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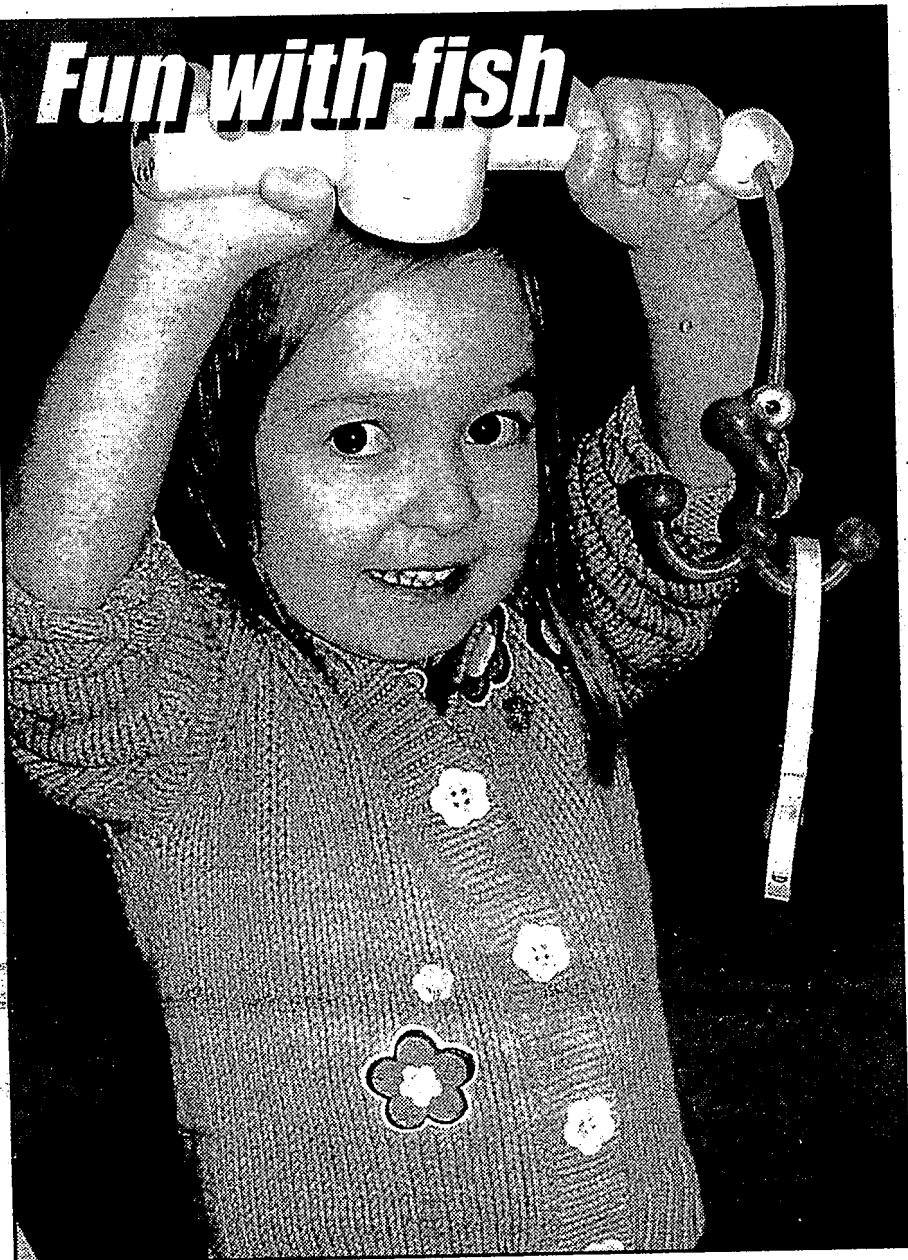
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Fun with fish



Lauren Costigan holds aloft her trophy, a toy fish, at Crosshill Community Preschool's Mom's Day Party in Davisburg. Lauren, her sister Becca, and about 90 other children enjoyed "Under The Sea" activities with their moms. See page 20A for more pictures. Photo by Phil Custodio

Salary freeze could help balance school budget

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

As directed, Superintendent Al Roberts found more than \$1 million more in cuts to the Clarkston Community Schools budget.

A large percentage is from a salary freeze district wide, including his own.

"Our teachers, administrators and other staff have worked with us in the past to curtail costs by accepting salaries that are less

than those negotiated in many of the districts in Oakland County - more is required of us," Roberts said at the March 12 school board meeting.

"As the leader of the school district, I like to think that I walk the talk. So, I am requesting that the board freeze my salary for the coming year."

The district freeze would save about \$350,000.

The biggest savings, \$531,000, would result from more retirements than previously expected, and is not specifically a budget cut, Roberts said.

Curriculum adoptions, of textbooks and other subject materials, would be cut \$100,000, in addition to \$350,000 previously proposed.

Additional cuts to be considered include

\$531,000	Retirement rate change
\$24,300	Reduction of salary for community education director by 25 percent (retirement and restructuring)
\$100,000	Future curriculum adoptions
\$50,000	Reduction in guest teacher usage
\$80,000	Additional per pupil reductions
\$210,000	Reduction of an Elementary Elective Program
\$350,000	Salary freeze
\$1,345,300	\$1,345,300 in newly proposed cuts
\$4,146,400	previously proposed
\$5,491,700	total

subcontracting maintenance and transportation services, saving about \$300,000, and substitute teaching, saving about \$60,000. A temp-type agency could be used to provide guest teachers. Athletics could also be cut another \$200,000, in addition to \$180,000 previously proposed.

Barry Bomier, vice president, called for the board to remember the human cost of the budget cuts.

"Each FTE (full-time employee) represents an individual, a household," Bomier said. "It makes an impact on the community as well as on education."

Budget work will continue - employee contracts are all up for renegotiation, which will continue until April. Formal approval of the 2007-2008 budget will follow in June, said President Stephen Hyer.

"This is not a fun process for us," he said.

Lobbying efforts with state and federal governments will continue, Hyer said.

Roberts called on members of the audience to join in the effort.

"They need to hear from citizens - 'no more education cuts,'" he said. "We can't sustain additional cuts."

Kid Rock faces accusation of assault

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A 28-year-old Milford woman filed a police report accusing local musician Kid Rock of physically assaulting her at his Independence Township home last week.

"We're handling this the same as any other assault case," said Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Township substation.

Sgt. Matt Baldes is assigned to the case, LaBair said. And, although Rock was a high-pro-

file supporter of Sheriff Mike Bouchard's attempt to unseat U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow in 2006, Rock was not given special treatment.

"The only difference is that we realize high-profile people are going to attract a lot of attention," he said.

Although it generally depends on the degree of injury in an assault - serious injuries would warrant sending someone out on overtime - deputies do what they can to follow-up on a complaint when it is filed, he said.

The case is then assigned to someone in the department who

attempts to contact and interview the alleged offender.

"Anyone has a right to say no," he said. "No one has to talk to us. If they refuse, we'll just do what we can to base a case on medical evidence, if there is any, pictures, or statements from the victim and any witnesses."

Both the victim and her male companion have filled out witness statements, said LaBair. As of Tuesday morning, Rock had not yet been interviewed.

According to reports, the incident occurred when the woman declined an invitation to

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"We've been putting up news and our classified ads for about four years now," said

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Millstream

Cathy Alty returns to her academic roots with conservation job

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Sports

Maguire takes home state crown for grapplers

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Jordan Waller and Amanda Broderick were honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Photo by Laura Colvin

Honored for helping the community

Two young Clarkston women were honored recently by the Daughters of the American Revolution, an international service organization dedicated to historic preservation, patriotism and education.

Jordan Waller, a senior at Clarkston High School, and Amanda Broderick, a senior at Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford, were honored at a special luncheon hosted by the DAR.

"The winners are chosen based on contributions

to the community, churches or service organizations," said Vesta DeRiso, a spokesperson for the local DAR chapter.

"But also on grades, participation in school and ambitions for the future."

DeRiso pointed out, however, that the DAR does not chose the winners, but instead asks counselors at local high schools to select one student they believe is most qualified.

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The Second Front

Township wants input on reorganization

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Independence Township Board of Trustees has started the process of changing the face of local government.

At March 6's trustees meeting, Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen presented information about hiring a superintendent and making elected officials part-time workers.

The vote was split 5-2. Trustee Charles Dunn joined Supervisor David Wagner in opposition.

"I am 100 percent against the idea — this form of government has been in place for quite a long time," Dunn said. "The board does not have the moral authority to change our form of government. An initiative like this cannot come from the board. This needs to be a grassroots effort. Nobody on this board told anyone about this when they were being elected. During the next election, those running need to tell the people 'this is what I want to do' and see if they get elected or not. This is something that should come from the people."

Vanderveen proposed hiring a superintendent to carry out policy, enforce township laws, prepare the annual budget, manage township departments, and act as a director to all township employees.

Vanderveen said growth in population and businesses is a cause for increasing workloads for township employees, creating a need for a professional superintendent.

"Elected officials will then have more

time to carry out everyday business," she said.

The addition of a superintendent would cut the supervisor, clerk and treasurer positions to part time. The superintendent would serve as a contracted employee.

Those newly part-time elected officials would be paid about one-third less than their current salaries. The decrease in pay would not take effect until 2008 because it is against the law to change an elected official's pay mid-term.

The position of deputy supervisor could also be eliminated, according to Vanderveen, which may provide funding for the superintendent position. The decrease in pay, and the elimination of the deputy supervisor position would save the township nearly \$125,000, she said.

Vanderveen also said the hiring process for a township superintendent would be lengthy, in order to hire the best possible person for the job — possibly someone with a background in accounting or business management.

Her proposal Tuesday asked the board to look into the possibility of inviting guest speakers on the topic.

Trustees Daniel Travis, Daniel Kelly, Larry Rosso, Treasurer Jim Wenger and Clerk Vanderveen voted "yes" on the proposal. Wagner and Dunn voted "no."

"Townships have traditionally been run by part-time officials and out of homes, not offices," said Rosso. "I need several months to think about this. I'm not sure about it, and there are a lot of

pros and cons, but I think I owe it to myself and we owe it to our community to look into it."

Kelly agreed with Rosso saying, "If we can put in place a better form of government, I'm open-minded. I think that, one, we need to get expert information and, two, we need a substantial amount of public input."

According to state law, a change in governmental structuring can be made by a majority vote of the board.

Attorney Neil Wallace said restructuring the township government is needed due to the ineffectiveness of the current supervisor.

"It's not about getting rid of Wagner, but about his poor performance in regards to the budget," he said. "This demonstrates the need for professional management. We shouldn't be relying on just the person who gets the most votes because that doesn't mean we're getting the most qualified person."

Wallace is a part of a group of citizens who have been discussing this issue, among others, which may appear on the 2008 ballot.

Kelly, however, disagrees with Wallace's line of thinking.

"If it were about our current supervisor, he would have been recalled," he said. "This is not about our supervisor, it's can we get a better government for a lower price tag?"

Wagner agreed, saying the proposal may be an attempt to undercut his au-
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Briefly

Fundraiser set March 24

Clarkston area Optimist Club's annual fundraiser is set for Sat., March 24.

At "Optimist Gala Royale '07," guests will take part in silent and live auctions to win vacation packages, restaurant packages, sports memorabilia, gift packages and more as they support the club.

Tickets for the event, which takes place at the Deer Lake Banquet Center in Clarkston, are \$100 each. Tickets are available by calling Mike Page at 248-330-2632. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

Donations for the auction are still needed to help the club continue its projects, and members of the community are invited to make a donation and receive recognition in the evening program.

For more information, call Roger Diederich at 248-625-5915.

Corrections

The discrimination charge was filed Jan. 31 by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights on behalf of an Independence Township DPW worker against Independence Township.

The law firm of Roumell, Lange & Cholack represents the Township. The township has until today, March 14, to respond.

The Feb. 20 vote of the Independence Township Board on the proposed McLaren Health Care Village was 4-1.

Voting in favor were Supervisor David Wagner, Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen, Treasurer James Wenger, and Trustee Larry Rosso.

Voting against was Trustee Daniel Travis.

Trustees Daniel Kelly and Charles Dunn recused themselves from the vote.

The McLaren project, proposed for Sashabaw Road and I-75, awaits second reading and adoption by the Township Board.

Its next regular meeting is set for March 20, 7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library on Clarkston Road.

Clarification

In the story "Former DPW employee jailed," Feb. 28 edition, DPW Director Linda Richardson should not have been cited as the source of information about a disciplinary problem with another DPW employee.

Richardson confirmed a rumor from other sources.

Local info online just a click away

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Assistant Publisher Don Rush. "I was gonna' say not too many folks know about it yet, because we haven't promoted our internet presence. Then I looked at our numbers, and I was blown away."

According to Rush, between 1,300-1,400 folks visit the Internet site everyday, spending an average of nine minutes browsing and reading. The site generates between 12,000-15,000 hits a day.

"I guess, just like *The Clarkston News* is the media leader in our town, so too are we leading our town in web-based news and information," Rush said. "Our web presence has allowed our weekly community newspaper to update information on a daily basis."

Visitors to Sherman Publications, Inc.'s site www.clarkstonnews.com are also just a click or two away from accessing local business directories, schools, government and public library websites.

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Neighbor in need
Clarkston man comes home for lung transplant
David Carpenter, 1983 graduate of Clarkston High School, left Michigan for Florida in 1995. After 12 years, he is returning to Michigan. The homecoming isn't as happy as it should be...more >>

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Chief fired
The city's entire police force showed up in uniform to stand together in staunch support as their leader was dismissed by a unanimous vote of the Clarkston City Council Monday. Police Chief Ernie

Here are helpful links to help you navigate your way through community websites.

- ◆ Clarkston Businesses (Chamber of Commerce)
- ◆ Clarkston Coalition for Youth
- ◆ Clarkston School District
- ◆ Independence Township
- ◆ Independence Township Library
- ◆ Clarkston Village (city of)
- ◆ Springfield

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And our town's newspaper is not finished dabbling on the World Wide Web.

"We're looking to expand. I'd like to extend an invitation to local folks to become part of our blogging team. I am still working out the details, but I envision a team of local bloggers sharing their unique perspective about Clarkston on their own personal blog. Adults and students alike will be invited to chronicle life in Clarkston. There will be no pay, but we feel it will be a great chance for folks to express themselves and develop their own following."

Also upcoming to *The Clarkston News*' on-line edition, is the ability to place pictures for on-line classifieds, plus the ability to "Map-it!" The Map-it! feature will be great for the garage sale season -- bargain hunters will be able to map the sale's location, never to get lost again!

"Details for the blogging team and new on-line classified features will be forthcoming in the weeks to come," Rush said.

Readers can access special sections online, like the monthly *What's The Biz* and *The Clarkston News*' annual business review, *Progress*.

Is Clarkston smarter than its fifth graders?

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In light of the recent game show on Fox, "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader," local fifth-graders are getting in on the action and wondering: Are Clarkston adults smarter than Clarkston Elementary School fifth-graders?

Each of Jennifer Brykailo's fifth-grade students took their noses out of their books for a few minutes to supply *The Clarkston News* with questions from subjects they have been studying this year.

"We were really excited to share our questions," said Brykailo. "They've been watching the show and said the questions weren't that hard and thought they could have been harder in some instances. We've talked about it in class and they've realized that nobody is smarter than a fifth-grader."

With questions such as "Why was the colonial militia named the Minutemen?" and "What was the name of the act, passed in 1767, that taxed tea, paper, paint, glass, and lead?" it's hard to imagine anyone being smarter than these fifth graders, said Brykailo.

"I found that sometimes I was not smarter than a fifth grader. But it's so much of a 'what you don't use, you lose' kind of thing. If you haven't thought about

these things in 30 years, you're not going to know many of the answers."

Brad Erlanson agreed.

"The longer you're away from the material, the harder it is to connect to it."

David Shook, an attorney from Independence Township, agreed.

"It's amazing how much we lose from the fifth grade 30 plus years out of it."

Many of those questioned were more than

happy to take part in the survey, but when they were asked to share their names and photos, they were apprehensive.

Others thought they were smarter than a fifth grader at the beginning of the experiment, but soon found out the opposite.

"The adults on the show ought to be ashamed of themselves," said Tina Moyle. Yet, when she was asked the question, she couldn't answer.

"They teach so many different things now," she said.

Nancy Riddle shared the same sentiment.

"I'm not smarter than a fifth grader today," she said. "They're teaching more today than I ever learned in my one room schoolhouse."

To see how local residents fared against the fifth graders, check out A5, and the People Poll on B1.



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Police investigating charges

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spend the night after she and her friend shared drinks and listened to music with the 36-year-old singer, whose real name is Robert Ritchie.

The woman claimed she and the friend were invited to the home after running into Ritchie at the Clarkston Union, March 8. The group was listening to tracks from Ritchie's upcoming album in his home, the woman said, when she announced plans to return home to her child.

Ritchie, who allegedly wanted the woman to stay the night, became loud and verbally aggressive as she headed for the door, the woman said.

The woman told police once she got outside, Ritchie grabbed her by the back of the neck twice and pushed her forcibly toward the car, causing her to fall into a snow bank. She also stated that her nose was hit, although she was unsure when or how.

The woman declined medical attention, but showed deputies where she was allegedly grabbed during the incident. The reporting deputy noted no visible marks on the woman during the interview.

Representatives of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department had not talked with Ritchie as of March 12.

"We like to get both sides of the story before we do anything," said Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe. "Right now you've got an allegation and that's all it is—an allegation of an assault that occurred. Until we interview (Ritchie) I'm not going to make any comment other than to say, yes, a report was filed and we're investigating it."

The woman claimed she met the singer at the Clarkston Union about a year ago, and said the two often talked when they ran into one another at the downtown Clarkston restaurant.

Ritchie's attorney, William Horton, did not return a call seeking comment, and no charges had been filed as of Tuesday.

Widely known by stage name Kid Rock, Ritchie—sometimes referred to as Detroit's Favorite Son—is a popular and award-winning musician with a respected, difficult-to-define style crisscrossing through several genres. Last year, he was a vocal supporter for Sheriff Mike Bouchard's failed bid to unseat U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D).

Officials split on reorganization idea

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thority. "There is at least one person on the board (Dan Travis) that is aiming this toward me and it was quite evident that night. He should come talk to me if he has that big a problem with me," he said. "I'm completely opposed to (the proposal). I don't think it's needed here. You cannot find one person who can do all of these jobs. It's a waste of township

money."

Wagner also cited stats from the Michigan Township Association. Out of the 1,242 townships in the organization, 44 have managers. Out of those, three are townships that are the same size as Independence, said Wagner.

"When you get into those, they are part time," he said. "But with a township of our size, it's near impossible to do that."

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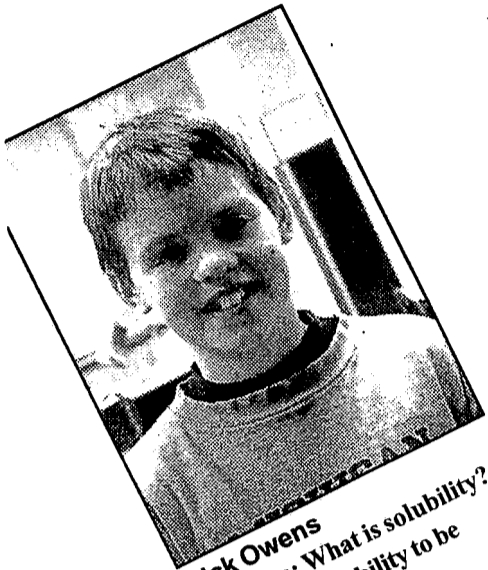
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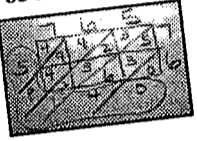
What does a Clarkston fifth-grader know?



Nick Owens
 Question: What is solubility?
 Answer: The ability to be absorbed. ✓



Victoria Johns
 Question: Using the Lattice Method of multiplication, find the answer to the problem 765×76 ✓



John Kreski
 Question: What was Colonel Prescott's quote during the Battle of Bunker Hill?
 Answer: Don't one of you fire until you see the whites of their eyes ✓



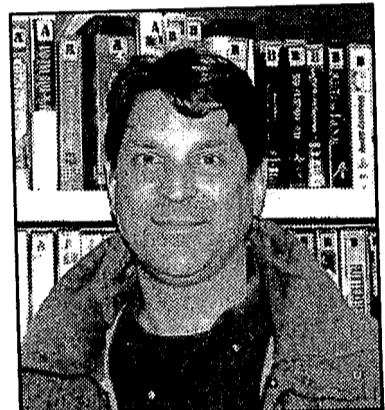
Katie Chadwell
 Question: What was the name of the act, passed in 1767, that taxed tea, paper, paint, glass and lead?
 Answer: The Townshend Acts ✓



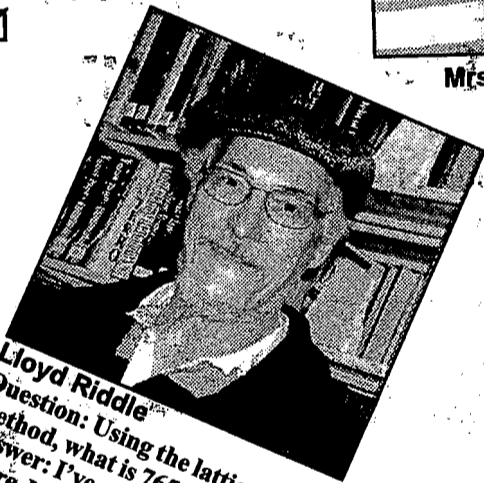
Sue Baetens
 Question: What is solubility?
 Answer: Maybe something that dissolves in water? ✓



Mrs. Brykailo's fifth grade class at Clarkston Elementary School.



Michael Weber
 Question: What was the name of the act, passed in 1767, that taxed tea, paper, paint, glass and lead?
 Answer: I can't answer that. Was it the Boston Tea Party? ✗



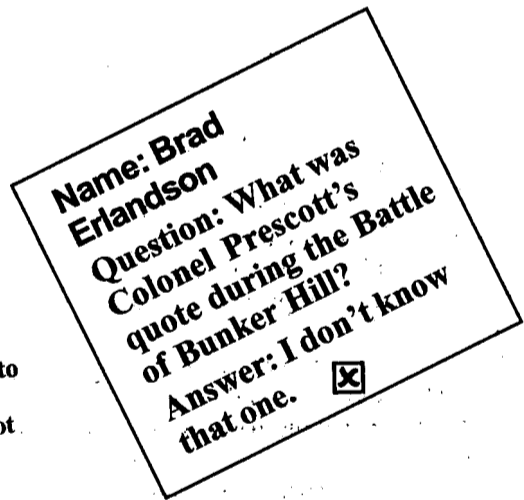
Lloyd Riddle
 Question: Using the lattice method, what is 765×76 ?
 Answer: I've never seen that before. Mabe they derived that from the arrays method? ✗



Andrea Spano
 Question: Who wrote the book "The Sign of the Beaver"?
 Answer: Oh, I know this! Speare. ✓



Nancy Riddle
 Question: Something's ability to burn is called what?
 Answer: I don't know. I have not kept up on m stuff ✗



Name: Brad Erlandson
 Question: What was Colonel Prescott's quote during the Battle of Bunker Hill?
 Answer: I don't know that one. ✗

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'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

Public business belongs in a public meeting

Sheriff Andy Taylor watched over the rural town of Mayberry, North Carolina back when JFK was president and the Beatles were storming America—at least he pretended to.

Sheriff Andy Taylor, after all, was a fictional character and Mayberry, unfortunately, was a fictional town.

But the Sheriff and Aunt Beas apple pie conjure good-old-days-down-by-the-oak-tree feelings, and that's what Clarkston wants for its residents.

It's nice.

Whether it's realistic or practical in 2007 Clarkston is another matter, but it's definitely nice.

The mayor and the city council were elected to do a job, and every one of them takes that job seriously. They want what's best for Clarkston, and Ernie Combs was not it.

So they fired him.

The Clarkston City Council has a right and a responsibility to decide what's in city's best interest, and who they do—and don't—want heading city departments.

But the council also has a responsibility to follow proper policies and procedures, and the police chief's dismissal was handled in a manner less than open, less than forthcoming.

There'd been no prior talk at the council table about firing the chief, as was pointed out by attorney Ryan, not ever.

Yet the council sat down Feb. 26 and displayed an air of direction, resolve and unity. They were going to fire the chief.

Where did they find such cohesion where before there was none?

Did Councilman Bill Rausch really say he'd been in contact with council members prior to the meeting?

Public business must be discussed at a public meeting; that's what the Open Meetings Act is about, and it was put in place so the public knows what governments are doing.

The law is a little hazy, and it certainly doesn't say council members can't speak to one another or exchange Emails outside a meeting. But the spirit of the law says, again, public business must be discussed in a public meeting.

Was the Clarkston City Council trying to keep the whole thing quiet, as some members felt accused? Were they trying to hide something?

No, I don't believe they were.

But neither do I believe it was a coincidence all seven independently arrived at the same thought at the same time without any public discussion: Let's fire the chief tonight.

It all started last month when Rausch told Combs he could not hire a new cop for the force.

The city council disagreed. They'd appointed Rausch as the police liaison, but Combs, they reminded him, was the department head and entitled to hire as he saw fit.

Convinced the city's top cop needed formidable supervision and direction, Rausch came to the following council meeting resolved to take charge of the situation—and the police department.

Please see Police on page A11



Out Loud

Laura Colvin

Wrong again on McLaren vote report

Dear Editor,

I think I need to clear the air on one issue that seems to be looming over all our heads. This issue is about McLaren, as noted in your paper of March 7, the letter to the editor from Daniel Travis (page 6A). It is very important that the paper reflects who voted which way on an issue of such importance. Mr. Travis expressed strong opposition to this project which is his right. What I find amazing is I need to correct his letter. In Mr. Travis' letter, he has the McLaren vote as 3-1, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Dunn were excused, which was true.

Then I read your correction on page 3A. The correc-

Costs of McLaren project outweigh benefits

Dear Editor,

I am a concerned commercial and residential property owner in Independence Township.

Anyone can travel our township and see the 'oversupply' of medical, office and retail buildings for lease.

Before we as residents get overly excited about a hospital and its benefits to the community, we must consider all the consequences surrounding this issue.

At the very least, consider that the hospital has not even obtained a Certificate Of Need, which is required to construct a new hospital. Simply consider the ramifications that just Phase I of this project will have on our community today.

This community has been built by local business people investing and contributing their time and talents. Local organizations and fundraising efforts count on contributions from these people!

Will large corporations and healthcare providers invest and contribute to the many needs of this commu-

nity or will they strip this community of its many special attributes? If we rely on them to sustain this community, then they must be held accountable.

If they do not support our community, who will be left to sustain this special community? Don't count on the several local business people with "For Lease" signs in front of their owner occupied buildings for support. I personally urge our elected officials to put the brakes on this project.

If McLaren truly cares about our community, they will want us to carefully examine the proposal and consider all of the consequences. Future economic conditions within the healthcare industry as well as within our state, county and local governments will inevitably dictate which road to take.

In the meantime, my concerns lie within my community, not the profitability of McLaren.

Supervisor David Wagner
Independence Township

Don't overlook Clarkston Health Center

Dear Editor,

Regardless of people's opinions of the McLaren project, area residents should know that quality services currently exist in Clarkston.

Clarkston Health Center was built in 2003 as a partnership between Genesys Health System and POH Medical Center.

Located on the northwest corner of Dixie Highway

and White Lake Road, this facility offers 24-hour emergency services, complete diagnostic/X-ray services, MRI, physical therapy, lab, pharmacy, and a wide variety of physical specialties.

Comprehensive quality health care is under one roof at Clarkston Health Center.

Marie Bristow, director, Community Relations
Clarkston Health Center

Clarkston needs police chief that will enforce law

Dear Editor,

The recent firing of Chief Combs was long overdue. Each day, over 20,000 cars pass through Clarkston on their way to somewhere else. They speed, turn right on red, pass down streets that are closed to through traffic, and cross the double yellow line to pass other cars on Main Street. For years I have been asking the police chief, mayor, city manager, previous police liaison and any City Council member who would listen, to begin active enforcement of our traffic laws and city ordinances.

Most of my requests were met with skepticism or promises that were never fulfilled. Like the promise to move the 30 mph speed limit sign, on southbound M-15, north to the outskirts of the village where it belongs. Like the promise to regularly place a radar trailer on Main Street.

There needs to be measurable objectives and account-

ability.

The police activity, or inactivity, needs to be shared with more than the City Council. The police activity needs to be reported in the local papers, so the community can see what is being done. Other local police departments do it. It makes for great reading! There is no major crime in Clarkston. It is one of the safest communities in Oakland County.

Traffic control is our major problem and it will get worse with development booming around us. When the Meijers, Target, Walmart, Home Depot and the new hospitals are all open for business, it will be much, much worse.

Clarkston doesn't need a public relations guy for a police chief. It needs a law enforcement officer to begin enforcing its laws now.

Les Haight
Clarkston resident for 18 years

Time has come for professional township management

Dear Editor,

Some recent decisions by certain elected officials have given me cause for serious concern. I therefore find the positive comments of some of our citizens with regards to hiring a township manager to be insightful and refreshing.

Very difficult decisions need to be made regarding our current and future budget difficulties and the course

of township development. I believe an independent professional who can provide expertise in making these kinds of tough decisions is crucial.

Township residents and employees deserve no less. I support the efforts of those who agree that a township manager is an option whose time has come.

Craig Bennett
Independence Township

A Look Back

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

15 years ago - 1992

"Fire demolishes Overpine Road home"

Firefighters took about an hour to extinguish a house fire in Independence Township. Three firefighters were injured. The fire was probably caused by an overheated clothes dryer, officials said.

"Group pushes for disability reforms in area"

A group of concerned local residents was formed to improve the quality of life for disabled residents. Goals included increasing awareness, more integration of students with disabilities at Clarkston High School, and improving transportation, housing, employment, and access for those with disabilities.

"Bush, Clinton, Brown take Independence, Springfield" State presidential primary voters in Independence Township supported Republican incumbent President George Bush and Democrat Bill Clinton. Springfield Township voters supported Bush and Democrat Jerry Brown.

"School district looking at leaner budget, future" School officials were planning cuts of about \$234,000 in the '92-'93 budget. The cuts were needed

because of loss in state funding. Officials were hoping for passage of a school millage that June.

25 years ago - 1982

"Assessment protests plummet in Independence" Half as many residents as the year prior attended the March Board of Review meeting to appeal their tax assessments. A hundred residents appealed their assessment increases. About half received some relief, officials said.

"Parents, teachers protest lunchroom 'extras'" Parents of Clarkston elementary school students rallied to eliminate snack-type foods sold in lunchrooms. They wanted to stop a new lunch program that included snack food. School officials said the program was needed because of reductions in state lunch funding.

"Clarkston Village personnel wage hikes on tap" Village Council members proposed wage increases for DPW workers, some elected officials, and parking enforcement officer in its \$100,000 budget.

50 years ago - 1957

"Debate squad has high standing" Under the skillful coaching of Don Healy, the Clarkston High School Debate Team earned a spot in the state semifinals. They were set to take on Albion for a chance to go to the state finals.

"The key to camp is cookies" The North Oakland County Girl Scouts were preparing for their annual cookie sale, to raise funds for camp. Cookies, including chocolate-and vanilla-sandwich and chocolate mint, were 40 cents a box.

Write a letter to the editor at shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Clarkston News

Dead shunk equals spring

Sure as St. Patrick's Day is Saturday, I reckon we can say we have passed the corner. Spring has arrived. I based this observation, not on the amount heat our thermometer measures, rather the amount of shoveling I had to do in the yard. A winter's worth of doggy doo-doo, is a sure sign snow is on its way out.

A tip to them with dogs -- make sure you clean up the yard while there is a bite in the air. You want that doo-doo rock solid, for ease of shoveling. You well may be too late. If that's true, well, it sucks to be you.

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Last year I tried to start a new Michigan tradition when it comes to spring. I believe another good way to figure out spring is at hand, is not to be on the lookout for the first red-breasted robin. Al Gore must be correct. Global warming has made Michigan so warm during the winter months, that more and more robins stay here, rather than fly south for the winter. I contend a surer way to know spring has sprung is to be watchful for dead skunks on the roadways. And, if you don't spot one with your eyes, your nose will help.

My first skunk sighting/smelling was on Monday, March 12. Yep, I saw it (smelled it). It was and probably still is located at the southernmost of Tucker's Corners -- Oakwood Road at Leece, in Brandon Township. What's yours?

A final note, for some reason my effort to change the tradition ain't working. I wonder why?

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Ah, St. Patrick's Day -- March 17 -- always a good time for a few Irish jokes. This one is courtesy of Willie Hyder, Oxford electrician extraordinaire.

Irish Alzheimer's

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fell down when he saw him. Murphy had never been seen in church in his life.

After Mass, the priest caught up with Murphy and said, "Murphy, I am so glad ya' decided to come to Mass, what made ya' come?"

Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really love



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that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like me hat, and I knew that McGlynn came to church every Sunday. I also knew that McGlynn had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya' didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?"

Murphy said, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."

The priest gave Murphy a big smile and said; "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya' decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in Hell, right?"

Murphy slowly shook his head and said, "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' I remembered where I left me hat."

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Stereotypical Irish joke aside, I can no bring meself to watch, "TV's newest, critically acclaimed hit," *The Black Donnellys*.

Here's the show's official propaganda:

The Black Donnellys follows the exploits of four young, working-class Irish brothers. Their involvement in organized crime in New York City will put their life at risk and they will do anything to protect each other from the hostility between them and the other New York families who want their territory . . .

As dear wife Jen proclaimed one evening after watching a commercial for said show, "Boy, if I was Irish I would be upset. That show has all the negative Irish stereotypes."

Yep, drinking.

Yep, fighting.

Yep, womanizing.

I agree with Jen, except for the part where she said, "Boy, if I was Irish . . ." Were she Irish, she would have said, "Boy-o."

