

## Trick or treat!



A trick-or-treater takes a bite while a tentacled creature takes a bite out of him! Children and parents had fun collecting treats and showing off their costumes at the Friendly Forest Oct. 29 at Clintonwood Park. See page A8 for more pictures. Photo by Laura Colvin.

## Discover Clarkston at the Expo

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

As the showcase for local business, the Clarkston Expo is a great place to learn all about what local shops, stores, and restaurants have to offer. This year, the Expo's 20th anniversary, learning could win you tickets to a Detroit Red Wings game.

"Guests at the Expo will be given scavenger hunt cards and go to each booth and learn information about them," said Penny Shanks, chamber executive director. "The winner will get four tickets to a

Red Wings game with VIP parking."

This year's Expo is the biggest yet, with 109 businesses signed up. Each will present exhibits showcasing their products and services.

"A wide variety of really cool things will be going on," Shanks said.

Clarkston State Bank is bringing the Money Machine, a shower-stall size device in which people stand while blowing air swirls money around them.

"Money just flies around - that's always fun,"

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Polling-place volunteers learn the ropes for election day

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## Police-service debate heats up

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

To keep the police or not to keep the police.

That is the question on the minds of citizens and city officials alike, and as the Nov. 7 election hangs just around the corner, the debate continues over whether the city should dissolve the police department and rely on Oakland County for police services.

Although the November ballot contains no proposal asking voters to banish city police, some believe the winner of Clarkston mayoral race will play a role in determining the fate of the department.

Longtime Mayor Sharron Catallo strongly favors keeping the force intact and conducting business as usual from headquarters at 3 East Church. Those who moved into the community over the past 13 years, she said, often question why the city allocates nearly one-third of the \$753,000 budget to the police department. Those who lived in Clarkston prior to 1993 remember the tribulations of relying on an outside source for police services.

"Every time we needed something extra we had to pay for it," Catallo recalled. "Traffic patrol, building

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## 'Not a typical Saturday night'

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston Union was closed Saturday "for electrical service," the sign said. That was true, but the electricity came from some of Clarkston's most famous residents, home for their wedding day.

Kid Rock, celebrating a series of wedding ceremonies with his wife, Pamela Anderson, chose the Clarkston Union as the place for his latest.

"Out of all the places he could have chosen, it's pretty cool he chose Clarkston for this," said Curt Catallo, owner of the Clarkston Union.

Catallo and his staff rearranged the furniture in the restaurant to suit the occasion.

"We turned it back into a church," Catallo said. "I think they were looking for a cool church and this fit the bill."

Much of the seating in the restaurant is made up of pew-type benches. Staff members just had to move them around a bit to make the Union look like the church it used to be.

"This building has seen a lot of weddings in its day, but this one was one for the ages," Catallo said.

"We were honored to be there for them."

Catallo and his staff knew of the upcoming celebration for quite some time, but were sworn to secrecy. The secret did not leak, and the couple enjoyed

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### Sports



Clarkston Wolves trounce Romco Bulldogs, move into finals

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## A prayer before Thanksgiving

The youth group at First Congregational Church in Clarkston rehearse a scene in the play "Our Forefathers' Story." The Mayflower Pilgrim presentation will be at 3 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call the church at 248-394-0200. Photo submitted.

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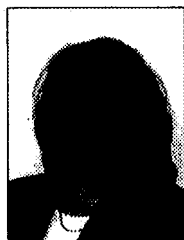
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## Briefly

### Don't forget to vote!

Election day is this Tuesday. The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. For location information on polls in Independence Township, call the township Clerk's Office at 248-625-5111. For polling location information in Springfield Township, call 248-846-6510. For information in Clarkston, call 248-625-3770.

### Quintet to perform

The internationally known Boston Brass Quintet will include a stop in Clarkston on their current world tour. This performance, sponsored by the Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association (CSIMA), will take place on the evening of Nov. 29 at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

The Boston Brass made a visit to the school last year and, upon seeing the facility, they inquired if they might have the opportunity to perform the "Stan Kenton Christmas Show" this holiday season. The group, which recently returned from Italy, Germany, and Austria, will perform at the Interlochen Arts Academy on Nov. 28, CHS on Nov. 29 and will continue on to Alaska, California, Florida, and points in between.

General admission tickets to the 7:30 pm concert are \$20 and are available by contacting director, Michael Lewis, by e-mail at lewismp@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

### Holiday auction set for Nov. 16

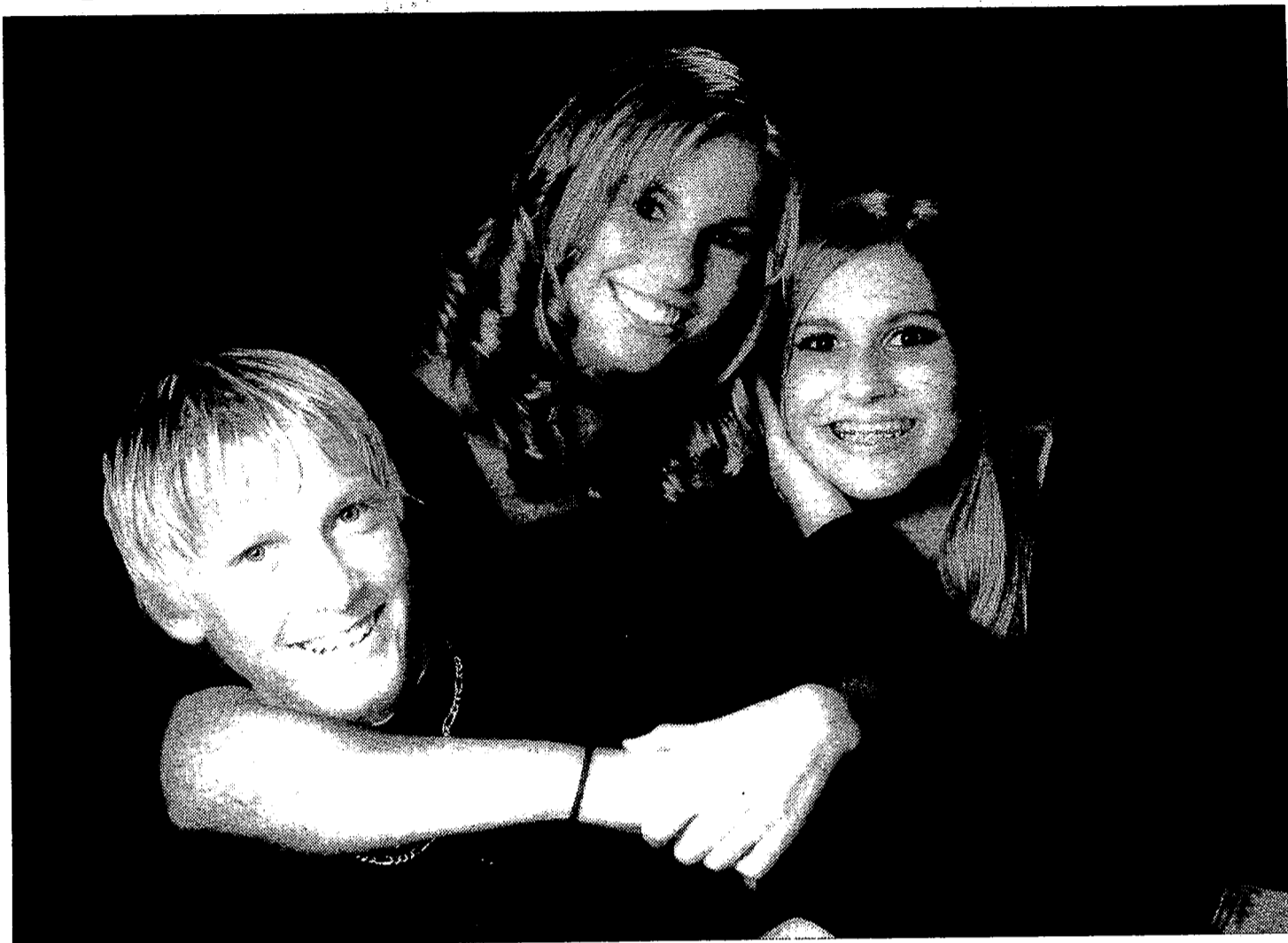
Clarkston Community Women's Club presents its Annual Holiday Auction at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Independence Township Library.

Items donated for the auction include homemade crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, specialty items, and unique gifts. It will also have a 50/50 raffle. Funds raised will help with projects the club supports, such as the library, youth assistance, and scholarship program. Only checks or cash will be accepted.

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Jessica Bennink, at right, with her brother, Lucas, and sister, Natalie.

## Friends, family remember 'free spirit'

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Jessica Bennink, formerly of Clarkston, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly Oct. 7. Her family is still deeply grieving, but wanted to share their memories of her and thank their friends here, several of whom came out to Missouri for the funeral, for their condolences.

"She was a real free spirit," said Sjef Bennink, Jessica's father. "She was a very giving person. If she had \$20 and you needed \$19.50, she would give it to you and not think twice."

"She loved life," said Carole Bennink, Jessica's mother.

Carole remembers how her and her husband Sjef's three children were always tightly bonded.

"People would always tell me how well they would get along," she said. "The kids were all each others' best friends - they loved each other."

Jessica, 14, was the youngest. Her sister, Natalie Bennink, is 19 years old and her brother, Lucas Bennink, is 16.

"We were very close," Natalie said. "Me and my brother would watch over her and she did the same for us."

Like most sisters, Jessica and Natalie would occasionally get into arguments when they were growing up in Clarkston. The fights never lasted long though.

"I would always hate it when she would borrow my clothes," she said. "But I really liked it - it was a compliment. It meant she liked them."

She would also freely share her opinions about the clothes when Natalie was wearing them.

"She was my favorite critic," she said. "She'd see how an outfit looked at

me and she'd tell me whether she liked it or not - I really miss her."

For Lucas, Jessica liked to be a cook. "The joke was that I would starve when I went to college because she wouldn't be there to cook," he said. "I'm a horrible cook - she'd always make me some food. She'd take care of me."

She was also his partner while playing on the Playstation 2 video-game system - "Ratchet and Clank" was their favorite - and would be outside with her brother and their friends during winters in Clarkston building snow forts.

"We built a snow fort that would seat four people comfortably - it was huge," he said.

They would also play hide-and-seek in the snow, Natalie said.

During warmer months, they would play in the woods and swim in the family's pool.

"She was always in the pool - she swam all the time, Natalie said.

They also enjoyed exploring Clarkston's wetlands, said friend and neighbor Danielle Bouchard.

"We'd play in the wetlands for hours," said Bouchard, 13, who was friends with Jessica since they were in the second grade at Independence Elementary School.

"She was my role model - I looked up to her a lot," Bouchard said. "She was so cool."

When in the hospital, Jessica missed her school's homecoming dance. Natalie couldn't do anything about her sister's illness, but she could do something about that.

"We brought homecoming to her in the hospital," she said.

Jessica Bennink also wrote poetry. These two were among her last:

#### Friendship

What do you call the person who is always there for you?

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Through all you tears, screams, & wispers.

Who will keep your secrets, and tell you theirs.

Who will laugh with you not at you...

Who actually agrees with all your crazy ideas.

And who will hug you just because I think you call them a...

Lover?

Enemy?

Friend? No...

A Best Friend!

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They push, you pull.  
They yell, you listen.  
They throw it at you, you catch it.  
They put all this pressure on you,  
and you just sink in to it all...  
so what happens if you let go?

-Love Jessica

Natalie brought her date, Jessica's date, and their friends to the hospital. They were all dressed up, and brought some food. Natalie did her sister's hair, and they hung out with her all night.

"I was glad I was able to do that one last thing for her," Natalie said.

Jessica died on Oct. 7 due to complications. Please see Jessica on page A15.

Bleeding Text

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# CVP brings 'Enchanted April' to audiences this November

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

More laughs are in store for audiences as the Clarkston Village Players present the British drama/comedy "Enchanted April."

Set in post-WWI England and Italy, "Enchanted April" follows an ensemble cast of characters as they find romance and inner truth.

Lottie (played by Jenna Pittman) and Rose (played by Hale Wells) are two proper housewives living in London but finding their lives dull. The two decide to take a holiday in Italy, but to help support the costs, recruit two other women to split the expenses. Socialite Lady Caroline (played by Melissa Farr) and Mrs. Graves (played by Linda Mishler) a older woman who prefers to things the traditional way. The women could not be more different from one another, and the result is what director Carmen Holcombe described as subtle humor.

"It gets funnies as it goes," Holcombe said, adding that people have to pay attention to the dialogue closely to catch much of the humor. "I'm a big fan of British humor."

Though Holcombe said there is much to laugh at, the play is not entirely a comedy and has a somber look at conflict

between social classes.

This is Holcombe's 10th year with the CVP and her second time directing for the group. During her years with CVP, Holcombe has worked extensively off-stage for many CVP productions and directed other productions outside the group.

"Enchanted April" was adapted to the stage by Matthew Barber from the 1922, which was also adapted into a film in 1992.

New this season, opening night for the public will now be on Friday instead of the usual Thursday, which is now booked for a members' night performance.

Performances of "Enchanted April" are scheduled for Nov. 3-4, 10-12 and 16-18. 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 cannot be assured.



The differences between Lottie (played by Jenna Pittman), Rose (played by Wells), Mrs. Graves (played by Linda Mishler) and Lady Caroline (played by Melissa Farr) become more obvious the longer the women spend time together. Photos by Andrew DuPont

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# Ottman bestows energy on city council

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As the only incumbent running for a city council with three empty seats, Kristy Ottman says she's thrilled that so many residents have stepped up and added their names to the list of write-ins eligible for election Nov. 7.

Elected to her first term on council two years ago, Ottman characterizes the past 24 months as a valuable learning experience.

"It takes a long time to get anything accomplished when you have seven different personalities working on an issue," she said. "There's a lot to learn and it takes a lot of patience and time."

As always, the budget is the biggest issue facing the city, she said, and it's an issue that requires long term thought and careful planning by the council.

"We have a very small budget to run this city," she said. "We need to look at every dime and plan 10 or 15 years down the road to anticipate the needs of the com-

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munity. We have to look at the future much more intensely."

For now, Ottman won't divulge any personal opinion on replacing the current police department with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. It's a complicated matter, she said, and she wants to see an objective, detailed proposal before drawing any conclusions about what is best for Clarkston and its residents.

Along with husband Pete, Ottman is parent to four boys ages 7, 5, 2 and 5 months and has lived in Clarkston since 1998. Most people decide to call the city home, she said, for many of the same reasons she and her family do; Clarkston embodies a sense of community not usually found in larger, more populated areas.

With a desire to foster that small-town feeling, Ottman recently initiated several programs meant to enrich the quality of life for Clarkston residents, includ-



Kristy Ottman

"We pay a lot in taxes, so it makes sense to do what we can to help people who have chosen to move here," she said. "They can glean so much just from a friendly hello and a basket of goods."

It's also a great way, Ottman said, to help local seniors with various household tasks.

"We all have neighbors who require a little extra care," she said. "Especially the elderly. They carried the burden for so many years - it's just the right thing to do."

Also in her sights is a plan to assemble a welcome committee to greet new residents.

Please see Ottman on page A19.

# Coventry knows local issues, supports police

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As one of the few residents to attend Clarkston City Council meetings on a regular basis, Teresa Coventry decided it was time to experience the twice-monthly gatherings from the opposite side of the table.

After filing the necessary documents, Coventry brings to six the total number of residents vying for three council seats.

Kristy Ottman is the council's only incumbent to seek reelection, with five residents answering the call for write-in candidates.

"I'm there for almost every meeting," said Coventry. "I like to know what's going on in the community."

Coventry owned Victorian Village, a downtown gift shop, for about three years and believes that experience would bring a unique understanding of Clarkston's business community to the city council.

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She also volunteered many hours to the PTA and Girl Scouts while her three daughters were growing up.

An adamant supporter of the Clarkston Police Department, Coventry believes the city has needs that are not relevant in the township. For example, she said, police are needed frequently in the downtown area to monitor the park, and to deal with traffic and parking issues on Main Street. She does not believe the city would be well-served by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

"It's a real concern of mine that a decision to bring back the (OCS) could come sweeping through the city and we'd never get our own police back," she said. "Cost-wise, we'd be at the mercy of the sheriff's de-



Teresa Coventry

partment."

Coventry also cited concerns about watershed issues and the large volumes of traffic pouring through the city on a daily basis.

Frequently one of only four or five residents to attend council meetings on a regular basis, Coventry said the lack of interest is frustrating, and that the council could benefit from

feedback and input from the community. However, she said, the disinterest is an occurrence in most cities.

"People only tend to show up when they have a

Please see Coventry on page A19.

# Keep an open mind, says council candidate Rausch

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bill Rausch believes that anyone who steps into the political arena should arrive with an open mind—and no ax to grind.

Last week, Rausch threw his hat into the ring with four other candidates running as write-in candidates for Clarkston City Council.

One of the key reasons for deciding to run in the Nov. 7 election, he said, was to lend a voice in support of the local police department.

"I don't think doing away with the police department is a good idea," Rausch said. "We can definitely

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trim it up and make it more fiscally responsible, but I don't believe you get the same services when you contract out."

Rausch, who lives off Waldon Road, said police are often running radar and patrolling in his area, a level of service he thinks the Oakland County Sheriff's Department would have trouble maintaining, primarily because they are already patrolling 36 square miles in the township.

"They can't afford to give us the resources or the

time we need out here," he said.

A retired General Motors Maintenance Supervisor, Rausch served as an Independence Township volunteer firefighter for 29 years, and currently sits on the board of Woodland Park Academy, a charter school in Grand Blanc.

Rausch characterizes himself as an honest and straightforward individual, and said he has the ability to keep an open mind and take in the facts as they are presented.

"You can't go in with a single issue or an ax to grind," he said. "When you get elected, you get elected

Please see Rausch on page A19.

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# Opinion

## Change? Unlikely this election

So the election is almost here, and if nothing else, we will all enjoy a blissful end to the overbearing attack ads on TV. Regardless of who wins, I think we'll all be happy to stop hearing candidates complaining about each other.

As with previous elections, I'm going to try my hand at predicting the outcome. As in the past, my choices here are not necessarily an endorsement.

Locally, the Independence Township senior center debate seems to be the only real hot issue on the ballot, and sadly this election will put it to rest. The millage will not pass, but those who want a "community center" that is available to seniors will continue to push for a new initiative.

Expect Sharron Catello, Mike Rogers and John Statoc to keep their posts. Even if change is needed in any of these posts, it won't happen.

On the state level, I don't see Republican men taking the jobs of Democratic women either.

Even though around Clarkston it seems nearly everyone is supporting Dick DeVos in his bid for governor, Michigan is still a "blue state" and I really don't see a blue state electing someone who has associated himself closely with the Bush administration, supports intelligent design and banning abortion. Even in a close race, Granholm will come out ahead.

Likewise, I don't think Mike Bouchard will even come close to beating Debbie Stabenow. His campaign seems mostly to be on what she does wrong, but I've noticed they have been hard-pressed to find people who are truly unhappy about her last term.

Of the five statewide proposals, only three seem to have generated much controversy. There is no need to explain them since an article starting on this page already does so.

Proposal 1 will pass because the philosophy behind it is a good one. If the government sets money aside for specific purposes, they can only spend that money for those purposes. What a concept. Some fear this proposal could hurt the government in a time of financial crisis, but not likely enough to stop it from passing.

Proposal 2 is not going to pass. In a perfect world, it would be a good idea, but in our world, it's not.

Proposal 3 is a good idea, but it's not going to pass. Combining that with the likelihood of liberal-leaning states to limit government power, and you have yourself an easily passed proposal.

Lastly, Proposal 5, which we have covered since it was in the signature-gathering stage, will likely fail by a very close margin. Even though everyone likes the idea of supporting education, few like the idea of taking money away from other parts of the budget—like police and fire protection—to pay for it.

### Soapbox



Andrew DuPont

## 'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

### DTE project part of area's over-development

Dear Editor,

Recently I was shocked and saddened by the sight of a total destruction of a large tract of trees that lined the driveway leading into DTE Music Theatre.

They call it a development but in reality it's the destruction of a natural area to be replaced by concrete and asphalt. There was a comment in your paper made last week that someone said we need to save our greenery with plans that other communities have

adopted ("Save natural areas for future generations," page 6A, Oct. 18 edition).

Independence Township needs to do this now before we turn our country-like area into a suburb. My wife and I moved out here more than 20 years ago to escape the suburban sprawl and now sadly for us it's happening here.

Keith Kolich  
Independence Township

### Fans thankful for students' efforts

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Clarkston football fans, a huge thank you to Mr. Jeff Peariso and his Clarkston Junior High students for printing the Wolves logo on thousands of gold rally rags for this past week's football game.

Their time and effort was a great contribution towards school spirit and team support. We greatly appreciated it!

Karen Badgley  
Clarkston

## Issues for voters' consideration

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On November 7, Michigan voters will decide on several issues.

The first is whether funds held or earmarked for conservation and recreation should be protected for that use only, through a constitutional amendment.

Provisions included in **Proposal 1** would create a Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund within the State Constitution, and establish existing accounts as components of the fund.

Other provisions in Proposal 1 include:

- Using current funding sources such as state park entrance fees; snowmobile, ORV and boating registration fees; hunting and fishing license fees; taxes and other revenues to fund the accounts.
- Establishing the current Game and Fish Protection Fund and Non-game Fish and Wildlife Fund within the Constitution.

Proponents of Proposal 1 believe its passage would eliminate the chance of the conservation and recreation accounts being raided to balance future budgets. They feel it would protect these restricted funds and ensure user fees are spent only on intended programs.

Supporters also suggest that funds already receiving constitutional protection are growing steadily and serving their intended purpose, without diversion.

Proposal 1 has the support of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, various conservation and recreation organizations and Michigan State Chambers of Commerce.

**There is no organized opposition to the ballot proposal.**

**State Proposal 2, called the "Michigan Civil Rights Initiative," made the Nov. 7 ballot through a successful petition drive inspired by California businessman Ward Connerly, who successfully backed similar initiatives in California and Washington.**

If passed, the state constitution would be amended to ban "affirmative action" programs in the state government, local governments, public colleges and universities and school districts. The major impact would be in college admission policies and public hiring and contracting practices.

Advocates, including the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Committee, say policies which give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin are no longer needed, and may actually

harm people of certain socioeconomic backgrounds.

Opponents of the proposal, including an umbrella group called One United Michigan, say affirmative action programs are still needed. Some groups claim the amendment, if approved, may have unintended consequences such as negating opportunities for women in education.

A referendum on Mourning Dove hunting in Michigan, known as **Proposal 3**, will face state voters on the November 7 general election ballot.

A 'yes' vote on this proposal would allow Mourning Dove hunting by reclassifying them as a game bird.

A 'no' vote would return Mourning Doves to the status of a song bird and continue the ban on hunting them in Michigan.

Dove hunting was legalized in Michigan in 2004 for a three-year trial hunt in six counties along the state's southern border. The purpose of the trial was to allow for a scientific evaluation of the hunt's effect.

However, the 2005 and 2006 trial seasons were suspended when dove hunting opponents collected enough signatures to call a referendum and place the issue on the 2006 ballot.

Reasons to vote "yes" on Proposal 3:

- A total of 39 other states (80 percent of the country) allow the hunting of Mourning Doves, which is a migratory bird with a stable, healthy population estimated to be more than 400 million in North America.
- The most prolific breeder of all birds, a pair of adult doves raise an average of four young each season.

Michigan alone hosts some six million doves a year, according to Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

The most popular game bird in America, more shotgun shells are expended on dove hunting than for all other uses combined.

An estimated 22.7 million Mourning Doves (or 6 percent of the population) were harvested nationwide in 2005, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

All the money that could be spent on gear, travel and licenses related to dove hunting in Michigan would give the state's hunting industry and economy a critical boost in these hard times.

Migratory bird hunting is enjoyed by tens of thousands of hunters, who in turn contribute millions of

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## A Look Back

A peek back to those thrilling days of yester-year as reported in the pages of *The Clarkston News*

### 15 years ago 1991

**"Burned man called hero"** A Clarkston-area man was called a hero after he suffered burns at an industrial building while preventing the fire from spreading. He was carrying a pail full of an acetate-water mixture when static electricity ignited it. Even while being burned, he did not panic. He set the bucket down, turned off power, and helped put it out.

**"Don't forget to vote Tuesday"** On the ballot for the Nov. 5, 1991, election was a proposal to allow Oakland County to sell \$500 million in bonds to begin a solid waste management system.

**"School fights disease with rubber gloves"** Clarkston school employees were issued latex gloves in an effort to prevent infection by communicable diseases.

### 25 years ago 1981

**"Village residents quietly greet law"** Clarkston Village held a public hearing on an ordinance requiring residents living in the historic district to get a

permit before remodeling, making major repairs, or demolishing any homes or out-buildings. The hearing was calmer than expected. The ordinance proposal took two years to get to this point. The planning commission was to consider the ordinance next.

**"Insurer demands apology from village council"** Clarkston's insurance company objected to suggestions by the council that it was gouging the village. Council members said it was a misunderstanding.

**"Council outlaws park parking"** The Clarkston Village Council voted to ban streetside parking at Depot Park. This was to be the first of many efforts to curb teenage activity in the park.

**"M-15 car count underway"** Clarkston Explorer Scouts and volunteers counted 3,000 cars in an hour and a half on M-15 through town. The study was commissioned because of a proposal to widen M-15 to five lanes south of the village.

### 50 years ago 1956

**"Clarkston Proud of Athletic Field"** The Clarkston High School Athletic Field on Waldon Road was completed. School groups and community organizations raised funds for the lights. The classes of 1955 and 1956 donated the scoreboard.

**"Pine Knob Elementary Building Progressing"** The steel decking for the school was being erected. A steel strike caused a long delay, but it was hoped that it would be finished by Christmas.

**"General Election"** On the ballot for Nov. 6, 1955, was an amendment requiring that anyone running for the state legislature must be at least 21 years old and not have been convicted of subversion or of a felony involving a breach of public trust.

## What's 'standard' about Standard Time?

Okay, call me kooky, but, now that we have "fallen" back, what does that mean? Where have we fallen from? From what perch on high did we descend?

Are we in Daylight Saving Time now, or was that before? How do you save time? Do you put it in a hour glass and shove it in a dark corner of the basement so it doesn't tarnish with, well, uhm, time? What does saved time look like? Is it sandy?

Oh . . . and if we are done "saving" time for now, where are we keeping all those extra increments from then to now?

I need to know this because I want to cash in my saved time so I can invest it as I see fit. The way I figure it, if I roll it into some time-managed investment plan, by the time I'm 90, I could have a decade or two left to use or give to my family. Of course, if I let the government keep it, I'll never see any of my saved time. Which, I suppose, is as good of a good reason as any on why we need to change Social Security -- but that's a different column.

I know I am sounding incredibly, uhm, stupid, but are we now in Standard Time, or was that before? What is "standard" about this "Standard Time" anyway. My sense of the word, the meaning of standard is this: The rule; the measurement to which all others are compared to; what is normal or regular. I am not sure, but I bet the definition of "standard" in Webster's Dictionary has to be close to mine. (Then again, I am the one confused by Daylight Saving Time versus Standard Time -- so, maybe I am really, uhm, stupid.) That said . . .

How the Sam Hill can time be Standard (read -- regular) when we change it twice a year? It is not standard if time is one thing at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in April and another thing at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October. It is not standard. It is different, dang it!

Oh, and don't forget, besides all that falling back and springing forward, that all changes next year. Nope, we're not doing away with the madness that is Daylight Savings Time. Oh, no, that would be too intelligent. Dear old President George W. Bush signed the



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Energy Policy Act of 2005 in, well, 2005 of course.

What that bill does is this: Instead of Springing Forward an hour at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April, we'll do it on the second Sunday in March. Instead of Falling Back on the last Sunday of October, we will turn back our clocks at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November. Why were those new dates set? Who's in charge of setting them? I want to know and then I want him fired.

I don't care about Haliburton, Iraq or the economy. As far as I am concerned, by not vetoing that bit of legislative malarkey, President Bush should be impeached. Off with his Bourgeoisie head. Be gone. Bye, bye.

Can anybody give me the answer to this conundrum: Is life better or worse in Arizona, Hawaii and the parts of Indiana where they don't do the time shuffle? Do they have more accidents or crime in those places versus the rest of the country?

Hey, wait a cotton pickin' minute! I just thought of this, how did they get out of the time bending routine and not us? It just ain't fair that the citizens in those areas don't go through this whole mess of gaining or losing an hour, while we do. After all, we are all Americans, aren't we? We're all pink on the inside, and when we're cut, don't we all bleed red? If we are all the same, equal in all regards, then why not in time management?

The gubernatorial election is right around the corner, and bygummie, I really don't know who to vote for. I don't want to vote for democrat Jennie Granholm, because she ain't done squat, besides leaving the state in ruins during her four years. I don't want to vote for Republican Dick DeVos, because he looks like Agent 86 -- Maxwell Smart -- would you believe, Don Adams? But, if I found either one had on his or her platform, "Make Michigan A One Time All The Time State" I'd vote for that candidate. Heck, I'd vote for Lynden LaRouche if he'd promise to get Michigan off the Daylight Saving Time mariground.

I don't know about you, but I think it's about time we took our time back from the government. Write your congressman or woman and tell them to stop it. Stop the madness that is Daylight Saving Time, now!

E-mail Don your thoughts, donrushmedon@charter.net.

## Some stuff personal, but what the hey

Don't you just hate it when your morning routine is interrupted? And, I'm not referring to your bath.

I arise around 6 a.m., let the dog out, start the coffee brewing, throw on a robe and go get my *Detroit News*.

I come in and pour a cup of coffee with International brand French Vanilla cream, sit in my recliner, take out the classified section, turn it inside out displaying the puzzles and fold it so I can figure out Hocus Focus.

That's what I did on a recent Thursday morning, only Hocus Focus was not there. Only then did I look at the dateline and saw the carrier had given me *The Detroit Free Press*.

What a revolting development!

I quit reading the *Free Press* years ago when Jim Fitz-gerald (my only attachment to that liberal leaning thing) retired. It has practically nothing for

me, but it does have a crossword puzzle, which I try to do with *The News* after Hocus Focus, and also after I've read the so-called news in the *News*.

I call it so-called news because so much of it is opinion. I don't need anyone else's opinion since I have plenty of those on my own.

Now along comes ma'dog Shayna who usually stays outdoors quite a while first thing in the morning. I think there's a lot of sniffing to catch up on.

But, this Thursday all she seemed to want to do was go for a ride in the car or nuzzle her muzzle between my leg and the chair and be petted. What's with this?

Enough about my worries, let me tell you a twin grandchildren story. Haley and Trevor are seven. And, they're pretty normal. In this story, Trevor is more normal than his sister.

He's sitting on Haley's sweatshirt that was on the sofa, but he has a stomach disorder. It's gaseous, which according to Webster means "lacking solidarity."

So, every once in a while they heard him say, "Excuse me." "Excuse me." "Excuse me." "Excuse me."

Finally, Haley looked over at Trevor and shouted, "Trevor, get off my sweat shirt!"

Varicose veins are bulging, disfiguring things that make owners uncomfortable and seers cringe. That's always been my definition . . . right up until I was diagnosed with varicose vein trouble a dozen years ago.

That's when a surgeon told me I had to have the ones in my right ankle repaired. Seems these varicose veins cause ulcers when left without a scalpel and stitching.

That went well until four years ago when the ulcers recurred. Continuous wearing of stretch socks for three years brought my skin back together again. Then, during the long hot, shorts and short-socks wearing summer the ulcers won out again.

I told you this was personal stuff, but you're still reading, so suffer with me. This time it's on to Crittenton Hospital's Wound Management people.

The open sore is about the size of a quarter. Nurse Jill has taken my history while nurse DeeDee is picking away at the opening, telling me it's full of debris. I ask if there's any Shayna hairs in it, "cause I let ma'dog lick it as a cure.

DeeDee said, "That's for dog sores, not human." I was only kidding.

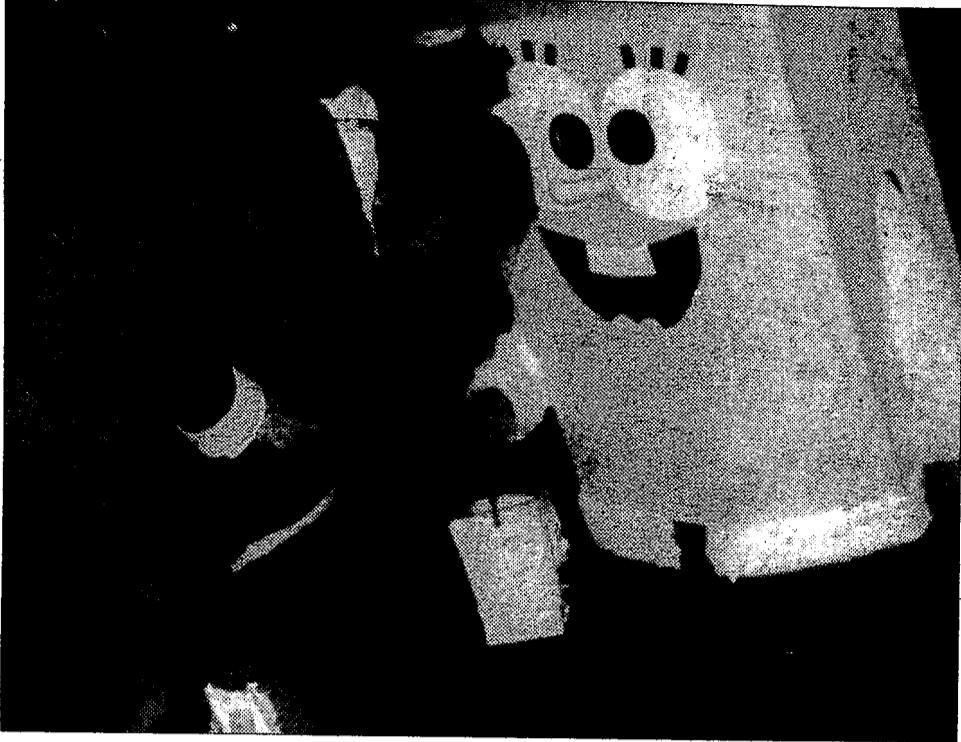
The treatment this time involves a whole lot of wrapping and a boot. Come back next week, and the next, and the next, etc.

But, the reason I'm telling you this story is to tell you what an enlightening experience it has been to talk to these two nurses. More importantly, to have them listen to me.

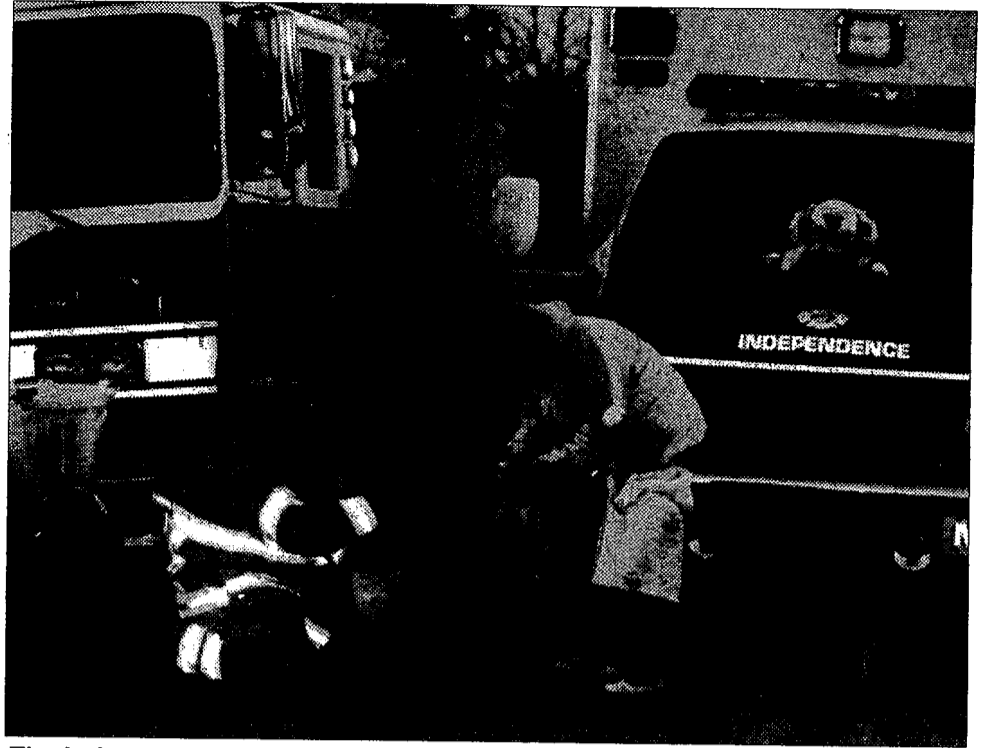
I've always known I was a slow learner. People now point that out when I tell this story. They emphasize nurses' patient interest, advice, counseling, caring and humanity.

Jill and DeeDee have done my mind a world of good. There's a good reason the answer to some RN questions in a crossword puzzle are TLC - Tender Loving Care.

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Sponge Bob made his way from Bikini Bottom to Clarkston.



The Independence Township Fire Department passed out goodies.



The kids were all smiles. Sometimes that happens with all the candy.



Matthew "Cookie Monster" and Olivia "Elmo" Colletti celebrate the fun.

## The friendliest forest in town

Although the Friendly Forest was rained out on its original date Oct. 28, trick-or-treaters walked through the enchanted forest dressed as their favorite cartoon characters on Oct. 29 at Clintonwood Park. The event was sponsored by the Independence Township Fire and Oakland County Sheriff's departments.

Photos by Laura Colvin



The scary children hid their smiles behind masks.



Winnie the Pooh was busy looking for the jars of honey.



# Police and Fire

## Springfield Township

**Sun., Oct. 8** Police who were called to investigate damaged property at a Springfield Township golf course discovered 4-6 inch divots carved in the shape of a semi-circle on the green.

