations.

— Nominators are not asked to make public presentations.

All nominees are invited to attend the awards. Those selected for recognition are notified prior to the event. The presentations are not surprises.

Also, courtesy of the event's corporate sponsor Oxford Bank, all award recipients receive two free tickets for the evening.

For more information or to receive a nomination form, please call the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce at 248-625-8055. Nominations can also be made online at [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org).

Please reserve tickets for this event by May 17. The cost is \$10 per person or 10 tickets for \$75. Please call the chamber to reserve your seats today.

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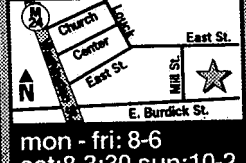
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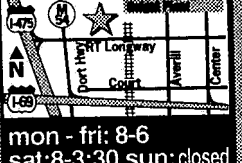
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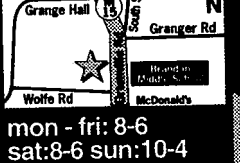
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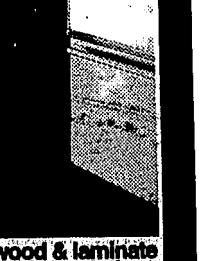
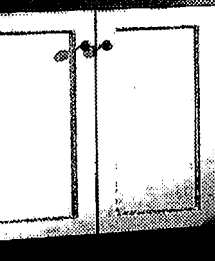
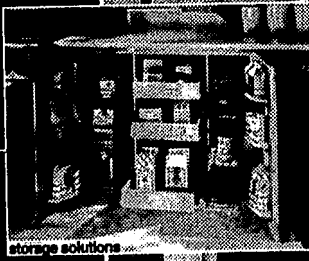
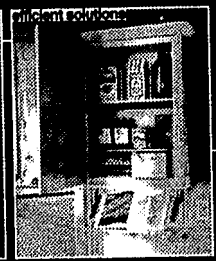
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# Home intruder sentenced

BY JAMES MARTINEZ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A man who entered a Clarkston home and attacked a woman in December plead no contest to one count of second degree home invasion on Feb. 16.

Rogelio Lopez Medina, 18, was sentenced to one year in jail with credit for 76 days served in 6th Circuit Court before Judge Steven Andrews. He was also charged with court fees and fines.

The charge stemmed from an incident on Dec. 21 when a Clarkston resident found Medina in her home on E. Washington Street.

According to police reports, the woman was dropped home around 1 a.m. After hearing noises, the woman called out thinking they were caused by her son. Getting no response, she checked his room and found her son asleep. The woman then left the house to move her car.

Upon reentering the house, she heard someone walking and grabbed a wine bottle before walking through the house to investigate. As she left the kitchen, she encountered Medina wearing all black and a struggle ensued.

Police reports state the son woke up came downstairs and began wrestling with Medina. The woman hit Medina over the head with the wine bottle and the pair forced him from the home before calling 911.

Medina, an undocumented person from Mexico, had no known criminal record prior to the incident. He was arraigned on Dec. 21 before Judge Kelley Kostin in 52-2 District Court before the case was bound over to Circuit Court with the plea coming at the Feb. 16 exam.

## Letters

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can read at home. There are no athletic facilities. The dining accommodations are inadequate and antiquated. And the office and administrative areas are cramped and cluttered.

We have, in the years that have flown by, compromised our standards and we have been rebuffed by those in our township who don't agree that our seniors, who have funded the magnificent schools in our district through their tax dollars, are worth the investment of a new senior building.

We have bowed to the opponents of previous proposals who argue that:

• We don't need facilities to entertain, educate and inform our growing

senior population, a segment that the detractors will have us believe doesn't need further nourishment of body and spirit.

• We don't need to make it possible for handicapped people in our society to be actively involved in community activities.

• We have not kept pace with surrounding areas, where their seniors are provided with decent facilities whose roofs don't leak, filling the basements with water.

Let me suggest that we have waited long enough. It's time we got on with the project and did the right thing for our seniors. Let's not let another 30 years go by.

Harry Knitter  
Independence Township

# Thanks for making Japan student's trip a success

Dear Editor,

Recently, my family served as a host family to a young woman from Japan. Her name was Megumi Kawaski.

The past two weeks we spent with her were wonderful. As quietly as she bowed into our lives, she bowed out on Saturday.

I would like to thank Forrest Milzow and Teri Bendes for opening up Deer Lake Athletic Club to us. She was able to play tennis with a pro and swim in their one-of-a-kind indoor, glass enclosed heated pool.

Also, I would like to thank Andy and

Ed at Pete's Coney Island II. They served up a traditional, all-American coney hot dog. Meg loved it!

If anyone would like to be a part of this life changing experience, I strongly recommend that you do it. They are really not any different than we are.

Meg's spirit of silent grace and respect will forever stay with us. Thank you to Barbara Rise, Sensei at Clarkston High School, for once again giving us this opportunity to grow as a family.

Joy Vander Weel  
Springfield Township



Trisha and Katarina Rea with the crew from MTV, Chris, Brooke, Travis and Michelle. Photo provided

tally used me for publicity," Rea said, saying the pageant was switched to a large theater and made into a huge production. "They treated me like crap. All they would talk about was 'MTV is here to watch our pageant,' and Hailey, the girl who won, made signs saying 'MTV loves Hailey' like it was her show."

For participating, Rea was invited to the Music Video Awards, which take place in August. Since filming stopped, Rea said she has received non-stop attention from multiple media sources. She may have lost the pageant, but she said she gained some perceptive on her friends and made some news ones.

"I made best friends with (Michelle) the producer and I'm going out to visit her this summer," Rea said. "The crew became part of the family because they did everything with us."

Rea is still looking for new auditions, whether they are for modeling or television jobs, she hopes to work her way into the world of entertainment. Rea was frustrated by the whole process, but said if given the chance she would do another reality TV show. Even if reality-TV does not open the door for her to get where she wants, Rea said she plans to get there on her own.

Rea does plan to attend Oakland Community College in May, but is hoping to transfer shortly.

"Hopefully, I want to go to a really good art school. I really want to go to the Art Institute of Chicago for the performing arts," Rea said. "I want to get into the entertainment business, I don't care where."

## Rea

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Rea found the experience exasperating, not only because of the constant filming, but also the repetitive nature of "reality."

"We had to repeat everything," Rea said.

"If we spoke off the camera for a few minutes, they would say, 'Save that conversation!'" said Trisha Rea, Katarina's mom.

Trisha added the crew made suggestions for things for them to say on camera. "It's not necessarily complete reality."

"They made me sound like such a brat," Rea said, describing how she was given lines to read for a voice-over introduction that is supposed to play at the beginning of her episode. "They make you out to be this very... aggressive person. But at the same time they make you mad. They start drama between me and my mom. They'd start drama for the show," Rea said.

"They made her get on the scale everyday and they made me tell her to get on the scale every day and that's something I would never do to her," Trisha said. "But they made me do it and then

she'd get mad at me and then she'd cry and then I'd cry because she got mad at me."

(Skip this paragraph if you do not want to know the show's outcome) In the end, Rea said she lost the Miss Michigan Teen Galaxy Pageant after "a lot of drama" that she attributed to the cameras being there.

"A lot of people were upset about it and thought that if I were to place or win it would look fixed," Rea said.

Regardless, Rea is continuing to international level of competition in July under an honorary title.

In addition to thinking the pageant was rigged, Rea said once word circulated that MTV was following her to the competition, the entire pageant was changed around and made into a bigger production. According to Rea, the eight-person pageant was originally scheduled to take place in a high school in Bay City on Feb. 18 with no special introductions or grand performances, but that all changed once the pageant organizers knew MTV was coming.

"When they found out MTV was coming, they to-

Rea said she wanted to work in entertainment ever since she was little. Having been home schooled, she said she never had goals like other children and her mother always supported her desire to work in entertainment.

Trisha, who produces beauty pageants, also works as her daughter's manager and said she always expected her to make her way onto television.

"She always said 'I'm going to be famous,' and I've always said 'I'm going to help you get there,' so I'm her support system and that's not going to change," Trisha said.

For now, until Hollywood calls, Rea lives in Clarkston with her parents, Scott and Trisha, and her four brothers - Carter, Conrad, Austin, and A.J.

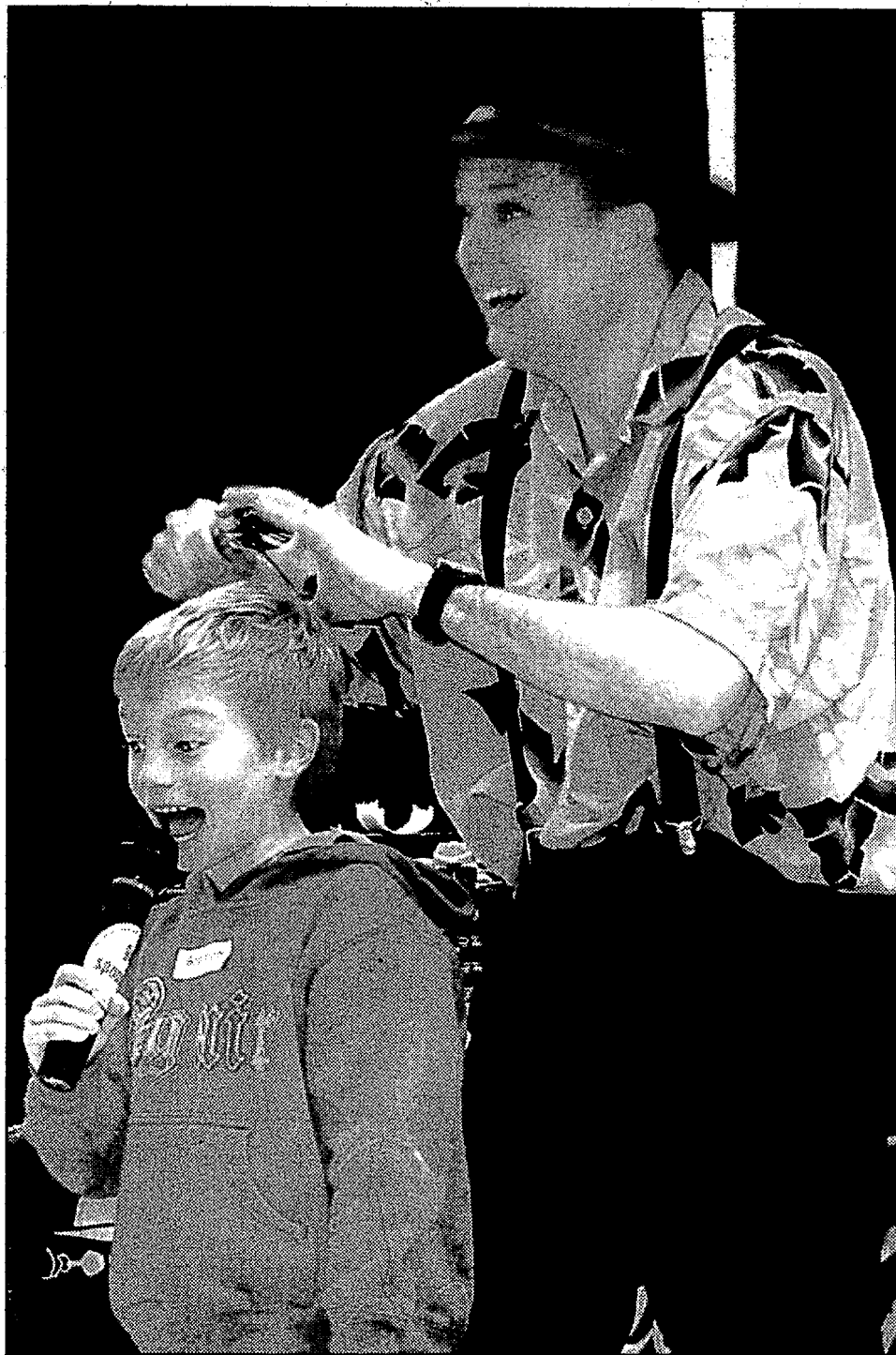
## Spoonman helps catch the rhythm of reading



Creger's reaction to his new set of pigtails even had Cruise smirking.



To end the show, Cruise donned his own wig and hat and played off the hands of everyone in the audience.



The Spoonman, a.k.a. Jim Cruise, came to Pine Knob Elementary on March 10 to have some fun and talk to the students about why reading is so important. Cruise is a professional spoon player, and entertained the students with his unique style of musical performance. Pictured above, second-grader Brennan Yea bravely volunteered to become part of the show.



Cruise formed his own hillbilly band with Billy Bob (first grade teacher Ms. Birkett), Billy Bert (second-grader Logan Greger) and Billy Squirt (kindergartner Carissa Ludwig).





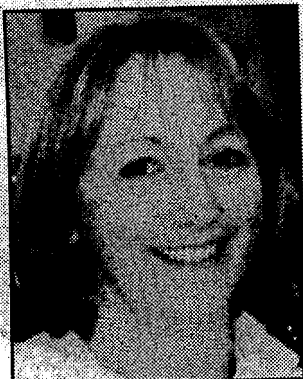
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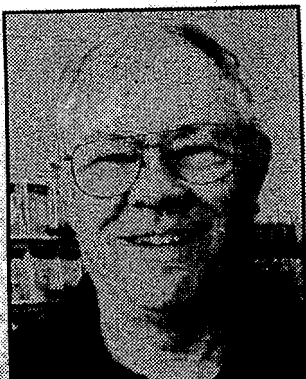
"I think I'm for more of an expansion. There are so many businesses on Sashabaw that we need better traffic flow."

— Rita Timulak



"At this point, no. But if they put in a hospital, I would think they would have to."

— Coleen Merte



"I would say yes to a four-lane north of I-75. I think it would improve traffic flow."

— Ken Ermer



"If they did it north of I-75, I think it would be feasible, but anywhere between 75 and Maybelle, I don't see how they could do that."

— Jennifer McMurray

*By Andrew DuPont*

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Katie Townsend and Katarina Rea relax at Ruby Tuesday's, one of several local businesses they visited while MTV Camera crews followed Rea through Clarkston. Photo by Jenny Matteson

## Following the trail of reality TV

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A lot happens in the village of Clarkston, but rarely do events capture the attention of a nationwide audience.

So I experienced mild surprise when I took a call in late January from Debbie Denton, advertising sales representative for *The Clarkston News*, saying that a camera crew from MTV had arrived at Lorenzo's Italian Cuisine on Dixie Highway and started filming.

Curious to see why the cable company primarily geared towards teenagers was filming at a fancy restaurant like Lorenzo's, I grabbed my camera and notebook and took off.

Sure enough, upon arrival I found three camera operators circling around a young girl, who I later learned was Katarina Rea of Clarkston. She was trying to eat a meal with another woman.

As the camera operators worked to capture every possible angle, a producer instructed the wait staff on the timing of food delivery and setup several reenactments until the moment was properly filmed.

When the cameras were briefly turned off, I approached a producer about getting a moment of Rea's time. I was told I

could not speak to her or write a story about her unless I got permission from MTV.

I discovered the crew was filming one of eight possible episodes for a series called "Tiara Girls" that would chronicle the daily lives of teenagers preparing for beauty pageants.

Unbeknownst to me at the time, the show was not necessarily going to be produced, so the production team was apprehensive about

**"This is kind of funny... I didn't think *The Clarkston News* would be doing a story on MTV being here,"**

— Nicole Mendez  
Wait Staff, Mr. B's

media coverage before they knew if the show would air.

Two weeks ago, the show was given a green light for production and I was able to sit down and talk with Rea about her experiences. In the six weeks MTV tailed her, Rea visited several locations throughout Clarkston. Whether or not she wanted to, her presence caused a stir in several locations.

I sat down with employees from the four local businesses MTV visited during their stay in Clarkston: Lorenzo's Italian Cuisine, ImageSun Tanning, Mr. B's and Ruby Tuesdays.

Heather Karl, manager of ImageSun Tanning, said Katarina is a regular customer and the two are on friendly terms with one another. Rea let Karl know ahead of time she planned on coming in, but that she wouldn't be alone.

Despite being a few hours behind schedule, Karl said the MTV crew was very nice and made an effort to keep her updated. Karl laughed slightly as she recalled her first encounter with reality TV.

"They had to tape record her five times coming in... and there were three people with cameras in my face and behind me," Karl said.

She added that she was asked to repeat a sales pitch to Rea three times on cam-

era. Karl also mentioned how the crew walked around and videotaped everything, including a wall display for extended periods of time.

"While she was in the tanning bed, they taped all the rooms, which was kind of weird to me... and one guy tape-recorded the locations," Karl said.

Karl said she was not a fan of MTV or reality TV before the visit, and she is not going to start now. But she did say she

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# Around Town

**U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers' 8th District office staff** will meet with area residents on March 20 from 9-11 a.m. at the Independence Township Hall. The remainder of the afternoon, the staff will visit with business owners and managers in the community.

To contact the 8th District Office, call 1-877-333-MIKE or e-mail Rogers through [www.house.gov/mikerogers](http://www.house.gov/mikerogers).

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During Springfield Township Library's 4th Birthday Celebration the week of March 20-25, a **Family Storytime** is scheduled on March 21 at 7 p.m. Pajama attire welcome!

The book being discussed is "Bedtime with the Bedhogs."

For more information on the storytime or the library's Birthday Celebration, please call 248-846-6550.

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Houston Fitness is sponsoring a **Health Fair** at Deer Lake Banquet Center on March 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event includes health tests, screenings and mini-seminars presented by medical staff and health professionals. Several local businesses will be on-hand to demonstrate products and services.

Testing available for the day includes body composition and BMI; hearing; bone density; cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure; and vision and glaucoma screening.

The registration fee is \$25 per participant. Space is limited to please register early. Registration at the door as available.

For more information or to register, call 248-625-8686.

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There's always something new at the **Independence Township Library**:

• Join in the fun during **Family Book and Movie Night** on March 22 at 6:30 p.m. This month features "The Secret Garden."

Read the book with your family and then join us for the movie. After the show, we compare the book to the movie and talk about our favorite characters. Popcorn

and drinks provided.

The event is open to families with children ages 6-12.

For more information or to register for these great events, please call 248-625-2212 or stop by the library located on Clarkston Road.

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The Clarkston Rotary Club invites everyone to enjoy the **"Taste of Spring" Wine Tasting Gala** on March 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club.

The event features award winning Michigan wines and appetizers presented by Oakhurst Golf and Country Club.

The cost is \$40 per person with pre-sale and \$50 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Clarkston Rotary's community projects.

To order tickets, contact your local Rotarian or call Jeff Lichty at 248-625-4244 or Joel DeLong at 248-625-9741. Tickets are also available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, please call 248-625-8055.

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The Oakland County Sportsman's Club is hosting an **All-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner** fundraiser for Brianna Gohlke and Kelsey Thams, two of Clarkston's People to People Student Ambassadors.

The dinner takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on March 28. Dinner costs \$6 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. All proceeds from the event go towards the students' ambassador funds that will take them to New Zealand and Australia this summer.

For more information contact the OCSC at 248-623-0444.

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Springfield Township and Comcast Cable will award **college scholarships** in the amounts of \$500 and \$1,000.

Recipients must be high school seniors who are residents of Springfield Township. Preference is given to students who have volunteered time and talent in the high school or the community.

For applications, see the Clarkston High School counseling office or stop by the Springfield Township Library on Davisburg Road.

The deadline for applications is March 31.

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The **Independence Township Senior Center** has several upcoming events:

• Haven't played **Scabble, cards and games** since you were a kid?

Then reclaim your childhood at 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Get those brain cells going and enjoy some companionship on these cold winter afternoons.

• The **"Optimistics,"** the center's low vision support group, is visiting the Oakland County Library for the Visually Impaired on March 22 at 10 a.m.

Lunch is on your own at Big Boys and the center will provide mini-bus transportation.

For reservations, call Karen at the center at ex

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## An expensive looking ribbon...

Comerica held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new Sashabaw-Clarkston Banking center on March 7. The ribbon of money was symbolic of the \$500 donations made to Clarkston SCAMP and Clarkston Branch Lighthouse Emergency Services in celebration of the event. On hand were Chris Scott, district manager for Comerica's North-Oakland-North region of banking centers; Charise Parker, vice president and officer-in-charge; Connie Beck, executive vice president of the retail bank; Michael Aust, senior vice president and national retail banking director; George Richards, senior vice president and regional manager for the southeast Michigan retail banking region; and Nancy Zimmerman, first vice president and regional manager for the North Oakland-North region. Photo provided.



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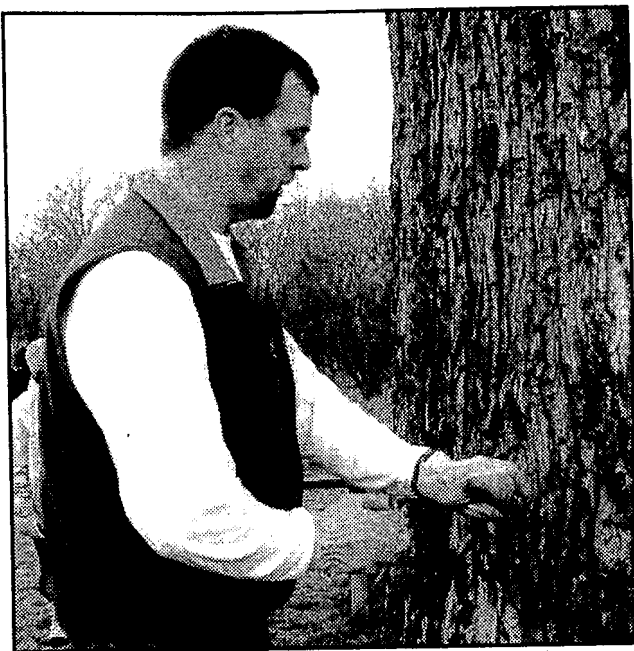
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# Tappin' and Sappin'

Photos by James Martinez



Volunteer Aaron Jeffery drills a hole into the tree, prior to placing the tap. Photo by James Martinez



Cassidy Van Gilder, 7, of Davisburg holds the sap bucket prior to the demonstration. Also pictured is Katelyn Beauregard.



Springfield Township Parks and Rec Director Jennifer Tucker leads jumping jacks to stay warm during the presentation.



Springfield Township Parks and Rec hosted "Sap to Syrup" on March 11 at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve Pavillion and Hart Community Center. Participants learned about the sap and saw how to extract it from a Red Maple on site. A pancake breakfast followed the event. Above, Davisburg's Jonathon Accorsi, 5, and Garrett Van Gilder, 4, gaze into the bucket collecting the sap.

## Everest Academy, building a tradition of excellence in private, Catholic education

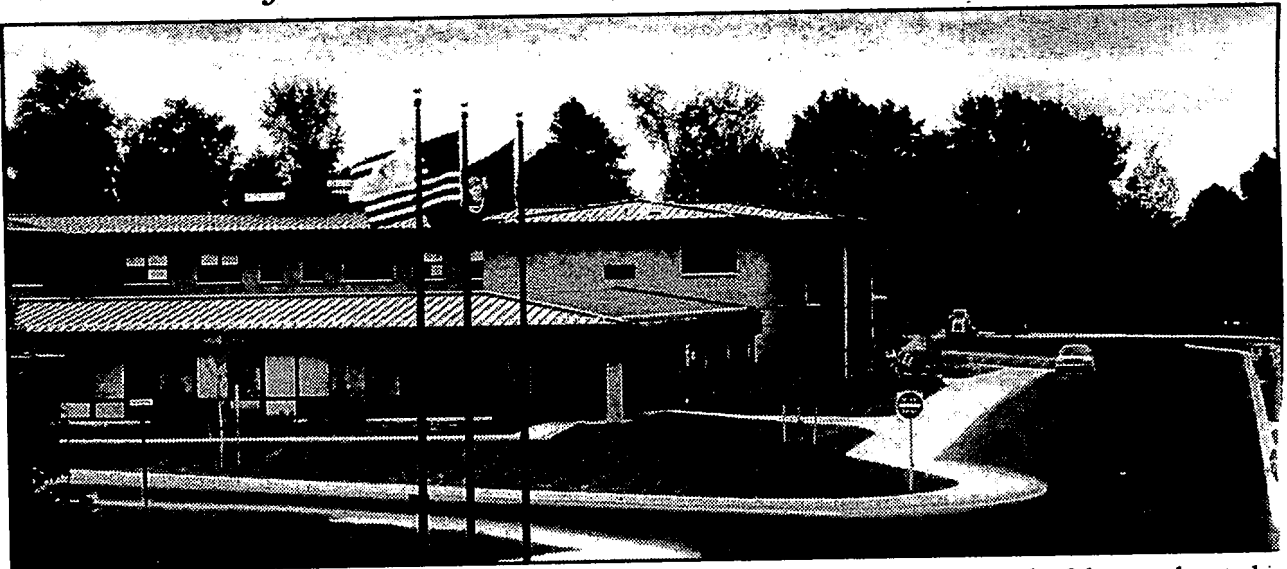
Everest Academy achieves excellence through Integral Formation, the model of education developed by the Legionaries of Christ. Integral Formation is the balanced development of all dimensions of the human person. In this Legionary education method, we focus on the following four dimensions: intellectual formation, character formation, spiritual formation, and service to others.

Intellectual Formation develops a lifelong love for learning and truth. Personal attention maximizes learning with high academic standards and phonics-based reading, along with math, science and foreign language studies, which further prepares students for higher education and professional careers. Essential components of the academics includes effective study habits, critical thinking, decision-making and communication skills. Principal, Jeff Mazur added, "Our teachers not only provide instruction and knowledge, they help to form the intellect, foster an enthusiasm for learning and acquire a desire for the truth."

Spiritual Formation helps students develop a personal relationship with Christ, a deep understanding of the Faith and a life of grace and participation in the Sacramental life of the Church. Students engage in the conscious pursuit of many virtues through monthly campaigns. "We admire the advances in technology and learning that our culture has produced and we firmly believe that this progress will bear fruit for humanity to the extent that our moral knowledge matures at the same pace. The spiritual formation offered at Everest helps students to reach that maturity," commented Fr. Daniel Pajerski LC, Director of the Boys' School.

Character Formation cultivates the skills necessary for authentic Christian life. Appropriate behaviors are formed through in depth knowledge of each child, discipline and formation of the will. "Our staff and parents work together to form the character of our children through monthly virtue campaigns, leadership workshops, formative clubs and exceptional role models in our teachers" explained Miss Patricia Cantu, Directress of the Elementary and Girls' School.

Service to Others helps students reach out to soci-



ety with a conviction to live according to Christian ideals. With leadership, teamwork, initiative and perseverance, students gain social awareness, a practical understanding of service and a desire to contribute to the community and the mission of the Universal Church. Richard Cross, Assistant Director of the Boys' School explained, "We want to make sure these students go out into society and have an active role as strong Christian leaders in whatever field they choose. We believe that strong morals and values have to become a part of the child at a very young age."

This independent Catholic school is in its 14th academic year and offers three separate programs: Elementary School, Girls' School and Boys' School as well as small international boarding programs for both boys and girls in middle school. The Elementary School includes preschool through 2nd grade, in a co-educational environment. In the preschool program (ages 3 and 4), small classes and caring teachers, promote an atmosphere of learning, wherein students become acquainted with an array of academic subjects. In Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, excellence in reading and writing are a priority. The phonics-based language arts program develops these strong reading skills

Girls and boys in grades 3rd - 8th are educated in two distinct schools each teaching methods and curriculum content designed to respond to the needs of each. Gender specific education is a growing trend in schools across America and around the world. Classrooms that accommodate the differences in cognitive social and development growth rates of girls and boys have students that consistently show higher test scores and greater academic and social achievements.

Everest Academy offers intramural sports for students in Kindergarten through 4th grades and has a tradition of strong teams throughout the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) athletic leagues for both boys and girls in 5th through 8th grades.

Everest Academy believes that Integral Formation is the key formula for children who are destined to become mature, confident leaders who are prepared to build successful careers, marriages, families and communities.

Everest Academy is located at 5935 Clarkston Road in Clarkston. You can visit them online at [www.everestacademy.org](http://www.everestacademy.org) or contact Mrs. Maura Plante, Director of Admissions for a personal tour at 248-241-9012.

## Milestones

### Hillman-Richard to wed



Penney Hillman and Dan Richards are pleased to announce their recent engagement.

Hillman, of Clarkston, is the daughter of Malvern and Wanona Hillman of

Clarkston.

Richards, of Lake Orion, is the son of David and Gladys Richards of Oxford.

An April 2006 wedding is planned.

### Nemer-Duffy to wed



Mr. and Mrs. Alex Nemer, of Ortonville, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Christopher George Duffy, son of Mr. Kenneth Duffy and Ms. Jeri

Duffy of Tucson, Arizona.

A May 2006 wedding is planned at East Coast Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

### Students achieve success

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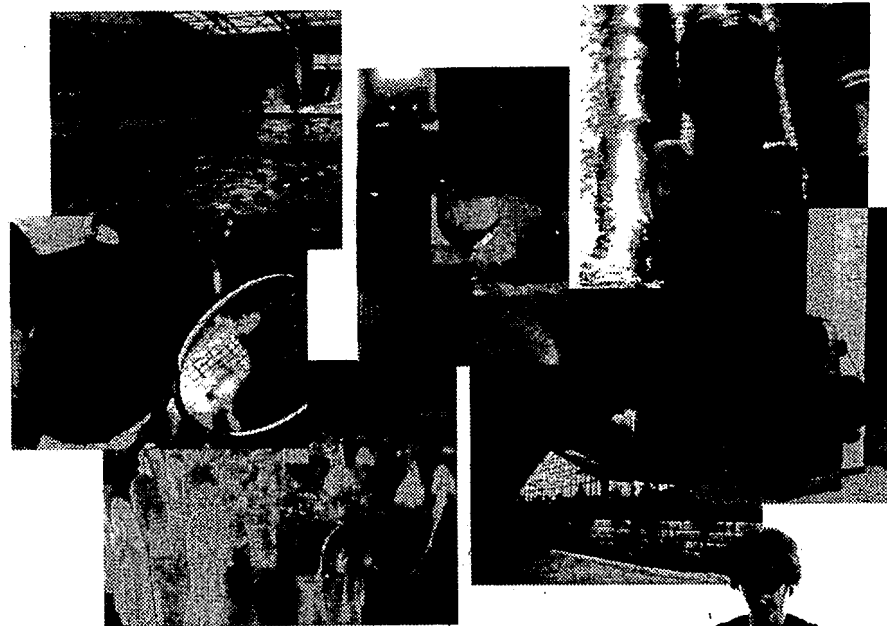
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# Religion

## The Jesus I never knew

Several years ago, Philip Yancy wrote a book called "The Jesus I Never Knew." It was a good read. It got me thinking...here I am a pastor. I've studied the Bible a lot and teach from it every Sunday. But really, how well do I know Jesus? And isn't it a bit arrogant to say, "I know Jesus, implying that maybe you don't?"

We live in a pluralistic culture. That's a fact. More importantly, we live in a culture that increasingly demands pluralism. Pluralism is a mindset that says there is no one right faith. No one right way. There are many paths to God, however you may conceive of him/her/it. The moment you even get near to making an exclusive claim, people begin to shout, "You're narrow minded! You're arrogant!"

Which brings me back to Jesus. Who was he, really? Assuming that the Gospels are even close to accurate (and I believe there's plenty of evidence to support that), take a look at the things Jesus said, "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me... whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." He also said things like, "I am the bread of life... I am the light of the world... I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

Jesus went around forgiving sins. He accepted worship. If you do me wrong, it's proper for me say, "I forgive you." But if I just go around forgiving everybody, people will say, "Who is that guy? Who does he think he is, going around forgiving sins? That guy

is nuts!" Jesus claimed that people would spend eternity in heaven or hell, depending on how they responded to him. He said, "I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me."

As you read the Gospels carefully, to follow Jesus is to follow God. To reject Jesus is to reject God. To see Jesus is to see God. I have been a pastor at my church here in Clarkston for almost 12 years. I love my people and they love me. We know and respect each other quite well. But I guarantee you, if I started talking like Jesus talked, they would have a U-Haul in my driveway faster than the Lions run through head coaches.

Let's be clear. Jesus was *not* the wimpy Mr. Rogers guy we often conceive him to be (although Jesus did love kids). Jesus challenged people to change their ways and to follow him. In fact, he claimed to be the center of God's plan for the ages. Jesus was exclusive. He claimed to be *exclusively* Lord, *exclusively* Savior and the *only* way to the Father. That's why they crucified him.

So I've had to ask myself all over again. Was Jesus a nutty, narrow-minded, arrogant man? If so, I'll gladly pack up my own U-Haul and try out for the PGA Tour (yeah right!). But if Jesus was and is the Lord God in human flesh, then following him and influencing others to follow him is not arrogant. It is not narrow-minded. It's the only reasonable thing to do.

(For Bible references, see Matthew 10; John 3, 6; Matthew 5-7; John 14)

(Greg Henneman is pastor at Clarkston Community Church.)

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

## In our churches...

Clarkston United Methodist Church invites you to an intergenerational dinner and program during Lent. "Talking with God 2" is on March 21 from 6:15 - 8 p.m. in CUMC's Fellowship Hall. Dinner is available followed by programs for children, youth and adults. For reservations or more info, call 248-625-1611 or email cwyatt@clarkstonumc.org. CUMC is located at 6600 Waldon Road.

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St. Daniel Catholic Church is hosting "Spiritual Direction Retreat" starting now until a closing meeting on April 2. A team of spiritual directors will lead the weekly, individual retreats meant to deepen your life of prayer. Space is limited. There is no charge. For more info, contact the St. Daniel Faith Formation Office or Mary Schulte at 248-625-8366. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park.

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The Davisburg Mass Station hosts "Couple Prayer Series" on six consecutive Saturdays in Lent now to April 8 from 6-8 p.m. Mass is beforehand at 5 p.m. The series costs \$55 per couple. Info and registration form available at [www.coupleprayer.org](http://www.coupleprayer.org). The event is held at Davisburg Elementary School on 12003 Davisburg Road.

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St. Daniel Catholic Church hosts several events in March. Scripture study is on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and evening prayer at 7 p.m., followed by brief presentations on the passion stories of the four Gospels. On Wednesdays, dinner at 6 p.m. followed by presentations/discussions for adults and learning activities on same theme for children. Presentation topics are as

Please see In Our Churches, page 12B

## Church Directory

### THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
(248) 394-0200  
Rev. Martin Hall  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am  
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am  
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### ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston  
(W. of M-15, S. of I-75) 625-4580  
Rev. Christopher Maus  
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Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Religious Education: 625-1750  
Mother's Group, RCIA,  
Scripture Study, Youth Group

### HOLLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

207 E. Maple Street Holly, MI. 48442  
248-634-9494  
website: <http://www.hollypc.org>  
Rev. Dr. Herb Swanson  
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No Sunday School  
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Worship: 10:00-11:00 am  
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### ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Clarkston, MI 48348  
(248) 625-4644  
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### DAVISBURG CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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website: [davisburgmass.org](http://davisburgmass.org)

### SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5800 Maybee Road, Clarkston  
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### CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road,  
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& Adult Bible Fellowship  
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6:00 pm Evening Worship Service  
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Children's Ministry  
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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 451  
Clarkston, MI 48347  
Office Phone: (248) 922-3515  
Sunday Morning Phone: (248) 425-4279  
Website: [www.northoakschurch.org](http://www.northoakschurch.org)  
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5:00 pm Choir Practice  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
Mon: 6:30 pm Awana  
Wed: 10:00 am Morning Prayer Partners  
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248-625-2325

### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road  
Clarkston (248) 625-1323  
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Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson, Dan Whiting  
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School of Discipleship 11:00 am  
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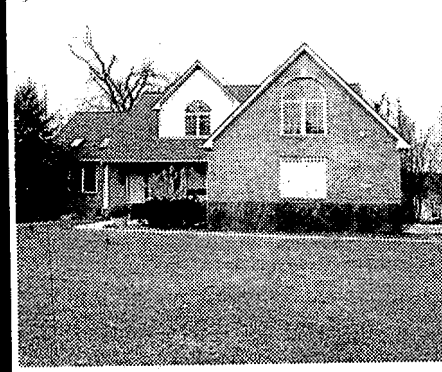


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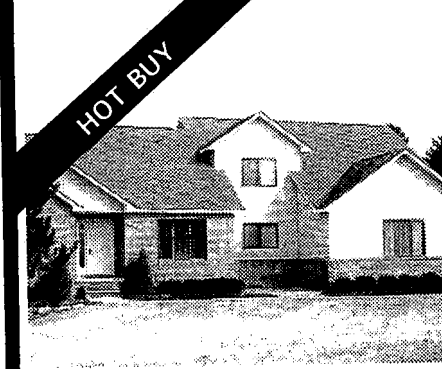
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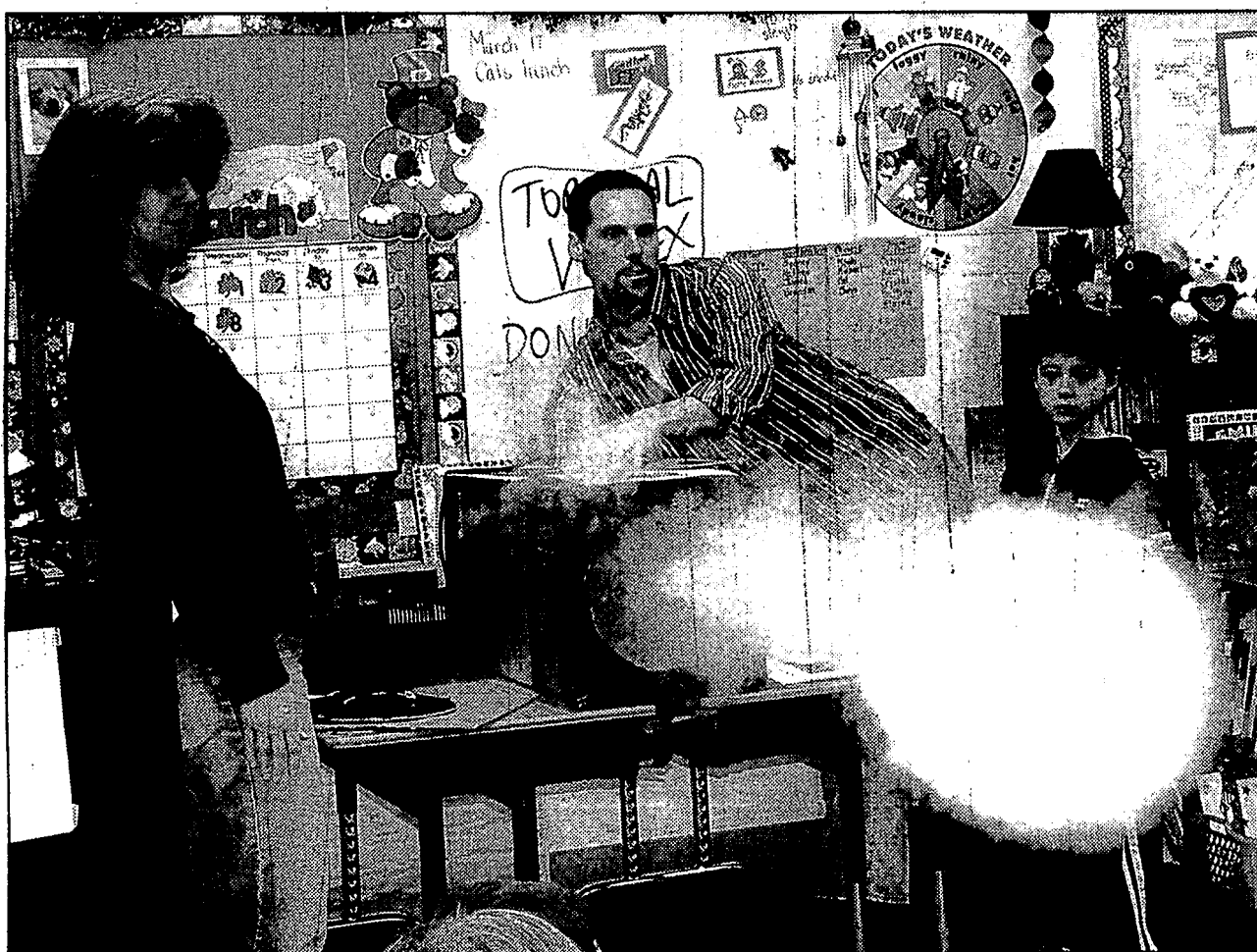
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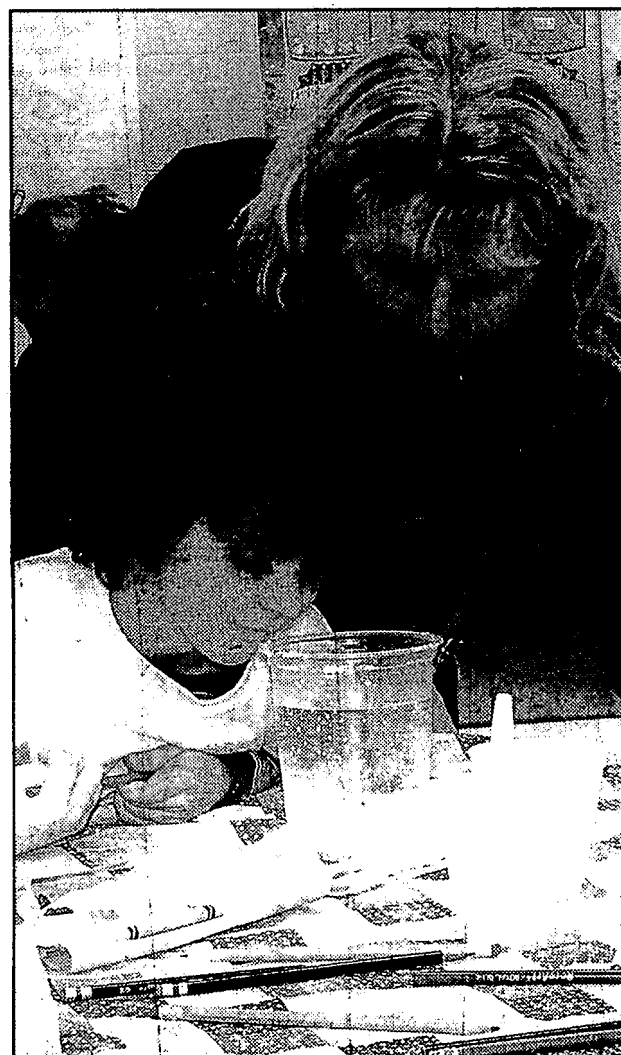
# Fun with science at North Sashabaw

Photos by Andrew DuPont

Rob Mies from the Organization for Bat Conservation at Cranbrook Institute of Science visited North Sashabaw on March 9 as part of the school's Science Day. Mies showed the students several nocturnal animals, including a great horned owl.



Dan Gregory wowed students with a smoke machine while demonstrating the properties of air.



Janice Defrayne helps Nick Terry with an experiment in flotation.

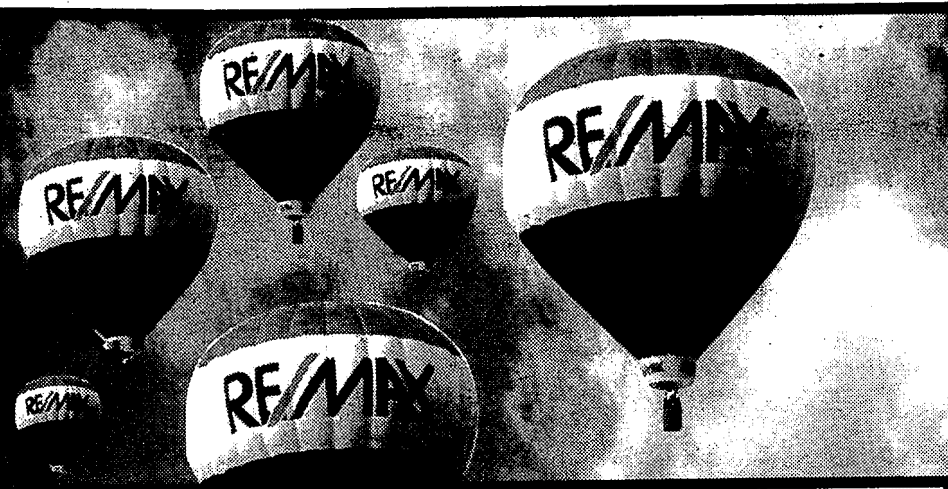


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## Reality

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would watch the episode even if she is only on screen for 30 seconds. Her only major concern seemed to be her bosses watching the show.

"I know corporate is going to watch it, all the big people who control my job, so I better have done it good," she joked.

Lorenzo said he had very short notice to prepare for the crew's visit, and everyone ended up staying for nearly three hours. He said he did not mind the crew's presence in his restaurant, but being caught off guard he asked them to wait and allow him to decorate the tables for dinner even though it was lunch time.

Not wanting his other customers to wonder why only one table was decorated, Lorenzo decided to layout dinner arrangements on every table, and the MTV crew volunteered to help.

"I had to make it look good in the dining room with table clothes and they helped me set it up," Lorenzo said. "Usually we are closed between three and four to do that."

Besides the initial shock, Lorenzo said the rest of the visit seemed natural to him and there were only minor disturbances to his normal business.

"I couldn't put the music on... I don't know. It doesn't make good background," he said.

"It was kind of bad," he said, remarking that he did not want his regular customers to get treated unfairly because of one special guest. No customers complained though.

Nicole Mendez, a wait staff member at Mr. B's, seemed surprised I was even interested in hearing about what happened there.

"This is kind of funny... I didn't think *The Clarkston News* would be doing a story on MTV being here," she said.

Mendez said Rea and her parents had lunch there but everything was relatively uneventful. The crew came in at a slow time, and Mendez said she found the whole situation almost comical.

"The allure of that, three cameras for just a girl and her mom having lunch seemed a bit much," Mendez said.

"They made me wait to clear the plates and things like that when I normally would have done that so her dad could talk... so it is somewhat staged, I'd say," Mendez said.

Mendez admitted reality TV shows are a guilty pleasure of hers, but she was not surprised to see that they are controlled in some manner. Even though she may appear on "Tiara Girls," Mendez said she is not really interested in the premise.

"I'm not into teenage angst, that's not my thing," she said. "They cut so much that I can't even imagine that I'll even be on the radar."

One place that did make special arrangements for Rea's visit was Ruby Tuesday's.

Rea's friend Katie Townsend works at the res-

taurant so she was able to give them advanced notice of the visit. Though Townsend made sure she was not working the day of their visit and was there as a customer.

Lindsey Goerss works as a server at Ruby Tuesday's and was working the day they showed up.

"We tried to clear out a section of the restaurant so there wasn't as much around them because they had the camera people," Goerss said.

As a result, Goerss said the other sections of the restaurant became busier to compensate, and eventually they had to start seating people in the closed off area.

Besides a little overcrowding, Goerss said there was nothing special about the filming taking place. She said she did not observe any repetitive staging or dramatic events, and people lost interest.

"At first everyone was like 'Oh, MTV is here!' but it wasn't all that exciting. It's a bunch of people with cameras... nothing really special," she said.

When asked if she would watch "Tiara Girls," Goerss said, "Maybe, just because it was filmed here."

Like most of the business people MTV came into contact with, Goerss said she does not put a lot of thought into what goes into a reality show, and everyone seemed skeptical of how much "reality" is being captured.

"It's kind of funny to see the drama throughout but I'm sure most of it is staged," Goerss said.

I admit my initial expectations were proven wrong

after talking to local workers. I expected MTV's presence to cause more disturbances than they did and I thought more people would take an interest. Reality TV shows are commonplace now, and most people seem to be so desensitized to them that they no longer capture interest the way they once did. While Mendez doubts she will show up on MTV's radar, it seems MTV was barely a blip on ours.



Nicole Mendez, a wait staff member at Mr. B's, discusses her experience with MTV with Clarkston News Reporter Andrew DuPont.



Heather Karl, manager of ImageSun Tanning sits by the booth Katarina Rea used while MTV filmed her for a new reality TV show. Photos by Jenny Matteson

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# Obituaries

## Filling Station Bar & Grill owner passes away

### Raymond T. Novotney

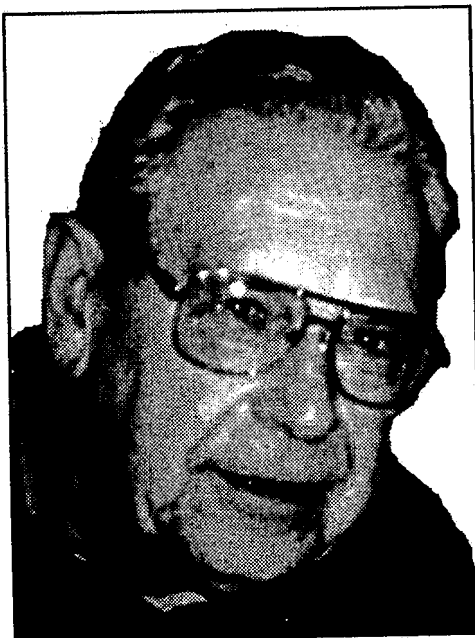
Raymond T. Novotney, born March 30, 1925 in Brainerd, Minnesota, passed away on March 9, 2006 in Clarkston. He was 80.