I must be getting older or something, 'cuz stereotypes of the Irish or American's with Irish ancestry never bothered me. I am not get older, so it must be something else . . . how 'bout this: I must be getting snobby in my not old age?

E-mail your comments to: dontrushmedon@charter.net

Of 5th graders, height, perception and bacon

Are you ready to admit you are not as smart as a fifth grader?

If you haven't admitted it yet, perhaps you have missed the tv show, "Are you smarter than a fifth grader?" Thursday nights, primetime.

I had it brought home to me in another way by our fifth grade granddaughter, Savannah Speed.

Her teacher submitted one of Savannah's poems to "Anthology for Poetry by Young Americans," and they have chosen it for publication. Savannah's good friend Danielle Black, same grade, same teacher, will also have a poem in this book of poetry.

I find this poem far deeper than anything, anyone wrote in our entire 1st-to-8th grade school, let alone my fifth grade class.

My family is a tree blowing softly in the wind.

My dad is the wind pushing us along the way.

My mom is the trunk holding us all together.

My sister, Haley, is the branches telling us what to do.

My brother, Trevor, is the grass holding us up as we fall to the ground.

My dog, Amber, is the bark giving us a friend when needed.

And, I am the leaves scattering love!

Savannah was 10 when she wrote it, for gosh sakes.

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So many of us think we have to have an immediate comeback when we hear a story, an incident, gossip, the weather, or whatever. I'm as guilty as anyone, always believing I'm adding supreme brilliance.

Recently, I had one of my truths drowned out by groans. The topic was heights. I said, "The year I was 13, I grew one foot."

Only to have it topped by, "That's nothing. I grew two feet in nine months!"

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Out of the pen of State Representative Chuck Moss, Birmingham:

"Funny how the pharmaceutical firms are 'big drug companies' when critics are attacking them, but they transform into 'life science' ventures when the state is trying to recruit them. It's like how greedy trial lawyers become public interest attorneys when it's you who wants to sue someone."

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For all you critics who say there is nothing but bad news in the papers (and I, at times, have that feeling, too), you haven't seen this news from McClatchy News Service.

"A little sweet, a little salty, a little smoky. Satisfyingly rich. Chewy or crunchy, depending on the cook's preference. Good bacon has it all."

Hey, hey, hey. Rejoice!

"After decades as the pariah of American diets, this old-fashioned staple is back in vogue. Chefs showcase fancy bacon in salads, braise it with poultry, wrap it around fish and sprinkle it in soups."

Food consultant Bruce Aidells says, "I think bacon is essentially the meat lover's version of chocolate."

I feel like adopting Jack Nicholson's expression in "The Shining," only applying it to bacon.

"I'm back!"

Only with me, it never went anywhere.

Chefs also note that the mention of bacon in the menu description of a dish tends to draw more orders.

There is a precaution in the article, something about moderation.

However, for you who succumbed to the anti-bacon, low-fat notion, what do you order in a deli, LTs?

THE TIME HAS COME!

To Independence Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees

-Our township needs an ordinance prohibiting future keyhole* development to protect our lakes from the destruction and dangers inherent in overcrowded waters.

*TOWARD THIS GOAL, OUR TOWNSHIP BOARD HAS COMMISSIONED AND FINANCED FOUR (4) VERSIONS OF A KEYHOLE ORDINANCE; THE TIME HAS COME TO ADOPT ONE **NOW**.*

-Two of our county lakes, Maceday Lake and Deer Lake, are rated among Michigan's healthiest lakes**, Deer Lake receiving a score of 90 out of 100 in a quality index study privately funded by interested citizens***.

ALL OUR TOWNSHIP LAKES DESERVE TO HAVE QUALITY & SAFETY PRESERVED BY HAVING OUR TOWNSHIP BOARD PROVIDE THE FIRST RATE PROTECTION THAT NEIGHBORING TOWNSHIPS HAVE GRANTED TO THEIR CITIZENS BY PASSING KEYHOLE ORDINANCES.

-Our citizens, be they swimmers, sailors, fishers, boaters, kayakers, or lovers of wildlife and natural beauty, deserve to have **SAFE LAKES, CLEAN WATER** and **PRESERVATION** of the unique natural beauty our residents enjoy through our many lakes.

WE ASK YOU TO STEP UP AND ASSIST IN AVOIDING FUTURE DEGRADATION OF OUR CURRENTLY BEAUTIFUL LAKES-ADOPT A KEYHOLE ORDINANCE NOW.

-A recent presentation to our township by the Michigan State University Lake and Stream Management Outreach, Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, stressed that "**LAND MANAGEMENT MAKES A LAKE WHAT IS**", and emphasized that "**once the degradation of a lake begins, it is akin to stopping a boulder from running down a mountain**"

- WE URGE YOU, OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, TO TAKE THIS POSITIVE STEP IN YOUR DUTY TO MANAGE OUR LAKES AND WATERSHEDS; ENACT A KEYHOLE ORDINANCE-NOW! BEFORE THE DAMAGE BEGINS, NOW! BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

-The Michigan DEQ requests that townships adopt keyhole ordinances; the U.S. Government prioritizes our watersheds with dollars sent to our township and city; our grassroots efforts aim to protect our lakes/watersheds.

NOW WE EXPECT YOU, WHOM WE ENTRUSTED WITH OUR VOTES, TO JOIN IN PROTECTING THE HEALTH & WELFARE OF OUR TOWNSHIP'S NATURAL RESOURCES: ADOPT A KEYHOLE ORDINANCE NOW.

Sponsored by: Independence Coalition for Healthy & Safe Lakes and Streams; and Deer Lake Property Owners Association. For more information call ICHSLA at 248-802-8718 & DLPOA at 248-625-9577

(*briefly stated, keyholing is the practice of using a single lake lot to funnel traffic and docks onto a lake/shoreline which would not otherwise have ingress to the lake.) (** per MSU Lake and Stream Management Outreach data) (***) per study conducted by Liminologist, Dr. Fusler)

Police and Fire

Independence Township

Mon., March 5 A 32-year-old Independence Township woman called to report that her former husband had been calling her and threatening her with taking away the children and causing harm to her new boyfriend. The woman claimed her former spouse had been violent in the past and fears for her safety.

Thieves made off with a microwave, radio, fax machine and copier when a construction trailer in the 7400 block of South Village Drive was reportedly broken into over the weekend.

Tues., March 6 A 17-year-old Independence Township youth was issued an appearance citation after deputies discovered him in possession of marijuana and stolen prescription drugs during a traffic stop near Maybee Road and Center Street.

An Independence Township woman living in the 7000 block of Andersonville Road called police to report someone had entered through her front door and "trashed" her bedroom while she was not at home.

A 24-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed on charges of domestic violence after she hit her boyfriend in the face, causing his nose to bleed, then left the home on foot

with the couple's infant son, who was not dressed for the low-teen temperatures.

Wed., March 7 An Independence Township woman in the 6200 block of Cram Lane claimed a pickup truck had been continuously driving up and down her street in a reckless manner and purposely ran over her mailbox. Deputies documented the damage, noting that no other boxes on the street had been vandalized.

Thurs., March 8 A 19-year-old male was issued a citation for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after deputies discovered the items in his vehicle during a routine traffic stop.

A 12-foot telescoping aluminum ladder was reported stolen by a homeowner after it was left outside overnight in the 5200 block of Oakhill.

A stolen automobile was recovered and impounded from a parking lot in the 5600 block of Parview. The vehicle, which was registered to a Wolverine Lake man, had been sitting in the lot for several months, said the apartment manager.

A 17-year-old Renaissance High School student was issued an appearance citation for probation violation and under-21 consumption of alcohol after the principal noticed the smell of alcohol on the student's breath during school hours.

Sat., March 10 An Independence Township resident called to report that an unknown person had fraudulently used her name and address to open a credit

card account and run up a bill for about \$579.

An Independence Township woman reported a waiter hired in 2005 at her family business in Waterford claimed he was a mortgage broker by day and eventually talked the woman and several other family members into refinancing their homes through his company. The woman claimed she lost several thousand dollars in the transaction, and that the man threatened to harm her when informed the scam would be reported.

Sun., March 11 A 19-year-old Livonia man was involuntarily committed when deputies were dispatched to Dixie Highway and Ortonville Road where the man was found running through traffic yelling for passing cars to hit him—he was also kicking at the cars and trying to open doors as the vehicles passed. The man later alleged he took an unknown quantity of mushrooms and other drugs.

An Independence Township man turned in a wallet containing cash and personal information found near his home. Unable to locate the wallet's owner, deputies logged the wallet into the property room at the Independence Township substation.

Mon., March 12 A 22-year-old Independence Township man was assaulted by two females after he asked the women to leave his home. The man had a split lip and long scratches over his arms, chest, and back. His eyeglasses were also broken during the incident.

Springfield Township

Fri., March 2 Deputies were dispatched to assist on a medical call when a 32-year-old Springfield Township woman fell after overdosing on prescription medications

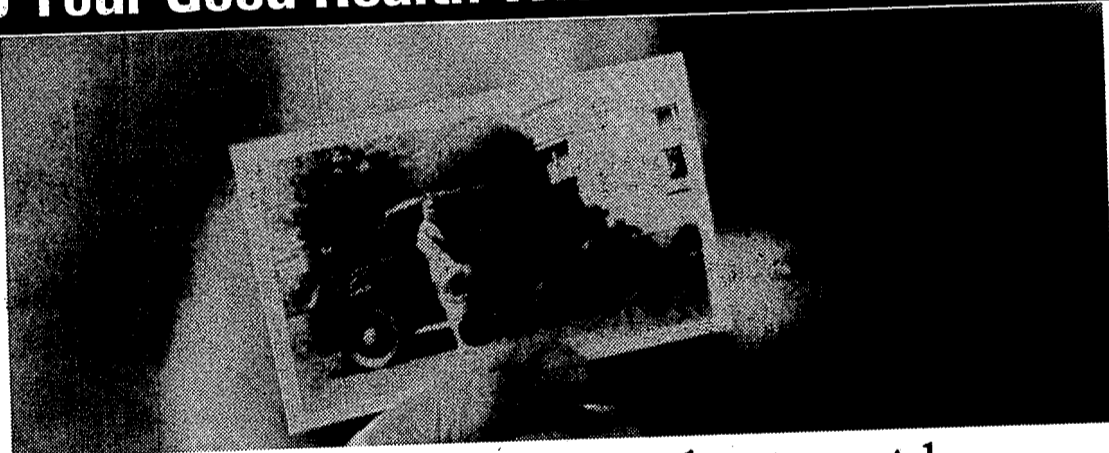
Sat., March 3 A 58-year-old Pontiac man was arrested and jailed after he was pulled over for speeding and deputies confirmed two valid Friend of the Court warrants from Genesee County for child neglect with a total bond of \$10,878.

Sun., March 4 Deputies on patrol in Springfield Township removed 11 illegally posted ground signs along the roadway shoulder and on utility poles on Dixie Highway. After a message left with the business owner was ignored, deputies issued citations for every day each sign remained posted.

Mon., March 5 The manager of a business in the 8400 block of Andersonville Road reported that three company vehicles had been broken into, and an attempt was made to gain access to a fourth. Thieves made off with an undetermined number of ladders, hand tools and power tools.

Deputies responded to the scene where a woman said she was injured.

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The family that exercises together stays fit together

By Ernie Harwell



Health officials agree that overweight children are the most likely to become tomorrow's fat adults, which places them at risk for a variety of health problems, including high blood pressure, heart attacks and diabetes.

Unfortunately, the National Center for Health Statistics says that nearly 15 million youngsters in this country between the ages of 6 and 18 are overweight. The number has nearly tripled since 1980.

But how do you get a young couch potato off the couch? Experts at the American Heart Association say it takes commitment. Parents need to make time in their busy schedules for long walks, bicycle riding and physical activity that the whole family can enjoy. One of the best things parents can do is teach children life-long exercise habits.

How to begin? Don't tell your kids to, "Go Play." Say, "Let's go play." Make after-dinner walks, or morning jogs and playing soccer or touch football a family habit. When the snow flies, take the team approach to mall walking, working out at a local gym, even snow shoveling and building snowmen.

Winters are always more fun when enjoyed with family, and I'm a firm believer that the family that exercises together stays fit together.

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

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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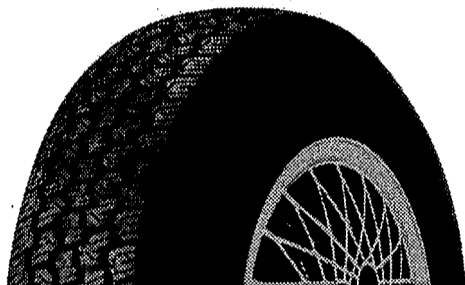


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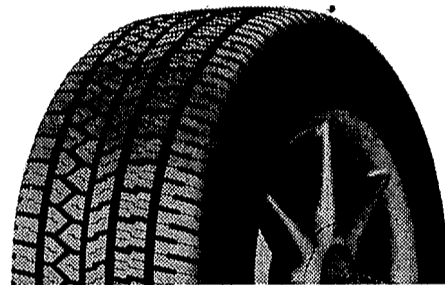
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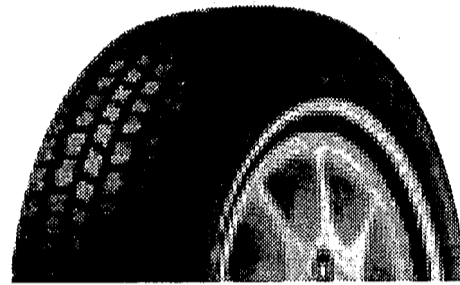
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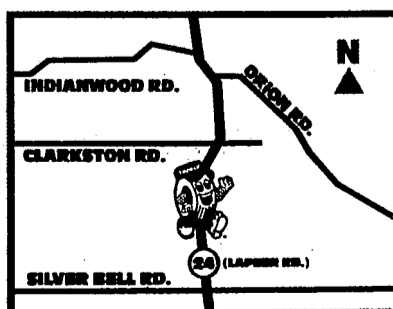


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Talking about police

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No way, city attorney Thomas Ryan told him. No way, echoed council. Read the charter. The city manager is in charge, not you. Well, that was it.

Rausch did his homework, called around, covered the bases, and two weeks later asked for Combs' termination. The chief was to have 24 hours' notice.

As someone who's been observing this community only five short months, I found it difficult to get a firm grip on what, exactly, was happening.

Was Rausch operating solely for reasons he believed were in the best interest of the community, as he said? Did a proverbial straw finally break the council's back? Was the whole situation turning into a Combs vs. Rausch power struggle?

Rausch began asking Combs to resign shortly after taking his council seat in November (this was a bit curious, as Rausch told *The Clarkston News* he would join the

council with an open mind and no axe to grind).

But Combs refused to quit, and the council and the city attorney refused to let Rausch head the police department.

But something changed when Rausch stepped up a third time, this time to fire the chief.

Not three seconds ticked off the clock before Councilwoman Kristy Ottman supported the motion. Three seconds after that, Mayor Sharron Catalo made the obligatory call for discussion.

The council will say the firing of the chief was a long time coming, and it was. But to the casual observer, the whole thing appeared to come out of nowhere.

And, as they say, appearances are everything.

The residents of Clarkston love and support their community and they pay high taxes to live here. They have a right to know what the governing body is doing, and they have a right to be governed by a council that abides by both the letter and the spirit of the Open Meetings Act.

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attacked by her 33-year-old husband, who accused her of having an affair with a co-worker. The woman ran to a neighbor's home to call police, while the man drove off with the couple's 5-year-old son, who witnessed part of the altercation after the sound of fighting woke him. A report was filed with the Family Independence Agency.

Thurs., March 8 A Springfield Township woman reported that her employer-issued laptop, which she hadn't used in about a month, was stolen from her car at an undermined time.

Fri., March 9 Deputies were dispatched to a grocery store located at Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road for a victim of a stabbing. Upon arriv-

ing deputies were informed by the victim, a 36-year-old Groveland Township resident, he had been stabbed and robbed. After receiving information from the victim, Michigan State Police followed a vehicle on to Dixie Highway and conducted a traffic stop just outside a trailer park. Springfield deputies arrived at the location and took all four subjects into custody. Two male subjects were placed under arrest. The driver was charged and arraigned on robbery charges and the other man arrested was charged and arraigned on a charge of armed robbery with a knife. They are being held at Oakland County Jail. The victim was treated and released from Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc for a stab wound to his right rear upper thigh.

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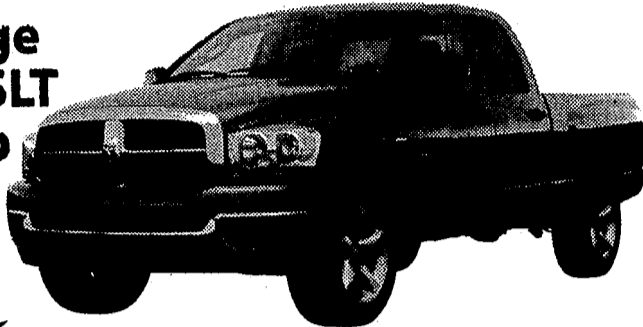
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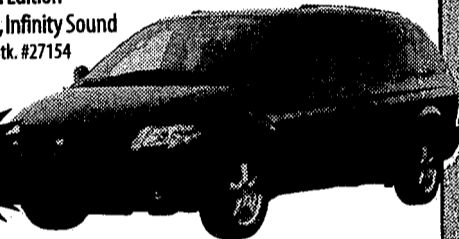
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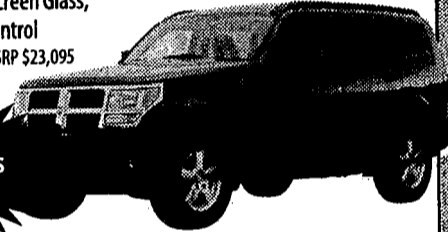


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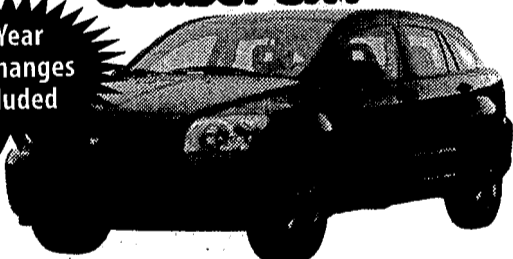


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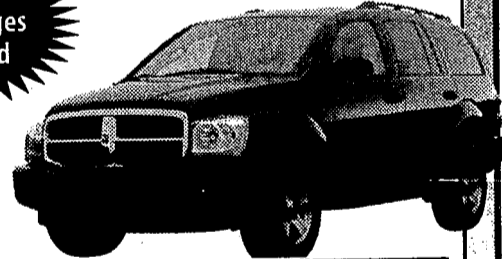
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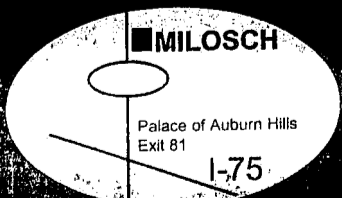
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Sunshine, daylight different issues

I was preparing to write an opinion on the difficulties of being an elected official.

How you must decide if it is better to vote what you think is right, or vote for what appears to have the smallest risk of litigation, which also may be right.

How is the public's right to know affected by the rights of personal privacy and other protections granted by our Constitution and laws?

Does an attorney, who does not disclose who he is defending, present information with a bias meant to sway the public in favor of his client?

What is more important, how a decision is made or the decision itself?

How does one properly and politely suggest improvements that you know others may disagree with?

All weighty questions that I pondered seriously and thought that since this has been declared Sunshine Week, and attention is on openness in government, it would be timely.

But then I realized that the actions of no less an honorable body than the United States Congress and the President of the United States show how small these matters are in the big picture and what real power elected officials have.

I am sure it is no coincidence that Sunshine Week starts the same week as daylight savings time makes us change all of our clocks. Yes, politicians can change the very time the sun rises and sets. With a simple vote by a majority of members, and the signature of the president, they can decide how much sunshine we will have and when we will have it.

This was proven once again this last weekend. I heard on the news, and I am not making this up, that this decree by our highest government officials will save energy.

Golf course owners stated to congress that they will make millions of dollars more because of increased playing time.

Barbecue and charcoal manufacturers stated they would also make millions due to increased outdoor cooking time.

Even candy makers told Congress that they would make money because Halloween would last longer and more candy would be sold.

I really did hear this on the news. Well, I am only a council member in a small city and I don't know how to change time. I still woke up this morning and it was dark. I had to turn on lights, make coffee, get the paper, and I still played dodge-*em* with

the SUVs and pickup trucks on my morning drive.

I guess it takes more political experience than I have to take advantage of this legal proclamation. But I can see the potential. We all know that by mid afternoon we are just not as productive as we were in the morning.

Not a problem.

We just make 10 a.m. last from the old 10:00 to the old 12:00. America picks up two hours of additional work each day, 10 hours each week for every single worker.

We can show those foreign manufacturers what real productivity is all about.

We also save energy because we only spend eight hours doing what used to take 10. Now I know some of you are saying that would really be a 10 hour day.

First of all, you have not followed the law correctly. It states quite clearly when the day starts and ends, when the sun will rise and set, and that there is no change other than it being better and that daylight is being saved.

Saving is good.

But to appease the golfers, barbecuists and other recreational related activists, we also need to make the end of the day longer so that they do not lose any income.

Now, as I said, I do not how our Congress does this but they have proven they can and since this is a democratic country based on the will of the people, except for some wars and wiretapping, we could expand this and make it fair to all with a public vote.

You would just elect the official that provides you the time you need when you need it. Now there will be some that do not like this because they think they should have sole determination of when and how they work, when they wake up, and when they relax.

Others will say you we have no right to mess with the sun. Others will say, as I do, that you cannot change when the sun rises and sets.

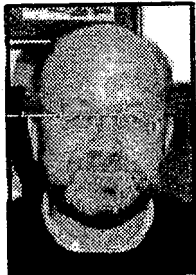
That is a basic matter of astrophysics. Like any of us understand that.

There are also religious and cultural considerations that may also be protected by our constitution. As I said, I don't know how to do any of this yet, but I am certain with enough hard work I too can learn how to take advantage of this, save energy, and make millions of dollars for my constituents.

Until then, I guess I will just have to be content with contemplating how to do my job and the day to day considerations that are part of life.

Perhaps I will focus on sunshine laws instead of daylight savings.

I might have a better chance of understanding that. Cory Johnston is a member of the Clarkston City Council.



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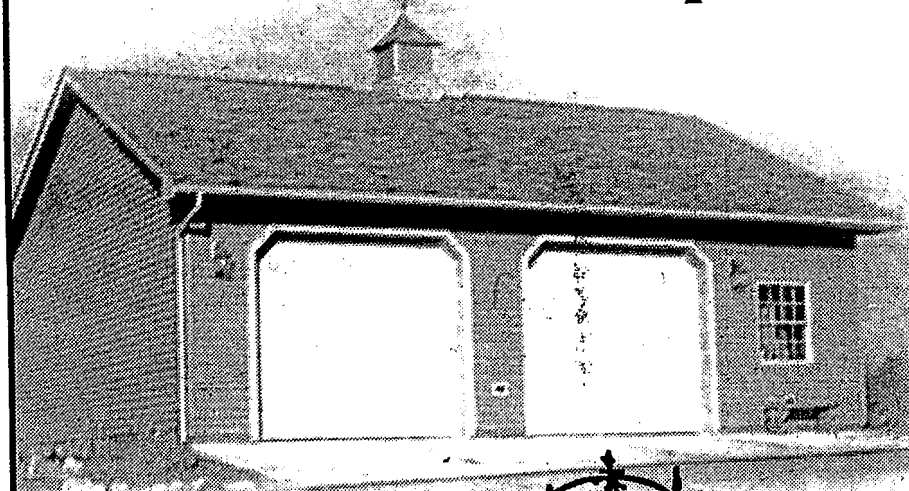
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Clarkston News Sports

Maguire leads Wolves' charge with state championship

Six Clarkston wrestlers place at state tournament

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Waiting until next year may not have seemed like a good idea last season to Clarkston's Mike Maguire, but Saturday, the waiting paid off.

Maguire defeated Zac Stevens of Monroe 5-1 in the MHSAA state finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills to win the state championship at 119 pounds. Maguire, who placed seventh at the 2006 state tournament, can add state champion to his impressive 2007 resume, which already includes Oakland County champion, Oakland Activities Association champion, and a 58-3 final record.

Maguire is the first Clarkston wrestler to win a state championship since 2004, Maguire's freshman year, when Tony Lajoie and Braden L'Amoreaux each took home titles.

Maguire persevered through that season unable to make the varsity lineup.

"His attitude has been great and he really deserved the state championship, he did everything right and he represented Clarkston and his family well," Clarkston coach Joe DeGain said.

"He worked hard and he was humble about his victories and worked through his defeats. He did everything right to win a state championship."

Overall, Saturday was a red-letter day for the Wolves, who placed six wrestlers in the finals after sending eight.

Bryant Craft (160) and Tommy Ellsworth (189) each took fourth place. Both wrestlers recovered from losses in the semifinals and found success in the consolation bracket:

Adam Lauzun (171) took a 10-7 decision over Matt Skrzypczak from Bay City Central for fifth place. Layne Upcott (215) won a 4-3 decision against Brad Marx from Howell and Frank Sade (135) won 9-7 versus Robert Nash from Roseville, both earning seventh place.

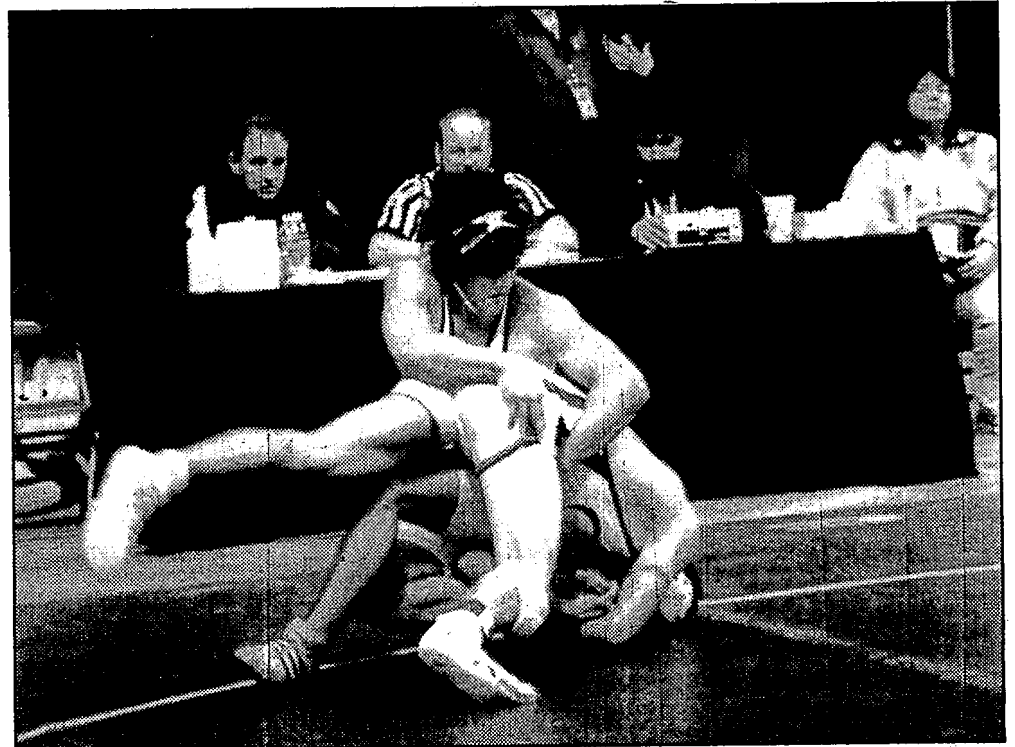
"They could have all punched out and decided either they win it or not, but they have more character than that," DeGain said.

"They all wrestled to at least one victory in the consolation round and that was good."

The finals over the weekend were a good close to a strong season, the coach said.

"It was nice for (the state placers) and it was nice for the team to make it to the semifinals. I'm sure everyone has a little bit of burn in their belly because they wanted to be state champions," DeGain said.

"The guys made a lot of improvements, especially



Adam Lauzun, shown here in the semifinals, took fifth place at 171 pounds. Photo by Paul Kampe

in January and February and they wrestled hard and they were able to wrestle as a team, which is something that Clarkston has had trouble doing the past couple years," DeGain said.

"They did well as a whole."

Athlete of the week

Clarkston's Stolnicki tops in Northern Lakes on girls' side

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

People often remark there is not enough time in the day. Clarkston senior Sam Stolnicki has made time for bowling in her life for the past eight years.

Stolnicki picked up the sport from her father, Mike, who is a former bowler himself.

"Sometimes I don't realize I'm doing something wrong because I can't see it and he can because he's watching. He really helps me out a lot," Stolnicki said.

After beginning in family doubles play at Cherry Hill Lanes, Stolnicki took her game to the youth leagues. From there, she started on the varsity team as a freshman.

Stolnicki finished 13th individually at the regional playoffs two weeks ago. After visiting the state finals for three prior seasons, she and the Wolves had to sit out this season after a seventh-place finish.

Stolnicki led the entire Northern Lakes Conference this season with 194.6 pins per game average, an increase of more than 10 pins from her January average. Her personal best game this year came in late January, when she bowled a 247-



Sam Stolnicki

pin game.

"She had a great season this year," Clarkston coach Kim Turner said.

"She came out and bowled her best every week. She was a leader for the team."

Turner said the early start in the sport, combined with additional coaching from her father, has helped Sam tremendously.

Her time with the Wolves also made her more adept at handling

the pressure of head-to-head competition.

"I've done better as I got used to it more and realized and it doesn't really change the way I should bowl," Stolnicki said.

She hopes to continue the game she picked up as a child into adulthood.

"I would really like to continue (bowling after high school), but there's not a lot of options when it comes to girls' college bowling here in Michigan. There's always leagues and it can always be something fun," Stolnicki said.

After high school, Stolnicki plans to attend the University of Michigan's Flint campus, major in biology, and enter the medical field. She hopes to become an anesthesiologist, but admitted, "I'm trying to keep an open mind about everything."



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Clarkston junior angler second in world

Matheis recovers from chilly weather, lost luggage

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In a different state with a different climate, Clarkston's Dylan Matheis found himself with the same results.

The 13-year-old Clarkston Junior High School student traveled to Birmingham, Ala., the weekend of Feb. 16 for the Junior World Bassmaster Championship, where he took second place overall in the world for the 11-14 age group.

Matheis' two catches totaled five pounds and were second to 14-year old Jeffrey Toplis of South Africa, whose two catches were more than seven pounds in weight. He won the state tournament last fall to earn the right to go to the international competition. The finish earned the eighth-grade student a \$2,000 college scholarship.

Matheis held the lead until the last four boats came in for the day.

"I went out to see how many boats were left and the kid came in and he lifted the fish out and I said, 'that's not good,'" Matheis remembered.

Kristin Matheis, Dylan's mother said her son has handled the narrow defeat well.

"You want everyone to do well, but when you're that close (you want to win)," she said.

"We wanted him to have that recognition, but he did phenomenal."

Matheis trained with professional angler Aaron Martens the day prior to the tournament. The 2005 Bassmaster Angler of the Year taught old pro Matheis some new tricks.

Martens taught him how to use a drop-shot rig, a technique Matheis had yet to master.

"I was doing it all wrong," Matheis said.

The professional taught Matheis how to reapply his lure on his fishing line for better results. Martens took time to show Matheis and his assigned partner how to better troll close to docks and other structures.

"He taught us how to run the boat along pilings," Matheis said.

"He knows how to catch the big fish and not scare them away."

Martens gave the young gun some equipment advice as well.

"The first day (Martens) would show me what to buy and I went out that night and got it," Matheis said.

Dylan said he will put the lessons of the pro into effect in the upcoming fishing season.

"I went down there to win and to learn because it's going to help me in my day-to-day fishing. Now I'll have more techniques if the fish aren't biting," Matheis said.

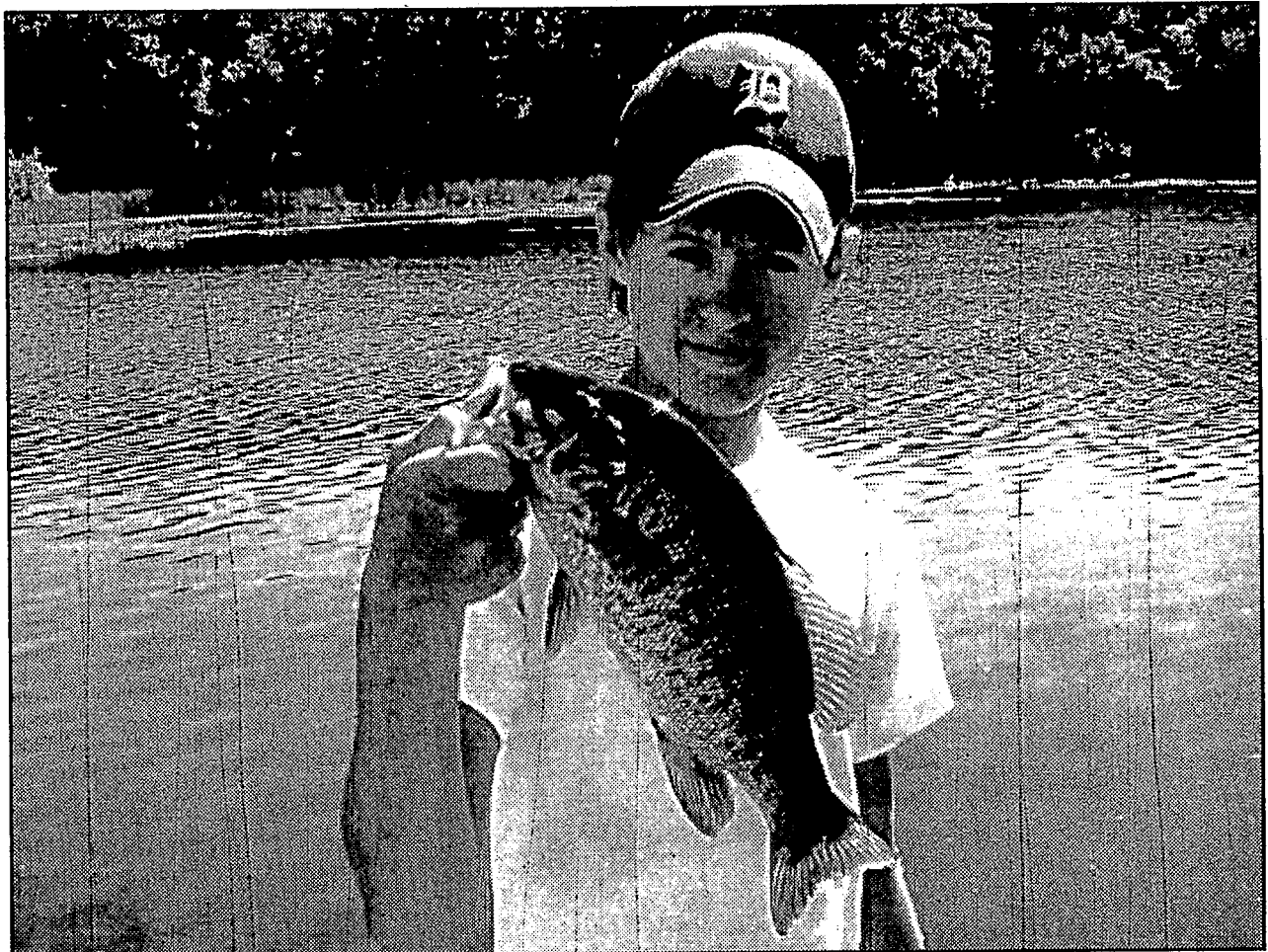
Matheis' equipment didn't have as quick of a trip down south as the Matheis family. After arriving, Kristin Matheis spent the entire first day of the trip tracking Dylan's fishing rods and baits.