**Fri., Oct. 20** Authorities suspected poaching when a deer carcass was discovered near Farley Road and Foster Road with the antlers removed. The animal appeared to be gutted, but not processed, and no deer kill tag was found on the scene.

**Sat., Oct. 21** Officers impounded a vehicle that was driven to a yard and abandoned seconds before police could apprehend and question the driver about erratic driving. A bag of groceries was left on the front seat.

**Mon., Oct. 23** A Holly woman reported that her wallet had been stolen from her purse, which she had placed on a shelf in an office at the Springfield Township organization where she works as a volunteer.

**Tues., Oct. 24** A Springfield Township woman filed a police report after her 10-year-old daughter was harassed by an unknown male caller asking the girl questions about her name, age, grades and the school she attends. The man also made inappropriate sexual comments when the girl turned the phone over to her mother. Police retrieved a

phone number from the family's caller ID box, and are conducting an investigation.

## Independence Township

**Tues., Oct. 24** A Waterford woman reported that a New York license plate had been yanked from the front of her car while she shopped at an Independence Township grocery store.

A Clarkston landscaping firm reported that construction equipment had been stolen from company property, and also said thieves dug three shrubs from the ground, but only managed to make off with one of the pilfered pines.

A Clarkston woman reported that a wallet containing a credit card and \$200 in cash was plucked from the seat of her unlocked vehicle.

**Thurs., Oct. 26** A collection and payments representative from an Independence Township medical group called police after the father of a young patient called and harassed her with obscene language and threats of coming to the office.

A woman living in the 5000 block of Fox Chase in Clarkston called police after returning home to discover that an intruder had pried open the garage door to gain entry to her home, going



Utility workers make repairs to a pole struck by a motorist on Oct. 23 on Holcomb Road in Independence Township. Photo by Laura Colvin

through clothing and jewelry boxes once inside. Nothing appeared to be missing from the home.

**Fri., Oct. 27** A Waterford Township man reported that someone claiming to be the assistant manager of an Independence Township bank called to tell him that a \$15,000 loan had been denied. The man said he'd applied for no such loan. An Independence Township man filed a missing person report when his 44 year-old son, who suffers from manic depres-

sion, left home and did not return.

**Sat., Oct. 28** A female patient residing in an assisted living complex on Dixie Highway in Independence Township reported that a woman claiming to represent a credit card company called to verify an \$800 credit purchase and proceeded to ask for the account number and an address, claiming she needed to stop by to verify the woman's identity.

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## Sleep: It's what you need

By Ernie Harwell

It may sound odd, but sleep is an important part of living an active, healthy life. However, studies are showing that parents and children are not getting enough sleep. And when we get into this time of the year, it's even easier to miss out on our sleep, what with all the parties and visiting and such.

Now some people may think that sleeping is a waste of time, but really it's as important to our well-being as a good diet and exercise. Lack of sleep can affect our moods, our minds and our bodies. Without it we can be cranky, not think clearly or perform as well.

So here are few tips that I follow:

- \* Set a regular bed time each night
- \* Get into a routine to help you wind down
- \* Don't eat before going to sleep
- \* Give thanks for the good things that happened: forget about the others

Turn off that TV or that computer, and just go to sleep. You'll feel rested, recharged and more alert for the following day.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg 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, 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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# Pierz Group to focus on new technologies, consumer privacy

The Pierz Group, a consulting firm based in Clarkston, will participate in an international conference on directory assistance services, 411, or 555-1212 for Michigan land lines.

The conference, which takes place Nov. 1-3 at the Marriott Centerpoint Hotel in Auburn Hills, will focus on new technologies and consumer privacy issues for directory assistance services.

"In the United States, directory assistance is probably one of the least understood and under-utilized consumer services," said Kathleen Pierz, managing partner of The Pierz Group:

- Fewer than 10 percent of consumers know what it costs to place a directory assistance call.

- Few people know what types of information they can request from a

411 call (movie start times, stock quotes, location-based searches, Yellow Pages searches, etc.).

- New "free-to-consumer" services have stormed the market. Some have enjoyed great success, one has already left the market.

- At most, big phone company directory assistance prices are going up. In some cases automation has been introduced, others have taken the opposite approach by delivering concierge-like services to callers.

- A project that planned to develop a directory of mobile numbers in the U.S. market failed due to miscommunication and misperceptions of what was planned. Technologies that offer consumers "iron-clad" privacy are being launched in other countries to allow

mobile numbers or unlisted residential numbers to remain unlisted, but still let consumers know who wants to reach them so that they may call that person if they choose to do so. "Outside the United States information services have evolved differently," continued Pierz.

- In most European Union countries there is strong competition in the directory assistance market.

- Consumers can choose the service they prefer, including highly specialized services such as directory assistance in foreign languages, directory assistance for religious Muslims, socially responsible services that donate profits to charity and even "Internet by phone" services where the caller can literally

ask any question at all.

These types of services, as well as issues of vital importance, such as the creation of a wireless directory (411 for mobile numbers), and consumer privacy will be discussed at the upcoming DA/DQ conference.

"We are very excited to be hosting this important high-tech event in Michigan," said Pierz.

"We will have speakers from Asia, Latin America, Europe, Canada, and all over the United States joining us with approximately 100 top-level telecommunications executives."

For more information on The Pierz Group's DA/DQ conference, visit [www.pierzgroup.com](http://www.pierzgroup.com).

## Learn what businesses have to offer

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Shanks said.

Lowrie's Landscape has three booth spaces, and will feature a display of Moon Valley premium wood furniture. Dr. Hsiao Bechinski will offer diabetes testing and possibly flu shots at her Genesys Medical Center booth. Beanstro Specialty Coffee will have free samples of its roasted beans, freshly ground or whole. Also, Advanced Pet Care will have kittens at its booth, along with pet care advice.

"The kittens are just adorable," Shanks said.

Fenton Home Furnishings will set up a room complete with furnishings for the Expo, a feat more impressive due to the limited time available to set up. The Expo will be held at Clarkston High School, so exhibits can't be set up until classes are dismissed.

"They'll do some amazing things in one-and-a-half hours," Shanks said.

The Expo helps connect the local

business community with local customers, she said.

"It helps the community discover the value of local business, the number and variety of local business," she said. "It's a great way to connect with them."

For the fifth year, the North Oakland Technical Center's culinary arts program will serve refreshments at the Expo.

"It's a special project for them," Shanks said. "They test, prepare and serve finger foods and desserts - they're always outstanding, a great showcase for them."

The Expo is one day only, from 5-8 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 2. Clarkston High School is located at 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Tickets are \$5 at the door, but complementary passes are available from chamber members.

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## Union becomes church again

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their wedding nuptials free from interference.

"I'm proud of my people," Catalo said.

The couple and their friends celebrated the wedding at the Union, then the reception at their Clarkston home. Catalo and the Union staff catered the reception with the restaurant's signature Mac and Cheese and other dishes.

Another famous Clarkston resident is also back in town. Bob Seger's concert tour is scheduled for mid-Michigan this month. Could another famous visit be coming soon?

"You never know," Catalo said. "If the man likes Mac and Cheese, you can't rule it out."

## Messiah rehearsals open

A Community Choir will perform selections from Handel's *Messiah* with a portion of the Clarkston High School Orchestra on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. Rehearsals are held every Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

The directed is Michael Anderson. Everyone is welcome to participate. For more information call 248-323-1323

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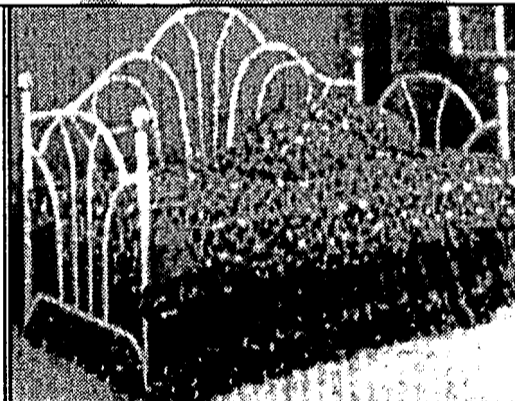
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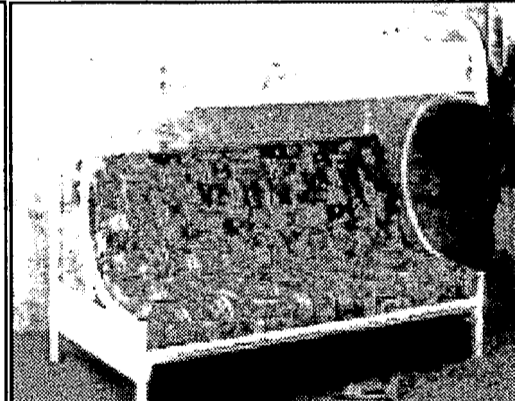
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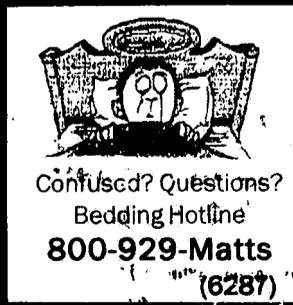
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# Council members debate police issue

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checks, anything extra cost the city extra money."

The mayor also has serious concerns about allowing an outside entity to designate which services the city can receive, and when. Subcontracting with Independence Township would create just such a situation, she said, and the funds Clarkston pays for its own police service may do little more than help the township pay its own bill from the OCSD. But with all the reasons the mayor lists for keeping the police department intact, one argument she calls "very important" stands out above the rest.

"If we were to dissolve the police department and we found out we weren't getting what we wanted from the county, we'd never be able to reestablish our own force again," she said. "It would be a monumental effort in time and effort, but financially, we could never do it."

Catallo, who has served as mayor for 24 years, believes she has a long-standing, personal relationship with the community, and has rolled up her sleeves and supported the community through a myriad of growth and change. It is a long history, she said, that helps her understand how the people of Clarkston want to spend their tax dollars.

"The input from residents was so strong when we established our own police department," she said. "They finally had what they wanted."

The mayor's opponent, Steve Wylie, won his election to city council two years ago, and first voiced his proposal to consider changes in the city's police services

during last winter's budget meetings. Since that time, Wylie has remained firm in his conviction that the city could save a large sum of money by disbanding the police department, reclaiming its \$239,000 budget, and subcontracting with the township for shared services at half the cost.

Wylie, who does not have Catallo's background in community politics, is the CFO of Qualis Automotive, a company he helped found. With a background in accounting, Wylie has strong qualifications in business and financial matters. He was responsible, he said, for successfully marketing his company to an investment fund, and has put together 30 business budgets. It is this business background, he believes, that Clarkston needs to help ease the current financial strain, replenish the rainy day fund—which stands at only \$55,000—and begin to lower taxes.

If his plan to eliminate the police department and the cost of maintaining the building at 3 E Church is administered, Wylie claims residents could see a 3 mill tax roll back, or \$420 per average home.

"The Oakland County Sheriff's Department would do a fine job," Wylie said, "and given our financial difficulties, the choice is clear to go with them and accrue the savings."

But Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs argues that dissolving the department at 3 East Church would be a detriment to residents and cost more in the long run. The value of service provided, he said, is an issue to be taken seriously.

"They're getting a dedicated police department that has a very fast response time," he said, "usually under two minutes if the officer's not on another call."

Additionally, he said, with a population of less than a thousand and only a half-square-mile area, the department is in a position to police the city in a proactive manner that

deters speeding and crime. The department has cars patrolling every street in the city several times each day, a service the OCSD, with 36 square miles to patrol, simply could not afford in time or resources, the chief said.

"You can't measure how many crimes we've stopped because someone saw a patrol car coming," he said. "There's a reputation among people who rob and steal — this is not the best place to come because you're going to get caught."

Chief Combs was credited with spotting and apprehending a married couple who used their four young children as cover while they held up an Independence Township bank in July.

In addition to the value of service provided to the residents, Combs cites the loss of control over local policy and budget issues as a major concern for residents.

"I am responsible to the council for the money I spend to maintain the department," he said. "The township is not going to provide them with an itemized account of how those funds were spent."

Concerns were also raised about vacating the building at 3 East Church, where the township currently houses much of its DPW equipment; a lift truck and a dump truck are both crammed into the garage, along with a tractor, street sweeper, barricades, welding equipment, torches, tool boxes, and the like.

The city office garage offers no relief, as it is also filled to capacity. Combs also provided figures for approximately \$32,000 in revenue brought in by the department through circuit court, Breathalyzer tests and other miscellaneous sources. It was not clear if those numbers were figured into the final savings generated by vacating the building. Echoing the mayor's concern, Combs wondered what would be-

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come of the city if residents were not receiving satisfactory services from the OCSD services.

Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Oakland County Sheriff Department's Independence substation, said he will not worry if the time comes for him to take over.

The response time will be at least as good, he said, and the typical resident will not notice any changes.

"When they want the police they're going to have the police," he said.

LaBair said he has heard the concerns about returning to the "drive-through" service residents got prior to 1993, but adds that his patrol has at least doubled since that time.

"Yes, it's going to be spread a little thin," he said. "You can't expect to cut your costs in half without cutting your service someplace."

But he said, the OCSD has highly paid, highly trained officers on the job, and the entire department is an integral part of the community and supported by the township board as such.

"If you ask me 'can you do the job?' I can look you right in the eye and say yes," he said. "We can do the job just as well as it's being done now."

To ensure that residents have a voice in the final decision, the city council is in the process of assembling a five-person Police Committee that will study the issue and make recommendations to the council. Committee nominations were scheduled to take place at the Oct. 23 council meeting, but were postponed until after the Nov. 7 election when voters will elect at least two, and possibly three, new council members.

"I want the best police service we can get for Clarkston," said Wylie, "and I will support whatever recommendations the Police Committee brings back."

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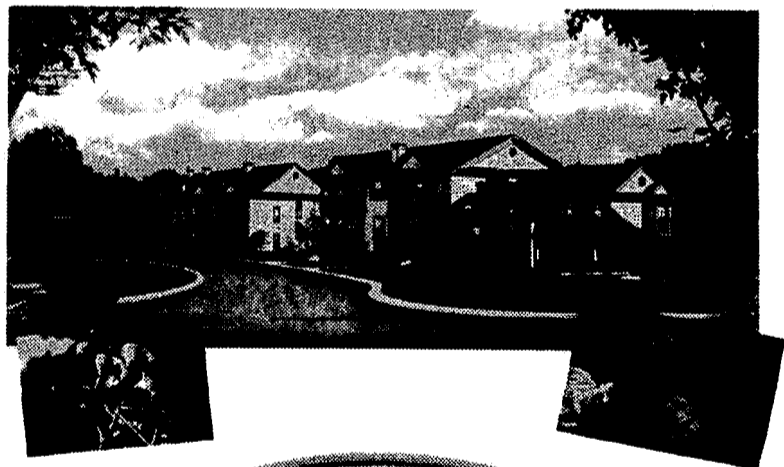
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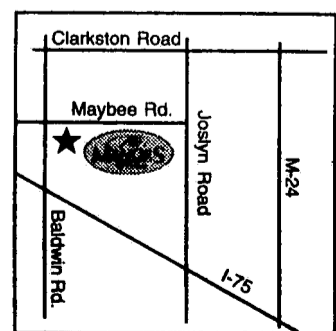
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The Clarkston High School Marching Band performed in Flight I competition of the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals on Oct. 28 ranking in then top 10. The 27th Annual MCBA State Championships were held at Ford Field in Detroit.

The Band earned a performance position by by scoring as one of the top 10 Flight I Bands in Michigan. Flights are determined by school population.

The CHS Marching Band is directed by Michael Lewis; assistant directors are Shelley Roland and Justin Harris. The 2006 Show was "The New World Symphony" which featured the music of

Czech composer Antonin Dvorak. The band scored well throughout the season earning 1st place at the Livonia Franklin Invitational, 2nd place at the West Bloomfield Invitational, and bringing home trophies for Best General Effect and Best Marching Captions at the Livonia Franklin performance.

The directors and dedicated marching staff rehearse with the marching band on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on performance days prior to competition. The Marching Band is comprised of 140 students from grades 9-12. Drum majors are Todd Morra, Brittany Walsh, and Amy Arpke.

## Jessica's Clarkson friends give support

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plications caused by leukemia. She never complained, Sjef said.

"She must have been at peace with God - she never once complained," he said.

Two years ago, Sjef moved to Missouri because of work. Most of the family remained in Clarkston until the house could sell. Jessica was the first family member to join him in their new home.

"It was her and I for a while," he said.

His birthday was during that time. That day, when he came home from work, Jessica surprised him with a birthday cake.

"It was actually a birthday pie," he said. "She had made a banner that said, 'Happy Birthday Dad.'"

She also cooked dinner, macaroni and cheese - she was 12.

"That was great - we played games and laughed for a couple hours," he said.

Jessica's disease progressed rapidly. Her parents took her to Children's Mercy hospital in Missouri to check on a puffy spot on her cheek. After a series of tests, it was diagnosed as leukemia, and chemotherapy was prescribed. She had just begun a 2 1/2 year chemo process when complications developed.

"We figured we had lots of time,"

Sjef said. "It was really quick."

She was home and cooked dinner for her family on Wednesday, but on Thursday she was in pain and was admitted to the hospital. On Saturday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m., she passed away.

Several friends flew down from Clarkston, including the Bouchards and Jessica's pastor, the Rev. Tim Combs, who performed the funeral service.

"That meant so much to us," Carole said.

Nancy and Lloyd Riddle, the Benninks' close friends and neighbors in Clarkston, also flew down.

"Jessica was a really neat girl," Nancy said. "She had blossomed into a beautiful young woman - she was intelligent and athletic. Her poems had deep thinking in them."

Her friends, old and new, filled journals and poster boards with their memories of Jessica, said Cathy Bouchard, Danielle's mother.

"It was beautiful - it was very sad," Cathy said. "The world lost a very wonderful person."

The Jessica Ann Bennink Memorial Fund has been set up with Bank of America. Condolences may be sent to the Bennink family at 4147 SE Paddock Dr., Lee's Summit, MO, 64082, or e-mail [CBennink@aol.com](mailto:CBennink@aol.com).

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# Clarkston News Sports

## Rematch on hand

### Wolves trounce Romeo, meet Lake Orion in district finals

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News  
Staff Writer

Before the arrival of the field turf at Clarkston High School's stadium, the first round playoff game between the Wolves (9-1) and the Romeo Bulldogs (7-3) on Oct. 27 might have easily turned into a "mud bowl," as some games around the county did on that night.

Fans braved the harsh rainy conditions; sitting huddled in groups under a sea of umbrellas to watch the Wolves pounce on Romeo, 21-0.

Senior quarterback Eric Ogg used up his time in the pocket and found daylight outside, turning in two touchdown runs of his own. The first came less than three minutes into the game on a 53-yard

scramble, finishing a six-play, 71-yard drive.

"Coaches keep telling me to run the ball all the time and I finally did and it worked out," Ogg said.

The victory was great for the team, coming off its first loss of the season one week earlier, Wolves Coach Kurt Richardson said.

"We talked about bouncing back and this being a character win, a gut-check win where you find out what you're made of when you get beat and there is a little adversity.

"I thought we played really well on both sides of the ball, I thought the first score on the scramble by Eric set the tone," Richardson said.

"I think scoring first (was important) because with this weather, it could have gotten ugly. On a night like this we didn't turn the ball over, that's exceptional...he did a good



Quarterback Eric Ogg charges through the driving rain and Bulldogs' defense on Oct. 27. Clarkston plays Lake Orion on Nov. 3 in the district finals. Photo by Ken Lemieux, www.kenlemieuxphotography.com

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Freshman Bailee Braunreuther finished in 14th place at the regional meet at Clintonwood Park on Oct. 27. Photo by Paul Kampe

## Runners earn state finals berth

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff  
Writer

Cold and rainy conditions plagued the area on Oct. 27, but cross country goes on. Clintonwood Park in Independence Township was the spot for the state regional meet, where the Clarkston Wolves boys team placed two runners in the top 10, and earned state finals honors. The defending state champions girls team also finished all seven of its runners in the top 20.

The girls outran the

nine other teams of region six, with Kristen Smith finishing in third place at 18:46.1. Olivia Allen (19:10.7), Tiffany Kincaid (19:16.8) and Katie Vondette (19:17.3) finished in places 7-9 for Clarkston. Bailee Braunreuther (19:38.4) finished 14th and Breanne Timm (19:57.4), and Angela Haight (20:16.6) were no. 's 16-17.

The Wolves were the top team with 41 points, nudging both Troy (44) and Troy Athens (60). The competition was far behind

those top-three programs, as fourth place Farmington Hills Mercy had 153 points and fifth place Birmingham Groves had 161 points.

Clarkston qualifies for the state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn on Nov. 4 with its victory. The reigning state champions will make their sixth consecutive trip to the state finals.

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## Athlete of the week

### Janek knows no pressure

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff  
Writer

Success at an early age might be a tough burden to bear. However, Clarkston sophomore varsity player Nicole Janek was able to capture her second consecutive state championship on Oct. 21.

Janek, along with Darylann Trout and Alyssa Lucas, is also an all-league player this season.

Janek, 15, won no. 4 singles at the state championships last year as a freshman, and this season she was looking to repeat as no. 3 singles.

"It feels like I'm proving myself," Janek said. "Although I'm a sophomore, I feel like I've shown

what I can really do." Janek was able to put aside the notion of being an underdog these past two seasons and get down to what really matters - winning.

"I had to play seniors both years in the finals. I don't know if they thought they could beat me, but they were both my (regular season) losses and I beat them in the finals. They probably thought they could beat me, but I didn't let that get to me again. I just played the ball, not them."

Girls tennis coach Craig Judd said Janek has held up well the past two years.

"Her record addresses that...she's won," he said.

Judd said Nicole has grown both mentally and physically.

"She just got little bit stronger and mentally tougher, and she's physically stronger. She's matured as a person," he said.

Janek said the attention she pays to her sport is what really helps her stay competitive, including her work with a personal trainer and taking dance

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No. 3 singles state champion Nicole Janek shows off her medal. This was the second year in a row she won at the state finals. Photo by Paul Kampe



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# Not the great Lakers' state

## Wolves finish West Bloomfield in 2OT

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Athletes have been said to be creatures of habit, some good and some bad. For the Clarkston Wolves girls basketball team, their habit of going into overtime almost came back to bite them.

The Wolves' (11-5) fourth overtime game of the season came against West Bloomfield (9-8) on Oct. 26. It yielded the same result as those prior, a victory, 46-42.

"We like to have them close and we're finding ways to win," Clarkston Coach Tim Wasilk said.

The Wolves were looking to beat the Lakers, a team it lost to Oct. 3.

The Lakers did not go away quietly after falling behind 10-0 in the first quarter. They would keep the game close, tying the final minutes and taking the game to double overtime.

"We had a long way to dig out and to have the stamina to play an additional whole half of a game showed our character, I really give them credit," Lakers Coach Pam Mahoney said.

"We got a rough start tonight, I don't know what it was, we came out seemingly lethargic. They hit a three and that really takes a lot of air out of you," Mahoney said.

Jennifer Johnston again paced the Wolves in scoring with 14 points. Samantha Carter had nine points and Chelsea Kouri scored eight points. Both Jessica Palace and Taylor Daugherty had six points for Clarkston.

Clarkston shot 47-percent from the floor for the

night, while the Lakers only made 31-percent of their field goals.

"When our shooters are on, it definitely helps out and gives us a lot of momentum, no doubt about it. We have a little swagger to ourselves on the offensive end and we put a lot of effort and time into shooting in practice and hopefully it's starting to come around and pay off," Wasilk said.

Throughout the night, the Lakers used several different tactics to try and contain Kouri's play.

"I give her all the credit in the world, it took everything we had. We threw maybe five different defenses out there to try to counter her and that shot. They run the most disciplined man-to-man offense I've ever seen. It's no wonder they beat us," Mahoney said.

Wasilk said Kouri's four-years of experience at the varsity level helped her overcome the challenges West Bloomfield threw at her.

"She was patient and when shots came to her, she took them. She didn't force them and she played within herself."

Chanise Miller led West Bloomfield with 16 points and Brittany Jones scored 10.

After falling behind early on, the Lakers played themselves back into the game by outscoring the Wolves 13-7 in the second quarter. At halftime Clarkston had a 17-13 lead.

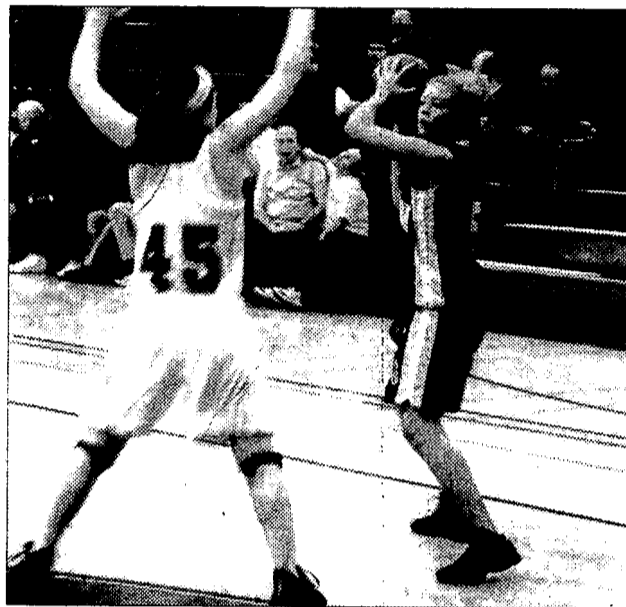
The Wolves later went cold from the field late in the fourth quarter, scoring its final points of regulation on a Kouri three-pointer with four minutes remaining.

Carter was forced into a backcourt violation and Brittany Jones tied the score for West Bloomfield after

Wed., November 1, 2006 The Clarkston (MI) News 17 A rebounding a shot by Miller.

The teams played even in the first overtime session and the Wolves sealed the game in the second, as Johnston made a three-point basket, putting them ahead 43-42. The Lakers missed three consecutive shots from close range on the next possession.

The win pulled the Wolves above .500 in the Oakland Activities Association for the first time at 5-4, and dropped the Lakers to 4-5 in the conference. The Wolves are now in third place behind Auburn Hills Avondale (8-1) and Rochester (7-2) in the OAA division I standings. The Wolves' game against the Captains of Waterford Kettering finished after press-time of this edition of *The Clarkston News*. Clarkston travels to Rochester on Nov. 2 to try and defeat the Falcons, who stole a win at CHS earlier this season, 48-44.



Betsy Mellen looks to pass around a Lakers' defender. Photo by Paul Kampe

# Undefeated swimmers head to league meet

## Swimmers' mark 8-0 for second consecutive season

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's girls swim team pulled off an impressive feat on Oct. 19. The girls finished their second straight undefeated season, 8-0, after defeating the Rochester Falcons 121-65 on the road.

"They got to swim their off events, different events they like and they swam well. In this division, this is the only meet (we could change), it's pretty tough," said Wolves Coach Kenwyn Chock.

The Wolves captured all but two events of the night. They won the first event, the 200-yard medley relay with the group of Kaitlyn Hassett, Molli Simpson, and both Alyssa and Julia Vela, who scored a time of 2:03.61.

Amanda Hassett (2:05.55), Michelle Vandervoord (2:13.80) and Amber Fuller (2:15.71) finished first, second and third respectively in the 200-yard freestyle that followed.

Alyssa Vela took the 200-yard individual medley

with 2:21.87 and was part of the 400-yard freestyle relay team with both Amanda and Kaitlyn Hassett, and Christine Seiple. They were victorious with a time of 3:56.00 in the final event.

Simpson took the 100-yard backstroke with 1:06.51 and Julia Vela took the 100-yard butterfly with 1:07.11.

Clarkston took first place in the Oakland Activities Association division II with the victory, while Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Lake Orion and Farmington Hills Harrison are all tied for second place at 6-2.

Chock said the three-way tie of two-loss teams is another token to the difficult nature of the division.

"That shows you how everyone knocks everybody off," Chock added.

Next on deck for the Wolves are the OAA league playoffs Nov. 1-3 at Lake Orion High School. The state finals will be on Nov. 17-18 at Oakland University

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# Janek seals second state championship

"I'm very committed to tennis," she said.

"I try to play tennis every day of the week and if I'm not, I'm hopefully dancing to improve my balance. I'm not very graceful, but I work on it a lot."

Judd said Janek's ability to hit ground strokes well is a component of her success.

"She has strong ground strokes both forehand and backhand...she's strong from the baseline," he said.

"She's consistent with them. In tennis, consistency is the key."

The University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) would be a wonderful place to continue playing after CHS and hopefully into the professional ranks, Janek said.

"They're really good at tennis and if I could go pro that would be amazing. I definitely would like to do that as a career."

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# Memories of a World Series victory

## Dentist displays favorites from 1968 Tigers' season

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Dr. Thomas Santarossa D.D.S. was 13-years old, American sports culture was different.

"Everybody had a neighborhood park, little league, all that stuff," Santarossa said. "It (baseball) was the sport...you could go anywhere and hear someone with a transistor radio on broadcasting the game. It was always on all day long."

That passion was evident when kids would play against each other.

"If you were a right handed hitter you were Willie Horton and if you were left-handed you were Norm Cash."

And even better, the 1968 Detroit Tigers, the team Santarossa went to see with his father in game four of



Dr. Santarossa shows off the items he brought to his office to show his Tigers' pride.

the World Series, were victorious over the St. Louis Cardinals. That year's squad overcame a similar 3-1 deficit, yet Apollo 7 leaving the Earth nudged the Tigers' victory from the front page of the newspaper.

"I grew up listening to Ernie Harwell and George Kell," Santarossa said, comfortably resting back in his office chair, wearing his Detroit Tigers necktie.

"I knew who was pitching when and their statistics and I could even tell you the batting order," Santarossa said.

The lifelong love for the Tigers inspired Santarossa to decorate his office building in Clarkston with memorabilia, both old and new.

Posted around the corner from his office hangs a 1968 program, pennants, and the October 11, 1968 *Detroit News* sports page, pinned to the wall. The printed pages have gotten a bit yellow and the edges worn with time, but Santarossa still remembers that day (October 6, 1968) with his father watching Denny McLain and Bob Gibson on the mound from behind home plate at Tiger Stadium. McLain, a 31-game winner in the regular season, took the loss as Detroit fell 10-1.

Later in life, Santarossa continued to watch the Tigers from the ballpark, as he and friends would travel to the ballpark for opening day. His favorite seats at the old Tiger Stadium were inside the right field porch. He enjoyed those seats because they were closer to the field than others, and fans could actually catch a fly ball that would have been in play because the seats were positioned to be an overhang on the field.

Santarossa was hoping to be able to take his children, four boys, to see the Tigers take on the Cardinals to try and relive his memories.

"I remember watching it in school, it was a really big deal," said Mary Anne Santarossa, Thomas' wife.

"Now that he has kids, he's remembering what it's like...it's exciting."

The Tigers' 2006 season has been exciting for many sports fans in the metro area.

"They brought baseball back to the city totally unexpected," Santarossa said. "This town is a baseball town, regardless of what happens, baseball will be back."

The team's popularity has gotten families together around the TV to watch the games together, including the Santarossas.

"I hope they can have the same kind of memories I had," Santarossa said.

His son Steven, 11, enjoyed watching the games with his dad.

"It's fun watching them hit home runs and going around the bases...it's amazing how they catch the outfield flies when they could nearly miss them," Steven said.

Unfortunately, the Tigers' season ended before they could bring the World Series back to Detroit, but the old saying associated with the team, "Wait 'till next year," finally has a positive connotation.



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## Wolves headed for rematch on rival's turf

job and called a lot of audibles tonight and threw the ball well with this stuff (rain)."

Clarkston's second score came when Jimmy Popp completed the team's 83-yard trip with a five-yard dash for a 14-0 lead after an Ogg 15-yard rush. The drive started at the Wolves' own 17-yard line after a quick punt from Bulldogs' quarterback Aaron Ploetz, after Romeo set up in a regular offensive formation on a fourth down with four yards to go.

Later in the second quarter, the Wolves took over on downs after outside linebacker Bren Bergquist stopped Ploetz's rush short of the first down. Clarkston moved the ball 61-yards in five plays, a drive capped with Ogg's second touchdown run, a two-yard run, giving Clarkston its final score of the night.

The Wolves would move into scoring position midway through the third quarter. After Matt Smith sacked Ogg for a five-yard loss, Ryan Breen's 31-yard field goal attempt traveled far right of the uprights.

Romeo had a chance to score two minutes into the fourth quarter.

Doug Sharples dropped Ploetz's pass on fourth down, giving the ball back to Clarkston.

"They're an extremely good football team. They're very fast and very physical. They were successful in limiting our running game. Hats off to them, they did a great job," said Bulldogs Coach Jason Couch.

"We thought we had a few formations that would give them trouble, but they adjusted to them really well."

With the win, Clarkston moves to the district finals where it will face off against week 9 opponent Lake Orion, which defeated Waterford Mott handily, 40-0. The next meeting is at Lake Orion High School on Nov. 3.

The Wolves are looking to improve over the last meeting, where the Dragons dominated in a 32-8 victory at Clarkston, giving them the Oakland Activities Association championship solo for the first time ever.

"We're looking to totally change our game plan. We need to play a lot better than we did last time," Ogg said.

The winner of the district final will move on to the regional finals versus the victor of the district final game between Clinton Township Chippewa Valley (7-2) and Macomb Dakota (9-1).

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## Girls cross country headed to state finals

"They just did fabulous as a team. Up until this time...they haven't utilized each other. We talked about running as a team and we ran well as a team together and helped each other out," Coach Jamie Labrosse said.

"It was just a great run."

For the boys team, Jeff Kuhl (seventh place, 16:29.3) and Nick LaMora (10th place, 16:35.0) qualified for the state finals. This will be LaMora's third trip and the team went collectively the past two seasons.

"I'm proud of them today. They both lived up to their potential and they're going to the state (finals)," Coach Mike Taylor said.

"With their backs to the wall, those two guys did what they had to do to get to state."

"I came off of an injury. I thought I had a good race and I'm really looking forward to states," LaMora said.

"Last year I took 42nd, I want to step it up and go all state this year."

"The whole season everyone has been telling me I'm holding back," Kuhl said.

"Today, I really feel like I went all-out."

As a team, the Wolves placed sixth overall with a score of 151. Warren DeLaSalle was victorious with 70 points, Troy Athens second place with 80, Detroit U of D Jesuit had 82, Troy 105, and Birmingham Brother Rice had 134 points, rounding out the top five.

Taylor said six of seven runners on the team set personal best finishes at the meet also.

"This was by far our best meet of the year, so it's a nice way to finish the year."

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# State proposals at the ballot box

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dollars to habitat conservation/management and local economies.

- Because Mourning Doves are so abundant in population, hunters have a better chance of success thus creating golden opportunities to expose new people to hunting and get them hooked on the sport.

- With the number of hunters on the decline, dove hunting would help ensure the future of the sport by cultivating the next generation of participants.

- Dove hunting also gives the elderly and disabled a relatively easier and less physically taxing hunting opportunity than upland game birds or small game like rabbit, all of which require a lot of walking.

Reasons to vote "no" on Proposal 3:

- Banned in 1905, the dove hunting is not a tradition in Michigan nor is it part of the state's hunting heritage.

- Hunting doves is unnecessary and serves no wildlife management purpose.

- Mourning Doves are known as the farmer's friend because they are a ground-feeding bird that eats pest weed seeds and pose no threat to agricultural crops.

- As live songbirds, Mourning Doves have significant economic value as they are a vital part of the multi-billion dollar bird watching and feeding industry in the state. More Michigan residents engage in wild bird watching and spend more money to do it than any other outdoor activity.

- Doves have very little edible meat on them and during the shooting season of September through October, they're actually at their lightest body weight of the year.

- Because doves are still nesting during the 60-day shooting season, many dependent young will die of starvation in the nest, even if only one of the parents is killed by a hunter. Doves mate for life because both parents are required to successfully raise their young.

- One in three doves is wounded and not retrieved after being shot, according to research studies. Because there's no tradition of dove hunting in Michigan, fewer hunters have the experience of shooting at doves, meaning there will be a wounding rate higher than the average 30 percent.

- It's unnecessary to hunt doves because there are already more than 115 game species to hunt in Michigan, 40 of which are birds such as pheasant, woodcock, grouse, geese, ducks, etc.

According to ballot language, **proposal 4** is a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit government from taking private property by eminent domain for certain private purposes.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- prohibit government from taking private property for transfer to another private individual or business for purposes of economic development or increasing tax revenue;

- provide that if an individual's principal residence is taken by government for public use, the individual must

be paid at least 125% of property's fair market value;

- require government that takes a private property to demonstrate that the taking is for a public use; if taken to eliminate blight, require a higher standard of proof to demonstrate that the taking of that property is for a public use;

- preserve existing rights of property owners.

Proponents of the amendment argue that it is needed to protect the rights of property owners. It bans the transfer of property from a private business or person to another private business or person just to raise tax revenue. In cases where it happens, then the owner gets paid 125 percent of the property's fair market value. It also makes it more difficult for government to declare that a property is blighted.

Opponents argue that 125 percent is too much, and that it makes it too difficult for governments to resell blighted property for private development.

**Proposal 06-5** is a legislative initiative to establish mandatory school funding levels.

If passed, the proposed law "will require the state to provide annual inflationary based increases to local public schools, community colleges and four year universities", said Ken MacGregor, a spokesperson for proposal sponsor, the K-16 Coalitions for Michigan's Future. The K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future is a group comprised of statewide education organizations including the Michigan Education Association (MEA).

- The proposed law would increase current funding by about \$565 million, and require the state to fund any deficiencies from the General Fund.

MacGregor responded:

"The initial increase will be \$565 million and that rate will change each year with based on the previous years inflation. This funding would come from the General Fund. It would be up to lawmakers to determine this funding."

- Require State to fund any deficiencies from the General Fund. "If the district is short money the state would have to fund the deficiencies rather than the school district pushing taxpayers for more money."

- Funding would be based on a three-year student enrollment average for districts with declining enrollment. "By using the enrollment average over three years to determine funding rather than a yearly count this would lessen the sudden impact on schools with big declines in enrollment in a given budget year."