Mr. Novotney was preceded in death by his wife Helen "Ellen" and siblings Arthur, Ernie, Donald, Elizabeth, Louise, Lillian and Blanche.

He was the stepfather of Denise Howard; grandfather of Melissa; and brother of Lorraine "Dolly" Hotchkiss and Norbert "Gus" (Antoinette) Novotney. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, close friends and relatives. He was special friend and neighbor to Ron and Eleanor Hetherington.

Mr. Novotney owned and operated the Filling Station Bar and Grill in Ferndale. He retired from Pontiac Motor Division. He was a member of Clarkston Eagles Lodge no. 3373, Elks Lodge Pontiac-Waterford No. 810 BPOE, and Waterford Seniors and Golden Agers. He enjoyed playing euchre, golfing and watching sports.

A Funeral Mass was held on March



13, 2006 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford. A prayer service was held on March 12, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan or Clarkston Eagle Lodge No. 3373. Online guestbook available at [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Joshua Swanson

Joshua Caleb Swanson passed away on March 1, 2006 of complications related to leukemia. He was 8 years old.

Joshua was the cherished son of Gregory and Nancy. He is survived by a loving family of six brothers and sisters: Sara, Matthew, Peter, Hanna, Emma and Laura. He was the grandson of C. Arnold Carlson, and Bert and Pat Swanson; nephew of Cindy Carlson and Tom Brooks, who traveled across the country to be at his bedside in the last days of his life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to [adoptamericanetwork.org](http://adoptamericanetwork.org).



### Evelyn M. Cushman

Evelyn M. Cushman, of Clarkston, passed away peacefully on March 6, 2006 at 90 years of age.

Mrs. Cushman was the wife of the late Lyle V. Cushman; and loving mother of Suzanne (Erwin) Klopfer of Clarkston, Mark (Marcia) Cushman of Rochester Hills and the late Tom Cushman. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cushman sold Avon for 34 years.

A funeral service was held on March 10, 2006 at Coats Funeral Home in Waterford. Pastor John Negele officiated. Memorial donations may be made to Danish Village. To send a private condolence, please go online to [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com) and select Guestbook.

Obituaries are also updated daily at [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com)

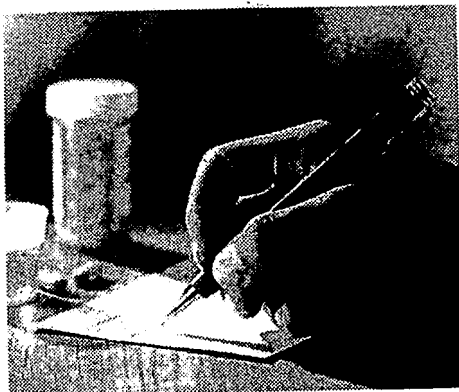
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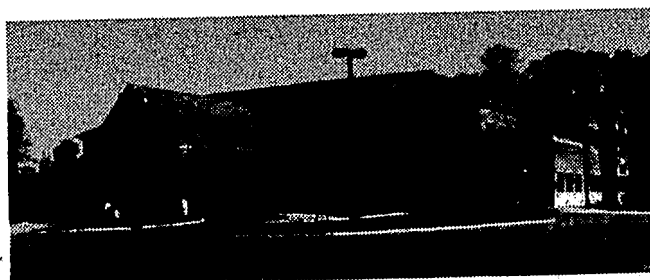
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### Work exercise into your routine on the road

By Ernie Harwell

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When I was traveling with the Tigers, I had a routine of waking up at 7 a.m., eating a light breakfast and then walking for about 45 minutes to an hour. For many of those years, I was joined by Tiger manager Sparky Anderson. Afterwards, I'd relax a bit, do some work, have a light lunch, and then go to the ballpark.

If you spend a lot of time traveling, try developing a routine of getting out for a walk or a light jog in the morning. It's a great way to start the day, get some exercise and take in the sights wherever you are.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonnnggg gone!

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 and Blue Care Network, 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 at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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## In Our Churches

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follows: *Prayer* (March 15), *What is Church?* (March 22) and *Teens present* (March 29). On March 25, there is a spaghetti dinner at 6 p.m. following mass. Ms. Barbara Lubinski, the Director of Precious Children Respite Home in Davisburg, is guest speaker. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park. For more info call 248-625-4580.

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Join in the "Fool's Day Run 5K Run/Walk" on April 1 at 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by Clarkston Community Church. Early registration entry fees are \$18 (with t-shirt) or \$15 (without) and must be postmarked by March 20. Registration fees the day of the race are \$20 (with t-shirt) and \$17 (without). Registration starts at 7 a.m. the day of the race. Make checks payable to Clarkston Community Church Youth. Clarkston Community Church is located at 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. For more info

call Dale Decker at 248-625-1323.

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Keith Cooper, virtuoso guitarist and composer, in concert at Clarkston Community Church on April 30 at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken at the concert. Clarkston Community Church is located at 6300 Clarkston Road. For more info call 148-625-1323.

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The Church of the Resurrection hosts Bible study on the Book of Revelation, on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. now through April. The church also has "Lenten Reflection: From Ashes to Easter," on Tuesdays from 6:15 p.m. – 8 p.m. until Holy Week. Eucharist follows reflection. The Church of the Resurrection is located at 6490 Clarkston Road. For more info call 248-625-2325.

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Every Friday evening at 6 p.m., Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is offering "Celebrate Recovery." This is a Christ-centered recovery program to help people overcome life's hurts, bad habits and hang ups. The evening includes a simple meal, praise and worship, and group discussion. Calvary Evangelical is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive. For more information call 248-625-3288.

## PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING FOR PURPOSES OF ADOPTING SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD will be holding a SPECIAL MEETING on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at 6 pm at the Springfield Township Civic Center at 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan, to receive comments on the Parks Commission's proposed Recreation Master Plan for Springfield Township.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the proposed Recreational Master Plan and other documents related to the proposed Master Plan may be examined at the Parks and Recreation office in the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department at 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 until the time of the Special Meeting, and telephone inquiries regarding the Meeting may be directed to the Director of Parks and Recreation at (248) 634-0412. Those persons needing special accommodations at the Meeting should contact the Director's office at least two business days in advance.

Nancy Strole, Township Clerk

Published: March 15, 2006

## PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MARCH 9, 2006 SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walls

PUBLIC COMMENT: Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes reported Board of May 2nd election and Bond proposal.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved Minutes: February 9, 2006, Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$88,494.77
- Accepted February 2006 Treasurer's Report
- Received February 2006 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical; Litigation; Fire & Ordinance
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$162,690.88.
- Authorized contribution to Andersonville Cemetery for FY 2006.
- Amended Lake Improvement Fund 220 and established Softwater Lake Improvement Fund 221.
- Softwater Lake: Rescinded previous action of Township Board and authorized Township to enter into contract with Professional Lake Management, not to exceed \$15,000.
- Amended Township Retiree Medical Policy.
- Allocated \$18,000 CDBG fund for graveling Bigelow, West Ellis and spot locations Rattalee Lake Rd. between Bigelow and Sherwood.
- Received communications and placed on file.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Dangerous Building Demolition, 8969 Loughheed Island: Granted extension and tabled bid award to May regular meeting
- Adopted Ordinance 63 Amendment, Community Sewer Systems
- Tabled Data Transfer Policy

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Declined membership renewal in MTA Oakland County Chapter.
- Awarded 2006 Lawn Maintenance service to North Oakland Landscaping for Fire Dept., Cemeteries and Civic Center.
- Retained Carlisle/Wortman to assist with SWPPI document development.
- Scheduled Special Township Board meeting: Monday, March 20, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNED: 8:00 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Published: March 15, 2006

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### SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Mr. Wagner called the March 7, 2006, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Wenger, Wagner, Kelly, Travis  
Absent: Dunn, Rosso

There was a quorum.

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Consent Agenda  
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$1,093,838.37  
Approval of Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,090,382.14  
Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2006
- Approved motion to receive preliminary report and proceed with due diligence with the Township attorney and planner to research viability of a CIA for Sashabaw Corridor
- Approved motion to authorize Parks and Recreation to raise funds for 4th of July fireworks with any surplus used for parade and children's activities
- Approved motion to purchase two heavy rescue vehicles for Fire Department
- Approved motion to adjourn meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk

Published: March 15, 2006

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE — SITE SPECIFIC RELIEF AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION

Date: APRIL 4, 2006

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: CLARKSTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ROOM  
CLARKSTON SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION OFFICES  
6389 Clarkston Road  
Clarkston, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on April 4, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clarkston School Board Meeting Room, Clarkston Schools Administrative Offices, 6389 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, the Independence Township Board shall conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the application of Orco Investments, Inc., for a Site Specific Relief Authorization under Section 5.30 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, seeking approval for a development of approximately 71.4 acres of land situated in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of I-75 and Sashabaw Road (north of Waldon Road).

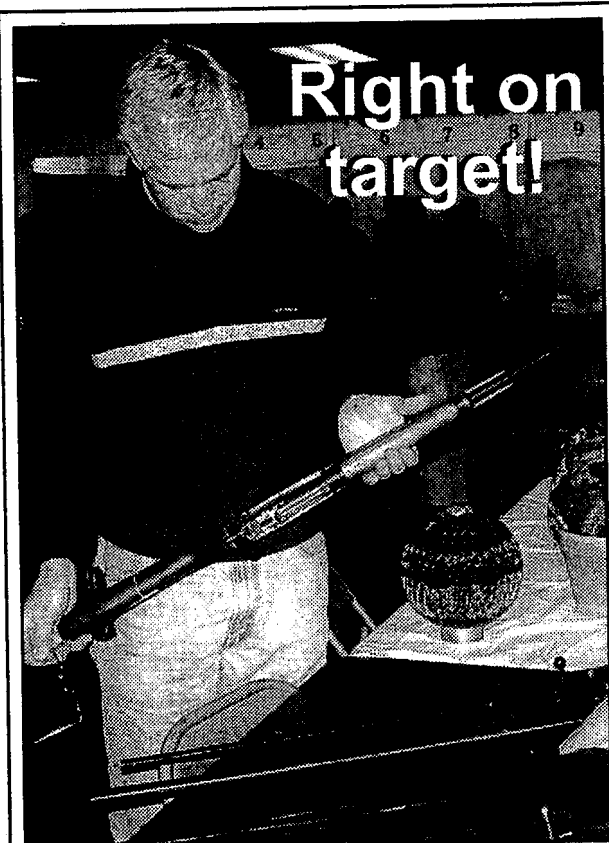
The Properties which are the subject matter of the application are:

08-22-351-006, 08-22-351-007 (part), 08-22-351-009, 08-22-351-010, 08-22-351-011, 08-22-351-016, 08-22-351-017, 08-22-351-018, 08-22-351-021, 08-22-351-025, 08-22-351-056, 08-22-351-057, 08-22-351-058.

The application, including a site plan, has been submitted, seeking site specific relief approval for approximately 4.81 acres of commercial development fronting on Waldon Road, and approximately 66.59 acres of residential development. The residential portion of the property is proposed to be developed with three forms of housing, as shown on the site plan: single family detached, town homes and twelve-plex units. A copy of the application is on file at the Township Building and Planning Offices, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours.

SHELAGH VANDERVEEN, TOWNSHIP CLERK

DATED: March \_\_\_\_, 2006



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### BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006 MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006

The Board of Review for the City of the Village of Clarkston will meet at the City Office on Monday, March 13, 2006, AND Monday, March 20, 2006, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For appointments: Call Oakland County Equalization Division, Toll Free 1-888-350-0900, Extension 59611. Those without an appointment will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Artemus M. Pappas

City Manager/Clerk-Treasurer

Publish 3/8 & 3/15

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### INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA 7:30 P.M. TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Date: March 21, 2006

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Forum — *Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.*

#### 7. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2006, meeting
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

#### Old Business

- Second Reading and adoption of a PUD rezoning request from IOP (Industrial Office Park) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), Proposed Self-Storage, Climate Control Storage on 7.29 Acres (Water Tower Self Storage). SE corner Sashabaw Road and Waldon Road, 08-27-201-007, 024, 025, and 026

#### New Business

- First Reading of an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance #83 — New Keyholing Ordinance
- First Reading of a rezoning request from R1R (Rural Residential) to R-1B (Suburban Residential), 12 acres, South of Clarkston Road and West of Sashabaw Road, 08-15-351-002 (5879 Clarkston Road), and 08-15-351-003 (5863 Clarkston Road)
- Bid Awards for Township Vehicles
- Acceptance of a bid to finance the purchase of fire trucks. Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business.

Only those matters that are listed on the Agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.



## 'Broken Glass' asks many unanswered questions

Normally I prefer to not have everything spelled out for me. Audiences do not need to be walked through every detail of a story and an overabundance of exposition can be insulting.

However, the reverse can be equally disheartening, and such was the case with CVP's latest production of Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass."

Despite some outstanding performances by Mel Case and JoAnn Sellers, the story of "Broken Glass" failed to capture everything being sought. The story leaves too many unanswered questions for me to be wholly satisfied.

I liked Case in his small but important role in "Defying Gravity," and he brought the same powerful emotions to the character of Philip Gellburg. I drifted back and forth from sympathizing to pitying Philip as the story progressed. Case showed the audience a man who hates himself before he gives anyone the chance to do the same. Nonetheless, relating to his frustrations is not hard, both with the religious intolerance of the time period and his wife's mysterious incapacity.

Seller's portrayal of Sylvia Gellburg left me wanting more scenes with her in them. With her illness and growing obsession being the focal point of the play, she was surprisingly absent from a large number of scenes. Seller convincingly plays the emotionally tortured Sylvia and I often felt my frustration was mirrored by her own inability to understand her feelings and how they effected her physically.

The romantic tension between Sylvia and Dr. Hyman (played by Dale Dobson) added to the list of unresolved disputes, but also gives the audience the most insight into what could be the ultimate source of Sylvia's distress.

Likewise, Hyman is the polar opposite of Philip. Perhaps the only clear conflict is the two men's attitudes towards their religion. Philip sees being Jewish almost as a handicap and is quick to say so. Hyman, however, barely acknowledges his religion in conversation and seems to dismiss those who use it to judge others.

Ultimately, however, Hyman has his own weakness. As the only character who seems to have insight into the conflicts present, he fails to stand firm and help others resolve them.

In the end, "Broken Glass" leaves you intentionally frustrated with ambiguity. The audience is left to draw their own conclusions about many things, which I found irritating, but others may enjoy.

Remaining performances of "Broken Glass" are scheduled for Mar. 16-18 and 23-25.

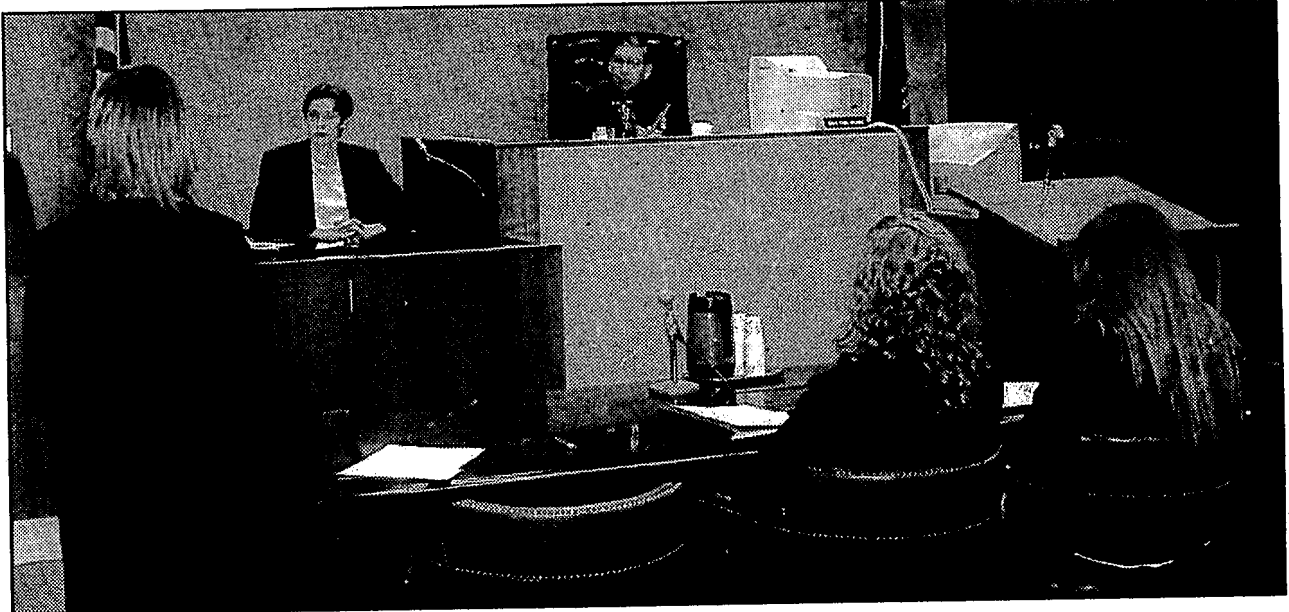
Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances and \$10 for Thursday and Sunday.

Tickets are available for purchase through [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org) or by calling 248-625-2511. They are also available by leaving a message on the Clarkston Village Players ticket line at 248-625-8811. Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the performance; however, availability can not be assured.

### CVP Review



Andrew DuPont



## CHS Mock Trial Team headed to states

Practice paid off for the Clarkston High Mock Trial Team at the regional competition March 11. The CHS team placed second out of 33 teams and advanced to the state competition, which takes place in Lansing on March 25. The team will compete against nine other schools for the chance to advance to a national competition in Oklahoma. Pictured, Jordan Bellant is grilled on the stand during cross-examination while Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Greg Townsend looks on as judge during a dress rehearsal for the team. Photo by Andrew DuPont

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## Around Town

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tension 17.

• Celebrate the start of Spring with a little fun and excitement on a one night getaway to **Little River/Soaring Eagle Casinos** on April 5 and 6.

The cost is \$65 for a double and \$95 for a single. Package includes \$15 rebates at Little River Casino and \$10 rebates at Soaring Eagle; a one night stay at a modern hotel with 24-hour shuttle to the casino; and an excellent continental breakfast. Also, deluxe motorcoach.

The deadline to sign up is March 17.

• AARP trained volunteers will **prepare federal and state returns** in the Carriage House for seniors during the Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program running on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, through April 11.

Please call 248-625-8231 for an appointment. A donation to the senior center is appreciated.

• The opportunity of a lifetime! A **four-night tour of Alaska's** spectacular interior and a **seven-night cruise** of its stunning inside passage aboard the luxurious Island Princess from Sept. 7-18.

The tour/cruise double per person prices range from \$2,969 to \$3,389 according to stateroom chosen. Prices include: round trip air transportation from Detroit, four nights in first-class hotel, music of Denali Dinner Theater, Wildlife tour of Denali National Park, Discovery riverboat cruise and City of Gold tour, Midnight Sun Express in Denali and to Whittier, and inside Passage Cruise for seven days with all meals and entertainment included.

Deposit is \$400 per person with \$600 due by April 10 and the balance due on June 15.

For more information on all these fabulous events, please call the senior center at 248-625-8231.

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There's so much happening at **Independence Township Parks and Recreation**:

• Independence Township Parks and Recreation knows how to present a pajama party on a grand scale.

The **Cartoon PJ parties** are specially designed for children ages three to five and feature crafts, games and pictures.

Two dates are scheduled for the Clintonwood Park Carriage house March 24. The fun runs 6:30-8:15 p.m. All who attend are encouraged to dress in their favorite pjs or cartoon attire.

Cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents and includes a hot dog dinner and juice.

• Young children and parents rejoice, **Start Smart** is back.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is now accepting registrations for **Start Smart**, a six-week program in which parents work one on one with their child, ages three to five, in a supportive environment to learn basic sporting skills.

Sign up for **Start Smart** basketball, soccer, baseball, sports development or the new golf class. Classes begin in February on specific weekday evenings, depending on the class.

To discover more about Independence Township Parks and Recreation, call 248-625-8223.

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Look at all the great events at **Springfield Township Parks and Recreation**:

• **Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues** and forming for this summer. All skill levels are available.

Leagues available for girls 6-16 and boys 6-18 years of age. Practices begin in May, games held June through July, weather permitting.

At this time, Parks and Recreation is looking for adults interested in volunteering to coach. Background check will be completed for those who apply.

Umpires, age 14 years and older, are also sought. Must have knowledge of the game. This is a paid position.

• Come out to the Mill Pond for the **8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on April 14.

Ages 4 and younger hunt from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Ages 5-12 hunt from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Children collect brightly colored toy eggs filled with candy and gifts. Pictures with the Easter Bunny are

available for \$3. Door prizes, snacks and punch provided. A moonwalk will also be available.

Children must wear socks while in the moonwalk and bring their own basket to collect eggs. Hunt held rain or shine so dress appropriately. Parking is limited.

Please arrive half an hour early for your children's scheduled hunt time. The cost is \$5 per child for residents and \$7 for non-residents. Tickets will not be sold the day of the event.

• Eggstra, eggstra, check this out!

Back by popular demand is the **Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt for Teens** on April 13 from 8-10 p.m. at the Millpond.

The hunt is for ages 13-18, and are currently attending high school. The cost is \$7 per person. Participants are required to bring a flashlight and something to put eggs in.

Awards given to the top three teens who collect the most eggs. Door prizes, pizza and beverages provided.

Hunt held rain or shine so dress appropriately. A minimum number of participants is required. Pre-registration strongly encouraged, but will be accepted at the door.

For information on these and many more activities, call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 248-634-0412.

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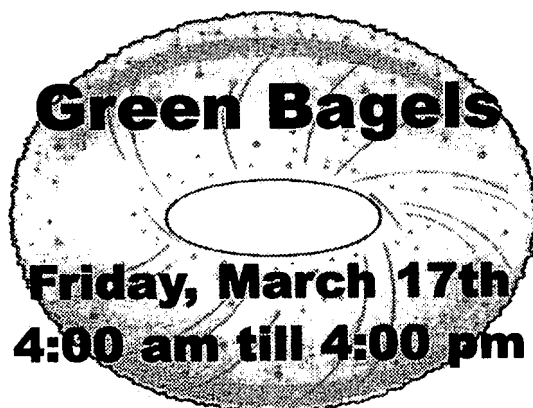
Get the help you need to pass the **Michigan state builder's license examination** through a comprehensive course offered by Clarkston Community Education.

The seminar is scheduled for April 3, 5, 10 and 12 from 6-10 p.m. at the Community Education Center.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers, and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The seminar costs \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbooks and sample questions to the instructor.

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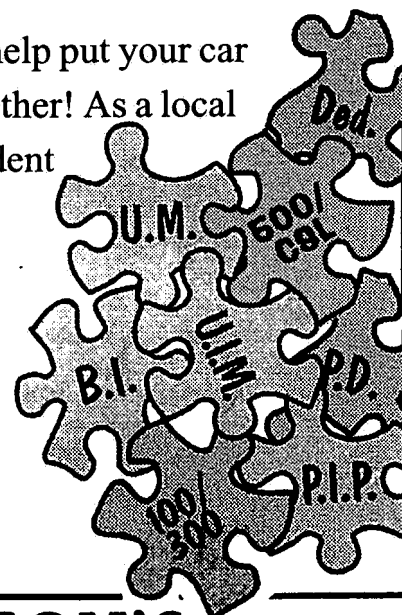
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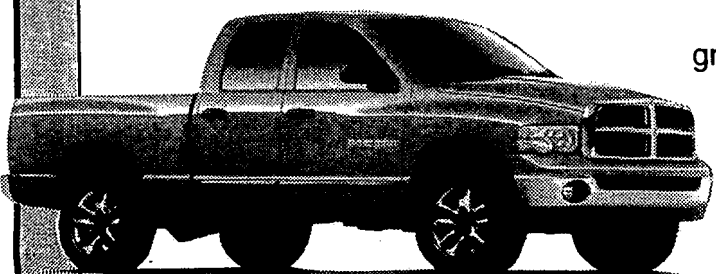
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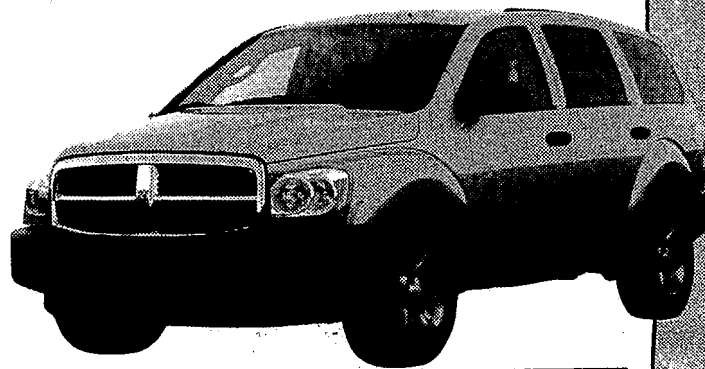
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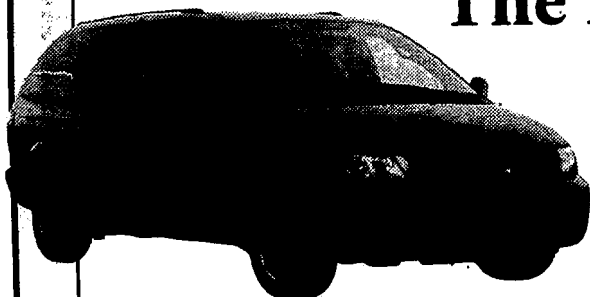
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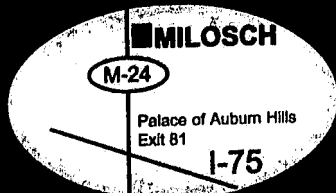
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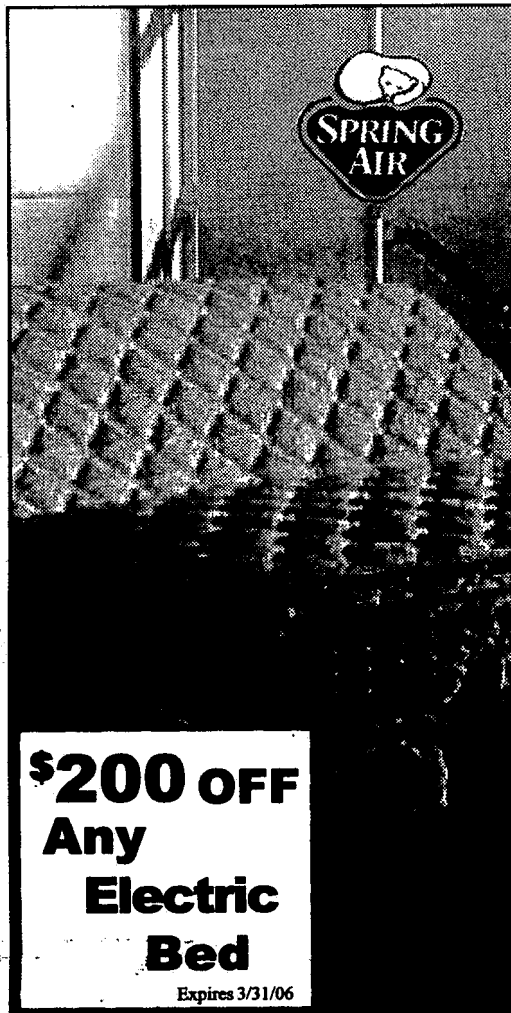
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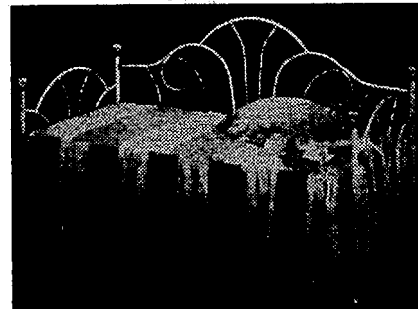
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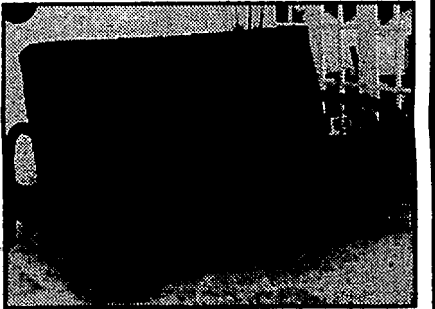
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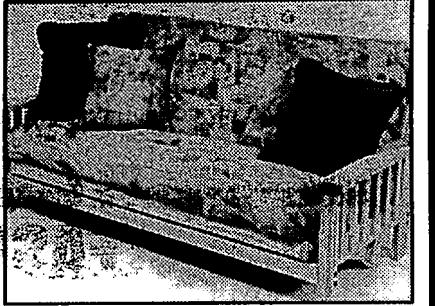
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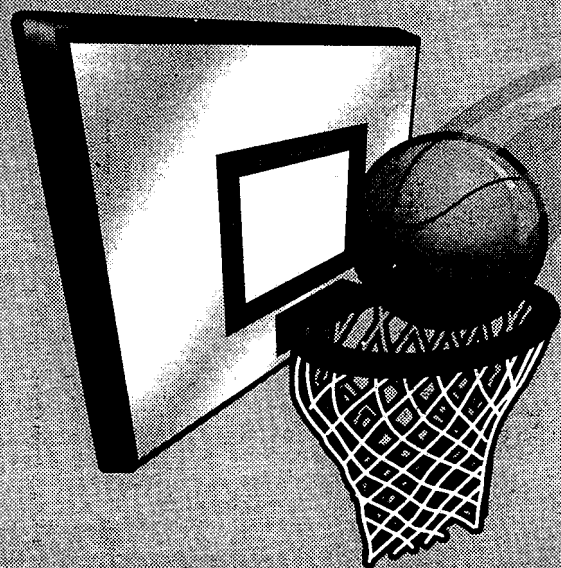
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**9am-2:30pm**

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### WANTED USED GUNS

Regardless of condition TOP CASH DOLLARS WE BUY-SELL-TRADE \*GUNS GALORE\* 629-5325 (Fenton)

CZ11-tfc  
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**WANTED TO BUY:** phonograph records, all types and music. 248-627-4338. IILX20-16

**DUDES- ROCK SINGER** wanted and/or bass player. Call 248-693-2048. Serious inquiries only please! IILX14-2

**WANTED: GEO Tracker/ Sidekick,** wrecked or not running. 248-431-7755. IILX35-2

**Private Pilot**  
 LOOKING TO SHARE RIDE TO W.Palm Beach, Florida

Depart Waterford April 1, Return April 8.  
 Your cost: \$250-\$500. 248-830-9881 LX14-1

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Buying Old U.S. Currency. One piece or Whole Collection **248-310-4496**

E-mail: HIGHDENOMS@aol.com

CX33-4  
**WANTED: CARS, Trucks** needing repair or high miles. \$1000-\$5000. 810-724-7647 or 810-338-7770. IILX13-4

**ANTIQUE FIREARMS WANTED:** Winchester, Coits, Henrys. Top dollar paid. 248-628-7086. IILX13-2

**WANTED OLD WOODEN** kitchen cabinets, will take down! We're looking to restore a circa 1920's area home. Please call 810-638-3798 IILX19-dntf

**WANTED: BUYING used LEGOS** for my son. Will pick up. Call Angel, 248-693-5080. IILX9-8

**JUNK CARS- Hauled away free.** Will buy repairables. Bob Rondo, 248-310-2687. IILX13-2

## 040 PRODUCE

**FOR SALE: Hay & straw.** 1st, 2nd, 3rd cutting. 586-752-2167. IILX34-2

**CORN FOR CORN** burning stoves and the wildlife. New lower price. Crossman Farms between Baldwin & Hedley Rd., 4575 Oakwood Rd. 248-628-3863. IILX26-10

## 050 FIREWOOD

**SAVE \$.** Split hardwood, you haul, 248-693-0103. IILX14-2

\$ SAVE. Smith's Firewood. Split, stacked, pick up & delivered. 248-894-2804; 248-342-2906. IILX35-2

## 060 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**Bob Wiegand's Professional PIANO TUNING**

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**CELLO- FULL sized, \$1300;** Yamaha wood clarinet, \$1000/ offer, 248-625-6382. IILX35-2

**HAMMOND ELECTRIC** organ model L112 with seat, cover and speaker. \$125 obo. 248-628-1828. IILX13-2

**FOR SALE: A Marshall & Wendell** baby grand piano. This piano is over 100 years old with the original ivory keys and is all dark wood. Piano bench included. Asking \$900. Please call 248-391-4364 for more information. IILX35-2

**GUITAR AMP- Line 6 Duoverb,** 100 watt, 212 combo, 16 tones, includes cover, foot switch, manuals. \$525 obo. 248-969-0239. IILX14-2

## 070 TUTORING/ LESSONS

**EBAY FOR MOMS.** Learn how to sell. Make money from home. Call Andrea, 248-969-2057. IILX14-1

**MUSIC LESSONS- Piano & guitar,** will travel. www.geocities.com /musiclessonsare fun. 248-459-0950. IILX14-1

**DRUM LESSONS- In my home.** Very experienced, can teach all styles. 248-693-7752. IILX14-4

**PIANO LESSONS- Experienced** teacher. Low prices. Call today. 248-454-1477 IILX30-4

**SPANISH TUTOR- Native speaker** offers private tutoring, all levels. \$30.00hr. 248-467-6151. IILX14-1

**CELTIC HARP Lessons- my home,** Monday afternoons. Clarkston area 248-625-7037. IILX13-2

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**NEW ORION TOWNSHIP** maps at the Lake Orion Review, \$3.25. IILX9-d

## 080 LAWN & GARDEN

**JOHN DEERE LAWN** tractor STX38. Good condition. \$1,000. 248-814-8868. IILX13-2

**MASSEY FERGUSON** turf tractor 35. Good condition. 6' Mott mower, 3 point hitch, \$3,500 firm. 248-634-9615. IILX34-2

2005 RYOBI Lawn Tractor- automatic transmission, 42" cut, cuts in reverse, 10 hours of use, must sell, \$900 obo. 248-330-2080. IILX13-2

2005 SIMPLICITY Tractor, 18 horsepower, hydrostatic, \$2500. Call 248-625-4723 or 248-431-2106. IILX35-2

## 090 AUCTIONS

### STOR YOUR STUFF MINI STORAGE

557 N. Rochester Rd., Leonard Announces the Sale of:

Unit A6, leased by M. Curtis, E135 leased by S. Farkas, E136 leased by LA Jones, Unit F227 leased by N. Komolmis. March 23rd, 2006 at 10am. Unit contents includes various household & garage related items. Each unit will be sold as a whole. Cash sale only. Please call 48 hours in advance to check on possible cancellation. 586-752-4600. LX14-2

## 100 FREE

**TWO CALICO KITTENS,** 4-5 months old to good home. 248-628-3497. IILX14-11

**FREE LARGE REYNOLDS** water softener, good condition. 248-693-9519 IILX14-11

**FREE TWIN BED- you haul away,** 810-798-2876. IILX14-11

## 110 GARAGE SALE

**ESTATE SALE,** due to the passing away of parent. Friday, March 24, 9am-5pm. Antiques, furniture, a lot of nice stuff. 192 Parker Lake Circle, Lakeville Trailer Park. Also for sale: home on nice, corner landscaped lot. 248-249-2495. IILX14-2

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LX14-2dh

**GARAGE SALE/ Craft Show- March** 24-25, 9am-4pm. 345 Ball St., Orionville. Table rentals available, 248-627-6447. IILX30-2

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## 120 CRAFT SHOWS

**MARCH 25-26,** American Polish Cultural Center (Troy); April 1-2, Davison H.S.; April 7-9, Meridian Mall (Okemos); April 14-15 (Friday- Saturday), Thomas Edison Inn Easter Show (Port Huron); April 22nd, Fenton H.S.; May 20-21, Canterbury Village (Lake Orion). For exhibitor info, call Smetanka Shows, 810-658-0440. IILX30-2

## 130 HOUSEHOLD

**CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE:** Living room, dining room, and accessories. Best offer, 248-625-6919. IILX35-2

**DINING ROOM TABLE- oak finish,** round with leaf/ six chairs. Good condition. Photos available. \$299 248-298-9838 Phone number, corrected. IILX14-21

**PINE DINING** Room set- round, 6 chairs, extends to 90", \$250 includes table pads and extension legs. Call 248-625-4723 or 248-431-2106. IILX35-2

**OAK DINING** Table with leaf and 6 chairs, \$250. 248-969-2295 after 4pm. IILX14-2

**BUNK BED SET** \$250, dinette set \$100, aquarium \$75, 248-872-3115. IILX11-4

**THOMASVILLE BEDROOM** set- white ivory, dresser with mirror, chest, 2 nightstands, with queen storage headboard. Some water damage. \$500. 248-969-2817. IILX14-2

**SQUARE PIER 1** wrought iron table with glass top & 2 matching chairs. \$250. 248-628-4773 or 248-379-1987. IILX12-tfth

**KOLCRAFT ROCKING** Bassinette, navy and white, like new. \$50. 248-393-0573 IILX13-2

**MAUVE LEATHER** Sectional with pull-out queen bed, good condition, \$350. 248-895-6011. IILX14-2

**MISCELLANEOUS** household items, toys. 3 couches \$50 each obo, 248-310-6433. IILX13-2

**MOVING- MUST SELL** This Week. This End Up furniture- "The Bunkhouse" student desk, chair and bookcase. Call 248-830-2948 IILX35-1

**FOR SALE: Oak bed** \$250, 9 drawer dresser with mirror, color matches bed \$250 or both for \$450. Faux marble dining table with glass top and four chairs \$350. Blue full kids race car bed with box spring \$100. (1) 29.5"x69.25" vinyl double hung window with low e glass \$30. (1) 18"x32" Pella crank window low e \$100. (1) 32"x80" pre-hung six panel interior door \$30. (13) 32"x80" interior six panel door blanks pre-drilled \$10 each. (1) 35.75"x80" hardwood and glass exterior door \$200. Practically new Technetic Plus 1000i water softener that will service a home up to 4000 square feet \$100. 248-343-6159. IILX34-2

**BEAUTIFUL OAK** Entertainment center, glass doors, 67"Lx52"Hx17"D, 248-693-6824 IILX14-2

**BEAUTIFUL OLD** dining room set. Large china cabinet, table, leaf, 6 chairs. \$1,000. 248-628-5495 or 248-371-6038. IILX13-2

**WOOD LAMINATE** desk (72"x36"x29") with credenza (72"x23"x29") \$325; 5 shelf wood shelving unit \$125; excellent condition. Buy all three pieces \$400. 248-620-6510 IILX34-2

**DOUBLE BED** with brass headboard, \$150. 248-625-7881. IILX13-2

**BROYHILL FONTANA** 6 piece king bedroom set, very good condition, \$1400. 248-989-2529. IILX14-2

2 SINGLE FUTONS, \$50. Oven \$50. Propane heater \$25. Wood coffee & end tables \$25 each. Kitchen table \$25. Misc. chairs, Life Stages dog crate \$40. 248-236-4289. IILX13-2

**HEADBOARD, IVORY,** center mirror, attached nightstands on each side; All Formica desk; Tall bookstand; Classical 33 records; misc. items. 248-693-8376 IILX14-2

**WATERBED, KING SIZE,** soft side. Great condition. \$350 obo. 248-628-1189. IILX14-2

## 140 COMPUTERS

**GATEWAY COMPUTER** monitor & keyboard \$20. HP color printer \$20. Gateway scanner \$20. 248-620-0362. IILX14-2

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**COMPUTER PROBLEMS?** Microsoft certified technician. John 248-892-5667 (Clarkston). IILX28-4

**Annual St. Patrick's Antique Auction**  
 Sat., March 18 • 9:30am

at the Lapeer County Center Bldg., 425 County Center St., Lapeer, MI. M-24 to Genesee St. (M-21), 2 blocks East to Bentley St., South on Bentley-follow signs. Terms: Cash/Check, Visa/MC/Disc. 10% buyer's premium. Call for Flyer or visit website to see full list, (200) photos, upcoming auctions & join our email list!

**HUGE AUCTIONS!**  
 Antiques Furniture: includes nice Victorian Furniture incl.: (3) MT lamp tables & oak furniture incl.: (3) Exc. dining tables & (2) Hoosiers! Lots of Glass & Pottery! (40) Hummels figurines; (3) GWTW lamps & others; large collection of costume & vintage jewelry! Antiques & Collectibles: boxing gloves signed by Ali & Frazier; dolls; scales; 100 items; old fishing lures; many pictures & frames; candlestick phone; old tools; postcards; stamps; toys; (253) Lots of Old Coins incl. (7) Gold coins! Plus Lots More!

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### Earn \$\$\$ While Spring Cleaning

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1920'S ANTIQUE highback style tub. Good shape. \$500 obo. 248-866-7033. IILX14-2

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OUR CORNER STORE Spring Fling Sale! Entire store 15% off March 22-29. 5268 Dixie Hwy., Waterford. 248-623-6858. IILX14-1

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USED PARTY CANOPY tops: 16x15's to 20x40's, from \$200 to \$320. Used white wood wedding chairs \$10 each. Olson's Rental, 313-382-7484. IILX13-2

\$4,000 ENTERTAINMENT Center \$750; \$8,499 Airstream travel trailer, 1971, \$4,995. Herbie Volkswagen \$4995, 1987 Grand Wagoneer, \$8900, 1988 398 GMC pickup truck, \$8500. 1988 International Scout Traveler \$4995. 1981 CVX Glastron speed boat, 250hp Johnson motor, needs seats, \$3,200. Pontoon boat, 21' with radio/cassette, 28hp, \$2,300. 248-693-7515/ 248-688-4025 IILX13-2

TWO 12" ROCKFORD Fosgate P2 sub-woofers; 800 watt Audio-Bahn amplifier, \$200 each, or \$350 both, 248-935-3758. IILX13-2

HOME GYM for sale with weights/stepper, \$75 obo, 248-394-9886.

WEDDING DRESS SIZE 14, 16, common size. Above average. \$150. 248-628-1311/IILX13-2

AUTO BODY REPAIR: Paint & Restoration from my garage. Top quality, warranty work. Very reasonable. 100% color match. Collision, rust & complete repairs. Insurance claims. Fully certified. 248-889-2441

WOLVERINE 8FT. Pool table, with all pool and ping-pong accessories. \$600 obo, 248-393-0850/ 586-419-5455. IILX13-2

BALLY'S LIFETIME Membership. Can be used anywhere in U.S. Executive clubs included in package. 248-391-5137. IILX13-2

### HANDYMAN SPECIAL

Nicely laid out 2 bedroom, 2 full baths with garden tub, extra large expando, make living room and kitchen huge. Must see inside. A steal at \$2,000. Must be moved out from Orion Lakes. Act fast and leave message at 248-652-2976 speak slowly and loud please. Very lovable, beautiful velvety black cat, named Lucky, housebroken, but prefers to go outside, has shots and neutered. Cat door. Moving. Also beautiful pure white cat, albino, very loving, also with shots, does not need to go outside. Free to good home both cats. IILX14-2

KEROSENE HEATER, upright, works great, \$30. 248-391-0817 IILX14-2

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER with 27" H TV \$200. Warm Morning 65,000 BTU gas heater \$300. Solid sheet of new black slate 14"x78" for fireplace hearth \$200. 810-664-0665. IILX14-2

1996 CHEVY STX Van- bad motor, fair condition, \$500. 1993 Chevy 350 motor, low miles, \$500. 1972 Honda 450, \$600. 1966 Suzuki B100, \$800. Suzuki snowmobile, \$250, runs good, 248-802-2836. IILX35-3

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TRADE LAKE Access lot in Prescott, MI (10 miles west of Tawas), with foundation, well, and septic, for new 30 cubic yard concrete driveway in Oxford. Call Jerry at 248-867-4408. IILX14-2

ARCADE GAMES: Pinball, Cheyenne, FlipFlop, Monte Carlo. Private party 248-802-1261. IILX13-2

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ELECTRO LUX VACUUM system, complete, never installed. \$1,000. 248-391-3554. IILX13-2

HEALTH RIDER Soft Strider EX/ SoftTrack Treadmill, hardly used, cost \$1100 new; \$500, 810-721-8506. IILX13-2

FENCE POLES 22 eight foot, 2.5 inch thick wall, black rubber coated, new, \$100. 248-391-0817 IILX14-2

LUMBER FOR SALE- Clear pine base board, 3-1/4" ogee, \$.50/foot, or \$500.00 takes all 1,186ft. Fir 1x4 T&G, \$300.00 takes all 840ft. Timber Tech Floorizon gray T&G composite decking, 385 sq.ft., \$2000.00 takes all. White vinyl fence panels, 5'8"x5'6", 23 at \$40.00 each. Solid core 4 panel doors with jambs, 3/0 L.H. and 2/8 L.H., also Birch 2/8 R.H., three of each at \$80.00 each. 15 light 3/0 primed interior with jamb, \$80.00. 248-867-4408, Oxford. IILX14-2

TONY LITTLE Gazelle PowerPlus exerciser, like new, \$200 obo, 810-252-6734. IILX13-2

55 GALLON FISH Tank, light oak base and canopy. Everything included. Like new. Many extras. \$350 obo. 248-895-2187. IILX14-2

SPINNING WHEEL Ashford traditional. \$250 firm. Excellent condition. 248-628-4609. IILX13-2

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SPARTAN SPORTS Soccer Table, 54" cherrywood, barely used, \$200 obo. 248-391-1352. IILX13-2

3 VINTAGE JOHNSON outboards: 1957 35hp, 1957 18hp, 1955 5.5hp, all run, \$650 for all. 1997 Ford Windstar van for parts, good engine & transmission, front end damage, \$500. 12 inch Craftsman radial arm saw, \$140. 248-627-6013. IILX14-2

ROUND FIRE PIT, brushed silver, portable, cover/stand, used once, \$40. 248-391-0817 IILX14-2

OPRAH WINFREY'S #1 Anti-Aging Super Food... monaviefruitjuice.com IILX14-2

HOMELITE 5HP Trash pump, gas powered, 20ft 2 inch syphon hose with screen, 100ft discharge hose, excellent condition. 248-391-0817 IILX14-2

### WINTER CLEARANCE

SALE now at Oxford/Orion FISH Clothes Closet and Resale March 18-31. Hours: Tuesday 9:30am-1pm. Wed/Thurs 1-4; Friday 12noon-3; 3rd Saturdays 9:30-12:30pm.

M-24 north to Thomas Road, 2 blocks down on First Street. Now accepting Spring donations by appointment, 248-693-0838. Closed April 14-24.