"It was a nightmare because I knew it was important to him to have the right tackle. (The trip) didn't start out so well, but we made it through," she said.

"I knew that she was going to find them. She would get them no matter what," Dylan said.

Dylan said the hardest part of the competition was remembering the active spots on Logan Martin Lake. And after a bountiful day of practice on Saturday, the Sunday competition was bit more of a struggle for all the competitors.

"I had no idea. I thought there



Clarkston area angler Dylan Matheis finished second in the world at the Junior Bassmaster Championship. Photo provided

were going to be a lot of fish coming in, but it turned out to be a bad day," he said.

"Each kid came in with at least a three-pounder and the next day, only a few kids came in with fish."

"The weather changed from really cold to cold in the morning and hot in the afternoon and (the fish) got mixed up I guess."

Matheis persevered and later

caught a 3.1-pound spotted bass.

"I fished docks the whole morning and I only caught that big one, I just got lucky. I ran my Senko right over his head and he hit it."

With his victories at the league, state and now national level, Matheis said he keeps the same outlook on his sport.

"I have to wait until I'm older to start taking it as a job," he joked.

SMILE OF THE MONTH

Kirstin Simons



Kirstin is a freshman honor roll student at Clarkston Junior High. In her spare time she likes to ski, shop, play tennis, and play softball. Congratulations on a gorgeous smile Kirstin.

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Clarkston wins lucky No. 13 at Lake Orion

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A herd of Clarkston fans rushed the floor at Lake Orion Friday after Oliver Kupe's two-handed dunk capped the Wolves' run to the district championship.

Versus the resurgent Dragons, Clarkston's Dan Owens was held to nine points, but the Wolves found scoring elsewhere. Both Kupe and point guard Andy Lyons filled the void left by the leading scorer, each scoring 11 points to pace the Wolves in a 54-47 win against the Dragons for the district championship.

This is the 13th consecutive district championship and the second straight season they've earned a spot in the regionals with a road win at Lake Orion. Clarkston will find themselves in Grand Blanc Wednesday playing against White Lake Lakeland at 7p.m.

Both teams fought tooth and nail and Clarkston led 29-28 going into the fourth quarter. The stage had been set for a barn-burner.

"It was a hard and physical game and I think each team saw a little bit of themselves. They play a lot like we do and at times we play a lot like they do and that's why the rivalry is there," Lake Orion coach Jim Manzo said.

The Wolves (19-3) were impeccable from the free-throw line in the fourth, and they got several chances down the stretch.

Clarkston was 15/18 from the charity-stripe in the quarter, including Lyons' 6/8.

A pair of Owens' free-throws put the Wolves up 35-30 with 5:20 remaining, but the lead was quickly eroded.

The Dragons (17-6) again clawed back after Clarkston took another five-point lead, 42-37, with a running

bank shot from Ross Tonyan with 2:07 left.

Lyons missed two straight free tosses with 1:18 left that could have sealed the deal and put Clarkston up seven. Instead, the Dragons got a layin from Drew Maynard to pull within three, 46-43.

Clarkston would coast from the free-throw line after several late Lake Orion fouls.

"Their free-throw shooting. That is a characteristic of their teams, they make them down the stretch when it counts," Manzo said.

Lyons' presence spurred the victory for the Wolves, Clarkston coach Dan Fife said.

"You're not going to be very good if you don't have very good guard play.

"We've mixed and matched with him and (Julius) Porter, and he really is the key for us."

Manzo anticipated a change when Porter went to the bench in Lyons' favor.

"He was the difference. He's the best on-the-ball defender we've seen.

"When Porter went out, I was not happy to see Lyons come in. He adds another dimension to their game," Manzo said.

Cole Moore led the Dragons with 17 points while Maynard and Tonyan each dropped in 14.

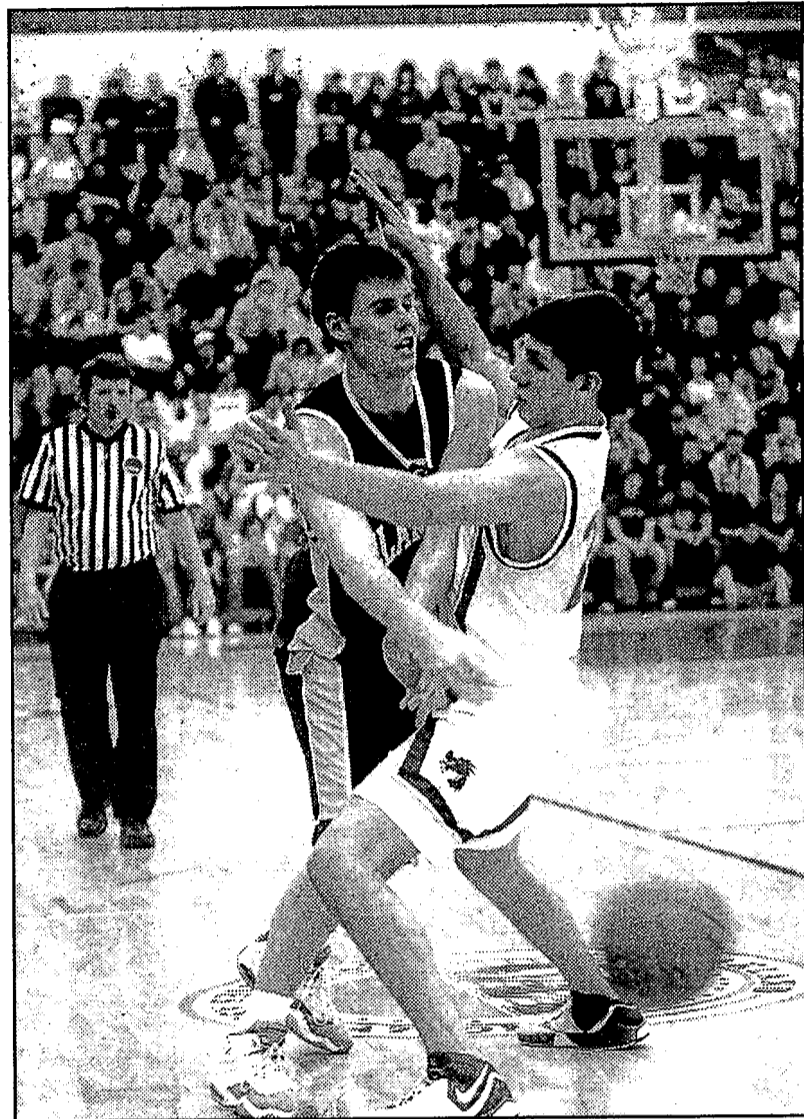
Kevin Badgley chipped in eight points and Bren Bergquist had seven points for the Wolves.

Fife said Lake Orion took the early thunder out of the Wolves' season, handing Clarkston a loss in December.

"In the first game they were more competitive than us and all we've talked about all year was regaining our swagger because they took it from us," Fife said.

Badgley, Clarkston's defensive stopper, has guarded the best in the Oakland Activities Association and he was charged with stopping Maynard Friday.

"Badgley has really accepted being that kind of player for us, taking the other guy's man and taking that role on. We needed Oliver's length to put pres-



Clarkston's Dan Owens looks to pass around a Lake Orion defense which held him to just one point before the fourth quarter. Photo by Nick Couretas

sure on Tonyan and try and work him down," Fife said.

"Everybody in our league has a player. Anybody who's not a guard, we're going to put Badge on them."

Manzo told his team after the game that their 36 wins in the past two seasons have been quite an accomplishment.

"We got bumped up a division and ran the table in our league. Everyone said we were good last year because we were in a crummy division and we proved that wrong," he said.

The Wolves beat Waterford Mott 58-21 last Wednesday in the district opener.

Clarkston regained its footing after letting the Corsairs stay in the contest early on. Tied 8-8 after the first quarter, the Wolves took a 21-12 lead into halftime behind nine of Dan Owens' game-high 21 points and four steals from Andy Lyons. Mott contributed to the run with a four-minute scoring drought to begin the quarter.

The Wolves pulled away for good after the break, outscoring the Corsairs 18-2.

Who: Clarkston (19-3) vs. White Lake Lakeland Eagles
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Dynamic Duo

Weiland and Wolf lead Wolves back to state finals

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's ski program holds high expectations and two of its members, Eric Weiland and Hannah Wolf, helped the teams meet those standards.

On a girls' team which finished fourth in the state, Wolf emerged as a state champion in the giant slalom. On the boys' side, Weiland finished fourth in the slalom for the second consecutive season.

In 2006, Wolf's sophomore season, she finished second in the giant slalom and third in the slalom. All eyes were on her this season, as she coasted to first-place finishes in the dual-meet race season, as well as wins in the Oakland Activities Association and Southeast Michigan Ski-race League events.

The 16-year-old was weeks away from having no season at all after fracturing her tibia on Copper Mountain in Colorado in late November.

"I was concerned at first because I couldn't walk, but then after I went to the doctor and they said 4-6 weeks and it was still early in the year, then I knew I would be able to come back from that," Wolf said.

The fracture stayed in place and Wolf avoided wearing a cast. The injury healed, but still stuck in her mind early in the season.

"I was afraid I was going to do something worse to it and I wasn't as quick reacting, but after two weeks it was back to normal," Wolf said.

The expectations for the phenom will be high once the season begins next year.

"I would expect the same or an elevated level," Clarkston coach Mike Foyteck said.

"I imagine she will be perfect again and be a contender."

Wolf raced in the J-2 national competition last week in Oregon, competing in the slalom and GS.

Wolf began ski racing at 8 years old and joined the Central United States Skiing and Snowboarding Association (CUSSA) at age 10. Competitions for the upper-tier league take place in northern Michigan.

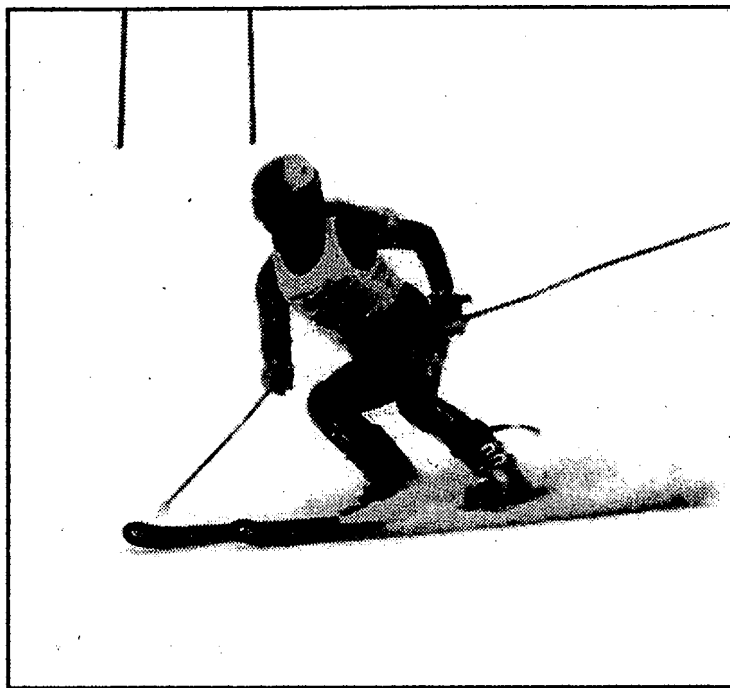
"It's a huge benefit because we don't have the terrain down here that there is up there and it provides the best training experience you can get in the Midwest. It has bigger hills that are longer and steeper and everything is another step up," Wolf said.

After high school, Wolf would like to attend a Division I college, likely in Colorado, she said.

Throughout the season, Wolf was getting attention for her accolades, but pushed it out of her frame of thought.

"It's not something (to pay attention to) because the next day can be the worst, so you've got to stay on top of your game," she said.

Wolf and teammate Trisha Peters pushed each other to stay on top all season as they



Wolf wraps up her run at the OAA meet. Photo by Paul Kampe

combined for a first and second-place tandem most of the season.

"We're really good friends and we're both passionate about everything we do and skiing happens to be something we both like to do," Wolf said.

"She worked so hard this year and she had her best year...and it would be hard to ski without her on the hill. It will be hard next year."

Although he did not claim a state crown as he wanted, Weiland improved every season at the state meet. As a freshman in 2004, Weiland took 13th place in the slalom and the following year he was seventh.



Weiland

Unlike many Clarkstonites, Weiland began his skiing career on European slopes. He learned how to ski at 3 years old and took up snowboarding at 7. The Weilands lived in Sweden, Germany and Switzerland for nine years, and they moved to Clark-

ston from Boston when Eric was in sixth grade.

Weiland, a linebacker for the regional champion Clarkston football team, uses a considerable size advantage on the slopes, enabling him to race past challengers.

"A ton of skiing is having really good core strength because you're constantly going through terrain changes and (you're) off balance. When you have enough strength to get yourself back to where you want to be, that's a huge advantage," Weiland said.

"He's just a big, strong athlete and has good athletic presence," Foyteck said.

"We'll miss Eric a lot, he's a great asset to that team."

In addition to the expectations for the team, Weiland also had to ski after older sister Maureen brought home a state championship in the slalom in 2004.

"I wanted to do as good as she did, but I didn't quite get there," Weiland joked.

"My sister is very smart, so I have to live up to those standards as well."

Weiland hopes to continue his career in college, having looked into the University of British Columbia. He hopes to major in business at the Vancouver school and said he would like to be a stockbroker or financial manager when he's done.

"Anything in international business would be ideal. I love to travel, since we've lived all around the world and we've visited so many places," he said.

Weiland plans to trade in the skis and poles for a snowboard in the future. While living in Boston, he was part of a snowboard racing team prior to his move to Clarkston.

"I wanted to do it here, but there wasn't any type of real snowboard racing," Weiland said.

Through the years, Weiland has also raced CUSSA to further his career.

"They're both great ski racers and they put a lot of time and energy into it," Foyteck said of the team leaders.

With near certainty, both racers will be successful in any future snow ventures.



Eric Weiland shoots down Pine Knob. Weiland finished fourth in the state in slalom for the second-consecutive year. Photo by Paul Kampe

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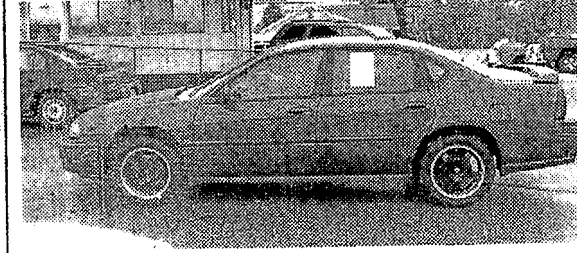
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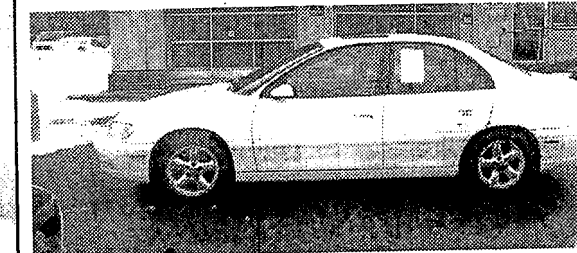
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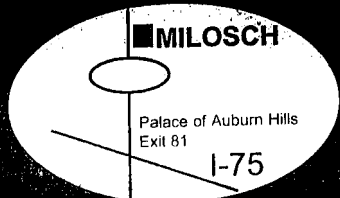
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Party under the sea

Children celebrated their moms at Crosshill Community Preschool's Mom's Day Party, March 10. The theme of the party was Under the Sea.

The preschool is a non-profit educational program serving 90 students ages 3-5 at Davisburg United Methodist Church.

— Phil Custodio



Adam Zentner takes on all comers at the Crab Toss.



Director Vivian Olive takes a picture of Susan Graham and her daughter Nicole.

City moving on after chief's dismissal

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was back to business as usual for the Clarkston Police Department after Chief Ernest Combs was dismissed by a unanimous vote of the city council March 5.

Officer Jim Thompson was expected to act as interim chief while the city begins a search to permanently fill the position.

"Everything is running as smooth as it normally does," said Thompson, who is now the city's only full-time police personnel. "All the officers are working their shifts and doing what they're supposed to be doing. I heard a few grumbles that it wasn't right what the city did to Ernie, but everything's running just fine."

Mayor Sharron Catallo, however, said while letting the chief go was difficult, she feels the city made the right choice.

"I feel like we did what we had to do," Catallo said. "It's someone's job, and it's always difficult—but this was important for the whole community."

Catallo said she personally

received one resume, but the city is not looking to fill the chief's position quickly.

"You can't make it an urgent decision," she said. "There's a process that needs to be followed when you hire a police chief, and that can take quite a while."

One Clarkston resident and business owner agreed, noting her belief the city needs a police department more in touch with residents on a daily basis.

"The biggest thing was visibility," said Virginia Schultz of the Clarkston Country Store in downtown Clarkston. Schultz, who's been at the location for 35 years, said she talked to the chief about the matter on several occasions.

"The visibility factor was just lacking," she said. "In a small town like this, we need someone who really knows the pulse of the village."

The city has been approached by Independence Township and Oakland County officials, and is once again considering subcontracting with the township for policing by the Oakland County Sheriff Department.

In addition to Thompson, who spent 25 years with the Royal Oak Township Public Safety Department before coming to Clarkston in 2000, the city employs five part-time officers, and eight reserves.

Thompson preferred not to say whether he was interested in applying for a permanent appointment as Clarkston's police chief.

Meanwhile, City Manager Art Pappas said Combs turned in his badge and uniform last week and was issued his last check, plus vacation pay he had coming.

Combs attorney Arnold Shifman said his client was out of town, and would make a decision about pursuing legal action when he returns.

"I've read that charter until I was blue in the face," Shifman said, reiterating his hope that Combs will move forward with litigation.

"It was a wrongful discharge. Lawyers can't guarantee anything, but I don't recommend my clients spend money on legal fees if I don't think we have a case."



Jill Kouri is planning to participate in Michigan State University's overseas study program in Ghana, Africa. Don Powell, her supervisor with Parks and Recreation and an MSU graduate, is helping her raise the \$3,000 needed to fund the trip. Photo by Phil Custodio

Going to Ghana

Clarkston grad hopes for help with funding overseas study trip

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Jill Kouri of Clarkston is planning her first overseas trip this summer.

Among her choices were England, Italy and the Bahamas. She selected the African nation of Ghana.

"I wanted to see something very different," said Kouri, a nursing student at Michigan State University.

"I thought it would be more life-changing than someplace I'd choose for a vacation."

She is enrolled in Michigan State's Study Abroad, a six-week program to expand students' experiences and perceptions.

The 16 students on the trip will earn college credits with classroom and field work, learning about traditional and rural forms of health care. They will visit historic sites of the slave trade and ancient empires, and spend three days in a rural village.

"I wanted to look at a different type of health care," Kouri said.

Many of the people in the villages she will visit hold to traditional ideas toward health care—instead of doctors and medicine, they believe in shamans and magic.

"That will be so interesting," she said. "It's the basis of all medicine."

A 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School, she developed an interest in science during her chemistry and anatomy classes, and in helping people at her church, Clarkston United Methodist.

Kouri, the daughter of John and Paula Kouri of Clarkston,

developed an interest in medicine from watching her father.

"My dad works at the Troy Beaumont hospital," she said. "I would go to work with him on bring-your-daughter-to-work days — I love the atmosphere of a hospital."

Nursing is a good fit, she said.

"Nursing is the most trusted profession — I'd love to be one," she said.

She chose MSU because of its highly regarded nursing program and overseas study program, she said.

"It's one of the reasons I went there," she said.

The trip is set for May 12-June 23.

"I think it's a great opportunity for her," said Don Powell, Kouri's supervisor with the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go learn, and see something she's never seen before," Powell said. "It won't be a vacation — she'll be studying."

To prepare, the students are meeting with prior program participants to learn from their experiences.

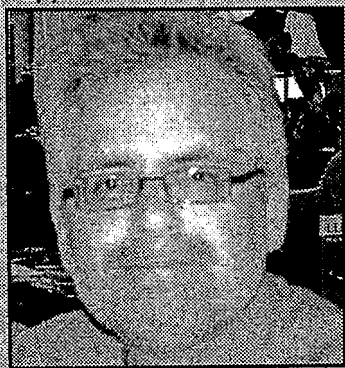
"They explain how the experience changed their life," Kouri said.

Kouri is asking for help to help defray the program's cost of about \$3,000. Anyone who would like to help can make a donation — contact Assistant Branch Manager Theresa Rigato, Clarkston State Bank. Checks should be made out to Jill Kouri.

For more information, e-mail Kourijil@msu.edu.

Can you answer a fifth-grade question?

If you mix baking soda and vinegar together, what will happen?



"It will react. It will bubble."
— David Shook

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"1776"
— Kim Tanailian

Why was the colonial militia named the Minutemen?



"I have no idea."
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By Kelly L. Reynolds

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Nature woman

Clarkston writer spreads the word on nature conservation

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

As a third-grade student, Cathy Alty won a certificate for a nature poster in her hometown in Ohio.

Now, as district administrator for the Oakland Conservation District, she will be awarding them.

Poster contests and other education programs in local schools are just one of Alty's goals with the district.

"Kids are the stewards of the future," said the Clarkston resident.

She also writes articles about nature conservation for *ClarkstonNews.com*, in addition to running the district's office on Dixie Highway.

"My job is to help get the word out," she said.

Alty earned a biology degree at Ohio State University in 1980, but has spent most of her career as a dental hygienist.

"I was very interested in plant biology, but I never used it," she said. "Now, 27 years later, I'm using my biology background."

She has 20 years of writing experience, writing articles for the Clarkston PSTA, and news and feature articles for dental trade magazines.

For the June 2006 edition of RDH magazine, for dental hygiene professionals, she wrote about Tooth Fairy legends around the world (many cultures substitute a mouse for the fairy).

For *ClarkstonNews.com*, she will pro-



Cathy Alty of Clarkston returns to her biology roots as administrator for the Oakland Conservation District. Photo by Phil Custodio

vide tips on bird-friendly landscaping and feeders.

"I've written about all kinds of things," she said.

The district also organizes information sessions on topics such as storm-water runoff, lakeshore preservation, geese problems, and home landscaping.

The Alty family, Cathy, her husband, Mark, and their children Tom, Samantha, and Dan moved to Michigan in 1988, due to Mark's job with General Motors. They settled in Rochester.

About 12 years later, they were looking for another place to live.

"We wanted to get out of the hustle and bustle of Rochester," Cathy Alty said. "We wanted to build a home. We looked at a lot of places, and we both fell in love with Clark-

ston."

Clarkston's small-town atmosphere is a great place to raise their children, she said.

"We could go downtown and run into people I know," she said. "It offers a lot. Everyone wants to keep Clarkston a nice, little town."

She hired on with Oakland Conservation District as district administrator six months ago.

"I've bought trees from them for years," she said. "I read about their tree sale in *The Clarkston News*, and got on their mailing list."

The district's spring and fall tree sales are its major fundraisers.

"I liked the variety they offered, in leaf styles and textures," she said.

Part of her job as administrator has been to choose which species to offer for this year's sale.

"I try to stick with native species," she said.

Out of hundreds of species available, she has narrowed the selection down to 68 types of trees, bushes, and shrubs. Prices range from \$3 for a Blue Spruce to \$20 for a Honeycrisp Apple tree.

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For more information or an order form, call 248-673-4496 or visit www.oaklandcd.org.

The federal government created conservation districts in each county of the country in response to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. Their purpose was to help farmers with soil and water conservation to prevent further erosion.

Most districts in Michigan still deal with agricultural issues. Oakland County, however, doesn't have that many farms left.

Conservation of natural resources is still important, though, said Oakland Conservation District Administrator Cathy Alty.

Home owners in urban areas and subdivisions still deal with natural resources,

including wildlife, water, and plants.

The Oakland Conservation District staff, Alty, Forester Sal Hansen, and Conservationist Jay Blair, serve as an information resource for people dealing with these issues.

"If someone owns a lot and wants to sell some trees, our forester can give them information on how to do things, refer them to a cutter and processor," Alty said.

The district is headed by a Board of Directors, Cyhtia Reid, Michael McGuinness, Paul Gambka, Cynthia Silye, and Tom Middleton.



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Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., March 15, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd. Crystal Pasciak, club member and Redford Township police officer, will give advice about identity theft, fraud, home protection, and scams. Call Gail at 248-623-9462.

Open house, Clarkston Community Schools Sunshine Preschool, 9 a.m.-noon, March 15. Early Childhood Center, 6397 Clarkston Road. 248-623-4350.

Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., March 16. All you can eat, spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, and Italian garlic bread. \$5. Carry-out available. Meatless sauce available during Lent. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Pizza & Pages Book Club, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 17. "Body of Christopher Creed." by Carol Plum-Ucci. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Whit Hill and The Postcards will perform at the March 18 Carrick's House Concerts. Doors open at 3 p.m., concert at 4 p.m. \$10 donation. RSVP 248-394-0113 or 810-845-7344, or carrickhome1@netscape.net.

Office hours, with U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers office staff, 9-11 a.m., March 19, Independence Township Hall, 90 N. Main Street. Clarkston. 877-333-6453.

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AARP Driver Safety Program, 1-5:30 p.m., March 21-22 or April 25-26. For drivers aged 50+. \$10. Check or money order payable to AARP, at Independence Twp Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Rd. 248-625-8231.

Club Bookworm, 10-11 a.m., March 22, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. March book: "Here's Your Hat, What's Your Hurry" by Elizabeth McCracken. Call Mary at 248-625-8231. \$1 drop-in fee.

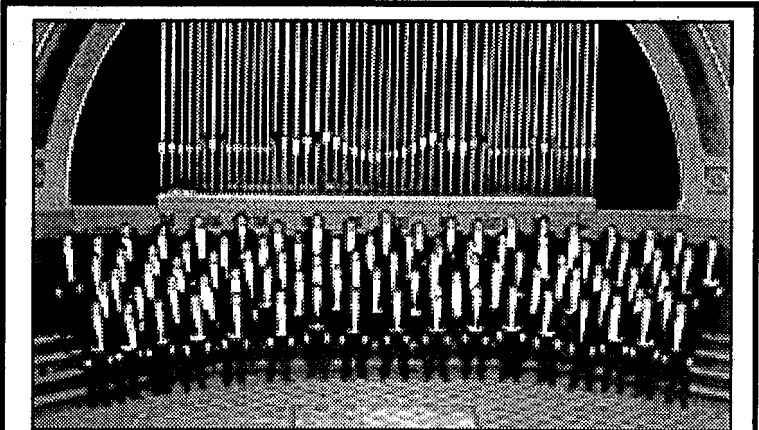
Landscaping for Lakes and Streams workshop, 7 p.m.; March 26, Comcast Cable Studio, 5255 Maybee Road. Sponsored by Independence Township DPW and NOHLC. Presented by Clinton River Watershed Council. 248-625-8222.

A Taste of Spring, Wine Tasting Gala, Clarkston Rotary Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., March 27, Oakhurst Country Club. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Tickets available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main Street, or call 248-649-5560 or 248-625-9741.

The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club will perform 7:30 p.m., March 30, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. \$15/adult, \$10/student and senior. Call 248-625-1611.

Great Egg Hunt, 9 p.m. March 30 for grades 4-5, bring flashlight. March 31, 11:30 a.m., children 2-4 years old; 2 p.m., children 5-8. \$6 resident, \$8 non-resident. Must buy tickets in advance. Independence Township Parks & Rec. 248-625-8223.

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Glee Club to perform

The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club will perform Friday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

The concert will feature many different styles and periods, such as Renaissance motets, Romantic anthems, opera choruses, spirituals, and college songs. The club's Friars and octet will also perform several tunes displaying original choreography and humor.

Since its founding in 1859, the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club has performed for audiences on cam-

pus and across the United States and abroad. The Glee Club has won four first-place victories at the International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales. The Club toured the West Coast in 2003, and Great Britain and Ireland in 2004.

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Selected by audition, graduate and undergraduate members represent a cross section of all academic programs. Most are non-music majors.

Tickets for the Glee Club concert are available at the Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call 248-625-1611.

April 5, at Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Topic: "Why We Grieve the Way We Do." Facilitated by Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Line Dancing, beginners 1-2:30 p.m., intermediate/advanced 3-4:30 p.m., Thursdays starting April 5. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. For those 50+, country, Spanish salsa, cha-cha rhythms with Rosemary Hall. Purchase punch cards at the Independence Township senior center at \$10 for 5 classes.

Clarkston High School Class of 1987 is planning its 20-year re-

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Volleyball Practices, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Colombiere on Big Lake Road, and 9-11 a.m., Thursdays at St. Trinity Lutheran Church on Sashabaw Road. League games Tuesdays at the Warren Community Center. Call 248-625-8231 and leave name and phone number.

BNI, Clarkston-Waterford Chapter, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Oakland County Board of Realtors office. Formore information, call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550.

Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program for Seniors, 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, through April 10. Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-8231 to make appointment.

Strength and Stretch, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays/Thursdays, through March 1, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Nancy Boch, certified senior instructor. Wear comfortable clothes and supportive shoes and bring water. Sixteen classes for \$72.

Tot Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through March 28, North Sashabaw Elementary School gym, 5290 Maybee Road. For second graders and younger. Parent supervision required. \$2 for Clarkston students, \$3 for non-residents. For all events, \$16 for residents, \$24 for non-residents. 248-625-8223.

Clarkston Area Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m. The Lions meet in the Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. For more information, call 248-802-8603 or visit www.ClarkstonLions.com.

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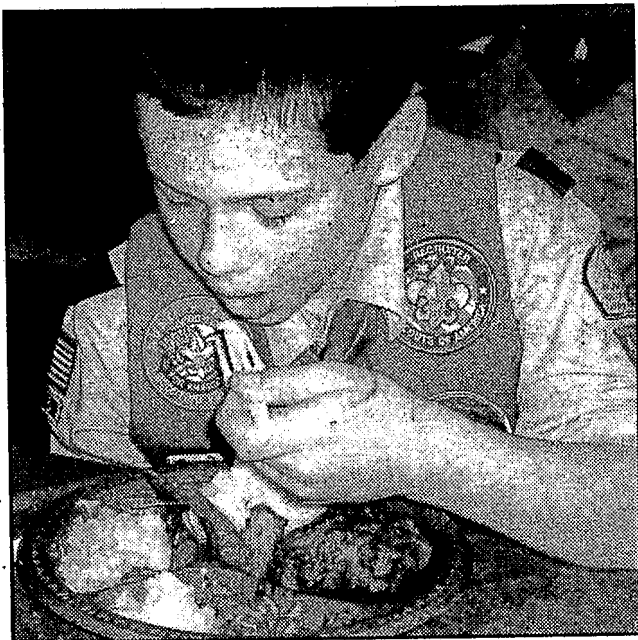
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Layne Klima enjoys a chicken dinner at the Boy Scout event.

Scouts share story of pack's history

BY ASHLEY IGRISON
Contributing writer

Boy Scout Pack 126 has a long history in Clarkston. Independence Township Firefighter Michael Fahrner knows all about it. He was there when it was founded in the early 1960s.

Scouts gathered with their families March 1 for the 2007 Blue and Gold Event at Clarkston Elementary.

Capt. Fahrner said he remembers the pack's first meetings in 1966 inside a church, which is now the home of Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catalo.

Be proud, no matter what anyone else says, he told the scouts.

"You'll have people in middle school asking if you're going to Boy Scouts tonight," Fahrner said. "Just say,



Local Boy Scouts gathered to have fun and learn about their unit's history from people who were there at the beginning. Photos by Ashley Igrison

"Yes I am" - you will learn (from the memories and experiences) and remember them for years and years. That's something you'll never have taken away from you."

Building and maintaining structure and funds were very challenging during the beginning stages of the organization, but sufficient support was received through the schools as well as Clarkston Methodist Church.

Some forty years later, Pack 126 is still rooted in CMC and Clarkston Elementary, utilizing the buildings to hold events and participate in different programs to help raise funds.

Even 40 years into the organization, funding continues to be one of their biggest challenges. The boys sell popcorn to help pay for the group events.

Popcorn sales support the entire pack for outings such as the annual trip to the Fridge, hayrides, and Pinewood Derby.