- Reduce and cap retirement fund contribution paid by public education facilities. "Currently, employees pay a portion and the school picks up the remaining funding for retirement. Under Proposal 5 the state would pay a portion of the retirement along with the employee and school. The district's amount would be capped at about 14 percent."

- Reduce funding gap between districts receiving per-pupil foundation allowance and those receiving the maximum foundation allowance. "Currently the gap is \$1,300 and over the next three to five years that gap would be reduced to about \$1,000."

# Candidates run for city council

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businesses by introducing them to those new to the area.

Ottman has a background in retail management, but made the choice to stay home with her four young sons these days. As the mother of such a young, large brood, she said, sleeping is something of a sport.

Still, she makes time to be involved in her neighborhood and her community.

"Life isn't always easy," she said, "and we don't always get what we want." But as long as I do what I think is right, then I know I've done my best."

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personal stake in being there," she said.

Coventry, who likes to cook and cross stitch in her leisure time, has been married to husband Steve for 32 years and currently works along side him in several family businesses. The couple have three grown daughters and three granddaughters.

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to do a job. That means you take care of everyone, not just a few."

Rausch has a penchant for vintage fire engines, and enjoys restoring the trucks and running them in local parades. Old buildings also get his attention - and his handiwork. He and his wife Jan have five children and seven grandchildren, and have lived in Clarkston 25 years.

# Upcoming Wint programs

Fall programs at the Wint Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw Road, run through November with learning and fun for all ages. Events include:

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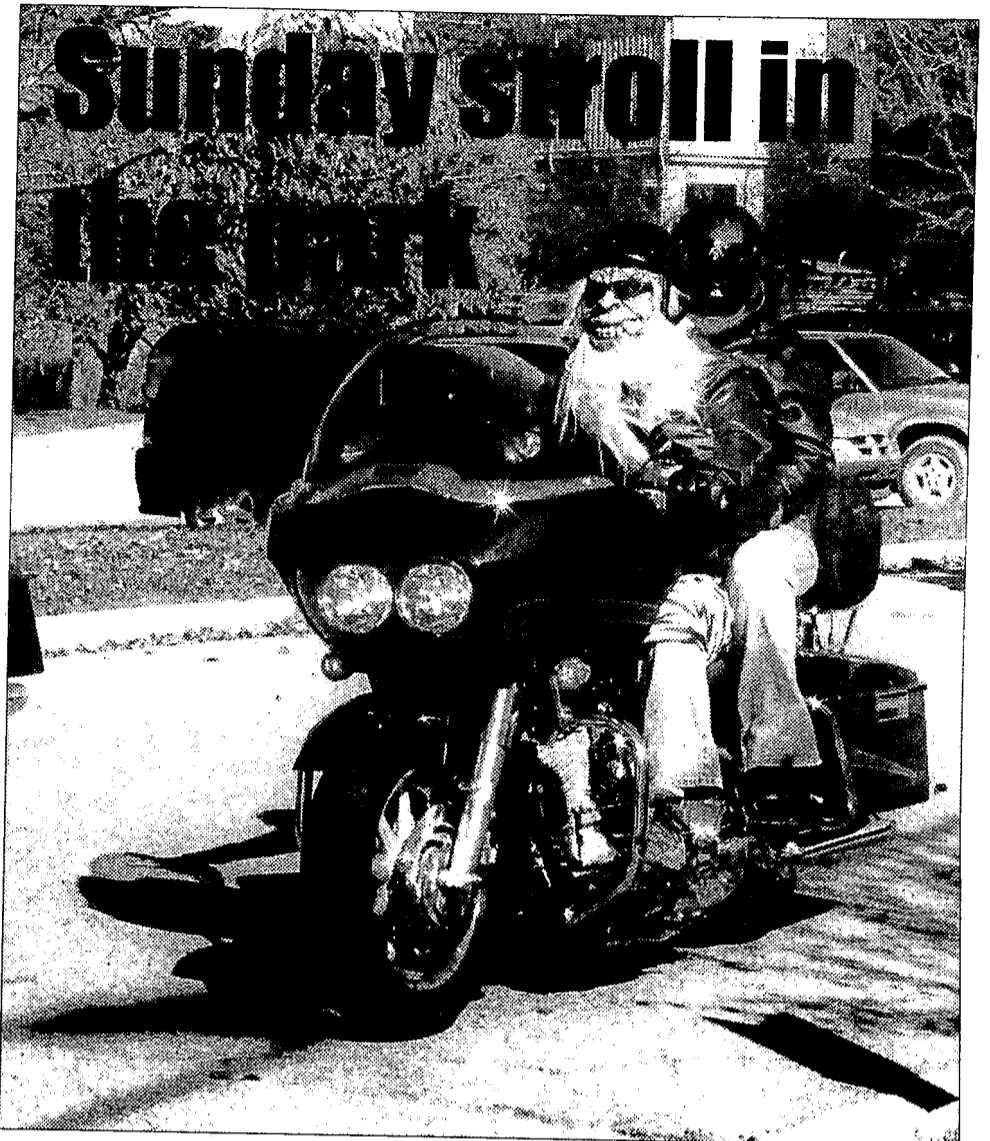
Ethan Plourde, Stephanie Rots and Taylor Lindsey pose in front of the lawn ornament Lindsey later won in a raffle.



Lynda Pugno fills up Stephanie Rots' goody bag.



Gary Wolf, left, and Kal Riddell, friends of Mamon, volunteered for their first Halloween ride.



# Sunday stroll in

## the park

A familiar face rolls into Depot Park to help support Halloween for special needs children.

The annual Kaz Mamon Halloween Ride for Children came to Depot Park on Oct. 29. The event was postponed due to poor weather conditions the day before. On this day though, the sun shined and many children went home with Halloween treats. *Photos by Paul Kampe*



Mamon, dressed as a character from an infamous movie series, passes out goodies.



Sydney Adams gets her turn behind the wheel.



Nora Leonard, right, and Kaitlynn McMichael check out the ducks.

**People Poll**

*What's important this election?*



"Issues with the schools and making sure they're financed is high in mind."  
— Dave Whitehead



"The economy, that's the central issue in Michigan right now."  
— Jerry Weiland



"I'm interested in the real issues, not just the ones that come up in October. The traditional issues to do with school quality and lower taxes (are important to me)."  
— Tim Busch



"The war in Iraq."  
— Lee Ellen Kerr  
By Paul Kampe

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Springfield Township election volunteers learn how to use a vote-tabulation machine. Photo by Laura Colvin.

## Residents work to empower voters

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Springfield Township woman squints in concentration, trying hard to understand and absorb the meaning of every word, every sentence, every rule — and there are so many rules — flying across the room as Nancy Strole speaks.

The woman seems puzzled when Strole slows her explanation momentarily to explain the process of handling a spoiled ballot.

"What would you do with the ballot," the woman asks, "just shred it or something?"

Around the table, a few people giggle, perhaps wondering the same thing. Others, more experienced, exhale a long "noooooo."

The woman, and the 20 or so others who sit with her around the big table in the Springfield Township offices, are ordinary Americans citizens who have signed up for the extraordinary job of serving as an election inspector.

At the head of the room, township Clerk Nancy Strole is in charge. It is her responsibility to see that all seven of her voter precincts — eight when there's an absentee ballot — are properly staffed with election officials — also known less formally as "election volunteers," or "those nice people who help out during the elections."

"Most people show up at the polls and assume all this happens mysteriously," Strole said, "but every one of those inspectors must be trained, certified and sworn in."

Each must also pay close attention to detail. Serial numbers and seal numbers must be recorded. Ballots must be carefully distributed, numbers for spoiled ballots must be crossed out, re-recorded and ballots reissued. Notes must be made for any and every incident out of

the ordinary, and the rules for those voting challenged or provisional ballots must be learned.

And the one phrase election inspectors will hear over and over while they are learning the ropes will strike fear into their first few elections: At the end of the night, every single ballot must be accounted for. If a ballot is missing, a detailed description of how it went missing should be entered into the log book.

"All my inspectors take their responsibilities very seriously," Strole said. "They all have a sense they are providing a public service to the community and they take pride in that."

Six months of planning goes into every election, she said, so there's much more to the whole process than meets the eye. But if everything runs smoothly, and it usually does, the average voter remains happily oblivious to the intricate details of the polling place.

Sometimes, though, there's a bump in the road.

"Once the tabulator just stopped tabulating," said Gwen Joseph, an election inspector who is the director of corporate relations and special events at Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. "You have to know what to do when that happens because people do not want to stand there waiting when there's a problem."

Fixing such a problem, she explained, is more complicated than just getting the machine running again. The ballots that accumulate while the machine is down must be handled in a very specific way, stored and fed into the machine according to detailed instructions designed to maintain the integrity of the vote.

Sue Chase, a retired hairdresser, has worked long days at the polls during every election — except one primary — ever since she inherited the job from

her ill mother some 23 years ago. During that time she's seen a little excitement and a lot of changes.

"We had a bomb threat in 1986," she said. "I turned around and saw the clerk... standing over in the corner looking worried. He called me out into the hallway and told me someone had called in a bomb threat, and that I could go home if I wanted to."

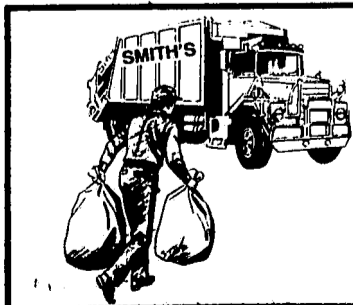
He told Chase to offer the other inspectors the same opportunity, but all chose to stay, she said, except for one young mother. It turned out to be a hoax. Lately, Chase said, she is surprised and delighted to see the up-and-coming generation taking a serious, informed interest in politics and policy.

"More and more young people are coming in to vote," she said, "and they take it much more seriously than those who've been coming for years."

In addition to the care taken with ballots in the regular precincts, that same attention to detail must be exercised with absentee ballots, counted in a special precinct dubbed 8C.

"The whole process is important," said Jean Vallad, who works as an 8C inspector when her name is not on the ballot for reelection to the Springfield Township Parks commission. "As an elected official I've come to realize that if we are concerned about something that's happening around us, we have to get out and vote. It's the only way to make changes."

Springfield Township's seven precincts open at 6 a.m. Tues. Nov. 7. Nancy Strole has her election inspectors trained, certified and ready to ensure that residents have a positive, private voting experience. It's the American way.



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# Around Town

Lewis E Wint and Son Funeral Home will facilitate a **Widowed Support Group** meeting on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. This month's topic is "Help for the Upcoming Holidays." All area men and women recently widowed are invited to attend the free session. No registration is necessary. Walk-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Wint Funeral Home at 248-625-5231.

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The Clarkston Village Players will present **Enchanted April** at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Rd., Clarkston. Nov. 3-4, 10-12, 16-18. Curtain time Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m., Thursday 7:30 p.m. For information and tickets, call 248-625-8811 or e-mail cvptickets@comcast.net.

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**Veterans Recognition Lunch**, 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Nov. 7, at the Independence Township Senior Center Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Lunch is complementary for veterans due to sponsorship by the Lourdes Campus of Waterford. Spouses and family are welcome for a cost-sharing donation of \$3 for those 60+ and \$4 for those under 60.

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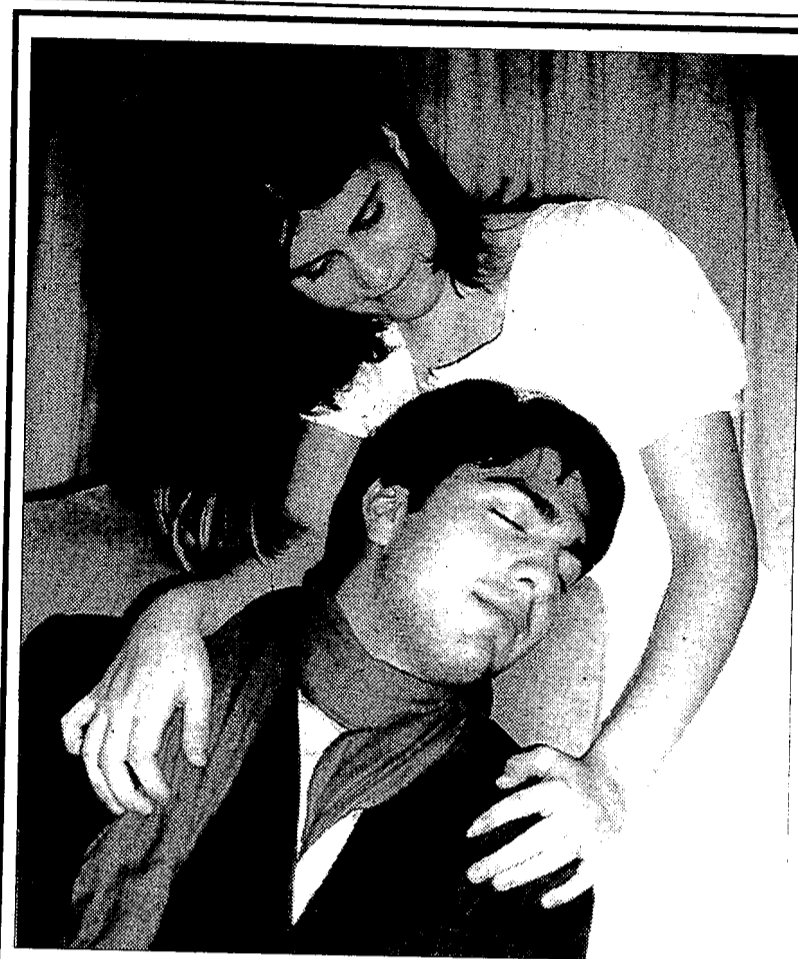
Clarkston Community Women's Club **Annual Holiday Auction** at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Independence Township Library. Call 248-620-0444.

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All-You-Can-Eat **Italian Dinner** to benefit North Oakland Right to Life from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$25 for families. Call 248-623-9340 or 248-625-3933.

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Clarkston Community Historical Society will hold a benefit performance by the



## Sharing a 'secret'

Elizabeth Troy of Waterford performs as Lilius, along with Peter Gargaro of Bloomfield, in the Starlight Youth Theater production of "The Secret Garden." The musical, sponsored by the Oakland Theatre Guild, will run Nov. 2-5 at the Starlight Theater, 315 N. Telegraph in the Summit Place Mall. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Call 248-335-1788.

that which they have read in the month's assigned book. Though no particular religion or ideology is set forth, a foundational understanding or yearning to grow in faith is the underlying commonality. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own book, which are available at Sweetgrass, located at 616 Broadway.

Participants should have finished the book by this date and be ready to discuss it in whatever manner is comfortable. Walk-ins are welcome. November's book is "Life is short - wear your pajamas" by Loretta LaRoche. For more information or to RSVP, call the Sweetgrass at 248-634-7880.

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Are you a writer, but nobody else know? Are you a closet poet? Do you have a novel hiding within your soul just waiting to be drawn out? Have you done a bit of writing but are fearful to go further with your craft? Would you like to gather with other who yearn to write and share that passion with others?

The new **Sweetgrass Writer's Support Group** may be right for your. The group will meet each Thursday at 1 p.m. at Sweetgrass in Davisburg. Plan to bring a sample of your work you might like to share, paper and pen and a spirit of open creativity. Julia Cameron's book, *The Sound of Paper* will be used as a springboard for discussion and writing. Books are available for purchase at Sweetgrass. Please RSVP by call 248-634-7880. walk-ins are welcome.

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The Clarkston Rotary Club is holding a **Wine Tasting Gala** tonight, Nov. 1, from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. at Bordine Nursery, located at 8600 Dixie Hwy. Tickets are available at the chamber office or from local Rotarians. Tickets cost \$30 each in advance, \$35 each at the door. Call 248-625-8055.

Clarkston Village Players of *A Talent for Murder* on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. This entertaining play promises plenty of mystery, suspense and laughter. Your \$18 ticket includes hors d'Oeuvres and wine/beer/soda. Proceeds go to the Clarkston Heritage Museum, located in Independence Library. Call 248-922-3757 for tickets.

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"**Happy Ever After and How To Get There**" a series of informational seminars on topics relevant to the aging population are scheduled for Saturdays, Dec. 2 and Feb. 3 at Clarkston Junior High School from 9 a.m. - Noon. Seating is limited. To reserve seats or for more information, call 248-625-5556, ext. 162

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**Bowling** on Mondays at 1 p.m. through May 7 at

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more information, call Chris Kokenos at (800) 397-9360.

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The **Clarkston Lions Club** holds meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour. The official meeting takes place at 7 p.m.

The Lions meet in the Carriage House, next to the senior center, in Clintonwood Park. For more information, please call 248-484-7130.

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Not all book clubs are created equally. A **reading group** forming at Sweetgrass in downtown Davisburg is one designed to feed the soul and awaken the spirit.

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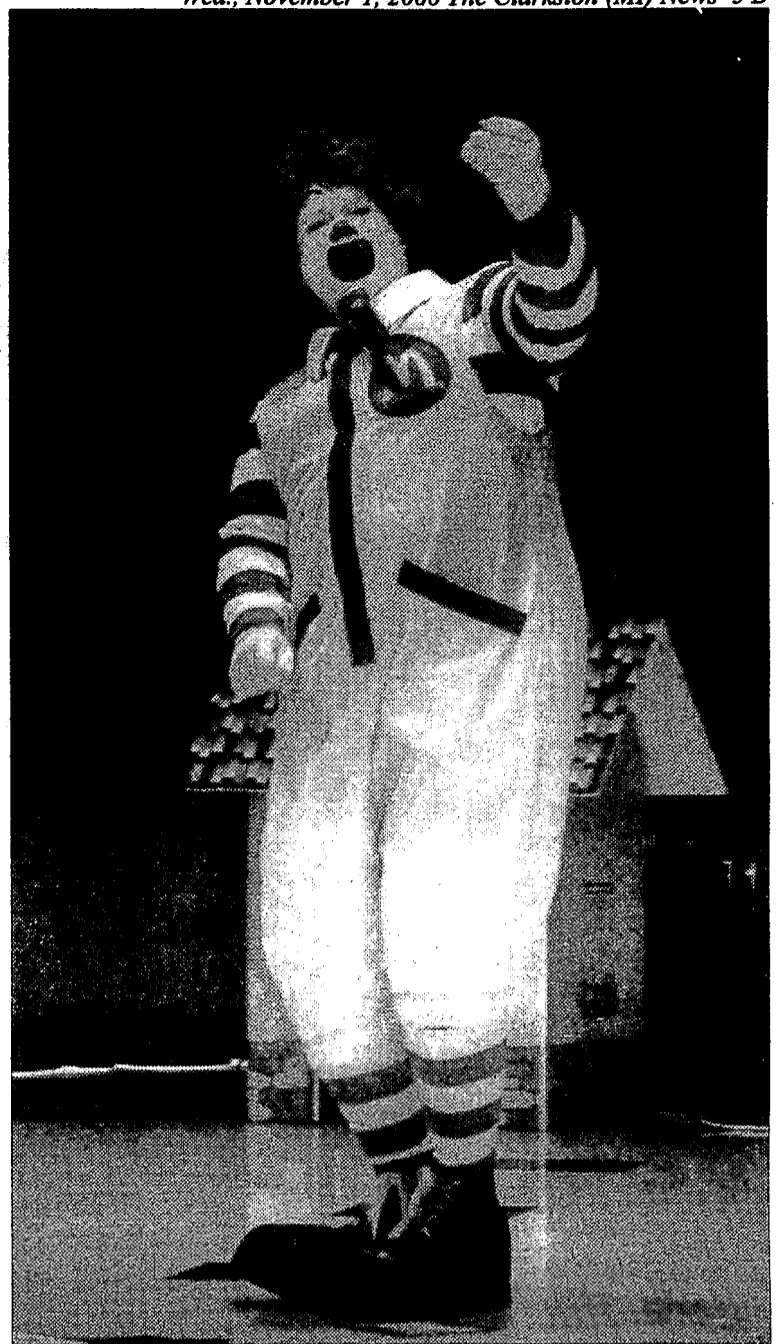
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### Ronald McDonald pays a visit to Springfield Plains Elementary



Staff and students at Springfield Plains Elementary got a special visit from RONald McDonald, who talked everyone about ways to keep active and healthy. Photos by Andrew DuPont



During the show, Ronald sent a giant inflatable ball into the crowd

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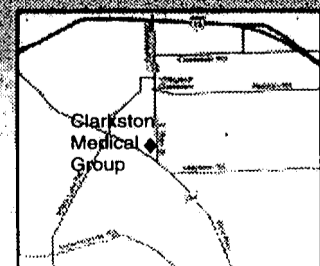
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# Milestones

## 45th wedding anniversary



Dr. Ralph E. and Betty-Jean (Rumohr) Barthel of Independence Township, formerly of Shelby Township, recently celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on July 15, 1961, at Peach Lutheran Church in Detroit. Their children are Donald (Jacqueline) of Fair Oaks, Calif., and Suzanne (Dale) of Independence Township. They also have five grandchildren, Trevor, Emma, Benjamin, Brandon and Katrina.

## Welcome Elijah



Proud parents Jennifer and Eric Ryan of Waterford announce the birth of their son Elijah Bennett Ryan. Eli was born on June 23 at 1:40 p.m., weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces, and measuring 21.5 inches long. Eli was welcomed by grandparents Linda and Dale Ryan of Clarkston, Sally McCreery of Alma, and Terry Hall of Mason.

## Academic achievements

Dr. Janet Brelin-Formari of Clarkston, an associate professor of Mechanical Engineering at Kettering University in Flint, was honored with a 2006 Rodes Professorship.

The professorship is in recognition of scholarly achievement. Brelin-Formari was honored for her work in automotive collisions and child seats. Recipients receive \$5,000.



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# Religion

## Why doesn't God answer our prayers?

Six years ago my mother died from a massive stroke. She was in her kitchen that Thursday afternoon baking chocolate chip cookies for my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. The cookie dough never made it out of the bowl, because my mother slouched to the floor, never to rise again.

My family hurried to the hospital in Pittsburgh and spent the next several days watching my mother linger in and out of consciousness. On Monday evening my mother died, at the young age of 60. Too young. Totally unexpected. A real shocker. We prayed for a miracle over the weekend, hoping against hope. But God did not answer our prayers for healing. And as if that wasn't enough, my grandfather died that Saturday. We spent almost the entire week leading up to Christmas in the funeral home.

Where is God at times like these? Why didn't God answer our prayers? Surely the universe would not have lost its equilibrium if my mother lived another 10 or 20 years? I'm sure you have similar experiences and questions. I don't pretend to have all the answers. In fact, let's be clear: we are in "mystery" territory here. No one fully knows the mind of God (if we did, we'd be God, wouldn't we!). At the same time, God has revealed to us some things in Scripture that we can understand.

First, God *does* answer many of our prayers. I



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prayed for a beautiful, awesome wife. I got her! I prayed for a dynamic community of faith that really wants to live out the love of Christ. I have it! As we think about our unanswered prayers, let's not forget that God has answered many of our prayers.

Second, we live in a fallen world where God's will is not always done. This is why Jesus taught us to pray "may your kingdom come and your will be done on earth." Obviously, much happens on planet earth, that is not God's will. Apparently he respects our freedom and has higher purposes in mind. Could he answer every prayer so that we all live to be 120? Sure he could. Could he stop the bullet in mid-flight to save every soldier? Sure he could. But he doesn't. And he hasn't told us why. He *has* told us to trust him.

Third, the purpose of prayer is not to get everything we want. According to Jesus, the purpose of prayer is to transform our lives and draw us closer to God. I'm afraid we tend to turn prayer into a magic formula and God into our genie in a bottle. We rub the bottle of prayer and make our three wishes. It's our agenda and our goals. Then we get mad when God doesn't grant us our wishes. Prayer is not about getting what we want. Prayer is about aligning ourselves with what God wants. True, Jesus told us to "ask and seek and knock." So let's knock on heaven's door and tell him what we want. But Jesus also taught us to pray, "not my will, but your will be done."

I miss my mother. The fact that she died on my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday adds to the meaning. Not only do I grieve

Please see Prayers, page 11B

## In our churches...

On Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m., organists Leslie Wills and Julie Ford will present a free organ concert, "4 Hands, 4 Feet," at Clarkston United Methodist Church. This extravaganza will showcase duet music by Ampt, Beethoven, Bolting, Debussy, Roberts, Rutter and more. Child care provided. Clarkston United Methodist Church is located at 6600 Waldon Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

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Come enjoy an evening of music with **CrossWord**, a Christian rock band, during a free Coffee House concert, at Clarkston United Methodist Church on Friday, Nov. 10 from 7-9 p.m. If you have a song to share, bring it along. Coffee and desserts will be available. Clarkston United Methodist Church is located at 6600 Waldon Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

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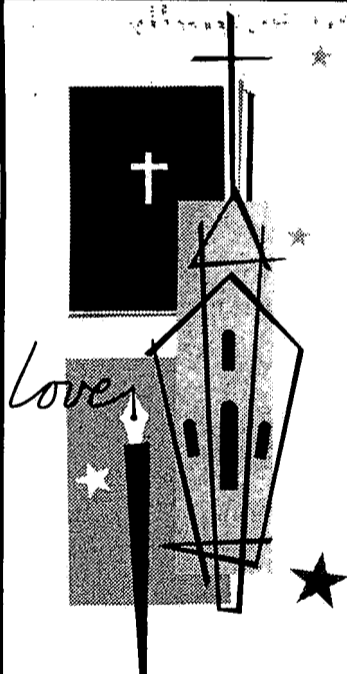
St. Daniel Catholic Community Church is hosting its 15th annual **Horn of Plenty** event on Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Cushing Center. The annual event is the church's major fund-raiser for the year and includes a raffle, auction, dinner and dance. The church is accepting donations for items to be raffled off. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 248-625-4580.

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A **Community Choir** will perform selections from Handel's *Messiah* with a portion of the Clarkston High School Orchestra on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. Rehearsals have begun and will be held every Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. The director is Michael Anderson. Everyone is

Please see In Our Churches, page 11B

# Church Directory



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11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
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Studio 7/S.C.O.R.E. - Children's Ministry  
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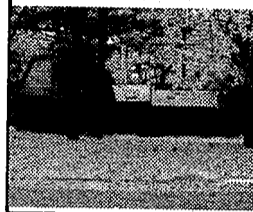
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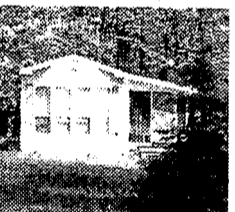
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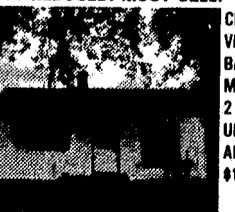
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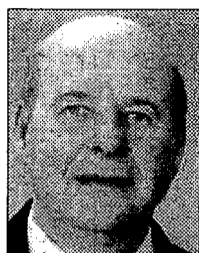
# Clarkston candidates run for 4th District county seat

## Tom Middleton (incumbent) Clarkston

As a county commissioner my objectives are to help maintain the quality of life that Oakland County residents receive now and expect, and to insist that county government be conducted ethically and be accountable to its citizens. This can be done while keeping our county tax rate one of the lowest in the state.

What are your policy priorities as an elected official? What is your most important priority?

Citizens of Oakland County feel safe — one of the qualities of life that make this county an attraction for families and businesses. I will not jeopardize the sheriff's budget if it would take away his ability to keep Oakland County safe from crime. Detroit is a prime example where people and businesses do not feel it is a safe place to raise a family or do business.



Tom Middleton

The state needs to find some way to replace the Single Business Tax in a way that will encourage businesses to expand and also attract new businesses to locate here. As a county commissioner I do not have a vote on the solutions that will come before the state legislature.

Prison over-crowding is the most immediate problem facing Oakland County today. The County must comply with state prison over-crowding laws. Over the last two years the sheriff has had to release prisoners early six times. I would recommend reducing over-crowding through expansion of community corrections, video arraignments, tethers and sobriety courts. The jail renovation going out for bids now will gain between 30 and 40 beds and is mainly for jail operation efficiency and safety, not to solve over-crowding. The county needs to study other options or start planning to build additional cells.

Health care costs for active employees and the liability the county will assume for retirement health care will be over 80 million dollars this year. The commission has already taken measures to keep that cost under control but we will have to be ever vigilant of the cost of this benefit and institute some programs that will encourage a healthier workforce. This could create some substantial saving because we are self-insured. We need to continue to look for options that will reduce health care costs for the county.

Retain triple-A credit rating. The county needs to stay focused on a solid fiscal plan to maintain our triple A credit rating. This good bond rating helps all units of government in Oakland County save taxpayers dollars.

I have been a lifelong resident of north Oakland County, have raised my family, farmed and had my businesses here and have been involved with local communities.

As a member of the state Appropriations Committee in the early 90s, I had hands on experience in cutting the budget and reducing taxes in the state legisla-

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ture.

I understand the workings of state government and have maintained a network of contacts. This would be helpful in getting as many of our tax dollars back to Oakland County as possible.

I am willing to stand up to board leadership when I think they have strayed away from what is best for the county. I introduced the resolution that took away the leadership pay raises that were slipped into last years budget. In 2004 I was part of the bipartisan group that stopped the chairman of the board from resigning his elected position mid-term and take a full time county job.

I have a record of making myself available and listening to constituents, implementing their concerns in government decisions that affect their lives and helping citizens cut red tape.

## Phillip Reid Clarkston

My platform is: to bring jobs to Oakland County, encourage the county to work with our state government to diversify our economy and keep Oakland County the economic engine of Michigan, and support efforts to create high paying jobs by helping our county's efforts to help businesses in Oakland County; improve health care; ensure our most vulnerable citizens have access to affordable health care services. Keep the county's nursing home open and expand public health programs to reach those most in need; work with small businesses to help them afford health care for their employees and remain competitive in the global economy; protect our Community; ensure that our law enforcement men and women have the equipment and resources needed to keep our communities safe; fight to reinstate the county's anti-bullying program in our schools that Tom Middleton and his fellow Republicans decided not to fund (Board of Commissioner Minutes 9/21/06). The program had a success rate of reducing school disciplinary problems by 20 to 30 percent; and promote open government. The public deserves better access to their county commissioners and the work that they do. Hold meetings in the evenings, and broadcasting all meetings on cable TV. We deserve to see how the county decides to spend \$800 million of our taxpayer money. More public par-



Phillip Reid

participation will make for better government. My policy priorities are: to accelerate the Wireless Oakland Project to promote business opportunities in Oakland County; improve regional cooperation with Wayne and Macomb counties in the areas of water and emergency services; manage the looming budget crises of reduced funding as a result of the elimination of the Michigan Single Business Tax (20% of State Revenue), and expected cuts in Federal Community Development Block Grants by the U.S. Congress and the White House. The most important priority is the looming budget gap between expected revenue cuts and increasing health care costs. The most important issues facing the state are: globalization of the auto industry and the dramatic rise in health care costs are forcing further budget cuts not including an additional \$2 billion cut in SBT revenue on top of \$4 billion in structural deficits that have been eliminated over the past four years; uddget cuts and potential revenue enhancements (taxes) need a balanced approach that protects the vulnerable and protects our basic services. I intend to work with the other commissioners to make the best possible choices in a difficult environment. The major challenges coming up include renewal of expiring lobbying contracts with cronies of the County Executive, I oppose their renewal. There is an effort to close the Golden Oaks Medical Care Facility; I will work to keep the facility open. The Board Chair is pushing for another Circuit Judge, which will cost several hundred thousand dollars to fund. Unless a cost-benefit analysis suggests it would be more expensive in total systems costs to not proceed with another Judge, I would resist this proposal.

Over 33 years in the Auto Industry in the areas of Purchasing, System Administration, Logistics, Production Programming and Scheduling, all of which are relevant to providing oversight to County administration. I also have a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and MBA from Wayne State University.

## Church fund raiser

St. Daniel Catholic Community Church is hosting its 15th annual Horn of Plenty fund raiser on Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Cushing Center.

The annual event is the church's major fundraiser for the year and includes a raffle, auction, dinner and dance. The church is accepting donations for items to be raffled off. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 248-625-4580.

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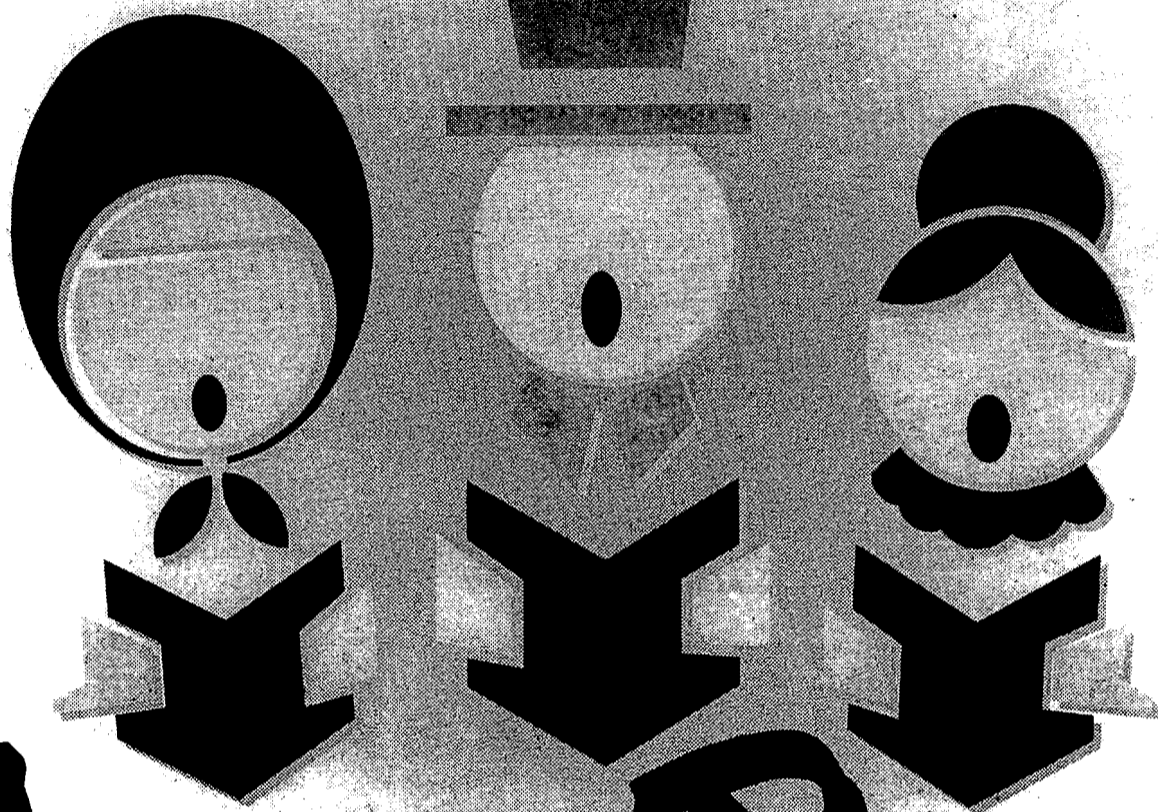
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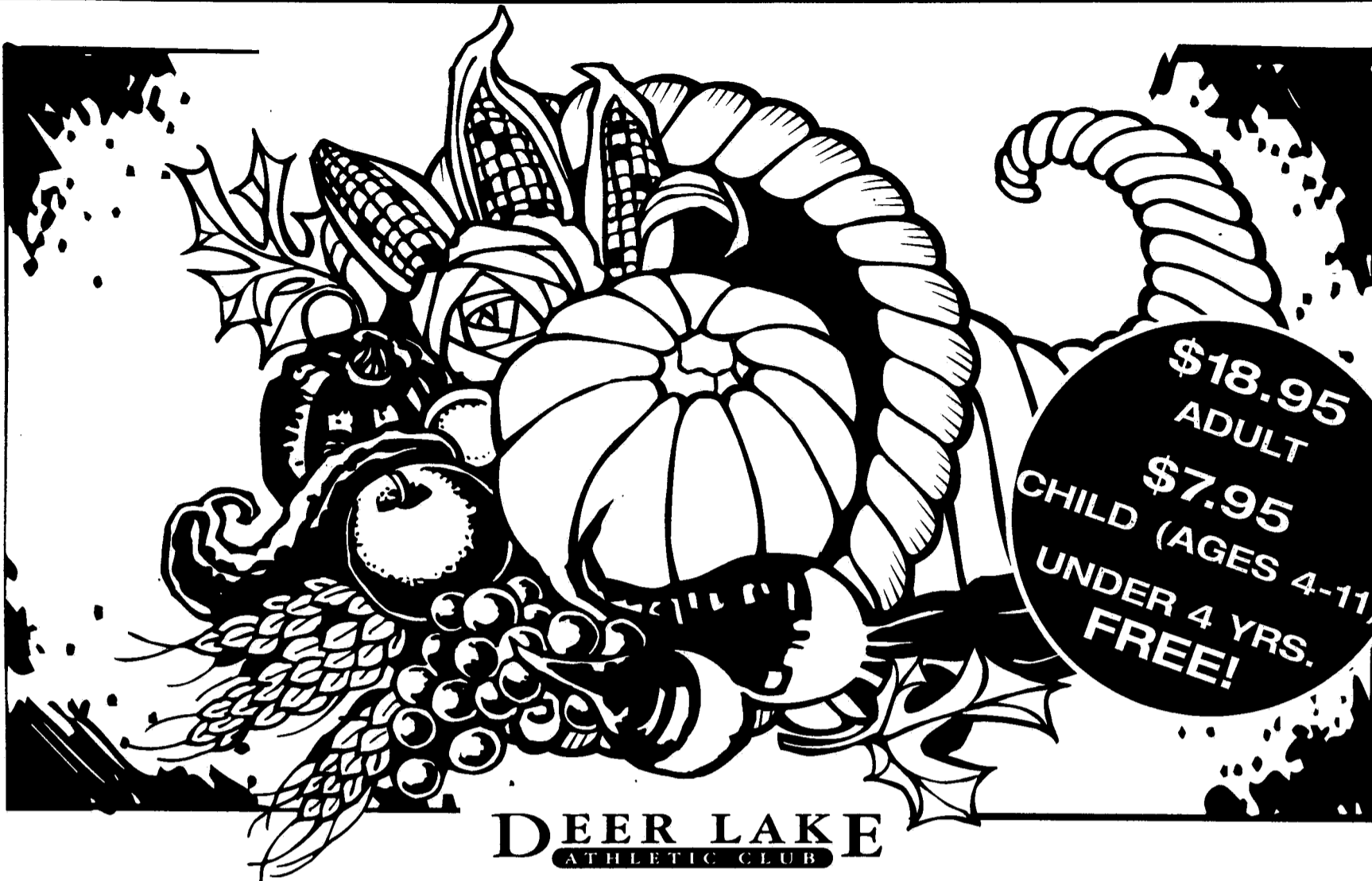
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# Cherry running for state senate, 26th District

**Deborah Cherry - incumbent  
Burton**

I am running for re-election to fight for Michigan Families by supporting policies and/or programs which (1) create jobs and strengthen the economy, (2) increase higher education opportunities for Michigan citizens, (3) require excellence in our public schools and (4) provide accessible, affordable health care.