HEAVY DUTY 220V wood lathe, all tooling, \$800. 248-391-3554. IILX14-2

5000 BTU A/C UNIT, still in box, remote on/off, excellent condition, \$50. 248-391-0817 IILX14-2

ELECTRIC BED- NEWER motors & mattress. Works great. \$200. 248-628-1311. IILX13-2

FOR SALE: Baby bed and all accessories, like new, \$48. 248-628-1591. IILX13-2

WEIDER WEIGHT System- almost free, \$75. 586-557-4322. IILX14-

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Saturday and Sunday  
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Reservation Deadline May 1st  
LX11-tf

10,000 USED BOOKS! FRIENDS of the Independence Library Benefit Sale, March 29, April 1 at the library, 6495 Clarkston Road. IILX14-2

8' POOL TABLE, mint condition. \$700 obo. 248-393-3988. IILX34-2

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5000 LB. BOAT HOIST with power lift, \$3500. 248-872-3115. IILX13-2

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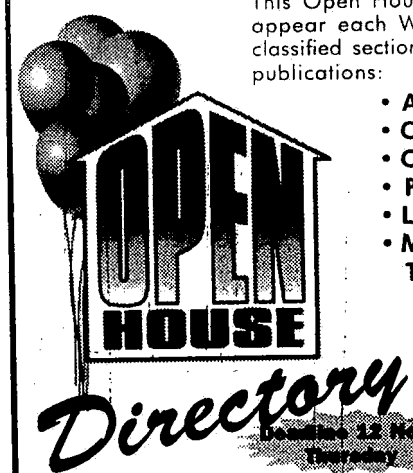
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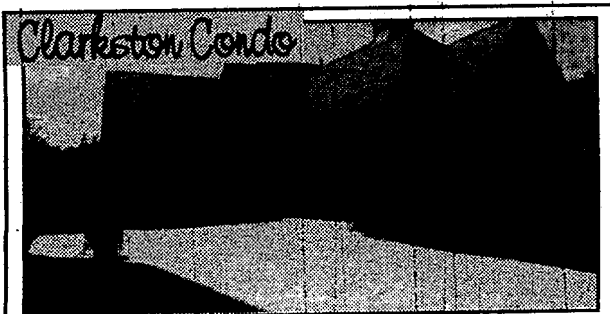
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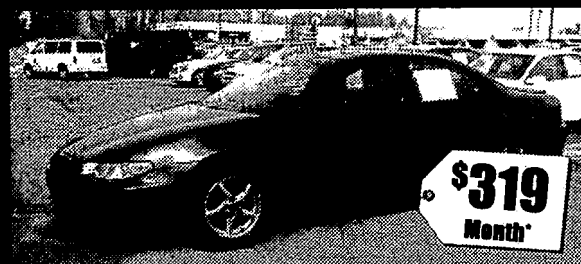


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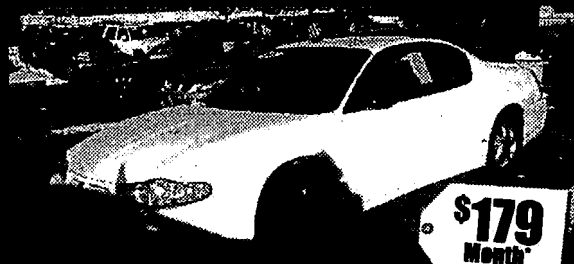


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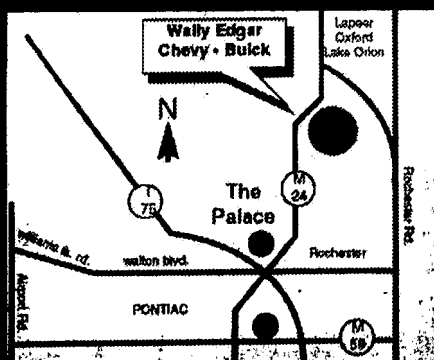


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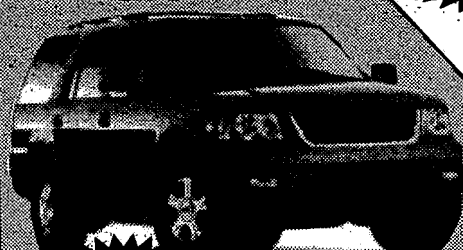
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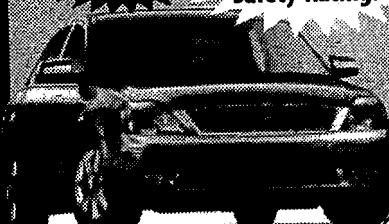
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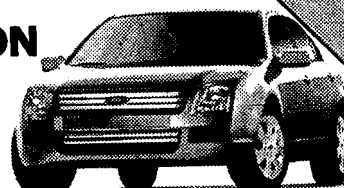
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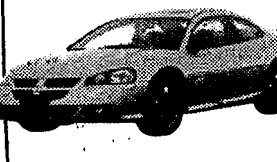
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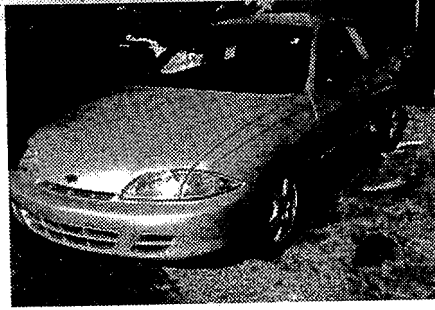
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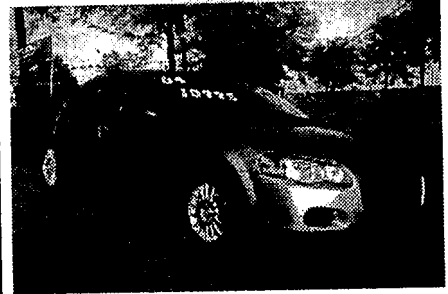
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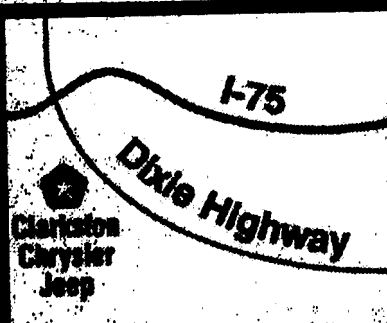
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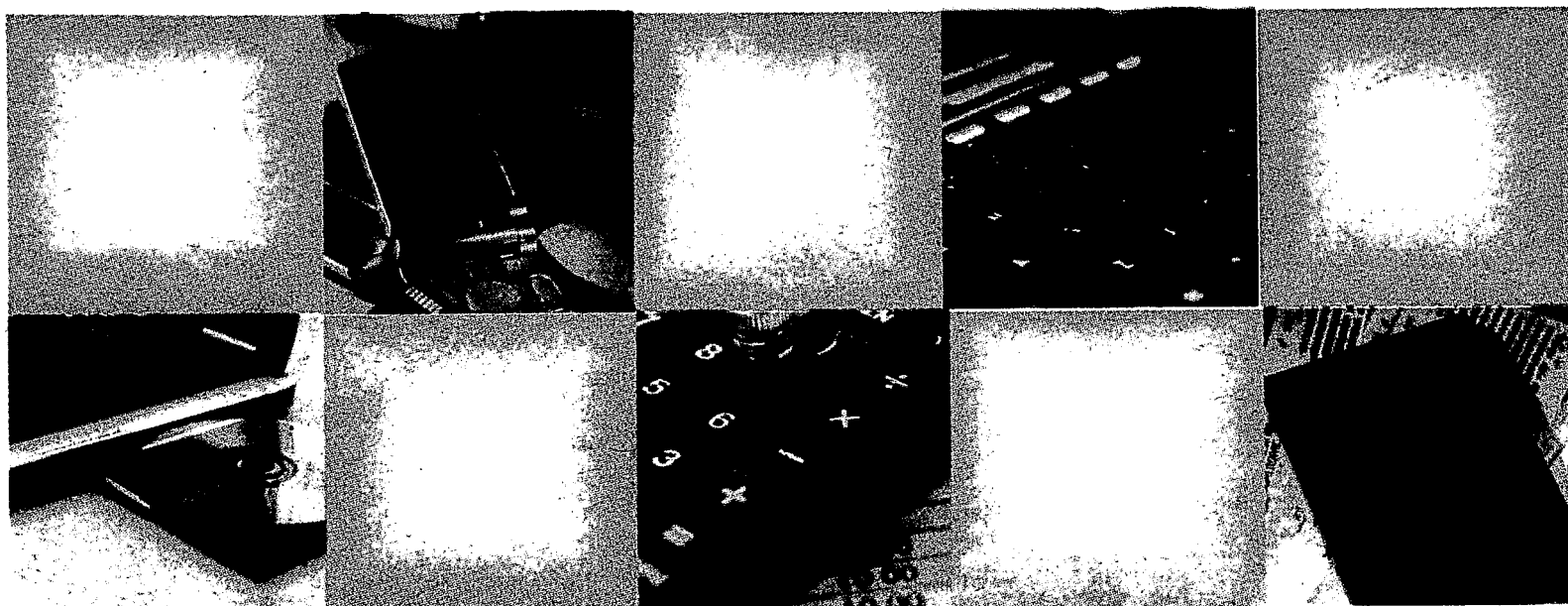
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### *Good times ahead at Deer Lake Athletic Club*

Over the past 30 years Deer Lake Athletic Club has been a jewel in the Clarkston community. Never one to rest on its laurels, Deer Lake is shining brighter as a spring and summer season filled with new programs and activities for the whole family approaches.

"We want to generate activity all year long," founder and owner, Forrest Milzow said. "People enjoy more activities than just tennis. We've expanded to include a much larger audience."

Since the club first opened its doors in 1976, Deer Lake's facilities have been tailored to the needs of the Clarkston community.

"We are a bedroom community on the move and that's what we are catering to," Milzow said. "We've

designed all of our programs around families."

With a loyal staff, many of whom have been with the club for years, Deer Lake prides itself on not only being one of the largest employers in the township but also being an active participant in the community.

"What makes us unique from other clubs in the area is Deer Lake has been family owned and operated since the beginning. We take great pride in that. We have a loyal staff which has been with us for years and they know our members. You are not just a face walking in the door, you are part of the family here," club consultant, Terri Bendes said.

Deer Lake's commitment to health goes past a superficial level, offerings like the Health Fair, which runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on March 18, is a perfect example of how the club seeks to better the community as a whole. You do not need to be a member at Deer Lake to register to attend the Health Fair.

"It all ties back into health and fitness. When you educate people about health, they take an interest in being healthier. By hosting the Health Fair we can provide some things that people probably wouldn't just go and have done," Bendes said.

A few of the on-site exams at the Health Fair are body composition, hearing and bone density screenings. Some of the topics covered by professionals on the day include: metabolism, osteoporosis, childhood obesity, weight training as well as many other general health issues.

Showing off one of Deer Lake's crown jewels, Dan Houston, the club's clinical exercise specialist, will discuss the benefits of his field of expertise at the Health Fair. He is one of only five people in the state of Michigan certified in the field of clinical exercise.

"It all ties into the philosophy of the club. That's why we are here, we want people to be healthier," Bendes said.

The commitment to making health and fitness easy for their members extends past special events such as the Health Expo.

Working with Dan Houston, Deer Lake's chefs

have developed a new lite menu which offers meals that range from 400 to 500 calories that delight the mouth as they sate the appetite.

"It's a menu that you don't walk away hungry from," Milzow said.

This summer, while parents enjoy a sumptuous meal in the Back Court Restaurant or Bullwinkles, children will have as much fun as they can handle on their plate.

Starting the week after school lets out for summer vacation, Deer Lake's all-day summer fun and specialty camps feature week-long immersions in tennis, cheerleading, lacrosse, football, soccer, junior Olympics, karate, hip-hop dance and more.

"The summer camps free the parents up to catch up on whatever they have to do, knowing that their children are in a safe environment with lots of healthy and fun activities to choose from," Forrest Milzow said.

With Deer Lake's trained and experienced staff, children are under constant supervision, allowing parents to enjoy the finer pleasures in life, such as relaxing by the club's two new pools.

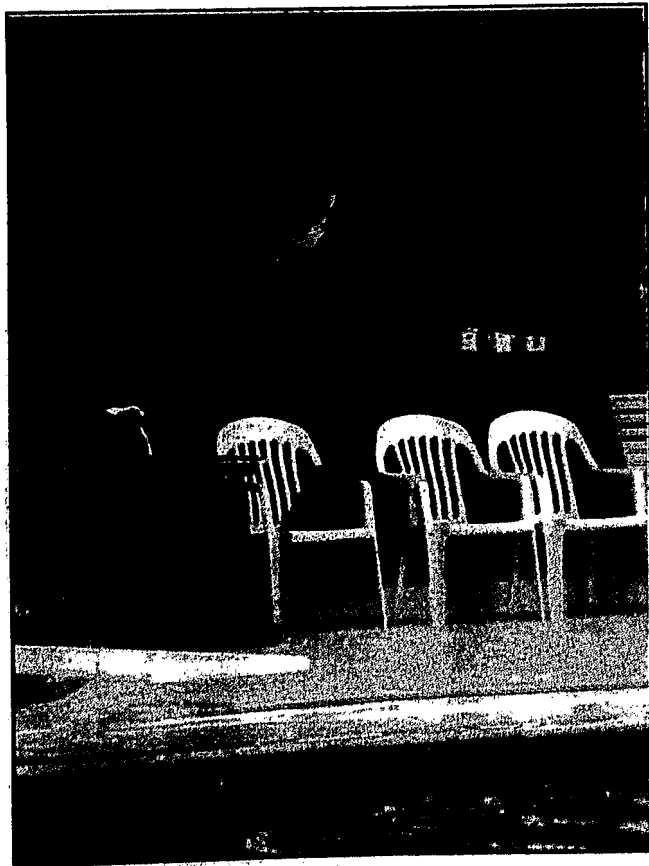
To ensure that while enjoying their time at Deer Lake their members are never out of the loop, the entire club features free wireless internet access.

"What we hope is that with our summer programs, people stop by and see the club, enjoy being here, and decide to join us year round," Bendes said.

With old favorites like expert tennis advice and new state-of-the-art programs, such as the women's only circuit training and studio cycling rooms, Deer Lake stays on the cusp of athletic training without alienating any of their longtime members.

For the perfect test drive of what Deer Lake has to offer, summertime memberships are available. The club also takes care to thank current members just for passing a good word down the line with the referral reward program.

To join today or register for the Health Fair or summer camps call Deer Lake Athletic Club at 248-625-8686 or stop by 6167 White Lake Road for a tour of the facility.





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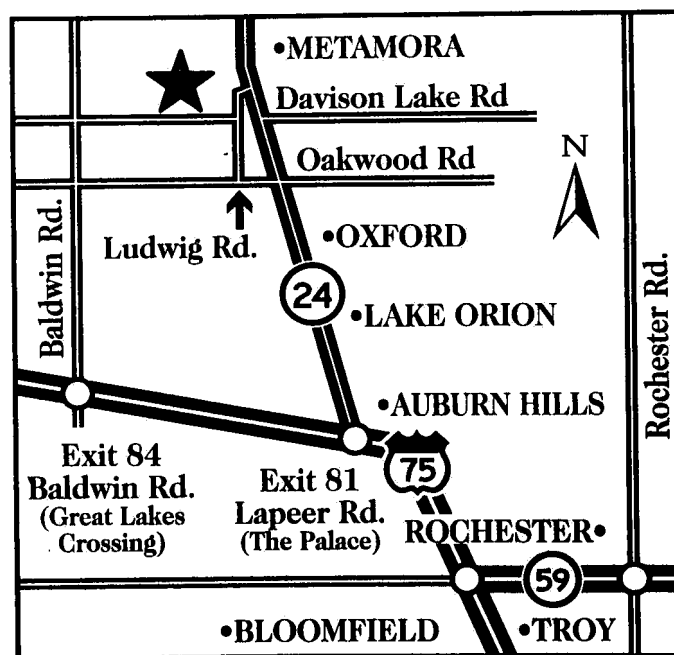
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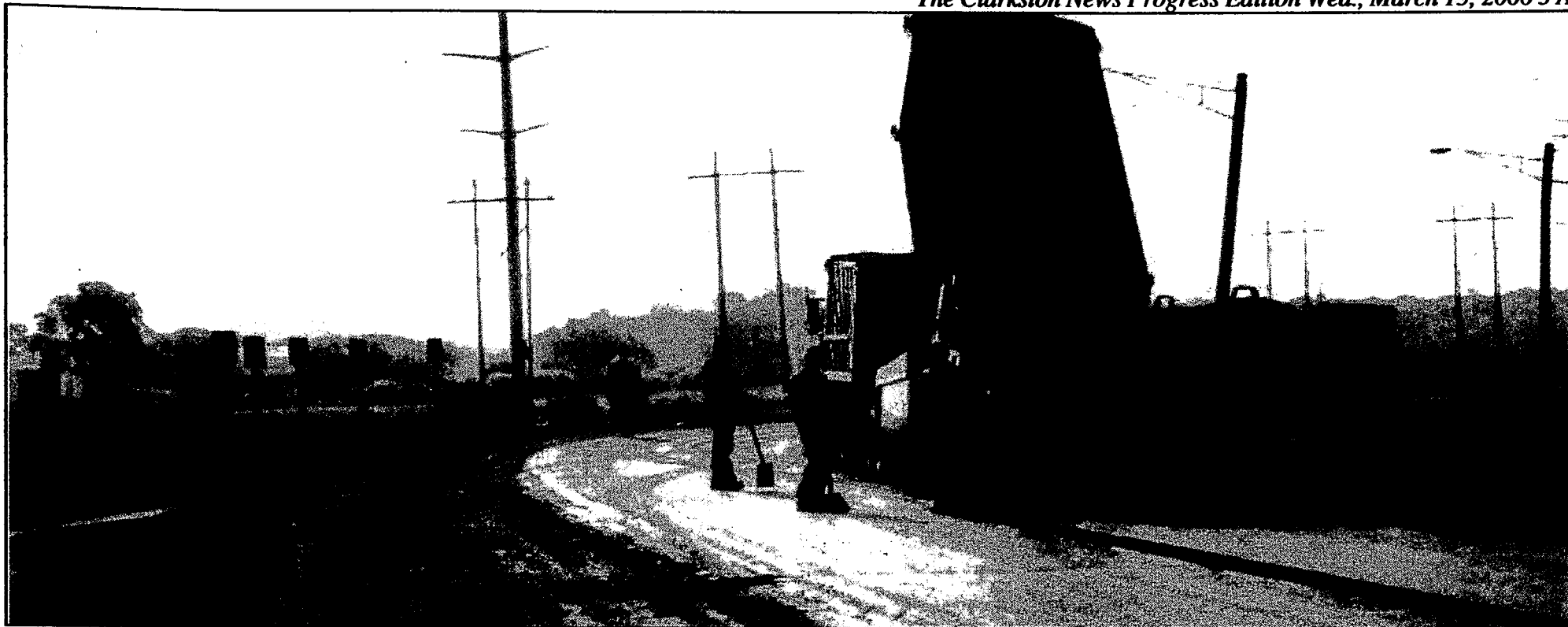
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Today, Allied Construction is based in Clarkston, but also has another division in Livingston County, which opened 15 years ago. The company has 50 employees combined in the two locations.

They specialize in asphalt paving of parking lots, roads and driveways, according to Erik Swanson, Vice President of Operations for Allied Construction. He said Allied is "an old-school, old-line business" that takes pride in their commercial and residential work.

Allied has worked on thousands of commercial settings, including the demanding requirements of many

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Allied is proud of the larger-scale projects they have worked on, such as the road to the Fermi 2 nuclear power station in Flat Rock, which was recently paved under the supervision under of the United States De-

partment of Homeland Security. However, Foster said Allied also takes pride in their residential work.

"We really enjoy doing driveways for homeowners, because they are pleased with the work we do," he said. "Most people don't realize we do more driveways in southeastern Michigan than any other contractor."

Swanson said Allied is also considering acquiring an asphalt plant in the future.

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# Mount Christie Estates: the epitome of luxury in Metamora

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These country estates surround a former ski mountain, and create one of the desirable communities in the Metamora/Oxford "horse country" area.

Owner and developer Ron Lamparter had the vision to create the community over 20 years ago, but began the developing stages only seven years ago.

The design of the Mount Christie community was lead by a team of award winning designers.

"When it's complete it will have 34 luxury home sites," Lamparter said.

Twelve magnificent homes currently sit on the meticulously planned land. Each site ranges from one to two acres, with almost 50 acres of landscaped grounds left for the mutual enjoyment of everyone.

The large estates, with names like Throughbroad, Preakness and Triple Crown, feature amenities like three-car garages, multiple fireplaces, large decks, high ceilings, bay windows, French doors and large outdoor entertainment decks with spectacular views.

Residents of the community are also privileged to be a part of the private Club at Mount Christie, which is owned and operated separate from the Mount Christie Estate Property Owners Association.

Groomed trails for riding, hiking and cross-country skiing form a scenic perimeter boundary that surrounds the entire "semi-gated" community, and offer residents additional security and the opportunity to experience nature "up close and

personal."

Besides new homes, Lamparter said the summer of 2006 will see Mount Christie Estate's club operation increased to include an indoor equestrian area and additional horse stalls.

At the top of the former ski mountain a picturesque gazebo awaits you.

"When you stand on top of the hill, the views are just awesome," Lamparter said.

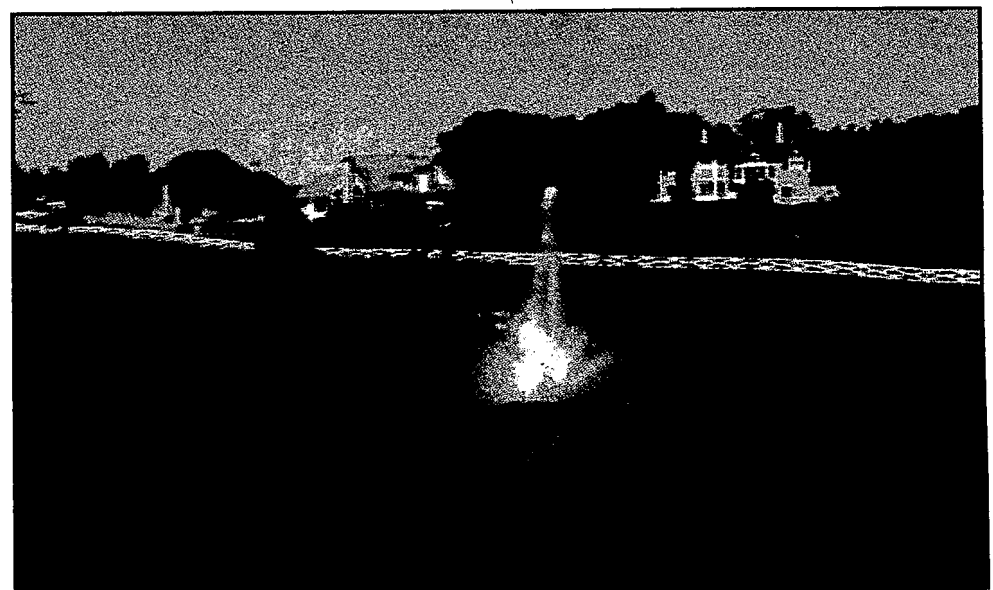
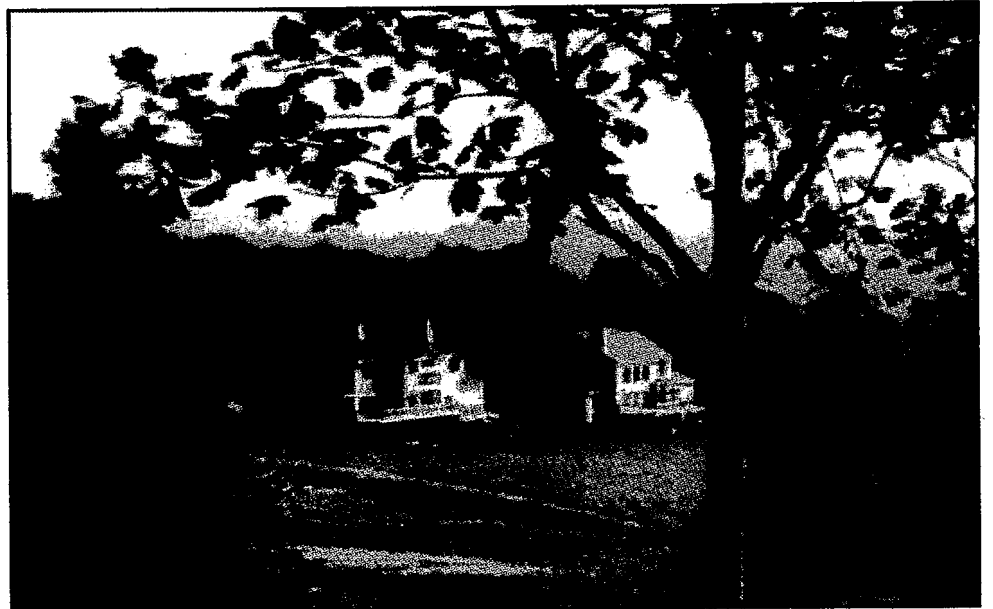
The professionally decorated clubhouse features a great room, kitchen, dining/conference room, lounge/library, locker rooms and a second floor game room with a billiards table, service bar and large home theater with a 10 ft. screen and full surround sound.

In the mood for sports? Then try out their fabulous tennis courts and outdoor riding arena.

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Mount Christie Estates is a relaxing, luxurious, family-oriented community for everyone, and especially for those with a preference for a luxurious "country" life style.

To learn more about Mount Christie Estates, visit their website at [www.mountchristie.com](http://www.mountchristie.com). To arrange a tour of the Mount Christie community, call their information center at (248) 969-0400, or call listing agent Tim Goodwin at Max Brooc Realtors at (248) 310-5588. Mount Christie is located at 1700 W. Davison Lake Rd., between Lapeer Rd. and Baldwin Rd.



The Mount Christie Estates were developed to preserve the historic elegance of the natural elements and will feature 34 luxury homes. A private clubhouse with various amenities grace the landscape.

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# Dr. David Regiani, DDS PC, on the cutting edge

Dr. David Regiani and his staff are on the cutting edge of dentistry.

Regiani has been practicing at his office in downtown Ortonville for almost 27 years, specializing in holistic dentistry and using dental materials that are less potentially harmful than some more commonly used materials.

"What we do is gauge our practice on a medical model, trying to customize treatment to be as biologically compatible as possible," says Regiani.

Treatment is catered to the comfort level of each client, with natural, homeopathic medications used whenever possible. Nitrous oxide remains available for those who need it.

Regiani notes that the mouth is a barometer of the body and if a patient has a dental problem, it isn't just treated locally. Lack of certain vitamins in the body can also lead to poor dental health, which is why Regiani has vitamin C tests. A lack of this nutrient causes more plaque to form on teeth. He also tests for zinc, because low levels in the body results in bone loss for teeth support.

Regiani notes that dentists are often seen more regularly than physicians and thus can be the first to detect other problems.

"I enjoy dentistry because there is never a day that goes by that I don't treat a variety of problems," Regiani says.

"It's challenging. I get to blend art with science."

In his renovated offices which are outfitted with computers in all rooms, Regiani uses state-of-the-art digital x-rays to improve diagnostic capabilities and reduce radiation by half. He uses xylitol dental products to reduce cavities up to 70 percent.

Regiani hasn't used flouride in his office in 20 years, saying it is not beneficial. He was way ahead of the Environmental Protection Agency unions that he says last year went on record asking Congress for a ban on flouridation of water. Regiani was also ahead of the curve in not using mercury for fillings. His office has been mercury-free for the last 26 years. Instead, he uses tooth-colored materials.

Invisalign, a process to straighten teeth without using metal wires or brackets, is also used by Regiani.

In 2006, Regiani plans to continue learning so he can treat patients better. He believes people are looking for dental practitioners who don't use drug treatments alone. They will find that kind of dental practitioner in him.

"I offer an alternative to conventional dentistry," he says. "We have a unique approach."

Regiani enjoys the community and the lack of the rat race. He plans to continue working for at least another 14-15 years and invites new patients to come see him.

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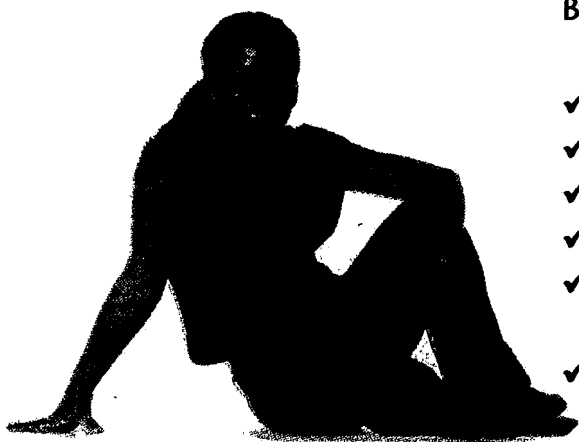
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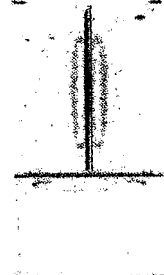
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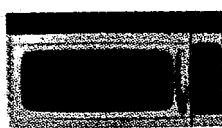
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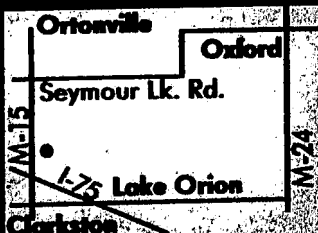
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## T&C Federal Credit Union: Coming to a community near you!

Backed by a long history of trust, personal service and responsible corporate citizenship, T&C Federal Credit Union is a true asset to the communities it serves, the number of which are growing every year.

Last year, T&C Federal Credit Union opened three new branches in Oxford, Clarkston and most recently, Ortonville.

The 2,000-square-foot Ortonville branch made its debut Dec. 20, 2005 at 250 N. Ortonville Road, Suite B (inside the same shopping center as Bueche's Food World), and features a drive-up ATM in the parking lot.

Lonnie Bone, Vice President of Marketing, explained that Ortonville is a "growing community" with a large number of T&C Federal Credit Union members.

"I think we're a good fit for that area," Bone said. "We really try to be a hometown financial institution and support our community."

T&C Federal Credit Union is a sponsor of Ortonville's Creek Fest in June and Septemberfest, along with a number of local Chamber of Commerce activities and events.

"We're a good corporate citizen," Bone said.

In April, T&C Federal plans to open a 3,200-square-foot freestanding and full service branch in Rochester Hills at 55 W. Avon Road. It will feature drive-throughs, drive-up ATM machines and an inhouse financial planner. After that, Bone said T&C Federal is looking to open a branch in Wixom in early spring 2007.

A lot is happening for the credit union that was originally founded in 1936 in Pontiac to exclusively serve the employees of General Motors Truck and Coach.

Over the years, T&C Federal has grown by leaps and bounds until finally, in February 2002 the Bloomfield Hills-based financial institution changed to a community charter and now serves the general public in Oakland County.

Today, the financial institution has accumulated more than \$550 million in assets and has earned the trust of more than 63,000 members. "Virtually anyone who resides, worships, works or goes to school in Oakland County can now join T&C Federal Credit Union," Bone said.

T&C Federal Credit Union offers a full range of services including mortgages, savings and checking accounts, IRAs, financial planning, loans of all types and complete electronic banking including paying bills and banking from home – something the financial institu-

tion is particularly progressive about.

"Our goal is anything you can do at one of our branches, you can also do on-line from your home or work computer," Bone said. "You can literally join the credit union over the Internet. You don't even have to come into one of our offices."

Even loans can be done on-line with T&C Federal Credit Union. The only thing the customer has to do is pick what type of loan they need.

Loans can be taken out for mortgages, home improvements, automobiles, recreational vehicles, boats, airplanes, construction, vacation properties, investment properties and small businesses. "Mortgages can be taken out with as little as zero percent down," Bone noted.

Joining T&C Federal Credit Union gives members access to more than 25,000 no-surcharge ATMs nationwide (all 7-11 stores are now part of the network now) – 2,500 of which are in Michigan. "It's the largest ATM network in the United States," Bone said.

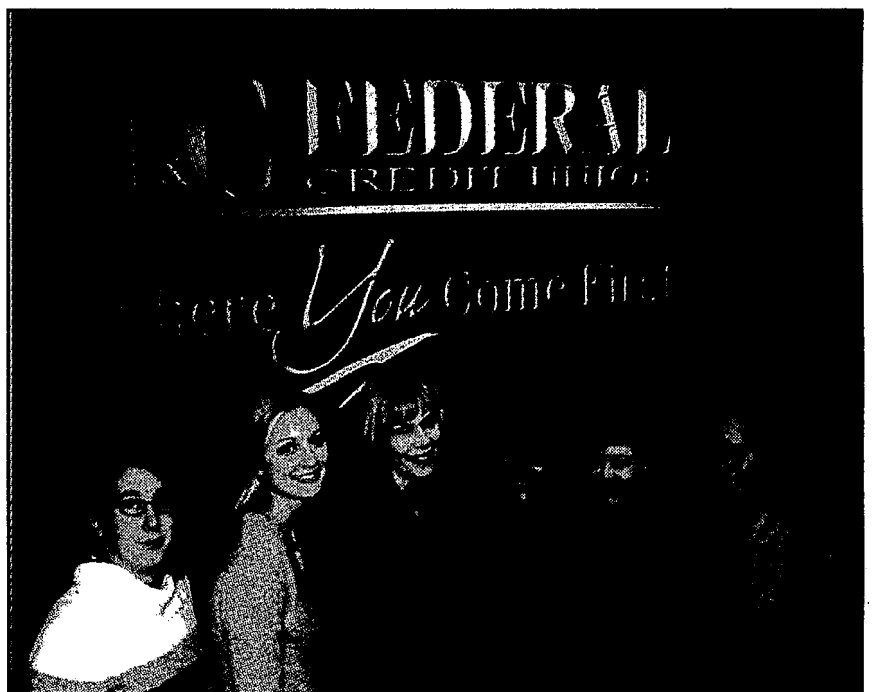
In January 2005, T&C Federal Credit Union opened a brand new free-standing 7,000-square-foot branch at Deer Lake Road and Dixie Highway in Clarkston complete with drive-through tellers and drive-up ATM.

Last year Oxford, T&C Federal Credit Union opened a 3,200-square-foot, full service branch at 168 S. Washington St. inside the Oxford Marketplace shopping center with a drive-up ATM in the parking lot.

When asked what separates T&C Federal Credit Union from other financial institutions, Bone replied, "Personal service. That personal touch."

"We always try to do what's in our members' best interests," he said. "We take a personal interest in our members' lives and always try to get to know them on a first name basis."

Bone is also proud that T&C Federal Credit Union is a "good corporate citizen" that gets involved in the com-



T&C Federal Credit Union's Clarkston staff.

munities it serves. In Oxford, the credit-union has sponsored Celebrate Oxford, Groundhog Daze, Concerts in Centennial Park, Women's Expo, Crossroads for Youth and OHS Senior All Night Party.

In Clarkston, T&C Federal has supported the Taste of Clarkston, CHS Senior Party, Concerts in the Park, and the Clarkston Business Expo. In Orion, the institution's been involved in Barn Days, Snowflake Ball for the Orion Art Center, LOHS Senior Party and the Boys & Girls Club.

In every community, T&C Federal has been a highly active and supportive member of the local Chamber of Commerce participating in everything from regular meetings to mixers to special events.

"You're going to see even more of us," Bone said.

T&C Federal Credit Union's Clarkston, Orion (4055 S. Lapeer Rd.), Oxford and Ortonville branches are open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. To learn more about T&C Federal Credit Union log on to their website at [www.tcfcu.org](http://www.tcfcu.org).

## Solley's Appliance and Fireplace Center

Solley's Appliance and Fireplace Center has made some improvements in the past year with more planned for 2006, but some things never change—like outstanding service, great selection and competitive prices.

Paul and Amy Valentino became owners of the store in February 2005, taking over from the Solley family, who began the business in 1948.

"I love this community," says Paul Valentino. "We love this business, the people, and working with the customers."

The Valentinos are continuing a tradition of excellence at Solley's, a one-stop shop for builders, designers and homeowners. The store carries a wide range of home appliances and fireplaces. Kitchen appliances feature brand names such as Sub-Zero, Wolf, Asko, Jenn-Air, Dacor, Fischer-Paykel, GE, Maytag, Amana, Magic Chef, Miele and Bosch.

A newly remodeled hearth showroom features the latest in gas and wood-burning products, mantles and surrounds, gas logs and custom fireplace doors. Product lines include Travis Industries, Lopi and Fireplace Xtrordinair—the most comprehensive selection of high efficiency, heat-producing gas and wood products available in the marketplace. Other premium brands include Jotul, Heat N Glo, Vermont Castings and Majestic. The Valentinos invite customers to ask about cutting edge



Paul Valentino, Amy Valentino, Doug Stolz, Jaye Jenkins, Brian Allen, Allyn Thurlby, and Tom Thurlby, the staff of Solley's Appliance and Fireplace Center.

technologies such as corn stoves and Gel Flame, an inexpensive gasless new flame technology.

Solley's is able to offer prices as low as big-box stores. With high purchasing volume and appliances acquired at the same price as national chains, Solley's passes along value to their customers. The store is also home of the big "4" free: free delivery, free removal, free disposal and free installation on stand alone appliances. Zero-percent financing is available.

"We ask customers what they're trying to accomplish and we don't sell a product without knowing what it does," says Paul Valentino. "Our people are exceptionally qualified. Our product knowledge, service and pricing sets us apart from our competitors."

The well-trained staff at Solley's includes Tom and Allyn (Solley) Thurlby, who have nearly 80 years of combined experience and tenure at Solley's; Jaye Jenkins; Brian Allen and new manager Doug Stolz. They will work directly with individual customers or build-

ers/designers.

"I'm excited to be here," says Stolz. "Solley's is well-known in the community for the sales and service and we want to continue the loyal relationship with the community."

Solley's provides in-house appliance and hearth service and has a parts department.

In 2006, the Valentinos plan to make-over the exterior of the building, remodel the appliance showroom, introduce a new theater kitchen and host cooking demonstrations, wine-tasting, and private sale events.

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## Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology: *The best in women's health care*

New advances in health care are always on the cutting edge — especially for women. Still, keeping track of the newest technology and treatment options is difficult, especially in today's hectic world.

This is where the physicians with Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology can help.

Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology offers some of the latest health care options available to women — and many can be done right in their office.

According to Dr. Paul J. Corsi, M.D., two newer office treatments include Essure and Novasure.

"Essure is a non-incisional, non-hormonal form of permanent birth control which is easier than a vasectomy," said Dr. Corsi. "There is no impact at all in terms of the patient's hormonal balance or cycle control."

The 20-minute procedure is done in office without general anesthesia (a local numbing is done) and allows the patient to return to their daily activity later in the day.

"This is a highly effective method that does not alter a woman's hormonal balance and does not require hormone treatment afterwards," said Dr. Corsi.

Another addition to Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology's treatment options is Novasure, a treatment for excessive menstrual bleeding (bleeding that interferes

with a woman's daily activities or living, and lasts seven or more days per cycle).

Novasure is a quick, outpatient surgical procedure that permanently removes the lining of the uterus.

"Heavy menstrual cycles can now be easily treated with a 90 second procedure, which is a great alternative to more invasive procedures like a hysterectomy," said Dr. Corsi. "This treatment is often used when hormonal treatments have failed."

For women struggling with stress urinary incontinence, Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology now offers two modern treatment methods: TVT and TOT. Both utilize "mid-urethral slings."

"These are minimally invasive, outpatient surgeries with minimal recovery time," said Dr. Adam Ziff, D.O. "We've taken the same diagnosis and we now have the ability to perform the same kind of procedure, with better outcomes, and moved it to an outpatient setting."

When compared with traditional bladder suspension treatment, TVT and TOT involve minimal risk and a quick recovery time — most patients return to regular activity with some lifting restrictions after three days. Traditional bladder suspension treatment involves three to five days hospital recovery and an additional six weeks home recovery.

"This is safe and effective

and women don't have to take a large chunk of time from their life," said Dr. Ziff.

In addition to these new specialties, Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology recently purchased a new Lunar Prodigy bone density machine, available in the Pontiac office.

Bone density measurements are most often done measuring the spine and hip. The Lunar Prodigy is even able to measure the bone density in a patient that has undergone a hip replacement. Previous bone density machines could not do this.

In addition, the office has an ultrasound bone densometer that will allow any woman over the age of 20 to undergo an inexpensive osteoporosis screening of her heel. If abnormal, a full spine and hip exam could be done.

The Lunar Prodigy can also calculate total body fat composition for those patients attempting to lose weight or re-sculpt their body. Dr. Robins stated that individuals can take their body fat composition results to personal trainers and nutrition experts to better focus on target areas in their physique.

Another excellent service being offered by the practice is laser hair removal. After researching the different options available, the doctors decided to purchase the Gentle-Lase laser.

"We found the Gentle-Lase had the best results for hair re-



The doctors at Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology are ready to provide their patients with the latest in women's care.

moval on the market," said Dr. Robins. "This same machine is the laser of choice seen on the television show 'Extreme Makeover.'"

Dr. Robins said the process is extremely effective with most patients experiencing the best results after five treatments. Other patients may opt for fewer treatments to simply decrease the amount of hair they have as opposed to eliminating it altogether.

Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology includes a full staff of physicians ready to treat "the whole women:" Dr. Stanley

Dorfman, M.D., Chief of Staff at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland; Dr. Robert Robins, M.D.; Dr. William H. Jewell, Jr., M.D., Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Dr. Paul J. Corsi, M.D.; Dr. Patricia Kondratenko, D.O.; and Dr. Adam Ziff, D.O.

Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology is open Mondays through Friday. The office is located at 7210 N. Main Street. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 248-620-2800 or go online at [www.associatedobgyn.net](http://www.associatedobgyn.net).

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Parkhurst Homes, a family-owned and operated business, has been bringing high quality, affordable modular and manufactured housing to Michigan families since 1955.

Parkhurst Homes carries a full line of Manufactured homes by Redman and Holly Park along with Modular homes by Redman, IBS and Excel.

"The modular homes keep getting more and more sophisticated," said Sharon Crowe, of Parkhurst Homes, noting there's been an increase in customers purchasing two-story modular homes over the last year.

Parkhurst has thousands of floorplans to choose from.

For example, Charming Cape Cod style homes, like the 2,182-square-foot Ridgeport, offer his and her closets and a large master bathroom, while the 2,535-square-foot Crawford style features a covered front porch and luxurious garden bath.

Want something that's not on one of floor plans?

Because Parkhurst custom-builds all their homes from the ground up, any feature that's available elsewhere can be added to a Parkhurst home.

Modular homes are becoming more and more popular because they're better built than your average stick-built homes, according to Crowe.

Modular homes use 30 percent more lumber than other homes and drywall is installed with screws, not nails. They're also built in a controlled factory environment and meet or exceed Michigan building codes.

Parkhurst builds year-round, so you don't have to wait for the warm weather to move into your dream home. Crowe said homes take about eight weeks to order and then one-to-three months to build, depending on the sitework that has to be done.

The first step to attaining your Parkhurst home is being pre-qualified for a construction draw loan. The homeowner then meets with a Parkhurst employee, who will work hard to meet all their expectations and



(from left, back row) Dennis Brown, Dave Yesbick, Sharon Crowe, (front row) Lynn Osborn, Rose Chaiser and Sh'Vaun Navarre are some of the friendly faces you'll encounter when building a home through Parkhurst Homes.

needs while educating them about the building process.

Parkhurst Homes caters to many different kinds of customers. There are first-time home buyers and also the move-up buyers who typically wish to increase or decrease their living space.

If land hasn't been purchased for the home, don't worry. Parkhurst can assist customers in finding the right realtor.

Parkhurst also owns a 300 site land lease community of manufactured homes in Oxford. The advantage to these homes is that it reduces your monthly payment over building on private land. Many times the payments can be half or less than building on your own land.

Want to check out some Parkhurst Homes for yourself? Drive around the 300-unit community behind their S. Lapeer Road office.

Over the past year, Crowe said, "We've been work-

ing on upgrading all the homes going in now with brick skirting along with optional garages and car ports."

New this year, Parkhurst is also offering maintenance services, such as snow plowing and lawn mowing, much like a condominium association.

Outside Oxford, Parkhurst has built homes in all areas of Michigan excluding the Upper Peninsula.

"We did a lot of tear-downs of homes and rebuilds in Troy last year," she said.

Parkhurst Homes is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and Noon-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Hours are extended until 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday during from May through September. For more information, contact Parkhurst Homes at (248) 693-8812 or visit them online at [www.parkhurst-homes.com](http://www.parkhurst-homes.com).



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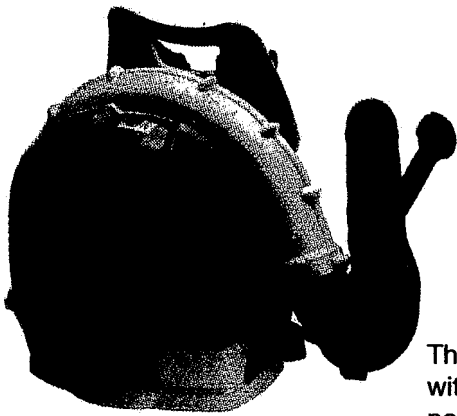
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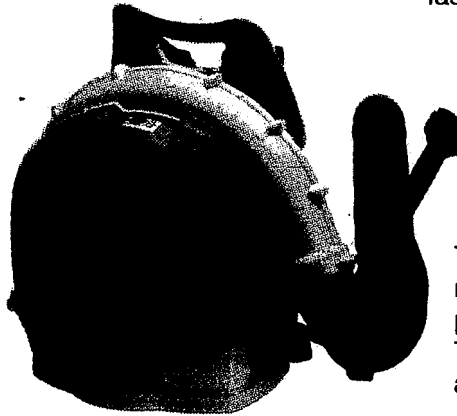
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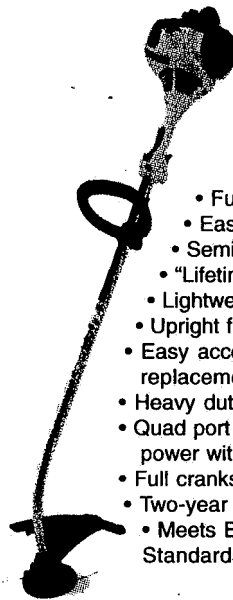
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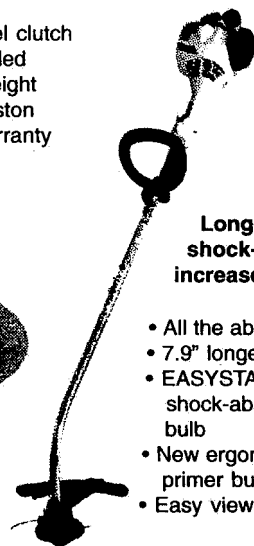
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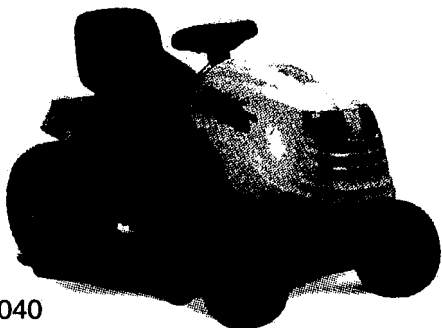
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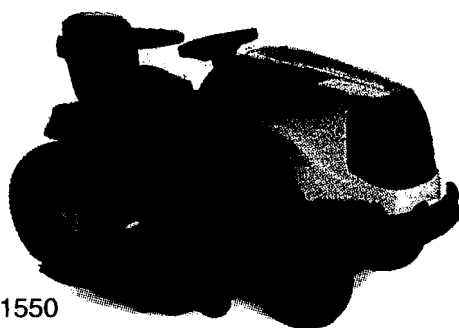
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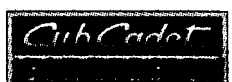
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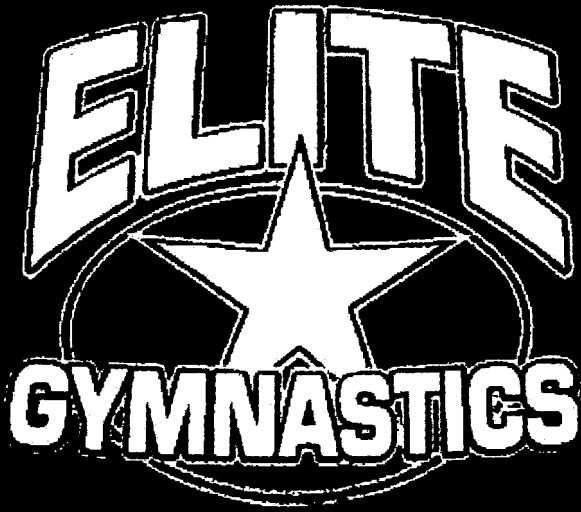
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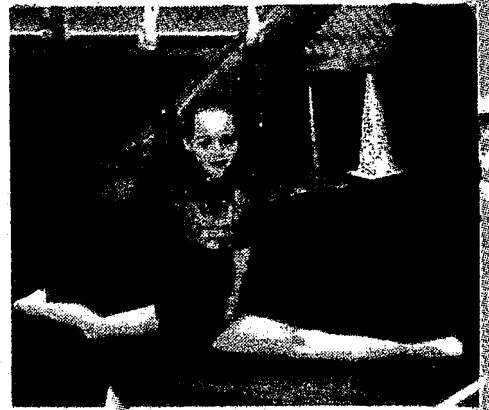
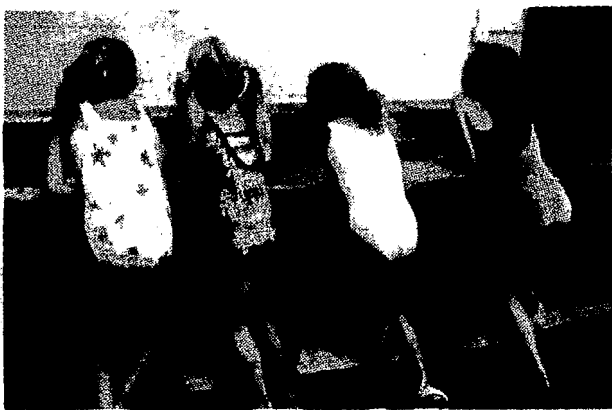




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There are so many new skin care options available for patients. There are tons of commercials for new products and procedures in magazines and on TV. We have weighed through them to find products that really work. I want my patients to feel confident that the products and services that we offer are effective and safe. We strive to offer the latest technologies to provide complete skin care," Dr. McFalda said.