Money earned through popcorn and fundraising not only goes towards trips and events, but also towards books and materials essential to Pack 126.

"Clarkston has been very generous" said Pack Leader Steve Cartier. "We've been very blessed."

The boys of Pack 126 participate in activities such as archery, fishing and tobogganing. All the while, their lives are being enriched through strong bonds of friendship and leadership. Involvement in the scouts is a great way to start off in life, said parent Kris Klima.

Most of the leaders of Pack 126 began as scouts themselves, including Cartier, he said.

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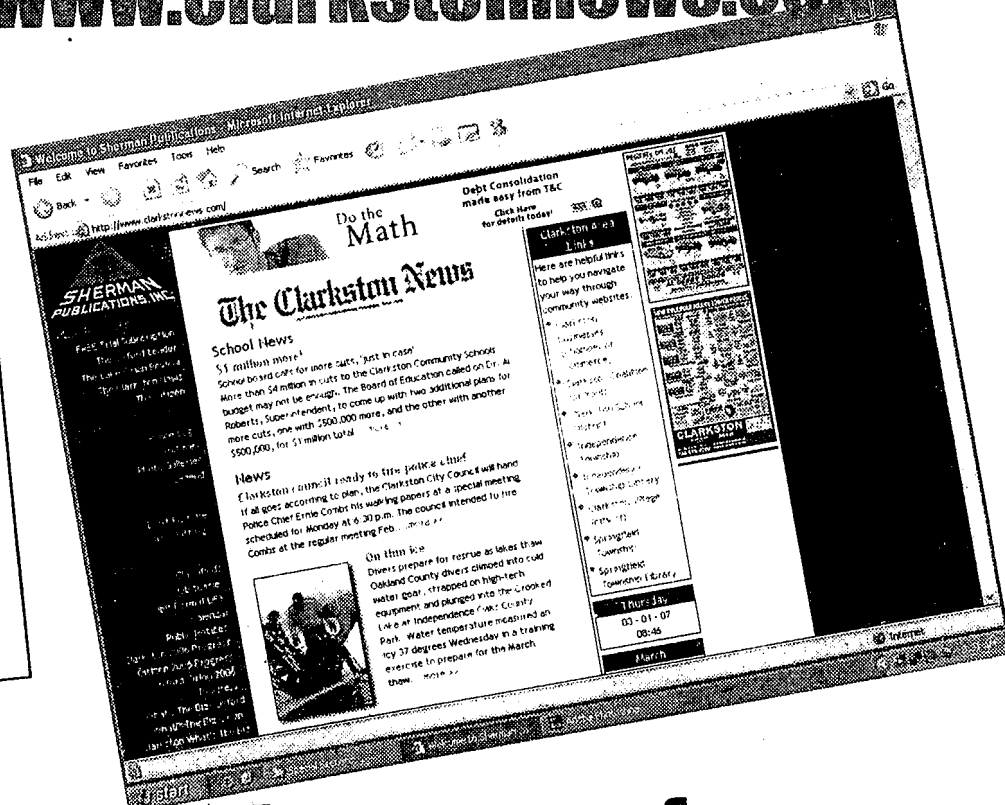
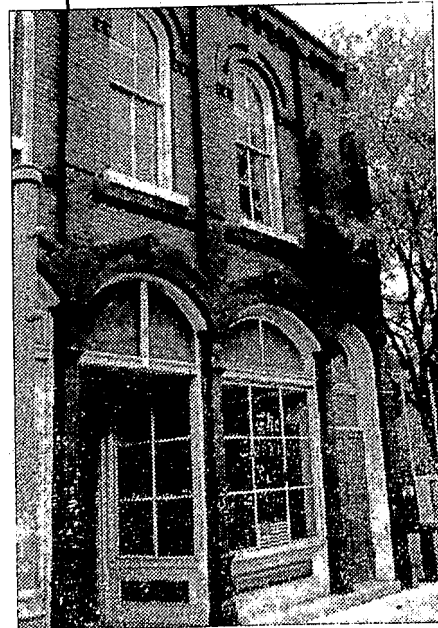
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Milestones



Five generations

Aurielle Nicole is held by her father, Nathan Mills, of Augusta, Ga. She is the granddaughter of Gary Mills, of Cass City, great-granddaughter of

Dolores Alonzi of Clarkston, great-great-granddaughter of Sophie Halabicky. The family gathered for a luncheon in Frankenmuth.

In our country's service...

AC Lauren Timmerman graduated from Naval Air Traffic Technical Center and Carrier Air Traffic Technical Center in Pensacola, Fla.

She is assigned to the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, based out of Newport News, Va.

Timmerman, a 2003 graduate of Clarkston High School, is the daughter of Warren and Maria Timmerman.



Students achieve success

Brad Bailey of Clarkston recently finished his Ph.D. in chemistry on the synthesis and characterization of metal-ligand multiple bonds.

He will join recent Nobel laureate Richard Schrock at MIT as a postdoctoral researcher.

His honors include the GAANN fellowship, William H. Nebergall Memorial Award, Lubrizol Fellowship, and Felix Haurowitz Award.

He has presented in Anaheim, Washington D.C., and University of Notre Dame, and has written for 16 publications.

Bailey graduated Clarkston High



Brad Bailey **Maureen**

Kuhta of Clarkston was named to the DePaul University Dean's List for the 2006 fall term.

Kuhta is pursuing a Biological Sciences major.

School in 1998 and University of Michigan in 2002. He is the son of Pat and Doug Bailey of Clarkston. He has three older brothers, Dan, Chris, and Adam.

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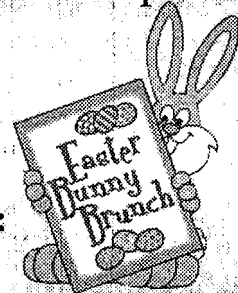
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Religion

Grace gives freedom to live right

Of all the themes in the Bible, the grace of God is perhaps most popular.

While themes like God's holiness and justice hold equally prominent places in Scripture, it is the grace of God that continues to have the greatest power to draw the human heart.

The appreciation that people have universally held for the grace of God can be easily understood. Ever since the fall of Adam, mankind has needed the unmerited favor that only the grace of God can provide.

But for all the popularity of grace, the point of God giving His grace is often missed.

When people think of God's grace they usually think of it in reference to His forgiveness and salvation.

And this is where our thinking about grace must start. Only God's grace can justify us and save us (Ro.3:24; Eph.2:8).

If our appreciation for grace stops there, however, we miss the point of grace and easily fall into error concerning it. That error is to believe that the main reason God sends His grace is so that we can be forgiven.

Once someone believes this they are only one step away from thinking, "I can go ahead and live as I please because God will forgive me - after all, that is what His grace is for!"



Spiritual Matters

Pastor David Bostrom

The Apostle Paul anticipated this line of thinking when He asked, "Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?" (In other words, "Should we just indulge our desires so God can give us more grace?")

His answer was a resounding no - "May it never be!" (Rom.6:2).

Paul answers as he does because he understands the point of grace. When God gives us His grace, forgiveness is just a part of it.

The main point is that having been forgiven, we would then live in keeping with His power - no longer as slaves of sin, but slaves of righteousness (Rom.6:18).

The Bible sums it up this way: "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age..." (Tit.2:11,12).

Instead of following the instruction that grace brings, we too often presume upon grace to live as we please. When we do, we miss the point of grace and fail to do the good that God has prepared for us (Eph.2:10).

When Jesus met the woman caught in adultery, He did not condemn her.

This was grace.

He also commanded her to go and sin no more (Jn.8:11). This too was grace.

The point of grace is not to give us comfort to go ahead and live as we shouldn't. The point of grace is to give us power to live as we should.

Pastor Bostrom is a graduate of the University of Illinois and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

In our churches...

"Pathways to Peace," 11 a.m.-1 p.m., March 18. Interactive process of understanding ourselves individually and collectively in relationship to peace. Facilitators Tracey Laveque, Human Resources, Organizational Development, and Training, and the Rev. Mathew Long, founding minister. Peace Unity meets at 5300 Maybee Rd. (Sashabaw Presbyterian). Call 248-891-4365 or e-mail peace.unity@sbcglobal.net.

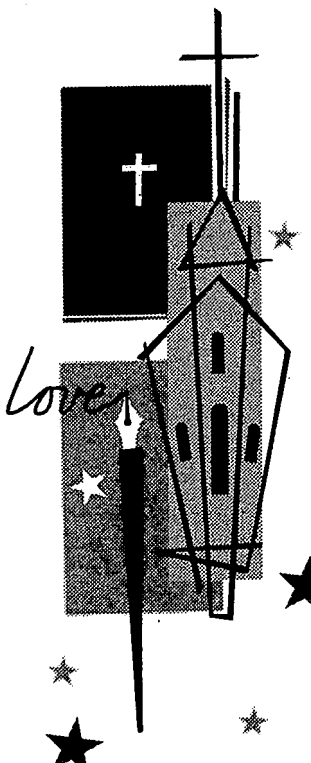
Every Friday evening at 6 p.m., Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is offering "Celebrate Recovery." This is a Christ-centered recovery program to help people overcome life's hurts, bad habits and hang ups. The evening includes a simple meal, praise and worship, and group discussion. Calvary Evangelical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

Peace Unity Church of Clarkston will offer "Teach Us To Pray," the first in a series of classes for 2007. Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m., at the McLoskeys home, 590 Crestmoor Circle, Oxford. Reverend Mathew E. Long will facilitate the class. Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of Prayer and Meditation, including: Silent Unity Prayer Method, Prayer Treatments for Healing Harmony and Abundance, Treasure Mapping, and the Master Mind Principle. All are welcome. Call 248-891-4365 or e-mail peace.unity@sbcglobal.net.

Moms in Touch, community group, meeting and prayers for local schools, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.,

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Obituary

Betty Jane Knapp

Betty Jane Knapp of Auburn Hills passed away on March 8 at the age of 77.



She was the wife of Donald for 57 years; mother of Pamela (Edwin) Stiller of Auburn Hills and Jerry (Ann) Knapp of Clarkston; also survived by 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral service was March 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Aaron Webster Cemetery, Auburn Hills.

Memorials may be made to Avalon Hospice. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Russell R. Lund

Russell R. Lund of Keego Harbor passed away on March 10 at the age of 60

He was the husband of Kay; father of Randy, John, Shane, Todd, Jay Scott, Jessica, Russell T.; preceded in death by his daughter Wendy; also survived by eight grandchildren; brother of Richard (Brenda), Suz, and the late Ronald Jr. (Dori). Mr. Lund Russ loved fishing and served in the U.S. Army.

Memorial service Wednesday, March 14, at 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit from 11:30 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Denise Wilson

Denise Annette Black Wilson of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., passed away on March 5 at the age of 54.

Mrs. Wilson was a native of Van Wert, Ohio, former resident of Clarkston, and a graduate of Clarkston High School. She was a volunteer worker at God's Storehouse and a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Clayton Wilson of Lawrenceburg; parents Arthur and Esther Gamble Black of Lawrenceburg; daughter, Abigail Hill, and husband David, of Columbia, Tenn.; son Zachary Wilson of Florence, Ala.; grandchild Wilson Brian Hill of Columbia; and three sisters, Judy Jordan of Oxford, Bonnie Lancaster of Hazel Green, Ala., and Polly Heard of Clarkston.

Arrangements handled by Neal Funeral Home, 231 N. Military Ave., Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Funeral service was March 8, with Earl Davis officiating. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to God's Storehouse. Condolences may be sent via www.NealFuneralHome.net.

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Clarkston Community Church. 248-625-1323.

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.

Scripture Study, Mondays, 7 p.m. study of Book of Isaiah. 248-625-1750. \$10 for materials. St.

Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

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.

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.

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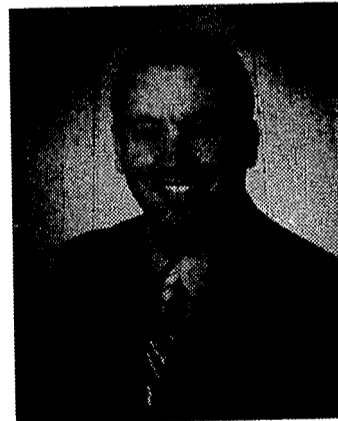
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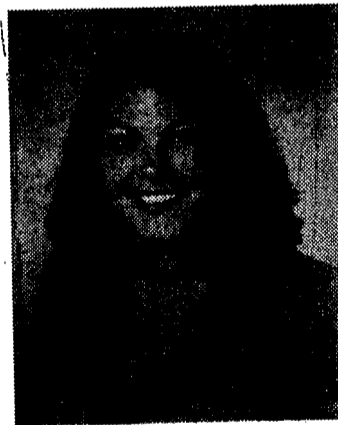
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Extreme Makeover night on the town

On Monday, hundreds packed Mesquite Creek restaurant for the Senior Center Extreme Makeover benefit to try to raise money to renovate a building for a new senior center.

Possible sites for the new senior center include a currently vacant school.

Last fall, a millage was turned down by voters to build a new senior center.

But that hasn't stopped Senior Center Coordinator Margaret Bartos and local community leaders from replacing the old-home the current senior is housed in to a new, improved version.



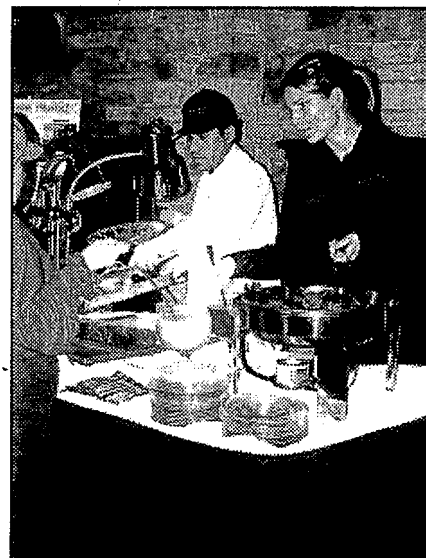
The Clarkston Melody Makers provide entertainment for the event.



Guests at the event enjoy food at the main course table.



The fruit table at Mesquite Creek holds a beautiful tower of fruit for everyone to enjoy.



Chefs help patrons to food at the meat table.

Stay current on the Senior Center Extreme Makeover at www.ClarkstonNews.com.

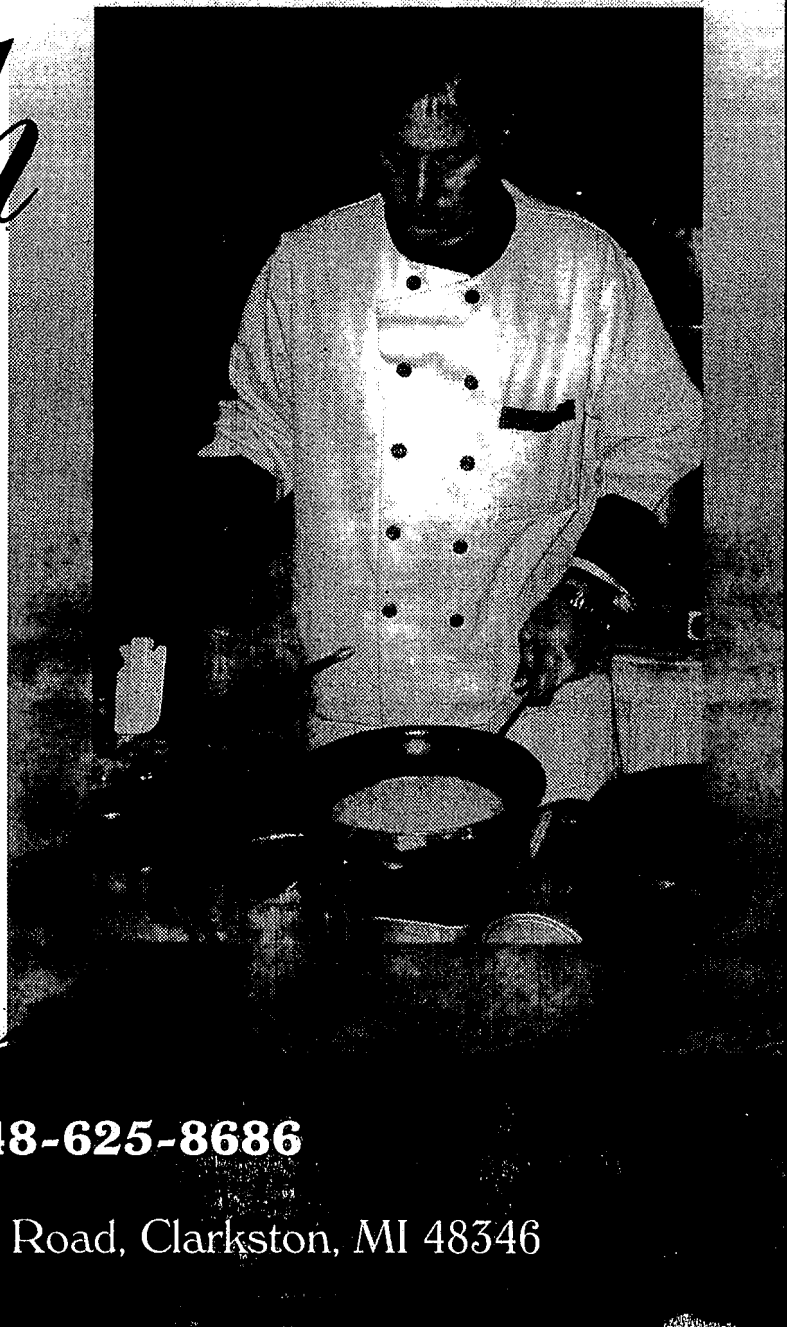
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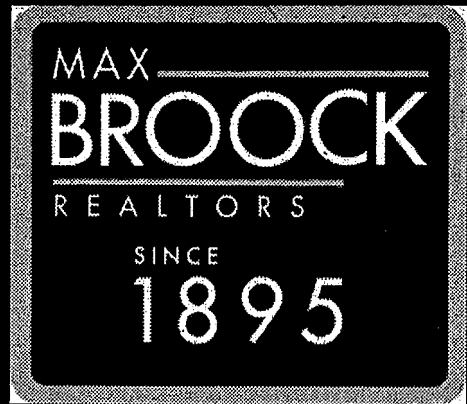
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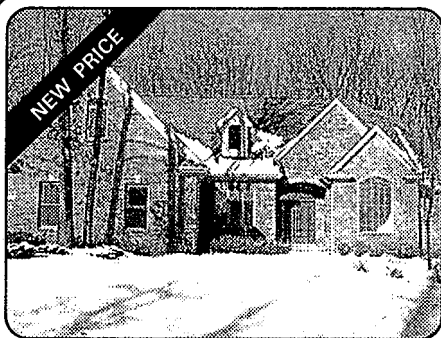


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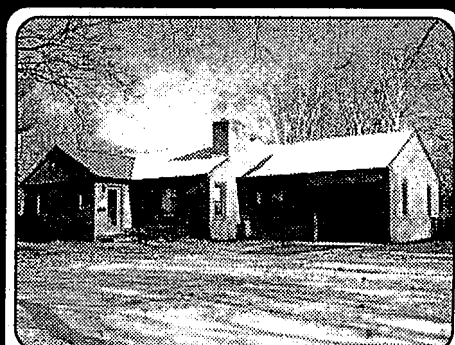
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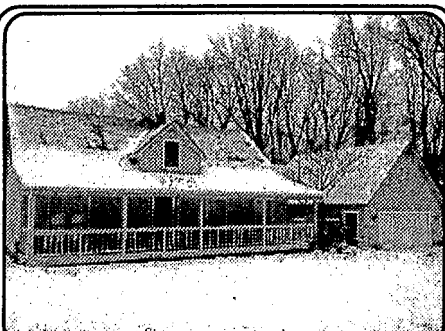
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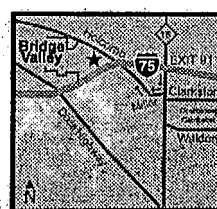


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Meeting constituents

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Every second Friday of each month, State Representative John Stakoe visits with the seniors at the Independence Township Senior Center.

"It gives us an opportunity to chat," Stakoe said. "And I get to see what's going on."

Every visit, Stakoe sits and talks with the seniors about anything and everything. If they have any concerns Stakoe is more than happy to listen and see what he can do about them in Lansing, said Senior Center Coordinator Margaret Bartos.

"He's very open and will research things if we need him to," she said. "He's very helpful. He followed up on issues with our recent millage proposal and funding at the state level."

When Stakoe isn't taking political questions or hearing concerns of the seniors, he sits back with them in their dining area and enjoys a nice lunch.

Stakoe, who holds office hours in many town halls, has been coming to the senior center for around four years and said it's important to him to keep connected with the people who put him into office.

"When I was Highland Township supervisor, I always felt a disconnect between the people and Lansing," he said. "I want people to know I'm available."

The senior center also holds events such as their new Club Bookworm, an AARP Driver Safety Program, bake sales and dinners.

They also organize many day trips and are planning a trip to Australia in October.



Rep. John Stakoe talks with senior citizens at the Independence Township Senior Center.

For more information about the senior center or to find out about other events such as the "Meet Your Legislator" lunches and trips, call 248-625-8231.

Clarkston band to perform internationally March 25

The Clarkston Community Band will be traveling internationally to perform with the Greater Windsor Concert Band in the annual "Spectacle of Winds" concert.

The concert will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, in the Historic Capital Theatre, 121 University Ave W, in Windsor, Ontario.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, seniors, and groups. For ticket information call the Capital Theatre Box Office 519-253-7729.

Spectacle of Winds 2007 will be an afternoon of symphonic band music. Each band will perform a number of selections finishing up with a mass band concert.

Musical selections will range from Holst's Suite in E flat for Military Band

to the "Theme from the Muppet Show" in this historic theatre. Also included will be "The Magnificent Seven," "Malaguena," and "Shenandoah."

The Clarkston Community Band, directed by Vince Chrisman, is one of the areas fastest growing and most respected wind bands. Its 52 volunteer musicians perform free concerts for the greater Clarkston area and presenting various educational and family entertaining themed concerts. The band program is sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation and 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #07-0009 Wheeler, Robert and Miranda, Petitioners
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 6' TO CONSTRUCT DECK 7250 Village Drive North, Unit 20, PUD Village Park at Stonewood
08-30-401-018
- Case #07-0010 Flynn, Matthew, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (LACKS REQUIRED WIDTH AT THE SETBACK LINE)
9985 Hadley Rd., Acreage, R-1R
08-05-426-002
- Case #07-0011 Gosley, Daniel, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 13' TO CONSTRUCT THREE SEASON ROOM ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
9267 Seneca Dr., R-1A
Thendara Park Country Club Lots 27, 28 & 29
08-11-277-010
- Case #07-0012 Chase Bank, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR SIGNAGE ON ATM STRUCTURE (MACHINE/CANOPY)
5601 Sashabaw Rd., C-2
08-27-300-016
- Case #07-0013 Mollicone, Robert, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO REFACE EXISTING GROUND SIGN TO ALLOW FOR REAL ESTATE (OFF PREMISE) SIGN PLUS VARIANCE FOR SIZE
I-75 and Sashabaw Rd., Acreage, REC
Pine Knob Golf Course
08-22-400-008

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing. For further information, call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MARCH 8, 2007 SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walls
PUBLIC COMMENT: Steve Gregory made a brief presentation to the Township Board on behalf of the Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: January 29, 2007, Special Meeting and February 8, 2007, Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$239,240.57
- b) Accepted February 2007 Treasurer's Report
- c) Received February 2007 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fire and Ordinance
- d) Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$28,436.50
- e) Authorized Employee Handbook revision per Supervisor's memo dated February 26, 2007
- f) Authorized initiation of Master Plan Update Phase 1 and Request for Proposals
- g) Authorized administrative approval by Supervisor and Clerk for 2007 Lawn Maintenance Services
- h) Adopted Goose Round Up Resolution for Waumegah Lake
- i) Authorized change of Telephone Service per memo from Supervisor and subject to satisfactory resolution of METRO Act issue
- j) Approved request by David P. Sakstrup for lot split and combination of lot #31 (07-20-376-007) and lot 30 (07-20-376-006) as depicted on Kieft Engineering drawing, subject to all Township taxes currently due being paid
- k) Approved promotion of Assessing Clerk to Assessor 1 position with \$28,500.00 salary effective April 1, 2007
- l) Received Clerk's memo on her annual review of on-premises liquor licenses and concur with her recommendation.
- m) Authorized Supervisor to execute agreement with Nature Conservancy to permit prescribed burn on township property, as set forth in Parks Director's memo and attachments dated February 23, 2007
- n) Received communications and placed on file.

PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Fire Station #2 Expansion: Authorized award of Construction Management to Mark's Homes Inc. and authorized committee to negotiate contract
- 2. Adopted Job Descriptions
- 3. Authorized Medical Insurance Plan Change to BC/BS Plan 10
- 4. Tabled Consideration of use of PEG Cable Funds pending receipt of additional information

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Fountain Hills Community Septic: Approved changing O&M Contractor to SCS Systems
- 2. Approved Civic Center Cost Allocations and charges
- 3. Approved Audit Expense Allocations and charges
- 4. Conditionally authorized execution of Fire Dispatch Agreement
- 5. Conditionally approved Softwater Sanitary Sewer System Contract

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ADJOURNED: 8:40 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Published March 14, 2007

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Wagner called the March 6, 2007, meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., at the Independence Township Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: None

There was a quorum.

- 1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
- 2. Approval of the Agenda, as submitted.
- 3. Public Forum opened at 7:39 p.m. and closed at 8:05 p.m.
- 4. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Accounts Payable Check Run
 - b. Purchase Orders
 - c. Minutes of February 13, 2007
- 5. Approved motion to approve Cellular Phone Use Policy
- 6. Approved motion to approve Amendment to the Township's Record Retention Schedule: Electronic Mail Retention
- 7. Approved motion to approve Electronic Communications and Internet Use Policy
- 8. Approved motion to authorize DPW Director to seek bids for a 3-year contract covering the 2007, 2008, 2009 annual spring clean-up.
- 9. Approved motion to continue discussion for the next four months on the matter of the Township Manager form of government.
- 10. Approved motion to table minutes of February 20, 2007
- 11. Approved motion to approve minutes of February 6, 2007
- 12. Approved motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: March 14, 2007

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: March 20, 2007, 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 February 20, 2007 and March 6, 2007
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d. Approval of MERS OPEB Resolutions

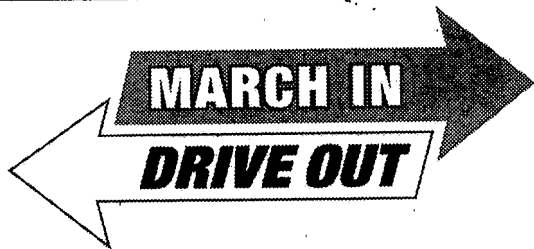
New Business

- 1. First Reading, Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #83, regarding Community Wastewater Utility Systems
- 2. First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 20 to establish regulations applicable to Community Wastewater Utility Systems
- 3. First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 20 regarding permit fees for fire hydrant usage, meter bypass regulations, fees for testing malfunction meters, and water and sewer connection fees, charges and regulations
- 4. First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-31(a) for the purpose of authorizing certain officials and employees to issue appearance tickets and other citations
- 5. First Reading, Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #83, proposed Keyholing Ordinance
- 6. First Reading, Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #83, Section 5.31, Subsections 5.31.2 and 5.31.5h(2)(i), Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District
- 7. 2007-2008 Safety Path Recommendations
- 8. City of the Village of Clarkston and Independence Township Consolidation Issues

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.

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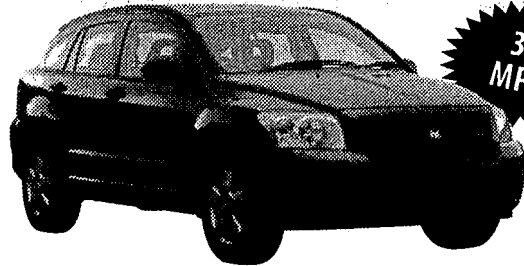
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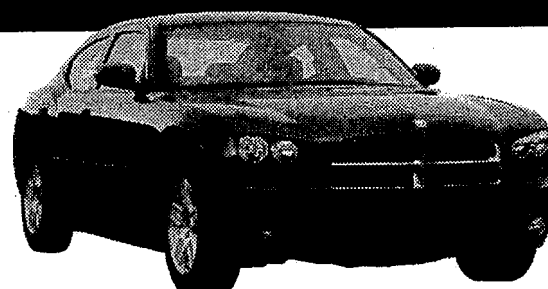
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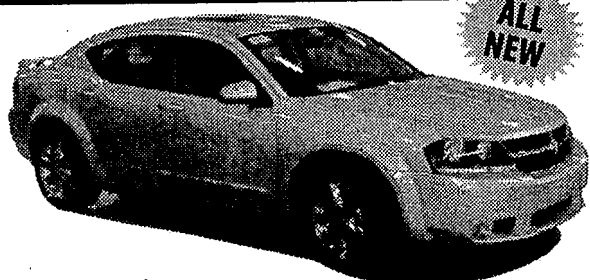
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- Tilt
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- Tilt
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- CD
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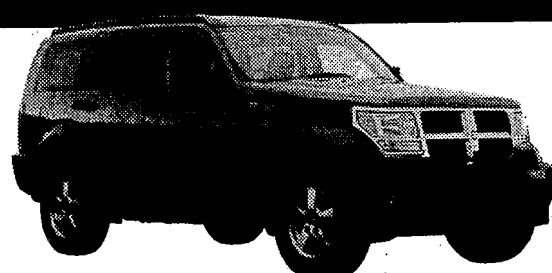
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- Tilt
- Cruise
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- Keyless Entry
- Stk. #726008

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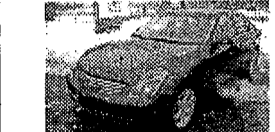
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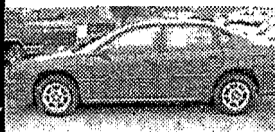
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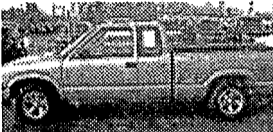
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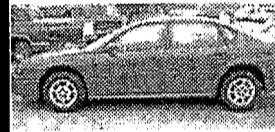
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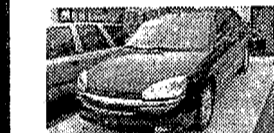
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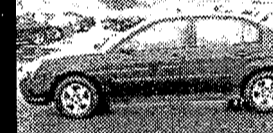
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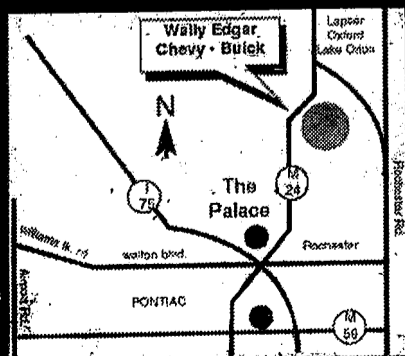
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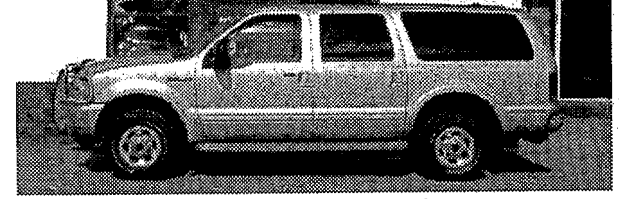
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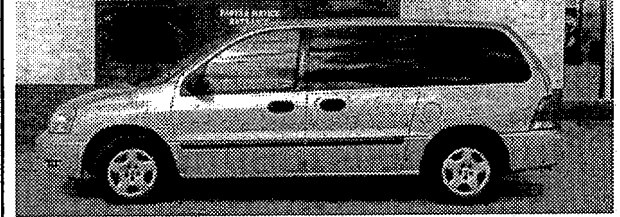
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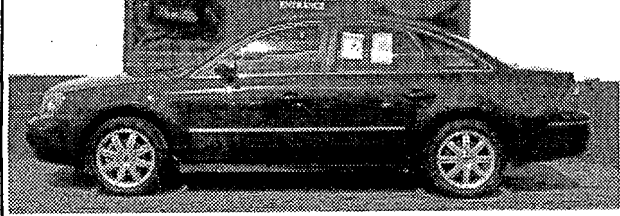
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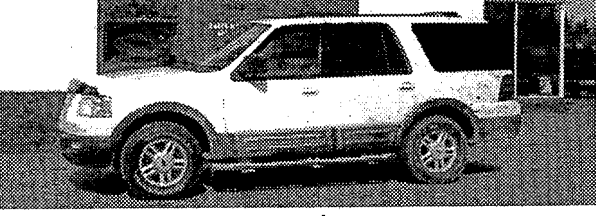
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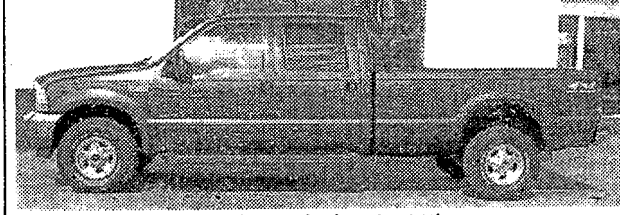
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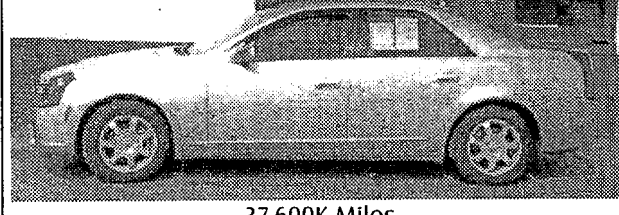
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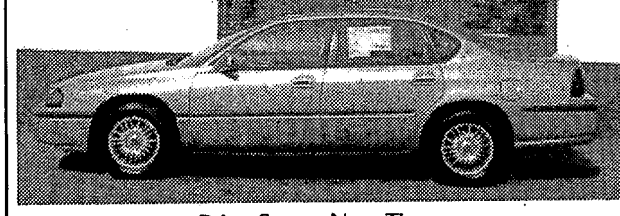
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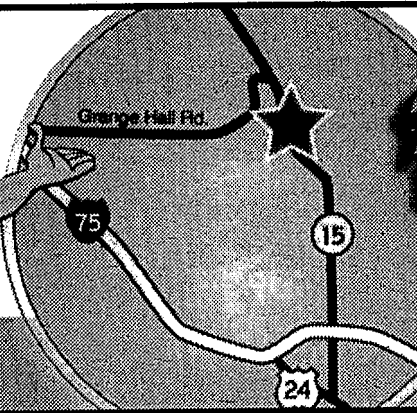
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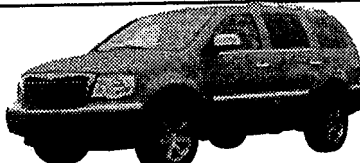
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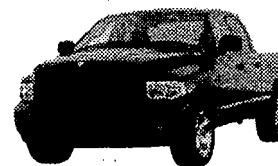
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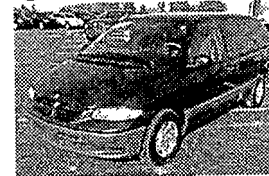
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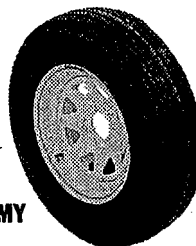