I have focused on access to health care; first as an employee developing programs to assist the elderly to live in their own homes and second; through my legislative career focusing on the community health budget as a member of the appropriations committee. I have advocated for full access to health care and have focused on developing a long term care system that provides full options to nursing home care. Such a system is one major way to limit Medicaid costs.

The top three issues are 1) our economy - invest-

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ment in Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow; 2) increasing educational opportunities for all students by a) K-12 funding and implementing increased graduation requirements and b) increased resources for students by providing merit scholarships for everyone and investing in higher education; 3) health care by implementing health care for everyone and developing a comprehensive long term care policy.

The biggest problem facing Michigan is the economy and the solution is the creation of jobs. One legislator alone is limited in what he/she can do but she can support ef-



Cherry

orts to create jobs, like supporting the Governor's Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow plan. In addition, we must make Michigan the best place for companies to do business by creating a strong work force and demanding excellence in schools. Economic development includes both a strong business climate and investment in our communities.

I have experience at both the state and local levels. I have a record of bipartisan cooperation; constituent service, commitment to public service as a privilege and a duty.

In addition, I believe my plan to continue investment in our communities, our families and our economy is the correct direction for the State of Michigan.

Candidate Brian Seiferlein of Waterford did not respond to his candidate questionnaire in time for publication.

# Barrera campaigning for 12th district state senate

**Joseph Barrera  
Lake Orion**

I am running as an FDR-Democrat. My slogan is "NO Future Without Industry." My priorities are to seek emergency legislation to save the automobile industry from bankruptcy, retool the tool and dye manufacturing, and start mass producing magnetic levitated high speed trains. Instead of selling off all the plants, and machinery, we should use them before we lose them. Also we can start producing water lines, power and energy lines. Put the people to work, that's the issue. Homes are being lost, foreclosure is rising daily,



Joseph Barrera

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pensions are being wiped out, this service casino-economy that we are living in is finished. Put globalization in the garbage can of history where it belongs. Replace "free trade" agreements "NAFTA, GATT" with Fair Trade agreements. Trade is not free. The free trade, de-regulation, privatization, budget-cutting ideologies that permeate the U.S. Congress, as well as state legislatures, are the primary causes of economic crises we face today.

What is required today is an FDR reflex, where Democrats and Republicans put partisanship aside and come together as Americans. It is time to stop the insanity of the last forty years and to make the decision

that we together are going to rebuild our nation, and as much of the world as possible. Perhaps the most important principle established by our nation's founding was the idea of promoting the "general welfare" of all citizens, not just the privileged few. "Share-holder value" has its place, but not at the expense of the well being of citizens of our state and country. What kind of a world are we going to leave are children and our children's children to come, when are time on this earth has ended? The time has come to face reality and give up illusions. Give me the opportunity to help turn this state around before it's too late.

Candidates Brian Kelly of Pontiac and Mike Bishop of Rochester did not respond to their candidate questionnaires in time for publication.

# Clarkston Community Band set for 1st concert of the season

The Clarkston Community Band (CCB) opens its 2006-07 season with "Autumn Winds" featuring guest conductor Mr. Michael Lewis, director of bands at Clarkston High School. The free concert will take place on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

The fall season brings cooler temperatures, magnificent colors and beautiful music ranging from marching bands playing their school songs to the beautiful melodies of wind inspired music. The CCB will recreate this feeling by having the audience participation "school fight song challenge." Songs from the music directors schools in-

clude; Clawson High School, Clarkston High School, Central Michigan University, Eastern Kentucky University, Michigan State and the University of Michigan. "Who will be the winner - only the audience knows?" said Vince Chrisman, music director and conductor of the Clarkston Community Band. Come and cheer on your school's fight song to victory and have an opportunity to win two tickets to "A Stan Kenton Christmas" presented by the Boston Brass on Nov. 29.

The band will perform "Highlights from Pocahontas" a Disney favorite with the audience and a new work for wind band, "Dancing With The Wind." Mr. Mike

Newsock, concert master will perform the Latin inspired clarinet solo, "Windsong." Mr. Lewis will direct the beautiful folk melody "Shenandoah" creating natural images of the Shenandoah Valley and the Shenandoah River located in Virginia and the classic "An Irish Rhapsody" by Clare Grundman. A treasure from the band's extensive music library is "Hunting Scene" and it was one of the most played and best-loved band selections from the days of the great bands of Sousa and Innes.

Now in its 11th season, the Clarkston Community Band is one of the areas fastest growing and most respected wind bands. Its 52 volunteer musicians

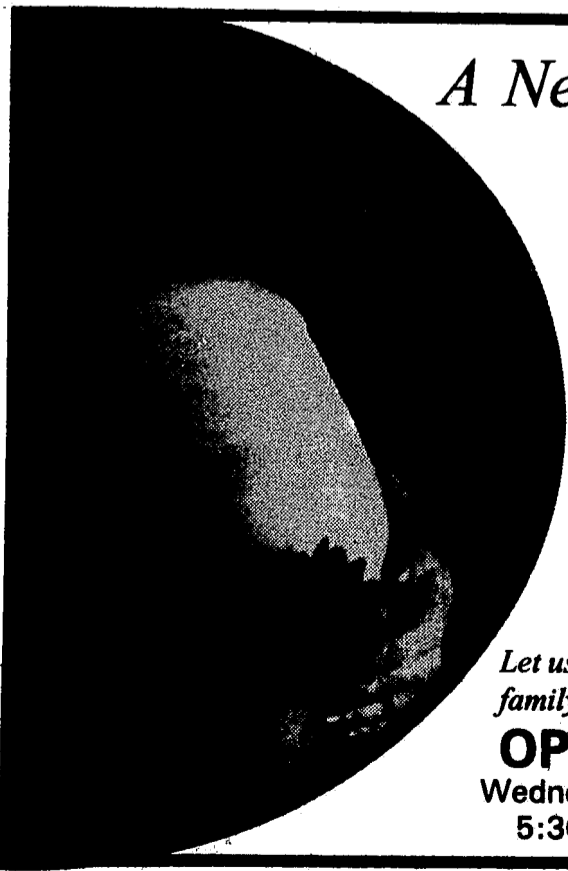
dedicate their time and talents to performing free concerts in the greater Clarkston area and presenting various educational and family entertaining themed concerts. The band was selected to perform internationally in 2007 for the "Spectacle of Winds" with the greater Windsor Concert Band. The CCB programs are made possible in part by Independence Township Parks and Recreation and the Clarkston Community Schools.

For more information, contact Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 248.625.8223, email clarkstonband@hotmail.com or visit www.clarkstonband.org.

## Shopping spree raffle

The Clarkston Rotary Club is holding a \$2,000 shopping spree at Tierra Fine Jewellers in downtown Clarkston. Tierra Fine Jewelers is sponsoring a \$2,000 gift certificate to be raffled for the benefit of the Clarkston Rotary Club's community projects. The winner is provided with a private shopping spree at Tierra Fine Jewelers.

Raffle tickets are \$20 a piece. The raffle drawing will be held at "A Taste for the Holidays" wine tasting fund-raiser to be held at Bordine Nursery on Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. Call 248-625-9741.



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Individuals at greatest risk of developing complications from the flu include: adults age 65 years or older; residents of long-term care facilities; children and adults with chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease or kidney disease; pregnant women; children 6 to 23 months old; those who live with or provide care to babies younger than 6 months; and health care personnel. Prior to getting a flu shot, avoid close contact with individuals who are sick. In addition, you should wash your hands often and avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes. Use a hand sanitizer frequently and spray disinfectant on doorknobs and faucets. Also, make sure that nasal tissues are disposed of by the person who used them.

Clarkston Health Center is located at 5625 Water Tower Place just off of Dixie Highway, north of White Lake Road, in the shadows of the blue water tower. Call 248-620-4245.

## In Our Churches

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welcome to participate. For more information call 248-323-1323.

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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.

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Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly Wednesday Evening FEAST. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m. and classes for all ages from 7:15-8:30 p.m. The church offers a free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

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St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston holds scripture study every Tuesday at 10 a.m. The group will cover the Gospel of Matthew at 10 a.m. every Thursday. At 7:30 p.m., the group covers the gospel of John every Monday. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at

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7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

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Church of the Resurrection has bible study every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is currently on "Paul's letter to the Romans." Church of the Resurrection is located at 6490 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more information.

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St. Daniel Catholic Church holds Rainbows meetings on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Cushing Center. Rainbows is an outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

## Prayers

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her death, but I'm reminded of my own approaching death. The fact is, no matter how many prayers God answers, someday there will be people praying for me - but I too will die. And so will you. I'm not complaining. In fact, I rejoice! God's presence and love will get me through. Besides, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

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

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# Candidates vie for 44th District state house seat

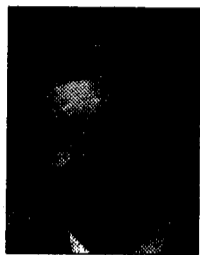
**John Stakoe**  
Highland

My platform is to continue to support the policies in the House to control spending by prioritizing based on need and outcomes. Embrace those policies that will enhance growth and reduce the tax and bureaucratic burden that is driving down the Michigan Economy. Continue to be a strong presence in the district assisting and resolving constituent issues and assisting local government.

As the chair of local government and a former local official my focus has been and will continue to be issues facing townships and cities. I have passed and worked on legislation dealing with our lakes, public safety and planning. I am currently working with the state planning association that would provide some assistance in zoning litigation, a serious concern for all our communities.

The core and central issue has been and still is the general economy. Michigan is still losing jobs and new business is not locating in the state. I have spoken to business owners of all sizes across the state and it is clear the environment is detrimental to growth. A good start was the elimination of the SBT.

It is important to find a fair replace-



John Stakoe

## Election 2006

ment; there are currently several proposals on the table that provide an excellent starting point. Continue to control spending and hold the line on any tax increases. The last two House budgets proposals came in at the rate of inflation eliminating the need for new taxes.

The past four years greatest challenge has been to fund the programs in the state vital to all of us. We have prioritized education (over six hundred million in increases the past two budgets). Community Health has been the largest budget pressure in the past couple of years and we have worked to streamline and seek cost effective programs.

The bottom line, turning the economy around will help ease those issues. However, I believe the progress we have made in controlling spending should continue.

We are in an era of term limits and extreme challenges for the state. I brought a depth of experience to Lansing and have garnered a great deal more in my four years as a legislator. I have served on tax policy, conservation, judiciary and chair local government and urban policy and assistant majority floor leader.

Most important I have made a serious commitment to being in the district and making our communities my first concern.

**Mark Venie**  
Davisburg (No photo provided)

My name is Mark Venie. I am the Democratic candidate for the House 44th district. In response to your questionnaire, the following information is provided. My platform is to support and participate in the successful implementation of Governor Granholm's "Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow" plan. Progress for Michigan needs a return to a democratic majority in the legislature to support the Democratic Leadership's initiatives for jobs, health care and education.

My priorities are: First, sustaining jobs in manufacturing, attracting new and diverse businesses to our state. Second, improving the quality of education by ensuring that our schools are fully funded, professionally staffed and community supported. Third, working to make health care coverage available and affordable to all of our citizens.

The most important issues are attracting new businesses, eliminating outsourcing and providing an educated workforce. Phasing out the Single Business Tax requires a replacement revenue source. Business taxation should be modernized to tax business profits rather than equipment and property. This would encourage business growth and diversity. I am fiercely independent, not closely beholden to special interest groups. My family has lived in this area for over fifty years and I have been involved in the community as a church leader, community college coach and substitute teacher.

## Sept. poetry contest winner

Renee Hand, author of the suspense romance novel, "Magic Hearts," held a poetry contest during the month of September and the winner was Michael Grable of Clarkston.

His poem, which was dedicated to the memory of his mother, is a heart felt poem titled "Sacred Symbol." Another poetry contest will be held in November. All entries can be submitted through the author's website at [www.freewebs.com/reneehand](http://www.freewebs.com/reneehand).

### Sacred Symbol

Blushing tender beauty,  
With the fragrant scent of love.  
Truly something precious,  
Sent down from God above.

Cherished beyond reason.  
Delicate yet strong.  
Love has a sacred symbol,  
And love is never wrong.

Wonderful and perfect,  
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By Michael Grable

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2005 Dodge Caravan SE	\$ 275.27	2005 Ford Windstar	\$ 275.27

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Dwelling Value	\$150,000
Separate Structures	\$ 15,000
Personal Property	\$112,500
Loss of Use	\$ 75,000
Personal Liability	\$300,000
Deductible	\$ 500.00
<b>ANNUAL PREMIUM*</b>	<b>\$ 468.09</b>

#### LIMITS OF LIABILITY

Dwelling Value	\$250,000
Separate Structures	\$ 25,000
Personal Property	\$187,500
Loss of Use	\$125,000
Personal Liability	\$300,000
Deductible	\$ 500.00
<b>ANNUAL PREMIUM*</b>	<b>\$ 560.11</b>

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# Obituary

## Karen S. Wilson

Mrs. Wilson of Clarkston, formerly of Grand Blanc, passed away on Oct. 22 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 58. She was the wife of Terry; mother of Kendall (Kevin) Spencer of North Branch, Courtenay (John) Pranter of St. Clair, and Nicole (Paul) Kopcan of St. Clair; grandma of Jordon, Avery, Caden, Seth, Sophia, Chloe, Benjamin, Annabelle, Charity, Zachary, Lillian, Jordan, and Lucas; stepmother of Brandy Wilson of Owosso and Michael (Kelly) Wilson of Owosso; daughter of Kenneth Cockerton; sister of Tammi (Eric) Schug. Karen was employed by General Motors, Buick City Plant and more recently the Lake Orion Plant. She was a member of UAW #5960. Funeral service Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Wednesday 3-5



Karen S. Wilson

and 7-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Bonnie J. Upcott

Mrs. Upcott of Clarkston passed away on Oct. 23 peacefully at home after a long battle with cancer at the age of 63. She was the loving wife of Harry for 42 years; mother of Mike (JoAnn) of Clarkston, Steve (Wendy) of Clarkston and Melanie (Steve) Lafnear of Goodrich; Grandmother of Ashely, Alyssa, Amy, Aaron, Layne,

Logan, Sophie, Loudon, Emily, and Analise; and great grandmother of Everest. Bonnie retired from Oakland University Computer Services. Memorial service held Friday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Beaumont Hospice. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Sharon K. Spires

Mrs. Spires of Clarkston went to be with the Lord Oct. 25 at the age of 62. She was the loving husband of Jeff; mother of Jeff (Robin) of Ind., Chris (Julie) of Ind. and Derrick (Jennifer) of AZ; daughter of Franklin and Juanita VanSchoick of Ohio; grandma of Jacob, Caleb and Noel; sister of Charlotte (Jim) Kegerreis of Ypsilanti, Charlene (Les) Johnson of Fla. and Gerald (Susie) VanSchoick of Ohio. Sharon will be remembered for her love of music and her great contribution to the music ministry at Clarkston Community Church. She taught at Brandon Schools for 30 years and was a Realtor at Century 21 Town & Country, Clarkston. Funeral service was Sunday at Clarkston Community Church. Visitation was at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Monday Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorials



Sharon K. Spires

als may be made to Henry Ford Hospital Transplant Institute or Clarkston Community Church. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## James E. Binkley

Mr. Binkley of Clarkston passed away on Oct. 24 at the age of 63. He was the father of Shannon (Chris) Kinser. He was preceded in death by his son James. Services have been held and were

entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Matthew Charlton

Mr. Charlton of Waterford passed away on Oct. 30 at the age of 84. He was the husband of Dot; father of Duane (Cathy) of Tenn., Karla (Roger) Johnson of Tenn., and Matt (Pam) of Metamora; Grandpa of Missy (Brad), Ryan, Jason, Brent, Kyndra (Trevor); Also survived by 3 great grandchildren; Brother of Thomas (Becky) of Waterford; Matt was a

longtime member of First Baptist Church, White Lake. He retired from General Motors after 33 years of service. Funeral service Thursday 10am at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Tuesday 6-8pm and Wednesday 6-8pm. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## John M. 'Jack' Fox

Mr. Fox of Clarkston passed away on Oct. 24 at the age of 76. He was the husband of Myrtle; step-father of Richard (Jane) Saincome of Pontiac, Roger (Rosellen) Saincome of Pontiac, and Michele (Loran) Hoose of Oxford; also survived by 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; brother of Irene Thibideau of White Lake, Mary Young of White Lake, and Joseph Fox of Grand Blanc. John retired from General Motor after 37 years. Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston on Thursday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass Friday 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment of All Saints Cemetery. Online guest book [http://www.wintfuneralhome.com/](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)



John M. 'Jack' Fox

## Buster Lee Jordan

Mr. "Buck" Jordan of Oxford went to be with the Lord on Oct. 24 at the age of 72. He was the loving husband of Judith for 33 years, father of Mark Jordan, Russ (Nancy) Mansfield, Mike (Amy) Mansfield, Karen (Todd) Gillespie and Jason (Monica) Mansfield, grandfather of 11, brother of Nelda McDaniel, Lou Glass, Gary (Cheryl) Jordan, Sharon (Rick) Wood, Darleen Kraus, and the late Mary (Darell) Perkins. Buck retired from General Motors after over 30 years of service. Buck served his country overseas during a time of war. Funeral Service held Saturday at the Marimont Community Church, Pontiac. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint &



Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Gerda A. Haglund

Mrs. Haglund of Clarkston, formerly of Clawson, passed away on Oct. 28 at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her husband Valdor; mother of Yvonne (David) Lowe of Clarkston, Keith (Charlene) Haglund of Grass Lake, Marsha (Richard) Parker of Cheboygan and Valdor (Iora) Haglund of Farmington Hills; also survived by 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. Funeral service was Tuesday 11 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to Canterbury on the Lake. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



Gerda A. Haglund

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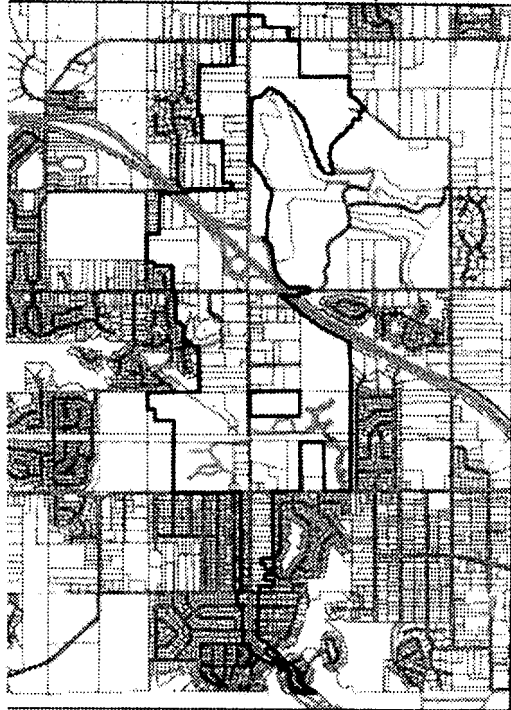
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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

**Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.**

At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving a Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan as presented by the Corridor Improvement Authority in accordance with Public Act 280 of 2005.

(a) The proposed boundaries of the Corridor Improvement Authority Development area are Sashabaw Road, from North of Clarkston Road to the border of Waterford Township, including parts of Waldon and Maybee Roads, as depicted below:



(b) Maps, plats and a detailed description of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan are available at the office of the Independence Township Clerk, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan (248) 625-5111. While the Act allows for relocation of persons displaced under the plan, there is no displacement and relocation contemplated in the current proposed plan (See Section 2.16 of the proposed plan for further information).

(c) All aspects of the Development Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing including the impact of the tax increment financing plan on all affected taxing jurisdictions.

The Board will hear comments from citizens, taxpayers or property owners and officials from any affected taxing jurisdiction. Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Independence Township Clerk's Office during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-5111.

Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

Take notice that the City of the Village of Clarkston Council will hold a public hearing at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2006 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2007 application in the approximate amount of \$8,000.

The City of the Village of Clarkston Council will consider any public comments to this matter at this time. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comments. Contact the City Offices at (248) 625-1559 for further information or special services.

Art Pappas  
City Manager/Clerk-Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Testing of the computer program on Thursday, November 2, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. for the November 7, 2006, General Election.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

This testing will be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan.

Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk  
City of the Village of Clarkston

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Date and Time: November 8, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Independence Township Library  
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. 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:

- a. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2006, meeting
- b. Approval of Purchase Orders
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
- d. Consumers Energy/North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy Easement

Public Hearing - CDBG 2007 Funding Application.

Unfinished Business

1. Second Reading and Adoption of Text Amendments to Zoning Ordinance #83:

Section 5.04. Signs:

- Subsection 3, General conditions, f.(3)
- Subsection 8, Permitted temporary signs
- Subsection 10, Special signs, c.

Section 5.16. Outdoor storage, outdoor display and sales and seasonal sales Article XXXII, Board of Appeals, Section 32.02. Meetings; minutes; quorum

2. Second Reading and Adoption of the Amendment to the Utilities Ordinance - to provide for penalties and enforcement of the Ordinance

New Business

1. Approval of 2007 CDBG Application
2. Blight Elimination Ordinance
3. First Reading of proposed Amended Final PUD Site Plan Approval for Oil Change facility-Vision Development of Michigan, Inc., Petitioner, Town Center Auto Wash, 6380 Sashabaw Road, East side of Sashabaw Road, South of Waldon Road, 1.10 Acres, PUD Zoning, 08-27-201-022
4. Fee schedule amendment - added fees for temporary signs
5. Reclassification of employee - Parks and Recreation
6. Permission to participate with SMARTS Municipal Credit Program for transportation for year 2007

Closed Session - Pending Litigation

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.

The Charter Township of Independence will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5111.

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**CLARKSTON**  
ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN  
MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS  
OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

City of the Village of Clarkston,  
Oakland County, Michigan  
Ordinance Number 138

An Ordinance to designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the City of the Village of Clarkston located in Oakland County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972 as amended.

The City of the Village of Clarkston ordains:

**Section 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED.** Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Official of the City of the Village of Clarkston is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the City of the Village of Clarkston under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. The City of the Village of Clarkston assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

**Section 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED.** Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the City of the Village of Clarkston.

**Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled Oakland County, Michigan, (All Jurisdictions) and dated September 29, 2006 and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRMS) panel number of 26125C0331F and dated September 29, 2006, are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

**Section 4. REPEALS.** All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 5. PUBLICATION.** This ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.

Adopted this twenty-third day of October, 2006.

This ordinance duly adopted on October 23, 2006, at a regular meeting of the City of the Village of Clarkston Council and will become effective November 15, 2006.

Signed on October 23, 2006, by Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk of the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Attested on October 23, 2006, by Sharron Catallo, Mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Charter Township of Springfield  
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield's Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI will be open on Saturday, November 4, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Absentee Ballot Applications and Issuing Absentee Ballots for the November 7, 2006 General Election.

For additional information, contact the Clerk's Office at (248) 846-6510.

Nancy Strole, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: October 25, 2006 and November 1, 2006

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Because the People Want to Know  
**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
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PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The Charter Township of Independence announces a Public Accuracy testing of the computer program for the Election on November 7, 2006.

The testing will be held on November 2, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at the Independence Township Supervisor's Conference Room, 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, MI.

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk  
Charter Township of Independence

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375 DEPOT ROAD  
CLARKSTON MI 48346  
SUMMARY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 23, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.

Roll. Present: Catallo, Brueck, Johnston, Meyland, Ottman, Wylie.

Absent: Colombo.

Minutes of October 9, 2006, approved as presented.

Agenda approved as presented with the removal of 3 East Expenses and the addition of Sign Discussion.

The Council expressed its appreciation for Scott Meyland's terms in office as well as his work on the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Water Main Study Committee.

Chief Combs reviewed the Halloween procedures for the Police Department and stated that he would be issuing a temporary Traffic Control Order to close Holcomb Road to through traffic as well as west bound Washington from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Various other locations would be affected by road closings. City Attorney Ryan stated that the Chief has the authority to issue a temporary Traffic Control Order. Any Traffic Control Order for the Halloween traffic would be for the one day during the 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. time frame.

Chief Combs presented a memo to the Council regarding health insurance coverage. This proposal was reviewed and Johnston asked that a policy be established for City employees and funded accordingly. The matter of health insurance was tabled.

Pappas informed the Council that there would be a Public Hearing for 2007 Community Development Block Grant Funds at the next Council meeting on November 13, 2007.

City resident Tom Stone presented drawings for proposed replacement of City Signs at the entrance of the City and the City Hall sign at Depot Park.

Moved That the City Council approve the construction of the new Welcome to Clarkston signs and the City Hall Sign funded by private donations. Further Dr. Thomas Stone is to be recognized and thanked as well as those involved in the efforts to beautify our city. Old signs will be removed by the City's D.P.W. and the new signs will be installed by the sign company, Hamblin Sign.

Dr. Stone stated that donations for the sign fund will be deductible on Federal tax returns, and there is a possibility that these donations would be a credit on State tax returns.

Resolved That the City adopt Ordinance No. 138 in order for the City of Clarkston to be in compliance with the Flood Plain maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study. (Copy on file in City Offices)

Resolved That the City Council adopt the Resolution to Manage Floodplain Development For the National Flood Insurance Program (Copy attached to the

official Minutes), and that the City Manager be authorized to submit the resolution to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Chief Combs asked for two amendments to Ordinance No. 97 which he felt would assist in patrolling Depot Park. After discussion of park hours and penalties provided by the Park Ordinance, Council tabled the issue. Council was asked to submit recommendations for amendments to the Park Ordinance at the next Council meeting.

Moved That Police Services be studied and a Committee formed as prescribed in Johnston's memo of October 5.

Ottman reported that Tom Stone had composed a survey letter informing residents of the services available for assistance to senior citizens. This letter will be mailed to absentee voters as well as delivered to residents that don't receive it by mail.

Outgoing Councilman Scott Meyland thanked the Council and residents serving the City in various ways. Meyland stated that he was fortunate to have worked with other City residents and he stated he is proud of where he lives. Meyland thanked the Council for the kind words expressed in his behalf. Meyland stated that he would be available to be involved in serving the City.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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LX7-1f

IS EATING a Problem? Come to an open meeting for answers. November 4, 10am-11:30am, Overeaters Anonymous. 248-628-3062; 248-620-2816 for info. IILX47-1

**TURKEY DINNER**- all the trimmings!! Saturday, Nov. 11th, 4:30pm. Howarth Methodist Church, 650 E. Silverbell, Lake Orion. Adults \$8.50; 5-10, \$4.00; 4-under free. Carryovers available. 248-373-2360. IILX47-2

**NO MATTER WHO,**

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**WANTED USED GUNS**

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**WANTED- CERAMIC** Crafting supplies, molds, kiln. 1-313-407-6197 IILX47-2dhf

**WANTED: BUYING used LEGOS** for my son. Will pick up. Call Angel, 248-693-5060. IILX40-12

**JUNK CARS**- Hauled away free. Will buy repairables. Bob Rondo, 248-310-2687. IILX48-2

**HAY WAGON WANTED**- Orion Township Parks and Rec. is looking for a donated or inexpensive hay wagon for use throughout the year during special events and programs. Call 248-391-0304, ext. 143. IILX48-2dhf

**FREE PICK UP** of unwanted cars, trucks and tractors. Joe 248-762-4404. IILX48-3

**CASH PAID** for junk cars and trucks. Call 810-656-2993. IILX48-4

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Spruce Meadows Tree Farms  
810-577-2419 LZM44-4

**090 AUCTIONS**

**T&L TREE SALE!**

SPRUCE- 10FT. + STARTING AT \$250 PLANTED.  
248-969-4300 LZM44-4

**YARD VAC**- 6.5hp Craftsman, power propelled, barely used, brand new \$750; asking \$600 obo, 248-431-2317. IILX47-2

1969 WHEEL HORSE tractor, automatic drive, hydraulic snow blower, make offer. 248-830-4980 IILX15-2

**090 AUCTIONS**

**Pine Landscape Wood Chips**

No needles, branches, twigs! \$10/yard, plus delivery  
248-627-6316 ZXM11-4c

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**AUCTION** benefits Clarkston High School Robotics. Clothes, toys, furniture. November 18, 248-884-3676.

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**090 AUCTIONS**

**GREENHOUSE**, 24x40+ft. Make offer- you move. 248-969-4300. IILX26-2f

**LAWN TRACTORS STARTING** at \$450, from 10hp-25hp. 810-217-6391. IILX2M9-3

**FREE TORO LAWN** mower, self-propelled with bagger, runs. 248-342-2614 IILX47-1f

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### 110 GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4th** 9am-3pm. 294 Stratford Lane Condo, Lake Orion off Lapeer Rd. between Scripps & Clarkston. Furniture, appliances and lots of good stuff. !!!X47-1  
**SALESMAN SAMPLE** sale, closeouts, household, new, 3766 Breaker off Walton. Thursday and Friday, 10am-7 !!!X16-1

### 120 CRAFT SHOWS

**HOMETOWN HOLIDAY** Open House- November 2nd from 7pm-9pm at the Town Hall, 476 Mill St., Ortonville. Featuring items from: Southern Living At Home, Body Shop At Home, Pampered Chef, Creative Memories, and Tastefully Simple. !!!XZM11-1  
**PSI CHAPTER** of Sigma Beta hosts Charity Craft Show to benefit Light-house of Oakland County Baldwin Center and Oakland Liver Transplant Fund. From 10am-4pm, Saturday, November 4 at the American Legion Hall (by I-75 in Clarkston). Admission is free. !!!X16-1  
**LOCAL CRAFT Show!** Saturday, November 11th! Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 1950 S. Baldwin, Lake Orion (between Waldon and Clarkston Rds.), 10am-4pm. !!!ZM46-2

### 130 HOUSEHOLD

**FOR SALE:** 2 new round end tables, oak finish. Also TV armoire, black finish, 810-796-3171. !!!X47-2  
**LOVESEAT, CHAIRS,** tables, pool table, platform bed, wall units, chandelier, ceiling fans. 248-693-5118 !!!X47-2  
**SECRETARY DESK,** wooded rocking chair, 6-leg wood table. 248-693-1032 after 2pm. !!!X47-2  
**TODDLER BED-** brand new, never used, with mattress, light oak, \$100. 248-922-1730. !!!X16-2  
**FLOOR CURIO Cabinet-** 37-1/4"x80"H, oak and glass, with 6 glass shelves. Beautiful! \$600 obo. 248-236-0156. !!!X47-2  
**MARBLE TABLE-** Multi-colored, round with pedestal. \$200. 248-391-2468 !!!X47-2  
**PATIO FURNITURE-** pub table with 2 pub chairs, 2 additional swivel rock chairs, two end tables & 2 chair lounges. All matching in neutral outdoor fabric. Sling style. \$350 for set. 248-236-0156. !!!X47-2  
**CHILD CRAFT CRIB,** changes into junior bed. \$250 obo. 248-814-0841. !!!X47-2  
**COMPUTER DESK** \$25, dinette table with 5 chairs \$50, king size waterbed with heater \$100, brown corduroy recliner \$25. 248-628-5913. !!!X47-2  
**QUEEN SIZE waterbed,** good condition, \$100. 248-802-6184 !!!X47-2

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**SOLID OAK** Entertainment center, coffee and end tables, computer desk and computer with scanner, printer, and sub-woofer, Tiffany style hanging light and many pictures- doesn't match new furniture- must go. 248-969-4860 !!!X47-2

**TRANSFO CRIB** by Pali, white wood, can be converted into double bed. \$150. 248-628-3641 !!!X46-2

**KINGSIZED BED** with mattress, mirrored armoire, dresser & bedside dressers Good condition, \$450; Gas stove \$50; Refrigerator \$75; or all for \$500. White Lake 248-242-6867 after 6pm. !!!X15-2

**GREAT PINE Bunk Bed-** L-shaped, 1 side has 5 built in drawers, other side is desk with drawers, \$250 obo. 248-969-3029. !!!X46-2

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**BRAND NEW DINING** room table, solid oak top, antique black legs, 60", with leaf & 4 chairs. \$375. White 4 drawer dresser, excellent shape \$30. Wicker chair, new \$75. Small antique copper lamp \$20. **antique** oak end table, new \$80. 248-814-0841

**KITCHEN TABLE,** 4 chairs, wood with glass top, \$50. 248-236-0878. !!!RMZ47-2

**SOLID OAK COMPUTER** armoire- 2 doors, 3 drawers, legal size file drawer, pullout printer shelf. \$1,200. 248-628-0282. !!!X47-2

**FINALLY AFFORDABLE** Medical Insurance, 248-978-5190. !!!X13-4

### 140 COMPUTERS

**COMPUTER PROBLEMS?** Microsoft certified technician. Free loaner available. John 248-892-5667 (Clarkston). !!!ZM47-4

### 150 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

### ESTATE SALE

**NOV. 2-4, 2006**  
**9AM - 6PM**

**Pristine C:** 1780 Cherry Corner Cupboard, Cherry Plantation Desk, Pine Corner Cupboard, Pine Linen Press, Pumpkin Pine Desk and Cupboard, Walnut Dresser, Walnut Marble top Table, Oak File Cabinet, Victorian Etager, Oak & Mahogany Chair Sets, 2 Dry Sinks, Oak Linen Cupboard and Butternut Corner Cupboard. This is only a portion of the early furniture available at this sale. Don't miss out! Flow Blue China, Moorcroft Pottery, Victorian accessories, Sleepy Eye, Chintz, Wedgewood China, Victorian Lighting Fixtures, etc.  
**Restoration Supplies:** All types of Hardware- Drawer pulls, latches, knobs, etc. Aged Lumber, Clamps, Tools...  
**Household Misc.,** Linens, Dishes, Glassware, Lawn Mower, Lamps, Pictures, Etc.