According to Dr. McFalda, "there has been a large demand from patients for a procedure that tightens the skin without the downtime of a facelift or surgery. Within the next few months we will be adding that service. Patients will be able to come to the office, have the procedure done and return to work the next day. Over the next few months the skin will tighten restore a more youthful look."

Regular patients are already familiar with the center's Luminous One Laser, which uses light energy to treat a variety of skin conditions. "The laser eliminates brown spots, redness and broken blood vessels and can be used anywhere on the body, including the back of the hands. It also really helps patients with sun damage, acne or rosacea," Dr. McFalda said patients are seeing results after one treatment.

"If you want to receive the maximum benefit and improvement from the treatment you would need four-to-six treatments. Most patients see the most improvement after three treatments and we refine the results from there," Dr. McFalda said. "For someone who is look to have skin tone, more youthful looking skin, fewer lines and wrinkles or even out their pigmentation this is the treatment."

Adding to the benefits of laser treatment, Dr. McFalda has expanded skin peel and cosmetic options.



**Sandra Folsom, RN applies a skin peel treatment to a patient**

Whether a patient is suffering from an outbreak of acne or just wants to refresh the look of their face, the latest skin peels provide a quick and easy treatment method. Skin peels also help exfoliate the skin between laser treatments.

Mineral makeup is the perfect follow-up to facial treatments and Dr. McFalda has received positive feedback about the new line available at her office. "People love it because it gives great coverage but it feels lightweight," Dr. McFalda said. The minerals are soothing to sensitive or aging skin and also have a SPF of 20, which is water resistant. "It is a make-up that works with your skin care regimen to improve the skin, it is

especially effective for people with acne or rosacea" Dr. McFalda explained. Dr. McFalda and her staff treat all diseases of the skin including acne, warts, eczema, psoriasis, moles, skin cancers and varicose and spider veins. In addition, the center offers a variety of cosmetic procedures. Patients can visit Dr. McFalda for treatments with Botox, filler substances like Restylane and Sculptra, facial peels as well as a complete line of skin care products.

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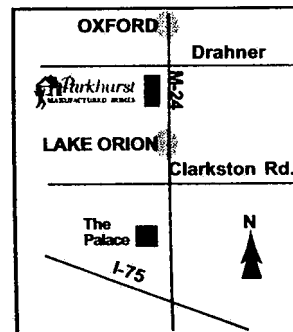
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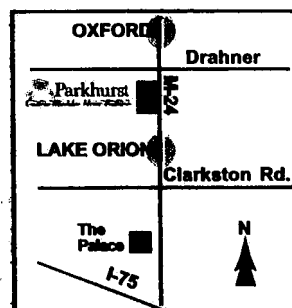


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That's right, Grove's True Value is now the power equipment center for the Oxford area.

Mark your calendars because on **Thursday, March 23** Grove's True Value will host an all-day "Power Equipment Open House" complete with factory representatives on site to answer questions and give demonstrations, special deals for customers and refreshments.

Whether you're looking to purchase or rent power equipment or have yours serviced by a professional technician, Grove's True Value has you covered in every aspect.

The 190 S. Washington Street store is an authorized dealer for all the well-known names in power equipment whether its tractors, mowers, chain saws, weed whips, generators or engines.

Cub Cadet, SCAG, Toro, Stihl, Shindaiwa, Honda, Kohler, Briggs and Stratton, Kawasaki – all the industry giants waiting to serve you at Grove's True Value.

Chris Bishop, general manager of Grove's True Value, said the biggest addition is the Cub Cadet line which offers everything from residential lawn tractors and "zero turn" mowers to commercial grade mowers and compact tractors with gas and

diesel engines ranging from 23 to 45 horsepower.

Bishop is particularly excited about Cub Cadet's residential line.

"We've never really had a residential

"We have a large selection of 21-inch walk-behind mowers," Bishop said. "We've got mowers from \$149 (walk-behind) to over \$10,000 (tractors)."

If you're thinking about buying a lawn

power equipment like chain saws, weed whips, blowers and hedge trimmers can check out Grove's full lines of Stihl and Shindaiwa products.

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Need to rent a piece of power equipment?

Grove's True Value also offers an extensive line of rentals including skid-steers, mini-excavators, power rakes, augers, chain saws, carpet cleaning equipment, tree chippers and aerators.

"We're expanding our rental assortment this year," Bishop noted.

Has one of your prized pieces of power equipment broken down in the line of duty?

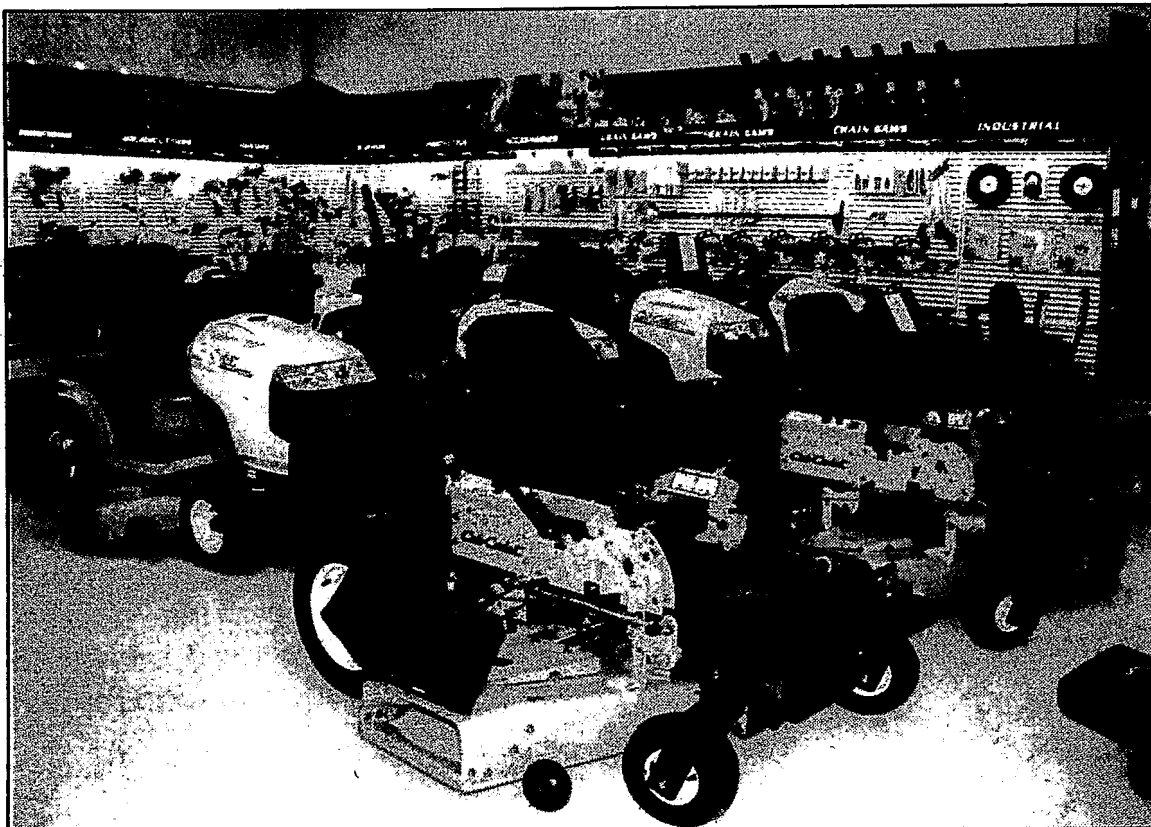
Not to fear, Grove's True Value has a repair shop set up on site where full-time service technician Fred Brecht will work his expert magic to bring your power equipment back to life.

Don't worry about getting your disabled equipment to the Oxford location, the store offers pickup if you need it.

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Washington Street location inside the Oxford Marketplace shopping center.

Grove's True Value is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Don't forget to circle **Thursday, March 23** on your calendar.



tractor line much less a premium one like this," he said. "Cub Cadet gives us that quality residential tractor line we lacked in the past."

If a good old fashioned walk-behind lawn mower is what you need Cub Cadet has those too and so does another American favorite that Grove's True Value carries – Toro.

mower or tractor, but aren't sure if it's the right one for your particular needs, Grove's True Value offers free demonstrations.

"We'll bring it to your house so you can try it out and see if it works for you," Bishop said.

Decide to buy and your delivery is free too.

Those looking for premium outdoor

## Elite Gymnastics settles in to new home, offers more programs

Elite Gymnastics Inc. has produced so many star athletes it's no surprise that they needed to find a bigger gym for their students.

With its new location at 715 Lapeer Rd. across from the Meijers in Oxford, Elite's 20,000 square foot facility is filled to the brim with safe, age appropriate and USAG certified equipment, such as balance beams, uneven parallel bars, trampolines, and tumble mats for athletes ages 18 months to adult.

Founder and Head Coach of Elite Jeni Ochoa said the October move was necessary in order to provide more programs for their growing athletes.

On top of the new building, Ochoa said a 45 foot tumble track was placed into the ground as well as a large in-ground pit to help break falls from vaulters and such.

"We're trying to raise money from our summer camps to put in an 85-100 foot rod floor for power tumbling," she said.

Also new to the gym is a 1,000 square foot dance room that doubles as an aerobics, yoga and adult couples dance room.

"We also have an adult gymnastic class now which is a blast," she said. "We can grow and I'm sure as time goes on, we'll figure out more to do with the space."

Currently Elite has athletes on competitive gymnastic teams, cheer teams, a recreational team, dance instructional, and hundreds of students, both male and female, in various instructional and preschool classes.

Ochoa said the men's competitive program is now back in action, which took third place at their first meet in February.

"I think the Paul and Morgan Hamm in the Olympics in 2004 really helped the boys and the parents realize that gymnastics is really cool," she said.

Not only is gymnastics cool, but according to Ochoa, creates excellent self-esteem.

"It teaches kids to set goals and reach them," she said. "We teach them to set them in small increments."

Elite athletes are coached by a staff of 17 fully qualified with USAG certification and many years of personal gymnastic competition experience.

Before opening the gym Ochoa was teaching basic tumbling to small children and cheerleaders, eventually local schools sent children to her and she decided to open a facility to accommodate the growing crowd.

Her coaching staff grew along with her students and now totals 23.

In addition, coaches Tricia Ochoa, Mike Bassman, Traci Shamaly, Jen Broombaugh-Ojala, Nathan Shaffer, Carla Coons, James Fleener, Barb Goff, Pierra Harlin, Jinelle Hudson, Lori Kayfish, Mellisa McClain, Jodi Dowd, Cheryl Adragna, Jamie Piscitelli, Kelli Schenkel, Danielle Stinson, Theresa Terrian and Matt Vasquez coach the wide variety of fun programs at Elite Gymnastics.

These extremely qualified coaches have lead Elite's athletes towards exciting accomplishments.

Last season, Ochoa said Elite's Level Six competitive gymnastics team placed third in the state, while Level Five's placed fourth. The cheerleading team took National Champion as a stunt group and placed first, second and third in Tumble Pass.

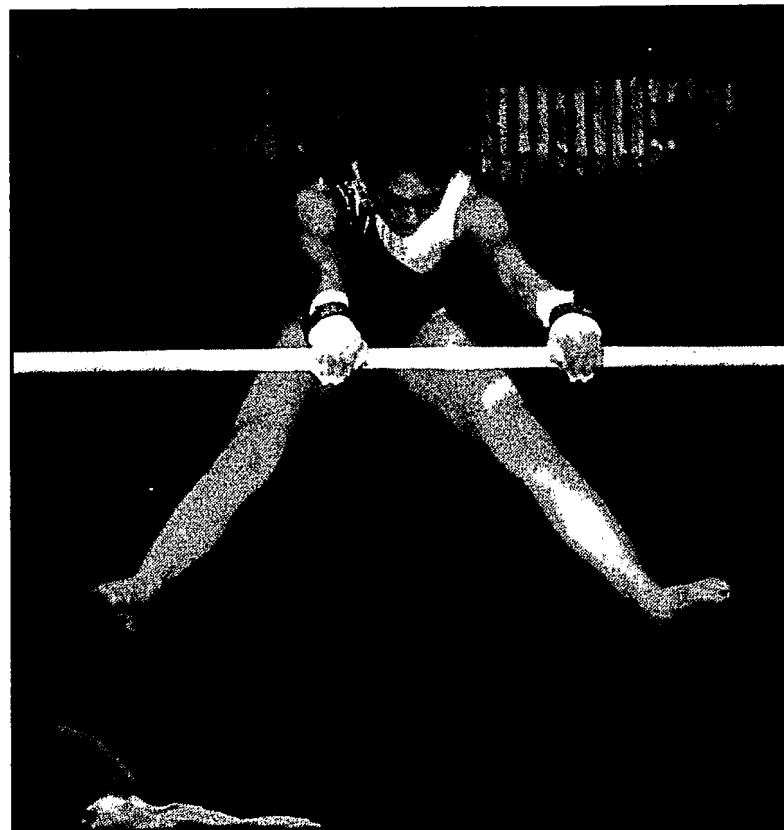
"We've had a lot of individual state and national champions," she said.

To help break in the new gym, Elite hosted two invitationals to which their athletes "won at every level."

The winter months aren't the only time for athletic activity. Elite Gymnastics offers an awesome themed "Extreme Power" summer camp.

The first Cheer Camp runs from June 25-27, 5-Day Gymnastics Camp runs June 19-23 and July 27-31, Mini-Gymnastics Camp runs July 20-22 and August 7-9, and the Stunt and Tumble Camp runs from August 3-4.

You may even catch a glimpse of former U.S.A. Olympians, like Kerri Strug, Dominique Moceanu and



Because of Elite Gymnastic's new home at 715 Lapeer Rd., they have seen a growth in their students, which now totals close to 600.

Shannon Miller.

Parents can even give their kids a special private birthday party on weekends.

Elite Gymnastics offers party packages from one to two hours of fun gym time with a trained USAG certified instructor, inflatable play park and much more.

Don't forget to stop by the Elite Pro Shop, run by Bob and Cathy Ochoa to purchase Elite sweatshirts and other apparel.

For more information on any of the wide variety of exciting programs Elite Gymnastics has to offer call 248-236-9600 or visit the website at: [www.elitegymnastics.org](http://www.elitegymnastics.org).



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"We take unused space and let people get more utility out of that space at a lower cost than buying a new house," said NOCAR co-owner Jerry Dotson.

Through their years as builders/general contractors, Dotson and co-owner John Lewis have seen firsthand how remodeling an old garage or unfinished basement can make all the difference in a homeowner's comfort and quality of

life.

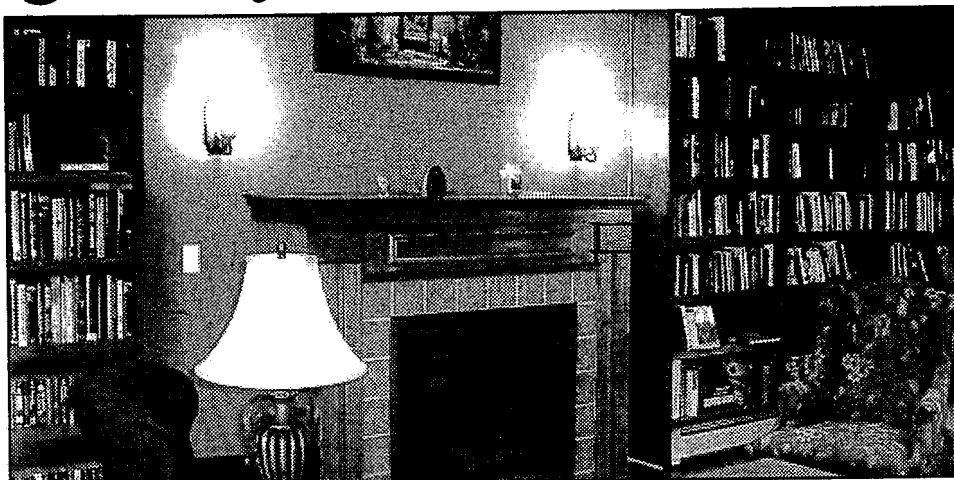
"Some people are unsure of the potential they have in their own home or existing property," said Lewis. "That potential for expansion can come at a much lower cost and take less time than buying a new house."

In addition to year-round quality craftsmanship, Dotson and Lewis are easily accessible to ensure excellent work is done in a timely fashion.

Dotson and Lewis' visits to work sites to check the work of their contracted tradesmen epitomize NOCAR's customer-oriented service.

"We're very hands-on, visiting the job every day. If we're not there nothing is happening. We're in daily contact with the customers unless they don't want that level of follow-up," said Dotson.

"It's not uncommon for customers to have our cell phone numbers and call us



**John Lewis and Jerry Dotson of North Oakland Construction and Remodeling, Inc. created a "Great Room" from an old garage for a couple in Metamora Township. The project added wood floors, large bookshelves and a cozy fireplace.**

directly when they have a question. Even at seven or eight at night," said Lewis.

NOCAR offers free estimates and develops a plan from the start of every project so the homeowner knows exactly what to expect.

"Our technique is to ensure there are no surprises," said Dotson. "Home improvement can be tedious so we walk with the customer through the process from beginning to end."

Dotson and Lewis worked together as licensed home improvement salesmen at Sears in 1974 and have been enhancing homes ever since.

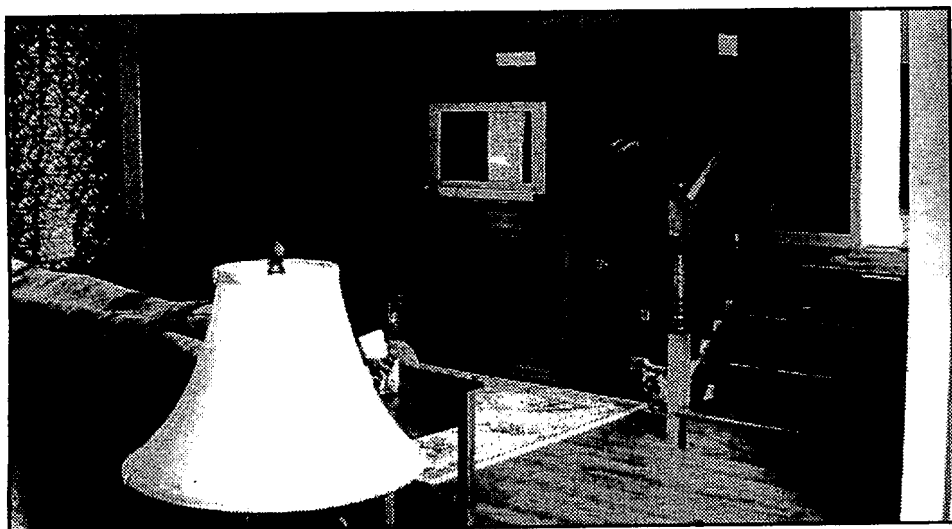
Over their long careers, Dotson and Lewis have gained experience managing properties, working with computerized construction and remodeling homes throughout the area.

"With thirty years in the trades, we can do it all with the current standards no matter the city or the township and the building codes they may have," said Lewis.

Having worked in the area for over three decades, Dotson and Lewis use a large pool of trusted contractors who themselves usually have over 20 years experience.

Customer needs are further catered to as NOCAR uses digital cameras to record the building process from start to finish allowing the customers to see the entire changeover as it happens.

North Oakland Construction and Remodeling, Inc. is located at 6109 Overlook in Clarkston. For more info or free estimates call 248-623-6340 or visit their web site at [www.northoaklandconstruction.com](http://www.northoaklandconstruction.com).



## We Help People Buy and Sell Homes

With a long and proven track record behind them the name of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate stands next to success in Oakland County.

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

"The reason we are the best 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. By offering such comprehensive training and support for their staff, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer has retained scores

of agents since being founded in 1989. The end product is a staff as knowledgeable as they are familiar to their clients.

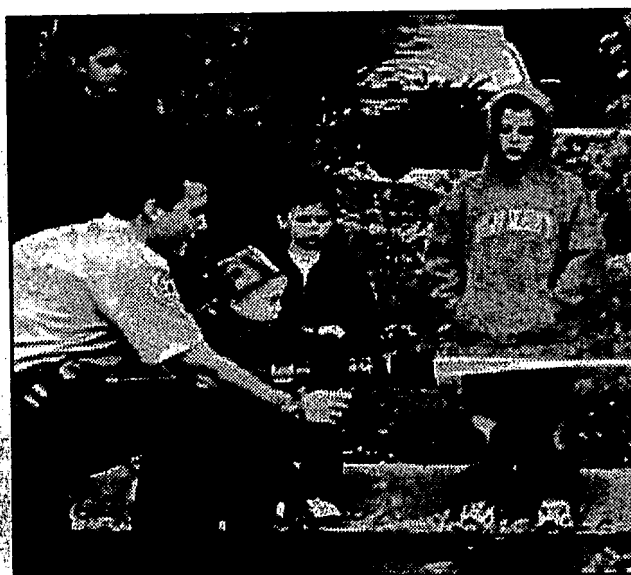
"We have a good, experienced, helpful staff," said Clark.

The Clarkston office was founded as Clarkston Real Estate Services in 1989, later affiliated with the national Coldwell Banker company and merging with Schweitzer (the third largest agency in southeast Michigan) in 1999.

The 50 agents and five office staff know what it takes to help buyers and sellers and the eyes of industry have noticed. Real estate agents have several national designations to which they can aspire, and the Clarkston office has 10.2 percent of all the national designations in the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

The agents believe in giving back to the commu-

**Pictured are just a few of the many community activities Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate participates with and organizes in the Clarkston community.**



nity, and have done so with annual participation in the Toys for Tots campaign, last December collecting around 1,500 toys. They've also adopted up to 100 senior citizens through Lighthouse Emergency Services each year for the past nine years, and helped raise \$43,000 for the agency in a February event at which three top sponsors were from the agency. The Clarkston office also holds a Fire Safety Day in October, inviting the community to participate in learning about fire safety from the Independence Township fire department.

Since 2005, the Clarkston office has been the headquarters for the Oakland Liver Transplant Fund. As part of this, the office is helping Teresa Tersigni, a loan originator with a mortgage company in the same building. Teresa needs a liver transplant, and the Clarkston office is helping to raise money for her expenses. They have run a variety of fund-raisers during the year to assist in uncovered medical costs, which will exceed \$400,000.

An account has been set up at Clarkston State Bank. Donations can be made out to Oakland Liver Transplant Fund, c/o Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, 7151 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 or dropped off at any branch of CSB.

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."

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate is located at 7151 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday. Telephone is 248-625-1000. For more information, visit [www.cbschweitzer.com](http://www.cbschweitzer.com).

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The certified mechanics of Gott's Auto Service live by this mantra displayed in the office of owner Robert Gott, Sr. who practices what he preaches.

Customers can rest assured their experience at Gott's Auto will be what you'd expect from a community auto service. They'll receive reliable service, honest work and personnel attention from friendly mechanics when they bring their car in for service.

"Personal service is very important to customers," Gott said. "If there's a problem, they can talk to me directly. That way customers can be confident the problem is diagnosed correctly and the job gets done right the first time."

Gott said it is important for him and his staff 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. "People need their cars and want straight answers."

Besides overseeing his business, Gott has been involved with the community for the past 13 years as a member of the Clarkston Rotary Club. Gott takes great pride in participating with the organization.

"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's interest in auto mechanics surfaced in high school. Following graduation, Gott worked at a car re-



The staff of Gott's Auto Service includes (from left) Bob Gott, Rick Verscheure, Kevin Gott, Brian McClure, Vinnie Ventimiglia, Lisa Morgan and Robert Gott. Gott's Auto Service is located at 5709 Maybee Road, a 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.

Gott's celebrated its 25th anniversary in Clarkston last year. The occasion was simple because the staff plans to offer continued quality service.

Family owned and operated, the business includes 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."

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Gott's Auto Service is located at 5709 Maybee Road. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 248-623-0119 or visit [www.gottsauto.com](http://www.gottsauto.com) for more information.



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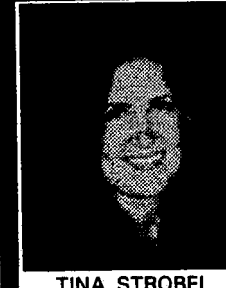
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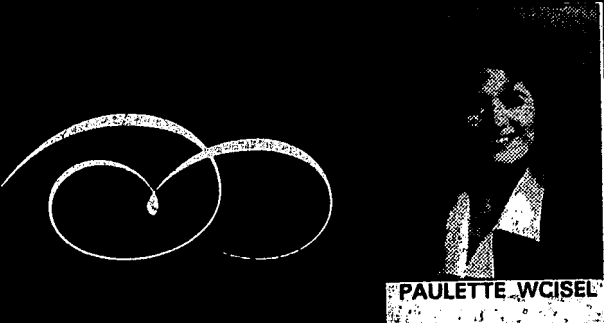
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# Create cherished memories at Maggie's Scrapbooking

With thousands of styles of pattern paper, stickers and embellishments and a friendly, experienced staff, Maggie's Scrapbooking is aiming to turn the hobby of turning snap shots into mementos a pastime in Clarkston.

"We are not just a place where people drop in and get the products they want, we involve our customers," owner Kerri Kacanowski said.

While people who know exactly what they are looking for can easily waltz in and out of Maggie's Scrapbooking with their purchase in hand, they may not want to leave after meeting the knowledgeable staff.

"Between my four designers there is at least 30 years of experience and each one specializes in different areas," Kacanowski said.

Aside from the designers, the rest of Kacanowski's staff is eager but not anxious to help someone navigate the store.

"We greet people when they come in. We give them time to get acquainted. People appreciate that," Kacanowski said.

To ensure quality time is spent while visiting Maggie's, the store is laid out in a logical and easy to comprehend manner.

On one wall scrapbooking supplies representing the months of the year are laid out in chronological order with the appropriate holidays interspersed. The opposite wall features the life cycle as frames commemorating a new birth are followed by first day of school stickers and varsity letters.

Though their selection is immense, specialty orders are another way Maggie's is set apart from the rest.

"As an independent store we can specialize to our customer's needs. On average we do five specialty orders a day," said Kacanowski.

What truly separates Maggie's from

other independent scrapbook stores and large craft stores is the culture the build in the store through unique classes and club programs.

Maggie's classes are as voluminous as they are diverse, ranging from ABC magnetic lunch boxes to photo albums constructed with old CDs.

The Crop Club offers frequent, and even occasional scrapbookers, a chance to save money and interact with fellow hobbyists.

"If you are cropping twice a month the Crop Club will save you money, plus it's very therapeutic for people come here to hang out with us," Kacanowski said.

Crop Club members receive a three percent discount on all purchases and half

off all crops.

Aside from serving as a social gathering place, Maggie's boasts the largest crop area around, suitable for over 34 people and stocked with the latest tools, embellishments and paper selections for scrapbooking.

Maggie's Scrapbooking is located at 6325 Sashabaw Road, just south of I-75 on the west side of the road, next to Leo's. For more information on classes or specialty orders call 248-620-1330 or visit their website at [www.maggiesscrapbooking.com](http://www.maggiesscrapbooking.com).

Store hours are Mon, Wed, Thur and Sat: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tues: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sun: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Aside from saving patrons money, the Crop Club at Maggie's Scrapbooking is equal parts idea factory and social event.



The staff of Maggie's Scrapbooking keeps customer service paramount, from their smiling faces to their knowledgeable help. (Left to right) Back row: Owner Kerri Kacanowski, Cassie Yarnall, Tiffany Yarnall, Designer Donna Theriot, Kelley Chirco, Kristen Paul, Designer Cheryl Himmel and Designer Diana Dersley. Front row: Store Manager Jennifer McMurray, Natalie DeRose, Designer Tanya Mundt, Heather Whiting and Linn DeRose.

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In honor of craft month, Maggies Scrapbooking has the following special events planned.

### Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL EVENT

- Free Make 'N' Takes
- Free Tips and Techniques demonstrated throughout the day
- Special visit from Bingo the Clown
- Face painting • Balloon animals and toys

### Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> CROP MARATHON

- 10 Hour Crop
- Meet our Design Team (Tanya, Diana, Donna, Cheryl)
- Hourly Challenges and each challenge completed wins a prize
- Mini Classes ½ Hour Long
  1. Learn Color Theory - learn how to use a color wheel to create complimentary color to each other.
  2. Learn Layout Design - Learn about creating focal points with pictures, pattern papers & embellishments

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In Clarkston, Women's Integrated Healthcare was first located in the old State Farm building on M-15 near Dixie Highway. As the practice grew, the office grew as well – first moving to a space on Sashabaw Road and finally settling in the Clarkston Health Center at the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

"We grew and expanded," said Dr. Wright. "We also have offices in Fenton and now Davison."

Women's Integrated Healthcare offers patients the latest in healthcare advances and state-of-the-art technology, as well as some of the most experienced board

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A Clarkston resident himself, Dr. Wright said the practice focuses strongly on community involvement and commitment.

"We do quite a bit of charity work in our communities and abroad," Dr. Wright explained. "Our practice is always willing to go the extra mile."

Locally, Women's Integrated Healthcare has supported SCAMP, Toys for Tots and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy.

However, the service does not stop there. Dr. Fellenbaum, of Ortonville, often travels abroad to provide healthcare to those in need.

"We want to help and serve the underserved," said Dr. Wright. "That's very important in this world."

For more information on Women's Integrated Healthcare or to make an appointment, please call the office nearest you:

#### Clarkston:

5625 Water Tower Parkway, Clarkston, MI 48346  
248-922-0615

#### Grand Blanc:

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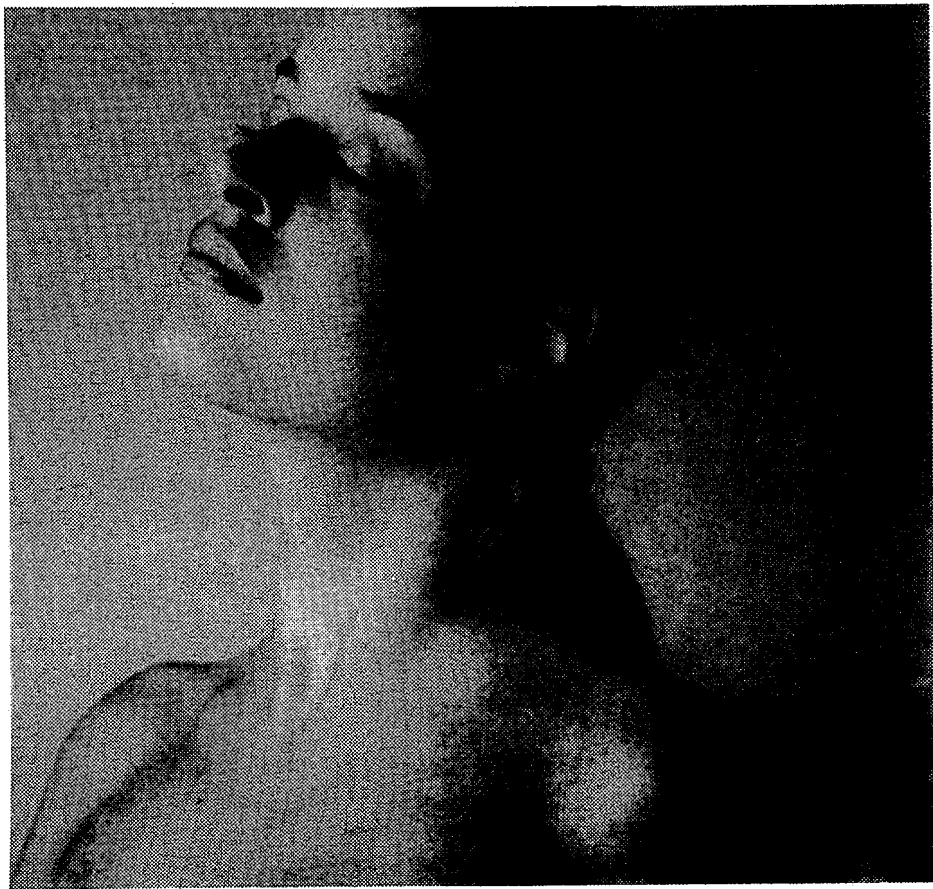
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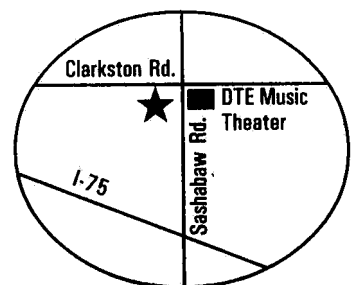
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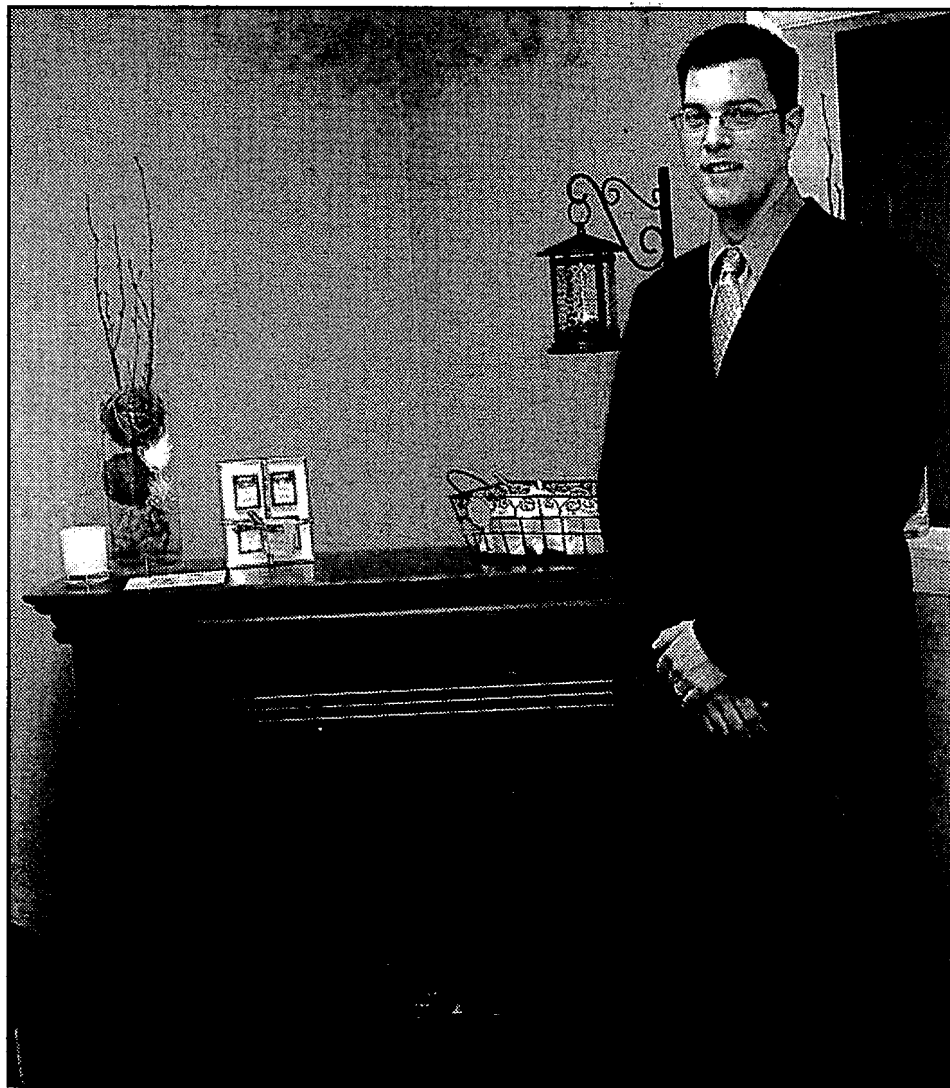
Dr. Christopher Quinn is proud to be the new medical director and owner of Enhanced Image Medspa. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and has had extensive one-on-one training in the medical spa profession.

Dr. Quinn said Enhanced Image Medspa is the right choice for clients because they're on the cutting-edge of technology in the field, offering the latest and best products to their clients. The expertly trained staff strives to provide all clients safe, effective, and pain free aesthetic enhancements and exclusive spa treatments.

As soon as you enter Enhanced Image Medspa, you'll notice it has been decorated to create a calm, relaxing atmosphere where clients feel at home, not like they're at a doctor's office. "We strive to be a spa where our clients are welcomed like family and where their stresses melt away," said Dr. Quinn.

Enhanced Image Medspa has the industry's best laser for hair and vein removal. They also offer treatments such as Mesotherapy, Botox, and multiple facial fillers, including Restylane and Radiesse.

Their estheticians are trained to provide relaxing facials, medical peels, and body wraps using the highest quality products available today, including Pevonia and Medicalia.



Dr. Christopher Quinn

In addition to these options, Enhanced Image Medspa offers two procedures you will not find anywhere else in this area.

The "Paris Lift" is a one hour, non-surgical facelift. This procedure is the latest breakthrough in threadlifting. It's safe, effective, per-

formed under local anesthesia, and best of all reversible, unlike any other facelift.

"Clients can have the procedure done and be back to work the next day," said Dr. Quinn.

Austrian Lipodissolve is a revolutionary procedure that melts away fat by injecting tiny amounts of medication into the fatty tissue. With

this therapy one can lose inches from the arms, waist, back, and thighs. "Our clients are amazed at how much nicer their clothes fit after undergoing our Lipodissolve treatments," said Dr. Quinn.

Spa parties are also offered in Enhanced Image Medspa's soothing environment. Come in with a few friends, spend the day being pampered, and leave looking and feeling younger and refreshed.

In upcoming months, Enhanced Image Medspa's already extensive services will expand to feature the most innovative products and procedures that are proven to be safe and effective. Dr. Quinn is always researching to find the best products and services to offer his clients.

At Enhanced Image Medspa, consultations are always free and the spa offers a zero percent financing program.

Enhanced Image Medspa is located at 5730 Bella Rose Blvd., Suite 100, directly across the street from the DTE Energy Music Theater. Hours are by appointment with evening and weekend hours available. Long term hours of operation are yet to be determined. To schedule an appointment call 248-922-4900. For more information visit [www.enhancedimagemedspa.com](http://www.enhancedimagemedspa.com)

## Saturn expecting four new products by year's end

By the end of 2006, Saturn of Clarkston on Dixie Highway will have four new highly anticipated vehicles on their showroom floor.

New to Saturn this year will be the SKY Convertible, VUE Green Line Hybrid, AURA midsize car, and full size SUV OUTLOOK.

Along with the new cars will come Saturn's same philosophy of keeping customers in low stress mode.

"We still operate in a no-hassle, no-haggle environment," said retail manager Rick Clift. "We want people to be comfortable."

Clift, who has been in the auto business for more than 20 years and at Saturn of Clarkston for three years, said the interior colors and casual decor were deliberately chosen to promote a distinctive experience for their guests.

Saturn of Clarkston is part of the Serra Automotive Group, which has a strong reputation in ethics and integrity.

Some of the terminology illustrates the difference. Saturn of Clarkston 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.

While maintaining the distinctives, Saturn is now a completely integrated division of General Motors, taking advantage of common advances in technology and design.

Already available is the Saturn RELAY seven-passenger sport van, which Clift described as a joint venture with other GM products.

"Saturn is combining great quality and value," Clift said.

At the North American International Auto Show, meanwhile, Saturn introduced their first convertible, the SKY, scheduled to be available in early 2006; and the AURA mid-size car.

Saturn of Clarkston continues to rack up awards, with one of the most recent coming from Saturn Corporation for exceeding standards in both sales and cus-

tomers satisfaction in 2004. This past January, Saturn of Clarkston was the number one Saturn Retailer in the country.

The Dixie Highway facility was built around 1990, and the interior renovation was accompanied by an expanded parking lot, adding space for about 400 new vehicles.

Saturn of Clarkston has a stable sales staff who are committed to supporting the community. The local business participates in the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and supports the American Red Cross,

National Donor Day, local sports teams and Clarkston's Concerts in the Park.

Saturn of Clarkston is located at 8400 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. Sales hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through 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. The fax number is (248) 620-9750. The Web site is [www.saturnofclarkston.com](http://www.saturnofclarkston.com).



Rick Clift, car sales manager for Saturn of Clarkston, stands with the ION Redline Coup in the showroom.

## More room and technology helps Dr. Maldonado help others

Having moved into new spacious offices a little more than a year ago, Dr. Victor Maldonado and the staff at Associated Radiologists of Oakland County are still getting acclimated to the surroundings.

"The lack of space at the old offices was embarrassing," said Maldonado. "Long gone are the days where people had to stand up and wait because all the chairs were taken in the waiting room."

Aside from the creature comforts afforded to staff and patients in Associated Radiologists offices in the Independence Pointe Plaza (next to Mesquite Creek), added space has meant better treatment.

"With our multi-slice CT scanner, we can do a scan of a brain in as fast as 20 seconds," said Maldonado.

Associated Radiologists' list of state of the art technology is extensive and varied. On site there are two X-ray rooms, as well as bone densitometry, two ultrasound machines and two mammography units.

From the records room to the reception area, the office is outfitted with the latest computers to track patients' medical records and insurance information. But the real appeal of the technology at Associated Radiologists is the time and anxiety it saves the patients.

When a patient comes in for an X-ray or CT scan, the results are expeditiously uploaded to a heavily encrypted Picture Archiving Computer System linked to thousands of doctors around the country.

"A patient is referred to us for some testing. When we are finished testing, we can call their doctor and not only give them the report, but because of PACS their doctor will have a code with which he can access their X-rays from home," said

Maldonado. "The future of Radiology is digital and we are on the cutting edge."

If Dr. Maldonado wants a second opinion, he can get one in minutes, rather than days, using PACS. Since they are affiliated with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and a member of the Oakland Physicians Network Services, there are over 900 doctors to provide insight.

"Another one of the key features of this practice is that we always have a doctor here. There is always a radiologist during any of the business hours available to the technician and to the patient; other practices don't have a physician on staff at all times that's trained to interpret these studies," said Mary Slabinski. "We can accommodate patients for testing within 24 to 48 hours. At some of the bigger hospitals and practices, people have to wait much longer for a cat-scan."

"If a doctor refers a patient to us, we have a policy of less than 24 hours to get the printed report back to their office," added Maldonado.

Encryption systems aside, the new offices also keep patients' information from being disseminated to the wrong eyes or ears.

"A lot of offices are not totally enclosed in glass. That's for the protection of the patients sitting in the waiting room so that no one can hear scheduling information," said Slabinski.

All the procedures and data storing techniques at Associated Radiologists are in line or exceed the most stringent privacy regulations including those set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

The new spacious offices have also



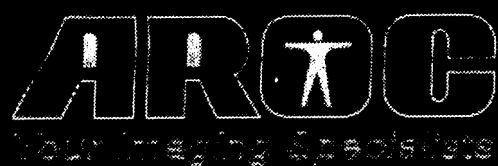
Dr. Maldonado and Virginia Martin of Associated Radiologists assist Norma Dubay on the Multi-Slice CT scanner.

bolstered Associated Radiologists' interactions with their residential and medical neighbors

"We have had excellent support from the community. It helps that we are not an island in this building, in which we are surrounded by an excellent group of physicians," said Maldonado. "This is a solid group of physician practices, seventy five

percent of the referrals which come to us come from other doctors in the building."

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.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. Telephone is (248) 620-9199.



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## Creative Portraits and Abundant Choices at 'Ron Smith Photography'

On entering the studio of Ron Smith Photography and viewing the large prints covering the walls, you immediately know you are in the presence of a creative photographer. Smith relocated his business to a storefront studio from his in-home studio three years ago.

In that short amount of time Clarkston residents have gained an appreciation for his work and are now realizing why the September 2002 issue of Shutterbug magazine labeled Ron Smith 'an up and coming shooting star'.

"There is a unique look to the photos I take here and on location," said Smith, owner of Ron Smith Photography. "While there is always a market for traditional photography, I want to push the creativity to a new level."

Smith says high school senior portraits have changed drastically in the last twenty years. "Today's high school seniors are more fashion conscience and acutely aware of the trends in print media. That is the look they want. So, I have to walk that line between what mom and dad wants, traditional portraits, and what the senior desires. It is a challenge, but it is fun too."

Smith's studio has grown with his business. Almost like a birthday present to his the studio, Smith has added new sets and props each year for use with indoor portraits. "No one else in the area has the sets that I have," Smith said. "I also have new design tools and lights to create unique pieces of art not only for my senior portraits, but all my final prints."

Smith likes to give his customers choices ... some easy, some hard. "The hardest choice most parents have with senior pictures is limiting the number of final prints. The average senior walks out of here with 50 proofs and they usually narrow it down to 5-8 poses for final prints. You don't know how many times I have heard parents say it was hard to choose because the proofs were all so good."

But the choices don't end there. Instead of trying to force customers into predetermined packages with catchy names, Smith allows his customers to custom

design their final print package with his 'create a package'. "I don't force parents to order eight 8x10s just because they need 100 wallet size prints."

Like high school senior portraits, weddings can be both fun and challenging at the same time said Smith. "Great customer service revolves around setting expectations. With weddings, the expectations begin with the wedding consultation."

During the initial wedding consultation, Smith learns a bit about each couple, their wedding plans, and what types of photos they desire. "With most large studios, the photographer is assigned 72 hours prior to the wedding. So I have a distinct advantage over large studios in I know the couple and they know me."

While traditional photographs are required at most weddings, Smith enjoys shooting in his own unique style. "The last thing I ever want to see is a picture of the groom and his groomsmen standing like they are lined up for a soccer penalty kick. I prefer to photograph the men like a promotional shot for a band's CD."

After the wedding, Smith quickly delivers printed proofs to the couple. They in turn decide which pictures are to be included in their final wedding album. "Again, I give them choices for their final prints. Do they want black and white, spot coloring, special effects, etc? Most couples decide on the final pictures but leave the creativity to me."

Choices continue with the full complement of wedding albums Smith offers. He is however particularly excited about the new library bound style contemporary albums which have been well received. "These unique albums allow for me to break through some barriers that stifled my creativity with traditional albums. I can now use my whole arsenal of effects to artistically tell the story of their wedding day. For example I can flow multiple pictures across a two page spread."

Although concentrating mainly on high school seniors, weddings and sports leagues, Ron Smith is available year round for other types of assignments.

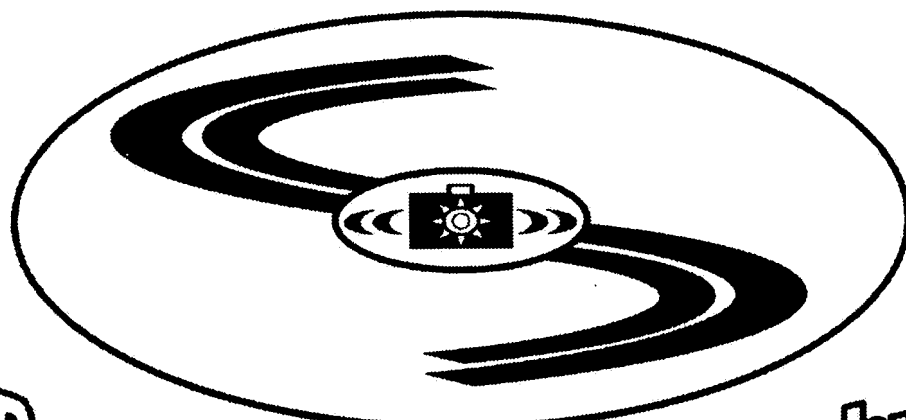
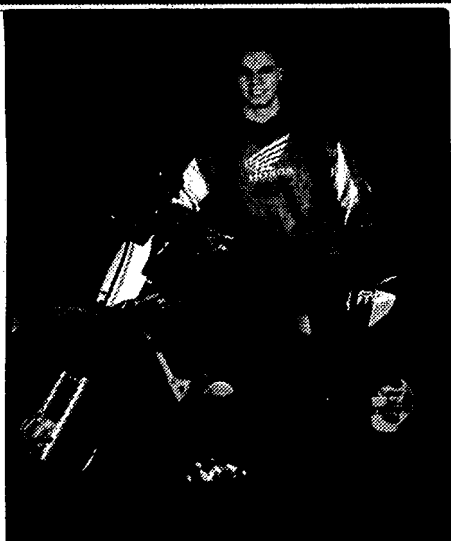
"I love my location. Not only do I have a large

indoor studio to accommodate the sets, but I am also within 5 minutes of several parks and beaches."