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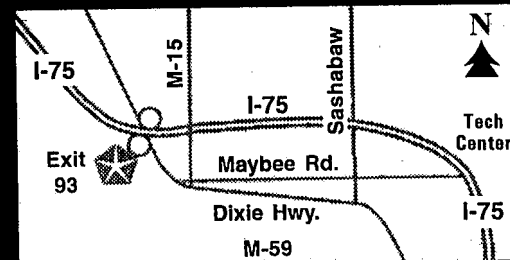
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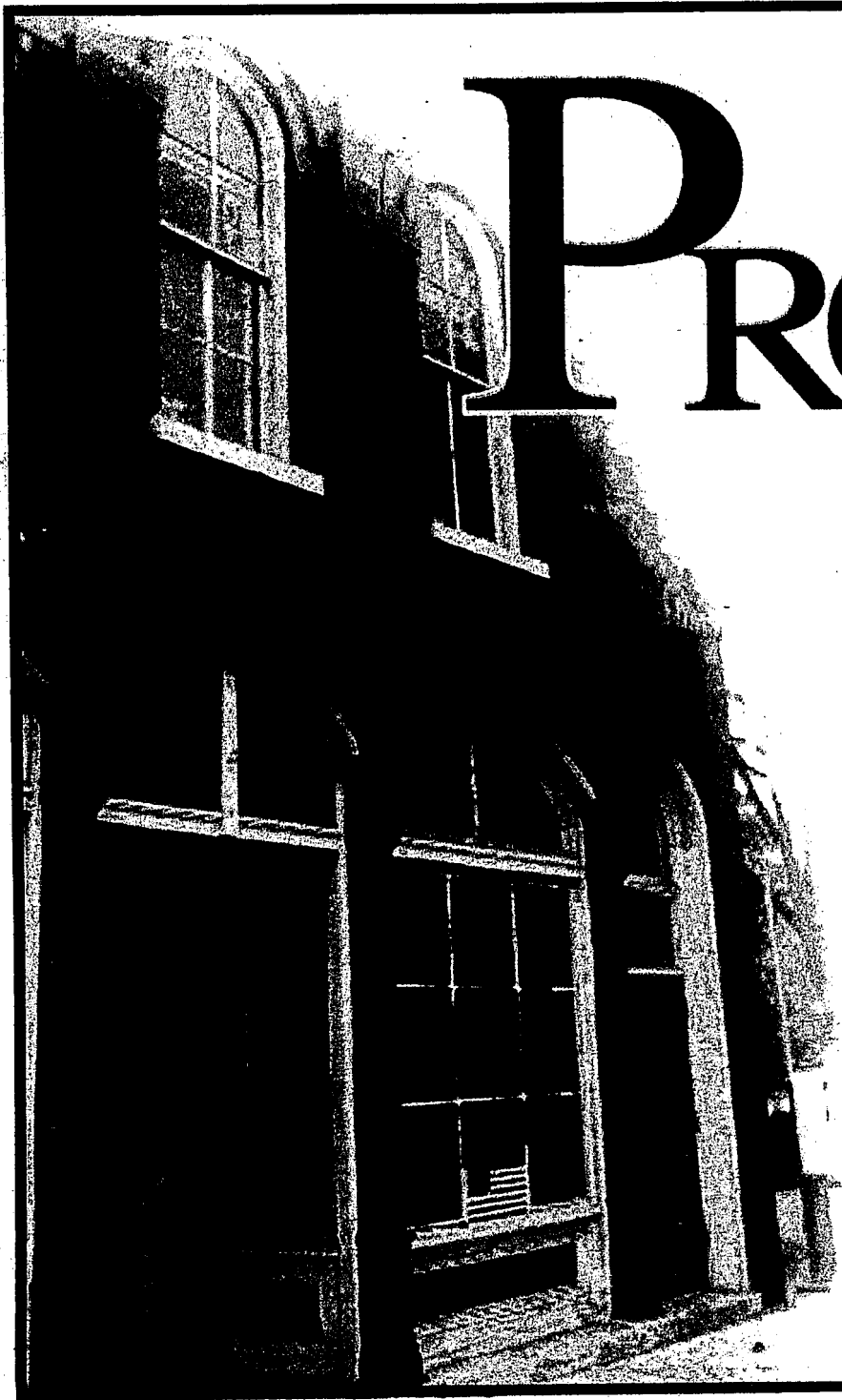
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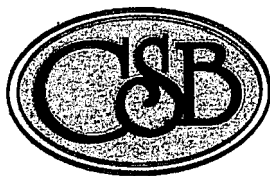
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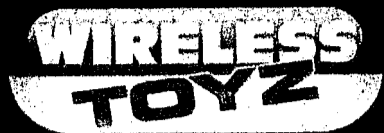
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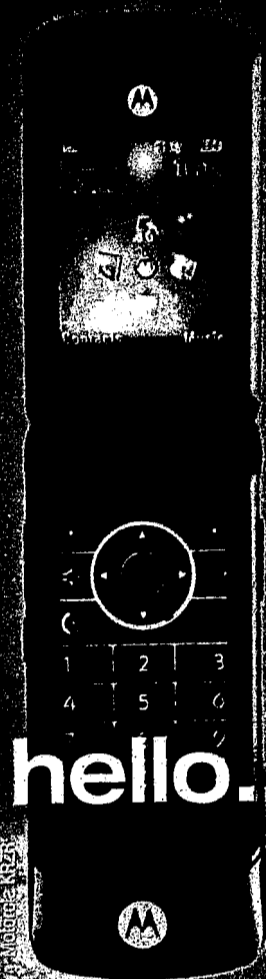
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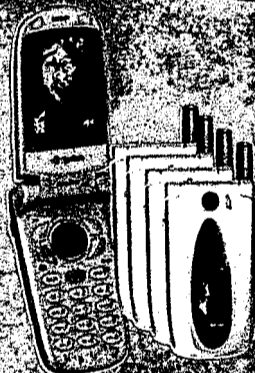
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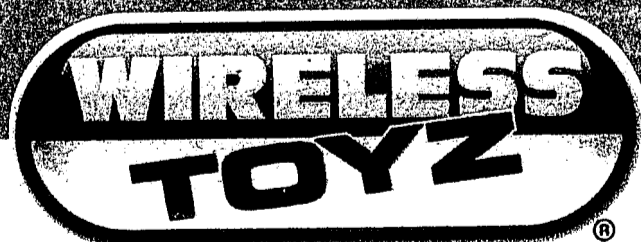
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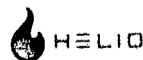
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Under a new owner since the beginning of this year, Poolmart and Spas is continuing the tradition of great customer service and a reputation for selling fun to families across the area.

Jim Bishop also continued a personal tradition by purchasing the business in the beginning of the year. He has been a part of the pool and spa industry for 30 years.

"I've been in this industry all my life," Bishop said. "I grew up in the pool business, worked in other areas of this business and then decided to get back into retail."

According to Bishop, he loves being in the business of "selling fun."

"We sell backyard fun and family time together," he said. "I think society today has been losing sight of that family time and we hope to bring that back with our products."

Poolmart and Spas, which began in 1980, sells above-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, chemicals and accessories.

In addition to their retail products, the staff at Poolmart and Spas prides themselves on their water analysis lab and diagnostic center.

"We are known for being able to analyze water and then determine what the customer needs to resolve their problem," said Bishop. "We are water-care professionals. We have years of experience in that."

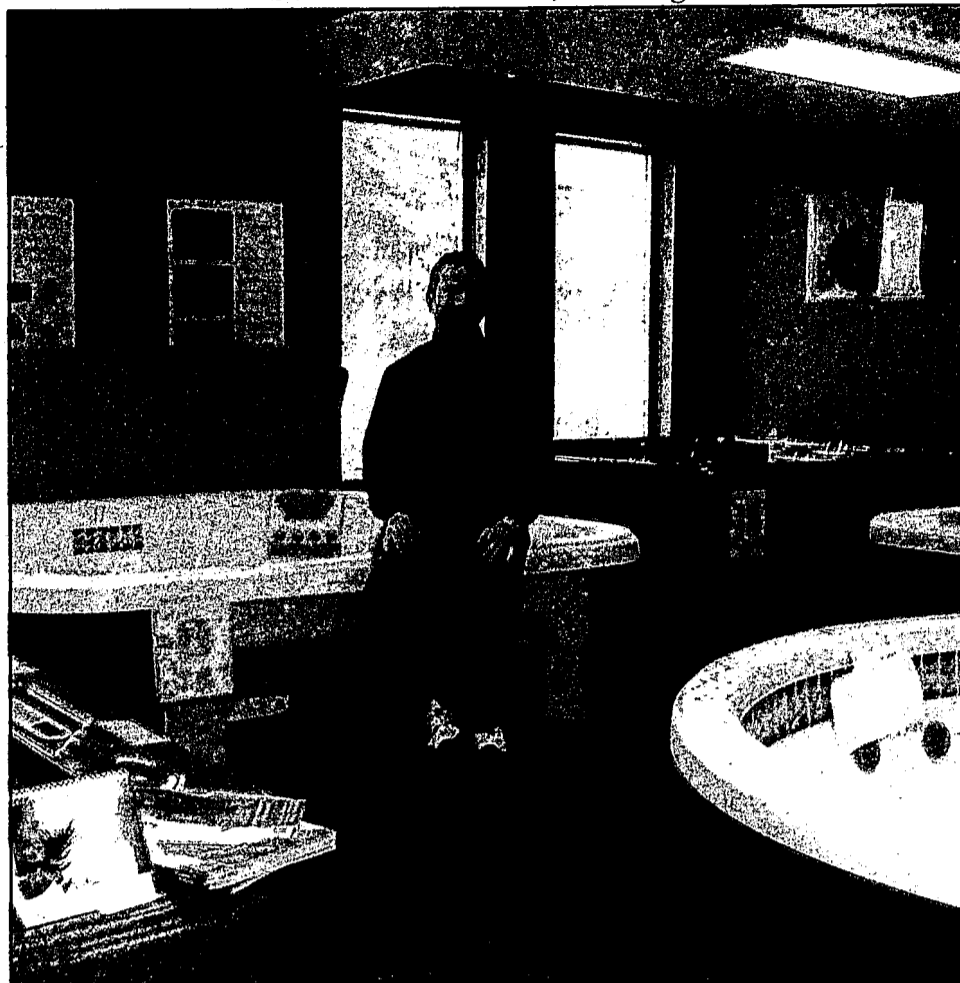
Poolmart and Spas also offers everything for maintenance for above-ground and in-ground pools and spas.

"We carry chemicals, lounges, the new Crocs shoes and all kinds of toys and games," Bishop said.

Currently, the staff is readying themselves for their busy season.

"We're getting everything in place for our season which starts around April," he said. "We'll also have our annual pool school on May 2nd."

The pool school, done in cooperation with the 27th annual sale, is held each year to advise customers how to care for their pool or hot tub,



Owner Jim Bishop spends time in Poolmart and Spas showroom.

said Bishop. The business usually attracts around 70 people to the event.

Also going on now is our March Madness Sale, said Bishop.

"We are promoting all of our in-stock hot tubs and swimming pools for the upcoming season," he said.

With everything the staff is working on currently, Bishop said the main focus had been and will continue to be customer service.

"We're in the business of taking care of our customers," he said. "We want to continue to grow the business with the help of our current customers and through referrals."

Poolmart and Spas is also currently working on a referral rewards program.

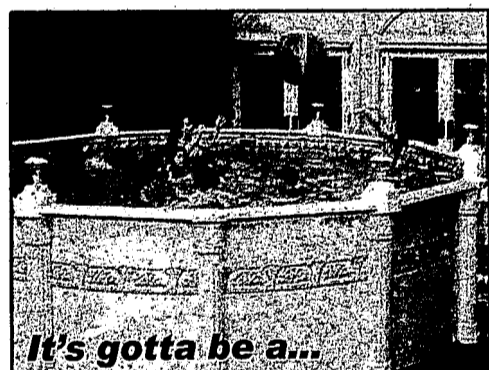
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Now in their 28th year, Lowrie's Landscape continues the work that gave them an outstanding reputation throughout the community

Owner Thomas Lowrie, Gold Award winner and 2005 Business Person of the Year has been working at his current location for more than 20 years, but takes every year as a chance to improve and offer a wider variety of service to his customers.

In the beginning, Tom had a summer job landscaping while attending Western Michigan University. After graduating with dual bachelor's degrees in biology and agriculture, Lowrie took a job at Bordine's Nursery. When he moved on from the nursery, Lowrie decided to venture into business for himself.

"I decided to go out on my own and started from the back of a truck like a lot of people do, and slowly grew," he said.

Lowrie's Landscape utilizes an experienced staff of professional, award-winning landscape designers, horticulturists, hardscape and softscape construction crews, and water garden designers.

"We strive to create award winning designs that will completely satisfy our customers needs," said Lowrie.

As winter passes and more people turn to recreational activities at home, Lowrie's adjusts to accommodate. Lowrie's is greatly increasing the variety of accessories for water gardens including bird baths, fountains, and fire burners.

"You really can't find this stuff anywhere else right now. We're moving into a specialty area right now," Lowrie said. "It's somewhat therapeutic for people to have these things in their garden and they're becoming more and more popular."

But landscaping isn't just gardens and walkways. Now golf lovers can have their very own artificial putting green installed in their back yard. You could take two strokes off your game without leaving your home

The Lowrie motto is simple, Lowrie's Landscape has been making homeowner's visions come true since 1978. From beautiful backyard patios for social gatherings to secluded water garden hideaways, Lowrie's has the experience to create the landscape of your dreams. Lowrie's specializes in brick patios and walkways, low-voltage lighting, retaining walls, steps, ponds and gardens for new homes and renovations. Whatever the outdoor need, Lowrie's has it covered.

Additionally, Lowrie's is further expanding its selection of bulk supplies for homeowners including rocks, soil, and mulches. Lowrie's has also added differ-

ent lines of fountains, sun dials, pottery and iron-works to the fold.

In 2006, Lowrie's began offering Moon Valley Furniture to accompany his designs. Lowrie likes the way the swings and Adirondack chairs have a rustic look.

Lowrie said the business will start putting more items in front of its building to attract more attention from passing motorists on Dixie Highway. He said because the traffic flow has increased in the last several years, that is drawing more business for the shop's retail offerings.

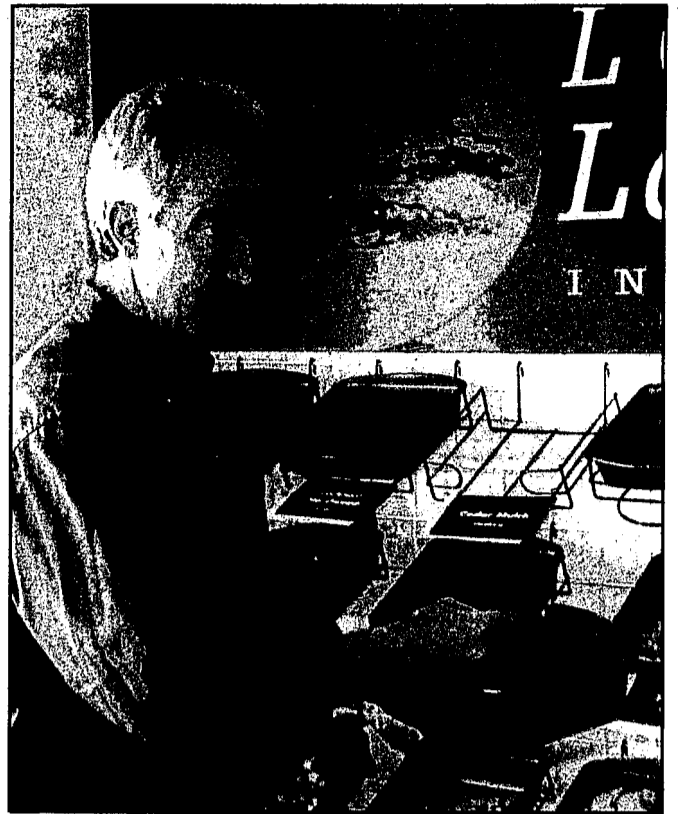
"It's funny how people who live around here, drive by and never realized we're here," Lowrie said.

Lowrie strives to achieve satisfaction from each of his customers. He loves the challenge that comes with transforming his clients vision into an actual landscape design that pleases them.

"I have always had positive feedback from my customers," said Lowrie. "And I have made many friends.

Lowrie has also become a friend of neighboring business, Keepsake Flowers, which he plans to coordinate with his business.

Lowrie's aims to make everyday like a retreat. "We try and make someone's yard a vacation at home whether it's with waterfalls, fountains or putting greens.



Thomas Lowrie, owner of Lowrie's Landscape, shows off mulch samples.

Sometimes we put in barbeques and things like that so people can enjoy more time at home," Lowrie said.

"We try and make their outside area more of an outside living area."

Remember, a beautiful house can become a breathtaking one with the right landscape design. For your next landscaping project contact Lowrie's Landscape.

Located at 9539 Dixie Highway in Clarkston, Lowrie's Landscape is open Mon-Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call, 248-625-8844.

Visitors are welcome to browse Lowrie's in-store product selection during business hours.

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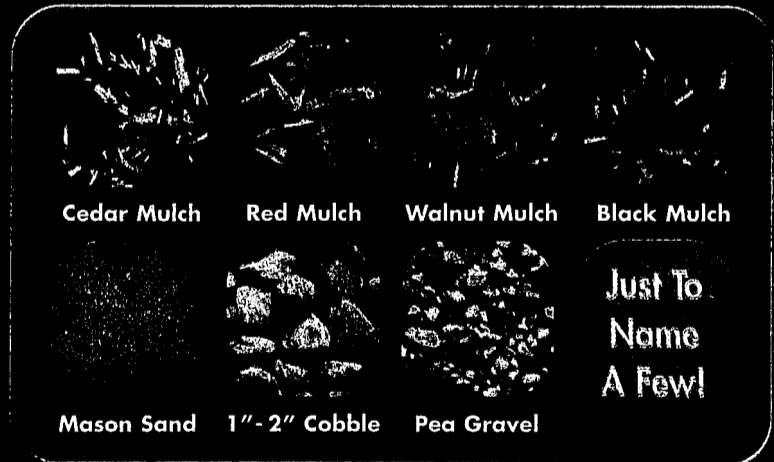
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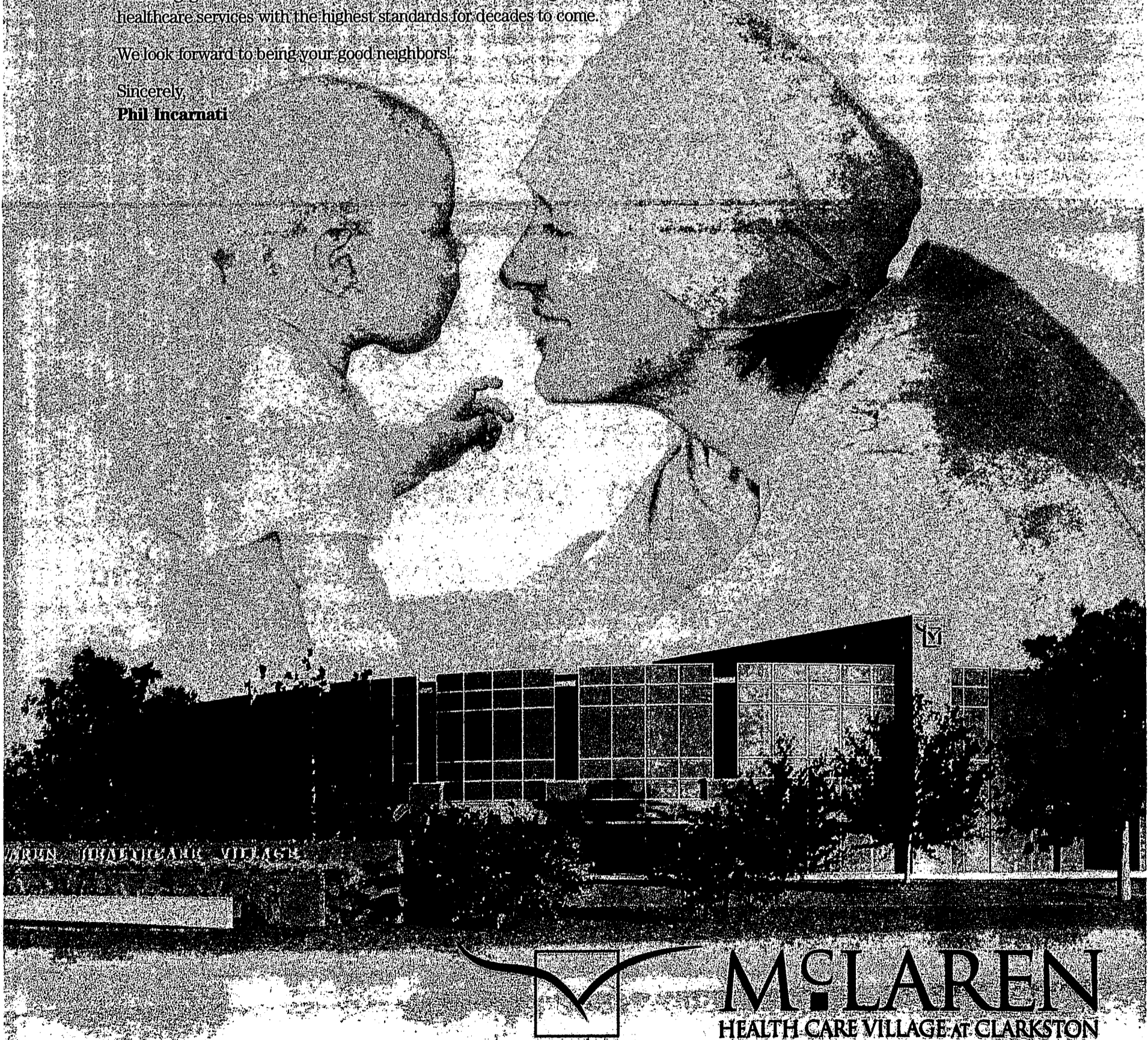
Dear Friends,

We are proud to present the McLaren Health Care Village at Clarkston. ■ The McLaren Health Care Village has been designed as a 'one-stop-destination' to meet all of the medical needs for residents in Clarkston and Independence Township. ■ This 'village model' provides a full range of medical services that are easily accessible, convenient, effective and cost competitive. It is the first of its kind in Oakland County. ■ Our commitment is to provide the highest quality health care services and facilities, deliver the best value in health care as defined by quality outcomes and cost and do all of this close to where you live, work and play. ■ The development is located off of I-75 at Sashabaw and Bow Pointe Drive. It covers 79 acres with architecture that is environmentally sensitive and complements and integrates the character of the area. ■ The first phase of the project will feature a new 132,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art medical services building for the Clarkston Medical Group (CMG). There are more than 120 people currently employed by CMG including 15 board certified physicians, nurses, medical technicians, receptionists, administrative and management staff. ■ CMG has served the local community for nearly half a century and has always responded to the area's medical and public needs. This new facility will also provide office space for 50-60 physician specialists representing a wide variety of medical disciplines. They are excited about the McLaren Health Care Village and we hope you will be too. ■ There will also be an ambulatory surgery center, an imaging center, physical therapy center and pharmacy. ■ The other major building components in Phase I include a cancer treatment and research center, a 45,000-sq. ft. retail and office complex and beautiful healing gardens and bike paths. The entire lushly landscaped site will be open for the public to use and enjoy. ■ Future phases include plans for a heart center, a rehabilitation center and emergency care facilities with a 300 bed hospital as demonstrated by need and demand. ■ We anticipate breaking ground on the new McLaren Health Care Village this spring, and to providing the finest healthcare services with the highest standards for decades to come.



We look forward to being your good neighbors!

Sincerely,
Phil Incarnati



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Picture perfect

Duo makes 'Chocolate Impression'

If a picture speaks a thousand words, what's the value of a picture on chocolate?

Based on the reaction of customers who see their photograph, image or message printed in high-resolution, true-to-life color — right on the surface of chocolate that tastes as good as it looks — the value is enormous.

From business cards to birth announcements, Lesley Zwick and Ann (Rathsburg) Dickie of Chocolate Impressions can create a personalized chocolate gift for any event, occasion and budget.

"People do not understand pictures on chocolate," said Dickie, explaining that images are printed directly on a thin icing layer consisting of egg white and confectioner's sugar, which tops a variety of chocolate novelty products. "But once they see it they say 'this is the best thing I've ever seen.'"

The Chocolate Impressions office in Southfield teems with examples of the edible art: a 3-inch lollipop—complete with a newborn photo, as well as name, date and other important details—serves as a unique birth announcement. A heart-shaped lollipop with an engagement photo and wedding date makes a creative shower favor. And a chocolate business card, printed to look just like the original, makes an unforgettable impression.

"Our chocolate business cards are a

huge favorite," said Zwick. "Our customers use those a lot when they go to trade shows, or to market themselves. Who does not remember someone who gives you a chocolate business card?"

The real card is packaged in a plastic case along with the chocolate version.

Larger products, such as chocolate CDs, trading cards, 5x7 photographs and chocolate bars are also available.

"Most people are surprised at how good our chocolate tastes," said Zwick. "The parent company has worked hard to make this something people will enjoy from start to finish."

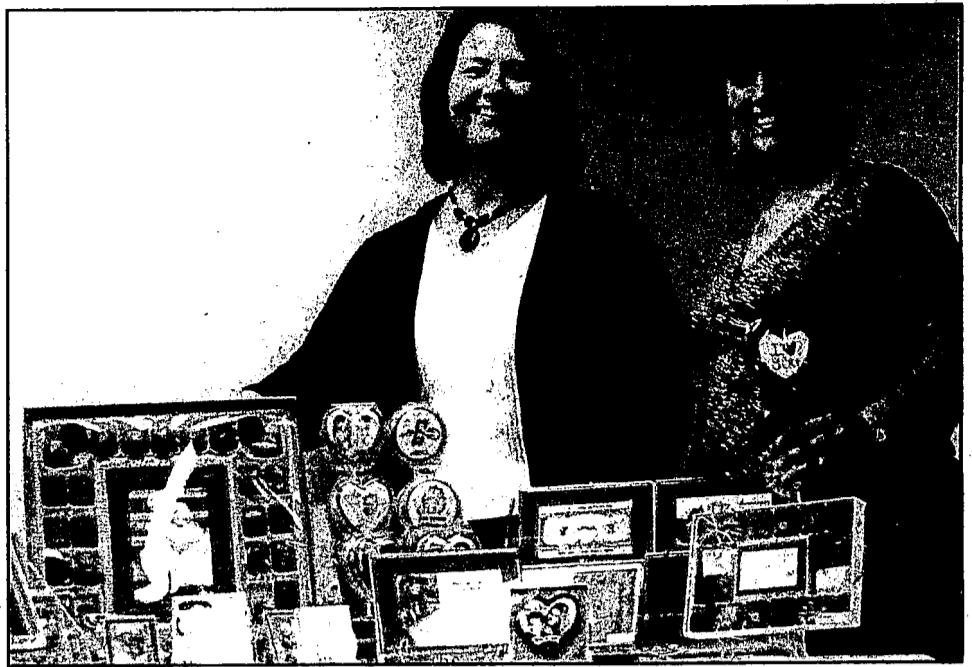
Zwick and Dickie also travel to events around the country, where they photograph faces, transfer images to a lollipop and delight onlookers.

"We can do about 200 lollipops an hour live," said Zwick, "And people love to watch themselves print. We have a crowd around us all day long."

Sometimes, she said, people express concern about dye used to print on chocolate, but the dye is made from special FDA approved food coloring.

In addition to FDA approval, the business keeps kosher — bar and bat mitzvahs are among the live events the two regularly attend.

Customer service is important at Chocolate Impressions, and both women work hard to ensure top-notch quality in every aspect of the business.



Ann Dickie, left, and Lesley Zwick, produce a wide variety of personalized chocolate gifts for any event or occasion.

"We never have an unhappy customer," said Dickie. "People come to us looking for something fun and unique and they're always happy with what they find."

The business boasts something for every event or occasion. Lollipops and business cards are bestsellers at about \$3 each, and other products range from \$1 to \$50, with price breaks for quantity orders.

And no order is too small.

"A lot of businesses will not do small orders," said Dickie, noting that it's not unusual to get an order for one large piece. "Our small customer is our bread and butter; we will not shun anyone."

Zwick and Dickie met in 2005 when both were looking for a career that would allow more flexibility and family time.

"It's a fun business," said Zwick.

"We get a thrill out of building this and watching it grow." They now contract with 80 sales representatives around the U.S. who earn a commission when they market Chocolate Impressions' products as an extension of their own business.

"All florists have flowers, all photographers take photographs," said Dickie. "People say 'I need something to set me apart from everyone else.'"

More than anything else, the two get a real sense of satisfaction from providing customers with a very personal, unique and fun product they can use to make an impression—a Chocolate Impression—on the people around them!

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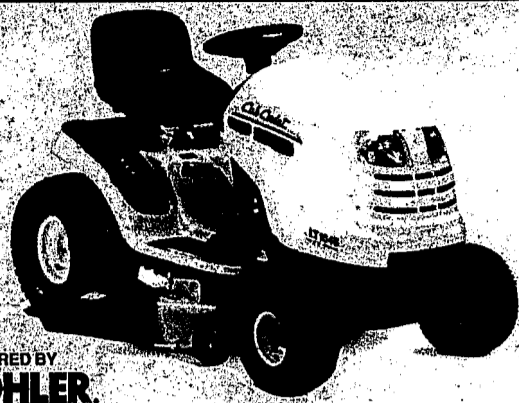
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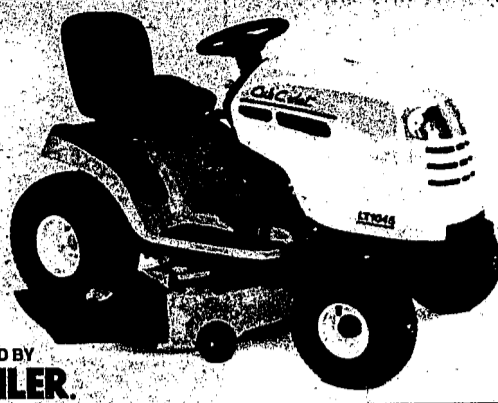


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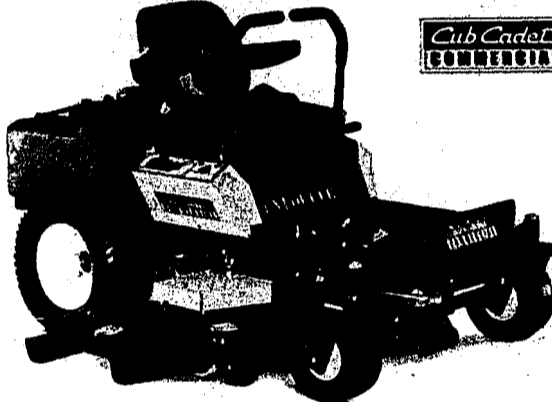
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Without a doubt, according to store manager Dave P'Simer the Cub Cadet line is mainstay of the power equipment department. "It's a great product, well recognized name," he said. "We've done really well with it."

Last summer, Grove's began carrying the Cub Cadet four-wheel drive utility vehicle (available in gas or diesel).

"It does about 25-30 miles per hour," P'Simer said. "But it's got a lot of power. You can pretty much get anywhere."

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Cub Cadet also offers everything from premium residential lawn tractors and "zero turn" mowers to commercial grade mowers and compact tractors with gas and diesel engines ranging from 23 to 45 horsepower.

If what you need is a good old fashioned walk-behind lawn mower is what you need Cub Cadet has those too and so does another American favorite that Grove's True Value carries - Toro.

"We have a large selection of 21-inch walk-behind mowers," P'Simer said. "We've got mowers from \$149 (walk-behind) to over \$10,000 (tractors)."

If you're thinking about buying a lawn mower or tractor, but aren't sure if it's the right one for your particular needs, Grove's True Value offers free demonstrations. Decide to buy and your delivery is free too.

Those looking for premium outdoor power equipment like chain saws, weed whips, blowers and hedge trimmers can check out Grove's full lines of Stihl and Shindaiwa products.

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Need to rent a piece of power equipment? Grove's True Value also offers an extensive line of rentals including skid-steers, mini-excavators, power rakes, augers, chain saws, carpet cleaning equipment, tree chippers and aerators.

Has one of your prized pieces of power equipment broken down in the line of duty?

Not to fear. "We do all the service here," P'Simer said.