**Directions:** 967 W. Davison Lake Road, Oxford, MI- Take M-24, 5 Miles North of Downtown Oxford, turn west onto Davison Lake Road, 1/8 Mile. Numbers available at 7:00am, street numbers will not be honored. Sale starts promptly at 9:00.  
LX47-1

**NOW HIRING**  
**Dietitian**  
8-20 hrs/wk in WIC program.  
Must have Bachelor's in Dietetics/RDE  
Application, resume preferred by November 10, 2006 @ 5 pm  
Lapeer County Health Department  
1800 Imlay City Rd.  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
810-245-5711  
Attention: Sue Gronsky

**PRECIOUS MOMENTS** Figurines from the 1970's and later. Over 100 figurines. Asking \$12 each. Pick and choose. Call 248-236-0156 for details. !!!X47-2

**24" ANIMATED "Little People"** Christmas figurines. 8 total, \$25 each obo. Call 248-236-0156. !!!X47-2

**1940'S COFFEE TABLE,** 2 end tables \$325. Wardrobe \$370. Vanity w/ mirror \$275. Dresser w/ mirror \$500. 248-628-0282. !!!X47-2

**OAK SERPENTINE dresser** with beveled mirror; oak and porcelain Hoosier cupboard, 248-634-2173.

**OAK REFRIGERATOR** \$500; Oak arts & crafts tablebed \$800; oak fireplace mantle \$1400. Excellent condition. 248-625-5125 !!!X16-2

**HISTORIC TREASURES** can be found at Ye Old Stuff & Antiques. Come & browse in downtown Lake Orion. Tues-Sat., 12-7pm. 248-693-6724. !!!X47-5

### 160 APPLIANCES

**GE 23.5 cubic foot,** no frost refrigerator/freezer, \$70 obo. Moving, must sell. Call 248-628-7381.

**GE ELECTRIC STOVE** with glass cooktop. Under cabinet GE microwave, both almond, 8yrs old, excellent condition, \$375 obo. 248-875-6366 !!!X16-2

**WHIRLPOOL REFRIGERATOR** and stove, \$200 each obo. Apartment size dryer \$50. All 2 years old. 248-935-5294. !!!X47-2

### 170 GENERAL

### ROLLED TICKETS

**DOUBLE & SINGLE ROLLS**  
Assorted Colors  
Lake Orion Review  
Oxford Leader  
Clarkston News  
LX8-ft

**THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE** are reading this want ad, just like you are. BUY and SELL in ads like this. We'll help you with wording. 248-628-4801 !!!X9-dhft

**NEW ORION TOWNSHIP** maps at the Lake Orion Review, \$2.75.

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**THE AD-VERTISER IS** available Wednesday at 8am, 666 S. Lapeer Rd., The Oxford Leader. !!!X9-dhft

**DOES YOUR LITTLE LEAGUE,** Service Organization, Church or School group need a fund raising idea? Call Don Rush at 628-4801, 8-5 weekdays. !!!X9-dhft

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**EXPERIENCED LOCAL PONTOON** hauling, winterizing & outside boat storage. 248-628-2199. !!!X46-2

**HOSPITAL BED,** electric, heavy duty. Excellent condition. \$600 obo. 248-693-6357. !!!X47-2

**LAPTOP COMPUTER,** fully working, \$50. Wedding dress, very beautiful, size 22, \$600 obo. 248-236-8126. !!!X46-2

**PHONE SYSTEM-** Telrad Digital 128, supports 24 incoming lines with rollover, voicemail, 3 admin/37 regular telephones, 248-625-2190. !!!X16-2

**DEER RIFLE-** .35 Marlin, lever action, good condition, \$260. 810-636-7677. !!!X11-2

**HEATED CAR Storage,** \$250 per season, 248-628-3433. !!!X46-2

**SNAPPER SNOWBLOWER-5hp,** used twice, like new, \$480 new; sell \$175 firm, 248-628-8684. !!!X47-2

**FOR SALE:** AVALON fireplace insert with blower 29" wide X 16" deep. \$600. 248-693-3509. !!!X47-2

**BEAUTIFUL HAND Crocheted** baby blankets \$35.00; Soft sculptured dolls \$55.00; Blue jeans purses \$30-\$60.00. 248-236-0491 !!!X47-2

**HEALTH FAIR- FLU** Shots November 8, 2006. Hope Senior Apartments, 210 W. Draher, 10am-2pm. Free to Medicare (bring card), \$10 most insurances. 248-628-7676. !!!X47-1c

**TWO 10x10ft.** stainless steel rolling doors, \$300 each. 248-625-8095, ask for Sam. !!!XZM11-2

**HON EXECUTIVE Office** Setcherrywood. Multiple pieces. 248-625-2190. !!!X16-2

**19" COO-COO CLOCK,** KU8634.4T, 8 day, used very little, like new. New \$658/ sell for \$200 firm. 248-628-8684 !!!X47-2

**CLASSIC TOWN CAR 1979,** loaded, \$1,500 obo. Desk, new, \$125 obo. Sleeping bags, cheap! 248-391-3568. !!!X47-2

**BOY'S CLOTHING-** 0-12mos., 12mos., 18mos, 2T, 3T. Mostly excellent condition, \$75-\$100 each group. Maternity clothes \$125. 248-618-8348. !!!X46-2

**THERMOS PORTABLE GAS grill.** Great for camping & tailgating. Excellent condition. Paid \$150, \$80 obo. 248-628-5194. !!!X47-2

**CLEARANCE! ALL Golf Balls Sale.** Large variety, you pick. \$3.50 dozen. 248-693-4105 !!!ZM44-tfdh

**LARGE CAPACITY Washer/ Dryer,** \$125 each. 2 place jetski trailer, \$650. 248-321-7997 !!!X46-2

**LUMBER FOR SALE:** Treated lumber: 4x4x14, \$12. 4x4x16, \$14. 4x8x14, \$20.25. 4x6x18, \$23. 6x6x12, \$24.80. Also treated 2x4's. 2nd Chance Lumber 248-867-4408, Oxford. !!!X47-1

**FIREPLACE INSERT,** extremely efficient, wood burning heater. Cost \$4,000, asking \$1,000. 810-664-0383. !!!ZM47-2

**YARD MACHINE RIDING mower,** 14.5hp, 42" cut w/ double bagger \$425. Ladder \$80. Double porcelain kitchen sink (33X22) 22h, \$85. Stahl wood wacker \$50. Craftsman edger \$40. Marble sink top (31X19) \$30. Barbecue gas grill w/ new tank \$25. Patio table, 4 chairs \$25. Small grandfather clock \$75. Large 4 drawer filing cabinet \$20. Small chest freezer \$30. 248-961-4215. !!!X47-2

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**HON OFFICE Furniture-** desks, credenzas, file cabinets, bookshelves. 248-625-2190. !!!X16-2

**NEW ASTRO CAMPER** Top- cab high, fiberglass, F-Series Ford pickup for 7ft. bed, paid \$1310, asking \$900. Lincoln gas welder, runs great, \$325. Both in excellent condition. Call 248-620-1239. leave message. !!!ZM10-2

**WOOD STOVE 27"Wx26"Hx22"D,** 50,000 BTU, \$500. Bed frames & box springs, queen \$25, twin \$20. Call 810-240-2785. David. !!!X46-2f

**AMWAY FAVORITE PRODUCTS** still available. Call Pat for details, 586-336-4036. !!!X45-4

**COSCO DOUBLE Stroller-** like new, \$75. 248-236-0341. !!!X46-2

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC CHEMICAL** free personal products. www.carasmaternconn.mionegroup.com. !!!X47-1

**9FT. FISHER** Plow with controls, \$1000. 248-391-4056; 248-420-4862. !!!X47-2

**NEW BEIGE leather couch,** \$500. Go-cart/ dune buggy, \$800. 810-441-6446. !!!ZM46-2

**OFFICE CHAIRS- SWIVEL** Guest, used. Retail \$250+, mint condition. \$45 each. 10 available. 248-628-2523. !!!X47-2

**2000 WELLS CARGO AutoSport** covered trailer, 25x8.5ft., \$7000 obo. 248-379-5207. !!!X46-2

**HON 5000 Series** filing cabinet, \$75. 810-636-2089, leave a message. !!!XZM10-2

### 180 REC. EQUIPMENT

**FALL SPECIAL! GOLF** Balls with experience by the dozen or 6 dozen \$24.00, or 5 dozen \$25.00. Call 248-693-4105. !!!ZM11-dhft

**2003 TEAM SPIRIT 6X19** enclosed V-nose 2-place snowmobile trailer. \$2,000. Leave message, 248-620-3441. !!!X47-2

**CAB-OVER TRUCK Camper-** not pretty but serviceable, \$500. Call 248-628-3679. !!!X47-2

**9' SLATE POOL Table** \$250; 2002 KTM50 mini \$900; 1996 Honda TRX90 4 wheeler \$900 obo. 248-882-1882 !!!X15-2

**2001 27" PROWLER Trailer,** \$24,000 obo. 248-431-8144 !!!X16-2

**HIS & HERS Trek bicycles** (road/ racing bikes), \$65 each. Specialized girl's mountain bike, 20", \$65. Student desk, \$25. Free table/ 4 chairs, 248-922-1702. !!!X15-2

**PERSONAL TRAINER,** reasonable rates. Call Sharon 248-931-8735 !!!X15-2

**M-1 GARAND,** \$650. Heckler-Koch USP-45, mint, \$700. Ruger SP101 357, \$350, permit required, 248-620-3769. !!!X15-2

**TREADMILL-** used twice, \$250 obo, 248-236-0156. !!!X47-2

**LADIES SNOWMOBILE Suit-** Large, like new, mittens, helmet, bibs, jacket, Mickey boots, \$90. 248-628-8684.

**7mm MAUSER Manlicher** custom rifle, 248-249-5166. !!!X16-2

**1997 LANCE Truck Camper,** \$4700. Leave message, 248-628-7802. !!!X46-2

### 190 LOST & FOUND

**FOUND:** MALE Sheltie, Clarkston area, 248-394-0240. !!!X15-2

### 200 PETS

**LAKE ORION PET Centre.** Experienced grooming. Dogs and cats. 693-6550 !!!X14-tfc

**PUREBRED Black Lab** puppies (with-out papers), first shots, \$250. 248-431-5591. !!!X16-2

**MINI DACHSHUND** puppies, APRI registered. Male & female, vet checked, healthy, beautiful. 248-391-2405. !!!X46-2

**AKC GERMAN Shorthaired Pointer** puppy, female, 16 weeks old, \$250. 248-814-0481. !!!ZM47-2

**GREAT DANE PUPPY,** male, 7mos, \$300. 248-391-2468 !!!X47-2

**PETSITTING BY Sharon,** Clarkston, Holly, Waterford, 248-931-8735 !!!X15-2

**NOW FORMING Dog Obedience** Classes, starting November 7. Puppy and beginner. Dunrushin Dog Obedience, 810-796-3171. !!!X47-1

**ADORABLE RAGAMUFFIN** kittens- rare, silver/ brown mitted tabbies, calico, 248-698-3951. !!!X16-2

**NORWICH TERRIER-** 8 months old, male, neutered. All shots. Very sweet, \$600 negotiable, 248-922-5662. !!!X16-2

**1 YEAR AKC American Staffordshire Terrier,** \$500 obo. 248-431-8144 !!!X16-2

**AKC GERMAN Shepherd-** male, 4 months old, \$300. 248-693-2029. !!!X47-2

**FOR SALE** 30 pound, 3 foot Savannah Monitor lizard with cage and accessories. \$200 obo. 810-656-0832, ask for Luke. !!!X46-2dh

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN dog** puppies, AKC. second shots, vet checked, males. 810-603-1550 !!!X16-2

**ADOPT YOUR new best friend** at K9 Stray Rescue, 248-628-0435, www.dogsaver.org/k9sril. !!!X47-2

**ADORABLE KITTENS** FOR sale, \$10. 248-627-6240. !!!XZM11-2

### 220 HORSES

**WANTED TO BUY:** Western & English used saddles. 248-628-1849 !!!ZM14-tfc

**HORSESHOEING, ALL BREEDS &** corrective shoeing. 25 years experience. Bob Decker. Cell 313-320-7505. !!!ZM44-4

**WESTERN STORE Liquidation-** November 4-5, 10am-6pm. Boots, English boots, jeans, tack, etc. M-15 to east on Hill Rd., go 2 miles, turn north onto Stimson, 5204. Call 810-813-6822 or 810-636-7206. !!!XZM11-1

**FREESTYLE FARM, Inc.,** the very best care for your dressage horse. Expert instruction for you. Openings now available, 248-628-4132. !!!ZM46-2

**FOR SALE:** Round Pen, like new, \$500. 248-922-1730. !!!X16-2

**TLC EQUINE SERVICES** Offers a one day only tack sale November 4th, 11am-5pm. 1411 Oakwood, Oxford, 1 mile west of M-24. Consignments welcome at a 10% commission. Also accepting boarders/ pet sitting services. Contact Kathleen for more details. 810-358-1329. Please no early sales. Cash only. !!!ZM45-3

### 230 FARM EQUIPMENT

**FORD 9N** \$1650. 8N \$1850. Brush hog \$350. Others 248-625-3429.

### 240 AUTO PARTS

**JEEP WRANGLER,** set of 4 brand new rims and tires \$400. 248-628-9463  
**TIRES,** 305/75R16, Goodyear Wranglers, 80% good rubber, mounted on Ford 3/4 steel rally rims, set of 4, \$250; Ford 6.0L diesel/ Evolution Programmer, used once \$350. 248-620-1239 !!!XZM11-2

### 250 CARS

**1986 BLACK TransAm** GTA- t-top, 350 TPI, 16" rims. Fiberglass Cal hood. Full ground effects package. WS6 suspension. Flowmaster. Extra heads, headers, 2nd complete ported TPI system, \$2200 negotiable. 248-854-7491. !!!Z45-12nn  
**FOCUS 2003-** 4 door, loaded, 32,000 miles, extended warranty, \$7400. 248-626-9738. !!!XZM12-12nn

**1996 PONTIAC Bonneville SSE,** fully loaded, remote start, keyless entry, nice driving car, \$1850 obo 248-891-6306, 248-236-9592.

**1964 PONTIAC GTO-** 455 built, \$6500 obo, 248-628-1009.

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**1991 BUICK PARK Ave Ultra-** 87,000 actual miles, one owner, runs good. 3rd Price Reduction! \$1500 or best offer, 248-623-7048. !!!X47-2

**1999 BMW 528i Sedan-** black with black leather, automatic, loaded, 6 disk CD changer, heated seats, moonroof, 17" alloy wheels, nice car, \$9500. 248-421-9673. !!!Z44-4nn

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### AUTO AUCTION

**BEST BUY CAR COMPANY** of Imlay City is selling 200 cars November 12, at 12 o'clock noon at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds  
**CONSIGNMENTS WELCOME**  
Buyers must have \$200 cash deposit or cashiers check. Will hold your car 2 days. Bring a valid proof of insurance, plate & registration. We collect tax, title & plate fees.  
Steve 810-724-0095, 810-845-6462  
Sue 810-667-9008  
LZM45-3

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# Is Life Stressing You Out?

In the last article, we identified the Nervous System as the amazing system that controls and coordinates every function in our bodies, and that nothing can happen without it. We talked about a potential problem, called subluxation, which is a shift in one of the bones in the spine (vertebrae) that interferes with the messages traveling between your brain and your body. We revealed some of the causes of subluxation, like car accidents, the birth process (for mother and child), sports injuries, poor sleeping habits, bad posture, falls, and STRESS to name a few. As chiropractors, we remove subluxations so that proper function can resume.

Most of us agree that there's nothing more important than our health, but not enough people actually follow through and make their health a priority. When our health is suffering, our energy and productivity suffers. If you and/or your family are chronically stressed, there's little chance that peak performance can be achieved in any area of life.

We all know that chronic stress isn't good for our overall health, but what we don't realize is the extent of the effects that happen inside our body under the stress response and how it adversely affects our health over time.

There are three major types of stress; Physical (lifting, falling, subluxations, auto accidents, etc.), Mental/Emotional (financial, job, family), and Chemical (food additives, pollution, smoking, etc.). All three types produce the same exact response inside our bodies whether we like it or not!

Here are a just few of the many things that happen internally under chronic stress:

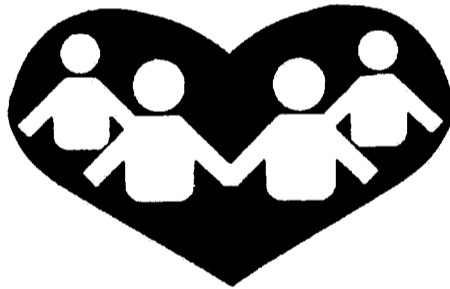
- Heart rate increases
- Blood pressure increases
- Cholesterol increases
- Immune function decreases
- Insulin resistance increases (asso. with Diabetes)
- Chronic fatigue/depression
- Headaches
- Ability to focus is diminished
- Short term memory shuts down
- Cortisol levels increase (stress hormone asso. with weight gain)
- Sex drive decreases
- Serotonin (the 'feel-good' hormone) gets used up too quickly
- Sensitivity and Irritability increase

By the way... these things can be happening **without** you even knowing! (And, all of them are preventable and lifestyle related.)

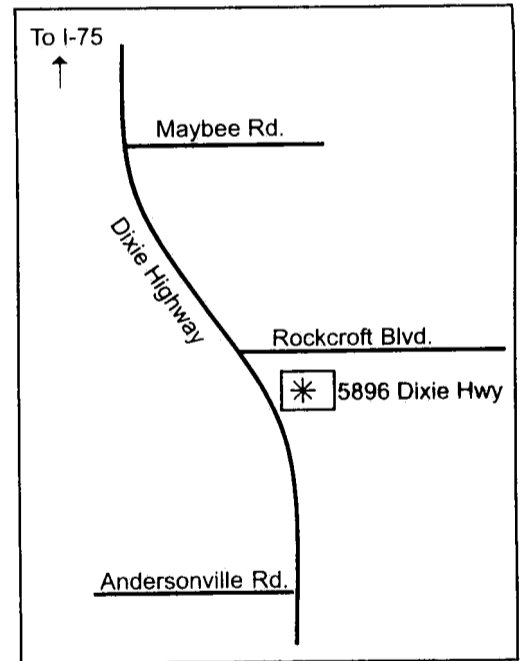
Believe it or not, there is good reason why all of this happens. This is our body's intelligent attempt to get

us through the stressful situation and is necessary for survival. This is fight or flight. The problem is, many of us are under **chronic** stress and never get a chance to recover properly. Sound familiar? Experiencing all of these effects every day, day after day without recovery, can be taxing on our bodies. In fact, many of the chronic health conditions that we face today (heart disease, cancer, and diabetes for example) are simply our body trying to adapt intelligently to the chronically stressful environment we put it in. Although taking medication for these conditions may cover up the symptoms, it does **not** address the actual physiological problem that caused the symptoms in the first place! So what should you do? Well, there are many ways to combat chronic stress, like exercising every day, getting adjusted regularly by a chiropractor, taking deep breaths, pilates or yoga, getting a massage, spending at least 10 minutes a day outside, improving your nutrition/water intake, getting proper rest and relaxation, reconnecting with nature, meditating, laughing every day, thinking positive, and many more. To be healthy, you must move well, eat well and think well. Make your health a priority and watch every aspect of your life improve!

Drs. Greg and Becky Ramboer, best-selling co-authors of Lifepointe Chiropractic Center in Clarkston, are dedicated to inspiring Lifetime Family Wellness. This is part three in their Wellness Lifestyle Educational Series. Look for part four in the December 6, 2006 issue of the Clarkston News/Penny Stretcher. For more information, visit [lifepointechiropractic.com](http://lifepointechiropractic.com) or call (248) 623-6107.



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## Realtors maximize opportunities

Kay Pearson and Robin Cutler, Clarkson area realtors, prove two heads are better than one. The duo, building on the bond of their high school friendship, formed "The Pearson Group" in April. The company is located in the Max Broock building at 27 South Main Street.

Pearson and Cutler have

nearly 30 years of real estate experience between them and the bulk of Pearson's time spent as a manager for Real Estate One.

"The Pearson Group" is taking advantage of its connections through both Max Broock and through Real Estate One, which purchased Max Broock, a reputable Clarkson real estate company that was established in 1895.

"We are a dual branding company representing both Max Broock and Real Estate One. We are the first agents in the company to offer a dual brand marketing approach to the real estate business," Pearson said.

Real Estate One is the largest independent real estate company in the state of Michigan. They also have the largest relocation department that allows us the ability to link our clients to other proven real estate professionals across the state and all of North America.

Pearson said part of what makes

the Pearson Group stand out is the information it makes accessible to its clients and how both agents take the hassle out of the transaction for them.

"We're not the decision makers, but we're a center resource for all the information someone might need to go through this process," Pearson said.

**"Our job is to differentiate our clients' homes in how we market and increase their odds of obtaining successful results."**

*Kay Pearson - "The Pearson Group"*

"Our job is to differentiate our clients' homes in how we market and increase their odds of obtaining successful results," Pearson said.

"I always say that our job is to help people make informed decisions, while we manage the process of the complex real estate transaction.

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The Pearson Group is located at 27 South Main Street. It can be reached at (248) 625-2944, ext. 223. Visit Pearson and Cutler's personal Web sites at <http://www.robincutler.net> and <http://www.kaypearson.com>.



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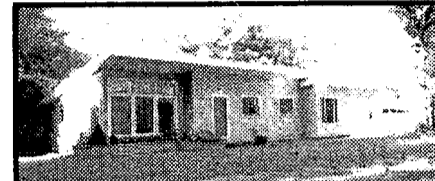
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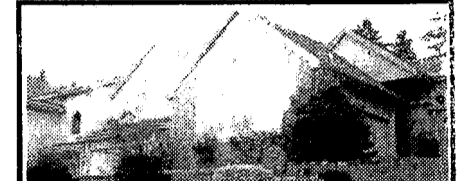
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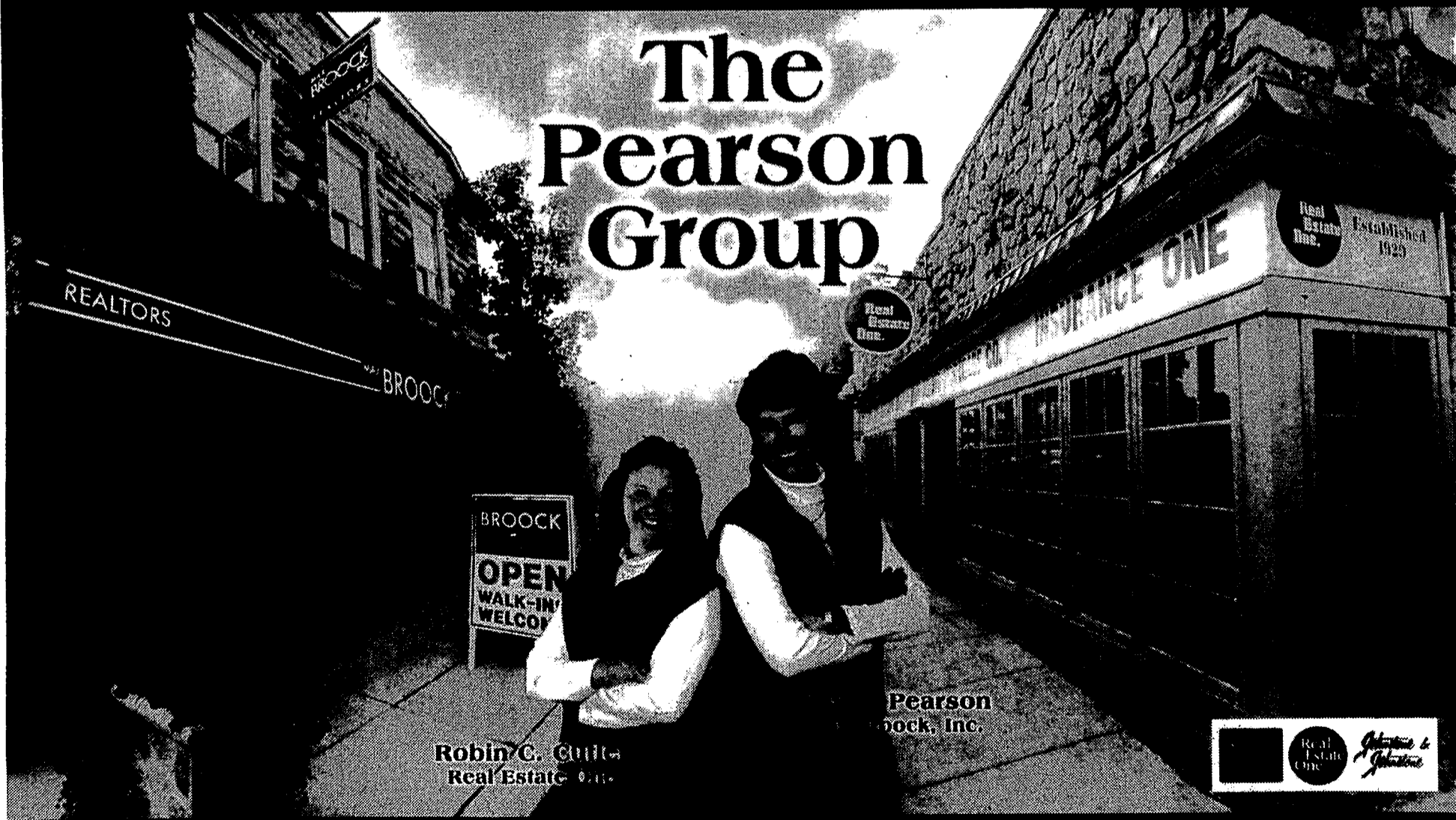
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## Harringtons focus on family service

Marcie Harrington was told from a very young age to start her own business. Following in her father's footsteps seemed natural, seeing how he built his own auto parts store at age 24. When Marcie saw the property for sale on Dixie Highway, she knew it was time to act.

"It was perfect, and I knew it was the right place," she said. "I just knew."

Marcie was working at Desmond Funeral Home in Troy when she decided to purchase the land. One night while working she took out a tape measurer and found out what size the rooms had to be, and drew a scale model of the building she envisioned. She then hired Pumford Construction out of Saginaw to build the funeral home. Nearly everything came together according to plan. She and her mother decorated the building on their own.

"I wanted it to be comfortable and welcoming, like a house," she said. "It has a kitchen and a foyer, nice places to sit and talk. It just feels warm."

On March 29, 2006, Marcie Harrington, along with Renee Harrington, her business partner and mother, opened the doors to Harrington Funeral Home.

There have been lots of ups and downs since that day, since funeral homes are one of the most difficult businesses to establish.

Her greatest reward, she said, comes from the thanks and hugs she receives from the families after the service.

"I make sure to take care of everything exactly like the family wants it," she said. "If they have a special request or want to do something a little differently, I just make it happen so they can focus on saying their goodbyes. I think it's so important to say goodbye when someone dies. We put so much emphasis on things like birthdays and baptisms, but death is part of life, too. It is difficult for the ones left behind to find peace until they've said goodbye and their loved one is in their final resting place."

Marcie and Renee each call the other "my best friend," and Renee beams with pride when she talks of her daughter's accomplishments.

"She's the smartest, most capable person I know," she said. "All you have in life are your dreams, and if you don't follow them you'll never know what you might have done."

## Kids flipping for larger gym

Bigger isn't always better, but when it meant double the floor space, lots of new classes and updated equipment, Kay Riley knew bigger was definitely the better option.

In its new 10,000-square-foot location, Riley's Gymnastics now offers a complete dance center, cheer programs, a fun, colorful gym just for preschoolers, and a brand new spring floor where budding Olympic gymnasts can train.

The gym's brochure is packed with specialized classes and activities for every day of the week, but Riley still wants her clients to know that she'll stand on her head -- or flip or cartwheel -- to meet special requests for birthday parties, on-going instruction or just a one-day workshop.

"We love to be flexible and individualize anything we can," said Riley. "We've recently had some moms come in and ask us to put together a dance class for them, and that can be a lot of fun."

Riley opened her gym in 1977, and has since found her calling working with children and families.

"I'm a little bit crazy," she said. "I love getting down on the floor and just having fun with the kids. You have to have fun."

But as a parent -- and a grandparent Riley knows all about the personal development and learning that go hand in hand with the fun.

"There's nothing greater than to work and work on a skill with a child, and then finally see her run over to you yelling 'I got it! Coach Riley, I got it,'" she said. "That's when you can tell she's growing



and developing that self confidence."

Along with the confidence, coaches often see children develop increased strength, coordination and flexibility in the gym, as well.

In addition to the regular offerings, Riley coaches a competitive girls' gymnastics team of about 25 members, including her own 10-year-old granddaughter.

"I'm looking for girls who want to be in the gym, who want to work hard," she said. "They have to help one another and be nice to one another."

All Riley's coaches are USA Safety certified, and trained in first aid and CPR.

Riley's Gymnastics is located at 5425 Perry Drive off Williams Lake Road between Airport and Dixie Hwy in Waterford. Call them at (248) 674-8060, or visit [www.rileysgymnastics.com](http://www.rileysgymnastics.com)



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For those interested in art classes, a local artist has opened the doors of her brand-new studio to the area.

Pamela Palmer of the Artist's Apprentice in Independence Township has had a life-long love of art, which she also teaches at the Clarkston Community Education Center.

"It's really not work, it's just what I really want to do, so that's good. I like to be with students too," Palmer said. "It's just been a passion. I've always been interested and it's always brought me joy."

Her business evolved after years of working as a guest teacher with the Clarkston Community Schools and by volunteering in the classes of her three children, Nickolas, Jessica and Jason.

The Artist's Apprentice offers instruction in an array of fine art classes, rich in a multitude of media. Choosing courses from the four main branches of visual arts; drawing, painting, sculpting and printmaking, students will explore subjects as diverse as Japanese cartooning (Manga), the art of marbling, and Chinese painting. Live animals are presented for anatomy study for the students as well. On the final day of the courses, Palmer opens the studio for her students to use as a gallery show to display the work made during her course to family and friends.

"We have somewhat of an Opening (show) for them, and the families quite enjoy this display," Palmer said. "It's important for kids to have their artistic ability acknowledged."

Palmer said she likes to give her students more time during lessons to let their creative juices flow.

"I allow quite a bit of time for my classes so the students can get their ideas down and

have a good solid piece when they're finished," she said.

The studio, built by Pamela's husband Randy, opened in the spring. Having her own studio offers an advantage for the students in that they have access to easels and all reference material is easily accessible.

This is the fifth year for Palmer in business and is now offering home school options and parent and child courses.

Palmer holds a bachelor of fine arts degree with a major in painting and a minor in drawing from the University of Windsor. She also has a diploma of interior design from St. Clair College. The Artist's Apprentice studio is located at 9915 Reese Rd. Map, registration information and schedule of upcoming courses can be accessed at <http://www.artistsapprentice.com>. Pamela Palmer can be contacted at 248 620-3040 or [artistsapprentice@gmail.com](mailto:artistsapprentice@gmail.com)



Pamela Palmer

## Food always fresh at Nina's

Nina's Comfort Cafe is new, but owner Karen "Kip" Tracey has about 20 years of restaurant experience in Clarkston.

"I was 15 years old when I started out - I was a car hop on roller skates," said Tracey, who was nicknamed "Nina" by her grandson Logan.

In Clarkston, she worked at Clarkston Cafe with Don and Gloria Hayes for six years as a hostess, bartender, and waitress. She also worked at Uptown New York and Indianwood Country Club.

She left the business in 1992 to raise a family. Now she is back, and with help.

"This is something I've always wanted to do," she said. "I was at the point where it was either, do it now or don't do it at all."

Her daughters Beth and Wendy work with her in the restaurant, and her husband, Tom, helps out when he can.

When the family found the Sashabaw Road location this past March, it was not set up as a restaurant.

"There was nothing here except the walls," she said. "There wasn't even a hole cut in the roof for the ovens."

They cut the holes, bought supplies, from spoons to tables to the menu signs, and set up the restaurant in time to open in June.

She and her daughters have split responsibilities at the restaurant: she pre-



Karen Tracey is the owner of the new Nina's Cafe on Sashabaw.

pares special menu items, soups, and biscuits; Beth takes care of the books and waits on tables; and Wendy is responsible for the food up front, including what to serve and how to serve it.

"We make everything we can from scratch," Tracey said. "We get fresh fruit when it's available."

None of their food is freeze dried - they buy turkeys and hams and cook them themselves, and cut their own potatoes. Business has grown to the point where they are ready to expand their hours. New hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on Friday, and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

"We've expanded our hours at our customers' request," Tracey said.

For more information, call the restaurant, 5910 Sashabaw Road, at 248-625-2224.

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"Nobody's ever complaining after a massage," Wright said. "When you get rid of their brown spots or you make them look younger you don't get any complaints. This is just a happy environment."

"Wright owns the center along with her husband Dr. Thomas Wright, a local OBGYN. The center's motto is that people can look beautiful at any age. This is backed the plethora of services offered. Using combinations of laser systems, botox and restylane injections, medical microderm and facial peels, patients can receive treatment for wrinkle reduction, rosacea, acne, hair and brown spot removal, spider veins and a variety of other skin ailments and all types of hair removal. New this year, the center now offers pedicures and manicures and carries Penvonion and Dermalogica skin care products.

Visitors can also take a few steps down the all and go from looking better to feeling better. The center offers massages, body treatments, hydrotherapy and sunless tanning for those concerned with feeling good and taking care of their skin at the same

time.


Wright sees the center's combination of medical procedures with spa treatments as a great way to give visitors everything they need to look and feel younger in a single location, and it's the only place in the Clarkston area that offers such a combination. In the past, Wright worked selling barcode reading equipment and as an international sales manager for a local data collection company. Wright said her previous job was very stressful, so when she decided to have children she knew it would be more rewarding to take time off. Now that her two daughters, Taylor, 12, and Victoria, 10 have grown up a little, Wright knew she was ready to go back to work, but to something more relaxing.

"Now that my kids are older I get to enjoy this more but I'm also very lucky because my hours are as flexible as I want them to be. I'm home by the time my kids get off the bus, and I leave after they go to school," Wright said.

Gift certificates are available, and the spa offers special packages for bridal groups and corporate parties, including a special limo service package. Call the spa to learn more about their special holiday party gift packages. Belle Visage is located at 6507 Town Center Suite D. To schedule an appointment or a free consultation call 248-625-3525. For more information visit their Website at [www.bellevisagespa.com](http://www.bellevisagespa.com)



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One of the area's best kept secrets sits up on Waterford Hill -- well, as those long from Clarkston will tell you, that secret is really across Dixie Highway from Waterford Hill. But, it's still a great place to visit. And, you know what it looks like -- an Alpine Chalet.

Waterford Courts, 6110 Dixie, is owned and operated by the always smiling Terry Templeton. The business has been in her family since 1968.

For years folks have flocked to Waterford Courts to get a good work out, watch a sporting event on TV, shoot some pool, hang with friends or have a bite to eat. It's sort of the "Cheers" of athletic facilities in the area. Everybody knows your name, has a joke and smile for you.

Waterford Courts has long been known for paddleball, racquetball and wallyball courts.

What's "wallyball" you ask?

It's fun. It's fast. It is volleyball with walls. It's volleyball in a racquet ball court. Some play by organized rules, some play for street cred -- all out, full contact.

"If you haven't played," Terry says, "Grab some friends and come crash the nets! It's even a blast just to watch the games."

Terry says some teams have played weekly for 20 years. "Year after year they

keep coming back -- they keep having fun."

Waterford Courts is open seven days a week, from 3 to midnight. On Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Terry has bonus court hours from 9 to noon.

One of the treats Terry has to offer, is the pub and grill, after your workout. Many players once they leave the courts, hit the showers, clean up and come upstairs for dinner and a drink.

"We make the best nacho in Oakland County -- and have for years," Terry says.

The Waterford Courts pub and grill has lots of atmosphere, huge stone fireplace, billiards, multiple color TVs and people laughing and enjoying one another's company.

Courts are rented by the hour, or by the block -- over a period of weeks. Looking for something different? Throw wallyball parties, where prices include court time, food and beverages.

"School groups, teams, church groups and families have all enjoyed these parties," Terry said.

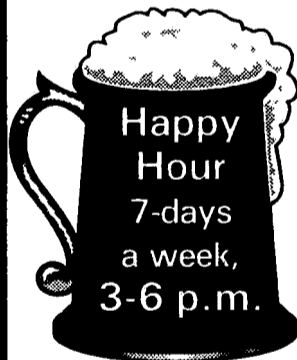
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# Dr. Gartenberg takes a closer look

"Do you have a Beaumont doctor?" the catch phrase asks us.

Dr. Elissa Gartenberg, D.O. is a Beaumont doctor, right in Clarkston.

As an osteopathic physician she offers complete medical care for the entire family, from newborns to senior citizens as a member of the Beaumont Outreach program while working at Clarkston Lakes Family practice. She has been with the group since February of this year.

Gartenberg knew she had an interest in medicine as a child, even taking in rounds with

**"I**f someone falls down the stairs and breaks their arm, we don't just fix their arm and send them home. We try to figure out why they fell down the stairs."  
*Dr. Elissa Gartenberg, D.O.*

her uncle, a cardiologist, as a teenager. She said her uncle's career really inspired her to get into medicine.

"I loved it. I had a passion for medicine and taking care of people," Gartenberg said.

"I always wanted to do this, it was always that calling and passion for me."

Gartenberg likes bonding with patients and seeing them through their troubles.

"I love my patients, meeting people and hearing their stories. I love diagnosing problems, finding solutions and making people feel better. It's an honor and a privilege to be part of people's lives in a close way," Gartenberg said.

Gartenberg applies a holistic approach to treat her patients, which incorporates mind, body, heart and spirit.

"The whole idea in osteopathic medicine is the power of touch," she said.

"We don't just focus on the problem at hand that person to try and find what could be contributing to the problem," Gartenberg said.

"If someone falls down the stairs and breaks their arm, we don't just fix their arm and send them home. We try to figure out why they fell down the stairs. Did they get dizzy or have a blood sugar problem? We dig a little deeper," she said.

Gartenberg is a graduate of the University of Michigan, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and she got her master's degree from in biomedical science from Harvard University.

She graduated from Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her medicinal training at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz. as well as with the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit and Warren.

"It's been a long road. the commitment lasts a lifetime," Gartenberg said.

Dr. Elissa Gartenberg, D.O. can be reached at (248) 922-3074 for an appointment.

Her office is located at 5825 South Main Street.

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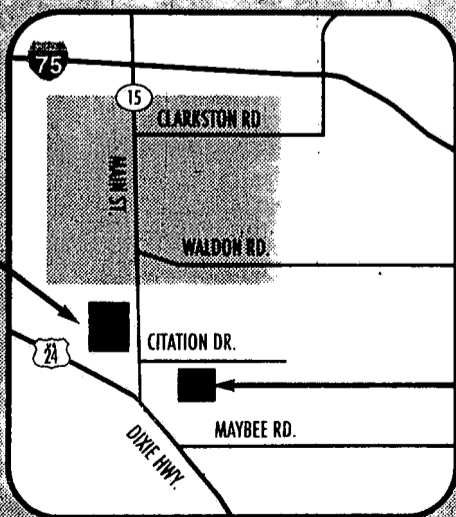
Dr. Gartenberg completed her residency in Family Medicine at the prestigious Mayo Clinic. She is a graduate of both the University of Michigan and Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine and is a Beaumont-employed medical staff member.

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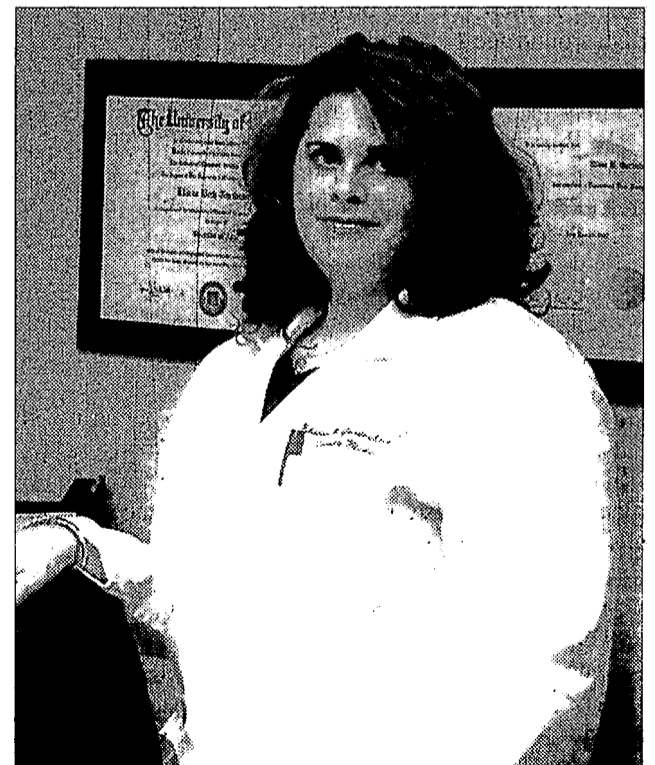
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The year 2006 marked two major events for The Downing Clinic. Clinic founder, Nedra Downing, DO retired, and her daughter, Laura Kovalcik, DO, Board-Certified Internist, took over the practice. The second exciting event was the development and launch of two super-rich, penetrating moisture creams designed by Drs. Downing and Kovalcik. They saw a need for hormone creams enriched with vitamins and without any toxic substances. One moisturizing cream supplies progesterone and the other contains estriol, a weak and safe estrogen.