Ron Smith Photography is located in Gateway Plaza at 7044 Gateway Park Dr, on the corner of Andersonville and White Lake Rds. Hours vary by season, but Ron is always available by appointment. To schedule sessions, wedding consultations or for more information call 248-625-3686 (FOTO). You may also, visit [www.ronsmithphotography.com](http://www.ronsmithphotography.com) or [www.clarkstonphotographer.com](http://www.clarkstonphotographer.com) for additional information or to see sample photos.



Ron and his constant studio companion Orca sit among some of his work in their Clarkston studio.



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## A lifetime of care with Beaumont doctors just blocks away

When sickness strikes seeing a familiar face can make all the difference.

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"It's comforting for patients to see a familiar face in the foreign environment of a hospital. Being sick can be scary, but seeing the same person who treated you at your clinic is a comforting thing," said Dean Moscovic, D.O.

Now you can see a Beaumont doctor right in your own hometown.

CMG on Dixie Highway provides 24-hour urgent care while addressing every day checkups right in Clarkston. The facility has three Beaumont Hospital physicians on staff.

Doctors Renny Abraham, Dean Moscovic and Nancy Crossley all practice internal medicine and pediatrics at CMG while visiting patients at Beaumont hospitals in Troy and Royal Oak as well as St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

"You have two worlds of medicine care; primary and urgent care. This is a melting pot between the two," said Moscovic. "It's nice for our patients to have it all under one roof."

"The setup allows you to build a relationship with patients and take care of an entire family," said Dr. Crossley.

The physicians pride themselves on seeing patients from the time they are born into adulthood.

"I see three generations of some families. It's a real honor when a patient trusts you with both their kids and their parents," she added.

Looking after the health care of individuals and families from birth allows the doctors unique perspectives from which to employ their medicinal talents.

"This situation allows for such better health care. You get to see the patient's whole social picture which can be invaluable during evaluation," said Crossley.



Beaumont physicians Nancy Crossley, M.D.; Renny Abraham, M.D. and Dean Moscovic, D.O. all treat patients at both Clarkston Medical Group and several area hospitals.

While many people consider their relationships with the hospital positive, the physicians are cognizant of misconceptions about seeing a doctor affiliated with a hospital.

"The bottom line, is despite what people may think we have no allegiance to any one hospital. We send people to where they want to go based on what's in their best interest," said Moscovic.

All three physicians have two specialties, pediatrics and internal medicine, which allows them to see the patients from birth.

Abraham grew up in Clarkston graduating from Clarkston High School in 1992, making the experience

all the more meaningful to him.

"I'm looking forward to taking care of people I grew up with and neighbors in my own community," said Abraham.

"That relationship is the most important thing. If you take care of a community you know personally it really feels like you're doing that community a great service," he added.

The three doctors take appointments and CMG accepts most insurances.

The Clarkston Medical Group is located at 6770 Dixie Highway. For more information call 248-625-2621.

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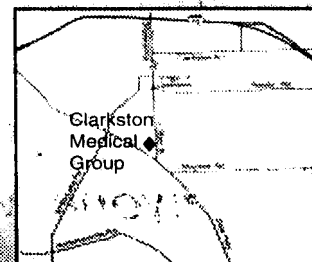
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# Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union

Established for employees of the Clarkston School District in 1957, the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union has been, and still is, the financial institution of the people.

Having grown to more than 9,800 members from both Clarkston and Brandon, the CBCCU continues to function under the philosophy of a financial institution belonging to and serving the people of the community.

"The service we provide to the community is a philosophy," said Phyllis Welch, president and chief executive officer of CBCCU, adding that credit unions were established by working class people to help members who are in need of financial assistance.

In that same spirit of community service, CBCCU is involved in many charities including: the Giving Tree (benefitting youth assistance in Clarkston and OCEF in Ortonville); blood drives; fundraisers for

"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 CBCCU 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 CBCCU 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," said Donna Bullard, vice president.

Membership benefits provide convenient services to the entire community including trusted, low interest credit cards, free checking with no monthly service charge and overdraft protection to qualified members.

Services are right at your fingertips with the CU\*Talk phone and computer home banking access to verify, transfer or make payments on your accounts.

Familiar hometown associates offer low interest loan service on new and used auto, recreational vehicle, home equity, home mortgages and improvement loans. Members can also take advantage of bill consolidation.

Nearly limitless saving options include insured investments with certificates of deposits, individual retirement accounts, shared accounts and money market investments.

With the growth of 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.



From left, Colleen Ouisenberry, Sian Sasso, Nancy White and Sue Cole. The staff at Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union.

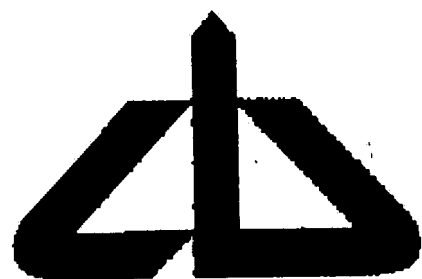
## Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union

To join the comfort of old fashioned financial services, call or stop in at the Clarkston branch at 8055 Ortonville Road (248) 625-2923 or at 4 South S., Ortonville (248) 627-9944.

Business hours for both branches are: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Friday.

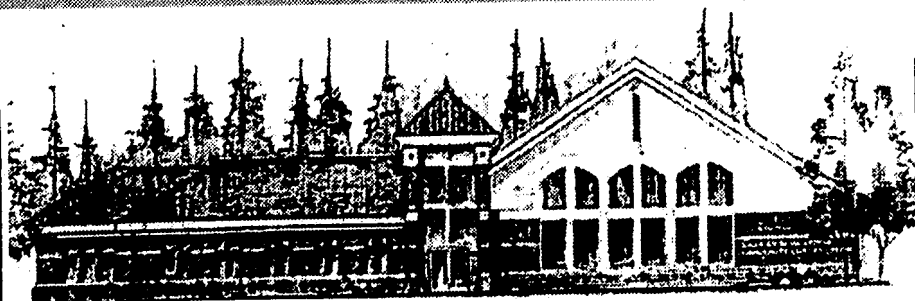
Additionally, the Clarkston branch has drive through hours 8 a.m. - noon on Saturdays.

Visit their website at [www.cbccu.org](http://www.cbccu.org).



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## Clarkston Mini Storage: Meeting all your storage needs

The smell of pasta and storage units may not seem to have all that much in common.

But in Clarkston Mini Storage at 4550 White Lake Road, customers often smell tantalizing aromas drifting from the store's kitchen on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Owner Rick Detkowski's dad, Dick gets up at 6 a.m. on Tuesdays to make pasta and sauce for lunch. He also makes breakfast on Friday mornings drawing 15-20 family, friends and customers.

"It's a gathering point for our family to take a break from it all and enjoy each other," said Detkowski. "Sometimes business people will stop in for lunch."

In addition to the friendly food-filled atmosphere, CMS offers inside and outside cold storage, as well as moving supplies.

"We have wrapping, boxes, tape and just about anything you need whether you're moving to Florida for good or packing your child's possessions for that jump to college," said Detkowski.

CMS offers 400 storage units ranging in sizes from 5-by-10 feet to 11-by-30 with several sizes in between. The facility also can accommodate outside storage of RV's, cars and boats for 25 and 36 feet.

CMS's storage units are perfect for people living in condos and apartments looking to free up extra space. Or as a remedy to those bursting garages that have no space left for cars anymore. CMS is also ideal for businesses to stock their supplies for the year so precious office space is maximized.

A new feature available this spring for all customers is a 14-foot moving van which has no administration fees, only mileage. The truck is available to customers new and old to help them move large items in and out of storage quickly and conveniently without the hassle of dealing with an outside truck rental company.

The facility is maintained well and has adequate lighting and security so customers can retrieve or store items as their schedule allows.

"We have a camera taking a picture at the gate and one looking over the yard for security purposes," said Detkowski. "It's lit well enough so people can feel comfortable if they need to come late at night."

Customers have access twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week after renting storage. They receive a card for the front gate so they may come and go with ease and convenience.

For those companies and businesses with larger storage needs, CMS can provide 3,000 to 15,000 square feet at locations in Springfield Township, some of which is located on heavy industrial property.

Besides offering storage services, Detkowski enjoys giving back to the community which made the 1973 Clarkston High graduate's childhood a positive one.

"I love Clarkston. It's a great place to live and a great opportunity for people," said Detkowski who was born and raised in Springfield Township.

"Clarkston's where I grew up. It's comfortable here. I not only live here I



Clarkston Mini Storage owner Rick Detkowski stands in front of his business at 4550 White Lake Road. Call 248-625-5393 for all your storage needs.

do business here supporting other small business owners," said Detkowski.

The former CHS varsity wrestler enjoys helping today's up and coming grapplers excel and enjoy the sport.

"I enjoy watching and participating with the wrestling team," said Detkowski who was varsity wrestling head coach from 1978-83. "I enjoy helping some of the kids get to wrestling camp and offer any advice I can give them from my days

as a wrestler and coach."

Detkowski played a major role in bringing Japanese wrestlers to CHS in January as part of a cultural exchange program.

Clarkston Mini Storage is located at 4550 White Lake Road in Springfield Township. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 248-625-5393.

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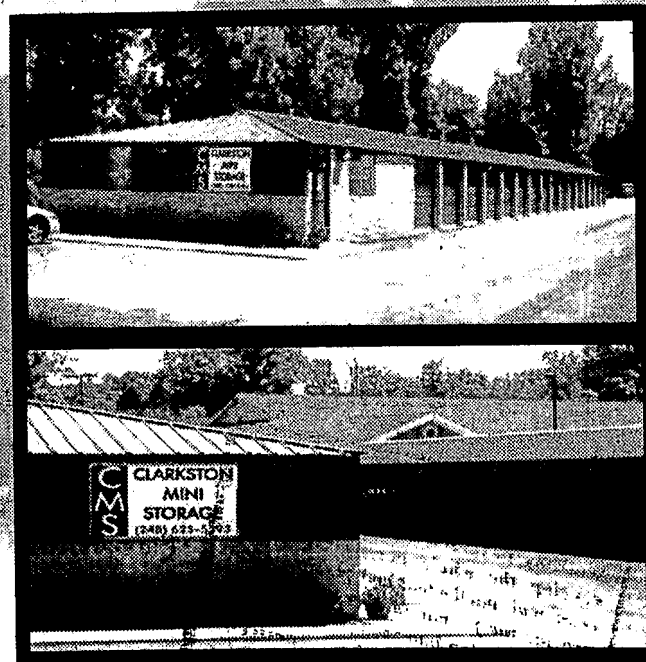
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"Our slogan is 'We're your hometown dealer,'" said Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston General Manager Jim White. "Because of that, Al Deeby's loyalty and hard work have earned his dealership the trust and respect of his community."

A true leader in the Clarkston community, Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston supported several area organizations during 2005: One of the top Corporate Sponsor for 2005 for the Clarkston Chamber, Cottage Sponsor for SCAMP's 23rd Annual Home Tour, Breakfast Sponsor for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's 2005 Golf Classic, Open Your Heart to Lighthouse Sponsor and Entertainment Sponsor for Taste of Clarkston.

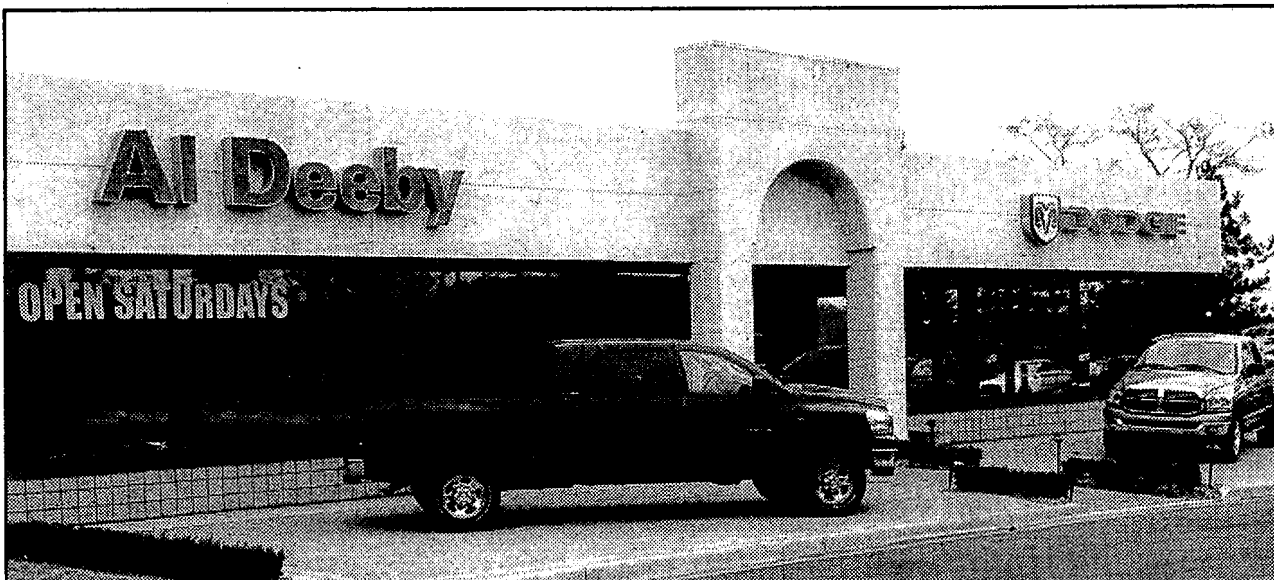
"We've been here for a little over a year, but it feels like much longer," said White. "We're here to support this community. We're here for the long haul."

And that sense of dedication shines through every square inch of the 27,000-square-foot family-friendly showroom and service center.

After dropping off a vehicle for the highest quality care, customers can relax in the service center's spacious lounge featuring a 42-inch plasma television, internet access (wireless available) and complimentary gourmet coffee and snack bar. Customers can even borrow a laptop for use during their visit.

For the little ones, Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston's family-oriented cyber cafe offers a playzone just for them. The youngest visitors can enjoy a 30-inch plasma television, plenty of toys and complimentary snacks and drinks.

Everything at Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston is de-



As your hometown dealer, Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston offers the best in family-friendly customer service.

signed to create a comfortable, friendly atmosphere for guests.

"Our mission statement says we will meet or exceed everyone's expectations," said White. "That's just the way we do business. It's not magic. We just treat people the way we'd want to be treated ourselves."

This philosophy goes all the way back to December 2000 when Alphonse J. Deeby III purchased then Garrity Dodge in Hamtramck and renamed it in honor of his father, who had worked there for over 40 years. Since that day, Al Deeby Dodge has been the prestigious "5-Star" dealership others strive to emulate.

"5-Star is a Chrysler award measured by customer satisfaction in sales and service," said White.

Buying a vehicle at Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston is as easy as relaxing in the comfortable cyber cafe.

Once you select your new vehicle, delivery can be made virtually anywhere.

"When we say we deliver, we mean we deliver

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In addition to their great customer and community service, Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston will beat any purchase or lease price on a new Dodge, guaranteed. Customers can even purchase their new or pre-owned SUV, car, truck or minivan online at [www.aldeebydodge.com](http://www.aldeebydodge.com) or fax in their selection choosing from the hundreds in stock. Pick-ups can be arranged for repairs, whether a simple oil change or major overhaul.

Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston is located at 8700 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. Showroom hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday. Service center hours are 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday.

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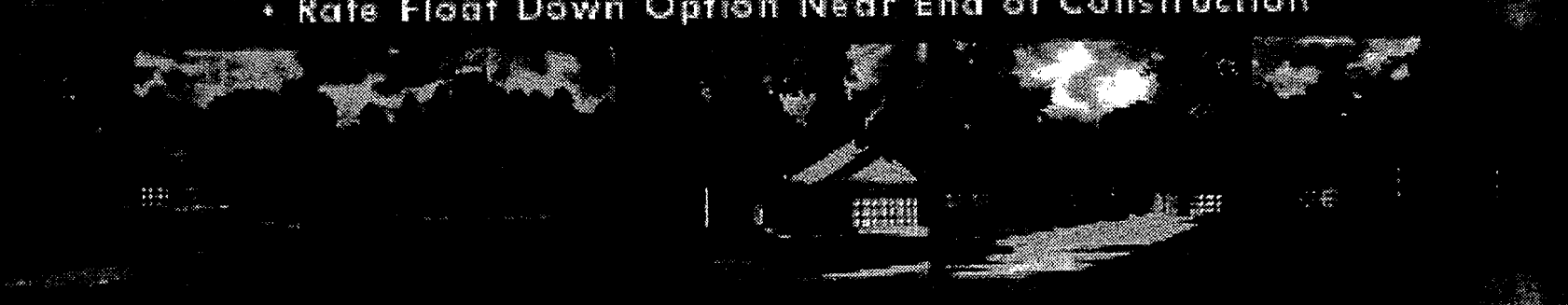
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# Find the perfect employee at **a' CAREER**

Comparing 'a' Career to the classified section of the paper is like the difference between off-the-rack and tailored suits - 'a' Career provides custom fit employees to employers opportunities.

"We get such a wide variety of people walking in the door. We want to find their talents and put them to good use with a company," said Judi Crawford, manager of 'a' Career.

For the past 14 years, 'a' Career has been putting people to work from their White Lake office and from their satellite office in Livonia. Last year alone they filled over 300 vacancies for employers across Oakland County.

"We offer employers a staff specifically qualified to meet their needs," Crawford said.

From office manager positions to carpentry work, 'a' Career has the contacts necessary to place people in positions for sustained employment. Recently 'a' Career

expanded into medical staffing, for both companies and for positions in private residences - providing everything from companion care to in-home nursing.

"You name it, all fields. We're well rounded. We've learned to be that way because of the diversity of our employers. They need one source they can go to, to help fill whatever their need is, and that's us," Crawford said.

As well as offering private medical staff, another unique wrinkle in 'a' Career's catalog is a diverse array of private home assignments.

"If someone needs a personal secretary, a driver, a nanny for the kids, a gardener or a companion for an older parent while they're going away - We're doing all of that. We're covering everything, either at home or at work," Crawford said.

Much of 'a' Career's success is owed to their flexibility with employers, not to mention affordable pricing.

"We have workers available for a four-hour project or they can keep them on for years. A lot of staffing agencies won't do short term work like that and our rates are always lower than the billing rates of similar agencies," Crawford said.

Contracting employees through 'a' Career has more benefits than access to a pipeline of qualified workers, as the company handles all payroll and other paperwork related to their employees.

"We take care of everything. We bring big business benefits to small businesses," Crawford said.

The proof of 'a' Career's success is reflected by their clients.

"We turn in time sheets to 'a' Career and they take care of the payroll and insurance," said Bob Brown, manager of Iverson's Architectural.

The staffing at all three Iverson's Lumber and Architectural locations in Highland and Milford is handled by 'a' Career.

"They ('a' Career) gives us a readily available work force," Brown said.

Other businesses who rely on 'a' Career for their employees have had similar positive experiences.

"(The workers) have been screened by 'a' Career

first. They know who we are; subsequently, we are going to get somebody who is a good fit," said Michael Chevie, whose business, M. Chevie's, has relied on 'a' Career the past six years for their staffing needs.

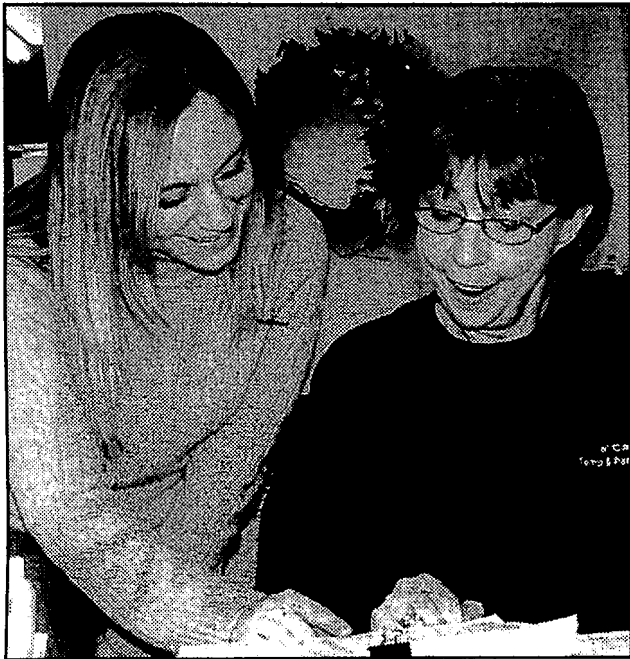
'A' Career has built partnerships with over 600 different businesses over the years and these companies rely on them for their staffing needs. This expansive network of clients allows 'a' Career to not only help businesses by providing custom fit employees, but in other ways as well.

"We network for our employers too. We want to keep them busy, because when they're busy, we are busy," said Crawford. "We've got a gentleman who runs a canoe rental, and during the downtime his vehicles are not being used. We work with him to get him out delivering cars for the dealerships, driving around handicapped people or taxiing people to the airport."

Conveniently located at 9155 Highland Road (M-59), 'a' Career is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. They can be reached by phone at 248-698-0097 or visit their website at [www.acareer.net](http://www.acareer.net).



Businesses are able to find reliable pre-screened workers like Jim Schellenberg, seen here assembling plaques at M. Chevie's.



Courtney Foote (left) and Barb Petkewitz enjoy matching employers with employees at 'a' Career.

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## Comprehensive financial planning for the right retirement

There's more to investing than the stock market, and the financial professionals at Applied Benefit Strategies in Clarkston want to show customers how to find them.

"When a lot of people think about financial planning they look at the stock market. It's good, but it's not the end all be all. We've expanded our investment approaches to nine areas," said ABS Director Jeff Guella.

"We cannot only guide clients to more age appropriate portfolio models, but a variety of techniques to invest outside the market."

ABS groups their investment approaches into nine distinct categories with the stock market's over 17,000 mutual funds only filling one of those nine categories.

ABS is an independent brokerage organization which reviews, designs, installs and services employee benefit programs. Those benefit programs include health insurance, dental, and long-term care.

ABS specializes in products and services for individuals near or enjoying retirement who are concerned about how to manage their investment risk.

"When it comes to investment we pride ourselves by offering a much wider range of tax advantaged concepts than most people have ever heard of before," said Guella. "Often once we meet people they will tell us at the end of the meeting just how creative and unique our approaches are."

Retirees and seniors at some point find themselves asking if they will run out of money no matter what their financial

shape, said Guella.

"Financial planning is offering guidance and trusted advice that helps people reach their goals in retirement," said Guella.

By using their technology platforms, ABS walks clients through all forums including asset management, financial planning and health insurance.

ABS offers services for one specialized financial area, like paying for college, but also takes a holistic approach to clients' entire financial plans. That holistic approach incorporates all financial issues.

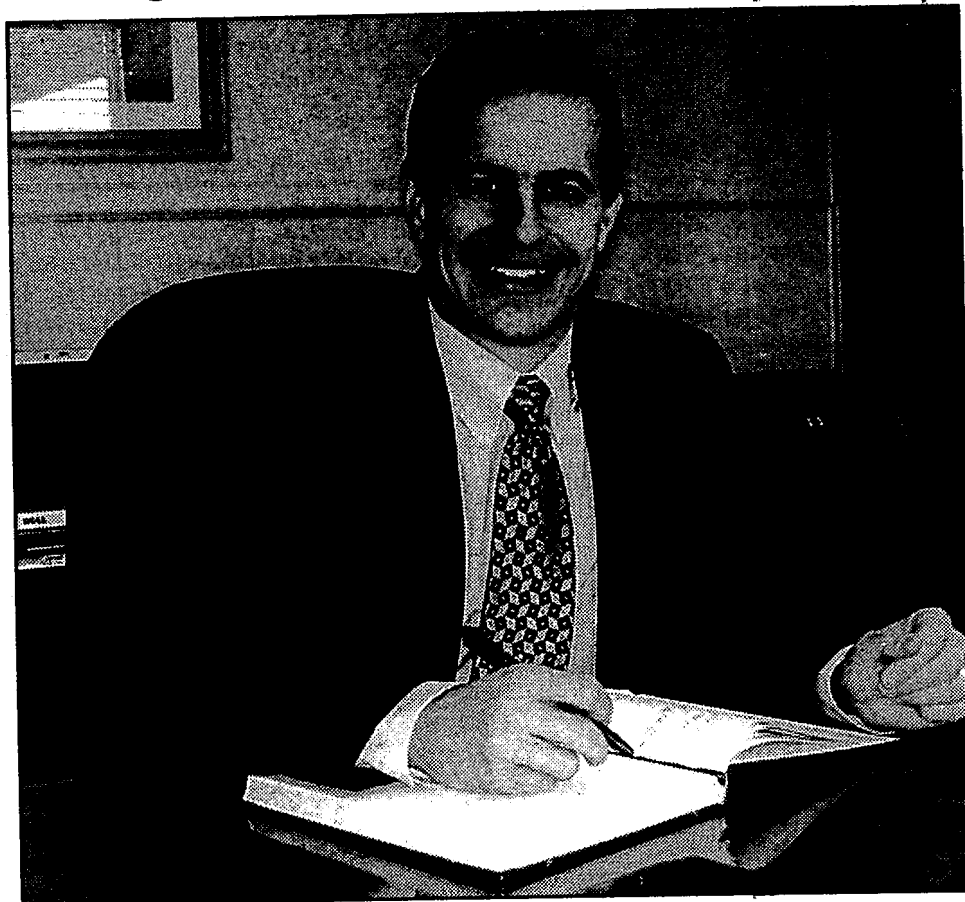
While other financial planners try to reach as many clients as possible, Guella is comfortable building a concise list of clients he can interact with on a personal level.

"I'm very frank with people; I'm not after 400 clients. I want a manageable number of long-term professional relationships where I can devote time to each of my clients and they appreciate the significant value our company delivers," said Guella.

Guella explained in recent years following the success of the stock market in the 90's, people are looking to ABS because they want a more diversified approach and are looking for ways to reduce their taxes.

"Over the last half dozen years many people have been disappointed in portfolio returns and want to understand different ways to invest more conservatively," said Guella.

"It's gratifying to help people achieve their financial goals they've spent their



Applied Benefit Strategies Director Jeff Guella offers financial planning and asset management out of two offices in Clarkston.

lives hoping they'd reach upon retirement."

ABS is owned by Guella's parents, Richard and Helene Guella, who have helped Clarkston residents invest for the last 15 years.

"It's great to continue the family business into the second generation. It's a special feeling. It's carrying on the torch

of quality service for the next generation and continuing those long-standing relationships," said Guella.

To learn more about Applied Benefit Strategies visit their Web site at [www.appliedbenefitstrategies.com](http://www.appliedbenefitstrategies.com). For more information call 248-625-5876. ABS is located at 6561 Dixie Highway and is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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# Bringing more style to life...

## Artful Framer moves to new location

With twice the floor space and an even wider selection of original artwork and prints, the new Artful Framer is certainly the place to turn your house into an artfully decorated home.

Jacqueline Sullivan has moved the Artful Framer to 6525 Sashabaw Road – just a few doors away from its former location in the Independence Towne Square Shopping Center.

The new location features a spacious showroom for the store's beautiful selection of artwork and an entire room of moulding samples for framing the customer's art. There is also a lounge area for browsing catalogs of prints and lithographs that can be special ordered. Customers can enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while browsing and visiting.

"Art brings warmth and personality to your home," said Jacqueline, who with her husband, Victor, purchased the Artful Framer last August. "I have been teaching art and design for many years. As well as being a trained artist, I understand what colors are going to look good for a picture and how to blend the colors of the picture, the color and style of your furniture and the color of your walls so it will all work together."

Artful Framer's expertise only starts with paintings though.

"We can frame a variety of things. Memorabilia, christening gowns, shoes, antiques can all be custom framed. We also custom frame mirrors. We don't just frame flat items either. Framing sports memorabilia is also popular. We've done

many jerseys, as well as basketballs, baseballs and golf clubs. It is also possible to frame musical instruments," said Sullivan.

As an artist, Sullivan brings a unique eye to home décor and is comfortable working with all styles.

"Choosing which color in the picture to pull out is the biggest problem people have when they frame their art. It is important that the framing draw the eye into the art, enhancing the art work," said Sullivan.

Sullivan and her designer Patti Phillips are experienced with choosing colors for a frame based on wall samples, photographs and even pieces of furniture that people bring in to the store. There are several thousand moulding samples from which to choose.

The Artful Framer has frames for all tastes and all budgets.

"The right frame can easily enhance a piece of art twice over," said Phillips.

"The possibilities are endless with what you can do," said Sullivan. "Framing a piece is a design process. Each order is handled individually and the work is all done here in the shop. Many people know about double and triple mats but most don't realize that we can 'stack' frames – putting 2 or 3 frames together for a completely custom look."

After making their choices, the customer will often take the frame and mat samples home with them to view it in the actual room. Colors change in different lighting and sometimes it is important to

see the colors in the environment where they will eventually end up.

"We are willing to spend as much time with the customer as they need," said Sullivan. "Some customers have told us that they were afraid of the custom framing process. We hope that our customer's find this a warm and friendly place to do business."

Don't have that special piece of artwork to make your decor complete? The Artful Framer carries a wide variety of art work and prints. Jacqueline's original mixed media work is featured in the store.

There are many limited editions as well as original works on canvas. The Artful Framer is actively looking for local artist's to feature in their gallery area.

If a piece of requested art is not in stock, The Artful Framer can special order the artwork from many suppliers. Also, customers can enjoy relaxing in the lounge area while browsing the Artful Framer's many catalogues of artwork.

"Customers can also go online to browse and order artwork on our website, [www.ArtfulFramer.net](http://www.ArtfulFramer.net)," said Sullivan. "Many of our framing samples can also be previewed there. You can sit in your home and browse the sight and get ideas. You can order art from the sight or come in and order it from the store."

"There are also coupons on the sight that people can bring into the store for a discount. We are building an e-mail mailing list to send specials directly to our best customers."

Above all else, Sullivan wants Artful Framer to be a hometown store; a business that offers more than excellent framing.

The Artful Framer is a place where the designer works with you gets to know

you personally as well as your tastes in home décor.

"We plan in the next year to have both trunk and art shows. We want to feature both local and nationally known artists," said Sullivan.

A show in the planning is a "Clarkston Show." This show will feature images of Clarkston and the surrounding township.

Anyone who is interested in showing their work should contact the store. The Artful Framer regularly shows local artist's work and would like to show more. Sullivan said the new location provides even more space for these shows.

Artful Framer is located at 6525 Sashabaw Road in the shopping complex on the corner of Sashabaw and Waldon Roads and is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To inquire about art or framing call 248-620-9724, or e-mail [info@artfulframer.net](mailto:info@artfulframer.net).

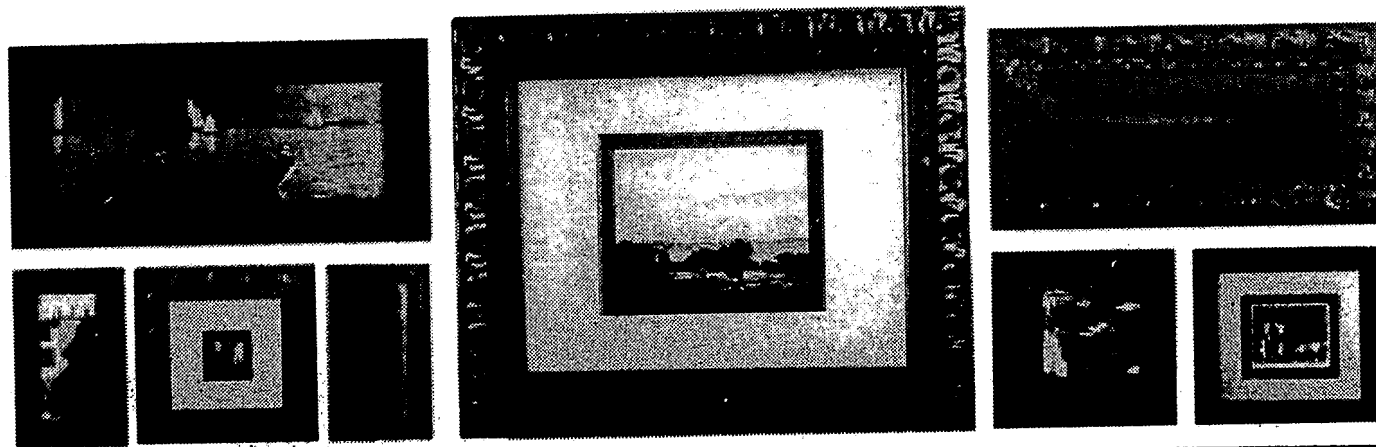


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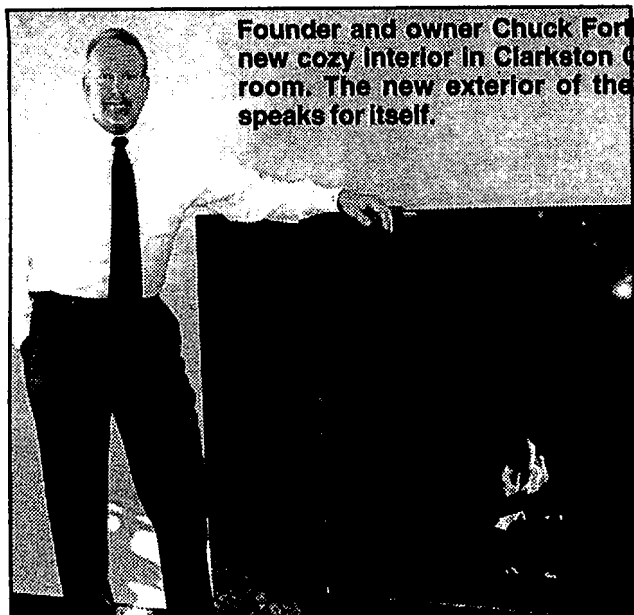
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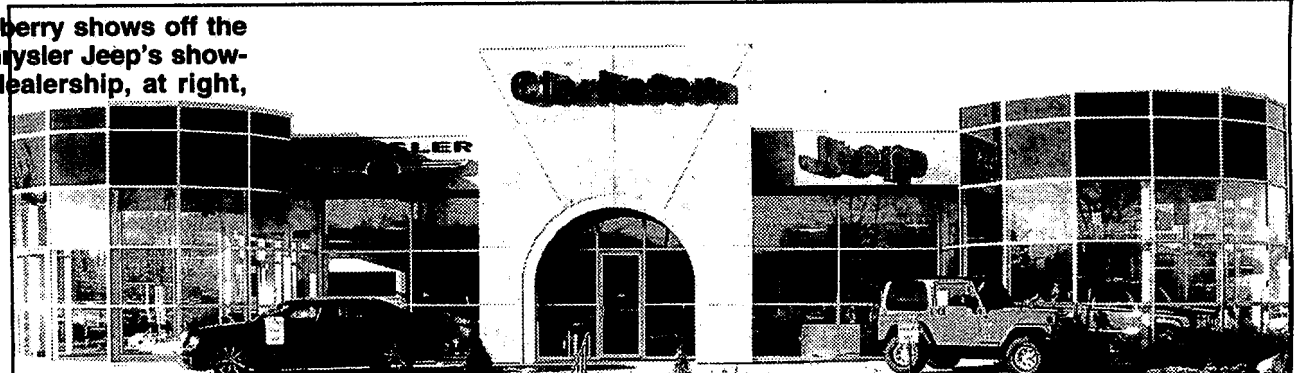
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Founder and owner Chuck Fortinberry shows off the new cozy interior in Clarkston Chrysler Jeep's showroom. The new exterior of the dealership, at right, speaks for itself.



## New look, same great service at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep

Motorists who have driven up and down Dixie Highway over the past decade might notice a distinct change in scenery as they pass by I-75 these days – Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, in its 21st year in the community, has a new modern look.

While the most obvious changes are the massive fish-bowl-like, symmetrical glass facades adorning either side of the dealership, the improvements on the inside are what owner Chuck Fortinberry hopes people stop in to see.

"Our new interior is warm and comfortable like it should be. We want people to feel comfortable in our showroom – like they are at their neighbors," Fortinberry said.

A fireplace surrounded by leather chairs and couches invites patrons to take their time and a load off while looking for a new automobile at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep. Whether it was adding marble countertops around the service waiting area or nearly doubling their showroom, the new look puts Clarkston Chrysler Jeep in select company.

"We went beyond basic Five-Star requirements when we started renovations," said Fortinberry. "We wanted to make our dealership more inviting. You can sit on the couches in private or get a cup of coffee and see what's new here. That's what this community deserves."

As the finishing touches were being put on the inside

of the dealership, Fortinberry reflected on his mindset going into the changes.

"This facility was new 12 years ago. Rather than just freshen it up we wanted to do something dramatic so we could better serve the community," Fortinberry said.

The expansion to the showroom area is not all glitz and glamour though, there was a parcel of functionality thrown in for good measure.

"We offer delivery right off the showroom floor" said Fortinberry, referring to one of the new glass enclosures which opens up onto the dealership's lot.

If a customer comes into Clarkston Chrysler Jeep and is smitten by a particular brand new 300 SRT8, Crossfire or Aspen parked in the showroom, they can sink into fine leather to close the deal then hop right into their new car, drive it out of the showroom and into their garage.

Fortinberry hopes the additions and upgrades help his dealership continue to grow with the community that he is proud to own a business and live in.

"I see my customers every day at the grocery, at church and at community events. They know I appreciate their loyalty, and I do everything I can to provide a personal touch at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep," Fortinberry said.

Fortinberry particularly enjoys the local support he has received each year organizing an annual golf outing and a motorcycle ride that together have raised more than a half million dollars for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

"My involvement outside the business is not motivated by personal financial gain," Fortinberry said.

He currently sits on the board of the Clarkston Foundation and supports area charities and community groups such as SCAMP, Lighthouse, Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, Youth Assistance and parks and recreation. Fortinberry was also a founder of Clarkston State Bank and is an active member of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

"Clarkston has been very good to my family and my company. All business owners need to give back to the community that supports them," Fortinberry said.

Clarkston Chrysler Jeep welcomes customers from 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday.

Experience the unique combination of "Small Town Courtesy" and "Big City Deals" at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, located at 8105 Big Lake Road. For more information, call 248-620-4200.

# Wrinkles and stress disappear at Belle Visage

In French, Belle Visage means "beautiful face." However, the Clarkston treasure is more than just a place where patrons step out looking fresh and radiant – Belle Visage is an oasis of relaxation.

"You walk through the door, there's a waterfall and a pond, bistro tables and chairs. You feel like you have literally stepped out of Clarkston, Michigan into a whole other world," said Nancy Ramos, an owner of Belle Visage, the first laser med spa to grace Oakland County. "Not everybody can run and take a vacation, but you can certainly come into Belle Visage for three hours and feel like you have."

Having recently gained popularity on the east and west coasts a laser med spa offers all the cleansing and therapeutic products and massage techniques of a day spa, melding them with a bevy of non-invasive procedures to rejuvenate people's skin and bodies.

"We are all changing what we are putting in our bodies. We are very health conscious about our food. We are working out. We're all trying to live longer. People want to look younger too. I can reduce the signs of aging," said Ramos.

The list of safe, effective medical treatments Belle Visage provides includes laser hair removal, wrinkle reduction, brown spots removal, rosacea treatments, acne treatments and spider vein treatments as well as medical microdermabrasion, facial peels, botox and restylane, and more. They also offer a professional skin care and make-up line.

"People are too busy to take time off to get things done, like a facelift. Being that our procedures are non-invasive, they can go right back to work. There is no taking a week off and hiding under dark glasses," said Ramos.

Aside from providing the inspiration and spirit to Belle Visage, Ramos also serves as the laser coordinator. She is accompanied by her partner and Medical Director Dr. Thomas Wright and Plastic Surgery Consultant Dr. Kimberly Pummill.

Her full staff includes: aestheticians, laser techs, massage therapists, airbrush tanning specialist and a makeup artist.

But the medical side of Belle Visage is only half of their one of kind experience. From facials, massages, a vichy shower and relaxing body treatments to indulgent body wraps and various detoxifying treatments painted onto the skin, the pampering available is second to none. Belle Visage even features a double body treatment room for couples or mothers and daughters.

"There isn't any place like us anywhere around," said Ramos. "With the vichy shower, the client lays on the table and receives a full body scrub. After that, the technician uses high pressured water to administer a full body massage. While this is taking place, the warm water pools around the client, evaporating to create a warm, comfortable atmosphere. The experience concludes with a moisturizing massage. It's very therapeutic, very good for athletes."

One thing Ramos is trying to combat is some misconceptions about spa's and laser treatments.

"Women, for example, may have facial hair and

they're saying to themselves 'I don't want this here but I can't afford to have it permanently removed.' They absolutely can, we are extremely affordable. We take all kinds of payment plans – they can manage their payments or they can even pay per treatment," said Ramos.

Another unique feature of Belle Visage is the wide array of party themes and events which can be held in the comfortable bistro complete with coffee, tea and juice bar. The spa caters to brides, couples or anyone looking to escape for a day. Whether an individual retreat or a lunch time bridal party celebration, the spa can accommodate the client's needs.

Belle Visage is located in the shopping center at 6507 Town Center south of I-75 off Sashabaw Road behind Carribou Coffee. Call 248-625-3525 for a free consultation today.



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Nancy Ramos, an owner of Belle Visage, with her partner and Medical Director Dr. Thomas Wright.



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# Learn to drive the right way at All About Driving

Remember when you learned how to drive? How nervous were you the first time you got behind the wheel? The whole process can be unnerving, especially if the classroom lessons leading up to that first drive are mundane.

Fortunately, there is an alternative to the average driving course, and owner Michele Montagano is willing to go the extra mile to make sure his students feel comfortable.

"I've worked for the other companies before. I hated it and I hated that the kids hated it. Now I come in to work and I like what I offer, you hold your head high," Montagano said.

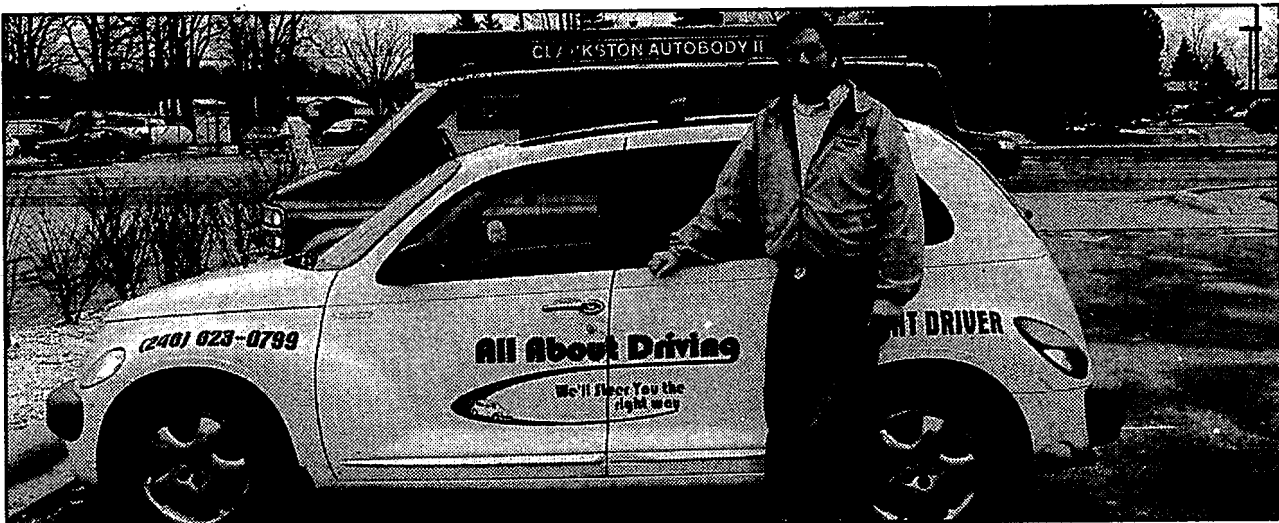
No matter what driving school you attend, the rules of the road do not change. The methods for learning are completely different however. The content of the lessons set "All About Driving" apart and are taught, rather than watched.

"All they do is show movies from the 80's or early 90's and the laws have changed since then," Montagano said.

Montagano invested his money to make sure materials at AAD are completely up-to-date and doesn't rely on straight-from-the-book lecturing or instructional films that students can doze off watching. Students at AAD interact with their lessons, with hands-on exercises that keep them interested and entertained all while learning the vital rules they need before they drive. Assignments have student using magnet boards to simulate various traffic scenarios and creating presentations on single aspects of driving which they present to the class.

From start to finish, lessons at AAD last three weeks and 36 students can enroll in a single class. Students get six practice drives to show what they've learned, but Montagano said he has no problem going over that number if that is what it takes for a student to feel comfortable. Whether it's teens or adults, defensive driving is critical to their success.

"I drove with a girl every Saturday for a year and



Michele Montagano, owner of "All About Driving" wants to make sure students feel completely comfortable when they get behind the wheel to take their road tests.

never charged her extra," Montagano said, adding that the girl's parents came along to see her progress as time went along.

The type of car being used for road tests is hardly a minor detail. With the excessive mileage put on test cars, constant tune-ups and repairs are a necessity, and the investment is worth it.

"Try going on a freeway in a car with no power with a kid that doesn't want to go on the freeway at 70 miles an hour and they have to pick it up at the last second, it doesn't work," Montagano said. Student at AAD will become familiar with the company's white PT Cruiser, which Montagano works regularly to maintain the vehicle's quality.

Montagano understands the pressure that comes with learning to drive, and knows that mistakes will be made along the way during the learning process.

"I can't be perfect, and I don't want to even suggest that I am. I leave my blinker on for too long sometimes. I'm like everybody else, I make mistakes. At least I'm more conscience of it," Montagano said. "I

don't think it's fair that students don't pass because they're nervous and they just need more time. I just give them more time."

That sentiment applies to students even after they have passed the course. Former students are welcome to return for a refresher course or practice drive before taking a road test.

Montagano recently went a step further and joined a new bumper sticker program for teen drivers. Similar to the stickers seen on large trucks, the 5 My Teen bumper sticker program allows other drivers to report on the activity of a teen driver to ensure they are driving safely. Putting a sticker on a teen's car allows parents to be aware of their teen's driving when they're alone and participants could get a break on insurance rates.

New classes will be opening in Grand Blanc in May.

For more information or to register for classes. Contact All About Driving at 248-623-0799 For information on the My Teen Driving bumper sticker program, visit [www.5myteen.com](http://www.5myteen.com).



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# Rotary Club to welcome new 2006-07 President

The Clarkston rotary 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, said Tim Everhard, President-elect.

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.

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service, high ethical standards in business and professions, and dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

In July, Everhard will take over from current president Mike Spillum. This will be the first time Everhard has sat in the

president's seat.

"We alternate jobs every year," said Everhard. "We already know that Gary Hanna will take over as president next year."

Everhard officially joined the Rotary in July 2004. He has been active with the organization since and looks forward to serving the community.

The Rotarians are seen regularly at annual fund-raising and service events.

The Goodfellow newspaper sale (printed by *Sherman Publications Inc.*) helps raise money for Christmas charity work, including "Shoes for Kids," which helps needy children throughout the school district.

Other service projects include:

- The hosting of the Labor Day parade in downtown Clarkston, which the Rotary has run for 66 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.

The Rotary also hosts events

such as "Taste of Fall" and "Taste of Spring" annual wine tasting events. These are coordinated to better serve the community.

"My favorite part of Rotary is represented in our motto 'Service Above Self.' I enjoy working on the parade, selling the Goodfellow newspapers and the wine tasting events which help raise funds for the work we do in our community and internationally," said Everhard.

An interesting fact about Rotary: they host the largest exchange student program in the world.