Grove's True Value has a repair shop set up on site where full-time service technician Fred Brecht will work his expert



Dave P'Simer (right), store manager of the Grove's True Value in Oxford, and Bryan Mehlberg, who oversees power equipment sales, pose with the Cub Cadet utility vehicle, a powerful piece of equipment built for work or play.

magic to bring your power equipment back to life.

"He knows his stuff," P'Simer said. "He's been to all the training. He's certified in not only the small engine repair, but he knows trucks, high-lows."

Competitors like Home Depot may sell a lot of the same power equipment as Grove's, but the big box store doesn't service anything. "Actually, they send a lot of business our way for the repair aspect," P'Simer said.

The advantage of buying your power equipment at Grove's is when time comes to service it, you're at the head of the line.

"We favor those people who give us the business in the first place," P'Simer said. "That's the best thing about buying from us."

Don't worry about getting your disabled equipment to the Oxford location, the store offers pickup if you need it.

For more information about Grove's True Value's "Power Equipment Open House" call (248) 628-9335 or stop by their location inside the Oxford Marketplace shopping center.

Grove's True Value is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

T&C Federal Credit Union is expanding to better serve you!

T&C Federal Credit Union, a nonprofit entity, is strategically focused on doubling its size over the next four years in order to better serve all the residents of Oakland County who crave that personal touch when it comes to managing their money.

"Our emphasis is still on being that hometown financial institution with close ties to the community," said Lon Bone, Vice President of Marketing. "We try to protect our members' money like it's our own."

By the end of 2011, T&C - which stands for Town and Community - plans to add another 10 branches to its existing 10 locations, all of which have become invaluable assets and trusted friends to their respective communities. "Anywhere we see a need for a credit union and hometown financial institution, we want to be there," Bone said.

Plans are already in place for T&C to open its 11th branch in downtown Wixom this fall.

The expansion is part of a long-term plan that began in February 2002 when T&C's charter was expanded to include anyone who lives, works, worships, attends school or does business in Oakland County.

"Our plan is to serve the whole county," Bone said.

T&C has certainly come a long way since 1936 when it was founded in Pontiac to exclusively serve the employees of General Motors Truck and Coach.

Today, the financial institution has grown to more than \$568 million in assets and has earned the trust of more than 65,000 members.

T&C Federal Credit Union offers a full range of services including: mortgages, savings and checking accounts, IRAs, financial planning, loans of all types and complete electronic banking including paying bills and banking from home - something the financial institution is particularly progressive about.

"Our goal is anything you can do at one of our branches, you can also do on-line from your home or work computer," Bone said. "You can literally join the credit union over the Internet. You don't even have to come into one of our offices."

Even loans can be done on-line with T&C Federal Credit Union. The only thing the customer has to do is pick what type of loan they need.

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The friendly staff at T&C Federal Credit Union's Clarkston branch.

as little as zero percent down," Bone noted.

Last year, T&C started doing small business loans to meet the needs of local entrepreneurs who are often neglected or ignored by impersonal corporate giants ruled solely by the bottom-line.

"A lot of financial institutions, especially the large national and regional ones, don't want to deal with the guy who needs \$100,000 or \$200,000 because it takes just as much time to do one of those loans as it does a \$5 million loan," Bone explained.

But T&C knows each and every loan, regardless of the dollar amount, is important because it's helping a local business owner realize his or her dreams of success which in turn helps the local economy grow and the community prosper.

That's why T&C ranked 34th out of 91 Michigan financial institutions in terms of the number of small business loans it gave out as listed in *Crain's Detroit Business*.

Joining T&C Federal Credit Union also means you're never far from your money. T&C members have access to more than 25,000 surcharge-free ATMs nationwide (all 7-11 stores are now part of the network now) - 2,500 of which are in Michigan. "It's the largest ATM network in the United States," Bone said.

When asked what separates T&C Federal Credit Union from other financial institutions, Bone replied, "Personal service. That personal touch."

"We always try to do what's in our members' best interests," he said. "We take a personal interest in our members' lives and always try to get to know them on a first name basis."

In northern Oakland County, T&C has branches in Oxford, Orion, Ortonville and Clarkston.

But T&C doesn't just throw up a building and think of itself as an island. The Bloomfield Hills-based institution gets deeply involved with each community.

"We're a good corporate citizen," Bone said. "We really try to be a hometown financial institution and support our community."

In Oxford, the credit union has sponsored Celebrate Oxford, Groundhog Daze, Concerts in Centennial Park, Women's Expo, Crossroads for Youth and OHS Senior All Night Party. T&C's sponsored the Creek Fest and Septemberfest in Ortonville.

In Clarkston, T&C has supported the Taste of Clarkston, CHS Senior Party, Concerts in the Park, and the Clarkston Business Expo.

Barn Daze, the Snowflake Ball for the Orion Art Center, LOHS Senior Party and the Boys & Girls Club have all been recipients of T&C's generosity in Orion.

In every community, T&C Federal has been a highly active and supportive member of the local Chamber of Commerce participating in everything from regular meetings to mixers and special events.

To learn more about T&C Federal Credit Union and a branch near you, log on to their website at www.tfcu.org.

'Bowen Technique' helps many

Debbie Clor radiates a sense of serenity and centeredness as she talks about her work, an endeavor she stumbled onto, quite literally by accident.

Clor had a friend who had been suffering with unresolved pain from a car crash she'd been in several years earlier, and she wanted to do something to help her.

It was an Internet search that led Clor to the Bowen Technique, a healing technique developed in the 1950s by the late Thomas Bowen of Geelong, Australia.

The work consists of a series of gently rolling, connective tissue moves in which the practitioner places fingers or thumbs on the skin over precise points - muscles, tendons or other soft structures. A gentle rolling pressure is then applied to effect change in the underlying tissue. A necessary part of the technique are the pauses between the sets of moves that are done on the body. During this time, the practitioner leaves the room and it is at this time that the client's body begins to "process" the work that it has been given.

Exactly how the technique brings about change is not completely understood, but most who are familiar with the Bowen Technique agree that it works primarily through the nervous system on both structural and energetic levels. Healing, it is said, most likely occurs through the response of the body's autonomic nervous system to the Bowen moves.

Clor emailed the instructor who

was starting classes in Grand Rapids and asked if there were any prerequisites to learning the technique. To obtain certification, she was required to take 6 Modules of training classes and then pass Module 7, which involved a comprehensive hands-on test as well as a written exam. Although Clor initially felt that learning the Bowen Technique would be a "part-time" past time, she would soon be proven wrong. She went through a period of internal struggle when she became unemployed, but knows that that was only the beginning of the next, and best, part of her life. It was that struggle that ultimately led to the realization she wanted to devote herself to practicing Bowen full time.

And Bowen Technique of Lake Orion was born.

"There are no mistakes, things happen to us for a reason," she said. "If my friend hadn't had that accident, would I ever have stumbled across the Bowen Technique?"

For a typical Bowen session, the client usually lies on a bed or bodywork table or, for comfort, in a chair. However, Bowen can be done anywhere—on the sports field, in a hospital room, at the site of an accident, on an airplane.

A session may last from 15 minutes to an hour. Most often, surprisingly few sessions are needed to alleviate complaints, even if long-standing. And the results hold for a long time, generally until there is a re-injury. When a client has resolved their complaints after having some Bowen work done and they ask when they should come back, they

are instructed to call for further work when they feel that they need it.

"Although I tell people that they need to use common sense, I also tell them that if they re-injure themselves not to be too quick to call for another session, because when they sleep at night their body may correct whatever it needs to," Clor said.

According to Clor, there aren't many conditions that Bowen wouldn't help with—and most of her clients know within two sessions whether it is beneficial to them.

According to a 1974 survey of alternative health practitioners in Australia, Bowen was found to be doing more than 13,000 treatments a year.

In more than 85 percent of his cases, the survey said, the problems people came to him with were resolved completely.

Clor isn't doing nearly that many treatments, but she's noticed the same sort of high rate of success.

Although a few cases have her stumped, Clor said clients have come to her with everything from back problems, fibromyalgia, IBS, and kidney issues to arthritis and terrible migraines.

Clor, who for the moment works from her Orion Township home but



Debbie Clor uses Bowen Techniques on a patient in her comfortable home office.

hopes to open a clinic, believes Bowen could have an impact on the cost of health care.

Clor offers the initial session free of charge, subsequent sessions are \$65, and she offers a discount to seniors of \$35. She is also willing to make special arrangements based on a client's ability to pay. In the meantime, she's enjoying her own ability to help people.

"I really enjoy helping people overcome issues that may have been bothering them for a long time," Clor said.

Bowen Technique of Lake Orion is located at 3473 Elmy Drive in Orion Township, MI 48359. Contact Debbie Clor at 248-202-9949.

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Wireless Toyz has everything to keep you connected

Staying in touch in this wireless world of ours can be a somewhat daunting task. So much information to keep track of, so many electronic gadgets to choose from.

Fortunately, Oxford/Orion area residents can find everything they need to stay connected at Wireless Toyz.

From cell phones and PDAs to air cards and wide variety of wireless carriers, Wireless Toyz offers something to fit virtually everyone's high tech needs.

Wireless Toyz is now carrying "world phones" which work anywhere in the globe and work with GSM carriers in the U.S. like Cingular and T-Mobile.

According to Joey, Franki and Richie Manni, who manage the Oxford and Orion stores, they're a lot of phones manufactured outside the United States and they're unlocked for world use that way a customer can use it with his or her existing carrier, regardless of which GSM company it is.

Wireless Toyz is now carrying the Treo 750, a Windows operated PDA and unlocked world phone. "It's probably the truest world phone there is" because it will work in Korea and Japan, according to Manni.

If someone already has a phone with a GSM carrier and they need it unlocked because they're leaving the country, Wireless Toyz provides that service. "We're able to pretty much unlock any phone," Manni said.

For those looking for coverage nationwide, amp'd mobile offers an unlimited, anytime minutes, anywhere in the U.S. plan for \$99 per month.

"It works off Verizon towers," Manni explained. "A lot of people like Verizon's service, but need an unlimited plan which Verizon doesn't offer. So (amp'd mobile) would be the best carrier at the best price for unlimited minutes."

People who keep their calls local, but don't want to sign a contract can use the wireless carrier metroPCS.

For \$30 per month (no contract, no credit check) people can get unlimited calls, anytime of day, anywhere in southeastern Michigan.

"Some people are replacing their land-lines with it," Manni said. "They offer the first month free plus free activation."

Manni said the phones will work outside the local

area under metroPCS, but roaming charges will apply.

But the roaming is controlled by the customer for they have to put money into a roaming account beforehand in order for the phone to work.

Customers who like Nextel or Sprint will be happy to



Franki, Joey & Richie Manni - your wireless experts.

know that the merger of the two carriers has resulted in what's called Buzz phones, which pick up Nextel's walkie-talkie capability and Sprint's cellular service.

"Now people can have the best of both (carriers)," said Manni, who noted mobile-to-mobile calls between either Sprint or Nextel or both are now unlimited.

Having trouble getting wireless reception inside your home, office building or warehouse? Well, you don't have to step outside anymore. Wireless Toyz offers a system through which an outside antenna picks up signals from

one specific wireless carrier or all carriers, transmits them to an amplifier inside the building which then sends them to another antenna inside thus allowing reception.

People who love their PDAs will be happy to know BlackBerry offers "push e-mail" which allows people to receive e-mails instantly when they're sent rather than waiting 30 minutes or an hour. Wireless Toyz also carries the new smaller Blackberries which have a new feature never before offered - a built-in camera.

Planning to travel? You can get a handy SD card for your PDA which translates basic everyday phrases in five different languages.

Need internet access wherever you go?

Wireless Toyz has air cards available that plug into any USB port giving users broadband speeds on any computer. Manni said this is especially good for people in Lapeer where broadband internet is not available through their cable TV provider. It's also good because it's portable. "Just plug it into your laptop and you're ready to go," Manni said.

T-Mobile offers the lowest priced air card right now for \$49.99 per month, which includes 300 WiFi hot spots.

"If T-Mobile's network isn't available, you can stop in a Starbucks and have access to 300 WiFi hot spots across the U.S. at no extra charge," Manni explained.

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Wireless Toyz in downtown Oxford is located at 2 S. Washington St. The phone number is (248) 628-7777.

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Auburn Pontiac GMC: Where all your needs are met

From an easy-to-get-to location to a wide variety of new and used cars and trucks, Auburn Pontiac GMC has it all.

"We are here to promote local business in the local community," says Sales Manager Jim Masterson. "GM plants surround us, from Orion to right next door."

Auburn Pontiac recently added the GMC brand, an addition that Masterson says customers are still figuring out.

"Every month is getting better and better," he notes.

The addition of GMC, means more options for the customer, as Auburn Pontiac GMC offers a variety of Pontiac (G5, G6, GTO, Vibe, Solstice, Torrent and Grand Prix models among them) and GMC (Yukon, Envoy, the new Sierra, cargo/passenger vans and the new Acadia) vehicles.

Whether you want a truck or a car, we're here to handle all of your needs," Masterson says.

And now the dealership is also prepared to handle the needs of customers online, through their website at www.auburnpontiac.com.

"You can do anything on our website, from getting a credit application to seeing our inventory," Masterson notes.

Auburn Pontiac GMC is part of the Autohahn Network, and has a parts department, service department (with free shuttles available) and body shop in addition to both new and used car lots.

"As a dealership, our tagline is 'building customers for life,'" Masterson says. "We keep it about people, not big business."

"We give all of our customers free life-



New or used? Car or truck? Whatever it is you're looking for, the staff at Auburn Pontiac GMC is ready to serve you.

time oil changes," he adds.

The dealership can help all customers, from good credit to bad, get the car or truck of their dreams.

Along those lines, Masterson notes that there has been a spike recently in the amount of leases at Auburn Pontiac GMC.

"The biggest reason people are leasing is that they want new cars," he says.

When customers enter the Auburn Pontiac GMC facilities, they'll be greeted

by a no-pressure atmosphere.

"We always try to make the car buying experience fun," Masterson notes.

If it's a used car you're interested in, there are no worries with the top-notch inspection process offered at Auburn Pontiac GMC.

"A high majority of our used cars are GMC certified," Masterson says.

"They've been through the highest quality inspection."

After 17 years on Opdyke Road, Au-

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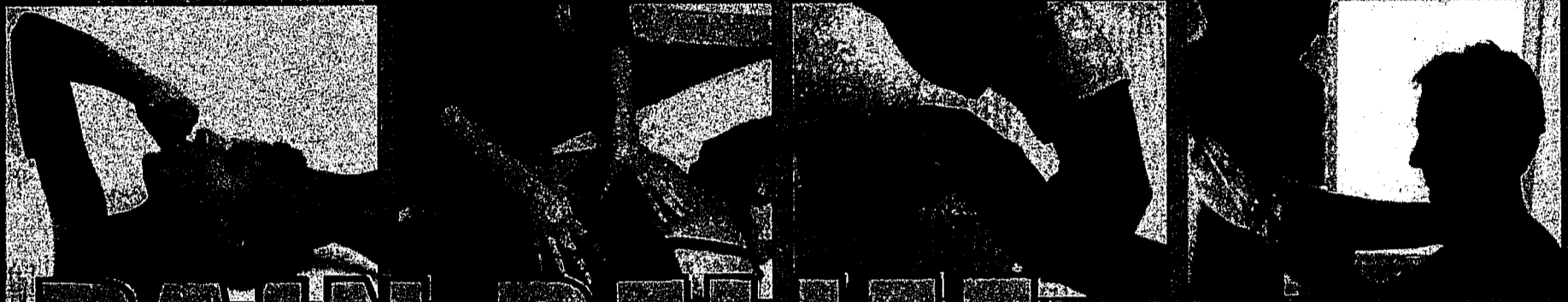
"Location-wise, we're really easy to get to," Masterson says.

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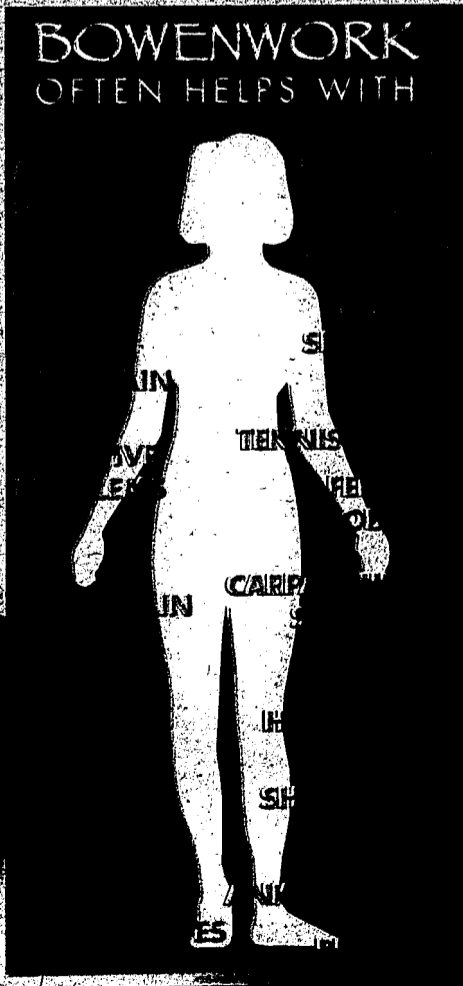
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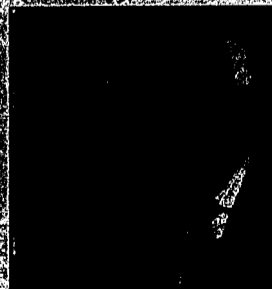
A practitioner does the "programming" and your body does the "fixing." Programming consists of a series of gentle moves done over muscles, tendons and soft tissue. Important pauses between sets of moves allows the body to "process" the "information" it has been given.

How Bowenwork originated

The Bowen Technique was developed in the 1950's by the late Tom Bowen from Geelong, Australia. Bowen Therapy Academy of Australia was set up by Oswald and Elaine Rentsch, who documented Tom Bowen's work.



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To your health

McLaren ready to get to work on Health Village

For more than two years, senior management at McLaren Health Care Corporation has been working with Independence Township planners to develop a \$600 million Health Care Village on Sashabaw Road.

But for a single conversation, all that might never have happened.

Philip A. Incarnati, McLaren president and CEO, met with Dr. James O'Neill of the Clarkston Medical Group. Both McLaren and CMG were ready to expand, and they agreed Clarkston was the perfect place in which to do it.

"If not for the participation of the Clarkston Medical Group, we would not be in Clarkston," said Gregory Lane, senior vice president and CAO of McLaren Health Care.

Several McLaren managers, including Lane and Incarnati, are familiar with the Clarkston area.

"I have a lot of friends in the Clarkston area - when someone in their family needs to go to the hospital, they make a day trip out of it," Lane said.

"We knew that someday there's going to be a hospital in Clarkston. We wanted to be the one to put it there."

Lane and Dr. Tim O'Neill, Dr. James O'Neill's son, went to work investigating suitable sites.

"We looked at virtually every piece of vacant property in the area that was in excess of 10 acres, on Dixie Highway, M-15, Sashabaw," Lane said. "That was

a lot of time driving and walking around. But we kept on coming back to Sashabaw and Bow Pointe."

The location at the southeast corner of Sashabaw and I-75 seemed ideal, with good infrastructure, convenient access to the highway and Clarkston neighborhoods, and appropriate zoning, light-industrial.

"It made a lot of sense," Lane said. "Tim and I recommended that we try and do it here."

The project, which was first brought before Independence Township government in December, 2005, awaits one more vote from the Township Board for final approval.

"Overall, we have had a very good working relationship with the township," Lane said.

The final project is significantly different from what was initially proposed, but that's a good thing.

"They have made it a better project," Lane said.

The 76-acre project is a multistage, multipurpose health care village containing a full continuum of health care services. It would feature the most advanced, state-of-the-art technologies and comprehensive health care facilities, providing prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure, all conveniently located on one site.

Included in the plan are medical offices, for CMG and other physicians,

ambulatory surgery center, pharmacy, medical equipment store, facilities for rehabilitation, emergency care, and cancer, heart, and other medical research, and a healing garden. Plans also include a 200-300 bed hospital, as determined by future need.

"We look forward to bringing health services to the Clarkston area," Lane said. "It will be a great project when finished."

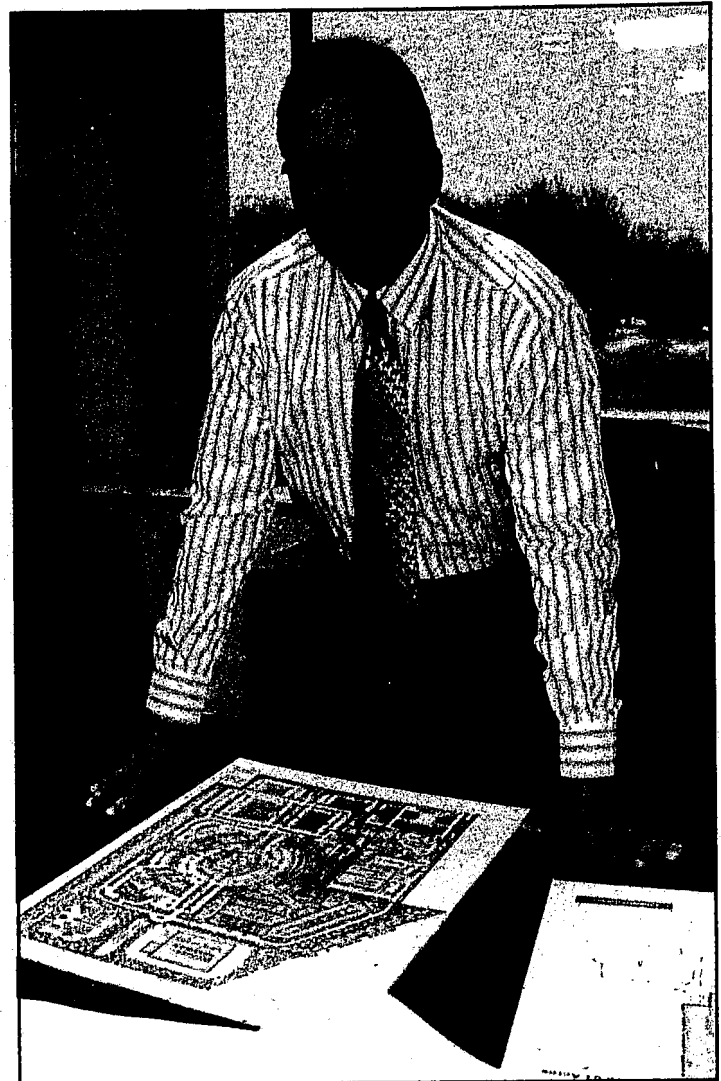
Community feedback has been very positive, he said.

"I'm almost surprised by the overwhelmingly positive response - people are solidly behind the project," he said.

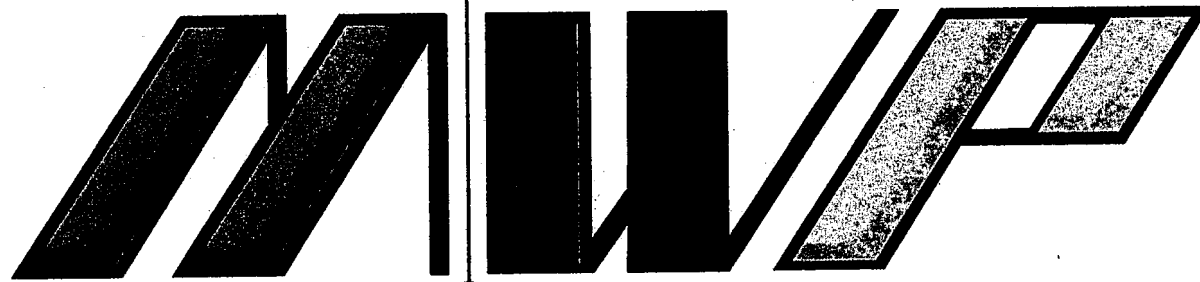
"I'm proud of that. A lot of time has gone into putting this together. It's a solid project. I'm proud of Independence Township and Clarkston. I'm looking for-

ward to a long and rewarding relationship that will benefit both McLaren and the Clarkston area."

For more information, call McLaren Health Care at 810-342-1100.

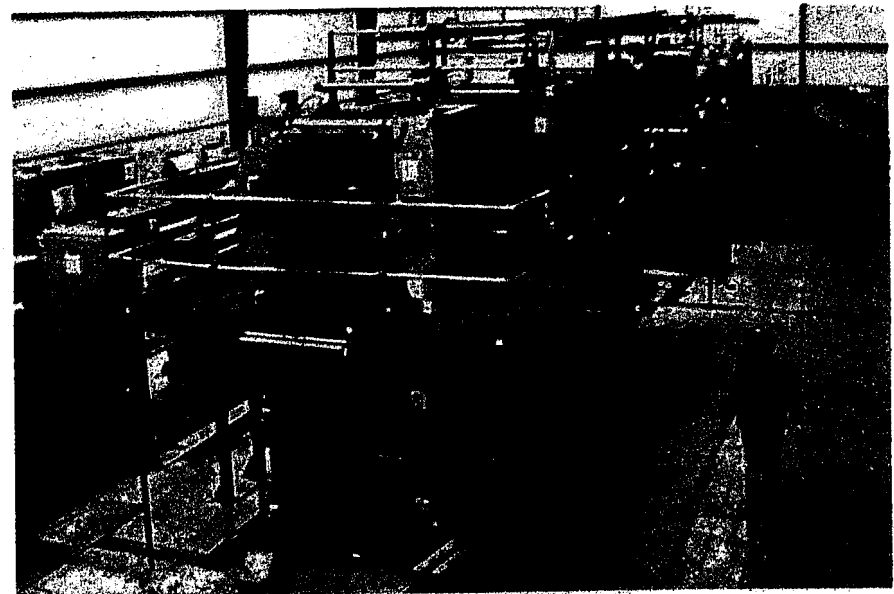
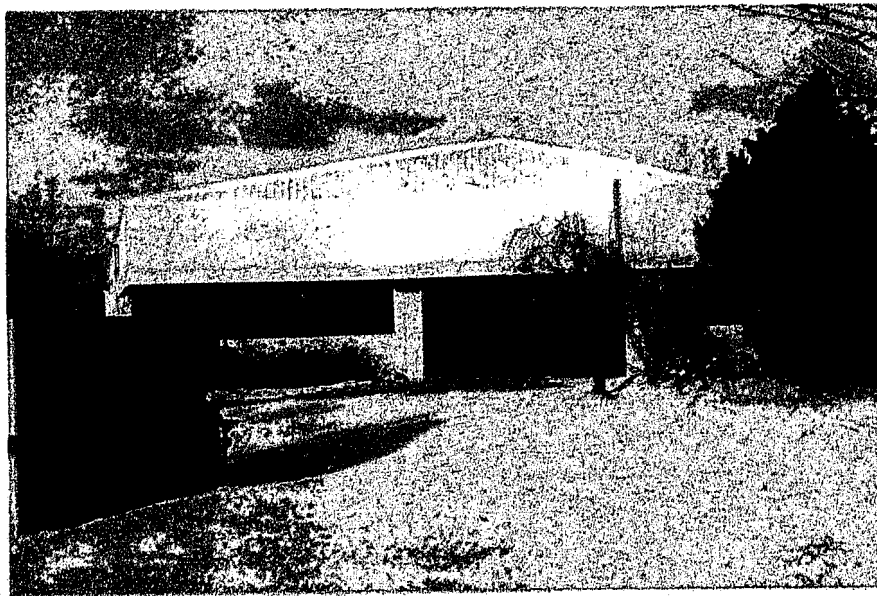


Gregory Lane, McLaren Health Care senior vice president and CAO, with the plans for a health care village on Sashabaw Road. Senior McLaren planners have been working for years with Independence Township residents and government officials on the project.



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Suzanne Johnson, Sculpture Jewelry Design

A former church near the corner of Center and Saginaw streets resembles an old world castle—grand, spacious and stately. Yet, once inside Suzanne Johnson Sculpture and Jewelry Design—provides an atmosphere of elegance and grace similar to the prestigious art galleries of New York or Paris.

“Once a former church, it’s a very inspiring place for me to create,” said Johnson, who spent more than two years remodeling the classic structure. “I feel as though designing jewelry and sculpture are my natural forms of expression.”

An art collection spanning more than 20 years of Johnson’s work is on display in the structure a reflection of extensive travels to Brazil, Thailand and Sri Lanka where she owns a home in the mountains near the Ceylon sapphire mines. Johnson personally selects gems including ruby, tourmaline, blue and pink sapphires, alexandrite and other rare gems from local miners which she incorporates into her jewelry designs.

“I look through thousands of loose gems and only select the 10 best stones,” said Johnson.

“In all my jewelry creations, I use only the finest gems and diamonds.”

Johnson carves from wax beautiful rings and pendants which are then cast into 18 karat gold or platinum. Each piece of jewelry is like a “miniature sculpture.” Her engagement ring designs are truly incredible. A gemologist, Johnson also specializes in fine diamonds more than one karat in size mined from Canada’s extreme northern regions. The rare mixture of designer jewelry and life-size



Suzanne Johnson Sculpture and Jewelry Design, 102 Center Road, Grand Blanc.

bronze sculptures gives the gallery a museum-like atmosphere.

Suzanne sculptures evoke a life-like sense of motion.

Recently, Johnson completed a commission on behalf of the Flint Insti-

tute of Music, sculpting two portraits of Flint Symphony Maestro, Enrique Diameke. Both bronzes will be on permanent display, one at the Flint Institute of Music and the other at the Palace of Fine Arts in Mexico City.

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"We're very much into preventative medicine, picking things up before they become problematic," said Adam Ziff, D.O. "Every doctor here has a caring attitude that takes a look at the whole person."

The office offers many services in both obstetrics and gynecology.

For example, Ziff recommends the human papillomavirus—HPV—vaccine to all younger patients.

The vaccine was FDA approved as a preventative treatment for girls and women ages 9 to 26.

"We know HPV is a sexually transmitted infection that causes cervical cancer," said Ziff. "It also causes non-cancerous genital warts."

The vaccine is not a substitute for PAP tests, Ziff warned, and it does not guarantee a person will never contract HPV—more than 100 different types of the virus exist, but the vaccine is preventative against the four most common, which account for 90 percent of warts, and 70 percent of cervical cancers.

"It's the only cancer vaccine," said Ziff. "It's a huge, huge medical breakthrough and we're recommending it."

A new permanent contraceptive is also available in the office.

Essure is non-invasive procedure that will not change a woman hormonally and can be performed in-office in as little as 20 minutes.

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"Most women describe it as having a PAP smear," said Paul J. Corsi, M.D. "That's how much discomfort they have."

Patients return to their normal routine the next day—if not that same day.

"The success rate is very high; three months later we do a test to ensure complete blockage," he said. "There has never been a pregnancy once proper blockage is confirmed."

Women who are over 35, finished having children, still taking birth control and seeking a permanent form of contraception are ideal candidates for Essure.

"A lot of husbands just keep on saying, 'oh I'll have a vasectomy,'" Corsi said. "Or the husbands don't want a vasectomy. This is a good alternative."

Several physicians in the office are also practicing a relatively new treatment for heavy bleeding.

"It's a wonderful alternative to hysterectomy," said Patricia Kondratenko,

D.O. "Years ago, we had options of doing a D & C or a hysterectomy, which is obviously a very invasive procedure."

The procedure, generally known as endometrial ablation, can significantly reduce menstrual flow.

Several variations of the procedure exist, said Kondratenko.

"The one I do quite a bit is Novasure," she said, explaining that a small catheter is inserted into the uterus, where it opens like a fan. "As it touches the uterus it uses electricity to ablate the lining of the uterus. It takes approximately 90 seconds and is extremely effective."

Novasure can be performed under anesthetic, as well as a same day surgical procedure for patients who don't want a delay in getting back to normal activities.

HTA—hydrothermal ablation—is another type of the procedure, and is similar to Novasure but uses hot fluid to ablate the uterus lining and reduce menstrual flow.

The success rates of HTA, she said, are comparable to Novasure, and doctors will recommend the best option for women on an individual basis.

Risks and side effects from the procedure are minimal.

"You can have a light watery discharge averaging about 11 days," said Kondratenko, "After the procedure, usu-



The doctors at Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology are ready to provide their patients with the latest in women's care.

ally within the first 24 hours, most women will experience cramping."

The procedure is not for women who are planning a pregnancy, and is not recommended as a birth control—it can decrease the odds of getting pregnant, but contraceptives should still be used.

Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology includes a full staff of physicians ready to treat "the whole woman": Dr. Stanley Dorfman, M.D., Chief of Staff at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland; Dr. Robert Robins, M.D.; Dr. William H. Jewell, Jr., M.D., Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Dr. Paul J. Corsi, M.D.; Dr. Patricia Kondratenko, D.O.; and Dr. Adam Ziff, D.O. Associated Obstetrics and Gynecology is located at 7210 N. Main Street, with office hours Monday through Friday. Call 248-620-2800 or visit www.associatedobgyn.net.

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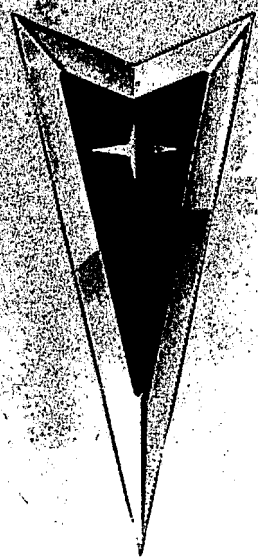
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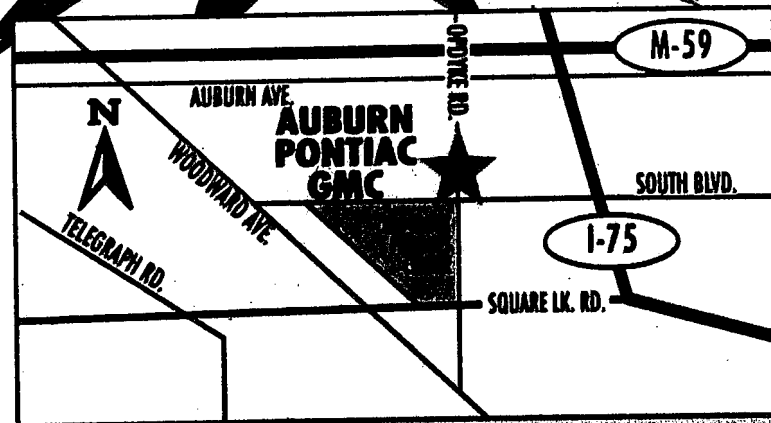
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Clarkston Chrysler Jeep has earned Chrysler's Five Star rating for excellence every year since 1998, and was one of only 65 dealerships nationwide to receive a 2005 Time Magazine Quality Dealership Award.