Many women become progesterone deficient around age 40 and almost all need the hormone by age 50. Applying progesterone cream is a popular way to replace this hormone. The Downing Clinic's Progesterone Cream is truly better. Besides leaving out the perfumes, petroleum products, parabens and unwanted chemicals, the two doctors added red clover, wild yam, aloe vera, shea butter, Vitamins A and E, and allantoin in a special liposomal deep-penetrating delivery system.

The unique Estriol Cream is designed to be used as a face cream while also supplying small amounts of the hormone. The original formula came from Dr. Downing's own personal custom-designed cream which she made for herself for 35 years. Dr. Downing was a pharmacist before becoming a doctor. She knew estrogen helps retain youthful skin elasticity and prevent wrinkles. In formulating this cream, the two doctors chose estriol or E3, the third estrogen, which is very weak and very good for the skin. The base of the cream is aloe vera with shea butter, Vitamins C, E, A, D, green tea extract,

system.

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# Two nurses head newest home care in Clarkston

## Evergreen Home Health Care partners with Evergreen Personal Services

Janis Kelterborn RN understands the aging process and the needs of older adults. She can be a great resource to locate professionals, services and alternatives to senior's present home situation.

When Janis was working in a small hospital as director of nurses and selling real estate part time to educate her four children as a single parent, the medical director encouraged her to go back to school. After receiving her bachelor's degree, Janis was exposed to working as a visiting home health nurse, and later rose to regional director in a large home care agency for over 10 years.

Evergreen Personal Services LLC was started eight years ago due to Janis realizing seniors needed some extra assistance with bathing, medications, errands and light housekeeping in order to remain in their homes. Janis marketed over 200 senior apartment buildings for the home care company before retiring and working full time in her own private duty, personal service company specializing in care for seniors. Evergreen staff is screened and trained to assist in meeting the needs of the senior population.

Evergreen Personal Care staff do companion sitting for anywhere from few hours to a few weeks for a client. Many times a mate or parent needs



Zenaida Harrington RN

care and requires attention, and is not safe to be left home alone. The request for companions have many different requirements. One aide was needed to bake cookies and fill in as a fourth if one of the group of ninety-five year old women couldn't attend the euchre party.

To further assist seniors when it is necessary to leave their home, Janis owns two assisted living homes that provide 24-hour supervision. Birchwood Meadows One and Two are a great alternative to a nursing home. Two ranch homes in Genesee County offer coun-



Janis Kelterborn RN

try living on two acres with 12 seniors in each home.

Nurses, therapists and a visiting physician visit regularly. Many have private rooms as well as shared rooms. Good nutrition with fresh fruit and vegetables along with home baked pies and home cooking are the practice. While attending a seminar with some friends and her husband, the four decided to build their own home health company. Evergreen Home Health Care was started.

Zenaida Harrington RN is a native of the Philippines, who originally came to the US to work at a Farmington nurs-

ing home (now Botsford Commons). Zeny's dream was always to become a nurse. Although she has worked in hospitals, nursing homes and home care, she also branched out in private business with retail specialty shirts, durable medical equipment and rental homes, but her love of nursing surpassed the rest. As a nurse, Zeny has had many opportunities to take care of her elderly family.

"With the encouragement of my husband and the recommendations of consultants, I joined with a partner and started Evergreen," she said.

As director of clinical services at Evergreen Home Health Care, Zeny's specialty is now wound care after working with many surgeons at Botsford Hospital.

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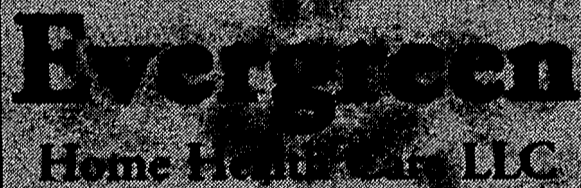
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"I've always liked to clean and I've always been picky about it," Raffler said. "So when I got tired of the corporate world, I decided to start my own business."

The Clarkston Cleaning Service opened in March 2001.

Today, with about 160 clients throughout Clarkston, Waterford and Davisburg, Raffler has outgrown her home office and recently moved into a building on South Main Street in Clarkston.

"People are really busy these days and they'd rather pay someone to clean the house so they can spend more time with their families," she said. "It's not just wealthy people who want their homes cleaned anymore."

When she started out, Raffler did all the work herself, or brought her husband Ken and kids, Kenny and Amber, now 17 and 16 respectively, to help out. These days, she manages 12 employees who do most of the cleaning.

Clarkston Cleaning Service offers free estimates and a satisfaction guarantee, and Raffler prides herself on exceeding the services offered by her competitors.

"We don't do rotational cleaning," she said. "We clean everything every time, and we send the same team out to clean your home every time. It just makes



Dawn Raffler

sense."

Each team, she said, consists of a team leader, a junior team leader and a cleaning specialist. Team leaders are responsible for making sure everything on a long checklist has been satisfactorily completed before the team leaves a home.

Clarkston Cleaning Service is bonded and insured, offers competitive rates, and may soon add new services, such as an errand-running, for busy clients.

Raffler attributes her success to hard work, high standards and the willingness to take a risk.

"More women have to stand up for themselves," she said. "You just have to be willing to take the plunge and do the things you want to do."

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Cheryl Bean, Farmers Insurance agent, with a client.

"I try to provide a service level that I would personally expect and hope for from someone whom I would buy insurance from. Things such as a convenient location that's easy to get in and out of, ample parking, reasonable business hours, a toll-free phone number, personal and personable service, etc."

Bean has lived in Clarkston for the past 18 years, moving here from Auburn Hills.

"I liked the area - the country feel," she said.

Over the years, Clarkston has become, on the whole, a commuter community. Her services reflect that.

"People want a local agent but they are generally not back in the area until evening and on weekends. I'm open evenings, weekends and special appointments are absolutely no problem. Most people have a busy, hectic lifestyle and

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## Local company helps with home makeover

For home decorating ideas and accessories, home makeover enthusiasts need look no further than Plum Hollow Décor and Design.

Plum Hollow has been a Clarkston area business for 13 years, having moved from its previous location on Sashabaw Road to the Gateway Plaza in 2004.

Owner Shannon Longstaff said the move gave the decorating company an opportunity to reach another side of the community as well as surrounding areas.

The store features a retail showroom filled with furnishings and accessories as well as order fabrics and wallpapers in an adjoining room. Customers can also order custom-made furniture in the store.



The group at Plum Hollow is available for your next remodel.

Plum Hollow employs four interior designers with their own design studio in house for its customers.

Clients typically visit the store to set up an appointment and from there a designer will visit your home. The design can be mapped out in the design studio, after which clients would view them.

"When people come to us, they're looking to remodel, we give them the concept and the idea for what needs to done," Longstaff said.

The construction work can be done

through a contracted company and then Plum Hollow will do the decorating from that point.

Customers can come into the location to help put together projects in the store, but the best results come when a designer visits the home.

"Most of the time, projects are better put together when we've been in the home and we discuss the whole project," Longstaff said.

Plum Hollow is superior because of its ability to buy from manufacturers at lower costs, as well as the resources available to it from the Michigan Design Center in Troy, Longstaff said.

"We have so many resources here that it makes it

easier for people to come here and shop with us and put the project together locally," she added.

The staff helps clients by picking color schemes which will last over time.

"We try to steer our customers away from fads in color trends and steer them toward classic colors that will not date themselves," Longstaff said.

Plum Hollow Home Décor and Design is located at 7048 Gateway Park Drive at the corner of Andersonville and White Lake roads. It can be reached at (248) 620-9000.

## Klasy Klip gets pets looking and feeling great

Cheryl Betzing, owner of Klasy Klip, loves to see a pet walk out of her business after being properly groomed for the first time.

"They just make your day when they strut out of here after they've been cleaned up," said Betzing.

Klasy Klip provides complete grooming services, from routine nail clipping and trims to show cuts.

"I grew up with pets, I love pets, everyday is different, it's always fun to come to work," said Betzing.

While Cheryl is the driving force behind Klasy Klip, she credits her family's support for her success.

Klasy Klip has been serving local families and their pets for the last 30 years and Cheryl said she plans to continue for years to come.

Within Klasy Klip, customers find a full service pet salon and a trained, experienced and licensed staff ready to make their pet look incredible.

While owners love the way their pets look, the pets enjoy the pampering as well.

"We had one dog come in this morning, it was shaking it was so happy to be here. That felt so good, they know your voice, they know your face.

New animals are won over quickly though.

"They come in scared and they walk out proud," said Betzing.

The owners like the results as well.

"They are in awe when they see their pet. I've heard a lot of 'That's my dog?'"

Aside from great grooming Klasy Klip makes the experience easy for both owners and pets.

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Klasy Klip now carries a new line of spa products to truly pamper your pet. And while quality is first and foremost, Betzing knows speed is appreciated as well.

"We try to be done in four hours or less," said Betzing.

While their specialty is dogs and cats, Klasy Klip offers grooming services for other pets as well, such as: rabbits, ferrets and guinea pigs.

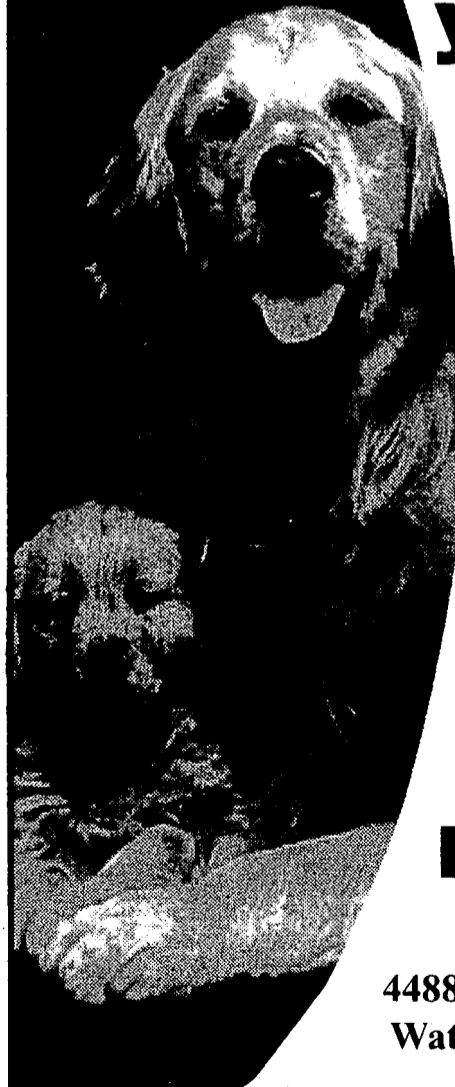
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All of the agents in the office have between 10 and 30 years of experience and are all well traveled themselves. Recent trips, including Cancun, Mayan Rivera, and Punta Cana, have familiarized them with hotels and tourist activities. They have also been on various cruises, including the Disney Cruise as well as the Panama Canal.

"Many people do a lot of research on the Internet and then come to us to actually book their vacation. The Internet is a valuable tool, but cannot replace face-to-face interaction," she explained.

"We are a full service agency that can book cruises, package tours, hotels, cars, and rail trips. For cruises, packages, and tours, we do not charge a service fee, but for airline tickets, car rentals, and hotels, there is one. Most times, we can find a more convenient schedule or lower prices."

Another downside to booking on the Internet is that if there is a problem or disaster, such as the hurricane in Cancun last year, travellers have no one to turn to.

"There is a saying among travel agents, 'if you book yourself, you're on



Claudia Jakus, owner of the Clarkston Travel Bureau, helps people find the vacation of their dreams.

your own," she said.

Many people book trips via the Internet but then have lots of questions.

"They come to us for answers because they cannot get the answers themselves from their booking sources. While we'd like to help people in these situations, we are not an information bureau, and our knowledge and resources are reserved for our clients," she said.

Clarkston Travel does not have a web site of its own - travellers need personal interaction when planning their trips.

"It can be more time consuming to play e-mail tag instead of sitting down face to face."

Clarkston Travel is located at 6 N. Main Street, Clarkston. Their hours are 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays by appointment. For information, you can call 248-625-0325 or e-mail [ctbclaudia@comcast.net](mailto:ctbclaudia@comcast.net).

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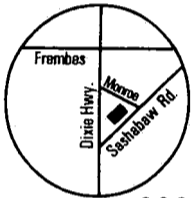
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## Duo shares family backbone

When Ronda Vaughn Marshall was in elementary school, she didn't know that kids took medicine when they got sick — she just thought they went home, like she did, so mom could adjust her.

When Ronda was in high school she came home and said "Mom, Jenny takes aspirin when she gets a headache. Why can't I?"

It was then Jacqueline Vaughn spoke words her daughter would always remember: "do you think you have a headache because you are lacking aspirin?"

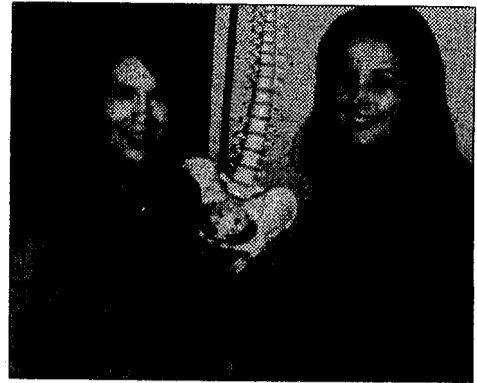
The mother and daughter team at the Vaughn Chiropractic Clinic come from a large family, boasting 12 chiropractors. Each has dedicated his or her career to the field because they believe in what they do; they know it works.

"A new study shows that 8 of 10 children of chiropractors never had an ear infection," said Ronda, who relieved the physical stress of birth by adjusting her own daughter just two hours after the infant was born. As chiropractic awareness grows, the two are finding that more and more people are coming for adjustments and bringing their children, too.

In most cases, she said, by the time a person feels pain and seeks treatment, the problem has been building for years, sometimes decades.

"All the accidents you have as a child will come back to haunt you," Jacqueline said. "Younger children are always falling down, older ones hurt themselves in sports and all kinds of activities."

All of this, in children as well as adults, results in bones moving out of position and pinching on a nerve. When nerves are pinched, she explained, they cannot properly transmit messages sent throughout the body by the brain — and when the body doesn't get the brain's



Jacqueline Vaughn, at left, and Ronda Vaughn Marshall of Vaughn Chiropractic Clinic.

messages, it can't work properly and things go wrong.

One myth new patients worry over is that a chiropractic adjustment will hurt. In most cases, it doesn't. Another myth warns that once a person start seeing a chiropractor, they must continue indefinitely.

"We explain to our patients that we can make an adjustment and get rid of the pain, but that doesn't necessarily mean the problem is gone," said Ronda. "People have to give their bodies time to change, and then maintain the changes."

Mother and daughter like to illustrate the point with an analogy. "You don't have to get your teeth cleaned or change the oil in your car," said Jacqueline. "But what happens if you don't?"

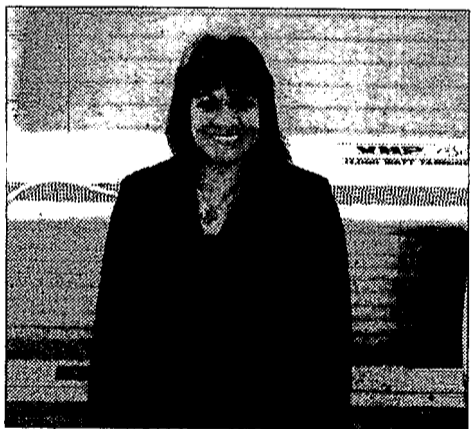
All new patients at Vaughn Chiropractic receive the first consultation free, and a computer scan that measures how well the body is functioning will be provided free with mention of this ad.

The office is located at 3093 Sashabaw in Waterford. Contact them at (248) 674-4898.

## Retreat to an island for a great tan, boutique shop

You won't need to venture far from downtown Clarkston to get a great tan. Paradise Island Tanning Salon and Boutique is right down the street.

Owner Diana Lindeberg purchased the salon in October after being a loyal customer for many years. The previous owner felt Diana would be the perfect fit for the place with her 15 years of experience in retail. She worked as a manager and a buyer for a clothing store prior to owning Paradise Island.



Paradise Island Tanning Salon is available for your tanning pleasure.

"She thought I would be perfect for taking over. I have lived in Clarkston my whole life, so I know most of the people and she felt I had the skills to be the owner and operator of the business," she said.

Diana brings her personality to the shop with her. She said the business feeds her social appetite for conversation and interaction.

Many tanning salons are not as interactive with their clients, Diana said, which is a characteristic setting Paradise Island apart from the rest.

"I have tried other places through the years, but I always came back to Paradise Island because you're a person here, not a

number. They wanted to know about you as a person, they made you feel special," she said.

Diana aims to make sure her customers feel safe and welcome at Paradise.

To help distance her business from others, Diana said she has no plans to force customers into contracts and certainly no fingerprint validation for their accounts and no pushy sales staff.

"We're here to make it easy for you to tan, life is complicated enough, it shouldn't be difficult to tan," she said.

Her personality is something customers will find whenever they visit the salon, because she intends to be there.

"I want to be here. I don't want to be an absentee owner, I want to be involved," Diana said.

Also, the shop will soon sell contemporary and fashionable clothes, shoes, jewelry and accessories.

"It's very unusual for a tanning salon to have its own boutique," Diana said.

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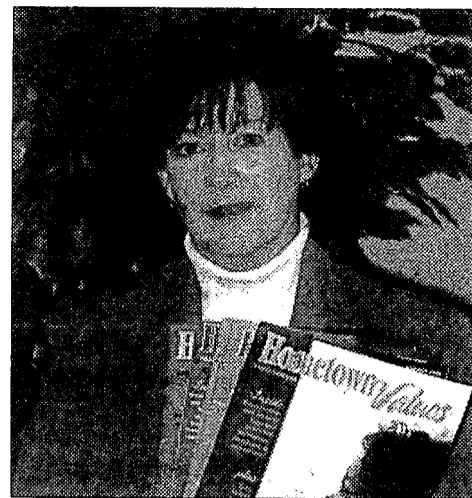
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When Diane Suiter, a local resident, had the opportunity to purchase the Clarkston edition of Hometown Values Magazine 9 years ago, she did not hesitate. She started the Waterford edition a few years earlier, and wanted the opportunity to service businesses in her own home town, with a product she discovered truly helps them.



Diane Suiter

When this little lady enters a business, what they don't realize at first, is that she is much more than an ad rep. Diane has 25 years experience assisting businesses with their marketing from large manufacturers to the smaller businesses that she services now.

"I could have had a larger scale career in advertising," explains Diane, "but chose this venue initially, because I wanted the flexibility of working from home to care for my son when he was younger." I didn't realize at that time, that I would enjoy this more, because of the satisfaction I get from helping businesses in my own community.

What she also did not expect, is the expansion Hometown would undergo within just a few short years. Diane has expanded this "little ad magazine," to over 500,000 distribution, including affiliated magazines in Southeast Michigan. She recruits, trains and has an entire "team" of Hometown publishers in surrounding communities. Diane feels very fortunate to work at something she enjoys. Advertisers tell her every week – not only how they love how their ads look, but also of the incomparable results they receive.

"This type of response not only keeps me positive about my product, but is so important in this economy," says

Diane. "Ad budgets are limited, so businesses cannot afford to take chances. To keep its doors open, advertising must remain a top priority. After basic operational costs, it is the single most important investment to keep it not merely just running, but also growing. Direct mail can be very effective, but it needs to be attractive and have good value to the consumer, so that it will stay in the home longer. Which is why we use cute kids on our covers, print in full color on high quality gloss, and include an awesome variety of useful local ads, so people will keep it, bringing better response for the advertiser."

Diane recognizes how busy people are, and she tries to make the experience as easy as possible by learning about their products or services to use in creating their ads. That level of service allows them to devote more time to running their business. For information about Hometown Values, call Diane at 248-625-1890.

## Putting fun back in the Spotlight

Wendy Harris built her reputation traveling to schools in the Clarkston area and teaching dance workshops. So when she opened Spotlight Dance Center, her students already knew what to expect.

Now entering their seventh season, the more than 300 students at Spotlight know Harris and other instructors at their school will show them how to dance like champions while having fun all along the way.

As owner and director of Spotlight,

Harris has over 16 years experience teaching dance to all ages. She trained in Ballet, Pointe, Tap and Jazz and competed in regional and national dance competitions. Her formal training was with Iacob Lascu at the Lascu School of Ballet and her ballet performances include

"The Sleeping Beauty" and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "Nutcracker." She is certified to teach by examination through Dance Masters of Michigan and Dance Masters of America, of which she is an active member.

Spotlight differs from other schools in that the students, regardless of age, don't have to commit all of their free time.

"We have a lot of students who just want to dance for fun or as something to

do after school. They don't want to spend every night here and aren't trying to be professionals," Harris said.

In addition, Harris said she wanted to make her programs open to beginners, regardless of age.

"We get a lot of teenagers who want to try dancing for the time but don't want to dance with the little kids." At Spotlight, Harris setup a program for teens and young adults new to dancing to try it out with their peers.

Even though the school's primary focus is recreational dancers, Harris said the school works with a group of teen dancers who are very serious about their training and have professional goals.

"We have students who want to end up on Broadway or

open up their own schools and we can work with them on that level as well," Harris said.

Spotlight Dance Studio is located at 7183 N. Main St. Ste. B in Clarkston. For more information on the school, the instructors and available programs, call 248-625-9030, e-mail wendy@spotlightdance.com or visit the school's Website at www.spotlightdance.com



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## Offering the latest treatments for healing the skin

Clarkston Dermatologist, Dr. Wendy McFalda recently announced the installation of a new diagnostic and treatment assessment tool for skin care. Called the Visia System, Dr. McFalda said, "It is really amazing how we can create a clear diagnostic picture of sun damage, pore size and wrinkles. This information allows me to develop a truly targeted treatment program, and then both the patient and I will use the Visia images to track treatment progress."

"We had a great turnout for our open house last month. In fact, so many people told us that they wanted to learn more, we are hosting an informational event beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 at Mesquite Creek restaurant to discuss new treatment options for psoriasis with a nationally recognized speaker," explained Dr. McFalda. Call the office for all the details and to confirm your registration.

Similar sessions regarding other skin care issues are being scheduled. "On, Tuesday, Nov. 28, our team will host an event at our office to help women get ready for the holidays. The Holiday Make-Over Experience gives you the opportunity to have your make-up professionally matched to your special celebration outfit. These makeovers were such a hit at our open house that we decided to do it again," said Dr. McFalda.

"We will also be available to an-



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swer any questions you might have about our other services like Botox or Restylane. This could be the best time to treat yourself to something special

and look great for the holiday season."

Dr. McFalda also offered this advice regarding laser hair removal. "This is the ideal time of the year to start plan-

ning and scheduling for laser hair removal. Most of us are spending less time in the sun during this time of year and the procedure is most effective on skin that is not tanned."

In addition to hair removal, many patients decide to have the doctor help them reduce the appearance of spider or varicose veins. "Some of my patients are embarrassed to show their legs in the summer and don't realize that they have options for change," Dr. McFalda explained.

Although the majority of cosmetic procedures are being requested by women, Dr. McFalda has seen an increase in men wanting to improve the condition of their skin and reverse the visible signs of aging. "Some men wonder if they are overlooked for professional opportunities because they may appear older than they feel. There are other men who have seen their wife or partner receive cosmetic enhancements and want the same benefits for themselves," said Dr. McFalda.

Dr. McFalda would like to thank her patients for their continued support and for the referral of their family and friends to her office. The doctor would also like to thank the members of her team for their hard work and commitment to the patients they serve.

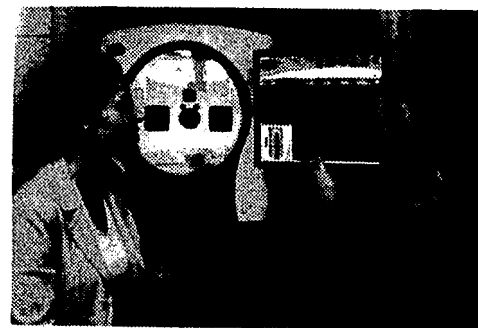
The Clarkston Dermatology and Vein Center is located at 7210 N. Main St., Suite 103. Call Dr. McFalda for an appointment at 248-620-3376.

*Dr. Wendy L. McFalda*

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## Unique service in real estate

Desiree Heck is changing the way she conducts her real estate business to keep up with today's changing market. The most significant change is that she joined RE/MAX New Trend, one of the leading RE/MAX offices in SE Michigan. Heck's new office is located in Bloomfield Hills, but her loyalties remain with Clarkston.

"I'm promoting Clarkston in an area where buyers seem to be coming from...I'm proud to be part of the Clarkston community, and I want to see continued growth here." Heck chose RE/MAX New Trend because of their level of technology and service to their agents and clients.

"I have a full support team in place with my office that will help me service my clients' needs. I also have the freedom and flexibility to run my business the way I want, which allows me to be unique and different," Heck states.

One of the ways she is already being unique is by marketing the luxury brand that RE/MAX has called RE/MAX Renowned Properties. The is a unique and separate look for homes in the \$500,000 and higher price range, including a Renowned Property sign, logo, and website for these listings. Heck is taking advantage of this unique marketing tool to differentiate herself and her listings from the competition.

"I cater to all price ranges, but those at the upper end can be more difficult to sell. RE/MAX Renowned Properties offers more tools to help us stand above the competition."

New signs and marketing are not the only unique things that Heck is using. The office in Bloomfield Hills is located in an actual castle.

"The office is unlike any real estate office you will see," she said. "It's designed to make it the ultimate real estate experience and agents and clients alike."

The most important change Heck has made is her ability to offer a "menu" of commission plans based on the amount of marketing and service they desire.

"The economy is tough right now and people are having to sell their homes when there isn't a lot of equity. I can tailor a marketing plan that will save them money and still give them the results they need."

This past year, Heck has also worked to develop professionally. She has completed the educational requirements and earned her state real estate broker license. Along with her business, she is continuing to expand her home-selling team. In addition to the three full-time administrative assistants she utilizes in her office, she has her own part-time personal assistant.

"Next year I will be adding a full-time buyer's agent," she said. "Ultimately, I want to be the person you think of when it's time to sell your home."

ReMax New Trend is located at 122 Concorde Road, behind Fox and House Restaurant, in Bloomfield Hills. Heck also works out of her Clarkston home office for your convenience. For more information, contact Desiree at 248-240-8562, or e-mail [DesireeHeck@remax.net](mailto:DesireeHeck@remax.net).

## Medicine runs in the family

For Dr. Hsiao Bechinski, being a physician is in her blood.

Her father is a doctor. Her sister is a doctor. Many of her aunts and uncles are doctors. Her husband, Dr. John Bechinski, is a doctor, and their daughter Hannah is on her way to becoming a doctor too.

"She's my little helper, like I was," Hsiao Bechinski said. "My family is very medically orientated."

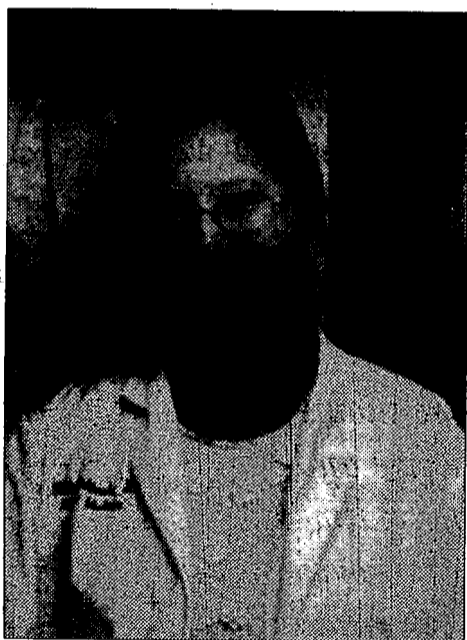
Her father, Dr. Hsuan-Shu Lai, served in the Taiwan army as a physician. A military family, they moved frequently as Bechinski grew up - assignments included Saudi Arabia and England. The family moved to the United States in the 1970s, living in New York before settling in Florida, where Dr. Lai still owns a dermatology practice.

"That's where I learned about all the hard work that goes into getting a practice going," Bechinski said.

She is board-certified in internal medicine, which includes women's health, teenage medicine, and adult medicine. She works with Genesys Regional Medical Center. She worked as an intern and resident with Genesys. She was offered a position in the Genesys Health System and chose Clarkston because of its growth potential and the family activities available here. She opened her practice this past March.

"This is a nice area - a great place to raise a family," she said. "There are lots of family things, good schools - it met all our requirements."

She is also offering her services at the Waterford Teen Health Center,



Dr. Hsiao Bechinski

part of the Waterford School District. Working with youth is one of the reasons she went into medicine.

"It's one of the things I've always wanted to do," she said. "To work with teens who need help - it's a privilege."

Hours at her practice, 5900 Waldon Road, Suite C, are: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Monday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday. However, she is available 24-hours-a-day if needed. Same day appointments are usually available. Call 248-625-8730.

The Waterford Teen Health Center is located in the Manley Campus, 2989 Van Zandt, Waterford. Call 248-674-4876.

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The techniques used by Sullivan and her designers will preserve artwork for hundreds of years.

Sullivan and designers Patti Phillips and Polly Parker work with customers to select the perfect combination, or recipe, for each particular work of art. Thousands of combinations are available, with all kinds of wood, colors, and trim.

"They can be combined in many ways to make something truly unique," Sullivan said.

The designers have more than 50 years combined experience in choosing colors for framing, based on wall samples, photographs, and even pieces of furniture people bring in to the store. Artful Framer frames more than paintings.

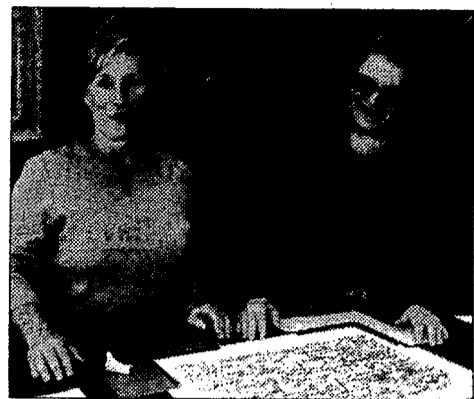
"We can frame a variety of things, memorabilia, christening gowns, shoes, athletic jerseys, antiques. We don't just frame flat pictures," said Sullivan.

"We guarantee our work - if the customer is not completely satisfied, we'll redo it."

Items for framing are often very personal, so they only receive the best care.

"The nice part is that we see our customers again and again," she said. "We develop good rapport with them."

The paintings of Michigan artist Terry Tracy are on exhibit at the Artful Framer



**Designer Patti Phillips, left, and Jacqueline Sullivan work on the framing recipe for the Chamber of Commerce's Clarkston area montage.**

in Clarkston through Saturday. Also on exhibit are Jean Cavalier's Clarkston Main Street series of prints, bronze sculptures by Earle Davis, and photographs by Steven Bettwy.

A show featuring photo gicleés, photos reproduced on canvas or fine-art paper, is set for Nov. 17. Gicleés can be made from any size photo, digital or hard copy.

"We are a gallery as well as a frame show," Sullivan said. "But we don't intimidate - people can come in and buy practical art."

Artful Framer is located at 6525 Sashabaw Road in the Independence Towne Square on the corner of Sashabaw and Waldon Roads. It 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.

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Gina Norton and Wendy Townson

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Mortgage is located at 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 900 in Clarkston. To reach Norton or Townson call 248-625-9251. For more information on Allpointe Mortgage, visit [www.allpointe.com](http://www.allpointe.com).

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Henckel, who lost her mother to breast cancer as a child, said she is dedicated to helping clients who have cancer.

All hair technicians have more than 15 years of experience in the hair industry. All technicians are licensed and have trained throughout the country in the latest technology, trends and styles available to date in the hair replacement. AHC will ensure that clients receive the most natural looking head of hair available to date.

AHC, founded by Henckel in 1997, offers personal service with compassion

and care. AHC moved from its Rochester location of five years, to Independence Township in 2005.

Henckel volunteers monthly at William Beaumont Hospital, Troy for the "Look Good Feel Better" program.

The program, run by the American Cancer Society for women undergoing cancer treatment. The sessions help women cope with their hair and makeup concerns. For more information about the program visit <http://www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org>.

The center creates solutions for both men and women and also offers massage therapy. Alternative Hair Center is located at 5730 Bella Rose Boulevard, open Tues. - Sat. For more information, visit them online at <http://www.alternativehaircenter.com> or call (248) 625-6560 for an appointment.



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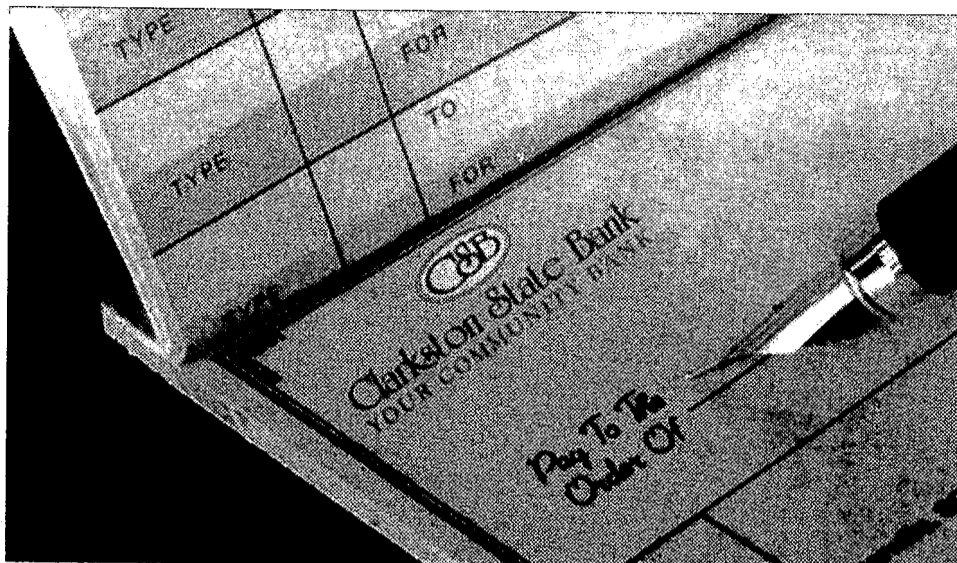
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### Business banking accounts

One of the basics of small business banking is to establish a business banking account.

Utilizing a personal bank account for small business dollars is a common mis-

take among new, part-time business owners. Many new business owners reduce the risk by starting a business part-time while retaining a full-time income – but you still need to keep your personal and business funds separated in independent business checking or savings accounts. Run the business as a business.

Some business owners try to process business transactions through their personal bank accounts to reduce expenses and bank fees. When actually, they are jeopardizing the future of their new business for the following reasons:

1) Government rules stipulate that **only businesses can deduct business expenses**. A business bank account gives the government a harder time questioning whether you actually run a business.

2) When it comes **tax time** to de-

clare income and expenses from the business, personal transactions will have to be separated from business transactions.

It will be tough reviewing all your transactions and determining what is business and what is personal.

3) It is **required that all records be accurate**, complete, permanent and showing a clear record of income and deductions. Providing a separate business statement and record provides a clear audit trail.

4) It is **easy to overlook or miss deductions** you may be entitled to when you integrate personal and business funds. Whether you or an accountant will be preparing the tax return, messy record keeping will cost more in time, money, and possible missed deductions.

5) **Check writing in your personal name** as opposed to business can convey that your company is a part-time venture. Even if your business is part-time, take it seriously and your clients will too.

Take the time to open a small business banking account at Clarkston State Bank to simplify your business life. Small business products vary in fees and features and the staff at Clarkston State Bank will be happy to match a banking product to your business needs. The costs of a business account are far less than the benefits to your business. Fees are partly tax deductible as an expense. Don't forget to consider that your business may grow. Opening a business account with Clarkston State Bank can help with required financing in the future.

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In the many years they have served the area, Kasl has made it a priority to build a reputation of professionalism and knowledge, so when her customers come to see her they know they are getting the very best in service.

Kasl said being a woman in the business has helped her work with female customers, but there were never many challenges to her work.

"Back when we first started I was the only woman I knew doing this kind of work, but now it's really not a big deal. I've found women enjoy seeing another who enjoys cycling and understands the different needs they have," Kasl said.

Beside providing a plethora of bicycles and nearly every part imaginable, Kinetic Systems offers clothing, sunglasses, and food for every active lifestyle.

Part of the Kinetic's experience also includes a cycling group called the Flying Rhinos. The group consists of approximately 300 riders of all skill levels who enjoy and pursue active lifestyles through cycling.

"It's just a group of people who love to ride and the trips are a great way to get exercise and explore some of areas around Clarkston," said Kasl.

Kasl knows even though many of



Louise Kasl

their customers are very serious about training, not everyone is looking to become a competitive cyclist.

"A lot of people want to find something for their kids or a bike to ride for fun and we really work to accommodate that," Kasl said.

Kinetic 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. to 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday noon to 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 [www.kineticsystems bicycles.com](http://www.kineticsystems bicycles.com).

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# Business women at the News

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, women represent 46 percent of the country's total labor force. The government projects that percentage to increase to 47 percent by 2014. The office of the Clarkston News on Main Street has both those numbers beat – women represent 70 percent there.

Readers and customers walking through the door at 5 S. Main Street first find Rose Mary Frazer, office manager, and Kelly Johnston, office assistant manager. Walking into the office they'll find the advertising department, Cindy Burroughs, advertising manager, and sales representatives Debbie Denton, Joy Vander Weel, and Jamie Hanks. Upstairs, they would find reporter Laura Colvin.

"Advertising is interesting and fun because you get to meet all kinds of people," Burroughs said. "You get to help them build their business through advertising."

The Clarkston News has won several awards with the Michigan Press Association and Community Newspapers of



From left are the women in business at the Clarkston News office, Debbie Denton, Kelly Johnston, Rose Mary Frazer, Joy Vander Weel, Cindy Burroughs, Jamie Hanks, and Laura Colvin, at right.

Michigan for ad design, best special sections, and best ad idea.

"That's very gratifying," she said.