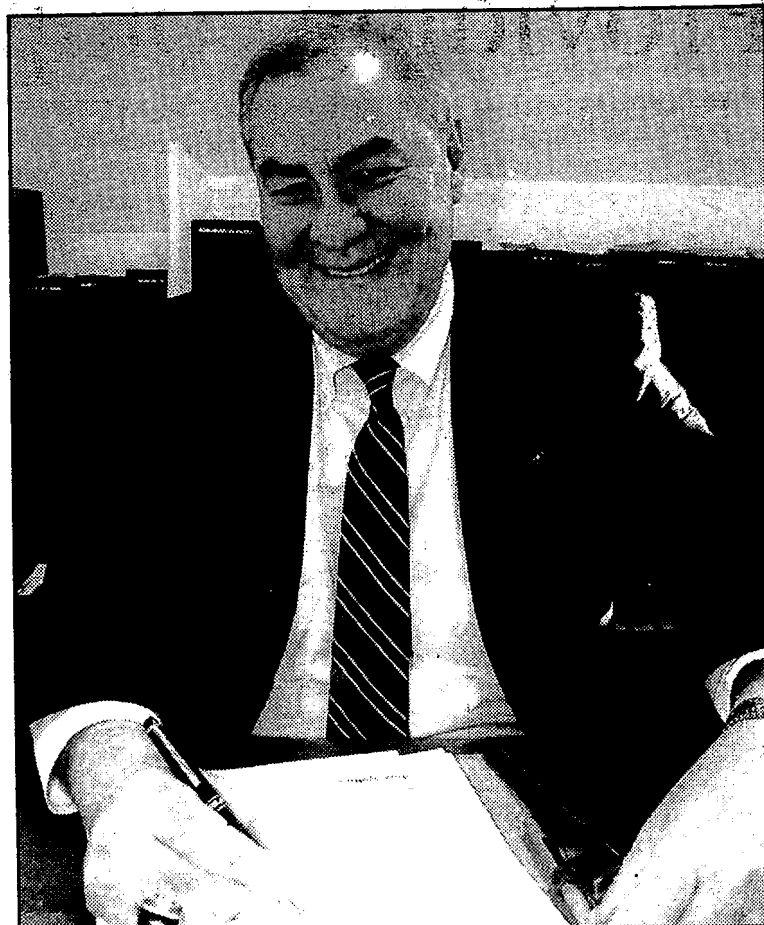
"We always have two or three exchange students a year," said Everhard.

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

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

Although the club seeks new members, they have definitely grown and see new prospects developing everyday.

"I am really looking forward to getting more new younger



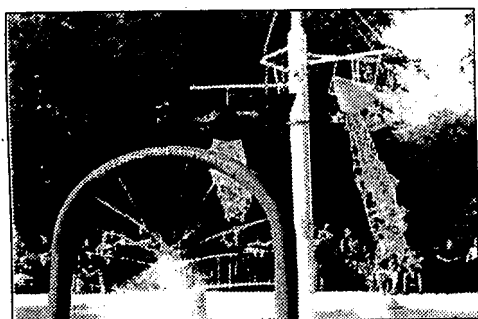
Tim Everhard will take over as president in July.

members in the club," said Everhard. "We could then expand some of the projects we are currently doing."

The Clarkston Rotary meets from 6:30-8 p.m. on Mondays at Deer Lake Athletic Club, located

at 6167 White Lake Road. Each meeting includes dinner and a short business meeting.

For more information, call Tim Everhard at 248-625-5492 or Gary Hanna at 248-321-0325.



Clarkston Rotary Arch at Clintwood Spraypark



Clarkston Rotary Club puts on Clarkston Labor Day parade annually.

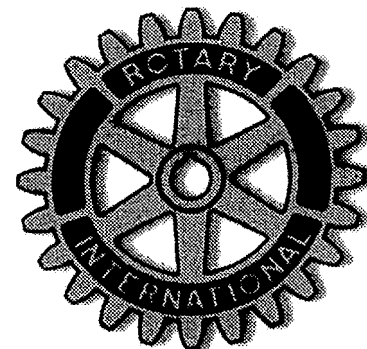


Even Santa helps sell the Clarkston Rotary's Goodfellow newspapers to support its annual "Shoes for Kids" program.

## Service Above Self

# The Clarkston Rotary Club

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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?

Deer Lake Athletic Club - 6167 White Lake Rd.  
Clarkston - on Mondays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

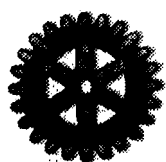
### What does the Rotary do?

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

"We do the things that people think just happen."



Mike Spillum,  
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### Contact The Clarkston Rotary Club Today!

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In December, the Bank earned a Five-Star "Superior" rating for the quarter ending September 30, 2005. It is the 48th consecutive quarter, dating back to 1993, that BauerFinancial Inc. has awarded Oxford Bank with its highest honor. BauerFinancial is the nation's leading independent bank firm and has been reporting on and analyzing the performance of U.S. banks, thrifts and credit unions since 1984.

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"We help people get their physical, emotional, and spiritual person back in order," said Clinical Director Rick MacFarlane.

Insight is based on the medical model of addiction and offers a structured program with educational lectures, group therapy and individual therapy.

Clients stay in the program, for varying lengths of time, geared towards their specific educational, emotional and support needs.

"The length of stay varies on need but is usually between three and 28 days. Admission is voluntary, but people are often referred by community resources, friends, family and employers," said MacFarlane.

As part of the process, Insight can involve the patient's family. Friends and family are able to attend educational groups and work with the therapist at appropriate times to guide the family in the recovery process.

"The family offers support for their loved ones, but also gets educated about what they are up against. It helps everyone involved deal with the situation and create an environment key to long-term success after the patient has left," said MacFarlane.

During the detoxification process Insight's staff strives to provide relief from withdrawal symptoms using a variety of detox protocols.

"We have the latest medications for detox that help relieve withdrawal symptoms. With these new medicines, clients are able to jump forward quicker and join help groups provided here," said MacFarlane.

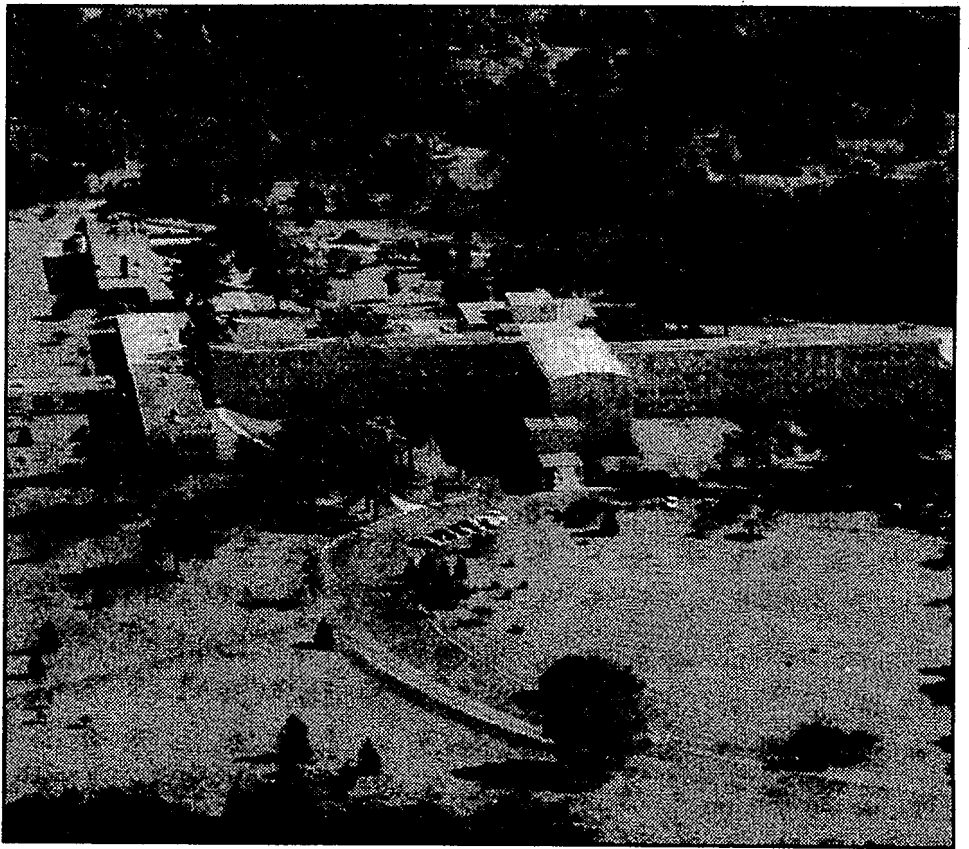
The dedicated Insight staff have been employed for an average of 12-15 years.

"We have a variety of therapists with different backgrounds," said MacFarlane.

Unique to the Insight facilities are the individual private rooms that create more of a campus feel versus an over-occupied hospital room.

"A lot of clinics have two to four people per room. Here people really like having their own room," said MacFarlane who explained all the rooms have a window looking outside, with light shining in.

In addition to the private rooms, those visiting Insight have access to a weight room, basketball gym, walking trails, cafeteria and rec room. There are also a host of social activities including summer barbecues and Saturday night card tourna-



This aerial shot illustrates the beautiful welcoming campus Insight Recovery Center is located at 9075 Big Lake Road in Springfield Township.

ments. The center also employs ceramics and art teachers to help the detoxification transition go smoothly.

Insight charges half of what other programs cost because the priority is helping people get healthy. They accept nearly all insurance companies and have a grant to help subsidize uninsured clients who meet specific criteria.

Insight offers a two-year aftercare program at no cost which allows insight alumni to share experiences, thoughts and hopes.

Admission to Insight can be arranged 24 hours per day, seven days per week. For more admission information call 1-800-441-5092. Visit Insight's Web site at [www.insightrecovery.org](http://www.insightrecovery.org).

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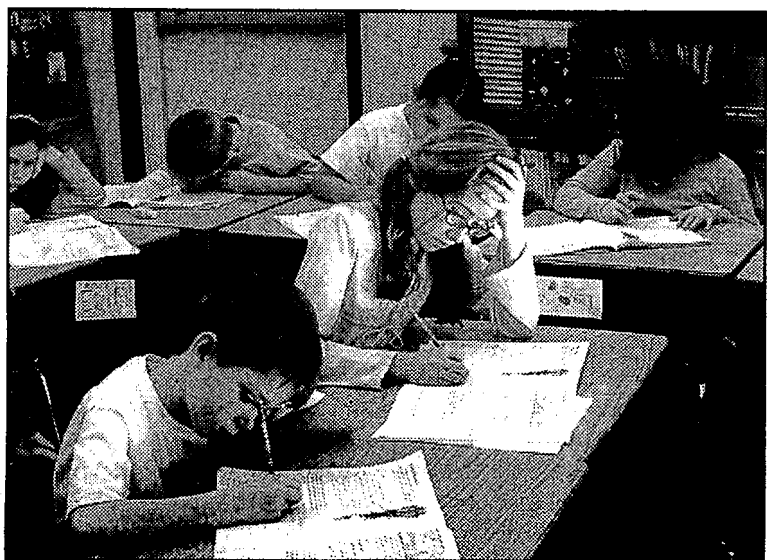
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When Director Bette D. Moen talks about the school's programs, it is with enthusiasm. She gives much credit to the staff, which includes "educators who are very passionate about educating children, making a difference in our world and building a community of learners."

The 13-acre Springfield Township campus plays host to about 275 students, counting those in the Academy proper and the neighboring Cedar Crest Early Childhood Center. Programs include a preschool through grade 8 curriculum, with day care and extended care opportunities as well.

Recent building additions include a new gymnasium and fine arts studios, and the staff looks forward to eventual projects for a new administration building and middle school.

Moen sees family involvement as one of the reasons for the school's success.

"It's not unpredictable that our students are so creative," she said. "It is a partnership in educating children. Our families have vision for their children and our world."

While there is a traditional grade structure at Cedar Crest, the staff stresses individualized education, helping each student discover and develop his or her unique skills. There is also a focus on cognitive thinking and problem solving skills.

"It's all about each child's possibility," Moen said.

The curriculum also includes a wide variety of instruction in the humanities. Continuity and creative studies in French, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, art, music and physical education are daily experiences.

Basketball, soccer, volleyball and track and field teams are fun in the new gymnasium and introduce students to more peers and the variations of people in competition and social situations.

All preschoolers are introduced to Spanish as a second language. In first grade, students choose either Spanish or French. Japanese and Chinese are also available at the kindergarten level, and middle schoolers may choose to study German.

The measure of success for Cedar Crest is seen in the students who return to the campus to share their experiences, and Moen said alumni include valedictorians and honor students in law, business, engineering, education and microbiology. Some work in Fortune 500 companies, while others have created niche companies.

"People are doing what they love to do," she said, and they are making a difference wherever they are.

Cedar Crest Academy and Cedar Crest Early Childhood Center are located at 8970 Dixie Highway in Springfield Twp. Telephone for the Academy is 248-625-7270. Telephone for the Early Childhood Center is 248-625-1091. Web site is [cedarcrestacademy.com](http://cedarcrestacademy.com).

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## Visit Kinetics for biking that knows no season

Many people get bikes as children and never give a second thought to the bike-buying process. Louise Kasl and Jeff Noftz, owners of Kinetic Systems bicycle shop in downtown Clarkston, know from years of experience even the smallest details count.

"Bikes are not a toy. With other sports equipment, like skis, people make sure they fit properly," said Kasl. "Many customers do not realize the options available to them with bicycles. We accommodate different riders' needs. Bicycle fit even changes as a rider's strength and flexibility improve over time spent riding."

"There's so many things you can change on a bike to make it comfortable. Bike riding can be a comfortable experience if you watch the smallest details, like hand positioning," said Noftz.

Kinetic Systems, located at the current location since 1986, offers something for any and every level of cyclist. The staff of bike enthusiasts handles all repairs and maintenance in addition to selling new bicycles.

They often find customers surprised at the amount of information they provide before a purchase is made.

"Most people think they just need to stand over a bike to see if it fits. Doing it that way you can run into problems of discomfort and soreness, to injury," said Noftz. "We don't do that here. People come back because they feel comfortable with how we set them up."

Aiding in Kinetics success is Noftz's reputation in the area. He was hired to coach cycling one winter at the Olympic

Training Center in Colorado Springs. He and two other coaches were then asked to set up and coach an Olympic cycling program in Marquette for two summers. He also organized and coached a regional cycling team that grew to become the only professional team sponsored by a bicycle retail store. Noftz and Kasl ran this team, of primarily local riders, for five years. All of this has provided a wealth of experience and expertise which Noftz shares with customers.

Part of the Kinetic's experience is a cycling group called the Flying Rhinos. The group consists of approximately 300 riders of all skill levels who enjoy and pursue active life-styles through cycling.

"There's so many folks with diverse interests in the group, there's really something for everyone. I understand how it could be intimidating if the group was all cycling at the highest level. That's not the case with this group," said Noftz.

"The bike shop and Flying Rhinos are intertwined," said Noftz.

Activities provided through them ensure all riders going through the shop can pursue the level of riding they desire.

The Rhinos organize and host typically three to four different types of rides throughout the week from spring through fall, and one or two in winter.

The club and Kinetics also organize and run several races including, new in 2005, an internationally licensed cyclocross weekend of racing and fun. The annual Spring and Fall Back 40 Rides and the January 1 Polar Rhino Ride, on the area's gravel roads, are well known



Kinetic Systems Bicycles owners Jeff Noftz and Louise Kasl.

and draw participants from around the state as well as a lot of local families.

Noftz rents a race track at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club every Tuesday from April to Oct. so people can ride on a closed course while learning and practicing all the biking basics. He runs workouts that attract 50 or more riders a week.

Kinetics also hosts indoor training during the winter on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. so riders can continue that stress free training environment.

"On the open road with cars there's a lot in your head. Indoors or on the Waterford track you don't have to worry about those things so you can focus on fine tuning your technique at a relaxed pace," said Noftz.

Though their focus is cycling, Noftz and Kasl carry a selection of items to enhance the active outdoor lifestyle. They have the area's largest selection of popular merino wool active and everyday wear clothing. Their selection of sunglasses will fit any need or interest.

Kinetics Systems is located at 60 S. Main Street in Clarkston and is open Monday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday noon-4 p.m.

For more information on the store or Flying Rhinos Cycling Club call 248-625-7000 or visit their web sites at [www.flyingrhinocc.com](http://www.flyingrhinocc.com) and the store's coming site at [www.kineticsystems bicycles.com](http://www.kineticsystems bicycles.com).



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Do you burn easily or find it difficult to maintain a tan? That does not mean you can not tan, you just need to know the right way to do so. The Clarkston branch offers a free skin type analysis to get you started on your way to looking and feeling great.

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Heidi had customers come to her from other tanning salons complaining about cleanliness, and in response shows them how each room and tanning bed is com-



ImageSun Manager Heather Karl and owner Heidi Gardner keep the highest standards and stock only the best products for their customers.

pletely cleaned after every single use.

"Everything from door handles to the chairs are disinfected, anything that could possibly be touched, they clean. You'll never have to worry about a dirty bed."

ImageSun stands behind the Australian Gold and Swedish Beauty products they offer, and if you're not completely satisfied with a purchase, they have a 100 percent refund guarantee.

The Clarkston ImageSun currently does not have a spray-on tan system due to the FDA recommendations

at this time; cover the area of the eyes protect lips and nasal passages, and avoid inhalation or ingestion of the product. A spray on tan costs \$19.95 - 39.95 per session, which is every 5-7 days.

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Handling patients with closed head injuries is what really separates Coventree from other homes.

Prior to moving to their current location on Crosby Lake Road three years ago, Coventree was known as the Highland View House, in Davisburg. Throughout 12 years there the Coventree team gained a reputation for comfortable, dignified living.

"We try to give the greatest care in conjunction with expanding the trust and confidence from the community," said Skrumbellos.

"We want everyone to be cozy and comfortable," she added.

Having care givers on staff ensures Coventree reaches those goals. Each member of the tight-knit house community will have their own health care needs monitored and looked after.

"We're like a family here and that's what's important. The care givers are really warm and take the residents under their wing," said Skrumbellos.

In addition to the nursing staff, Coventree employs a full-time program director who develops activities promoting pro-social and cognitive skills that pertain to everyday life.

The staff at Coventree Home Health



Coventree Home Health Care on Crosby Lake Road in Clarkston offers customized rooms like the one pictured above, designed for an Elvis Presley fan. Coventree offers assisted living and extended adult care, while specializing in Closed Head Injuries.

Care encourages its residents to go on a lot of outings in the community like the movies and shopping. In the summer they also head out to the parks for picnics.

In addition to activities, the staff strives to help patients maintain their sense of self identity in the family environment. Customized rooms are designed to residents own unique interests and hobbies.

Whether it's a hunter, car enthusiast

or music lover, the rooms at Coventree are decorated and accessorized to those personal interests.

"I've designed a room for an Elvis fan recently, because he just loved Elvis. We can take any theme imaginable and make a room that fits it," said Skrumbellos.

Another unique feature is an ambulatory lower level suite and a double room

upstairs so couples can stay together.

Coventree Home Health Care encourages married elderly couples to stay together and continue their lives there. The double rooms available help reach couples reach that goal.

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# Munks continue to offer the latest in orthodontic treatment

Braces aren't just for teenagers anymore.

The father son combo of Dr. Charles F. and Dr. Charles W. Munk are changing the way people think about braces and orthodontists.

"We are an orthodontic specialty practice. We use the latest self-litgating braces as well as offer Invisalign and OrthoClear," Dr. Charles W. Munk.

As technology advances, the Munks are able to diagnose and treat patients earlier, in less time, with more options and greater patient comfort.

"We work with people of all ages interested in creating a beautiful straight healthy smile. Our goal is to provide patients with long-term health care as well as cosmetic tooth alignment," said Dr. Charles F. Munk.

"By combining the right mix of personal attention, the latest technology, and continuing education, we maintain a commitment of excellence to our patients in every facet of our practice," said Charles W. Munk.

Orthodontists are not only helping children and teenagers, they are working with all ages. Adults benefit greatly from orthodontic treatment. Today one in five orthodontic patients is an adult.

The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that every child should have a check up with an orthodontic specialist no later than age seven.

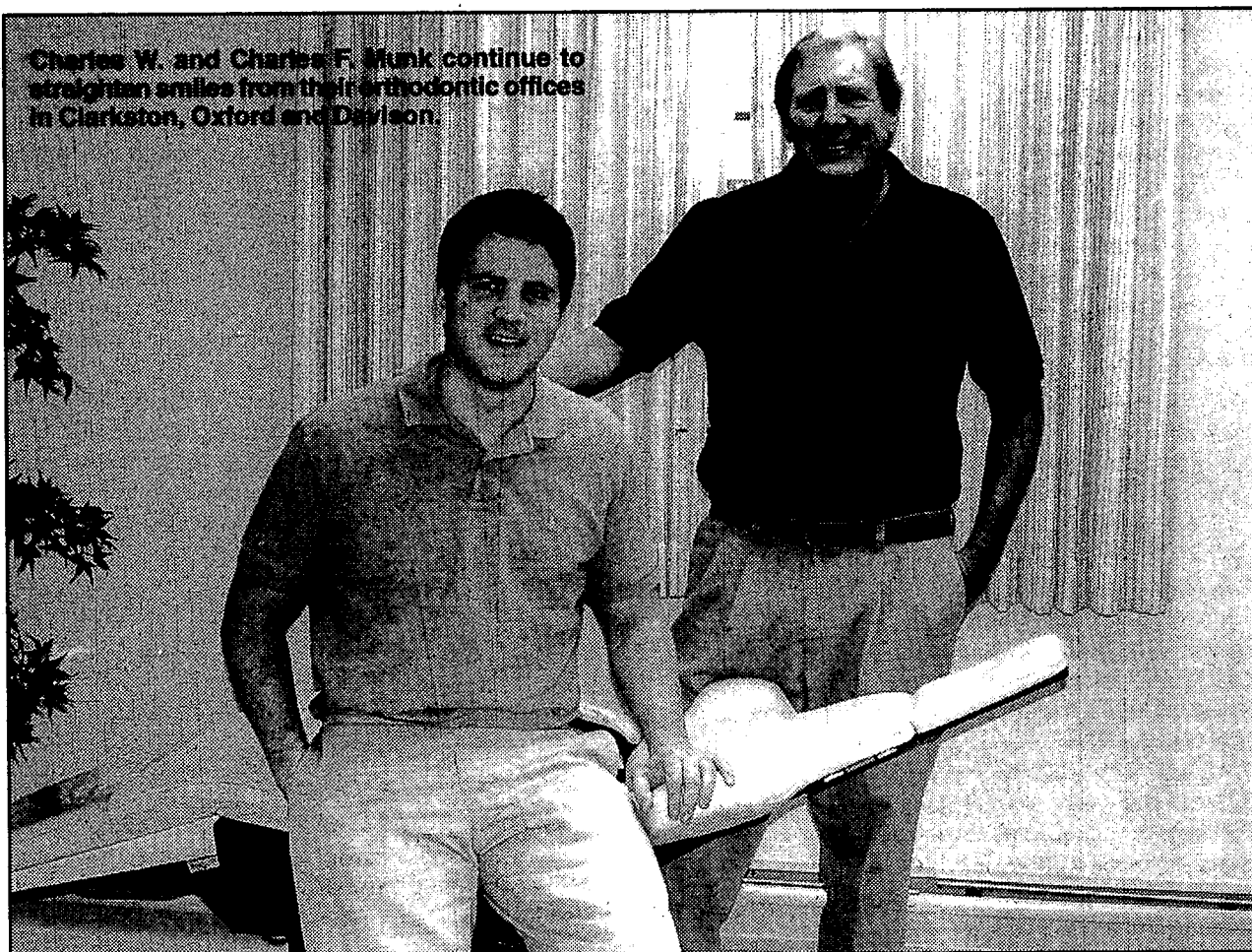
"Orthodontic treatment changes looks and outlooks. Orthodontics has boosted the self-esteem of countless patients, whether they had braces as children or sought treatment as adults," said Charles F. Munk.

Invisalign and OrthoClear are wonderful treatment options especially for adults. These comfortable, invisible, removable aligners are a clear alternative to traditional orthodontic appliances.

Dr. Charles F. Munk has been an orthodontist for 38 years and has been at his Clarkston location since 1981. His son, Charles W. joined the team in 2003.

"The greatest challenge is to educate people about the advantages of having orthodontic treatment by an orthodontic specialist and all of the treatment options that are available," said Charles W. Munk.

Charles W. and Charles F. Munk continue to straighten smiles from their orthodontic offices in Clarkston, Oxford and Davison.



Besides orthodontics, the Munks continue to look for ways to reach out to the community. Their office supports the SCAMP program and they conduct a dental health presentation for area schools. They also sponsor the Independence Day parade and activities and plan to continue that in the future.

The Munks offer free orthodontic evaluations to all patients at all three of their locations. They have various payment plans available and work with most insurance companies.

Appointments are available for day, evening and Saturdays to accommodate even the busiest patient's schedule.

The Munks' offices are at 5825 S. Main Street in Clarkston, 837 on S. Lapeer Road in Oxford, and 8379 Davison Road in Davison. The office numbers are 248-625-0880 (Clarkston), 248-628-6441 (Oxford) and 810-653-9070 (Davison).

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## 'Safepet Hidden Fencing' keeps pets in the yard

These days people don't need a wooden or metal fence to keep their pet out of the pound. In fact the best way to ensure the family dog doesn't become the neighborhood stray can't be seen at all.

"The idea when we set this business up was to offer a high quality product at a reasonable price. Something everybody can afford," said Randy Badour, owner of Safepet Hidden Fencing of Michigan LLC. "With some of the other companies out there, you call them up, have them come out and they give you a price that is usually very, very expensive. We wanted to offer something that everybody could do."

What Randy's business offers is a safe, economical alternative to chain link fencing. His product, Hidden Fence, is 99.2 percent effective at training a dog to respect the boundaries of a yard. Not to mention Hidden Fence can save pet owners \$1,000's compared to wood or metal fence installation.

"There's no guarantees that a chain link fence will work either. Dogs can climb over them or dig under them or someone will make the mistake of leaving the gate open. I've had plenty of calls to go put in an electric fence inside their fence."

With Hidden Fence, the dog is fit with a collar which emits a warning sound when the animal wanders too close to the boundaries specified at installation. If the animal continues towards the boundaries the collar delivers a mild corrective stimulation.

"Depending on the dog, you are talking about two to four weeks for training. Once they hear that warning tone that is all it takes," said Badour, who uses Hid-

den Fence to keep his dog, Kramer, from terrorizing the neighbors.

Hidden Fence's collar interacts with a boundary of wire installed into the ground. The process of setting up the wire takes between two and four hours. Badour and his crew slice open the ground in order to thread Hidden Fence across the yard. The grass makes a complete recovery within days of installation.

"We're a local business. I think we offer a little more personal touch for the customer. We're available when the customer calls and we're there the same day doing whatever they need, from any problems they have with the system to training their dog," said Badour.

All of Badour's packages include up to one acre of Hidden Fence wiring.

As well as keeping pets in the yard, Safepet also offers solutions inside the home, in the form of small battery powered units which will safeguard anything from a garbage can or toilet bowl to a computer room.

"If you have something in the house you want to keep the cat away from, these will do the trick," said Badour.

The aforementioned devices and others including training equipment for sporting dogs and other remote training collars are available for purchase online at [www.safepethiddenfence.com](http://www.safepethiddenfence.com).

Discipline for a dog is one thing, Badour has pet owners in mind with the newest addition to the Safepet stable.

Starting this summer, anyone who

owns a goldfish, parakeet, cat, dog or any other house pet can go Safepet Hidden Fencing's website and purchase everything from food to collars.

"Order what you want and it's delivered right to your door," said Badour.

Customers can either make a one time purchase or schedule regular deliveries of a wide array of high quality products.

"People are so busy now they don't want to mess with buying pet food. Whatever they need just comes automatically and they don't even have to think about it," said Badour.

Safepet Hidden Fencing is available for appointments year round, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call 810-654-9377 to set up an installation time.



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Wireless Toyz, with convenient locations in Oxford and Orion, now offers an *exclusive* handset replacement program that covers your PDA's, Treo's, Blackberry's, cell phones (both unlocked and prepaid) and aircards purchased there.

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You're covered for either one full year or one covered claim. Replacement includes a brand new handset, battery and accessories (everything that's included in the phone box when you purchased it).

"You'll never be without a phone here," said Joey Manni, who manages the Oxford and Orion Wireless Toyz stores with his brothers Richie and Franki. "Even if you're waiting on approval, we'll set you up with loaner phone."

Compare with other wireless carriers through which enrollment in their insurance plan can take up to a week and can only be done within 30 days of activation; there's a \$50 or more deductible; the replacement phone is *used* and shipped within 3 to 5 days; and coverage levels vary.

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Wireless Toyz offers all the major wireless carriers including Sprint, Nextel, T-Mobile, Cingular and Verizon Wireless. Prepaid cellular services from Boost Mobile and Virgin Mobile are also available.

With 70 to 80 different styles of phones (including

don't have a product, we do whatever it takes to get it for the customers right away."

Manni said the big demand right now is for PDA's and Wireless Toyz has many including Sidekicks, Blackberry's, Treo 700, Samsung I-730 with Verizon Wireless service and the Pocket PC 6700 with Sprint service.

Many PDA's are now "windows operated," which means the "menu on your phone screen is just like on your computer," according to Manni.

Manni said PDA's are so popular now because it allows people to step out of the office and still have "total access" via e-mail, text messages and internet. "It's like having a computer in the palm of your hand," he said. "You can be on the golf course and still take care of business."

Other items growing in popularity include wireless PC cards (or "aircards") which allow laptop users access to the internet everywhere in most major cities and freeways.

Manni said Sprint and Verizon Wireless offer aircards that give users unlimited internet access for \$59 per month.

Unlimited access and wireless technology equal one thing for users – more freedom!

Ultra thin and light phones such as "The Blade" (Samsung 900) and "The Razor" (Motorola V3) are in high demand right now.

Don't let their tiny sizes fool you. Manni said "The Blade" has Sprint service, an MP3 player and video picture option – "it does everything."

For people who like to talk in the car, Bluetooth offers a hands-free system which enables users to listen to calls through the car's speakers or even download music and listen while driving.

"Most of the new Chryslers have it," Manni said.

Wireless Toyz in Oxford is located at 2 S. Washington St. (southeast corner of M-24 and Burdick St.). The phone number is (248) 628-7777.

The Orion location is at 325 S. Broadway St. Call (248) 814-8888 for that store. For more information check out Wireless Toyz on-line at [www.wirelesstoyz.com](http://www.wirelesstoyz.com).



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Motorola, Sanyo, Samsung and Nokia) in a wide variety of colors and a complete line of accessories such as cases, chargers and wireless earpieces from Bluetooth. Wireless Toyz is truly the Oxford/Orion area's one-stop cellular shopping experience.

All this diversity of product and service means Wireless Toyz sales representatives can find what best suits customers' needs as opposed to selling them something that don't really want or need because of a limited selection, according to Manni.

"We're working for the customer," he said. "If we

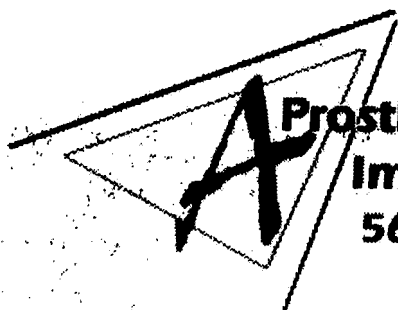
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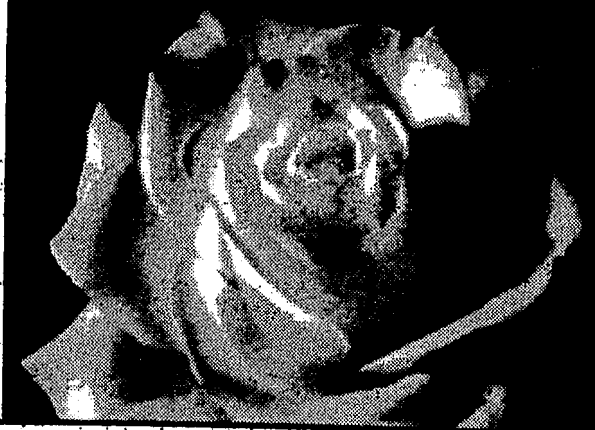
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# Lake Orion Roofing: where the customer comes first

Ninety percent of roofing contractors fail within their first five years in business, and another 80 percent will fail in the next five years, which leaves only about two percent of them lasting beyond 10 years. This is a scary statistic when you think about it.

Therefore, a roofing company that has been around for 21 years surely must be doing something right.

Lake Orion Roofing puts customer satisfaction above all else, a strategy that owner Mark Southern credits for their longevity in the community.

What really sets Lake Orion Roofing apart is their emphasis on educating the customer. Southern says that having a couple sessions of face time with the customer often comes as a shock to most customers, since it's not the normal procedure for the majority of contractors.

"They're used to just having an estimate put in a pamphlet and left on the door," he says. "Most companies will do estimates without the customer even being at home. How can they possibly have a clue if the ventilation system in the attic is even functioning properly without an inspection? It's the same thing as a doctor throwing you up on a slab and doing exploratory surgery with doing an x-ray first."

"We let them know that there's a lot more to a professionally installed roof system than just installing shingles on a roof to shed water," says Southern, who emphasizes "solving the customers problem" is much more important to them than just making things look pretty.

"It's obviously why we've been around for over 20 years," he adds. "We truly care about the customer's issues and doing their project the proper way."

As a member of the Certified Contractors Network (CCN), Lake Orion Roofing



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provides its customers with a comfort level that most other roofing contractors cannot offer.

Southern says that his company avoids competing with the low-ball bidding contractors that focus on "Quantity over Quality".

"We want to insure that the customer is thoroughly educated on the many aspects involved, and to make sure they don't award their job using price as the main factor," he says.

In fact, Lake Orion Roofing recently completed a project on a nearby home that had a cheap job done on it only two months earlier.

"The job was so poorly done that we couldn't even repair it if we tried," Southern said. "And this was a brand new roof just installed two months ago. The customer had to spend another \$14,000 to get it done the right way this time. It was a very costly lesson for that customer. They wished they'd contacted us earlier."

Before taking on a project, Lake Orion Roofing will explain every aspect of the project in detail with the customer, review-

ing attic inspection and exterior roof pictures showing their roof condition and problems, and talking things out in layman's terms so it's easy for them to understand.

"It's a huge investment that you only want to do once, not twice, so we want to make sure they understand every aspect of their project," Southern says.

Often times, a Lake Orion Roofing customer gets deeply involved and interested with the process from start to finish. Southern believes that this is yet another indication that his business is doing things the right way... by doing "what's right for the customer."

"They constantly praise us for explaining things in such a simple and understandable fashion, that it's now very easy for them to make an educated decision on selecting their contractor," Southern says.

"Prior to sitting down and going through the details, they had no idea there was so much to understand. They now understand the differences in their roofing estimates, and why the difference in prices. The other estimates and specifications they found in their door are not even close to what is re-

quired to do the job the proper way," he says.

Generally, most dissatisfied construction project victims limited their focus to these two questions: "How much will the project cost?", and "When can the work get started?"

"The most critical factor in a successful contracting project is selecting the right contractor, which is often overlooked due to their focus on the price," Southern says. "We all, as consumers, want the Cadillac for the Geo price, but as we all know, you get what you pay for. In this business, it speaks for itself when decisions are based on price alone. What we should be looking for is that 'trust and confidence' feeling when making large investment decisions."

Lake Orion Roofing also strictly abides by the customer code of ethics laid out by CCN, which insures the highest standards of professionalism. They mail out to each customer requesting an estimate a brochure titled "How to make a Successful Construction Investment," which helps homeowners walk through the contractor selection process by asking certain questions. You can call them to request this booklet be mailed out to you anytime.

Lake Orion Roofing also has a 24-hour emergency service and warranty department.

"If you call at 3 a.m. with a leak in your roof, you'll actually be talking to a live person," Southern says.

Properly insured and properly experienced, Lake Orion Roofing will always give the customer the best possible value on their investment.

Lake Orion Roofing, Inc. is located at the corner of Brown and Joslyn roads. Open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info call them 248-393-0055. E-mail info@lakeorionroofing.com. Visit their website at www.lakeorionroofing.com.

## Proclaiming God's grace and proving His love

The staff of Oakland Woods Baptist Church is not waiting for the addition to their building to be completed to expand their outreach programs.

While the church is arranging for the 10,500 square foot expansion project, that will add a 468-seat sanctuary, they continue to look for more ways to spread the word about God's Grace.

The church has an ambitious schedule of mission work set up which will take congregation members to New Orleans and New York.

"I guess it's a new twist on walking the walk and talking the talk. We hope to prove God's love through tangible ways, through servant evangelism," said Pastor Bob Galey who explained the church's greyhound bus is bracing itself for a busy year transporting church members.

The trip to White Plains, New York Memorial Day weekend is designed to help start a new Baptist Church there. The mission to New Orleans revolves around a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to build 40 houses in ten weeks for hurricane victims.

"In the last three years we seem to have tripled the mission trips here. In summer it seems like a group is going somewhere all the time. That's what this ministry is all about," said Galey.

Those activities exemplify Oakland Woods' 2006 slogan, which is "Proclaiming God's grace and proving God's love."

That new message is set to reach a larger audience, as Oakland Woods continues to grow. Since January eighteen new members have joined the church,

nine of whom were baptized.

"I believe God is in the process of doing something great in our congregation and in the community as a whole. That's why you see growth at most of the area churches," said Galey.

Another type of outreach in the works is the new Divorce Care on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting March 1. Galey explained the program will help those struggling with the stress and hardships of divorce.

Besides the new missions, the church staff welcomed Josh Windeler as Youth Pastor in August.

"He adds a great energy for our young people. The youth absolutely love him and they're doing a lot of exciting things," said Galey.

"The fastest growing age group is young married adults and college-career people."

With a lot of new things to be excited about, the staff is also looking forward to some of their yearly events.

On the Saturday before Easter, Oakland Woods hosts its Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt, which lasts about five minutes, will have nearly 7,000 eggs.

The church also continues service programs such as hosting the distribution of shoes during the annual Clarkston Rotary "Shoes for Kids" program.

Another highlight of the church's 20th year was the hosting of "Wild Horse Ministries," a revival meeting where a horse-whisperer tamed a never-before-ridden horse while explaining the spiritual parallels to everyday life.



Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road is in the process of finalizing an arrangement to add a 10,500 square foot addition. The addition would more than double the current seating capacity. The plans are pictured above.

With all that's going on today, many people would not guess Oakland Woods Baptist Church started as a living room Bible study in 1985. Galey has been pastor there since 1995 and cites Jesus' two-pronged command to love God totally and love others as key to the church's philosophy.

Rounding out the staff at Oakland Woods is Associate Pastor James Fitzwater and Music Ministries Leader Mary Reed.

Fitzwater currently leads a discussion

at Borders near Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills. The group meets to discuss the recent book "The Da Vinci Code" by looking back at historical documents from the first three centuries of Christian history.

Oakland Woods Baptist Church meets at 562 Maybee Road. Current Sunday services are at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., with Sunday school during both services. There is an evening service at 6 p.m. Telephone is 248-625-7557. For more info call or visit www.owbc-sbc.com.

# Performing 'PC Miracles' since 1994

What happens when your company server breaks down? Where do you turn when every office computer is infected with a virus? Who do you call first thing Monday morning when your network collapses?

The answer is simple: Dan Izydorek, Mike Mercier and the team at PC Miracles, Inc.

"If your computers are down and you can't operate your business, we are there that day to get you back up and running," said Mercier, Vice-President of the company.

"We work primarily with small to medium-sized businesses operating anywhere from one to 200 computers. We also do residential work, which can be done either onsite or at our office."

PC Miracles handles a variety of computer needs from networking (wireless and wired) to trouble shooting problems. President Dan Izydorek said he is always on the lookout for the newest innovative products to better support his clients.

"We're always striving to provide more efficient and economical solutions for our customers," Izydorek said. "We want to make their employees more efficient, which makes their company more profitable. We want to make sure they see us as a value to their company,

not an expense."

With this thought in mind, PC Miracles offers customers "Miracles Backup" and "Miracles Remote Technician."

"Miracles Backup" provides clients a higher level of security for their important data without the use of tapes or CD's.

"Miracles Backup" compresses the company's critical data, and then uses a state of the art (480 bit) encryption key and finally it sends the information to our off-site data center," explained Izydorek. "This way, the customer's data is protected from fire, theft and human error at the company's site."

"Using only an on-site backup solution can be risky," added Mercier. "Also, most backups require human intervention. There's always the possibility of error with that."

With their remote technician, the staff of PC Miracles can easily assist existing customers with minor computer problems without always requiring an in-house visit.

"We're able to access their system from our offices and see what's going on," explained Mercier. "This allows an even quicker response while saving the customer time and money."

If an in-house visit is needed, the staff at PC Miracles can go in prepared and ready to en-

counter the problem.

"We have to be prepared for new technology," said Mercier. "For example, we're preparing for Vista, the operating system from Microsoft which will replace Windows XP."

"We are constantly striving to keep up with the latest innovations in information technology."

Striving for success is nothing new for the staff of PC Miracles. The company continues to grow from a one-man operation begun in 1994.

Izydorek started his own information technology company that year when he was only 16 years old. By age 18, he formed PC Miracles, and incorporated the company one year later.

"The company became successful and it has continued to expand, gradually adding technicians to staff as needed" says Izydorek.

Mercier joined the company as Vice President in 2004, and yet another full-time technician was hired in 2005.

Additionally, the company utilizes several contract employees and two additional office employees.

The company also believes in being involved in their community. Both Dan and Mike are members in the Clarkston Lions Club and the Clarkston Cham-



PC Miracles, Inc. President Dan Izydorek and Vice-president Mike Mercier are ready to provide businesses fast and effective computer service.

ber of Commerce, with Mercier serving as a Chamber Ambassador and incoming Lions President.

Izydorek added that the company is looking to expand into new offices this spring.

"Right now that is a goal for

our future - to hire well-trained, experienced employees," said Izydorek.

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## Lake Orion Roofing is all about "Doing what's right for the customer."

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 13 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. This is a large investment for them and they should have as much information as possible to make an informed decision."

In business for 20 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."

"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's reputation is the same as the philosophy the company was founded on, "Quality, not quantity. There are no shortcuts in this business," according to Southern.

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. "We also provide each potential customer with a booklet explaining the ins and outs of shopping for a contractor and the proper questions to ask."

"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, pro-

motes 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.

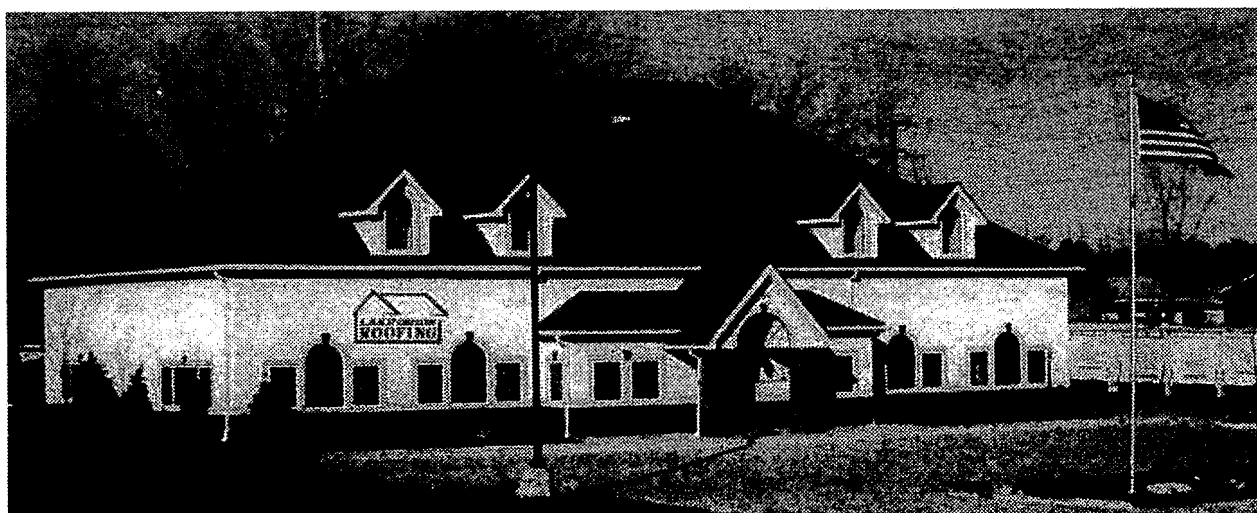
As an additional service to their customers, Lake Orion Roofing may be contacted 24 hours a day at their Emergency Dispatch Service after hours. The company was the first to offer this service.

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](mailto:info@lakeorionroofing.com), through the website [www.lakeorionroofing.com](http://www.lakeorionroofing.com).

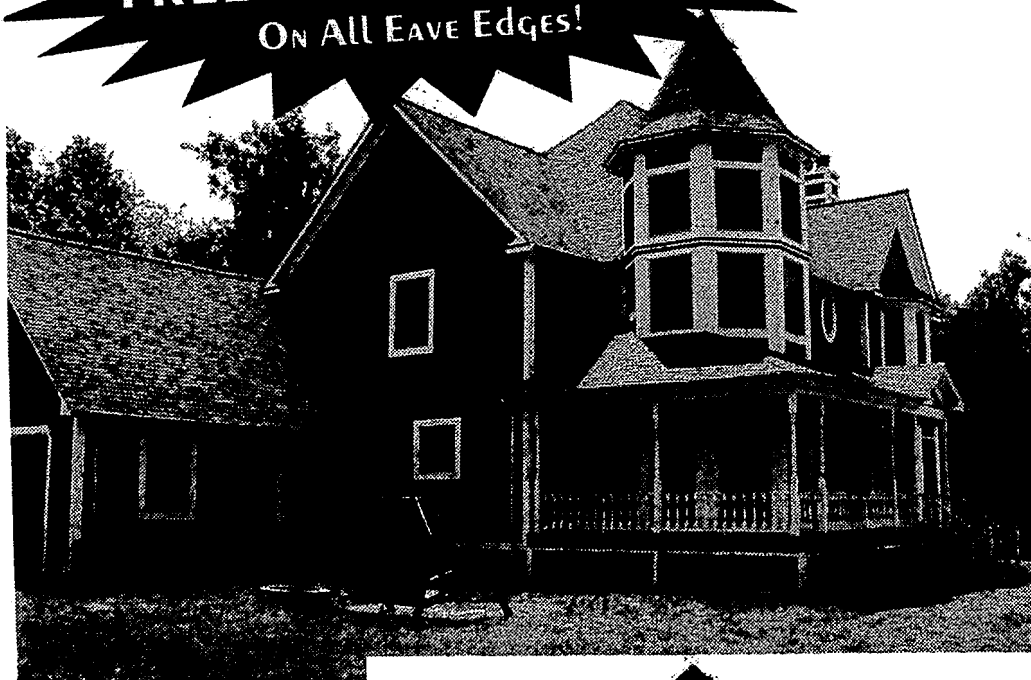
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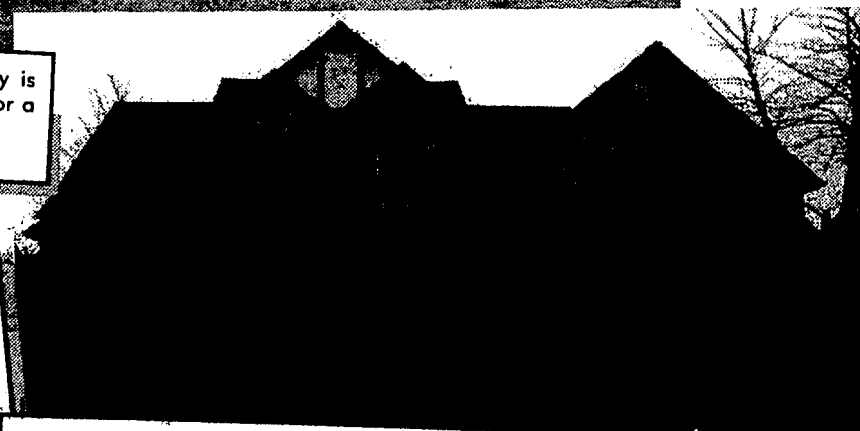
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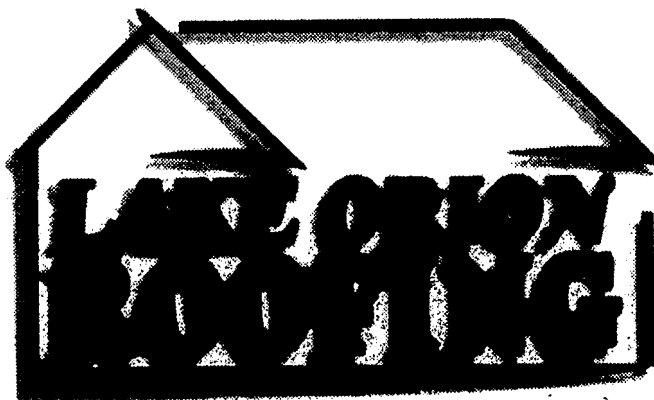
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Whether you're remodeling that old bathroom in the basement or building your dream house from the ground up, you want a contractor to do the job right. That means doing things they way you want them for the price you can afford. You want someone with experience in projects of all sizes with attention to detail.