The body shop at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep performs insurance repairs on all makes and models, with all insurance companies. The dealership offers a fully stocked parts and accessories department, as well as experienced, factory trained, certified technicians in both the service department and body shop. Low-cost alternative transportation is available when your vehicle is in for repairs.

The highly trained sales professionals at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep sell new and used vehicles, and offer new-vehicle leasing. They can take care of all the financing needs of their customers, in-

cluding those with less than perfect credit.

"It's a one-stop place for all your transportation needs," Fortinberry said. "We can get it all done."

Completion of a sale is only the beginning of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep's service.

"We contact 100 percent of sales and service customers," he said. "If something is wrong, we do everything in our power to correct it."

Focus on the customer is apparent pulling up to the recently renovated glass-encased showroom, the centerpiece of the dealership. Inside, a fireplace surrounded by leather chairs and couches invite patrons to take their time and get comfortable. Marble countertops surround the service waiting area.

"Our interior is warm and comfortable like it should be. We want people to feel comfortable in our showroom - like they are at their neighbors," Fortinberry said.

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Seated at center is Clarkston Chrysler Jeep President Chuck Fortinberry, with his highly trained sales and service staff.

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- Sebring, a sleek, new convertible with multimedia entertainment system and GPS navigation;

- The popular minivan, with stow-and-go seating.

"Minivans are still hot," Fortinberry said. "It's the most versatile vehicle in its class. We've done such a good job, Ford and GM are getting out of the minivan business."

Community service is also a priority at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep.

Fortinberry organizes an annual golf outing and a motorcycle ride to benefit

the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. He currently sits on the board of the Clarkston Foundation and supports area charities and community groups such as SCAMP, Lighthouse, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Youth Assistance, and Parks and Recreation. He was also a founder of Clarkston State Bank and is an active member of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

"Clarkston has been very good to my family and my company. All business owners need to give back to the community that supports them," Fortinberry said.

Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, 8105 Big Lake Road, welcomes customers from 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 248-620-4200.

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Michigan Resonance Imaging makes receiving preeminent diagnostic care a breeze for our patients.

MRI, which shares an acronym with the Magnetic Resonance Imaging testing they provide, offers North Oakland County residents the latest technology in the field while ensuring the experience is as easy as possible.

"It's a great diagnostic tool. It's not invasive and completely painless. Our mobile and fixed units are 'short bore technology,' especially good because the

patient's body is not fully in the machine," MRI's office manager Monica Hooper said.

MRI's mobile unit is located at 5625 Water Tower Place off Dixie Highway in Clarkston, and 385 N. Lapeer Road in Oxford. Michigan Resonance Imaging is part of a net of coverage provided across Oakland County. There are two fixed units in Rochester Hills and the mobile units provide regular services in Clarkston and Oxford, as well as Mt. Clemens, Rochester, Sterling Heights, and Clinton

Township.

MRI's staff knows that screening is a stressful experience and strive to put their patients at ease at all times. By offering easily scheduled and quick appointments and conforming to individual needs, MRI puts a premium on putting their patients at ease.

"We try to help them relax any way we can. We let them look at the machine while explaining the process in detail," Hooper said.

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MRI is accredited by the American College of Radiology. All of their radiologists are Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology and all technicians are ARRT registered.

"The radiologists are all Board Certified and experienced in magnetic resonance specifically, which is very important to me," said Cesar Hidalgo, M.D. and Board Certified Neurologist.

The experience of MRI's staff is mirrored by the business as a whole. One of Michigan's most established diagnostic centers, MRI has provided quality service since 1991.

"We have earned our reputation of producing outstanding images and have demonstrated an unmatched commitment to technical innovation and personal service," Director Janelle Spann said.

As they stay ever vigilant in keeping up with techniques in the industry, MRI is expanding its services in 2007. During April of 2007, MRI will be installing a 3.0 Tesla MRI to their 355 Barclay Circle Rochester Hills location. The 3T MRI has double the strength of conventional 1.5T MRI's and is of value in the specialized areas of neurology, oncology, and orthopedics. The addition enables the free-standing MRI center to offer the same diagnostic imaging capabilities found in elite teaching hospitals and medical schools.

Other 2007 additions for Michigan Resonance Imaging include:

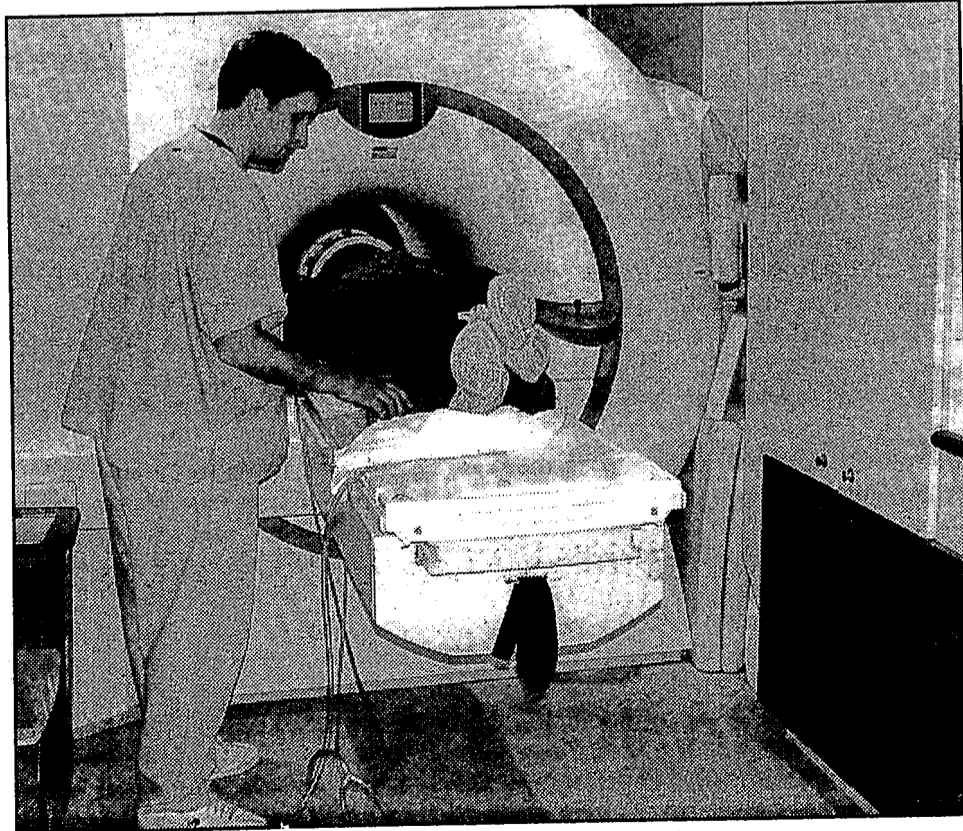
- Providing Open MRI service (pending state approval) in the fall of 2007 to its Rochester Hills location.

- Providing MRI service to POH Hospital's main campus - 50 N. Perry Street in Pontiac.

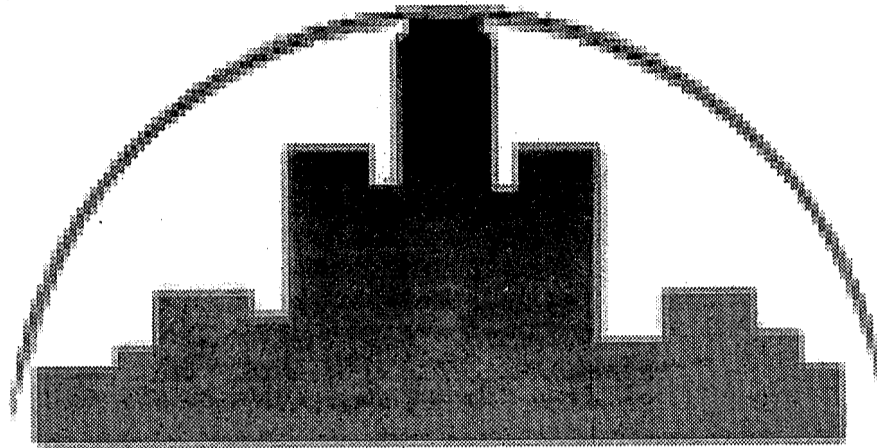
The extent of Michigan Resonance Imaging's technological dominance does not end with their diagnostic machines. Through a secure internet connection, screening results are in front of radiologists in minutes after an exam. MRI strives to have results to patients within 24 hours of their tests.

Because dealing with insurance is the last thing patients want to worry about when scheduling a test, MRI accepts over 20 different health insurances.

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Family, after all, is important to them, too.

"Our relationship has created a unique practice environment for our patients," said Charles W. Munk, who joined his father's long time practice about 4 years ago. "It's a father and son, it's a family run practice. We communicate well, share information and discuss treatment. On any given day, patients may see both of us, instead of just seeing one or the other."

The Munks believe working together is a benefit to patients and a great complement to the practice.

"When we do the diagnosis, and plan the treatment of the patient, it's like a built in second opinion," said Charles F. "We discuss cases together, go over all the options, and brainstorm together."

The two take pride in not only offering patients strong knowledge and expertise in the orthodontic field, but also in offering the latest and most efficient orthodontic devices.

For example, the office uses the latest self-ligating braces that move teeth a bit faster, but work in a way that allows patients to be seen in the office about half as often.

"Our moms have a million and one things going everyday," said Charles W. "We get a really positive response when they find out they can come in every eight to ten weeks, instead of every four weeks."

Also available at the office is a new procedure known as Wilckodontics. The technique is used to move teeth at an accelerated rate so a person is finished with orthodontic treatment in approximately one-third the usual time—a typical two-year treatment is reduced to

about eight months.

The teeth move rapidly, so people are seen in the office more often, about every two weeks rather than every four to eight weeks.

Very few other orthodontists in Michigan are trained and licensed to use Wilckodontics.

And, most people know orthodontic treatment is not just for teenagers any more. These days, many adults who did not receive orthodontic treatment in childhood are deciding it's time to do something good for themselves.

"Invisalign is a really great option for our adult patients," said Charles W., explaining that the procedure aligns teeth with invisible, removable aligners. "They're worn pretty close to full time, but you take them out for eating, for brushing your teeth, if you've got a major social event, things like that. The more you wear them, the faster the teeth will move."

Invisalign works best, he said, on cases that aren't severe.

"We're working together, absolutely beautifully," said Charles F. "The working relationship is above and beyond any of my highest hopes. Not only has our professional relationship grown and blossomed, but our friendship has also. I think I would say that we are best friends, as well as partners."

The Munks offer free orthodontic evaluations to all patients at all three of their locations. They have various payment plans available and work with most insurance companies.

Appointments are available for day, evening and Saturdays to accommodate even the busiest patient's schedule.

Besides orthodontics, the Munks continue to look for ways to reach out to the community. Their office



Charles F. Munk, left, and Charles W. Munk offer the latest in orthodontic technology.

supports the SCAMP program and they conduct a dental health presentation for area schools. They also take part in the new Clarkston Health Care Professionals scholarship, and sponsor the Independence Day parade.

And recently, Charles F. Munk was appointed to serve on the Dental Auxiliary Programs Citizen/Lay Advisory Committee at Mott Community College.

The Munks' offices are at 5825 S. Main Street in Clarkston, 837 on S. Lapeer Road in Oxford, and 8379 Davison Road in Davison. The office numbers are 248-625-0880 (Clarkston), 248-628-6441 (Oxford) and 810-653-9070 (Davison).

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Serving the community with Clarkston Rotary



Gary Hanna in action, cooking hot dogs at a 2006 Concert in the Park for the Clarkston Rotary Club.

When Gary Hanna joined the Clarkston Rotary Club three years ago, it wasn't long before he was put in charge of a big event.

Hanna organized Michigan wineries and restaurants for a wine-tasting fundraiser that year at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club

"It was a success," Hanna said. "We made money to support all the things we do."

For 2007-'08, he has been tapped to serve as Rotary president, which means he is president-elect this year. Tim Everhard is the 2006-'07 president.

"I had to think about it, to see if I had the time to do it right," Hanna said.

After a couple days, he decided to

go for it. Duties include setting up a board of directors and coming up with goals and strategies for the new year.

"We'll do some brainstorming and make decisions as a team," he said. "I'm looking forward to it."

Broad goals are to continue growing the club's membership and serving the community, both locally and internationally.

"We focus locally and also on different spots around the world," he said.

Clarkston Rotary is teaming up with Resurrection Church to raise \$300,000 for a community well in Haiti.

"Hopefully that will happen this year," Hanna said. "It's a worthwhile project."

He enjoys volunteering with Rotary and also the ski patrol at Mt. Holly and the Athletic Boosters Club at Clarkston High School. Last year, he logged in about 650 volunteer hours.

"I keep busy, with that and work and family," he said. "It's a lot of fun. I get a lot of satisfaction working with Rotary. It's a great group of people."

Even standing out in the middle of the street in early winter is fun, as the Rotary does during its Goodfellows newspaper fundraiser.

"I enjoy snow," he said. "I meet a lot of nice people who stop, give money, and tell us 'thanks.'"

Also making it worth the effort is the Shoes for Kids program, which is funded through the Goodfellows sale. This past December, Rotary helped more than 500 children in need by providing them with shoes, boots, hats, and mittens.

"My heart goes out to them," he said. "People see Clarkston as an affluent area, but there are people who need help here, too."

Hanna, who is originally from Flint, works with EDS as a project manager. He and his family were transferred by the information-technology company to Wisconsin in 1990. They returned five years later, and had to decide where to live.

"I said, how about Holly, or Grand Blanc, or Waterford, but it was no, no, no," Hanna said.

Nancy, Gary's wife, is a high-school teacher, and wanted their children, Kelly

and Kirk, to attend schools in the Clarkston district.

"She was particular about the school district - Clarkston has good schools," Gary said. "But I couldn't find a house I liked. I ended up building one."

Kelly and Kirk kept busy with school sports, including volleyball, basketball and football. Gary stayed busy too, joining the Boosters.

"I started cooking hot dogs at football games," he said.

He served as vice president, and is still active with the club.

His volunteer work with Mt. Holly started 35 years ago.

"We pick up people when they get injured and treat them," he said.

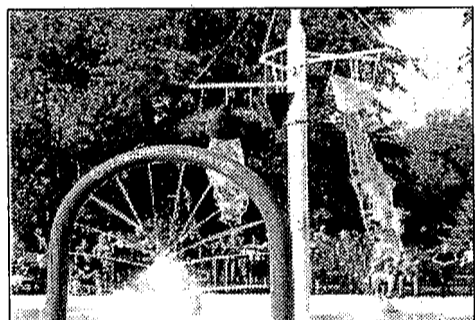
About three years ago, he was interested in joining a community service organization. One day playing golf, a friend suggested the Rotary Club.

"I was looking for an organization like that," Gary said.

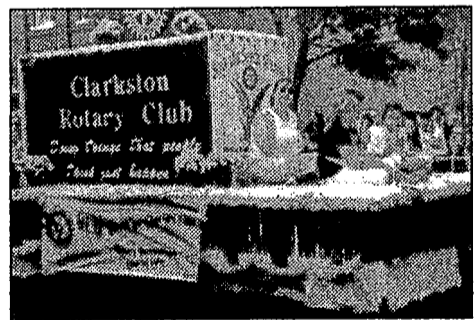
He joined up at his first meeting.

This year's Rotary events included the March 8 Clarkston Community Players presentation of "Seven Rabbits on a Pole." This year's Spring Wine Tasting is set for 6:30-8:30 p.m. on March 27 at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane in Independence Township. Tickets are \$40 in advance at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Clarkston Rotary Club meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Deer Lake Athletic Club, Courtside Room, 6167 White Lake Road. For more information, check www.ClarkstonRotary.com.



Clarkston Rotary Arch at Clintwood Spraypark



Clarkston Rotary Club puts on Clarkston Labor Day parade annually.

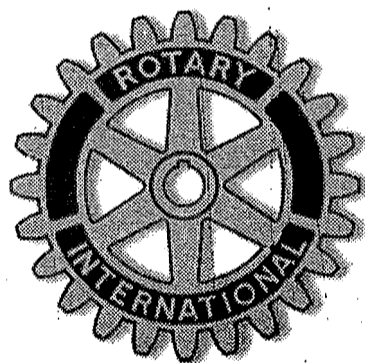


Even Santa helps sell the Clarkston Rotary's Goodfellow newspapers to support its annual "Shoes for Kids" program.

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What is Rotary?

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

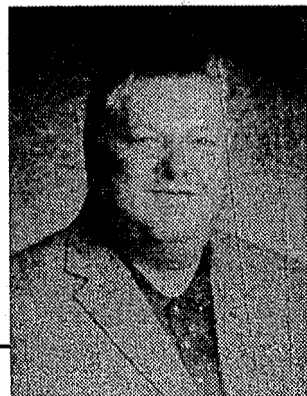
Where do they meet?

Deer Lake Athletic Club - 6167 White Lake Rd.
Clarkston - on Mondays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

What does the Rotary do?

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

"We do the things that people think just happen."



Gary Hanna,
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Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, helping sell homes

With a long and proven track record behind them, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate stands next to success in Oakland County.

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

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

That training includes a 90-day program for new agents at their Sterling Heights headquarters. By offering such comprehensive training and support for their staff, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer has retained scores of agents since being founded in 1953. The end product is a staff as knowledgeable as they are familiar to their clients.

"We have a good, experienced, helpful staff," said Clark.

The Clarkston office was founded as Clarkston Real Estate Services in 1989, later affiliated with the national Coldwell Banker company and merging with Schweitzer

(the third largest agency in southeast Michigan) in 1999.

The 40 agents and five office staff know what it takes to help buyers and sellers and the eyes of industry have noticed. Real estate agents have several national designations to which they can aspire, and the Clarkston office has 10.2 percent of all the national designations in the North-Oakland County Board of Realtors.

The agents believe in giving back to the community, and have done so with annual participation in the Toys for Tots campaign, last December collecting around 1,500 toys. They've also adopted

up to 100 senior citizens through Lighthouse Emergency Services each year for the past 10 years, and helped raise \$33,000 for the agency in a February event at which three top sponsors were from the agency. The Clarkston office also holds a Fire Safety Day in October, inviting the community to participate in learning about fire safety from the Independence Township fire department.

Since 2005, the Clarkston office has been the headquarters for the Oakland Liver Transplant Fund. As part of this, the office is helping Teresa Tersigni, a loan originator with a mortgage company in the same building. Teresa needs

a liver transplant, and the Clarkston office is helping to raise money for her expenses. They run a variety of fund-raisers during the year to assist with medical costs, which will exceed \$400,000.

An account has been set up at Clarkston State Bank. Donations can be made out to Oakland Liver Transplant Fund, c/o Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, 7151 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 or dropped off at any branch of CSB.

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

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

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

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate is located at 7151 North Main Street.

Its hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday. For more information call 248-625-1000 or check out their Website at www.cbschweitzer.com.



Manager/Coach Bill Clark, fourth from the left, stands with part of the Goldwell Banker family at their office at 7151 N. Main Street.



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Cabin fever?

Get outside and ride a bike!

Spring is the time many people get their bicycles down off the rack in the garage and get them back into shape.

"Things need to be done, repairs and tune ups they know need to be done," said Louise Kasl, who owns Kinetic Systems bicycle shop with Jeff Noftz in downtown Clarkston.

The staff of bike enthusiasts at Kinetic Systems, at its current location since 1986, handles all repairs and maintenance, in addition to selling new bicycles. Noftz also teaches classes on bicycle repair on a regular basis.

"It's the perfect time of year for that," he said. "It's a basic how-to class of things you can do on the road - the number one thing is how to change the tire."

The shop offers something for every level of cyclist, from the lycra-clad, two-percent body fat, hard-core racer interested in the latest titanium-framed bike, to the amateur weekender looking for a bargain.

"We're just into riding," Noftz said. "What we really want is for people to get off their butts, get out and ride."

Noftz was an Olympic cyclist trainer, and he and Kasl ran a professional cycling team for five years. But that doesn't mean their programs are only for serious cyclists.

"We want to make it more enjoyable," he said. "I'm a good looking and hilarious

guy - we have some out-of-control fun."

Their Flying Rhinos cycling group has about 300 riders of all skill levels who enjoy and pursue active life-styles through cycling.

"There's so many folks with diverse interests in the group, there's really something for everyone. I understand how it could be intimidating if the group was all cycling at the highest level. That's not the case with this group," said Noftz.

The Rhinos meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Depot Park for rides of about 10-25 miles.

"It's casual - all we ask is that you wear a helmet," he said.

The club and Kinetics also organize several races. The Back 40 Challenge, set for May 13, includes 8-mile, 17-mile, 27-mile and 44-mile routes through North Oakland County dirt roads. From 400-500 riders are expected.

They also ride to commemorate holidays, raise money for charitable causes, and go on rides at night. Bike rides are planned year round, not just in the warmer months.

"Why wait until spring," Noftz said. "People walk around, ice fish - you can ride your bike any time of year."

Other activities include Tai Chi on Mondays with Noftz at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, and indoor workouts Tuesdays at 7 p.m., followed by Yoga at 8:15 p.m.



Jeff Noftz of Kinetic Systems on Main Street makes some suggestions to customer Carol Barnhart. When owners Noftz and Louise Kasl sold Barnhart a bike, they custom fit it just for her. "It's the best bike I've ever had - I love my bike," Barnhart said. Photo by Phil Custodio

Noftz and Kasl also offer a selection of items to enhance the active outdoor lifestyle. They have the area's largest selection of popular merino wool active and everyday wear clothing. Their selection of sunglasses will fit any need or interest.

"We have things to make you look cool," Noftz said.

Kinetics' Main Street location means being part of a small-town community. He drops off his car at Morgan's when it needs repairs, and the auto repairmen drop off their bikes at Kinetics when they need

fixing. "I like the Main Street community - it makes it kind of nice," Noftz said.

Kinetics Systems is located at 60 S. Main Street in Clarkston and is open seven days a week, Monday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday 12-4 p.m.

For more information on the store, upcoming classes and rides, and the Flying Rhinos, call 248-625-7000, or visit their web sites at www.flyingrhinocc.com and www.kineticsystemsmbicycles.com

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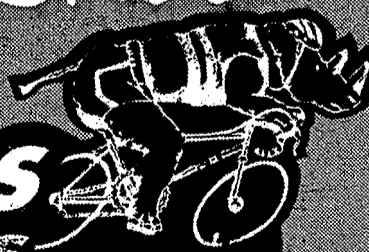
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A couple years ago, Robert Pizarek's wife and daughter were away on spring-break vacation. While they were gone, he thought he would get their home's air ducts cleaned.

"I'd long been interested in indoor air quality, and the way it affects our health," Pizarek said. "I'd put it off long enough."

But when the cleaning crew arrived, he was not impressed with their equipment.

"It looked like a big leaf blower," he said. "They were going to blow the dust out. Where would the dust go? How would they keep it out of the house?"

When all they could say was the ducts would be sealed with chemicals and tape, he sent them away - he knew there had to be a better way.

With his Home Guy, Inc., Real Estate business, founded in 2000, he receives plenty of information from potential vendors.

One caught his eye.

Pizarek was so impressed with the Rotobrush Air Duct Cleaning System, he bought a set, assembled a crew, took the training, and now offers cleaning services himself.

"It's like a shop vac on steroids," he said. "It scrubs the inside of the ducts. No sealers, no chemicals. It brushes and vacuums at the point of contact."

The system is self contained, and doesn't require a dusty hose running through the house outside to a truck-mounted motor.

He tried the new equipment on his

own home.

"After it was cleaned, the house smelled cleaner, fresher," he said.

He also bought a Roto-Vision fiber-optic camera system, which can be attached to the vacuum head, even during cleaning.

Cleaners and customers can see what needs to be done. Even in new homes, the air system may need cleaning - contaminants can include drywall and sawdust, fiberglass from insulation, insects, and even cigarette butts.

"Where do the cigarettes come from? The workers throw them in the vents," Pizarek said.

In older ducts, he has found thousands of Japanese beetles, dead mice, mounds of pet fur, and lots and lots of dust.

"I was flabbergasted by how much dust can be in the vents," he said.

Consequences range from an unpleasant odor to allergic reactions to lung cancer.

"You shouldn't breathe air with dry wall dust in it," he said. "It could take a few years, but it could cause problems."

He offers the best in technology and service. State-of-the-art, heavy-gauge aluminum air filters come with lifetime guarantees.

"You take them out, wash them off, and put them back in," he said. "People need to have them. They'll keep the house cleaner."

When finished, they reseal duct work with screws at no extra charge, to provide easier access for future clean-

ing.

They sanitize the system with hospital-grade cleaners that can be fogged into the ductwork.

"If you care about the customer, everything else takes care of itself," he said.

He recommends cleaning every 5-6 years, with sanitizing every year. Cleaning takes about 3-5 hours, depending on the size of the house. They work from the top down, ending up at the furnace.

"The closer to the furnace, the dirtier it is," he said.

Cost is about 15-20 cents per square

foot, a few hundred dollars for an average home.

"Any less and you can't do the job properly," he said. "Every house is different. We don't leave until the job is done right."

Pizarek has lived in the Clarkston area with his wife, Jean, and daughter, Ashley, for 10 years.

"It's great living here," he said. "We enjoy the community, and all the parks and recreation opportunities."

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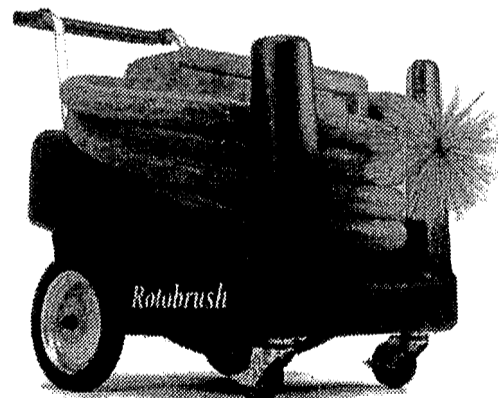
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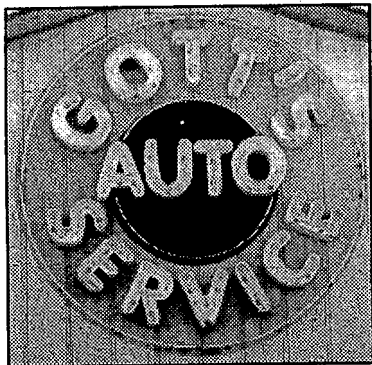


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Quality reliable service plus honest and experienced mechanics equals satisfied customers.

That formula has not changed in 27 years for the staff of Gott's Auto Service, located at 5709 Maybee Road since 1980.

"The bitterness of poor quality lingers long after the sweetness of low prices and cheap service is forgotten," said Robert Gott Sr.



Gott said his shop's high standards in repair have been vital to its success in the Clarkston community.

"We guarantee our work with a minimum amount of comebacks," Gott said.

The certified mechanics of Gott's

Auto Service live by this mantra, displayed in Gott's office, and he practices what he preaches.

Customers can rest assured their experience at Gott's Auto will be what you would expect from a community auto service. They will receive reliable service, honest work and personnel attention from friendly mechanics when they bring their car in for service.

"Personal service is very important to customers," Gott said. "If there's a problem, they can talk to me directly. That way customers can be confident the problem is diagnosed correctly and the job gets done right the first time."

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

"That way I can personally convey an update to

my customer," Gott said. "People need their cars and want straight answers."

Besides overseeing his business, Gott has been involved with the community for the past 13 years as a member of the Clarkston Rotary Club. Gott takes great pride in participating with the organization.

"The Rotary is a service organization that raises money to help scholarship programs in the Clarkston area," Gott said. "Being a Rotarian shows that you put service above self."

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

Gott's celebrated its 25th anniversary in Clarkston

last year. The occasion was simple because the staff plans to offer continued quality service.

Family owned and operated, the business includes Robert's sons, Bob and Kevin, and daughter Lisa Morgan.

Vinnie Ventimiglia, Brian McClure and Rick Verscheure round out the mechanical team.

"We can do most all mechanical repairs," Gott said. "We do work on domestics as well as some foreign cars. We do everything pretty much bumper to bumper in the shop here."

Gott's Auto Service is located at 5709 Maybee Road. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 248-623-0119 or visit www.gottsauto.com for more information. A towing service is also available.



Bob Gott, Lisa Morgan, Kevin Gott, Vincent Ventimiglia, Rick Verscheure, Brian McClure and Robert Gott Sr. keep the family tradition alive and well at Gott's Auto Service.



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Business is blooming at Keepsake Flowers

The new location of Keepsake Flowers, just a quarter mile north of the old spot, is working out better than Jacque Kucyk and her staff hoped.

"We did at least double our normal volume for Valentine's Day," Kucyk said. "We've had all kinds of people stopping in just to check us out."

With spring just around the corner, Kucyk is excited about several upcoming events. After recently joining the Clarkston-area Chamber of Commerce, she will participate for the first time in the annual SCAMP Home Tour, contributing floral arrangements to two different houses on the tour.

"I'm really excited about this project," Kucyk said. "I'll go over to the homes ahead of time so I can look at the décor and get an idea of what I want to do—something with a wow factor. I can't wait to get my hands on that project."

In addition to the cut flowers, plants, wire service, and gifts available at the shop, Kucyk will now work in concert with neighboring Lowrie's Landscaping to offer customers complementary services and more of a one-stop-shopping type experience.

Kucyk plans to offer seasonal merchandise such as flats of flowers, pumpkins, Christmas trees, wreaths and grave blankets.

And with Lowrie's planning to sell large planting containers this year, Kucyk

said she will offer a service to fill those containers with a selection of flowering annuals appropriate for any location the customer designates—sun or shade.

She'll also participate in Lowrie's annual open house this spring, contributing balloon arrangements and other supplies.

Expanding, she said, seems like the natural next step, noting that she took over the shop about a year and a half ago when Keepsake's previous owner was in the process of liquidating the business.

It's been a learning experience, she said, but the efforts have helped her provide customers with a quality product.

"I triple process the flowers, which I think is very important because the vase life is longer that way," she said, explaining that not all floral retailers use the longer and more costly method. "I've had people come in and tell me flowers will last up to two weeks if they change the water."

Kucyk, who offers standard wedding and funeral arrangements as well as custom designs, said she and her staff will do whatever they can to help customers achieve just the right piece.

Recently, she created a funeral arrangement for the family of an avid golfer, who requested the flowers be arranged in a golf bag—a real, full-sized golf bag.

"It turned out really neat," she said. "The family loved it."

Another family had to be more economical, but requested an arrangement



The staff at Keepsake Flowers do everything they can to make sure customers get exactly what they want.

using a bowling ball and pin. Again, success.

It is customer satisfaction, she said, that drives the business.

"I'll back up what we sell," she said. "If someone has a problem I've always fixed it."

Kucyk, who also has a flair for interior design, said her career choice was natural.

"I have a real passion for flowers and plants," she said. "I always wanted to have a greenhouse when I was a little girl."

The new location is decorated in vivid,

inviting colors, and most people comment on the delicious smell of the shop when they come through the door.

"I really do love my work," said Kucyk, "and I'm proud that I was able to take a shop that was in liquidation and build it up into a thriving business. I want people to come in, chat, and feel good about what they find here."

Keepsake Flowers is located at 9561 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48348.

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"Our advisers are dedicated to personalized service, helping the students realize their educational goals. Given the economy in southeast Michigan, it's more evident than ever that mature, working adults need higher education to compete in the workplace," said Miller.

Miller and Assistant Manager Melissa Kraemer, along with Troy Program Assistant, Shannon Stribling, assist students through degree completion.

"We try to eliminate all the barriers an adult learner faces going back to school," Miller said.

"Students choose how quickly they will complete their degree by the number of courses they take each term. If you need your degree in a year and a half to two years, we'll work with you so you can

earn your degree within that time frame."

Miller, a Clarkston resident, is a Northwood graduate. She advises students, schedules classes, and works with instructors. Stribling, of Fraser, provides administrative support to Miller and Kraemer, of Livonia, to ensure all students and prospects have the information they need.

Northwood is an ideal setting for established business employees looking to higher education to help further their career or for adults wanting to change careers.

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Northwood University was established in 1959. It opened its Troy office in 1991 and has been at its current location since 2000. Most classes are six weeks long, one night a week, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Other options are also available such as online and independent study courses.

Northwood offers a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with majors in management and healthcare management.



From right are Troy Program Center Manager Karyn Miller, and assistant managers Shannon Stribling and Melissa Kraemer.

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Registration is going on now for Spring classes that start April 2nd. Summer term starts July 16th. In addition to the bachelor degree, Northwood University is currently accepting students for its new part-time master's program. Graduates of the 27-month, evening program, which will meet once a week in four-hour sessions, earn a Masters of Business Administration degree.

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50 years, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union

Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union celebrates 50 years of superior service to its members this year.

It was Jan. 10, 1957 when 15 Clarkston teachers submitted a charter application. Two months later, on March 14, 1957, they were approved by the Commissioner of Banking Department and the new financial institution was named the Clarkston Community School Employees Credit Union.

The name has changed and the numbers have changed—from 70 members in 1957 to 8,836 members in 2006 and one employee to 21. The credit union now has 2 locations—the Clarkston office at 8055 Ortonville Road and the Brandon office at 4 South St. in Ortonville—and anyone living or working with the Clarkston and Brandon school districts is eligible for membership, or is a relative of a member.