The Advertising Department is very involved with the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, which helps with business networking. The Clarkston News has been the community newspaper for 76 years, and the Penny Stretcher for 26 years.

"It's great to be such a large part of a great community," she said.

Frazer and Johnston handle classifieds, garage sales, automotive sales, Who to Call small business ads, subscriptions, and incoming phone calls for all departments.

"The community is at the door at 8 a.m. on Wednesday to get the paper," Frazer said. "Any-

thing you need or want, you can find in the classifieds."

Seasonal businesses come back year after year. Classified deadline is noon on Mondays, and they are published throughout Sherman Publications. The Clarkston News is North Oakland County's largest paid weekly newspaper, with more than 3,600 subscribers. For more information, call 248-625-3370.



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## Taking Care of Bizness

### Chamber Expo slated for November 2

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Business EXPO on Thursday, November 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Clarkston High School. Admission is \$5 per person.

Over 100 exhibitors will be on hand with exciting displays and interactive demonstrations, helping you learn more about our local businesses. Delicious appetizers and desserts will be provided by the students at Oakland Technical Center Northwest Campus's Culinary Arts Program.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this business event; *no strollers please.*

Businesses interested in exhibit information should contact Geri or Zoe at the Clarkston Area Chamber. 248-625-8055.

Membership in the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce begins at \$190/year. Chamber membership dues may be a tax deductible expense for your business, contact your tax accountant for more information.

For more information on Chamber membership please contact Zoe or Geri at 248-625-8055.

### Holiday Lights Parade on December 9

Clarkston's only evening parade is scheduled for December 9, at 6 pm on Main Street. The parade is hosted by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. This year's parade chairman is Donna Clancy. Donna is a Chamber member and also serves as the executive director of Clarkston SCAMP.

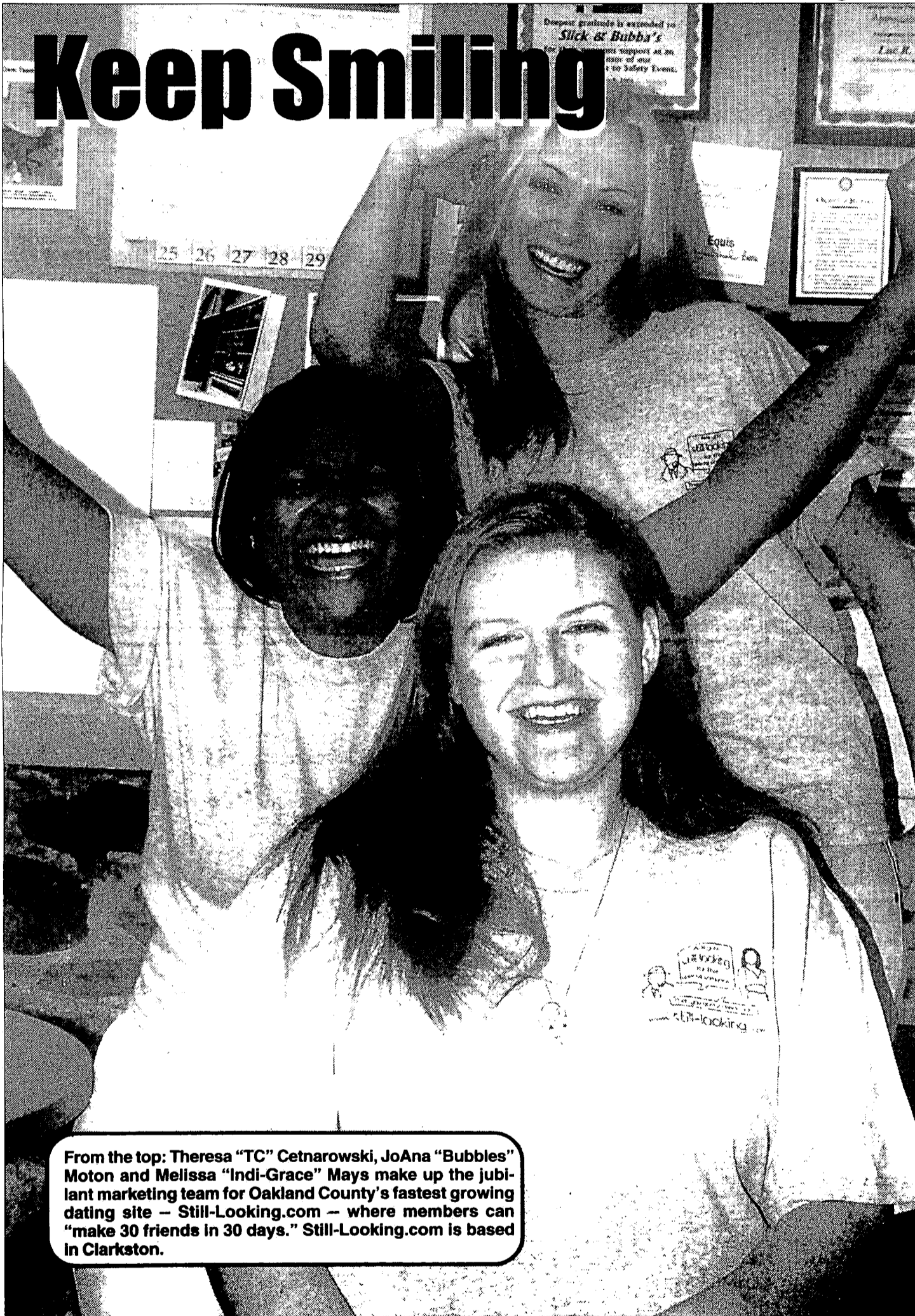
This year's theme is: *Hometown Traditions—Connecting for the Holidays*

The Chamber is looking for lighted parade entries that utilize the theme and celebrate the holiday season. There is no cost to enter in the parade, but pre-registration is required. For an entry form, please contact the Chamber of Commerce 248-625-8055.

The parade will begin at the Clarkston Community Education parking lot on Waldon, go West on Church St. to Main St. and continue on Main St. to Miller Rd., ending at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

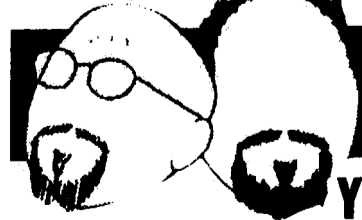
Santa and Mrs. Claus will be part of the parade and a limited number of seats on Santa's wagon may be reserved for you and your child. Contact the Chamber for more information. Call 248-625-8055.

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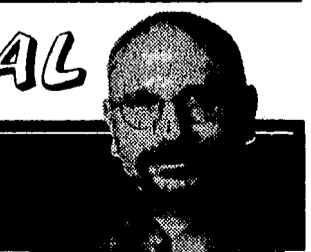


From the top: Theresa "TC" Cetnarowski, JoAna "Bubbles" Moton and Melissa "Indi-Grace" Mays make up the jubilant marketing team for Oakland County's fastest growing dating site - Still-Looking.com - where members can "make 30 friends in 30 days." Still-Looking.com is based in Clarkston.

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'Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing.'

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# Building a winner

## Area couple take home design award

By Paul Kampe

Tim and Liz Wickersham of Wickersham Homes Incorporated in Independence Township have seen the development in the area first hand... while they were building it.

The Wickershams have been building in the Clarkston area for more than a decade, 12 years to be exact, since Tim made the transition to home building from car sales. And for nearly 10 years, his company was involved in building homes.

Tim and Liz met in a Grosse Pointe establishment while she working and he was socializing. The couple was married in 1990 and later moved to the Clarkston area from Holly in 1993.

"We like the idea of the community feel, we liked the idea of the growth that was happening here," Liz said. They plan to stay in the area for a long time, "We love it here."

She also liked the reputation of the Clarkston Community Schools. Their daughter Courtni, a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School, was set to enter middle school at the time of the move.

After finishing the first of many homes he built in the Pebble Creek



**Tim and Liz Wickersham of Wickersham Homes Incorporated**

development (near Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road) and getting multiple offers for the property, Tim left his position as the general manager of a car dealership for carpentry.

"I slowly worked my way into this and it just turned into an animal, a good one," he said. "That's my passion."

The Wickershams have been purchasing land up and down Dixie Highway for the past ten years.

The company is shifting away from houses into commercial buildings, which equates to nearly 500,000-square-feet of building space the couple manages.

"We as builders have had a good run for 12 years," Tim said. "This is an excellent location for any business to come to Clarkston because it's one mile of I-75 and very accessible."

The market for home building has gone dry in the mean time, a trend Tim hopes will end within the next couple years. Wickersham was building between 40 and 50 homes annually.

"I knew the business would go south," he said. "People are sitting on (not selling) their homes 2, 3 and 4 years now...the market needs to correct itself."

The Wickershams purchased and remodeled their current headquarters, a 22,460-square-foot facility, almost one-and-a-half years ago. The building houses Wickersham Homes as well as real estate, mortgage and title companies.

In May of this year, the couple won an award from the Clarkston Area

Chamber of Commerce for "Building Of The Year" during a beautification awards ceremony.

"I didn't know anyone nominated us until we got to the ceremony," Wickersham said.

"We have done a lot of projects around Clarkston and when you do the right things, somebody notices...sometimes it comes back at you, and we're proud of those things."

Tim is excited for the company's second phase, a 10,120-square-foot building next to their current facility at 7300 Dixie Highway. He hopes the construction will be completed by Dec. 1. The building will feature four suites approximately 2,500-square-feet in size.

The Wickershams donate to different causes in the area. They annually donate to SCAMP and sponsor the group's annual golf outing. The couple contributes to area benefit events, the Road Commission for Oakland County, Clarkston High School athletics and to Leukemia research.

In their free time, the couple enjoys boating, taking walks and traveling to the Caribbean.

"We like to island-hop," Liz said.

Tim believes the development along the Dixie Highway corridor is a welcomed addition to the community.

"I'm a true believer that we need development, and it's an excellent tax base," he said.

*Please see Award on page 15*

### A Woman's Re-Birth, from Suppression to Self Expression!



**Maria Rotondo Mark**

I was once at the bottom of the pit without a rope

That I could see that is...

My true desire was to live through my dilemma

Forgive myself for my part of despair

For giving my power away without question

Yes, that was my secret lie

I've grown to learn, there are no secrets

Especially from the self...

I was told I was not loved

I did not want to believe, I was in denial.

As I drove forty miles to the therapist

The day I would decide to

Leave the covenant marriage, or work it out

I had pneumonia and drove in a blizzard of ice and snow

All to find he did not show.

That was hell as hell could ever be

I later learned he had filed me away.

Yes, he took the power and ran the way.

Betrayed by the one I had built so tall

I will make it through just wait and see.

With a little self-help here and there

My church family at St. Daniel's was always there

Families were everywhere...

That gave me hope and comfort that stability is still there.

I volunteered from here to there

What goes around truly comes around

Full circle to hold the mirror and see the pain

That true moment of awareness

Yes, I could die in anguish or grow to discover truth

Obviously, I chose to suffer the pain to find a new way

I surrendered my life, as I knew it to the Creator

The almighty, all-powerful, bigger power than my broken life

From that moment on a brand new network of earth angels appeared

One by one, as I walked my pain away, people would wave they even smiled

I was beginning to pay attention to life again

My wings to mend, my heart to flow and circulate

Fifteen years since that dreadful time

I've come full circle I'll keep right on...

I live my joyful destination one step at a time...

To forgive is to give up the pain the true power within

With wings in tact, I let Love's true intent joyfully in...

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## Hot Lunch Menu Item of The Month

### Broasted chicken, ribs from the Chicken Shack

The Chicken Shack restaurant is open for business in Clarkston, serving broasted chicken as well as sea food, barbecued ribs, and pork chops.

At Chicken Shack, dishes are prepared to order, not ahead of time and reheated.

"The chicken is always fresh," said Cheryl Brusen, who owns Chicken Shack with her husband, Dave Brusen. "It's never frozen."

Broasted chicken is marinated and pressure cooked so that it stays moist and tender. It takes about 7-8 minutes to cook from raw to finished.

Chicken Shack is the family business for Cheryl - her father, John Sobock, opened the first restaurant 50 years ago, in 1956.

"I was raised in Chicken Shack," she said. "My dad taught me well." Chicken Shack has 19 locations throughout southeast Michigan. In



Chicken Shack owners Dave and Cheryl Brusen, and their sons Matthew and Jonathan, with their specialities - broasted chicken, barbecue ribs, and broasted snack potatoes. Photo by Phil Custodio

Clarkston, it is located at 6315 Sashabaw Road, between Waldon and Maybee roads. Call 248-620-6363 for more information.

## Cheers!

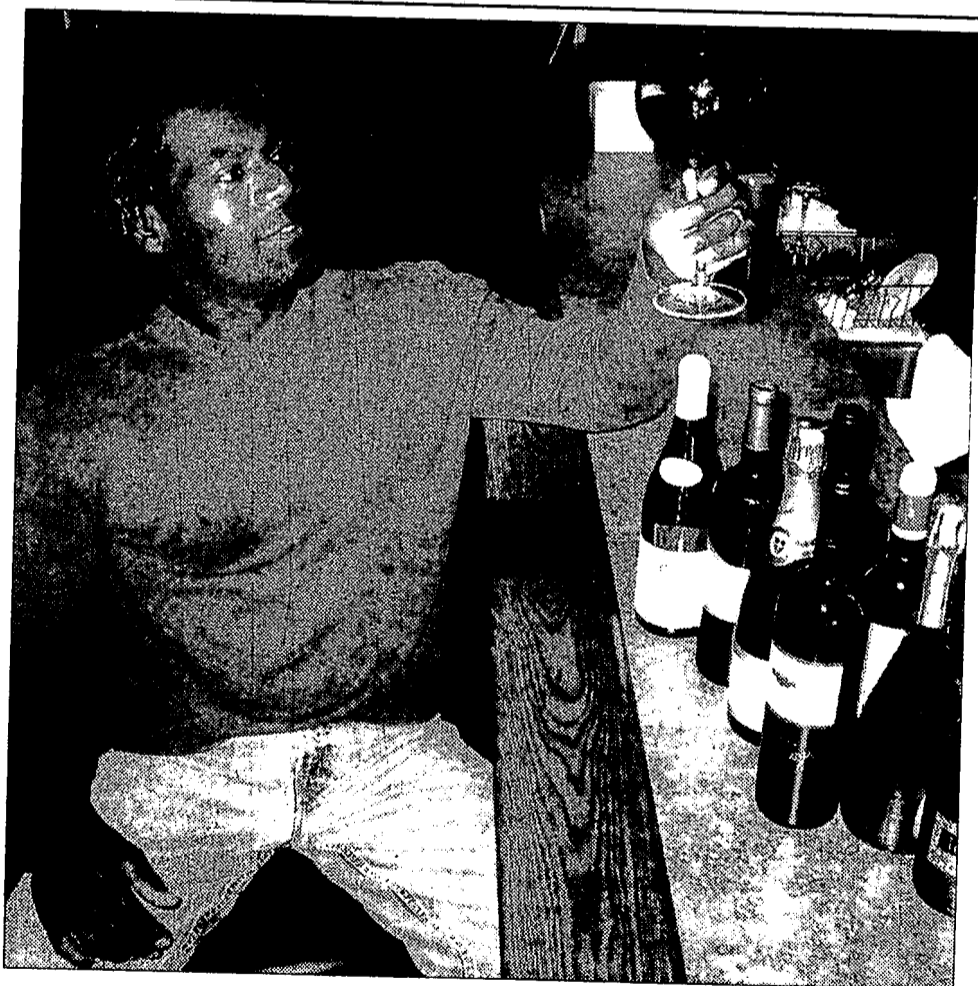
### Retired Clarkston teacher's dream come true with wine bar

By Don Rush  
 Asst. Publisher

Two years worth of preparations and hard work have culminated and Brandon Township resident Nathan Hunter, couldn't be happier. His foray into entrepreneurship, Positive Vibration Wine Bar, is now open.

Located in Orion Township, Positive Vibration, boasts a warm and inviting atmosphere, complete with low lighting, dark brown leather chairs and couches for lounging. There is a menu with food items like smoked salmon, chicken or beef satays, spicy shrimp skewers, salads, breads, chips, bruschetta, cheeses and fruits. Of course, the stars of the show are the wines.

"This endeavor is the culmination of a life long hobby - wine," Hunter said. "Both my partner David (Homer) and myself have had the good fortune for the last 25



Nathan Hunter, a cabernet man, welcomes all to Postive Vibration Wine Bar

years to travel to many parts of the world to taste and learn about wine.

Two years ago, while relaxing on a beach in the Caribbean, dreaming the dream -- Homer, a physician told Hunter it was time to bring their dream to life. Homer would offer some financial bak-

ing.

"I took a real hard look at it -- and then retired from teaching," Hunter said.

Some will say, that's the Clarkston School District's loss, but area wine connoisseurs gain. And, while Hunter no

*Please see Wine on page 5*

# WTB Recipes: Turkey with a twist

(Family Features) This holiday season, enjoy the fun and great taste of deep-fried turkey – with zero guilt. Deep-fry your turkey in heart-healthy canola oil.

Canola oil is low in saturated fats and high in monounsaturated fats so it's a more healthful choice than any other vegetable oil. And canola oil's high smoke point makes it ideal for deep-frying.

So let's get started.

It's important to buy a turkey fryer with a sturdy base. Be sure to have a food thermometer ready to test the doneness of the meat, and you'll also want a pair of heavy-duty barbecuing mitts on hand. It's also a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

Choose a fresh turkey or make sure it's completely thawed before deep-frying. Remove excess fat and any parts stored inside the bird. Thoroughly dry the turkey inside and out; do not stuff. Mix flavoring ingredients and inject into turkey.

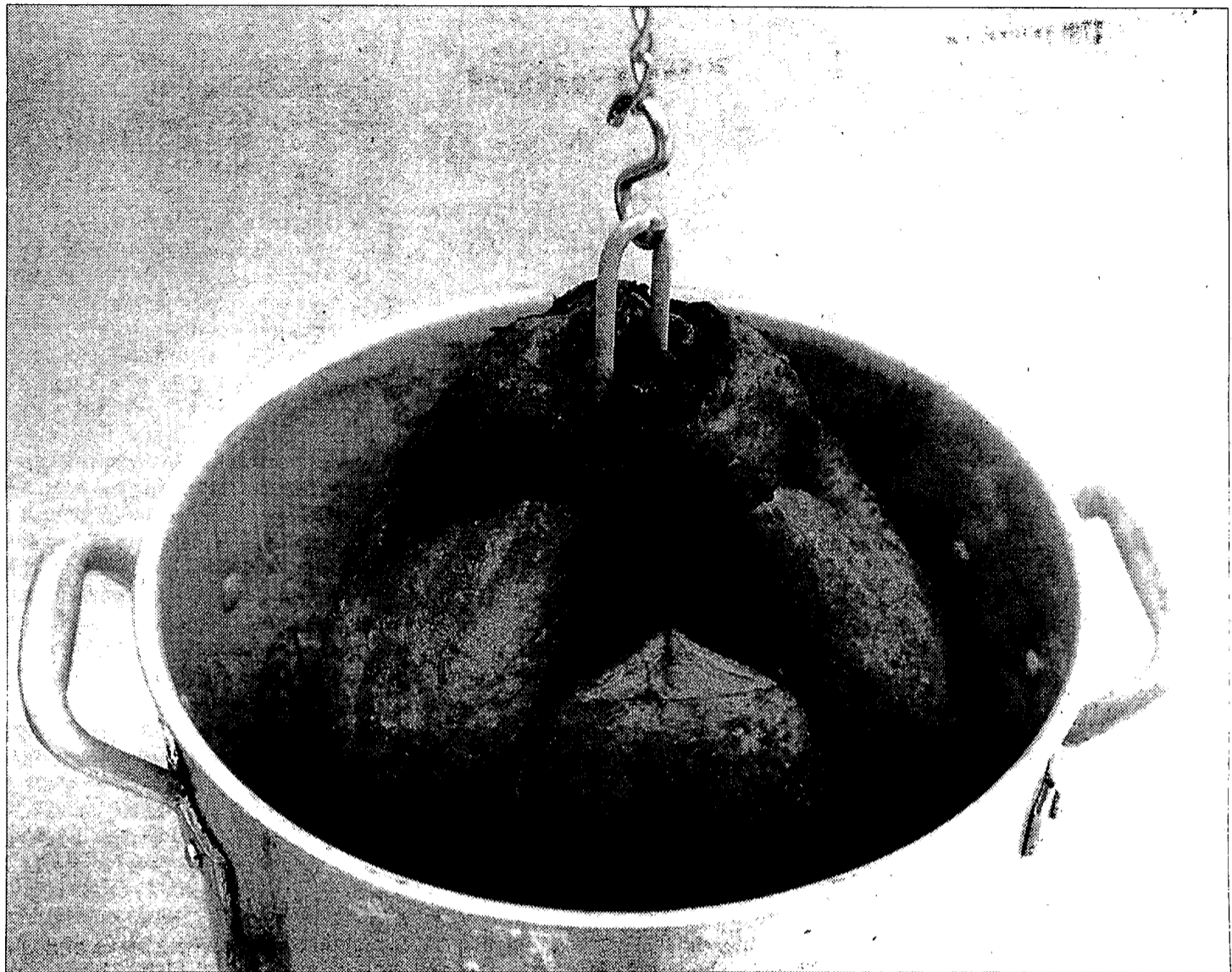
Get your deep-fryer ready to go. Place it outdoors, out of the wind on a level dirt or grassy area away from buildings and decks. Avoid cement, as oil stains may be difficult to clean up. Put a drip pan under the fryer.

Determine how much canola oil you'll need by placing turkey, breast down, on the frying stand or in the basket. Lower it into the empty pot and add water to cover 2 inches above turkey. Remove the bird and note the water level, then drain water and thoroughly dry the pot.

Fill pot with canola oil just to the required level. Heat oil to 375°F. This usually takes about 45 minutes to an hour. Monitor oil temperature to ensure it does not overheat.

When oil is ready, lower prepared turkey into the fryer. For a whole turkey, estimate 3 minutes per pound for cooking time. Whole turkeys weighing eight to 10 pounds and turkey parts are best for frying.

To ensure doneness, remove turkey from oil and check the temperature using a food thermometer. Cooked turkey should register at least 240°F in the breast and 350°F in the thigh. The meat will be juicy



and tender.

Properly filtered and stored, canola oil can be reused several times. Cool oil overnight in covered pot then strain through fine cheesecloth or large coffee filters. Store filtered canola oil in a container with a tight fitting lid in a cool dark cupboard or in the refrigerator.

### Turkey Spice-up

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/4 cup hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Mix all ingredients. Inject small amounts into completely thawed turkey throughout meaty portions several hours before turkey will be cooked. Return turkey to refrigerator to allow flavors to transfer and any excess flavoring to drip out.

For more canola oil

recipes, go to [www.canola.info.org](http://www.canola.info.org).

Courtesy of Family Features

## Don't forget the stuffing (balls)



Hey, you're home for Thanksgiving. You're outside frying up the family turkey (not in Detroit or inside watching the Detroit Lions) and you want to do something extra special for the kiddies. Let me say two words: Stuffing Balls -- or as my kids like to say, "turkey balls." Then they giggle, I don't understand why.

About a minute or two before you lift your turkey out, lower in stuffing balls. Make stuffing from a box, and then smash and shape into balls.

They're crisp on the outside and warm and moist on the inside.

-- Don Rush, turkey fryer

## Wine bar is retired Clarkston teacher's dream

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longer teaches in the Clarkston School District, he still teaches -- and the course, of course, is wine.

Wine lovers of old, or those just wondering what all the buzz over wine is about are welcome to enjoy and learn about the wine they taste. Once established, Positive Vibration will have 400 wines in house.

"We will have a constant rotation of wines that we have personally selected. But, we'll keep the favorites. You're not going to find these at the local grocery store," Hunter said.

Hunter has visited many smaller vineyards in countries like Italy, Spain, France, South Africa, not only to taste and learn of their wines, but of the people and communities as well.

"We hope to educate our customers about the wines they are tasting. We'll talk, taste and train all about wine. We're like wine consultants," he said.

Positive Vibration, Hunter said, has also been helped by distributors Michael Cregor and Jack Bourget from Wines of Distinction.

"We have a good association," Hunter added.

When you visit Positive Vibration, staff will get to know your name and our palate -- what tastes good to you. You'll be able to taste by the glass, flight or bottle. "With the wine flight, we'll select three similar wines and serve them side by side,

so you can taste the difference," Hunter said.

Each glass in the flight is two ounces. Positive Vibration will have wine tasting events and on weekends, live musical performances. And, what about the name, Positive Vibration?

"We feel strongly about our association with people. When they visit with us, regardless of race, religion, they should leave with a positive feeling. Hopefully, they will then share that with others in the world -- the butterfly effect," Hunter said.

Positive Vibration Wine Bar is family friendly, probably because Hunter, his wife Vicki and the Hunter children all work in the family business.

From October 24-28, Positive Vibration will celebrate their Grand Opening.

"We'll have scheduled events each night which will be posted on our website," Hunter said.

The website address is:

[www.positivevibrationwinebar.com](http://www.positivevibrationwinebar.com)

Customers can also sign up for newsletters.

"We hope to be a great resource," Hunter said.

Positive Vibration Wine Bar is located on the east side of Baldwin Road, just south of Maybee. The address is 3631 Baldwin Road.

Regular business hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 to 10 Friday & Saturday, 11:30 to 2 a.m.; Sundays, 2 to 9 p.m.

Got a recipe for December?

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## Attracting, retaining great people

By Dave Morgan

The boom is back for the online advertising industry. Many of us have lived through the bust, so we know quite well that good times are much better than bad. For well-positioned companies, good times mean growing markets, growing customer bases, growing revenues, growing margins, and growing profits. Of course, for most companies, it logically follows that all of that growth brings with it a concurrent need to increase staff. We are growing fast and we all need more and more talented people to fuel future growth.

In my 15 years in this business, I've had the good fortune to hire hundreds of great people. It has been, by far, one of the most rewarding parts of running start-ups. This industry is booming not just because the Internet enables extraordinary and powerful new ways to achieve advertising and marketing, but because the promise of what the Internet can do for advertising has attracted tens of thousands of extraordinarily talented and gifted people to create that future, to fulfill the long-awaited promise of fully addressable and measurable interactive digital advertising. In short, people have made this industry what it is today, not technology.

One thing I've learned over the years is that while compensation and benefits are very important, they do not rule the day when it comes to attracting and retaining great talent. In my experience, the best people take jobs or leave jobs for more substantive and core reasons than just money. For example:

**\* Fun, interesting and challenging work.** No one wants to work at a boring and pointless job. People want to make a difference. They want to solve problems. Challenging employees to solve problems in areas that they care about, and giving them the tools to be successful, is the most fundamental and rewarding value that a company can provide. Any company or manager that doesn't understand this concept will always have a tough time.

**\* Great people attract great people.** Founders and CEOs can have an impact on attracting and retaining great talent, but it's the folks on the front lines that really make the biggest difference. Great people want to work with people like themselves, people who they can identify with and feel a connection to. It is a virtuous circle: The more good people you get, the more that will follow and stay. The more bad people you get, the fewer good people will come onboard or stay.

**\* People would rather do good than bad.** Most people want to work in jobs where they feel good about what they are doing. They want to wear the white hat, not the black hat. They want to be liked and respected, not despised. Unfortunately, all too many companies out there worry more about squeezing out an extra dollar out of a customer or a deal than what is right and fair. They tend to worry only about legal or con-

tractual constraints, not moral or commonsensical ones. They forget that most people who work for them want to go home at the end of the day feeling good about themselves, not just feeling well taken care of in the pocketbook.

**\* Give people a vision and a plan.** Certainly, no one knows what the future will bring, but we all want a vision of the future to believe in and work toward, even if it changes over time. Traditional media and advertising companies have lost much more talent to online start-ups because they failed to develop and articulate a credible vision and plan for the future than they did because of endemic industry issues like fragmentation or loss of audience.

Who wants to follow someone who doesn't know where they are going?

**\* Equip and train.** There is nothing worse than being given a job and not being given the tools or training to be successful. This is always a challenge in start-ups, where time, money and resources tend to be scarce and deadlines are just the opposite. You always need to be thinking about how to train your folks to do their jobs better, even if circumstances don't permit you the luxury of waiting three months for your new person to get fully up to speed. At least, if you are both cognizant of the fact that you are asking them to do something that may be beyond their current ability and experience, you will each go in with the right expectations for the likelihood of full success.

**\* Hire slow, fire fast.** While I've not always been the best at practicing what I preach on this one, I've always found that it's better to go slow when it comes to hiring and go fast when it comes to firing. Why? It is better to let a great person get away than to bring in someone who doesn't or can't fit into your company or job. **One wrong person in an organization can cause a lot of damage -- both for the company as well as the person. Putting the wrong person in the wrong job or wrong company does a disservice to them, and it does a disservice to everybody else that they work with.**

Great people work best when they have a cooperative and non-distracting environment where everyone pulls his/her own weight. Having been through both boom times and bust, and having had to lay off hundred of folks during the post-Bubble years, I try to counsel hiring managers to think long and hard about how difficult it would be to fire someone before hiring them.

These rules are by no means fool proof when it comes to attracting and retaining great people in your company -- sometimes circumstances out of your control get in the way -- but hopefully represent good common sense when it comes to creating and managing expectation with existing and potential employees.

Dave Morgan is Chairman of Tacoda.

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## Spreading holiday cheer can boost business

By Dan Gauthier

The holidays are quickly approaching. You have made your list and checked it twice, but haven't you forgotten something? What are you doing for your customers this holiday season? The holidays provide the perfect opportunity to show current customers, inactive accounts and prospects just how much their business means to you. From greeting cards to customized gifts, sending holiday cheer is a sure way to improve your business relationships all year long.

**Don't Be a "Scrooge"**

Although the economy is uncertain and companies are looking to cut corners, it is important to show appreciation to your loyal customers, especially around the holidays. Despite the intrinsic value of giving, embracing the holiday spirit can have tangible benefits. According to an American Express Small Business survey, 78 percent of small businesses believe holiday gift giving has helped improve their business, and 56 percent say gift giving has led to increased sales. Showing you care about your customers with a small token of appreciation can, in some cases, be even more valuable than a full-scale marketing plan. When you look at it that way, holiday gift giving is well worth the investment.

**Holiday Cards and Invitations**

Holiday cards provide a simple, meaningful way to reinforce relationships, and can be created to fit any budget. The card's artwork and text give the recipient an instant impression of your style and values. Your print professional can help you design a card to portray your unique characteristics. In essence, holiday cards can be considered "friendly" direct mail pieces. They help keep your

name top-of-mind and convey a specific message with a personalized touch. Reinforcing the connection you have with your customers is the goal of holiday cards, so make them personal. To truly make a card worth giving, it should include at least one personal signature. Ideally, it is a person who has had some interaction with the customer and can write a short note. Another way to add a special touch is to print a staff photo with everyone's digital signature on the card. This makes it personal, but not time-consuming.

Holiday invitations present similar opportunities for representing yourself or your organization in print. For example, invitations can convey a fun, elegant, or casual theme with the use of particular colors and graphics. Like holiday cards, they can incorporate your organization's logo when appropriate. Invitations help set the stage for the overall atmosphere of your holiday event.

**Calendars**

Calendars make versatile gifts for family members as well as business contacts. People of all ages use calendars, and when your name or company logo is discreetly included, viewers will have a yearlong reminder of you and your services. The recipient of a calendar will be exposed to the message an average of three times each day, which adds up to 1,095 impressions throughout the year. Calendars can be as universal or personal as you like. Many print professionals have calendar templates available for you to customize with your own artwork or personal photos. Calendars are also practical because they can be distributed for several weeks before and after the holi-

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## Trying to design your own marketing materials?

By Vicky Winkler, owner  
The Marketing Shop

It's tempting -- designing and printing your own marketing materials. Saves a lot of money, eh? And, there are many types of software out there created to help you do just that -- PrintShop, Publisher, even Photoshop.

Beware.

The design and printing business is a complicated one with many variables that can make creating professional-looking materials a challenge. And, you really don't want someone to look at something you hand him or her and think, "Boy, you can sure tell they did this themselves."

I know, it's tough to spend the money, but please do not hand anyone a perforated business card, and read on . . .

This is usually how it goes: You call a printer and ask how much it would be to design and print 500 brochures. Then, you hang up and decide to buy Publisher and do it yourself -- those templates on the front of the software box look really nice, don't they?



Vicky Winkler,  
owner of The  
Marketing Shop,  
Oxford.

Then, you get into the thick of it (hours later), and a photo does not fit quite right, so you just resize it (it just looks a little distorted). Then, a photo looks really grainy, and the clip art is a little "cartoony" and the colors look really odd . . .

Here are the most common things I see when someone has designed their own print materials and things have not gone quite as they had hoped:

**Photo problems.** Distorted photos, low-resolution photos (cut and paste from the Web does NOT work!), funky colors, no special enhancements to make them pop (like drop shadowing, soft feathered edges), framing, etc.

**No bleeds.** Bleeds are when the ink goes right to the edge of the sheet -- it is a clean and professional look that you can't get most office printers to do except by trimming (and you usually end up with uneven trimming anyway).

**Uneven borders, incorrect folds.** If you try to print to the edge on a sheet as close as possible, many printers do not have even borders. So, you'll have a piece that looks unbalanced. Trifolding a brochure can be a real problem to get just right, especially getting a nice front cover design.

**Bad clip art.** Ever notice that most clip art looks like cartoon characters? Sometimes you may be able to change colors, but not much else, so you end up

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## Selling with integrity

By Michael A. Camplan,  
Partner, B2B CFO/CIO, LLP

In his book, *Integrity Selling for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Ron Willingham explains how to sell in today's business climate — with integrity. Integrity Selling is defined as a win-win customer-focused process, driven by honesty and sincerity, creating mutual value for sellers and buyers.



Michael A. Camplan, partner  
B2B CFO, CIO, LLP

Selling is a mutual exchange of value, it isn't something you do to people, it is something you do for and with them. You must develop trust and rapport before any selling activities begin. It is no longer saying, "This is the copier that you must have", before first finding out what the customers wants and needs are and selling to that.

Selling techniques give way to values-driven principles. Truth, respect, and honesty provide the basis for long-term selling success.

Mr. Willingham defines a six step system for selling called the AID, Inc. system. AID, Inc. stands for Approach, Interview, Demonstrate, Validate, Negotiate and Close.

In the Approach step put the customer at ease, make them feel important. Get them talking about themselves. Make sure to hold eye contact and listen to how they feel.

Interviewing is the heart of customer focused selling. Ask open-ended, indirect questions that draw out wants and needs. Listen to and paraphrase all points while writing them down. Identify central wants and needs and get agreement. Assure the customer that you want to help them enjoy the most value.

The Demonstration step involves repeating the central wants or needs that have been identified as well as showing or telling how your product or service will fill the wants or needs of the customer. Also, avoid talking about price, make this secondary to finding out what best fits the customers needs.

To help Validate your product or service translate the features into customer benefits. Make sure to justify price and emphasize value and offer proof and evidence. Reassure and reinforce people to neutralize their fear of buying.

The Negotiate step should not be offers and counteroffers, haggling, or a game of who backs down first. In this step find out what concerns or objections still remain. Identify and isolate specific objections. Discuss with the customer possible solutions and ask their opinions for the best solutions.

Closing is merely asking for a decision when the customer is ready to say "yes". There is no selling at the close, you close after the sale is made. If the customer is not ready to close, one or more of the five steps above were not properly completed.

Ask trial-closing questions to get opinions and a response such as: What other questions or concerns do you have that need to be discussed before making a decision?, or At this point, what have I failed to explain? Listen to and reinforce each response and restate how the benefits will outweigh the costs, then ask for a decision.

Integrity Selling is a process that both the salesperson and customer will feel good about doing. Again, it is doing something for people rather than to them. Remember, customers want to do business with people they can trust, so strong ethics and values will contribute more to selling success than strategies and techniques.

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## Designing your own marketing materials

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using something that is "good enough." Graphic designers know lots of techniques to utilize and create clip art to make it fit just the purpose it is intended for — and not look "cartoony".

**Wrong paper for the job.** What are most do-it-yourself print jobs printed on? Plain 'ol copy paper. Photos and colors will not pop, resolution is decreased as ink absorbs into the paper and "spreads." And, don't get any raindrops on your stuff! Most inkjet printer ink smudges, fades, and is not water-resistant.

**Not marketing-focused.** Marketing professionals know how to create a piece to achieve results. The headline, supporting text, and overall message need to be strategically developed with your marketing goals in mind. Most do-it-yourself pieces focus on "what I do" versus "what benefits I provide."

**Perforated business cards.** Do I

even need to say this? Don't use them. Please, spend \$50 and get professionally-printed cards. With today's technology, you can even get full-color business cards on short-runs for really reasonable prices.

If you DO decide to call on a professional, consider a marketing company versus just the printer down the street. Most marketing companies represent local printers (and therefore you get the same rate as going directly to them), and most ALSO work with other printers that do different kinds of printing (unique finishes, special paper types, mailing services, etc.). So, you get more options for what you need, and what your budget can handle.

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## Smiling faces from area business



### Scarey!

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# Avoiding the 'flu'

By Chris Meny, R.Ph.  
of Walgreen Pharmacy

That nasty bug called "The Flu" will soon be making its way through the United States. Flu season can begin as early as October and linger through March. The virus, known as Influenza, can cause symptoms that range in severity and can cause major problems for high risk individuals. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 5 to 20% of the population is infected with the flu each year. Of that group there are, on average, more than 200,000 people hospitalized with complications, and about 36,000 deaths. These numbers can be kept to a minimum through proper prevention and education.



Chris Meny,  
Walgreen  
pharmacist

Influenza is a respiratory infection that is spread from person to person primarily by coming in contact with airborne particles from another person's sneeze or cough. It may also be spread by touching something that has been contaminated with the virus and then touching your mouth or nose. Once infected, it can take up to 4 days before you begin to have symptoms. An infected adult can begin passing the virus to others from the day prior to having symptoms up to approximately 5 days after symptoms begin (up to 10 days or more in children). Although the flu lasts only 3 to 7 days in uncomplicated cases, the cough and general discomfort associated with the infection can last for 14 or more days.