Fortunately, you can find all these things with one phone call to Rosslare Building Company, Inc.

Tom Vermeulen, owner of Rosslare, has over 30 years of carpentry experience, 10 at his current location in Clarkston. Vermeulen specializes in custom designing, even on the scale of an entire home.

"I'm not a track builder, all of my projects are unique," said Vermeulen.

Working to every customer's individual needs means paying attention to the details and Vermeulen prefers to work in close contact with the customer to ensure everything is the way they want.

"I believe in taking my time during the design phase to make sure the customer is satisfied," said Vermeulen, adding that he encourages daily contact and review by his customers.

Vermeulen doesn't mind and actually prefers working under the watchful eye of a customer. "I like my clients to be creative. If they hire me to build their dream home, I want them to make sure everything is going according to plan," he said.

Working on a tight budget? Never a problem. Though change orders are accepted, Vermeulen said Rosslare works with a customer's set budget and stays



Tom Vermeulen, owner of Rosslare Building Company, Inc., works one-on-one with his customers to make sure they get exactly what they want.

within it.

To ensure everything goes smoothly, Vermeulen is willing to work with the customer's subcontractors or even go shopping for supplies with them.

When it comes to experience, it's hard

to beat 30 years in the business, and Vermeulen's past projects range from big to small.

Vermeulen has remodeled or built single room additions such as kitchens, bathrooms and basements, as well as

homes ranging from 1,200 - 7,000 square feet in size. He has also worked as a superintendent on major building projects including multistory office buildings and a Sam's Club.

With his years of experience, Vermeulen believes the key to his success is being a hands-on remodeler.

"I'm on the project from start to finish," Vermeulen said. His involvement from design through final sweeps means his clients can expect quality service.

Rosslare is always striving to make internal improvements as well. They have an architect on retainer and will soon have in-house CAD design service.

Customer satisfaction speaks for itself, and as a testament to the level of service by Rosslare, many customers return over and over again.

"I've had four projects done by Rosslare, a remodeled bathroom, kitchen and family room and I had an additional bathroom built on" said customer Al Jaynes. "They were always completed on time and Rosslare stayed right on budget."

So before you start your next building project, keep Rosslare in mind. When it comes to creating the room or house of your dreams, you do not want to find a building company by browsing the phone book. You want a company that backs up their promises with years of experience and quality projects. You want to go with a face and name you can trust. Go with Tom Vermeulen and the workers at Rosslare.

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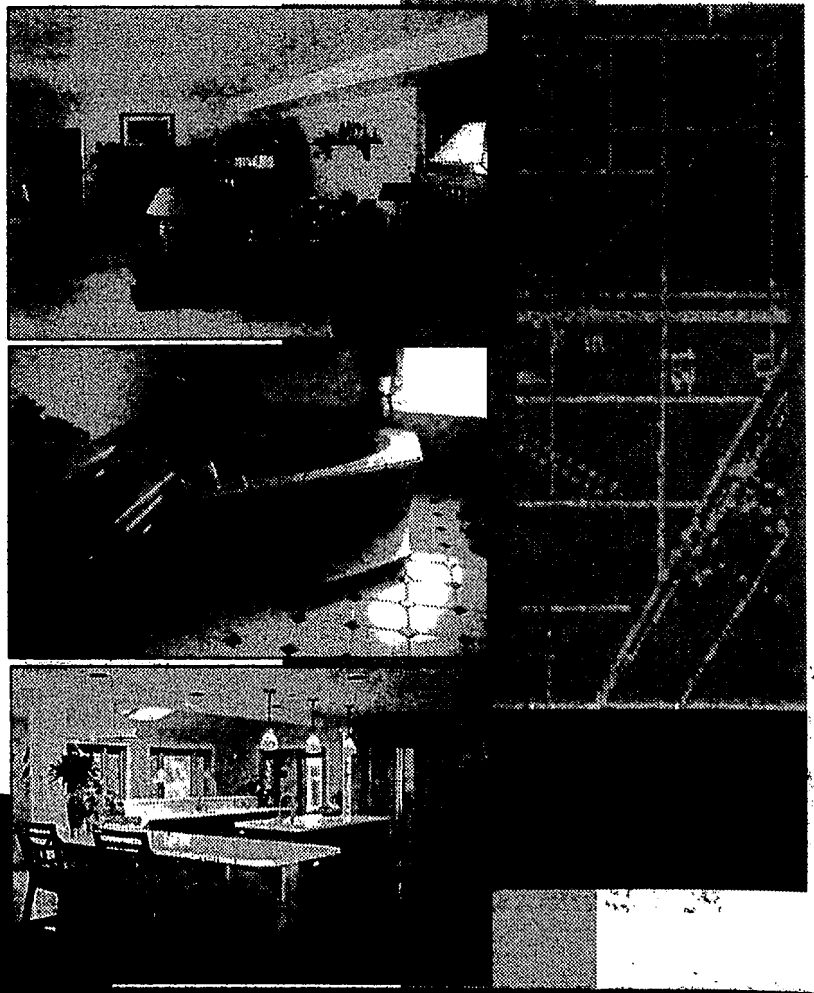
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# Convenience aids healing process with Nallamothu and Lis

A person should be so lucky to go through life without suffering from a broken bone or strained ligament, but accidents happen and lucky for Clarkston residents Dr. Shivajee Nallamothu and Dr. Edward Lis are on call on Sashabaw Road near I-75.

"There's nobody in the county that does orthopedics the way we are able to here," Nallamothu said.

Under one roof a full scale orthopedic clinic is housed alongside a rehabilitation center.

When an injury is treated at Nallamothu and Lis' offices it is addressed from beginning to end, from diagnosis to rehabilitation all in the same building.

"Patients don't have to go to different places to heal. We offer good continuity care," Lis said.

For example, someone who suffered a forearm fracture while skiing could be examined and fitted for a cast in the orthopedic section of the offices. Then complete the healing process across the hall under the watchful eye of head physical therapist Laurie.

"Laurie used to own her own physical therapy clinic. We are very lucky to have her," Lis said.

Perhaps the greatest advantage to having an orthopedic medicine office next to a physical therapy center is the ease with which therapists can speak with the doctors and vice versa.

"We just walk across the hall if we have a question, we don't have to worry about getting them on the phone or missing a message," Nallamothu said.

In an industry in which waiting for a doctor's appointment is often the start to a bad joke, Nallamothu and Lis further set themselves apart.

"There is a maximum of a 24-hour wait with us, not 3-4 weeks that you get with others," Dr. Edward Lis said.

"We accommodate all patients and they can be seen right here in Clarkston," Nallamothu added.

Over the past three years, Nallamothu's practice has spread deep roots into the Clarkston community. Dr.

Lis was brought in as a partner a little over a year and a half ago. The pair, both Clarkston residents, see more growth in the future.

"Both our families and practice are growing with the city," Nallamothu said.

He anticipates adding another partner in the next few months and moving to even more spacious offices in the near future.

Providing top notch care to the community in which they raise their families is important to both doctors. The duo also

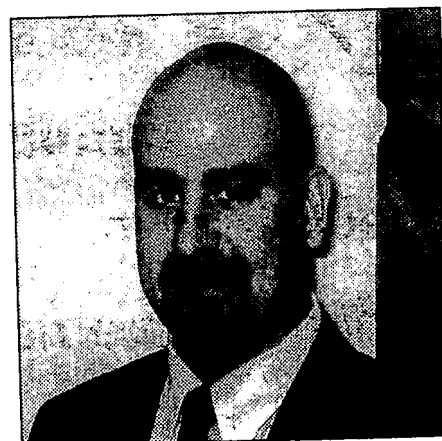
takes time to give back to their profession as they are both clinical associate professors and resident trainers at Michigan State University. Nallamothu is an alumni of MSU. Lis received his doctorate from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Nallamothu and Dr. Lis' offices are located at 6310 Sashabaw Road, on the east side of the road, just south of I-75. To schedule an appointment call 248-620-2325. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



From diagnosis to physical therapy, Dr. Nallamothu and Dr. Lis' staff is ready to rehabilitate the toughest of injuries. (Left to right) front row: Kathy, Briana and Cheryl. Middle row: physical therapist Laurie, Becky, Amanda and Michelle. Back row: Dr. Nallamothu, Danette, Beth and Dr. Lis.

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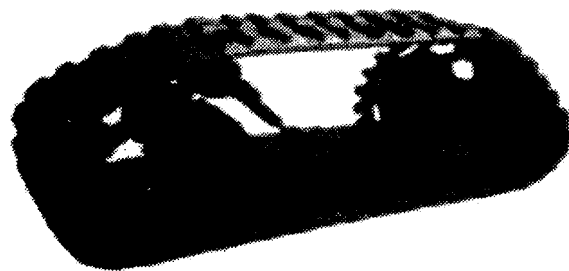
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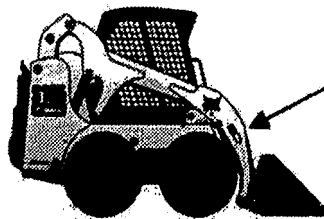
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# Liberty Cheer: high intensity, high demand

The right mixture is hard to find sometimes but after a little bit of experimentation Liberty All Star Cheer hit on the perfect formula.

For Liberty Cheer the winning combination has been Cheerleading Director Nancy Walters' wealth of experience and success in the sport paired with the wildly successful Stars and Stripes Gymnastics Academy located in the Gateway Park plaza at the corner of White Lake and Andersonville Roads.

"The all-star cheer program is really starting to take off in the second year of the program," said Walters who coached Linden High School to two state championships and numerous top five finishes over her 24-year tenure at the school.

Liberty Cheer's growth has been impressive in only two years. In the first year of the program, only one team was formed. After Walters came on board last year, more than 80 kids tried out leading to the formation of two separate competitive squads: the Dynamites and the Sparklers.

"Last year we didn't know what to expect. They just kept coming to sign up. We were able to realign the teams and add coaching staff," Walters said.

The senior group, the Dynamites, is comprised of children from eighth through 12th grade and participates in the large senior division in United States All Star Federation's competitions across the state and nation.

The Sparklers, Liberty Cheer's co-ed small junior prep team, features children from second to sixth grade. Like their older counterparts, the Sparklers also compete in USASF competitions.

"All Star is very different from sideline high school cheerleading. It's what you see on ESPN," Walters said.

The Liberty Cheer teams have not just been showing up to competitions either, they have been bringing home trophies. At the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association's Fall Championship at Clarkston High School both squads took first place. Over the past few months both teams have enjoyed success at several

other competitions.

The most recent highlight for the Dynamites came at Disney World during nationals, Feb. 24-27, which they were crowned champions in their division.

"This sport enables athletes to learn about themselves and their character. Kids find out they can do more than they thought was possible," Walters said.

With the registration rush last year Walters expects another great turnout this year.

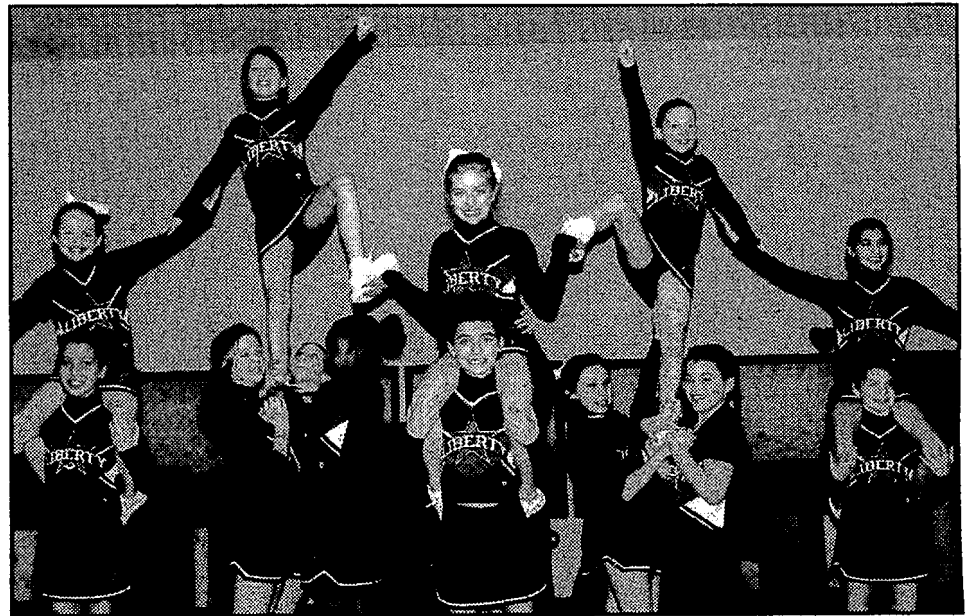
"A cheer background is great but not necessary," Walters said. "We're looking for kids who want to work hard."

This year's competitive team tryouts are set for April 29-30 at Stars and Stripes. Registration is now open for the Liberty Cheer Prep Program is available which meets March 30 and April 6, 13 and 27.

For more information on Liberty All Star Cheer call Stars and Stripes Gymnastics Academy at 248-625-FLIP (3547) or visit them online at [www.stargymnast.com](http://www.stargymnast.com).



The Dynamites, Liberty Cheer's senior team won nationals at Disney World.

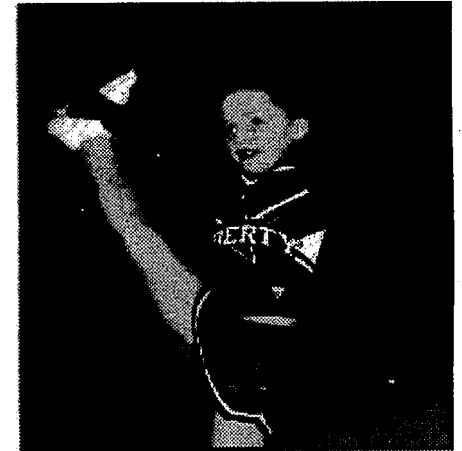


Liberty Cheer's small junior prep team, the Sparklers, performs a stunt.

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Clarkston State Bank was started by its parent company - Clarkston Financial Corporation, which was incorporated on May 18, 1998 by eight north Oakland County businessmen: Ed Adler, Lou Beer, Bill Clark, Chuck Fortinberry, the late David Harrison, Bruce McIntyre, the late Robert Olsen and John Welker. These successful entrepreneurs' commitment to each other and their community was to build quality, full-service banks that offered competitive financial products and superior customer service. Fundamental to the company's vision is the building of long-term relationships with customers.

The bank's first branch opened in January 1999 and one year ago, CSB's fifth branch located at 5800 S. Main St. opened with lobby, hours, drive-thru bank-

ing and 24-hour, drive-up ATM. The bank's deposit growth is credited to the personal services provided such as: personal telephone calls to customers regarding a soon-to-expire certificate-of-deposit, mortgage personnel located in nearly all CSB branches, commercial lending services with familiar and long-term employees and of course, the bank's commitment to the community it serves with its sponsorship of many activities and donations to area charities and causes.

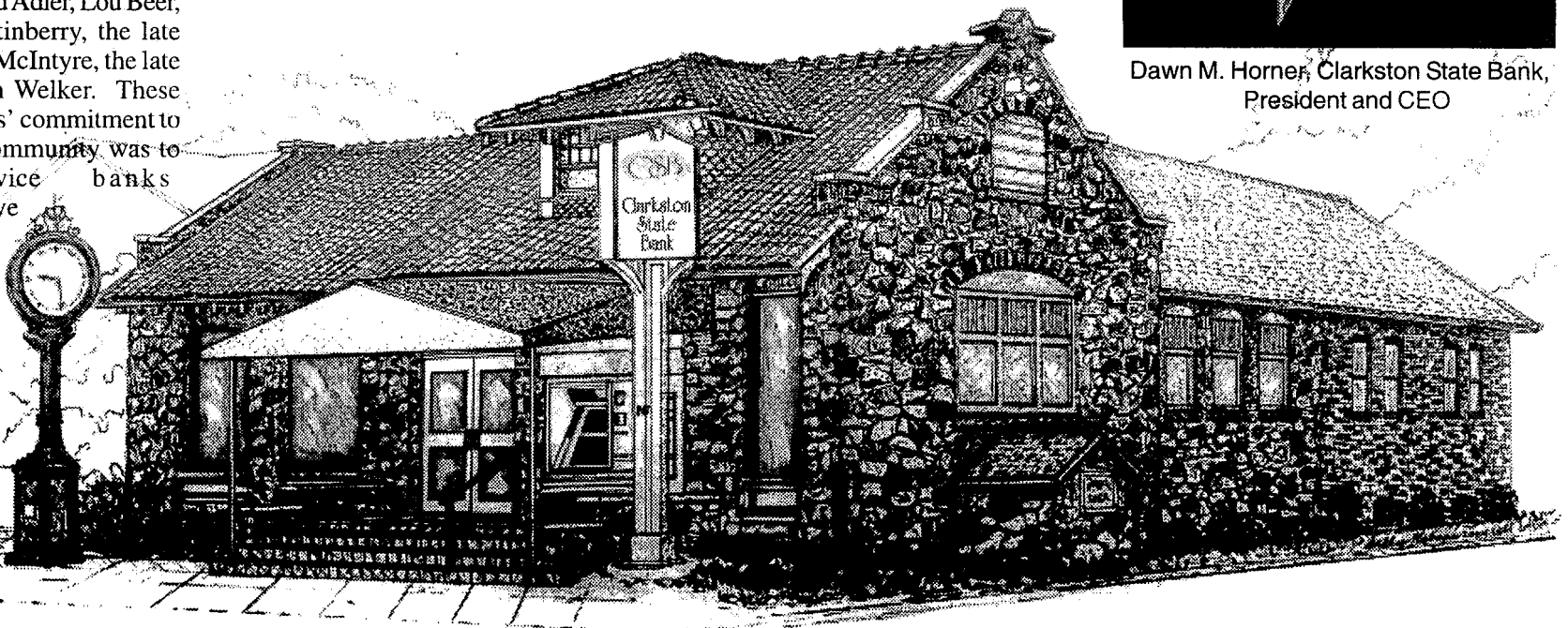
The bank's holding company also

continued to grow with a new sister bank - Huron Valley State Bank - in Milford, which opened in August 2005. This bank will be a near duplicate of Clarkston State Bank with their employees also committed to the highest level of customer service that the bank's initial founders desired.

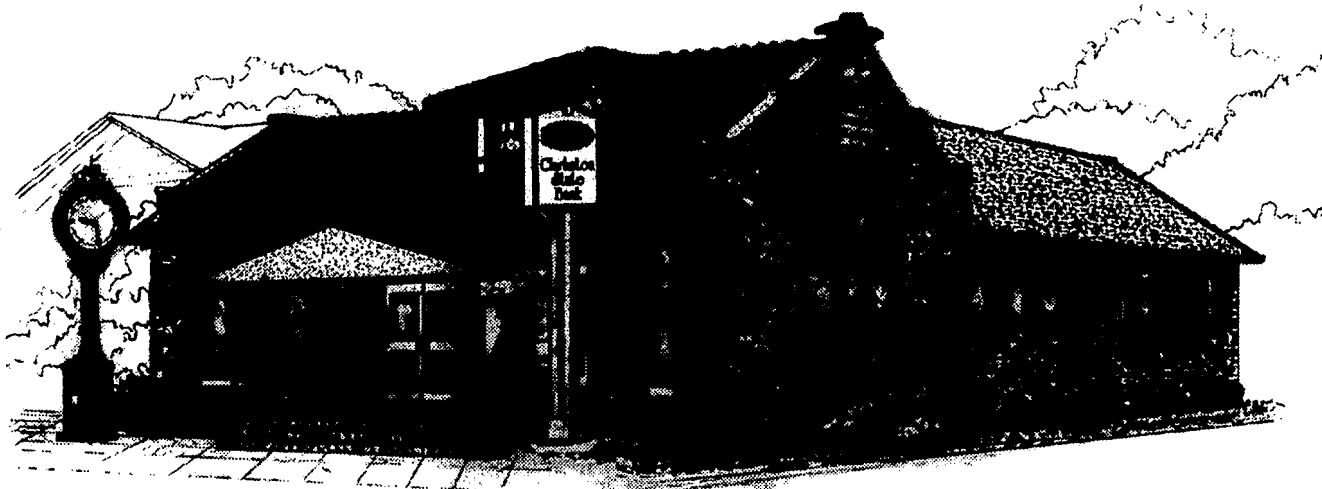
For more information on the bank's commercial and personal banking products, log on to their website at [www.clarkstonstatebank.com](http://www.clarkstonstatebank.com) or contact the main office at (248)625-8585.



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David Clixby has changed the name of his business to Plants & Patios but his expertise, customer service and designs are still tops in the industry.

Though the name Clixby Landscaping served David Clixby well over the past 20-plus years, he is unveiling a new moniker this spring: Plants & Patios inc.

While the name may have changed, the premier landscaping services Clixby's company provides are very much intact.

Simply put, Plants & Patios will continue the tradition of turning people's property into dream homes, their backyards into outdoor living rooms, and their front steps into brick and wood invitations framed by plantlife.

"We don't do cookie cutter designs. I tend to spend more time with the client on concepts prior to starting the job so that I know they will be happy with the result," Clixby said.

Plants and Patios is not a "roll out the sod and drive away" type of landscaping operation. Just to name a few of his tricks, Clixby can create patios of stone or brick, design sidewalks to fit with a house's architecture, carve out ponds complete with waterfalls and compose boulder retaining walls.

"I'm an art major who enjoys the scale and variety landscaping has to offer," Clixby said. "I generate fresh ideas for the customer."

With the heavy lifting out of the way, the first part of the Plants & Patios name comes into play, as Clixby vast knowledge of flowers, bushes and trees can help pick out the perfect combination to enhance your property. He also specializes in low voltage outdoor lighting.

With more than two decades of experience under his belt, Clixby's passion

for his profession keeps his designs fresh and keeps him on the cutting edge of the industry.

"I'm always learning and there's always new stuff on the market. Every quarry has its own look and there are new and exciting stones each year. Using the right one for your job makes all the difference," Clixby said.

Clixby takes on a variety of projects each year. Some customers add one section to their yard each year while some

call Plants & Patios asking for total front and back yard landscaping. With his experienced crew Clixby is also able to take on jobs both large and small.

To see what Plants & Patios is capable of visit them at [PlantsandPatios.com](http://PlantsandPatios.com) or visit The Pond Place at 3505 W. Highland Road in Milford where Clixby has recently set up a new display garden and office.

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After determining a customer's needs, Store Manager Jack Prokop said every client is shown the different phone styles available, the various phone features and the many service plans.

"We can customize the service plan to the client whether an individual looking for one phone or a business looking for 100 phones," said Eckert.

"However, it's not always about the phone — it's about the network," said Prokop. "Without the reliable network provided by Verizon Wireless, the plans wouldn't be possible."

Cell Tech is a Verizon Wireless Exclusive Authorized Agent offering the America's Choice Network — 95 percent of the country is covered and there are no roaming and no long distance charges.

"Verizon truly is 'The best and getting better,'" said Eckert. "There were 70 new towers constructed in Michigan alone."

Eckert points to the blackout of 2003 when referring to Verizon's reliability.

"The majority of Verizon Wireless towers are equipped with generator backups. Those backups enabled users to access the network, even though there was no power and other cellular users were down," said Eckert.

"Verizon is the best and they are not stopping there."

After providing clients with the nation's best network, Cell Tech then takes customer service up another notch.

"Reliability is important to us for our customers," said Prokop. "We take care of our customer's after they've made their purchase."

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As for product selection, Cell Tech offers a large variety of phones from those included free with service packages to high end models such as PDA's and Air-card for laptops where you can get speeds faster than DSL.

Service plans start as low as \$34.95, and family-share plans are available. Any package over \$39.99, including share plans, come with unlimited Verizon-to-Verizon nationwide calls and unlimited nights and weekends.

Customers interested in the latest cell phone features will definitely want to check out Verizon Wireless' V Cast.



Store Manager Jack Prokop (left) and Owner/Operator Steve Eckert are ready to help customers with their wireless needs.

V Cast allows users to download entire songs to their phones (either wireless or from their computer); enjoy video clips of the latest news, sports and entertainment; play dynamic 3D games with amazing graphics; and get unlimited access to Mobile Web 2.0.

"Now you can download all your

music to your phone, plug in your headphones and your ready to go," said Eckert.

Cell Tech is located just south of I-75, next to Leo's Coney Island, at 6325 Sashabaw Road, Suite D. For more information, call 248-625-1201.



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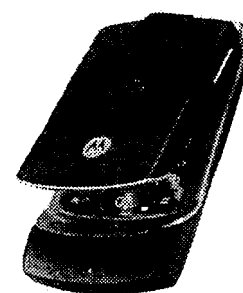
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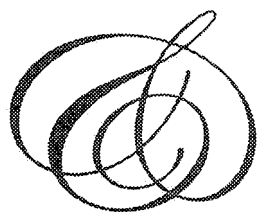
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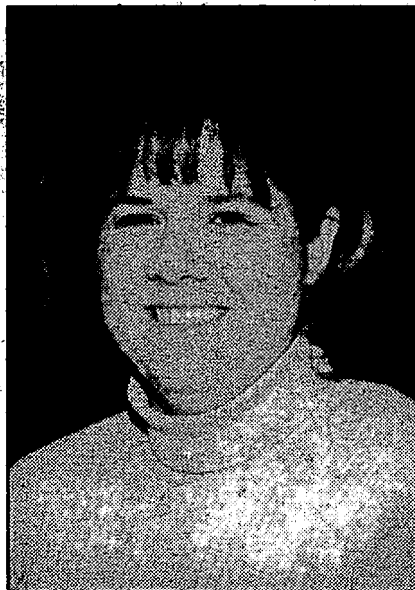
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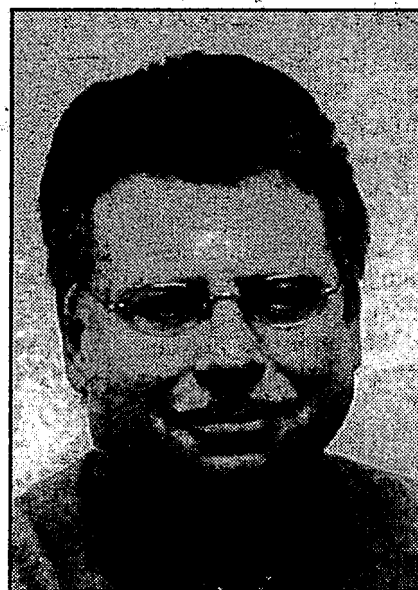
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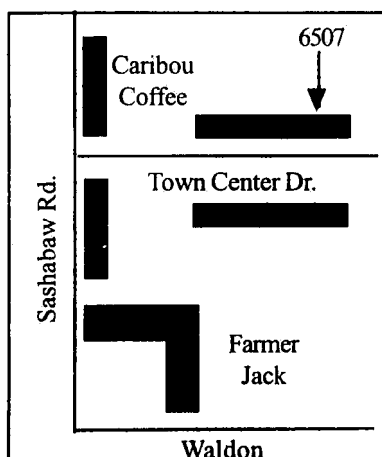
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# Clarkston Primary Care: Advocates for your health

The doctors at Clarkston Primary Care know the medicinal world and the challenges patients face trying to find health care that meets all their needs.

To meet those needs they have a policy of keeping patient numbers at manageable levels. They also share the following philosophy: "We try to be true patient advocates by looking at what's right for the patient and not the insurance company," said Dr. Robert Barnes. "We look at the patient as a whole person, not narrowly focusing on the individual problem, but the whole situation."

Dr. Barnes, Dr. Lisa Dietz and Dr. Katherine French all moved their practices to the new Clarkston Primary Care facility in January, 2006. Dr. Paul Work joined them as a part-time physician in February.

"We're excited to be here and think it's a great location to serve Clarkston," said Dr. French.

Drs. Barnes, Dietz and French have all been in practice over 10 years. Their specialties create the right balance to provide medical services for the entire family.

Doctors Barnes and Dietz are board certified in internal medicine, allowing them to treat adults and geriatric patients with multiple health issues. Drs. French and Work are board certified family practitioners serving patients from infancy to adulthood. They all see the doctor's role as serving as an advisor and educator who helps patients in their community understand all the aspects of their health.

"I try to be an advisor to patients without being judgemental. Accepting them for who they are and acting as a resource while working together is the best way to improve their health," said Barnes.

Getting to know patients personally is key to the medical philosophies of Drs. Barnes, Dietz and French. The three, who run their own offices, all emphasize taking patients at a controlled volume so everyone who visits the waiting room feels they've received the attention they deserve.



Doctors Katherine French, Robert Barnes and Lisa Dietz all have offices at Clarkston Primary Care located at 6507 Town Center Drive.

"That's what I like about medicine. Establishing that relationship. Once you see them you have continuity and get to know the patients from not only a medical standpoint, but on a personal level," said Dr. Barnes.

Dr. French feels "It's very rewarding when you can have a positive impact and change someone's health for the better. Helping people through tough medical

situations is what it's all about."

Clarkston Primary Care is located at 6507 Town Center Drive, Suite A in Clarkston. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 248-922-9975.

## Mattresses and More

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Most shoppers do not want to be treated like a number. Even worse is being pressured into a purchase so a sales person can make a commission. You will not find any of that at Mattresses and More. What you will find, is the largest display of mattresses around and a staff that will treat you like you are family.

That is because owners Dave and Donna Zaner and the employees at Mattresses and More are like a family to each other. They are Christians who believe in the "Golden Rule" - treat others as you want to be treated. This extends to their customers. They know what shopping for a new bed or mattress is like and focus on making sure their customers leave with the purchase that is right for them.

A friendly staff member like Pat Johnson or Garry McCallum will greet you as you enter and answer any questions you have, but they will never use high pressure sales tactics.

"There's such variety of mattresses to choose from that people often have a hard time knowing what works best for them. Garry and Pat know how to help the customer pick the mattress that's going to give them a good night's sleep."

The service alone is reason to visit Mattresses and More, but that is only the beginning. Knowing that nobody wants to buy a mattress without trying it out, Mattresses and More has more options on display than anyone in the area. Inside their 13,000 square foot showroom, you'll find over 70 mattresses from the



## Mattresses and More Kids

name brands you trust including Sealy, Stearns and Foster, Serta, Sleeplogic and Tempur-Pedic memory foam on display, with many more available to order.

Most mattress stores do not even display an adjustable bed, but Mattresses and More has five different models at all times.

Moving out of the master bedroom and into the rest of the house, Mattresses and More carries over 25 futon models, 11 daybeds and a variety of bunk beds, trundle beds, captains' beds and bedroom

furniture.

"We don't like to toot our own horn but we can back it up," McCallum said.

Their prices can't be beat because there are no gimmicks. You won't find 12-hour sales or holiday discounts at Mattresses and More because they always sell their furniture for everyday low prices.

"We don't mark up the price just so we can knock it back down and make them think they're getting a good deal," McCallum said.

They have met several customers who have been upset by their prices, not because they can't afford them, but because they paid much more somewhere else for the same item.

That does not have to happen to you though, just visit the Mattresses and More showroom at 4700 W. Walton in Waterford. Store hours are Monday-Friday, 10-9; Saturday, 10-6; and Sunday 11-5. For more information call 248-673-1160.

Best Image Possible

# NovaCare works toward well-being

NovaCare Rehabilitation is a national physical therapy provider with seven clinics located in the Metro Detroit area. The Clarkston office, located in the Clarkston Medical building on Dixie Highway, offers a wide range of programs in physical therapy and general well-being.

Clients may work with a clinical team of physical therapists, physical therapists assistants, and athletic trainers during their time in the clinic.

The 10,000 plus square foot facility offers many programs, one of which is traditional physical therapy. Admissions into this physical therapy program requires a physician's prescription and treatment is aimed at restoring motion, strength and function in patients who have been injured.

NovaCare specializes in treatment of orthopedic problems such as bone and muscle injuries. In addition, NovaCare Clarkston has a staff of individuals qualified to treat clients with neck and back pain, spinal disc problems, TMJ, headaches and pain associated with auto accidents, work related injuries as well as other types of injuries.

Aquatic therapy or "water therapy" is also offered at this location. A SwimEx pool may be used as a part of a client's physical therapy program as determined by the physician and physical therapist.

A patient may be in physical therapy a few weeks or even a few months. Jodi Hines, Manager of Clinical Operations for Southeastern NovaCare, comments on the relationships that the staff develops with their patients.

"When patients come here, they spend a lot of time with our staff," said Hines. "We build relationships with them while they are here and that makes helping patients even more rewarding."

And often times, those relationships continue long after the patient has finished their formal physical therapy treatment. Many individuals who have completed their rehab, come back to the clinic to show the

staff how well they are doing since they "graduated" from the program.

Hines says, "It's such a wonderful feeling to see a person happy and fulfilled after working with us. The staff is privileged to be a part of their recovery."

After graduation, some clients choose to continue exercising in the fitness program offered at this clinic. This program is not a structured rehabilitation program, but is an informal setting where clients have access to strengthening and cardiovascular conditioning equipment, and perform exercises under the guidance of an athletic trainer.

NovaCare Clarkston is proud of these programs that it currently offers and is committed to developing new programs for its clients.

The staff is especially excited to announce that a new procedure will soon be offered at the clinic - Anodyne treatment. This Medicare-approved infrared treatment program can be used as part of a patient's treat-

ment to help reduce pain. It is especially helpful for treatment of neuropathy in diabetic patients. NovaCare Clarkston will be one of the only centers in the area to offer this type of treatment.

Another unique service that NovaCare provides is an injury hotline that has been created to assist residents in the community with injury-related questions. The hotline is available 24 hours and incoming calls are answered by Mike Perkins, A.T.C., a Clarkston staff member. Mike advises the caller and helps guide them to the services that they need.

NovaCare has been helping members of the community for over 6 years and looks forward to continued relationship with Clarkston residents.

NovaCare Clarkston is located at 6770 Dixie Highway, suite 104 in the Clarkston Medical Building. Business hours are Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays as needed. For more information, please call 248-625-5998.



The friendly staff at NovaCare Clarkston are welcoming and invite residents to visit the clinic. Front row: (left to right) Jeff Noonan, Marie Schoff, PT Jill Zabreski, PT Natalie Karpovich and Karen Moyet. Back row: Kellie Maddock, Heather Hubbard, PTA Brenda Ressler, Jackie Bailey and Pat Podwys.



## WHETHER AT WORK, AT HOME OR ON THE PLAYING FIELD, INJURIES HAPPEN.

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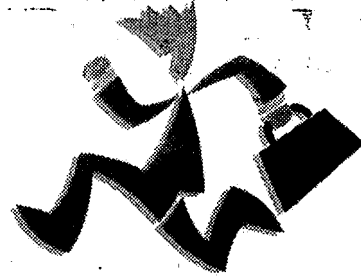






# Clarkston Cleaning Services

Celebrates their fifth anniversary of providing a clean house, top to bottom, every single time



People are busy these days. Not everyone has time to keep their house as clean as they would like to.

Dawn Raffler is a woman who demands a clean house. As owner of Clarkston Cleaning Services she seeks to give people what they deserve when they hire a cleaning company – a totally clean house.

“We do a deep clean every time; we don’t do rotational cleaning like a lot of other cleaning services. We clean every room how we would want our house cleaned every time,” said Raffler.

But their acute attention to detail is not the only thing putting Clarkston Cleaning Services ahead of the pack.

“We don’t charge as much as some

other cleaning services and we do a deeper clean each time,” said Raffler. “When guests come over, a clean home reflects positively on the owner.”

Whether they are edging before they vacuum, checking every room twice or getting on their hands and knees to ensure the baseboards are done right, the staff at Clarkston Cleaning Services bring a personal touch to keeping a pristine home.

“I want my employees at the same house every time the client’s house is cleaned,” said Raffler. “It works better for the client because they know the same person is coming in, and they get to know each other. So they are not just the cleaning girls.”

The best part about the thorough, deep clean which Raffler’s crews diligently maintain is that they never lose sight of the fact they are guests in people’s homes.

“I want to be very accomodating to my clients. We want to be in there after they’ve gone to work and out of there before they get home,” said Raffler.

Clarkston Cleaning Services’ efficiency is derived from a wide reaching, checklist-assisted, walkthrough which each team leader performs prior to leaving the home.

“Every room is broken down into specific areas. The team leader walks through each room when they are done

with the house to make sure out of the way spots are dusted, toilets are clean and all the corners are done,” said Raffler.

The fact that getting the job done right is prized over speed at Clarkston Cleaning Services is what allows Raffler’s team leaders to ensure every house is spotless from top to bottom.

“I don’t like squeezing houses in because I want everyone’s house to have the same touch. I’m not one to say ‘Okay, we are only going to be in there an hour and a half.’ If a house takes two hours we will be in there two hours. I like giving the girls plenty of time to get the house done and in the shape they would want their own homes,” said Raffler.

Having perfected their approach to cleaning homes over the past five years, Clarkston Cleaning Services also has a brother company: Handyman of Clarkston, owned and operated by Ken Raffler, Dawn’s husband.

“We will provide maintenance for anything that can break or go wrong in your house. If your husband’s too busy to do it, we’ll do it,” said Raffler. “We’re already in the houses cleaning them, so now people can have a familiar face coming in to do maintenance as well.”

To set up a free walk-through estimate or to schedule cleaning services, call Clarkston Cleaning Services at 248-620-9410.



The Clarkston Cleaning Services family: (left to right) Back row: Teresa, Jeannie, Shana and Karen; Center row: Yolanda, Alexis, December and Rebecca. Front row: Dawn and Tina. (Not pictured: Donna, Jenny and Arielle)

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# Attorney Art Greenstone 'Bullies the Bullies'

When Clarkston Attorney Art Greenstone believes in a person's case, and agrees to take on that case, then he puts his heart and soul into the case.

"I'm selective about the cases I take," said Greenstone. "I had one client nickname me 'The Equalizer' around 1990. He even sent me a bunch of business cards with that name on them."

Throughout his long career, Greenstone is most well-known for his work with the Rushing vs. County of Wayne case beginning in 1976.

In that case, Greenstone defended Linda Rushing, who was wrongly arrested and incarcerated. While in the county's custody, authorities removed her clothing on the premise of possible suicide and kept her naked in the Wayne County Jail for four days without necessary medical attention.

"They made her into a peep show for the viewing pleasure of the other male inmates and officers," explained Greenstone.

"Originally, I took that case just to get her medical bills paid," he added, "but the county said drop dead. They claimed legal governmental immunity - which is another way of saying you can't get justice against them."

Greenstone twice took the case all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court. He finally won when the court asked him to argue his case before them a second time in 1992, 16 years after the violation of Ms. Rushing's rights. The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which refused to reverse the decision.

"The case nationally stands for the principle that anybody in government custody is entitled to reasonable privacy and medical care," said Greenstone.

"I never intended for that case to take 16 years of my life, and drain me financially. I didn't do it for the money - that was not what motivated me. What motivated me was to right a horrible wrong."

Greenstone carries this level of passion into all areas of his practice. He focuses primarily on personal injury cases, particularly serious auto accidents, but does also handle medical malpractice suits regarding mishandled births.

"People who have been in auto accidents don't always realize the potentially tremendous benefits they are entitled to from their insurance company," said Greenstone.

"On a side note, there are a lot of happy people in the Clarkston area whose cases I've handled," Greenstone added with a smile.

Not only does Greenstone's reputation carry well locally and throughout southeast Michigan, he is also often requested for out-of-state cases.

"I've been brought in on cases in Alabama, Washington D.C., New Orleans and Charlevoix," said Greenstone. "My focus is really Clarkston and the surrounding areas, but I still do some traveling."

Before moving his office to Clarkston, Greenstone worked in Birmingham from 1980-2000.

He decided to pare down and then transfer his office in 1999, when he met



Personal Injury Attorney Art Greenstone "bullies the bullies" for his clients. Learn how "The Equalizer" can help your case today by calling 248-922-5758.

a beautiful, fabulous Clarkston woman with big blue eyes.

"I met my wife Barbara and knew I was going to be moving my practice," Greenstone remembers fondly.

Greenstone does not charge clients on injury cases unless he recovers for them. Cases are accepted on a contin-

gency fee.

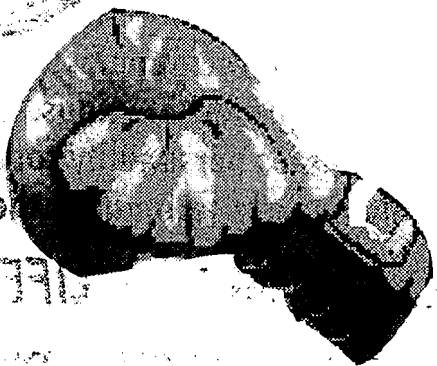
"I accept clients on a case by case basis," said Greenstone. "People can feel free to give me a call and discuss their case."

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With all their attention turned to puppies, Family of Pets owners John and Debbie Stottele can devote more time to monitor the health standards for puppies and breeders. By handpicking kennels, the Stottes ensure they find puppies of excellent health and temperament.

"We pride ourselves on our long-standing reputation for healthy puppies. We hold the breeder responsible by tracking ongoing hereditary conditions if they occur. Our screening for health coupled with a package of warranties and benefits are designed to protect our customers," said Stottele.

The screening process includes personal on-site visits of the breeder's kennels by Family of Pets owners and staff, to ensure great beginnings of an addition to their family.

"Our reputation and track record offers our customers assurance through our unequalled screening, protection plan, and after-the-sale warranties. Many of our customers come to us after having a bad experience with a private breeder because they can receive a written warranty giving them peace of mind," added Stottele.

With 25 years experience, Family of Pets helps pet owners avoid the mistakes many families make purchasing a puppy

on their own.

There are many things to consider before purchasing a puppy. Family of Pets' mission is to assist families with this lifelong decision and they urge all new puppy owners to do some research. They ask you to do yourself, your family and that puppy a favor by asking these questions before bringing a puppy home:

1. What are my living conditions?
2. How old are my children?
3. How active is my life-style?
4. Can I really afford a dog?
5. What do I really want from a dog?
6. Are you willing to train the new puppy?

You can read more in-depth questions at [www.familyofpets.net](http://www.familyofpets.net) "Before you Buy" page.

Family of Pets offers a comfortable, convenient environment where families can come to view and hold dozens of different breeds, as often as they like, until they decide which one is right for them. This "meet and greet" experience shapes the puppy's temperament for life. Throughout the socialization process, the puppy learns change is okay, so when new things in the home arise, the puppy will accept those changes in stride.

"In most cases, the puppies in our stores enjoy many hours of play time with a variety of people of all ages. They not only exercise, but solidify the socialization that molds the personality of the puppy, which is so important to a family. We have trainers who come ask us why our puppies are better adjusted than the others they work with," said Stottele.

Family of Pets offers daily support



John Stottele and Family of Pets goal is to match families with the right puppy.

and gladly answers questions from novice puppy owners. To develop a lasting system of support for the owner and puppy, Family of Pets employs a Director of Customer Care specifically to handle any health concern that arises. Family of Pets provides several services very seldom found in other pet stores.

"We were the first pet store to offer free training and recently have taken this to the next level by giving each new puppy owner a "Clicker Puppy" DVD, said Stottele.

The DVD is the most up-to-date training tool that explains and demonstrates purely positive reinforcement techniques with kids and puppies. Tradi-

tional training using choke chains and harsh corrections only teach the puppy what not to do, and never show the puppy what you want from him.

"Force and intimidation techniques are antiquated and not necessary with most animals," says Stottele.

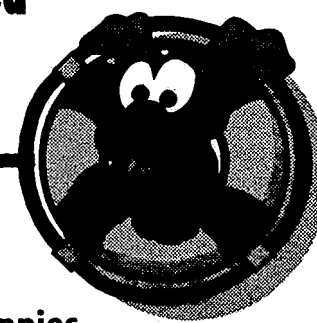
Family of Pets stores are located in Summit Place Mall, Fountain Walk, Livonia Mall, Oakland Mall, and Macomb Mall. Store hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and on Sundays noon - 5 p.m.

To learn more about Family of Pets visit [www.familyofpets.net](http://www.familyofpets.net) for locations and maps or call the Summit Place Mall location at 248-706-1422.



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## Lowrie's Landscaping: 27 years of success in the community

A beautiful home becomes only more beautiful when graced with perfect landscaping. The grass is green, healthy and thick, and the flowers are bright, long and blossoming.

Landscapes can say a lot about a person's personality, so when a project needs work, it should be done by those with the experience and resources to make a landscape look its best.

Now in their 27th year, Lowrie's Landscape continues the work that gave them an outstanding reputation throughout the community.

Owner Thomas Lowrie, Gold Award winner and 2005 Business Person of the Year has been working at his current location for more than 20 years, but takes every year as a chance to improve and offer a wider variety of service to his customers.

Lowrie and wife Tamera adore the Clarkston area and are glad their children - Olivia, Jeffrey and Robert - can experience an environment this wonderful.

Lowrie's Landscape utilizes an experienced staff of professional landscape designers, horticulturists, hardscape and softscape construction crews, and water garden designers.

"We strive to create award winning designs that will completely satisfy our customers needs," said Lowrie.

As winter passes and more people turn to recreational activities at home, Lowrie's adjusts to accommodate. Lowrie's is greatly increasing the variety of accessories for water gardens including bird baths, fountains, and fire



Tom Lowrie and his team of designers continue to strive for excellence in every single project they undertake.

burners.

"You really can't find this stuff anywhere else right now. We're moving into a specialty area right now," Lowrie said. "It's somewhat therapeutic for people to have these things in their garden and they're becoming more and more popular."

But landscaping isn't just gardens and walkways. Now golf-lovers can have their very own artificial putting green installed in their back yard. You could take two strokes off your game without leaving your home.

The Lowrie motto is simple: at Lowrie's Landscape we have been making homeowner's visions come true since

1978. From beautiful backyard patios for social gatherings to secluded water garden hideaways, we have the experience to create the landscape of your dreams.

Lowrie's specializes in brick patios and walkways, low-voltage lighting, retaining walls, steps, ponds and gardens for new homes and renovations.

Whatever the outdoor need, Lowrie's has it covered.

Also this year, Lowrie's is further expanding their selection of bulk supplies for homeowners including rocks, soil, and mulches.

"I think this will be convenient for residents and it will benefit us all," said Lowrie.

Lowrie strives to achieve satisfaction from each of his customers. He loves the challenge that comes with transforming his clients vision into an actual landscape design that pleases them.

"I have always had positive feedback from my customers," said Lowrie. "And I have made many friends."

Remember: a beautiful house can become a breathtaking one with the right landscape design. For your next landscaping project contact Lowrie's Landscape.

Located at 9539 Dixie Highway in Clarkston, Lowrie's Landscape is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call, 248-625-8844.

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## MRI melds latest technology with ultimate convenience

Michigan Resonance Imaging makes receiving preeminent diagnostic care a breeze for Clarkston residents.

MRI, which shares an acronym with the Magnetic Resonance Imaging testing they provide, offers Clarkston residents the latest technology in the field while ensuring the experience is as easy as possible.

"It's a great diagnostic tool. It's not invasive and completely painless. Our mobile and fixed units are 'short bore technology,' especially good because the patient's body is not fully in the machine," MRI's office manager Monica Hooper said.

MRI's mobile unit located at 5625 Water Tower off Dixie Highway, Michi-

gan Resonance Imaging is part of a net of coverage provided across Oakland County. There are two fixed units in Rochester Hills and the mobile units provide regular services in Clarkston as well as Mt. Clemens, Rochester, Oxford, Sterling Heights, and Clinton Township.

MRI's staff knows that screening is a stressful experience and strive to put their patients at ease at all times. By offering easily scheduled and quick appointments and conforming to individual needs, MRI puts a premium on putting their patients at ease.

"We try to help them relax any way we can. We let them look at the machine while explaining the process in detail," Hooper said.

During the screening, MRI offers patients headphones so they can listen to music while the screening takes place.

Hand in hand with their unique brand of patient-focused care and personal service, is Michigan Resonance Imaging's unparalleled professional record.

MRI is accredited by the American College of Radiology. All of their radiologists are Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology and all technicians are ARRT registered.

"The radiologists are all Board-Certified and experienced in magnetic resonance specifically, which is very important to me," said Cesar Hidalgo, M.D. and Board Certified Neurologist.

The experience of MRI's staff is mirrored by the business as a whole. One of Michigan's most established diagnostic centers, MRI has provided quality service since 1991.

"We have earned our reputation of producing outstanding images and have demonstrated an unmatched commitment to technical innovation and personal service," Director Janelle Spann said.

As they stay ever vigilant in keeping up with techniques in the industry, MRI can use its diagnostic screening to help identify breast cancer and heart disease.