The symptoms associated with influenza infection include fever, body aches, dry cough, sore throat, runny nose, headache, and fatigue. Nausea and vomiting can also occur, but these symptoms are more common in children. In otherwise healthy children and adults, these symptoms are typically nothing more than a short term problem. However, in people that are at high risk due to other underlying conditions (such as asthma, heart disease, diabetes), complications can cause severe problems and could potentially lead to death.

## Delta Staffing of Clarkston receives two business awards

Since its humble beginnings as a basement startup business, Delta Staffing of Clarkston has grown and thrived to become a company that employs 40 people, has revenues over \$1 million and is contributing to the economic growth in Southeastern Michigan. This fall, Delta Staffing was recognized as a Future 50 winner by the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce



Brad McKouen

It is recommended that children age 6 months to 5 years, pregnant women, people over 50 years old, and people of any age with chronic medical conditions (and those who live with or have direct contact with a person who is high risk) receive a vaccination each year. Caregivers of children under 6 months old should also be vaccinated to decrease the risk of passing the flu on to a child that is too young to receive a vaccine. Also, due to their increased risk of exposure, healthcare workers should be vaccinated. The best time to receive the vaccine is in October or November. This will allow you to have optimal immunity when the flu season is at its peak.

There are 2 types of flu vaccines. The first is the injectable form. It is injected into the person's arm. It is an inactivated (or dead) form of the flu viruses expected this season, and will not give you the flu. The most common reactions are pain and redness at the site of injection, low-grade fever, and aches. Most people that receive the injectable form have no serious problems from it and any reactions usually last only 1 or 2 days.

The other form is a nasal spray vaccine. This form is an option for people age 5 to 49 years. It is not to be used in pregnant women or people who have severely weakened immune systems. The nasal form has more side effects associated with it. It can cause mild, short-lived flu symptoms such as runny nose, headache, muscle aches, sore throat, and cough.

Because of the high risk for severe allergic or other reactions, people who are allergic to chicken eggs should not receive either vaccine without first consulting their doctor. This also includes people who have had a severe reaction to the flu vaccine in the past and children less than 6 months old.

If you have a moderate to severe illness with a fever, you should wait until the illness subsides before you receive either form of the vaccine. Mild illness however, does not exclude you from receiving the vaccine. All individuals will be screened prior to vaccine administration to prevent anyone who should not receive the vaccine from getting vaccinated.

Anyone who wants to decrease their risk of getting the flu or those who are listed above as high risk are encouraged to be vaccinated. If you're not sure if you can or should be vaccinated, ask your doctor if they recommend it.

and as one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For" by the Michigan Business and Professional Association.

For the second year in a row, the company has been named a Future 50 winner. Delta Staffing was chosen for its positive impact on the economy of Southeast Michigan through growth in employment, investments, community enhancement and revenues. Delta Staffing's revenue for 2005 represents an annual growth rate of 300 percent. The company has permanently placed dozens of professionals at top companies in highly sought-after technical and engineering positions that provide salaries ranging from entry level to six figures.

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## Is your advertising effective?

By Valerie Cooper-Worbois,  
of Impressive Type, LLC

We've all heard, "Who is your target audience?" But, do we really know?

When you place an ad in a daily, weekly or monthly publication, do you stop and think about who is going to be reading that particular publication and make sure that it is something that the audience would benefit from to draw them to your business?

A few things to keep in mind...

The timing of your ad is imperative. When are the services/products you supply most in demand? Do you offer more than one kind of service or product? If so, do you remember to alternate, in your advertisement, what you are selling according to the demand? If what you offer is in demand all year, do you show a variety of services or items in your ad?

Your ad does not necessarily need to offer a sale or discounted items. It can show a sampling of what you have to offer. Tell the audience the benefit of doing business with you. Sell you,

sell your company. Brag about your business. Consumers don't always look for the least expensive service, they also look for people who are easy to work with and will listen to their needs and concerns and make things easier for them.

While cost is definitely a factor, you can give your service away, but if they don't feel comfortable coming into your business, can't get questions answered or feel they are getting the run around, they will go elsewhere and pay top dollar and be happy.

Do you keep track of how your advertising works for you? Do the ads you place in the yellow pages, newspapers, mailers and other publications truly bring you new business? The easiest way to find out is ask. When a new customer comes in, ask them how they heard about you, they are usually quite willing to tell you.

Do you have a database of all of your customers? Do a survey, send a self-addressed postcard to your customers and find out in which publications they see your advertisements. Make sure that the money are spending on advertising is really paying off.

Last, but certainly not least, don't expect an ad, placed one time, to make a difference. It takes multiple times of advertising for you to see the results of advertising. If you go to a gym the first time, the only result you have is pain. It's the same with advertising...only the pain is paying for ad! It takes more than once to see results.



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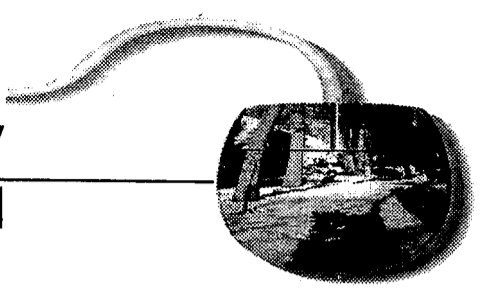
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## Anti-Virus Protection

Over the last few weeks here at Zak Computers, our techs have noticed an influx in the amount of computers running without Anti-Virus Protection. The current environment of the internet requires all computer users who access online content, receive e-mails or just simply browse, to have some type of protection software installed. However there are a few misconceptions about internet protection that need to be addressed so that users are properly informed.



**Anthony Moore, of Zak Computer Centers**

The most common misconception we see is where people believe they are still protected even after their subscription has expired. The truth of the matter is once that subscription expires, you are protected against many old viruses. However, any new viruses that are created after you protection software's expiration date will not be guarded against. Therefore, every time a new virus hits the internet, you are susceptible to contracting it. It is very important to keep your subscription up to date, and to keep your virus definitions updated to guard

against all new forms of malicious viruses.

The next misconception that is common among computer users without anti-virus software is that their e-mails are safe because their e-mail provider has anti-virus software checking all incoming mail. Once again this is not true. While most e-mail providers do run server-side protection programs to limit the spread of viruses, these programs only catch those viruses actually attached to an e-mail. For example, if someone were to send you an attachment that was infected, these server-side programs would pick it up and stop it from getting to your computer. However, what these server-side programs cannot account for is links inside e-mails that my point to infected areas of the internet, or towards downloads of infected items. It is important to have virus protection, even if you only use the internet for e-mails.

With all of this in mind, Zak Computers invites you to do a free online virus scan. Simply open up a browser window and go to [www.zakpc.com/scan](http://www.zakpc.com/scan). This online web component will allow you to test your computer for viruses, and even remove those that are present. If you have any questions about virus protection, or other computer issues, contact Zak Computers at 248-628-8600, or e-mail [AskZak@zakpc.com](mailto:AskZak@zakpc.com).

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## The difference between Moby and .mobi

By **Luc Robert "Slick" Poirier**  
Co-Founder, President & CEO  
Slick and Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites

OK. Odds are fair you heard some of the hype about the new extension .mobi and you either registered a domain using it or not.

If you hadn't heard about this you're in good company because most of the fervor was contained among web designers, domain outlets, mobile device manufacturers and retailers and their collective client databases, although there were hiccups of info in print and online. It's also important to note that although there are similarities between the two, the zeal was about the .mobi domain extension and its potential for improving internet surfing via cell phones and not about Moby, the bald, techno-alternative singer and his latest release.

For example, Moby (the singer) has a page on MySpace (<http://www.myspace.com/moby>); with .mobi (the extension) you'll be able to surf MySpace using your cell phone (actually ... you can probably do that now ... but I'll come back to this).

Moby's latest album ... er... CD ... "Go" ... was available to the general public 10/24/06; .mobi domains became available to the general public 10/11/06.

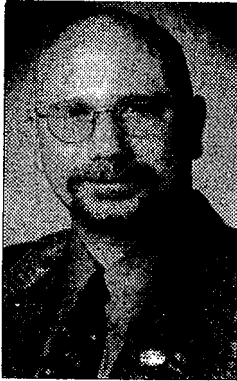
Moby (the singer) doesn't like the smell of Dial soap; .mobi extensions don't smell like Dial soap either.

Despite the commonalities there is one striking difference: Moby (the singer) may have millions of fans in North America, but .mobi (the extension) will have billions of users worldwide.

Here's why: It's estimated that within the next three years 1.3 billion users will use their cell phones to access the internet and .mobi will be the standard by which these people browse the web from their mobile device. It's the first top-level domain (TLD) dedicated to delivering the internet to mobile devices and is designed to guide mobile users to websites that are designed to navigate well on handsets.

Bill Plummer, Nokia VP of External Affairs, said the time for a domain extension dedicated to mobile devices has

come. "We're looking to take the potential of this marriage between mobility and the internet to the next stage," Plummer said. "We want to be able to offer to end users this very visible and very intuitive promise of ease of use and speed of delivery that is appropriate for a mobile device: offer them that reliability, offer them that trust, offer the end user the knowledge that if they are going to a .mobi address, that the content will be consumable by their mobile device."



**Luc Poirier, co-founder, president, CEO Slick & Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites**

Nokia is one of the companies that lobbied hard for the .mobi extension.

Here are a couple things to keep in mind before purchasing a .mobi extension:

1. The industries that stand to gain the most are those that provide online entertainment, like gaming or dating sites. Retailers stand to benefit as well because this serves as another venue to display and sell from their online catalogs. Unless you expect to have even a fair amount of mobile traffic coming to your .mobi it might not make sense to register one.

2. You may need to alter or redesign your website or develop a secondary website that conforms to the best practices for mobile content viewing.

As always you should consult with your web designer first to avoid the unnecessary expense of a good intention that simply doesn't pay off.

As internet usage continues to grow it's not surprising to see challenges similar to what telecom regulators experienced when cell phone usage exploded: not enough phone numbers to cover all the devices requiring one. This was addressed in part by adding new area codes; likewise there are simply not enough .com extensions to satisfy customer demand, so new extensions were created to answer the need: .org for non-profit organizations, .edu for educational institutions, .net for networks, etc. .mobi not only addresses a growing demand but takes it a step further by suggesting technology cater to mobile devices.

It's still in the early stages and it's too soon to see the technology widespread in the marketplace but—unlike the lyrics from a Moby song—.mobi domain extensions make a lot of sense.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?  
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## WTB Technology

### Choosing the right home computer

(NewsUSA) - Thinking about a new computer?

First, consider how you plan to use it. Will you be using it to work from home; for managing personal finances or family photos; or as a multimedia center for playing games or watching movies?

Next, you'll need to decide which type of computer - a Windows PC or a Mac - is best equipped to get the job done. That's where things get more complicated.

PCs come pre-loaded with the Windows operating system. Windows PCs are used in more than 90 percent of businesses, and there are numerous brands to choose from. Competition is fierce, so consumers benefit from wallet-friendly prices. And with Windows' popularity, there are hundreds of thousands of compatible software programs and games available.

Windows, however, is plagued by security concerns, including vulnerability to hacker attacks, viruses and spyware. This means that Windows users are burdened with researching and buying various software programs to protect their systems.

Macs face almost none of these security and stability issues. They are also known for their ease of use and free Web, music and video applications, which are great for novices. From a

cost standpoint, there is little difference these days between similarly equipped Macs and PCs.

Although secure and easier to use, there are far fewer programs available for Macs. For example, the popular Microsoft Outlook e-mail, calendar and contact management software is not available. And since far fewer businesses use Macs, there could be compatibility issues for people who want to work at home.

In recent months, however, the Mac/PC gap has closed. With Apple's Boot Camp software, you can run either the Mac or Windows operating system on your Mac computer, but you have to restart the computer to run either one or the other.

An easier solution is a new program called Parallels Desktop for Mac ([www.parallels.com/mac](http://www.parallels.com/mac)), which allows Mac owners to run both operating systems simultaneously and switch back and forth between them. Using Boot Camp or Parallels means users no longer have to compromise between choosing the Mac or PC.

Choosing a new computer doesn't have to be tricky. Decide what you'll use it for, then go with the one you like the best. The right combination of hardware and operating system exists to make the rest a snap.



## Medical options mean women no longer have to live with stress incontinence

According to Dr. Peter Shaman, innovative-treatment options mean women no longer have to live with stress urinary incontinence. Dr. Shaman offers several solutions to restore continence and confidence.

Stress urinary incontinence occurs when there is uncontrolled urine leakage during a physical activity like lifting, exercising, sneezing or coughing. It typically is the result of hyper mobility, a shifting of the urethra and bladder neck from their normal positions, and intrinsic sphincter deficiency, a condition in which the urethral sphincter is unable to close tightly enough to hold urine in the bladder.

"Stress urinary incontinence limits lifestyles and relationships because of the embarrassment that accompanies odor and wetness," explains Dr. Shaman. "Typically the symptoms worsen over time, and so lifestyles and relationships are further compromised as the condition progresses. Fortunately, there are solutions available to offer long-term solutions."

Dr. Peter Shaman offers such treatments for female stress incontinence. One solution is the female "sling" system in which a narrow strip of material - called a sling - is surgically placed under the urethra to give it a point of support.

"The sling procedure is a minimally in-

vasive, highly effective procedure," says Dr. Shaman. "It generally takes less than 20 minutes and commonly is performed on an outpatient basis."

Most patients are continent immediately following the procedure and can resume normal, non-strenuous activities within a few days. Clinical studies support the enthusiasm that patients and physicians alike have for sling systems. One manufacturer, American Medical Systems of Minnetonka, Minn., reports a study in which more than 95 percent of patients remained completely dry and did not need any protection following the procedure with its Monarc Subfascial Hammock.

"The potential to give someone back their lifestyle before incontinence set in is great with sling systems," says Dr. Shaman. "It is life changing for so many patients, and yet such a straightforward procedure."

Dr. Peter Shaman has been practicing in the field of women's health for the past 10 years in Clarkston. Dr. Shaman received his residency training at Wayne State University/Hutzel Hospital. Dr. Shaman's office is located at 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 313, Clarkston, 48346. Phone 248-625-8555.

## Can you feel the fear and do it anyway?

By Cheryl A. Deane

*of Sweetgrass, Davisburg, Michigan*

I think many people would answer this question with "it depends." If I am talking about overcoming your fear of riding the largest roller coaster at Cedar Point, your answer may be "yes." If I am talking about leaving behind the only career you have ever known for the past 20 years to pursue something that you know next to nothing about, your answer will most likely be "no way!"

Feel the fear and do it anyway. This simple phrase has been my mantra for the last 16 months, since I first decided to leave my well paying job as a paralegal at a mid-size suburban law firm. The day that I signed, sealed and delivered my letter of resignation was at once the most frightening and liberating day of my entire life.

I was 42 years old and I just said goodbye to a job that had provided me with a decent salary, great benefits, ample vacation time, a private office overlooking a golf course and many co-workers who had turned into friends over the years. Was I insane? Possibly. But one thing I knew for certain was that I could no longer pretend to be someone who I was not, working in a profession that held little or no interest for me and had literally been sucking the life out of me for

quite some time.

There is an old saying that goes something like, be careful what you wish for or you just might get it. How true those words ring to me today. It had become a joke between some of my law firm friends and I that, given my freedom of choice, I would be my own boss, running my own company (it never mattered what kind of company I would be running) where the only 2 rules would be: 1) all employees would be required to wear blue jeans to work everyday; and 2) each work day would begin at 10:00 a.m. or later.

Fast forward to October, 2006. I am enjoying the privilege of owning and operating my own small business in a quaint little town tucked away in Northern Oakland County. I spend each and every day focusing on relaxation, awareness, inspiration, joy, happiness and other avenues to awakening one's spirit. I wear blue jeans to work every day. I have a wonderful business and life partner who shares this experience with me and I have 2 store kitties who add their own beautiful energy to the mix in a way that only animals can do.

It truly is a wonderful life, one that I only wished for and dreamed of 16 months ago. Be careful what you wish for. Until next month...Namaste.

## Chamber achieves over 600 members

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, membership has exceeded 600.

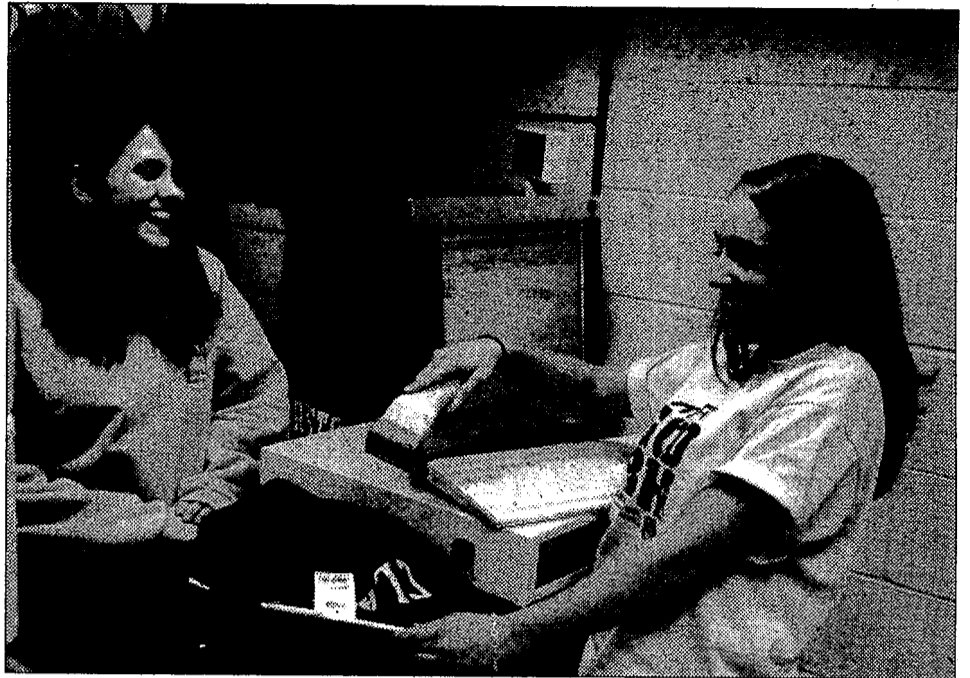
"For a community of our size and demographics, it is very rewarding to see our Chamber up there with Troy, Rochester and Royal Oak Chambers in terms of membership numbers and member involvement," states Penny Shanks, Chamber executive director.

Many businesses are turning to

Chambers of Commerce during tight economic times to maximize the value of local business to business networking and referral partners potential. Monthly Chamber networking events, speakers, workshop opportunities and community recognition help businesses reach a higher potential.

Membership in the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce begins at \$190/year. For more information call 248-625-8055.

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CHS Junior Anna Wheeler rings up senior Amanda Zangara at The Jungle Bungalo, Clarkston High School's student-run clothing store.

## Staffing company garners awards

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The company has also been designated one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For." This award recognizes companies who acknowledge that employees are their greatest asset and work with conviction to create organizational value and business results through their people. They are innovative when it comes to demonstrating their commitment to their employees and represent the leading edge in human resources practices. Delta was selected from several hundred companies vying for this honor.

Brad McKouen, Delta Staffing's founder and president, believes Delta has been recognized because they incorporate a distinctive business philosophy. They deliver one perfect candidate to the potential employer. The company employs a Precision Hiring System which is

unique when compared to other staffing enterprises. He said, "It is great to be recognized for the company that I have created and my commitment to my staff. I want to provide a work environment where ethics guide decisions and all employees are comfortable being open and honest. I am truly honored that Delta Staffing has been selected for these awards."

Delta Staffing is a full service staffing and recruiting provider offering full-time employee placement services as well as contract staffing for businesses in need of short term help. Delta works with medium-sized companies, many auto suppliers as well as larger companies representing engineering, IT, healthcare, financial and sales industries. For more information about Delta Staffing, call 866-393-3582.

## Holiday cheer can boost business

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day season and still be considered timely.

### Custom Memo Pads or Stationery

As with calendars, memo pads and stationery are functional gifts that can be used throughout the year. Personalizing the items with the recipient's name, initials or other individual expression enhances the value of this token of appreciation. Incorporating a customer's personal hobby or interest into the design makes the note pads or stationery unique and shows that you have put time and thought into the gift. For example, golf enthusiasts would appreciate personalized note pads with colorful golf graphics. Many printing companies have extensive graphics libraries and expert designers to create artwork for note pads or other printed gifts.

### Customize Any Gift with Labels or Tags

Any gift becomes more personal when customized with a label or tag. From floral arrangements to gift baskets, tastefully labeling or adding a hang tag with your name or logo, and perhaps a special message, helps distinguish your gift from others. For example, one company ordered customized, adhesive labels for the backs of champagne bottles in commemoration of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The labels featured a thank you message to staff and clients, adding personal value to the gift.

### Promotional Products

Because promotional products are often useful or decorative and may be imprinted with a logo or personal message, they make perfect holiday gifts. With over 400,000 advertising specialty items, it is simple to select a promotional product that bears a natural relationship to your profession or communications theme. Some of the most popular items are desk and office accessories and edible products, such as candy, cookies and nuts - all of which can be custom packaged.

Customized holiday cards and gifts add a distinctive touch that will be noticed. While acknowledgement is especially important during the holidays, do not let it be a once a year trend. Be bold and surprise your customers with a small gift on a date that is important to your company or theirs, such as an anniversary, or any other day of the year. Random acts of kindness can be done at anytime to show your customers how much you appreciate their continued loyalty. Contact your print professional for advice on how to spread holiday cheer throughout the year with a personalized, memorable gift.

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# Finances: *opinions from around town, beyond*

## Stand out from the competition

By **Bill Langdon, Jr.** RFC CFS BCM RFP  
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Winter is almost upon us! In addition to planning for the holidays, it is time to think about how we will improve our businesses throughout the remainder of the year and into 2007. There is a lot of discussion these days about "branding" or establishing a "brand platform." Perhaps you are familiar with the term, but are not sure exactly what it means, or more importantly, how to go about establishing your "brand platform."

Marketing "experts" disagree on what to call branding, but "brand platform" and "corporate image" are the most commonly used terms. Rather than letting terminology confuse the issue, let us suffice it to say that a "brand platform" serves as the basis from which all branding decisions are to be made.

In other words, your "brand platform" is what your brand represents to your market. It is a strategic statement that encompasses who your company is, what its function is in the marketplace, how it succeeds and what makes it unique.

Although "brand platforms" vary from business to business, most consist of these basic elements:

1. Mission
2. Identity Attributes
3. Value Proposition
4. Tagline or Byline
5. Brand Story

### Creating Your Brand Platform

1. Mission - Your mission statement should express your company's primary purpose and motivating philosophy in a clear, succinct and convincing manner (usually no longer than five sentences.) In developing your mission statement, you must identify your brand's features and benefits, target market and competitive advantages. Besides telling who/what you are, your mission statement must also reflect a long-term goal for your company/brand.

As an example: "Our mission at ABC, Inc. is to be the leading provider of ABC products in the Midwest. We will accomplish this by selling competitively priced equipment through our direct sales network. We will be known as the company that builds long-term relationships with our customers, suppliers and employees."

2. Identity Attributes - Provide a list that describes your brand in its essence, i.e. things you want the marketplace to associate with your brand in lieu of other brands. This list should make your company stand out from your competition and directly address the wants and needs of your target market. Do consider that your target market most likely will not associate you with every product in your list. At some point you should highlight one of these words (just one) that you want customers to most connect with your brand. You want to "own" this word in

the eyes of your target market.

A few examples: What single word comes to mind when you think of Volvo automobiles? Most probably you would say safety. When you think of FedEx? Most likely it would be overnight. More recently, the Dairy Association has coined "Milk, Got milk." "See why it's easier on the bench" (ING Bench.)

3. Value Proposition - Answer the question: How is my brand better than my competition? Where does my brand create or enhance value for my market? What is my brand's competitive advantage? Your value proposition needs to differentiate your company from your competition and indicate the distinctive benefits you provide. Create a statement of one or two sentences that incorporates your key features and benefits.

As an example: "The exceptional quality of raw materials and attention to detail used to build ABC's products provides consumers with peace of mind when using them in their homes."

4. Tagline and/or Byline - Generally, either a tagline or a byline will be required for a company. In some rare instances both might be needed. Whichever you select will usually appear in concert with your logo. A byline is a descriptor clarifier of who/what your company is, for example "Home Electronics." A tagline is a bit more complex. It is usually a slogan, statement or vision that condenses the brand's essence to create interest. It must be short, concise and clever.

For example; Apple: "Think different." Target: "Pay less." UPS: "What can brown do for you?" ING: "Your future made easier."

4. Brand Story - Document the history of your business in a brief but dynamic statement- Record anything extraordinary and/or inspiring relative to the way your company was created. Consider the public relations angle; as the media likes to publish good stories. Utilizing your history when creating your website can increase your credibility with potential online customers.

In summary, bear in mind that brands are brought into being in the minds and souls of your consumers. The branding of your company should aim to create an emotional bond with users of your product. Remember that customers buy brands they feel comfortable with and that may not necessarily be the brand with the most features or even the best benefits.

Thank you for taking the time to read my column and I sincerely hope it helps you become more informed and most importantly, successful.

As always, Successes in Life are Failures turned inside out!

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### Successful Lifestyles, Ink



William H. Langdon Jr.

## Social security: Take the check now or later?

James B. Kruzan, CFP  
Registered Principal, Branch Manager

When you become eligible for early Social Security benefits at age 62 you must decide among taking a monthly Social Security benefit check of, for example, \$1,450 at age 62, \$1,913 at age 65 and 4 months, or \$2,538 at age 70. Let's look at the factors involved in this decision.

First, consider these Social Security retirement benefit basics. Qualifying individuals become eligible for early reduced benefits at age 62. The age to collect full retirement benefits is currently 65 and 8 months (Full Retirement Age or "FRA") and it is on a schedule to increase to age 67 for those born after 1960. If you wait to begin your monthly checks until age 70, you may derive the maximum benefit.

Also, if you have reached your FRA you may have unlimited earned income without triggering a reduction in Social Security benefits. If you will be under your FRA throughout 2006, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 of earned income over \$12,480. If you will attain your FRA in 2006, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for every \$3 of earned income over \$3,240 earned before the first day of the month in which you attain your FRA.

Those eligible for Social Security retirement benefits may want to strongly consider taking the money now, rather than waiting. Although some people in the highest income-tax bracket or with a family history of longevity may find reasons to wait for the larger payment, for most retirees the decision is a simple question of mortality statistics. On average, Americans live into their early or mid-80s. Calculations show that a 65-year-old who waits five years to begin taking maximum Social Security payments won't recoup the forgone money until he or she approaches age 85.

Here's how the math works. Assume you attain age 65 in 2006 and that you are eligible for the maximum monthly Social Security check. You are now eligible to receive monthly payments of \$2,053, or \$24,636 per year. If you defer taking payments until you attain age 70, you would earn a retirement benefit credit that amounts to an increase of 7% a year. So by deferring payment, your monthly income jumps to about \$2,720, or slightly more than \$32,640 a year - roughly a 33% increase.

But deferring payments means you would forgo \$123,180 you would have received before age 70, during the wait. And while monthly income does increase by \$667 at age 70, it would take

you nearly 14 years to collect the delayed money. But, around age 83 and four months, you come out ahead in total benefits received.

The calculations get a bit more complicated when you elect to take reduced benefits at age 62, especially if you are still working; because, Social Security will reduce your benefit if your earned income exceeds \$12,480 (for 2006).

For example, if you are a 62-year-old top earner retiring this year, you will receive monthly income of approximately \$1,522, which is 75% of what you would get by waiting until your FRA to begin taking payments. Assume your benefits are due to begin in January and you continue to work part-time and earn \$30,000 throughout the year. Your annual benefit will be reduced by \$8,760 (\$30,000 - \$12,480 ÷ 2). So, your monthly benefit will be suspended from January through May (\$1,522 \* 5 months = \$7,610) and your June monthly benefit will be reduced by \$1,150 (\$8,760 - \$7,610) to approximately \$372.

Still, if you wait until your FRA to begin taking benefits, you sacrifice \$60,880 over the three year and four month wait, and it will take until your late 70s before you reach the breakeven point.

Additionally, if you intend to keep working and want to take reduced benefits at age 62, you must consider how your benefits will be taxed. It is possible that as much as 85% of your Social Security benefit payments could be taxed. Thus, if you are ready to begin taking benefits now, at age 62, and you are still working, you will have to deal with (1) a reduced benefit for taking Social Security prior to reaching your FRA of 65 and 4 months, (2) a reduction of benefits for earned income over \$12,480 and (3) a potential taxation of benefits received. The suitable decision may be to delay Social Security until your full retirement age or until actually and completely retired. And as mentioned before, it may make sense for those with family histories of longevity to delay benefits and receive a larger check in the future.

While your situation needs to be looked at individually, in some cases it may be best to take the money now and enjoy it while your health is hopefully still good and the money can still be enjoyed.

This is especially true if you have attained your full retirement age as you may enjoy unlimited earned income without triggering a reduction of your Social Security benefit. And, if you just don't need the income, you may want to take your benefit payments and invest them instead of letting the government hold it. Your investment returns may stretch your breakeven point to an even later station in life.

Should you have any questions about any of these issues, or assistance in deciding when to begin taking your Social Security benefits, please contact your local Social Security Administration office or a Financial Advisor.



By James B. Kruzan  
Registered Principal,  
Branch Manager

# 'Moon Valley' wants to go 'nationwide'

Moon Valley Rustic Furniture, one of the area's oldest family-run businesses, has a new owner. Rick Detkowski plans to keep the family tradition going.

To Rick, "family" includes his employees as well as his relatives.

"My family works for me, but we're all one big family," Rick said. "Everyone is equally important."

Lisa Detkowski, Rick's wife, works in marketing for the business.

"We're going nationwide," Lisa said. "We have new lines of furniture we are implementing, and we plan to aggressively expand our territories."

Rick's son Rick Detkowski Jr. and stepson Jimmy Russell are also included. Rick Jr. has a background in logistics. He plans on working in the same capacity at Moon Valley - shipping and receiving. He is familiarizing himself with projects and work processes, and looking for ways to make them more efficient.

Russell, 10, doesn't yet work at the facility, but enjoys spending time with the workers as they make the hand-crafted, wood furniture.

"It's cool - pretty much everything," he said.

He practices his woodworking skills now mostly with popsicle sticks and duct tape, but looks forward to working in the factory when he's older, "building stuff," he said.

Rick's father, Dick Detkowski, is in charge of maintenance and will soon be Moon Valley's chef. He has made pasta lunches every week at his son's businesses since the 1960s. Most recently he served the lunches, which are open to employees and anyone else who shows up, at Rick's Clarkston Mini Storage business. He plans to get the kitchen up and running at Moon Valley this month.

The extended family includes twin brothers Tom and Tim Cuthrell, who have worked at Moon Valley for the past 20 years.

Rick has brought new life to the company, Tim said.

"I'm really excited about it," he said.

"He brings new, fresh ideas. He'll make this company all it can be -- very big."

The athlete of the family is Marc Spindler, former professional football player with the Detroit Lions and New York Jets.

Now a radio personality with WDFN and 1270 XYT, the former defensive end and defensive tackle, and the youngest man ever drafted to the NFL, brings his name recognition and star power to Moon Valley's corporate sales.

"Rick treats everyone like family," Spindler said. "That's what will make this so successful - he's building something big here. I want to be a part of it."

Rick is expanding the business, creating jobs, and using Michigan labor and materials, Spindler said. "We're in business for the long run. He has a plan, and we're implementing that plan."

Also in the business family are the 14 other Moon Valley craftsmen, most of whom have been making furniture there for more than 10 years.

Along with family, one of Rick's priorities is the Clarkston community.

"We have 40 years in the community," Rick said. "We use a local bank (Clarkston State Bank). They've been very helpful - they make this work for us."

Moon Valley offers rustic, log-cabin type furniture made from Cedar logs and Ponderosa Pine. The handmade furniture features rounded edges, contoured seats, and heavy-duty hardware. Offerings include tables, chairs, and benches, for both indoors and out, lawn swings and gliders, and beds. The company uses its own finishes and varnishes, designed for beauty and durability.

The Moon Valley craftsmen design, cut, assemble, and finish the indoor and outdoor furniture all in the 72,000-square-foot facility in Clarkston. Wood arrives in raw bundle form, mostly from the Upper Peninsula, and is allowed to air dry in outdoor racks for 2-3 months, Tom Cuthrell said.

Workers use machines to cut, sand, drill, and shape the wood, then assemble the furniture by hand.

"It takes about a month to assemble a rack of furniture," Cuthrell said.

A "rack" of furniture includes about 300 pieces.

Nothing is wasted. Wood scraps are used to heat the facility, and sawdust is sold for horse bedding, Rick said.

Rick has long admired Moon Valley furniture -- having purchased pieces for his other businesses, Clarkston Disposal, Clarkston Mini Storage, Clarkston Paving, and RTD Properties, long before he considered buying the business.

"I love it," he said. "It's like Remington, I liked the product so much, I bought the company."

Rick was not aware the company was for sale when he was approached by owner Kim Beattie.

"(Kim) approached Rick knowing he would keep it a family business," Lisa said.

One of the first things the Detkowskis did with Moon Valley was to design the Red Signature Line, a premium furniture set, named after former owner Red Beattie. They presented the first two pieces to President George W. Bush when he stopped in Clarkston last month for a fund raiser.

"He said he was going to put them in his ranch in Crawford (Texas)," Lisa said.

The Moon Valley factory does not have a showroom -- furniture is made available through dealers. They have 140 dealers in Michigan and the surrounding four states, including Lowrie's Landscaping and Hamilton's Propane, and are looking to expand.

They also display their products at national shows.

Moon Valley was founded in 1928 by the Valentine family, and taken over by Red Beattie in the 1960s. Rick Detkowski bought the business in early September from Kim Beattie and her brother-in-law Don Brown, who will continue with Moon Valley in sales.

The business used to be located on Dixie Highway, but moved to its current location off Andersonville Road about 20 years ago.

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## Oxford Bank third quarter earnings

Oxford Bank announced earnings for the third quarter of 2006. During the first nine months of the year, net income was \$2,840,000 or \$2.22 per share versus \$3,072,000 or \$2.40 per share reported twelve months earlier. Net income for the third quarter of 2006 was \$829,000 (\$0.65 per share) compared to \$1,129,000 (\$0.88 per share) in 2005.

The Corporation's total assets as of September 30, 2006 were \$540,295,000. On the same date in 2005, total assets stood at \$548,990,000. In the same twelve-month period, net loans outstanding increased 3.89 percent to \$383,603,000, while total deposits decreased 1.35 percent to \$485,007,000 and shareholders' equity went up 6.09 percent to \$49,765,000.

Randall G. Fox, chairman of the Corporation and Oxford Bank, together with Corporate and Bank President and CEO Jeffrey M. Davidson, issued the report and commented, "2006 continues to be a year of reasonably good earnings for Oxford Bank, despite facing a myriad of negative factors which have impacted our net-interest margin. Rising interest rates and extremely tight pricing for both deposit and loan products by every area financial insti-

tution throughout the year, has impacted earnings results for the banking industry as a whole. In addition, Michigan's ongoing auto-related struggles and the resulting downsizing by many local companies, has made for a more challenging environment from which to garner loan business. As we reported at the end of the second quarter, these events led to a business decision to discontinue our indirect vehicle-lending program with local automobile, watercraft, and recreational vehicle dealers. We knew that this action, along with other strategic restructuring within our investment portfolio, would impede income in the remaining two quarters of the year, with the greatest impact during this, the third quarter. We have every reason to expect that the long-term impact of these actions will produce a more efficient balance sheet from which to draw future earnings. It is also important to note that, despite concerns which led us to the decision to put an end to our dealer program, credit quality within our loan portfolio remains sound."

## Award-winning designs

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A large hardware retailer, such as the Home Depot as part of an informal retail proposal at the corner of I-75 and Dixie Highway, would be beneficial to his business.

"As a contractor, I have to drive to Home Depot in Auburn Hills to get a 2X4, there's

nowhere else to go. I stay in this five mile radius, this is what I concentrate on."

Many of the Wickersham properties lie within the stretch of Dixie Highway from Davisburg Road to the Waterford Hill area.

## If you're going to drink pop, swish afterwards

By Doctors Newingham and Foster from Clarkston Family Dental

Stop and think about how often you sit at your work desk and sip on pop. Soft drinks are no longer an occasional treat. They've become a daily habit for a growing number of people, especially kids, teens, and young adults. A steady diet of soft drinks is a leading cause of tooth decay.



Dr. Newingham

There are many reasons why soft drinks cause decay. The sugar in pop combines with the bacteria in your mouth to form acid. Diet or "sugar free" pop contains its own acids. Acid in soft drinks, whether they contain sugar or not, is a primary cause of weakening tooth enamel. The acid attacks your teeth each time you take a sip of pop. The acid attack can, last approximately 20 minutes. With every sip thereafter, the acid attack starts over again. Once the enamel on your teeth is weakened, the bacteria in your mouth can cause cavities.

There are many ways to help reduce decay. You should only drink soft drinks

in moderation. Sipping on pop for an extended period of time prolongs sugar and acid attacks on your teeth. Using a straw while drinking soft drinks can



Dr. Foster

help keep the sugar away from your teeth. A good recommendation is to swish your mouth out with water after drinking a soft drink to aid in the reduction of sugars and acids on your teeth. You should never drink pop or juice right before bed because the liquid pools in your mouth and coats your tongue and teeth with unwanted sugar and acid.

Next time you are sitting at your work desk and you're feeling thirsty, try to make a wiser choice. Drinking water instead of pop is always better. Water is calorie free and you won't have to worry about all of the sugar and acid that pop contains.

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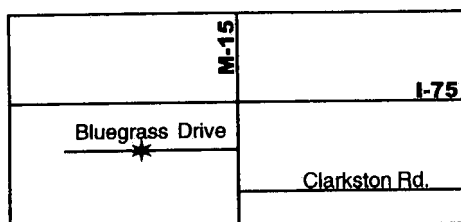
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