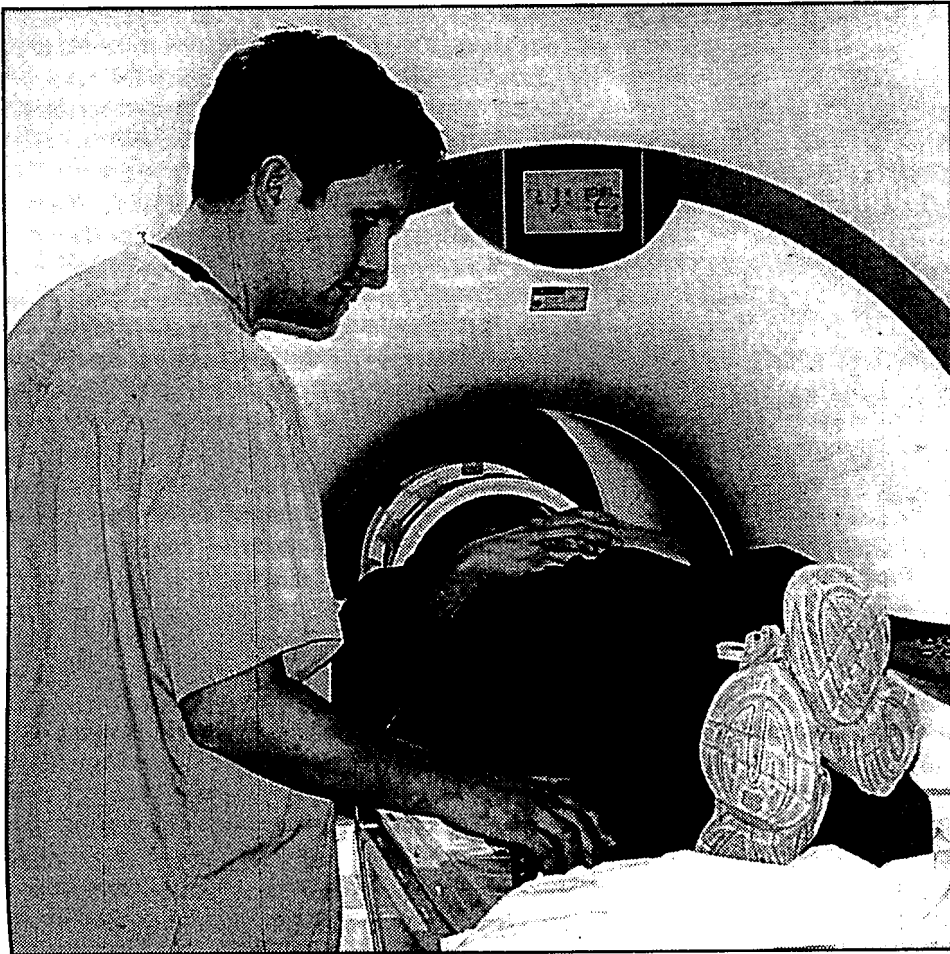
According to the American College of Radiology, diagnostic screenings of the breast are a useful tool for the detection and characterization of breast disease, assessment of local extent of disease, evaluation of treatment response, and guidance for biopsy and localization.

In respect to cardiac MRI's, Michigan Resonance Imaging allows physicians to test ventricular function, ejection fractions and mass calculations. This new application is helpful in assessing specific cardiac problems.

The extent of Michigan Resonance Imaging's technological dominance does not end with their diagnostic machines. Through a secure internet connection, screening results are in front of radiologists in minutes after an exam. MRI strives to have results to patients within 24 hours of their tests.

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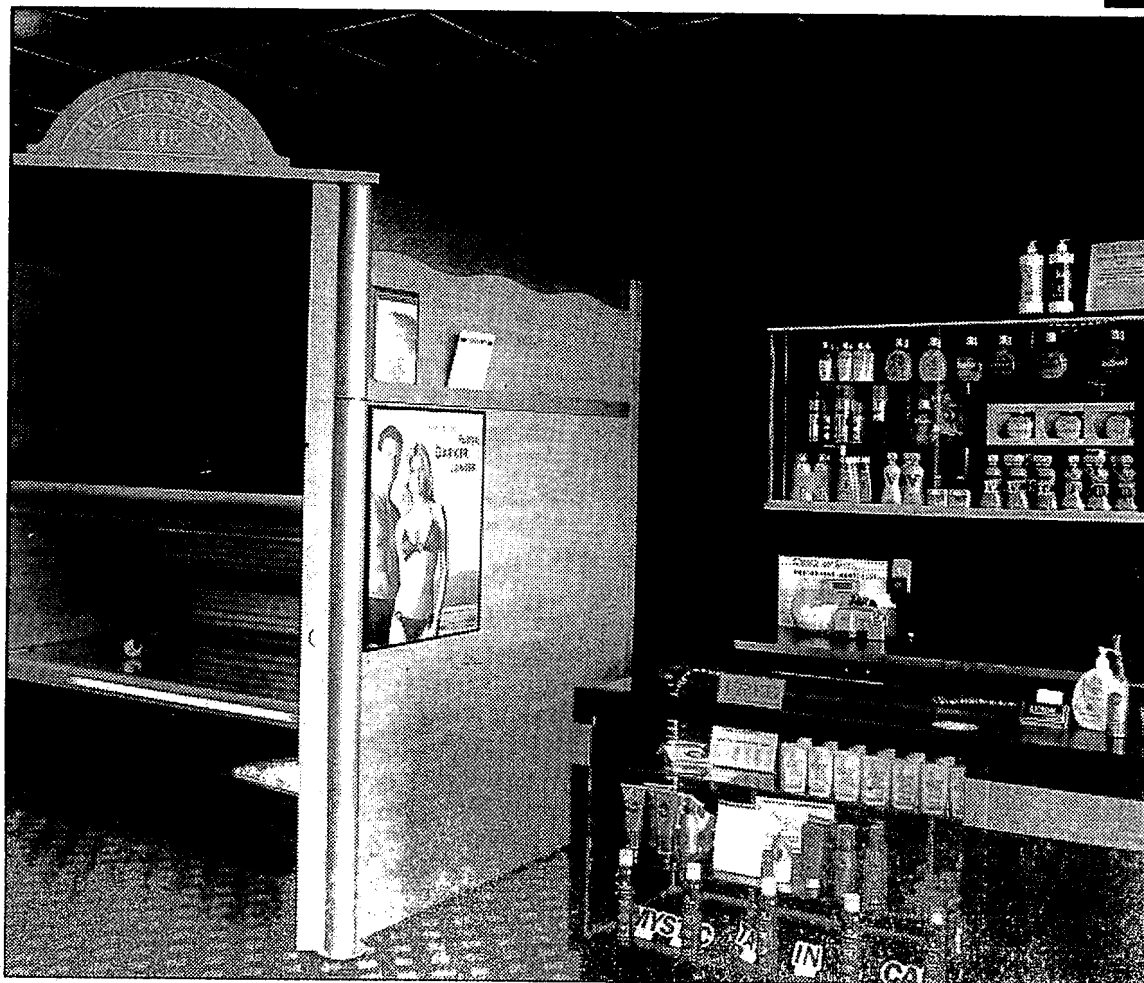
The centerpiece of the multiple Tansun machines within Luxor is the Illusion bed, of which there is only one other in the United States.

"The Illusion bed is a favorite of a lot of people. Someone who does not have a lot of time can come in once a week and maintain their color," said Kimberly Tene, Luxor's District Manager.

The Illusion tanning machine has a combination of 55 VHR/ high pressure lamps. Aside from the awesome tanning power of the Illusions, it is also air conditioning to keep things from getting too hot.

While the Illusion tanning bed is the pinnacle of technology and comfort in the industry, the rest of Luxor's equipment would easily be the crown jewel of other tanning businesses.

Luxor's stable is packed with high-end European machines including 200-watt Symphony standup units and 40 lamp Serenity VHR tanning beds.



Each offers a quick and comfortable tanning experience, with tan times between eight and twelve minutes.

Also, all equipment at Luxor

is VHR grade. While most salons hike prices and have limited availability on VHR, at Luxor, the industry's best is the standard.

To help maintain a healthy color, Luxor carries an extensive choice of both indoor and outdoor tanning lotions, of the highest quality and at a substantially

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The quality of Luxor's equipment and furnishings is matched by the welcoming staff. Every staff member was certified by the International Tanning Association during five, nine-hour sessions at a seminar in Nashville, Tenn.

"When a client comes in for the first time, we give them a guided tour and determine what their optimal tanning experience is. We like to get to know our customers and we have a tanning package for everyone," said Tene.

Despite offering such first class experience, Luxor maintains extremely economical rates. First time visitors to Luxor can tan for \$3 and students enjoy discounted tanning. There is a wide variety of packages involving all of Luxor's equipment.

Luxor was recognized as one of the top 250 tanning salons in the country. They can be reached at 248-922-9900 and are located at the corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads in the new Kroger shopping center. Business hours are: Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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For years psoriasis sufferers have used ultraviolet exposure as part of their therapy to combat and cure this skin disease. Researchers found the link for treating S.A.D. by the development of vitamin D in human studies obtained by real or artificial sun exposure. I have been advocating to many throughout the years, the exposure to sunlight by way of artificial or direct means as a way to treat both Seasonal Affective Disorder and psoriasis. So you see, sunlight in moderation can be healthy. Of course, as you may have assumed, I am in the artificial sunlight business.

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## Tutoring Club helps students improve academic skills

Some subjects can really be a headache for students. Even the most devoted need help sometimes, and at those times they can turn to The Tutoring Club for extra help.

Clarkston residents Ken and Becky Ermer opened a branch of the California-based franchise on Sashabaw Road in August 2005. After deciding to open a franchise, the Ermers began looking for an ideal area to set up shop, and their search lead them to Clarkston. The franchise is one of three in Michigan, the others being in Grand Rapids and Commerce Township.

The couple lived in Michigan during the 80's before moving to Alabama. They returned to Michigan to be near family.

"We are interested in seeing people improve their educational ability, which I consider, today, a very important thing in the fact that we're into a global economy," Ken said. "My wife and I are very interested in giving 110 percent to see the satisfaction of students improving their skill levels."

We tutor K-12 students in the club's specialized reading, writing or math programs as well as study skills. The center also offers high school students preparatory materials for college entrance exams and homework

help in higher math such as Algebra 2 and Geometry. Becky added we have a great summer program planned for morning and/or evenings.

Students new to the club first take a diagnostics test to determine their skill levels. These results dictate what lesson plans would be appropriate for their overall program.

"We guarantee we are able to advance a student one academic grade level in a 32-hour tutoring period," Ken said.

He added that the hours can be broken up over the span of several weeks, depending on what the parents and students choose for scheduling.

"The lesson plan is directed toward the student as an individual," said Ken. "The lesson plan goes as fast or as slow as the individual goes."

The sessions are taught by part-time tutors, which Ken said consist mostly of certified educators looking for a part-time job.

"If we have a demand, we would come up with some resources for any type of special class...that we could do for adults," Ken said.

The Ermers contacted local schools to let them know they are available. So far, the Ermers said the community's reception has been good.

"I think we've been very fortunate," said Ken. "We've had a lot of positive people stop in and get information. The Chamber of Commerce has treated us very well," said Ken.

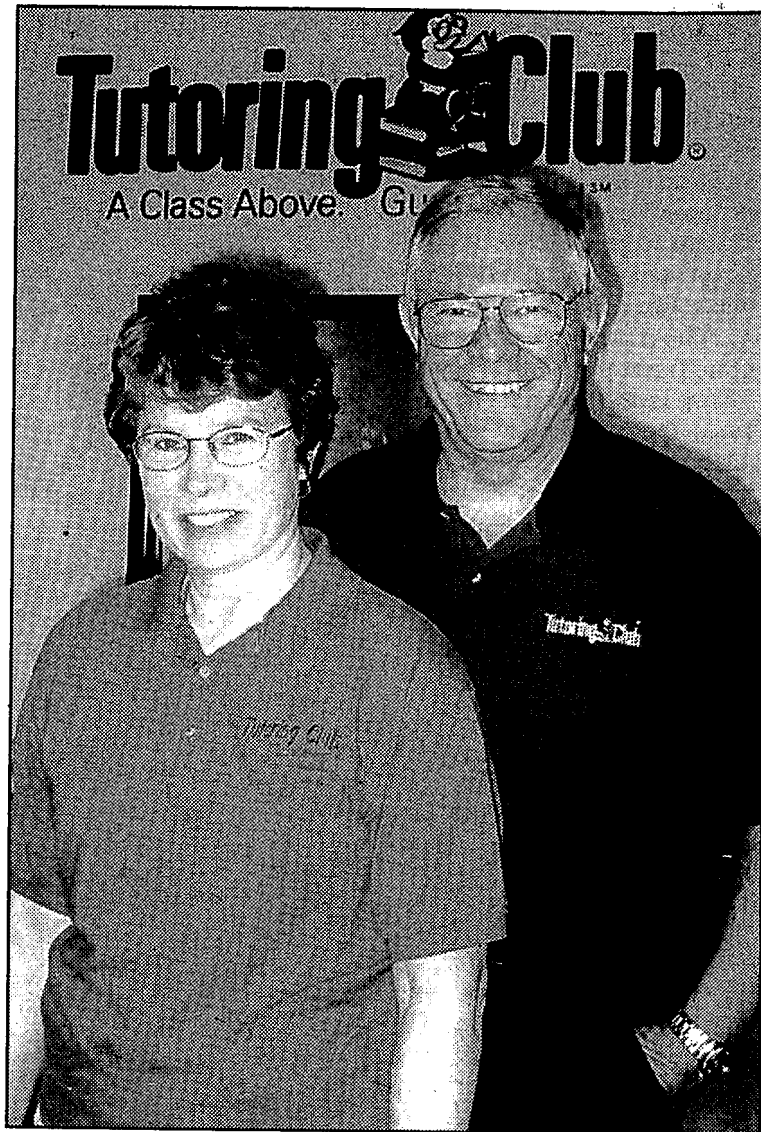
Becky added that they joined the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce immediately because the group is beneficial for getting to know the surrounding community.

"We are interested in the local community. That's what our business is for, that's what it's about," Ken said. "Our interest is to supplement the school, to help students increase their skill levels. We're here as a supplement to the schools' goals and accomplishments."

The Ermers said they work well together because their strengths are in different areas.

Before coming back to Michigan, Ken worked as a consultant at Auburn University in Alabama for eight years. Becky worked as a pampered chef consultant for the last ten years, and before that worked as an administrative assistant in Indiana.

The Tutoring Club is located at 6325 G Sashabaw Rd., and is open Monday through Thursday, 1-8 p.m., with tutoring sessions beginning at 3 p.m. For more information, call 248-620-4600 or visit [www.tutoringclub.com](http://www.tutoringclub.com).



Ken and Becky Ermer moved to the Clarkston area to open a new branch of the The Tutoring Club, a California-based franchise providing supplemental education resources.



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# The Downing Clinic Expands Staff and Services

The Downing Clinic is now in their 15<sup>th</sup> year of serving the health care needs of Clarkston and the surrounding areas.

Laura Kovalcik, DO, Dr. Downing's daughter, a board-certified internist is continuing to expand the services at the clinic with the addition of new staff. Staying true to the practice's philosophy of using natural supplements where possible and traditional medicine where that is the best solution, the clinic has added new staff and services.

Ann Heusted, RN, will be providing EDS and nutrition consulting services. Ann has worked with hospice; is an ordained minister; has had advanced training in Bach Flower Remedies, homeopathy, nutrition; and is a Parish Nurse. Her wonderful background and positive attitude will be a valuable addition to our practice.

Sharessa Tackett, RN will provide IV Therapy services. Sharessa has over 10 years of nursing experience both inpatient and in special treatments like ION Cleanse Foot Baths. Sharessa is very knowledgeable of integrative medicine and will be an excellent resource for patients receiving IV therapy.



Ann Heusted, RN



Sharessa Tackett, RN

## New Service – ION Cleanse Foot Bath

The clinic has added a new, very gentle form of detoxification. This treatment is the ION Cleanse Foot Bath. The foot bath treatments are just that, the patient comes in and places their feet into a foot bath which contains water and an ion generator. It is a relaxing and effective way to reduce toxins in the body.

## Good-Bye to Valued Staff – Jan DeVary Retires.

Jan DeVary retired at the end of January after 10 years with The Downing Clinic. She is a highly skilled Electrodermal Screening specialist and also a certified Herbalist. Jan helped many patients with her expertise – she will be missed. We wish her all the best in her

new path and know that she'll be doing something to help others!

As always, we continue to provide supportive therapy and products for our patients right at The Downing Clinic. These include:

- Alexander Technique
- Acupuncture
- Electrodermal (EDS) screening
- Facial toning
- Hypnosis, counseling, guided imagery
- IV therapy for Chelation and nutrition support
- Massage, Reiki and Healing Touch
- Physician-selected nutritional supplements, herbs and homeopathic remedies, books and CDs

• Natural cosmetics and skin care products.

Please check our website for more details on the clinic services, staff, hours and directions. The address is [www.TheDowningClinic.com](http://www.TheDowningClinic.com). You'll also find copies of our newsletters and recently published articles there and our brochures. If you want to purchase a product, you'll be able to do so via the website instead of coming into the office or calling in for it. We know you'll like the time this will save you.

The Downing Clinic is located at 5639 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. You may reach us by phone at 248-625-6677 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on the web at [www.TheDowningClinic.com](http://www.TheDowningClinic.com)

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## Pine Tree Place celebrates seven years in Clarkston

Pine Tree Place has been open since February 1999 but many of you 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 have 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. You won't find huge dining halls, sitting areas or commercial kitchens at Pine Tree Place. Instead you will find a beautifully furnished living room and dining room, connected by a centrally located open kitchen, as the focus of the home.

You won't find apartments connected by long corridors, but you will find nicely appointed bedrooms, opening into short hallways, that lead to the living areas of the home. You won't find it along a busy commercial road, but rather quietly nestled on a residential street.

You won't see fifty to one hundred elderly residents sharing a building. Instead, you will find a home with eighteen to twenty people that have truly become a family.

Mr. Mabery's sister, Crystal Carrier, is the Director of Operations and a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with over 20 years experience in the emergency room. She also has a degree in Human Resource Management with a special-



Pine Tree Place Owner Sandy Mabery (right) and Director of Activities Sue Tierney with Julia Harneck, a member of the Pine Tree Place family.

ization in Gerontology and previous experience working with the elderly at senior centers in Macomb County. Some of their staff have been with them since they opened.

Pine Tree Place has successfully combined the features of the traditional home with the amenities of the modern assisted living facility. The 9,500 square foot ranch-style home has eighteen bedrooms, all with private baths, with a licensed capacity for twenty residents. Monthly fees for the basic level of care ranges from \$2,710 to \$3,775 and includes; three home cooked meals per day, weekly housekeeping, weekly laundry,

cable television, medication assistance and activities including exercise therapy. There is also a therapeutic bathing tub, a small beauty shop and a smoking room, for use by residents.

The interior design blends the formal elegance of the modern assisted living facility with the more relaxed country flavor of a home. The exterior design features cozy front and back covered porches. The 4.6-acre site is beautifully landscaped and includes a private pond. The kitchen is central to the definition of a home, both geographically and philosophically. By locating the kitchen in the center of the home it has become a natu-

ral magnet for socialization, allowing the aroma of home cooked meals to waft evenly throughout the house. The open bar design attracts residents to "mosey up" for a visit with the cook, just as we would migrate to the kitchen at our own homes

The building is equipped with state-of-the-art fire suppression, smoke detection, door alarm systems and a wireless paging system that allows them to closely monitor a resident's emergency calls to provide a safe residential environment.

Pine Tree Place has a high staff to resident ratio and Crystal is on call 24 hours per 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 2:00 am, that's fine," says Crystal, "the midnight shift loves to visit with the resident's whenever possible.

Their first priority is the customer but Mabery is quick to point out that they also strive to make Pine Tree Place an enjoyable work environment for the employees also.

"We realize that happy employees are critical to the success of a business, they are the front line that keep the customers satisfied," said Mabery. "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."

If you are looking for more information on living or working at Pine Tree Place contact Mr. Sandy Mabery at (248) 535-6203 or (248) 620-2420.

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## Strength in unity and faith

# Clarkston Christian School and Oakland Christian School join forces

A new partnership between Clarkston Christian School and Oakland Christian School will only bring mutual benefits to both schools and the Christian community.

The new agreement will make the K-5 CCS a satellite school of OCS, a larger K-12 school located in Auburn Hills.

Located within Clarkston Community Church, CCS was established in 1967 and has an annual enrollment of approximately 35-40 students with an additional 40-45 students as part of the church's child care program.

OCS was established in 1968 and has an average annual enrollment of 560 students from over 125 different churches. With the addition of CCS to the school's network, Superintendent Randall Speck expects great results.

"It's consistent with both of our missions to grow Christian education throughout southeastern Michigan," Speck said.

ACT results from OCS already average 3 points higher than the state average, a track record Speck plans on continuing.

Greg Henneman, senior pastor of Clarkston Community Church, said the union will take the current CCS to a new level through deeper resources, better access to extra curricular activities, financial backing, technology and consistent education beyond fifth grade.

Henneman said faith should permeate all aspects of our lives, including education. Christian families should have the opportunity to send their children to an environment where it's okay to ask how faith relates to the subjects they are learning.

"As our society becomes more secular there'll be more Christian families that opt for private Christian education so they can have confidence that their kids, whether they are studying math, science, or English literature, are getting academic excellence and a biblical world view," Henneman said. "That would be very dif-

ficult if not impossible to achieve in a public setting."

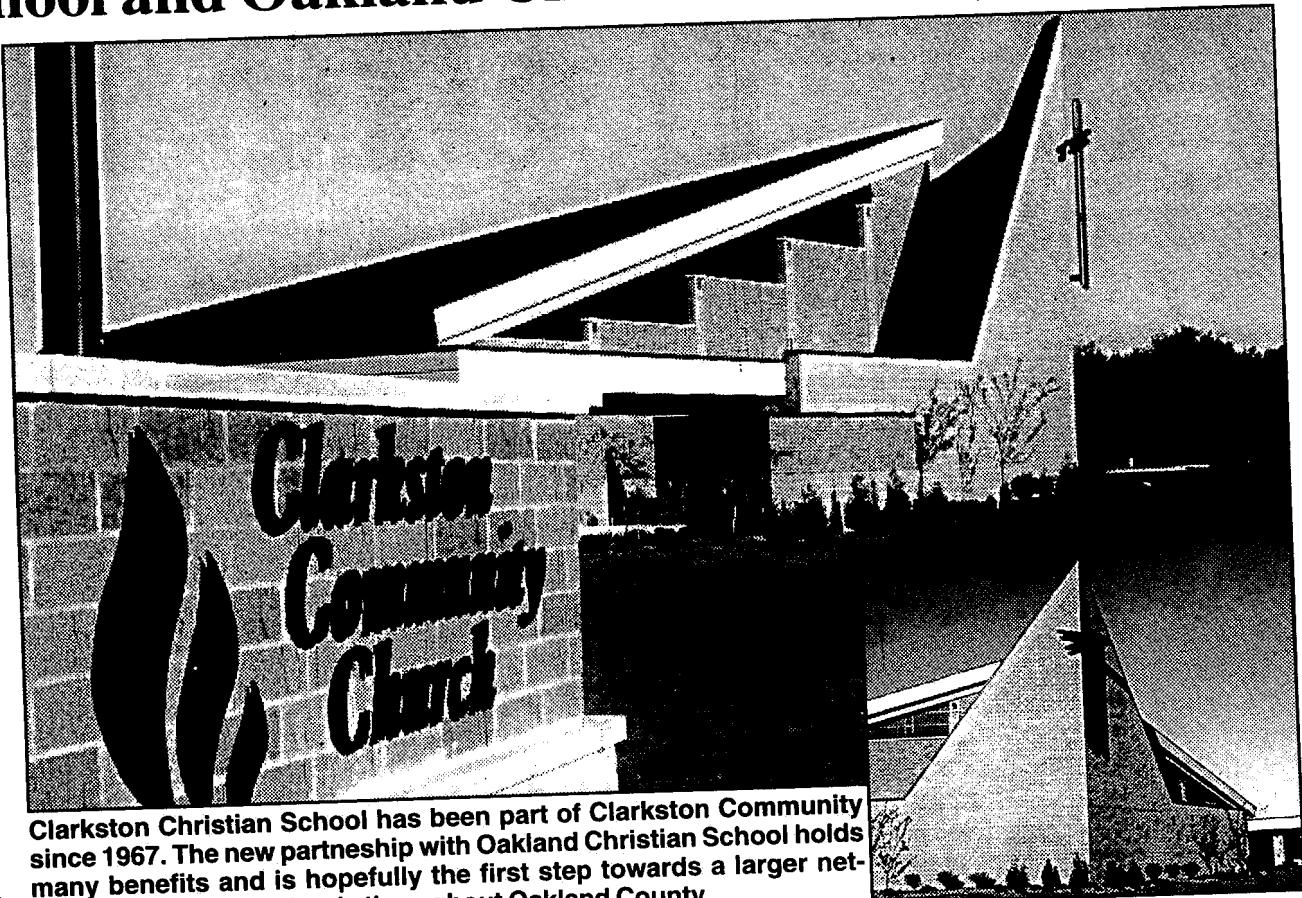
Henneman said all denominations of Christianity are welcome, and encouraged, to join the new network to build a strong Christian education across Southeast Mich.

"It's interdenominational," said Henneman, "It's across the board because we believe what unites us is greater than what divides us. All the families are encouraged to keep their distinctives of their particular

traditions."

Speck plans to have CCS accredited within three years. OCS is already accredited by both organizations. Henneman said that in addition to accreditation he hopes to expand CCS in future years.

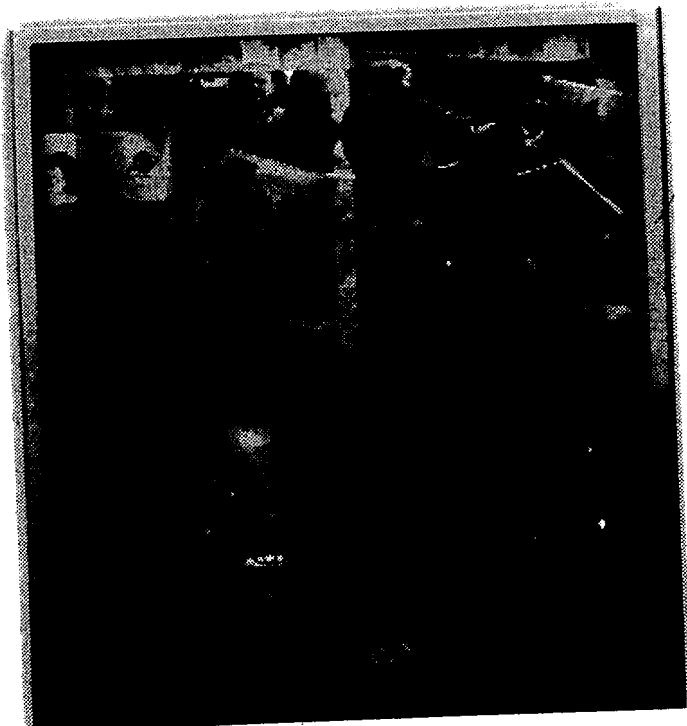
To enquire about enrollment at CCS, contact the church office at 248-625-1324. For more information about OCS, visit online at [www.oaklandchristian.com](http://www.oaklandchristian.com)



Clarkston Christian School has been part of Clarkston Community since 1967. The new partnership with Oakland Christian School holds many benefits and is hopefully the first step towards a larger network of Christians schools throughout Oakland County

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# All in the family

*Sherman kids all grown up, taking the News into the 21st century*

By Don Rush  
Assistant Publisher

Somebody once said of the newspaper business that "ink get's in your blood."

And, so it goes with the owners of the *Clarkston News*. The ink of community journalism runs naturally in their veins. Jim Sherman, Jr., Luan Offer and Susan Speed have been around the newspaper business their entire lives -- their parents Jim Sr., and the late Hazel Sherman, purchased their first community newspaper, the *Oxford Leader* when oldest child "Jim-Jim" Jr., was less than a year old. That was 1955.

The Sherman family business grew to include the *Clarkston News* in 1966, the *Lake Orion Review* in 1972 and two total market place shoppers, the *Advertiser* and the *Penny Stretcher*. During that time they also raised their children -- often giving them odd jobs around the shop.

"My job was to go in back and wash out the sinks," oldest daughter Luan recalls. "My mom just wanted to get me out of the front office so she could get her work done."

Luan, who graduated from Michigan State University with an education degree, now runs the very office her mother shooed her out of. As her mother did before her, Luan takes charge of book-keeping and the hiring and training of front office personnel in all of our offices. Luan, affectionately knick-named "Payroll Queen," also makes sure everyone of our 50 or so employees is paid.

She's married to Bob Offer. They have two children, Dan, 19 and Karen who just turned 17.

"Jim-Jim" has grown from the days of smelting lead with his father, taking sports pictures and selling advertising to being publisher, and simply "Jim." Under his tenure as publisher, Sherman Publications, Inc., started the very successful community newspaper, *The Citizen*, for folks in the Ortonville/Goodrich



Second-generation newspaper family, from the left, Susan Speed, Jim Sherman, Jr., and Luan Offer

**'The earliest memories I have were Saturday mornings Dad grabbing me, taking me to work with him so he could teach me to smelt lead. I took sports pictures and I remember the first guy I ever saw float through the air from the top of the key to make a lay up was Dan Fife.'**

— Jim Sherman  
Publisher, Sherman Publications

area.

"The earliest memories I have," Jim said, "were Saturday mornings dad grabbing me, taking me to work with him so he could teach me to smelt lead.

"I took sports pictures and I remember the first guy I ever saw float through the air from the top of the key to make a lay up was Dan Fife. We'd take pictures in Oxford and then make it to Clarkston for the second half of their basketball games."

As publisher of the *Clarkston News*

since the early 1990s, Jim said his youth helps him with his responsibilities now.

"I learned a lot more being a part of the family business than I did going to school. As soon as I was old enough to go, I attended Michigan Press Association seminars with Dad -- and what I learned at the dinner table, a sense of community and of strong values are things I really couldn't learn anywhere else."

Publisher Jim's mission is to continue to grow strong community newspapers and run the family business at a profit. He's married to Linda.

The third member of the Sherman trifecta is the "baby of the family," Susan Speed.

"When I was growing up, I always hung around the comp (composition) department," she said. "And, for summer vacation I work with them putting ads together."

Back in the 1970s and up until the early 1980s, all ads -- the entire paper was put together my hand -- cut and

paste. Cut with scissors and razors and paste with wax. Computers didn't enter the picture until about 1981.

"I thought I'd grow up and be a graphic artist. Then when I went to college I wanted to go into computers. Now, I head up the comp department and everything is done on computers."

Susan is married to Tim Speed. They have three children, Savannah, 9 and twins Trevor and Haley, 5. Susan also heads up the pre-press operations.

All three siblings are thankful for their "on the job" training by their parents, and for their parents not pushing them into the family business.

"They just wanted us to be happy," Luan said. "It's not that they didn't want us to continue the business, it's just they never pressured us into it. There really isn't a difference between growing up in the business and now owning it. It's always been a part of our family -- a part of our lives."

And, they plan for it to continue that way.



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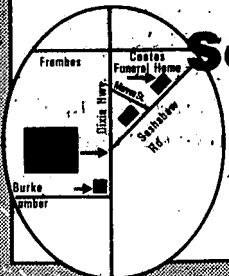
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# History of Clarkston (Mi) news

**By Don Rush**  
**Assistant Publisher**  
(and 1981 Clarkston High School graduate)

In May 1994 I penned a quick history of newspapering in our hometown of Clarkston, Mich., USA. It was fraught with spelling and grammatical errors -- just the kind of mistakes my English teachers at Clarkston High School encountered when reading my stuff.

I have worked for the company for 20 years and in that time, I have learned that my first quick history not only contained the aforementioned mistakes, but it was also incomplete. By talking to James A. Sherman, Sr. and reading an article by Constance Lektsian-Scafe, I've pieced together another history, hopefully with less mistakes and yet more enlightening/entertaining.

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Though the brothers Clark, Jeremiah and William, founded Clarkston Village in the mid-1830s, it wasn't until after the Civil War that the town had its first newspaper. Called *The Clarkston Enterprise*, this newspaper was published every two weeks until the end of 1878.

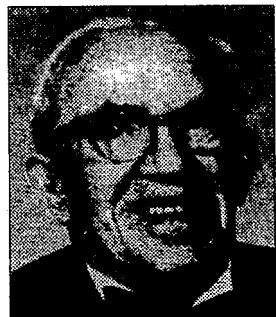
Remember, history fans, printers of the late 19th century were an independent lot -- okay, they could be called drifters. Moving from area to area until they found prosperity (or were driven out). Two printers drifted into Clarkston within 10 years of each other.

In 1895, *The Clarkston Ad-Vertiser* was started. Records don't indicate when it ended, but it didn't last long. By 1905, another printer wandered into town and started the weekly paper called *The Clarkston Record*. It lasted all of six months.

While the paper did not last long, it did pique the interest of one of the Clark family descendants. As a lad, Lee Clark

collected news items for *The Record*. Rumors have it, that sometime after *The Record* folded, Lee found himself with two jobs: one, working with his father who carved monuments in the stone building at M-15 and Waldon Road; and two, as a cashier at the Clarkston State Bank.

Ever the enterprising young man, Lee started to sell advertisement space on a chalk board to local farmers.



**Bill Stamp, owner/  
publisher 1933-1961,  
1966.**

In time this grew to become a small, four-page, eight-inch by 10-inch paper called *The Community News*. That was in 1920. It looks to have lasted for about nine years --

about the time the *Clarkston News* was established.

The *News* was founded just one month before the stock market crash of 1929. The first edition was Sept. 23, 1929. Somebody once said, "timing is everything." The timing to start a newspaper and make a buck was not 1929. Subsequently, the Great Depression chewed up and spat out five *Clarkston News* publishers in four years.

In the masthead of the January 1, 1932 *Clarkston News*, Sylvia Connolly was listed as editor and manager. Eveleth Hancher and P.O. Pedersen were publishers and Mrs. A.B. Wompole was "Clarkston Resident Representative." By December 16, 1932, this item appeared on Page One: "With this issue of the *Clarkston News* and *Ortonville Progress*, new publishers are



**Jim and Hazel Sherman owned and operated the Clarkston News until their three children took over in 2001.**

entering the field here.

"Although we moved here from Indiana, that state is not our home. Michigan is the home state of Mr. Banninger, whose parental home is Elk Rapids."

Hildegard H. Banninger was listed as publisher and business manager and Connolly as editor and publisher.

It wasn't until 1933, when William H. and Ann Stamp purchased the paper, that stability found its way to the *Clarkston News*. Stamp and his wife were from Detroit, where he was an attorney. They wanted out of the city and he wanted a hobby. They purchased the *Clarkston News* and owned it through the 1960s.

According to former owner/publisher James A. Sherman, Sr., "the Stamps didn't want a crusading newspaper. They just wanted to print community news. They moved to Clarkston and wanted to make friends, not enemies."

Wrote the Stamps, "Much cooperation is needed in the way of news items. By arranging to keep the *Clarkston News* office posted on news activities a more interesting newspaper can be published. This, however, requires help from the public. If it is not convenient to phone in your news items, and until such time as a downtown office is established, articles for publication may be left at Huntly's Drug Store or any other business establishment."

(Note to modern-day readers: We still need help from the public. If you have news items, get 'em to us!)

William handled advertising sales while Ann took care of the news side of the business. The Stamps ran their community newspaper until 1961, when they sold it to Robert Wilson. Wilson published the *Clarkston News* until 1966, when the Stamps again took over, soon selling the operation to James and Hazel Sherman.

"When we bought the *News*," James Sherman said, "Stamp was the town's Justice of the Peace. He served as justice and ran the *Clarkston News* out of the same building. Our first day of ownership was a Monday, following a particularly rowdy weekend. At 9 a.m. two state troopers marched through the

*News* office, followed by a handcuffed man and a shackled prisoner and another police man. Hazel would have none of that. By 10 a.m. I was looking for a new office."

He found an office in the building of dentist Gary Usher -- at M-15 and Waldon. In 1967, the Sherman's moved the *News* to one of the oldest store buildings in Clarkston, 5 S. Main Street. They purchased the building in 1970.

When the Sherman's purchased the *Clarkston News* in 1966, it was eight-pages with a paid circulation of 1,133. Today the *News* averages about 44 pages of local news and advertising each week with a paid circulation just under 3,500.

In 2004, we printed 2,872 pages of local stuff. Today the *News* staff at 5 S. Main, numbers nine. Their efforts grossed about \$800,000.

And, while Jim and Hazel Sherman are no-longer owners of the *Clarkston News*, their family still is. Their children -- Jim, Jr., Luan Offer and Susan Speed now operate the business. Jim as publisher, Luan heads up all office operations and Susan is in charge of our composition and pre-press departments.

With the help of lots of good people in the community and the efforts of many dedicated staff, the Shermans have built an award-winning publication that continues to grow with our community.

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Now, back to writing in the first person style (see teacher, I did learn something whilst in your English class):

Though we like to think of ourselves as an "independent" community newspaper, the *Clarkston News* is actually part of a group. That group, Sherman Publications, Inc. (owned by the Sherman family) also publishes weekly the *Oxford Leader*, *Lake Orion Review*, *The Citizen* (in the Ortonville/Goodrich area) and total market shoppers, the *Penny Stretcher*, *Ad-Vertiser* and *Metamora Crossroads*.



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With 70 to 80 different styles of phones (including

don't have a product, we do whatever it takes to get it for the customers right away."

Manni said the big demand right now is for PDA's and Wireless Toyz has many including Sidekicks, Blackberry's, Treo 700, Samsung I-730 with Verizon Wireless service and the Pocket PC 6700 with Sprint service.

Many PDA's are now "windows operated," which means the "menu on your phone screen is just like on your computer," according to Manni.

Manni said PDA's are so popular now because it allows people to step out of the office and still have "total access" via e-mail, text messages and internet. "It's like having a computer in the palm of your hand," he said. "You can be on the golf course and still take care of business."

Other items growing in popularity include wireless PC cards (or "aircards") which allow laptop users access to the internet everywhere in most major cities and freeways.

Manni said Sprint and Verizon Wireless offer aircards that give users unlimited internet access for \$59 per month.

Unlimited access and wireless technology equal one thing for users – more freedom!

Ultra thin and light phones such as "The Blade" (Samsung 900) and "The Razor" (Motorola V3) are in high demand right now.

Don't let their tiny sizes fool you. Manni said "The Blade" has Sprint service, an MP3 player and video picture option – "it does everything."

For people who like to talk in the car, Bluetooth offers a hands-free system which enables users to listen to calls through the car's speakers or even download music and listen while driving.

"Most of the new Chryslers have it," Manni said.

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Motorola, Sanyo, Samsung and Nokia) in a wide variety of colors and a complete line of accessories such as cases, chargers and wireless earpieces from Bluetooth, Wireless Toyz is truly the Oxford/Orion area's one-stop cellular shopping experience.

All this diversity of product and service means Wireless Toyz sales representatives can find what best suits customers' needs as opposed to selling them something that don't really want or need because of a limited selection, according to Manni.

"We're working for the customer," he said. "If we

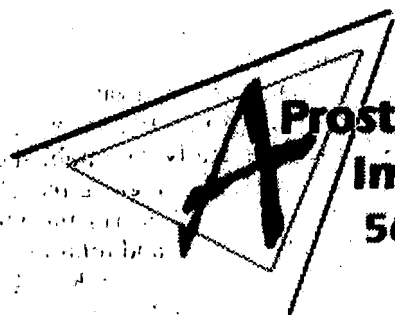
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# When your car dashboard reads: Check engine

Mark Roy can sleep at night. He has no problems looking himself in the mirror during a morning shave.

Not all mechanics can say the same.

Mark works with his cousin Ed, who owns Ed Roy's Complete Auto and Truck on Dixie Highway in Waterford.

The "no cutting corners" honesty of the Roys permeates the entire staff of the full service automotive repair center.

"There's never any surprises. Even if it's a \$30 job, we don't touch it until we've talked to the customer," said Mark. "I don't try to pretend something's wrong when it's not."

"You often drive by businesses and see signs for a \$69.95 brake job. We don't play that game. That's just not possible, you end up walking out of those places with a \$300 service bill. Customers know right up front," said Mark.

That no frills straight from the hip attitude has paid dividends for the Roys who see a continual flow of repeat customers.

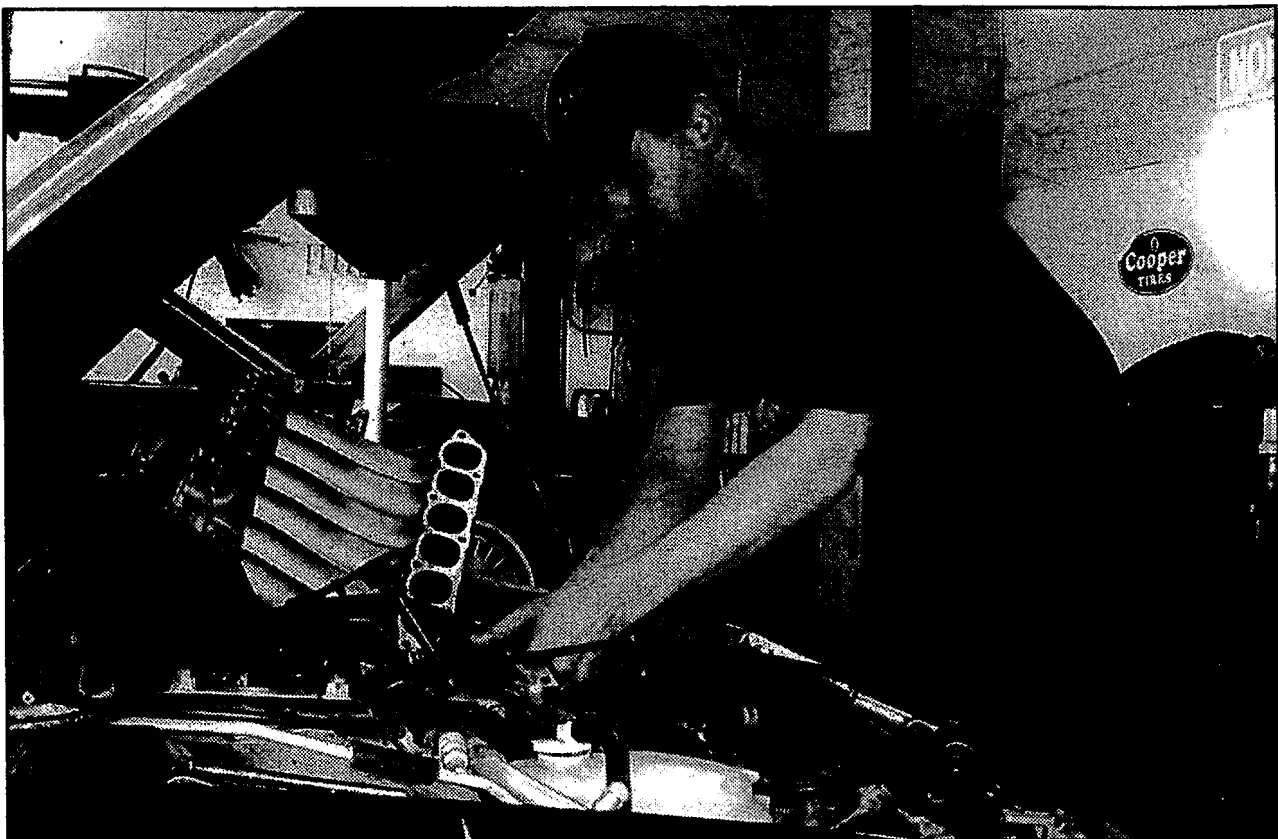
"Eighty percent of our business is repeat customers. We must be doing something right," said Ed.

The staff of mechanics can handle everything in car repair except rebuilding transmissions. They excel in front end alignments, computers (check engine lights) brakes, shocks tune ups, exhaust and engines. Ed Roy's also sells all brands of new and used tires for cars and trucks. Their house tire is Cooper.

The Roy name should ring familiar to area residents, as the Roys' fathers both operated shops in Clarkston.

"I feel our reputation is on really solid ground. You don't stay in service for 46 years with all this competition unless you really offer something. Every Tom, Dick and Harry tries to open up and do car repair,"

The Clarkston shops stayed open until the past few years at M-15 and Dixie Highway and Sashabaw and I-75. Now the Roy legacy continues in Waterford.



Certified mechanic Mike Atkinson works under the hood at Ed Roy's Complete Auto and Truck Service Center at 5272 Dixie Highway in Waterford.

"We've been serving the Clarkston area since 1960," said Ed. "We took care of your grandparents' car, we can take care of you."

"I can say to a lot of customers, 'My dad took care of your dad's car.' It's a family type deal all the way around," said Mark.

"It's funny, I'm taking care of my customers' kids' cars," he laughed.

At their current location for 10 years, the Roys continue to surprise customers with their accommodat-

ing service.

"We will pick your car up and take it back to you as long as you're in the Waterford/Clarkston area," said Mark. "We're often giving people rides after they drop off their vehicle."

Ed Roy's Complete Auto and Truck Service Center is located at 5272 Dixie Highway in Waterford. They are open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 248-623-6202.



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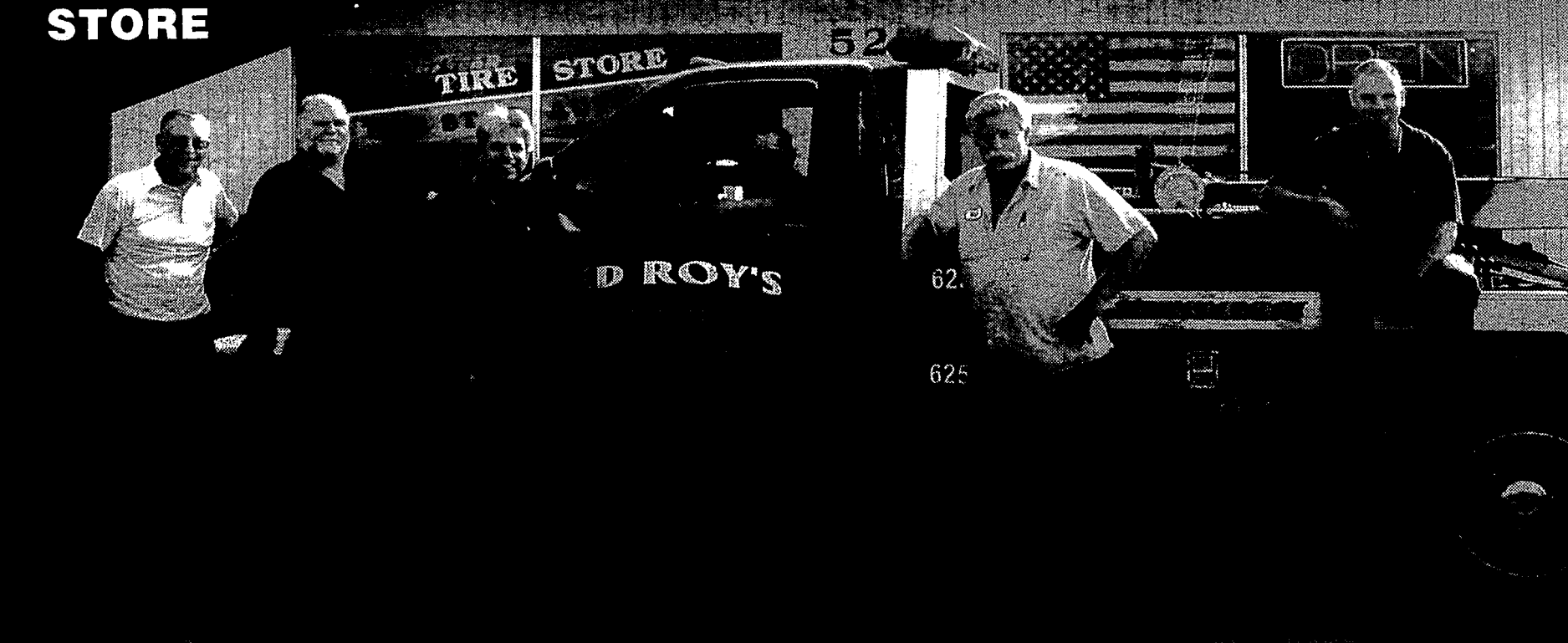
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