But one thing remains unchanged—the non-profit, member-owned institution's dedication to service.

"Every financial institution has money," says Donna Bullard, President and Chief Executive Officer of Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union. "We have service. Our members are treated individually. We hope they walk out with an exceptional experience."

The CBCCU is full-service, including offers of lower rates on loans, higher rates on savings and cds, an on-site ATM, Visa credit and Mastercard debit.

New this year is an on-site financial planner, Laura Clark-Brown, who will be available at the Clarkston office three days a week. Brown has over 20 years of experience and started Successful Equity Management, Inc. in Aug. 2000. She is a registered financial consultant, a certified senior adviser, and a registered investment adviser with InterSecurities, Inc.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, all year long CBCCU will have specials, including new auto and boat loans through the end of March as low as 5.5 percent; monthly drawings for two \$50 gift checks (one from each office) with 12 chances to win, enter as often as you wish; and two new certificate of deposit programs



Back row, from left: Donna Bullard, Michael LaJoice, Christine Gifford, and Matt Taylor. Front row, from left: Mark Beukema, Nicole Christensen, Sheila Hughes, Jennifer Adcock, Kathy Kelly, and Patricia DuBois.

in the first quarter—the bump-up CD, which allows members to open a new CD and bump up the CD rate once during the term, if rates increase, and the add-on CD, in which members can watch the balance in their new CD grow as they make additional deposits in increments of \$50 (call for more details).

The CBCCU also continues their remarkable relationship with Brandon Schools as joint partners in the school credit union program.

CBCCU continues to expand services and offer what members need and want.

"There is a financial institution on every corner,

but we've been in this community for 50 years and we will stay here," said Bullard. "We will be here through the good times and the bad times. We are people helping people and serving our neighbors."

Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Friday and the main office's drive-thru only is open from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. A 24-hour ATM is at the Clarkston office.

The Clarkston office is located at 8055 Ortonville Road. Details: (248) 625-2923.

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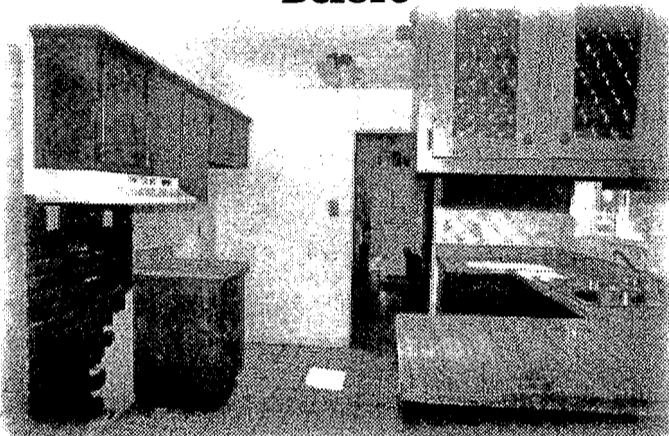
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Philpot began his own business after working for another professional washer, who taught him many great lessons, he said.

"I've always been the type of guy that would rather do things on his own instead of working for somebody else. I saw the business and that it had its opportunities and I decided to get into it," Philpot said.

"I'm striving to be the best in the business. I learned from the best and I want to make my customers happy whatever it may take."

CJC's main business comes in the summertime, when Chuck's sons Justin (20) and Clay (16) are available to help their father. Their first names combined actually make up the business name, a theme Philpot carries into the business side of things.

"We're a family business and I try to think of my customers as other families and give them good service and products. I go farther on certain stages of the process than other area companies and I deal one-on-one with people. I'm at the job working with people and not at home or in an office," Philpot said.

CJC specializes in deck restoration and sealing. The company is available for

several different cleaning purposes: houses, cement, fences, pools, decks, siding and brick pavers.

"We do any kind of powerwashing, anything that needs to be cleaned," Philpot said.

"If it needs to be cleaned, we can clean it."

CJC plans to add deck sanding for this year, "It's a pretty involved job, but people want this," Philpot said. CJC also plans to offer truck and RV cleaning in the future as well.

The company has two work trucks with powerwashing units and cement wands, hoses, sanders and sprayers.

CJC uses a Pressure USA powerwasher, which has a 13 horsepower, belt-driven engine capable of spraying at 4,000 psi and uses four gallons per minute.

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CJC Powerwashing Owner Chuck Philpot and son Justin prepare for another busy summer season.

The long length of their hoses maximize their capability, giving CJC a 250-foot reach from their vehicles.

"We have enough hosing to reach just about anywhere," Philpot said.

The company is also thinking about its clients' future when they use biode-

gradable and bio-friendly detergents and solvents while cleaning.

"It doesn't harm grass, plants or bushes," Philpot said.

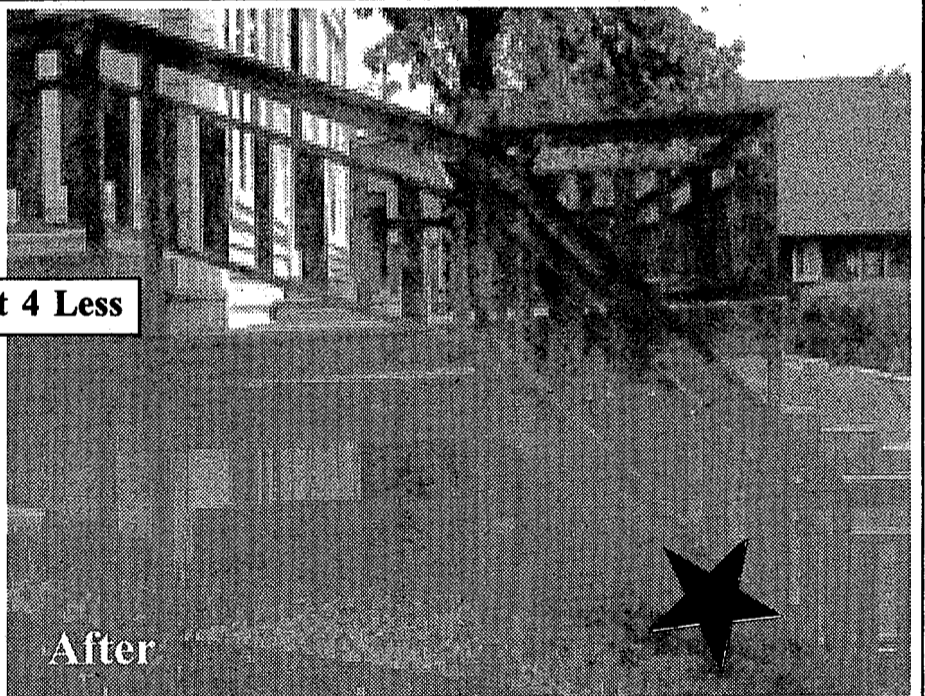
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Women's Integrated Healthcare began with Dr. Wright around seven years ago when he established a solo practice in Grand Blanc. Around the same time, in

1999, he formally purchased the practice from Genesys Regional Medical Center and decided to expand.

In Clarkston, Women's Integrated Healthcare was first located in the old State Farm building on M-15 near Dixie Highway. As the practice grew, the office grew as well - first moving to a space on Sashabaw Road and finally settling in the Clarkston Health Center at the 5625 Water Tower Place, Ste. 200.

"We grew and expanded," said Dr. Wright. "We also have offices in Fenton and now Davison."

Women's Integrated Healthcare has offered a vari-

ety of obstetric and gynecologic services to provide women of all ages comprehensive and quality medical care.

"We're excited to announce that we have introduced new office based procedures that meet the needs of the busy lifestyles of women today," explains Dr. Thomas Wright.

The procedures being offered in both the Clarkston and Grand Blanc offices include in-office urodynamic testing for female incontinence diagnosis. Novasure endometrial ablation to help control heavy menstrual bleeding and the Essure permanent birth control procedure, as well as hysteroscopy and sonohysterogram.

These new technologies bring many benefits to patients in the form of minimal discomfort, rapid return to normal activities, and a higher level of satisfaction with their overall care.

Our purpose has always been to provide quality medical care and we continue to strive to supply our valued patients with the newest, most innovative technologies to provide a better quality of life.

Dr. Theodore Fellenbaum, Dr. Keith Heslinger, Dr. Martin Lapa, Dr. Bonita Wang and Dr. Thomas Wright can be contacted for appointment at any of our four offices by calling 810-606-9190 and selecting option #2.

Office locations include:

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Grand Blanc:

1595 Genesys Parkway, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
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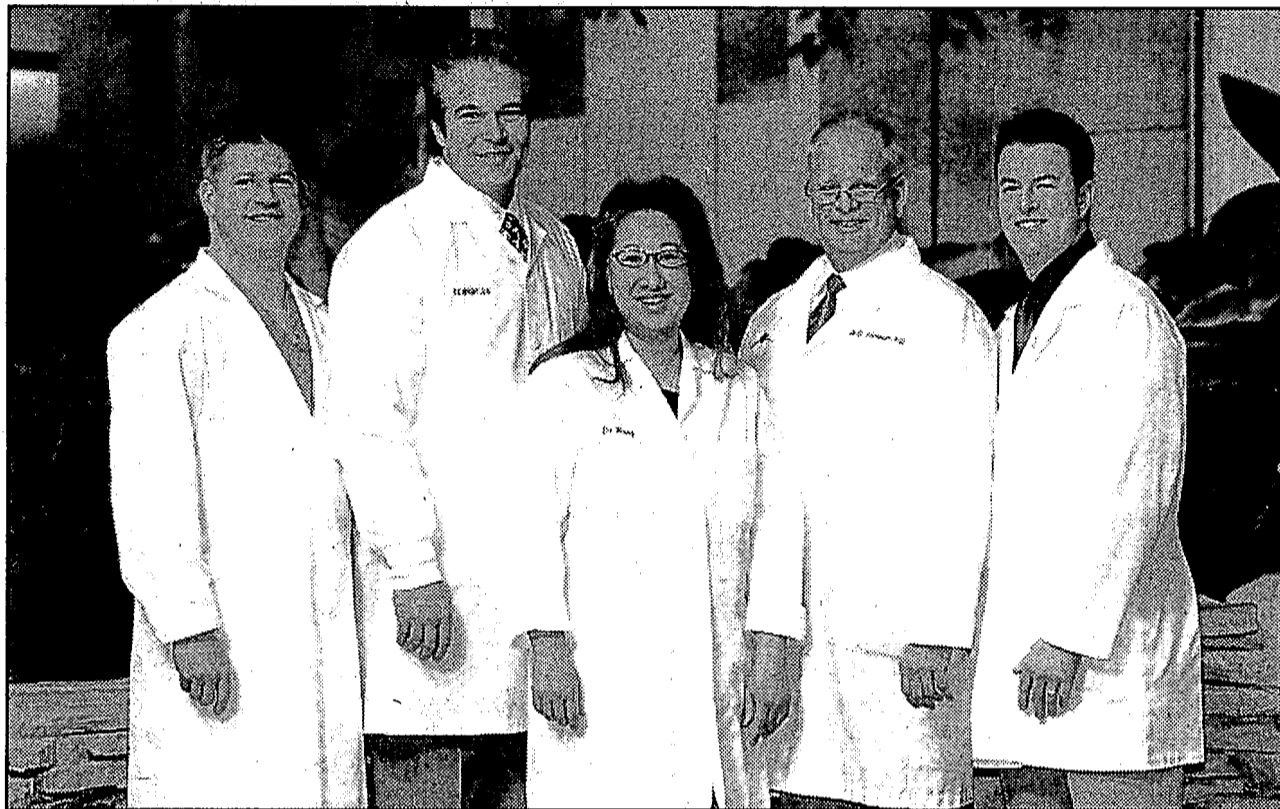
Davison:

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810-653-0388 or 1-877-481-1588

Fenton:

17200 Silver Parkway, Fenton, MI 48430
810-714-5361.

For more information, our website can be accessed at www.womensintegratedhc.com.



The doctors of Women's Integrated Healthcare, P.C.: Keith Heslinger, M.D., FACOG; Thomas Wright, D.O., FACOOG; Bonita Wang, D.O., FACOOG; Theodore Fellenbaum, M.D., FACOG; and Martin W. Lapa, D.O., FACOOG.

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Don't learn the hard way

Tutoring Club helps kids develop confidence, skills

Successful kids have one advantage over those who struggle in school: self-confidence.

When students fall behind in school, said Ken and Becky Ermer of the Tutoring Club in Independence Township, they often lose faith in their ability to do assigned work. They begin to believe they are not capable, and sometimes begin to attach devastating labels—labels like dumb, stupid, or not-good-enough—to themselves.

But it doesn't have to happen that way.

The Ermers, who own and operate the Tutoring Club, help kids develop a can-do attitude that ultimately boosts grades, improves overall school performance and finally gives mom and dad peace of mind.

"Self esteem is very important," said Ken, explaining that just telling a kid how great, or smart or talented he or she is won't do any good—children need proof of their own ability. "Our philosophy is to go back to the grade level or skill level the student can handle, and build from there so we can improve self-esteem."

It's very important, said Ken, to make sure a student masters a new skill or concept before moving forward.

The Tutoring Club provides tutors who care, lesson plans to focus on gaps in skill, diagnostic testing, documenta-

tion to track progress, a no-distractions environment, and a payment plan to meet your needs.

The Tutoring Club employs a staff of caring tutors with expertise in all subjects—from early learning through college math, science and writing. One young woman even came in for help preparing for a graduate school exam.

When they first arrive, students complete diagnostic testing to determine skill level, with lessons then planned accordingly.

"We guarantee we are able to advance a student one academic grade level in a 32-hour tutoring period," Ken said.

The Ermers, who live in Clarkston, opened the Tutoring Club in 2005, and continue to bring students expert, individualized help in every subject.

Without time constraints imposed by schools, tutors are able to connect with students in a patient, yet motivating environment conducive to learning.

"One young boy in math was beating himself up so badly," said Ken, explaining that the student "got lost" early on and missed several important building blocks. "We finally got him to slow down, look at each individual number and understand that he could accomplish the work. He just needed to slow down."

Another young man, Becky recalled,

came in and improved his study skills, which led to his landing on the honor roll. Better yet, as a newly licensed driver, the teen was thrilled to find out an honor roll appearance also earned him a lower car insurance premium.

It's not unusual, Becky said, to see happy parents stopping by to show off a report card.

"We're very family oriented," she said, noting many of the students come from local districts such as Clarkston, Waterford and Lake Orion.

"I'm glad we can provide a service to help children and families. It's very rewarding to have someone come in feeling happy and relieved their child got a good grade on a report card or test."

And the Ermers aren't the only ones who feel rewarded for a job well done.

Toys, games, sporting equipment and other incentives line a shelf in the Tutoring Club Store, and students earn tokens to spend at the store—there's



Ken and Becky Ermer take pride in helping kids get back on track in school.

even an opportunity to earn cash, with parent's approval.

The Tutoring Club is open Monday through Thursday, 1 p.m.-8 p.m., and also offers additional hours for summer.

Summertime, said the Ermers, is a great time to get ahead.

Tutoring Club is located at 6325 G, Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. For more information, call 248-620-4600 or fax 248-232-2764. Check us out on the web at www.tutoringclub.com.



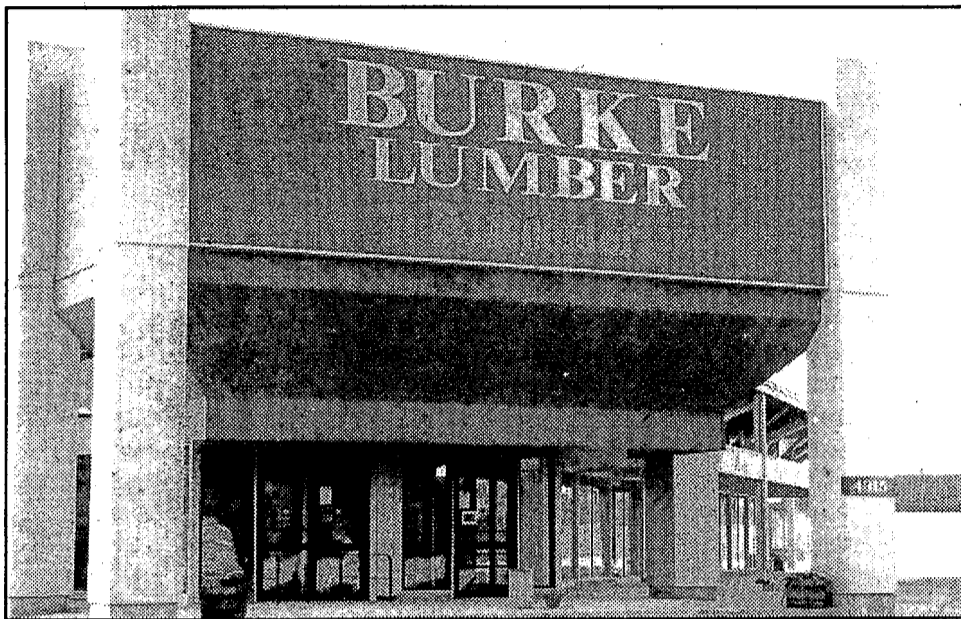
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Make Burke your building center



For everything *and* the kitchen sink, there's one local supplier to outfit your building needs: Burke Building Center at 4315 Dixie Highway, at the Dixie and Sashabaw Road intersection.

The name on the front of the facility as it reads, is really a building center.

From the entrance to the lumberyard in the rear; Burke offers its customers the products of a chain retailer with the convenience and reliability of a local store. With an inviting interior, the store is easy to navigate and the staff is quick to help any guest who walks through the door.

The 13,255-square-foot showroom is designed more customer friendly and won't leave you feeling like you're stuck

in the middle of a warehouse.

Burke's carries everything you need to get the job done from the smallest nail or screw to drywall and lumber, as well as all the hand and power tools to get them to the finish. When the frame is complete, Burke's can outfit your project with the right drywall, paint, plumbing, electrical and siding. The building center has you covered for all your outdoor needs for the warm weather. They offer several lines of patio and deck furniture to grills, fire pits, patio lights and propane. The furniture ranges from wood and wicker to iron. Burke's will be holding a spring promotion on outdoor furniture and their line of plants and flowers in the garden department will make your lawn standout for your picnic cookout

guests.

For your outdoor storage needs, Burke has ready-to-assemble wooden sheds. To keep your water toys in place, the center has your dock building needs and buoyancy billets and rafts.

As a part of the green movement, Burke Building Center is offering environmentally friendly products to help conserve natural resources. Burke carries Koma trim products which are wooden board substitutes.

They also have James Hardie siding products made of composite material that wears better and is virtually indistinguishable from wood. Synthetic tops are available to refinish wood decks which show less environmental wear than wood because they will not split or crack and most come with a 10-year warranty.

Burke Building Center now carries Superdeck Brand Products paint for refinishing decks as well.

Burke's can also equip building contractors with the material to get their job done. The store's favorable hours can accommodate the busiest builders. Burke's personalized service can cut through the red tape of purchasing from

a larger retailer by cutting a contractor's time in the store to 20 minutes.

You can't go wrong with a building center that has more than 80 years of experience. The center has been able to survive in world of larger building retail stores because of its ability to stay in contact with its customers and make their experience more personal. The company's policy is to offer more to the customer, and they have for nearly a century.

Founded in 1927, W.G. Burke Lumber Company opened its doors less than a mile from its current building. In 1970, construction began on the current quarters on an eight-and-a-half acre property at 4315 Dixie Highway. Five years later, the company made the move. In 1990, the building was updated and modernized and surrounding lots have been secured for the company's future growth.

Employees of Burke Building Center get a thrill from helping their customers create or help bring their designs to fruition.

Burke Building Center is located at 4315 Dixie Highway in Waterford Township and can be reached at 248-673-1211.

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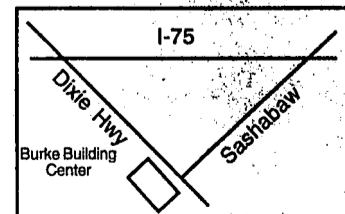
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Hard work leads to Allstate success

When Kenneth Petrillo opened his Allstate Insurance office in 1995, he had no clients.

Twelve years later, he and his team have built a clientele of about 2,500, from across the state.

"It's been wonderful," Petrillo said. "It's taken a lot of work, a lot of calls, quotes, advertising, word of mouth."

He's proud of the services they have been able to provide, and the success they've had.

"We've been able to grow and flourish, even in Michigan's tough economy," he said. "Our services are unparalleled - we go out of the way to help people."

Petrillo has lived in the Clarkston area since 1974. Prior to that, he lived in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and Muskegan, West Bloomfield, and Waterford in Michigan. His father worked in automotive sales and manufacturing, so the family moved quite a bit.

He ran a restaurant in Troy for 11 years, 1983-1994.

"The 90-hour work weeks wore me out - in a business like that, you have to be there all the time," he said.

When he retired from the restaurant business, he was looking for a new career opportunity. An Allstate agent in an office next door suggested he try insurance.

New Allstate agents are responsible for their own success, so he put in many hours in the new business, too.

"You find and lease your own location and build your own staff - they supply the phone network and the computers," he said.

His team includes Kristen Newman in customer service and support, Kelly Wishart, office manager, and Personal Financial Representative Tom Brand.

"We offer a high level of service," Petrillo said. "We try not to let calls go to voicemail. If they do, we call back right away. People may need help and not be able to wait."

Brand was brought onboard last year to offer financial-planning consultations and services such as life insurance, 401K, IRA, and college funding.

Retirement planning is offered in addition to Allstate's insurance services, which cover homes, autos, boats, and other property.

They keep in touch with customers through courtesy calls, newsletters, and cards on their birthdays.

"We sent birthday cards with lists of things about the year they were born," he said. "People like it."

Goals include more growth, including a move from their leased location on Dixie Highway to a building of their own.



From left are Kenneth Petrillo, owner and president of Allstate Insurance at 5882 Dixie Highway, Kelly Wishart, Kristen Newman and Tom Brand, personal financial representative. Photo by Phil Custodio

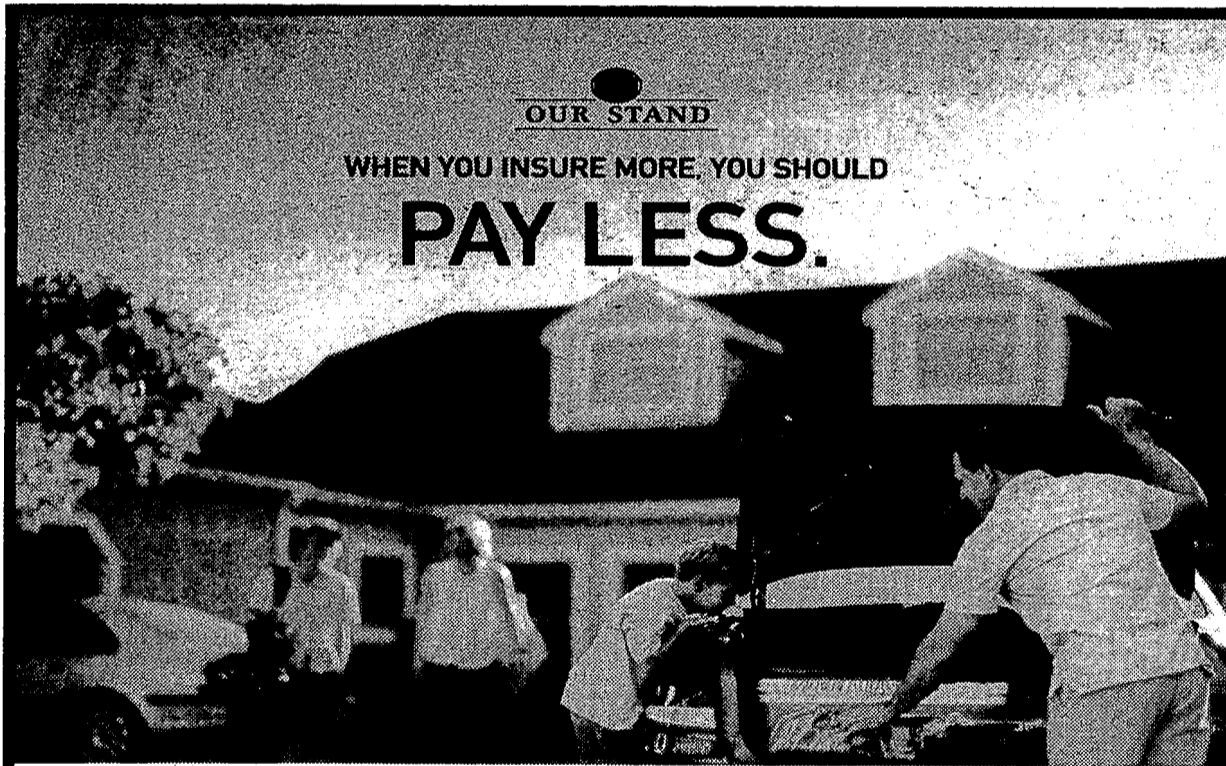
"I'm ready to move to the next level," he said. "I'd like to stay within a mile or two. We've been lucky with this location. It's a good spot, very easy to get to."

Newman has been with Petrillo for the past four years, Wishart for eight.

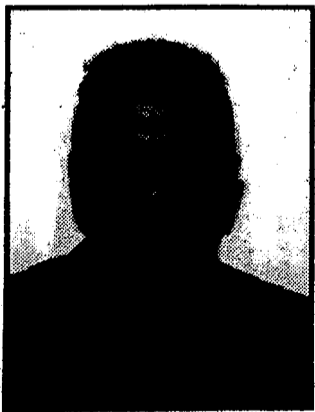
"A key thing is to do the best you can for your employees," he said. "Change is disruptive to customers. They want to work with the same people - it's important."

Petrillo met his wife, Linda, on the job - she works at the Allstate corporate office in Farmington. They have four children, Lauren, Patrick, Robbie, and Ryan. Lauren and Patrick are both graduates of Michigan State University.

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Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery uses latest ideas to keep you on your feet

Dr. Shivajee Nallamothe and Dr. Edward Lis Jr. both went through more than a decade of undergraduate, medical, and residency training to learn the latest techniques and skills in orthopedic surgery. They'd rather not use them.

"Surgery is always a last resort," said Dr. Lis. "We always try to find ways to treat problems without surgery."

"Many musculoskeletal conditions can be treated by non-surgical techniques - surgery is just one treatment option," said Dr. Nallamothe.

Orthopedics is treatment of skeletal problems, including injuries and ailments affecting joints, hands, feet, neck, and spine. Patients range from those injured in sports to those suffering from arthritis.

Non-surgical options include physical therapy, exercise, and other behavior modification, medications, and nontraditional treatments such as biofeedback, massage, and acupuncture.

"Orthopedics is an evolving field - it's exciting," Lis said. "It requires constant education."

Communication between doctor and patient is critical, Nallamothe said.

"I work to develop a partnership with my patients," he said. "I believe that knowledgeable patients make the best decisions about their own treatment."

When surgery is required, minimally

invasive treatments are often effective, and can be performed on an outpatient basis with relatively quick recovery.

Physical therapy is also offered at their Sashabaw Road office.

"We have onsite physical therapy so that we can monitor patients' progress as closely as possible," Lis said.

They are at the office five days a week, and are proud of their ability to see patients within 24-48 hours, usually the same day.

"If a patient is hurting, three days is too long to wait," Lis said.

If major surgery is required, such as joint replacement, they perform the procedure at POH Medical Center, Genesys Regional Medical Center, or St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, depending on the patient's needs.

Both physicians grew up in Michigan, Lis in Shelby Township and Nallamothe in West Bloomfield.

Nallamothe, who attended medical school and completed residency at Michigan State University, has always been interested in medicine.

"I come from a family of doctors, my dad, brothers, cousins, uncles, aunts,"

he said.

Lis earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at MSU, before earning his medical degree at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"I like the technical aspects of electronics, but I enjoy the personal contacts you have in medicine," he said.

The practice is outgrowing its current location. They are looking for a new place, with one condition - it has to be in the Clarkston area.

"Clarkston has that small-town feel, and it's close to Pine Knob and the Palace," Nallamothe said.

"We're not going anywhere -

Clarkston's a great area, a beautiful area," Lis said. "It's only getting better. The village is a nice, historical area, and you have the commercial growth on Sashabaw."

Practice office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The two doctors' full-time practice, Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery, is located at 6310 Sashabaw Road, in Suite A.

For more information, call 248-620-2325, or check their websites at Orthodoc.aaos.org/Nallamothe, and Orthodoc.aaos.org/DrLis.



Dr. Shivajee Nallamothe, left, and Dr. Edward Lis Jr. with their dedicated staff at Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery.

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Any home built can be 1,000 sq feet through 6,000 sq feet and up.

Many of the homes built and sold in the past have been to retirees and those looking for a nice home in which to spend their days.

"We've built a lot of summer homes," said Fulkerson.

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Even though the company is based out of the Oxford area, Fulkerson said any home produced by Lorcon Homes can be placed anywhere in the state.

All American Homes, which Lorcon has partnered with, is rated one

of the top manufacturers in the United States with almost 75 percent of their homes out of the Ft. Wayne plant, which is just one of their seven plants, going to Mississippi or the New Orleans area of rebuilding.

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Saber's offers family-owned, quality carpet cleaning

Although they recently underwent a move closer to the Clarkston area, the family philosophy of Saber's Carpet Care has stayed the same since Fred Saber Sr. began the company in 1972.

"I've done it since my dad started the company. I was carrying buckets around when I was eight years old. I've been doing it forever," Owner and Manager Fred Saber Jr. said.

"We're proud of being family owned

and been around for 35 years. We're three generations deep. My dad started the business, now I run it, and my son is coming up."

The company had been located in northern Springfield Township, but recently moved to its new location at 7508 M.E. Cad Boulevard, south of Davisburg Road and slightly off Dixie Highway.

Saber's Carpet Care's main business is in carpet cleaning, although they are

capable of cleaning other items like wool rugs or Haitian cotton sofas and other hard to clean fabrics. Saber's offers water extraction and complete flood restoration service. Saber's will work with many insurance companies to satisfy customers.

Saber's also does vehicle cleaning and detailing for individuals as well as several major car dealerships from Fenton to Lake Orion.

In 2006, the company invested a large sum into carpet cleaning equipment to increase its effi-

ciency even more. Saber's added brand-new truck mounts in 2006, which are state of the art for cleaning carpets.

"The massive extraction, combined with temperatures up to 240 degrees is the recommended method of major carpet manufacturers," Saber said.

Saber's will go all-out when detailing cars and trucks.

For the exterior there is a three-stage glaze process and a glaze wax applied to enhance the vehicle's shine and protect its coating. On the interior, Saber's uses truck-mounted steam cleaners, rather than inferior portable cleaners. The company will clean the upholstery and the carpet, dashboard and headliners and all plastic as well as the trunk. Not to be forgotten, Saber's will steam clean the motor.

Saber's can also handle cleaning customer's warm-weather toys like boats

and recreational vehicles.

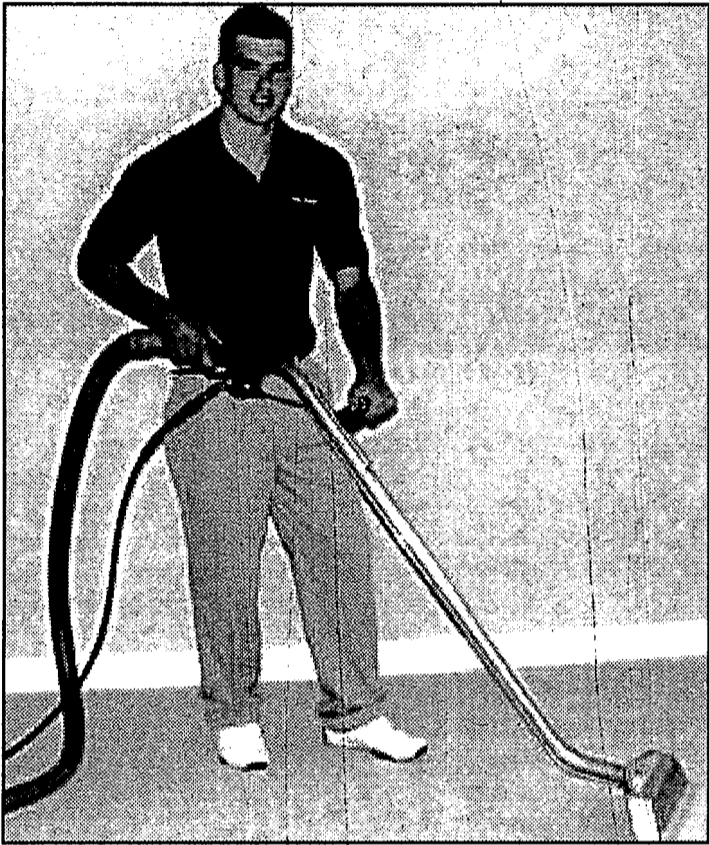
Although not as healthy as it once was, the real estate market still provides Saber's with business.

"The best thing to do when you're selling a home in real estate is to paint and install new carpet. Now what they'll do is just have us come in and clean it. It's a lot easier to spend \$100 than \$700," Saber said.

Saber's was voted the No. 1 carpet cleaning company in Oakland County by readers of *The Oakland Press* as part of the "2006 Best of the Best" awards.

Saber's Carpet Care is now located at 7508 M. E. Cad Boulevard in Clarkston and can be reached at 248-625-3413.

The company can take on emergency flood calls 24 hours a day. Carpet cleaning and car detailing is available from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Third generation Saber, Austin, 18, prepares to take over the business in the future for his father Fred Jr.



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When customers come into Belle Visage, they are welcomed by staff members who take their coat, offer a beverage, and seat them in the lounge.

The burgundy wood-paneled room is warmly lit by a fireplace and lamps, and outfitted with comfy chairs and a sofa.

"We want them to get comfortable," said owner Tracey Wright. "I wanted something more warm, traditional and comfortable, not just push them in and out."

The place is so comfortable, customers sometimes come in an hour early just to hang out.

"Clarkston doesn't have anything like this," Wright said. "Everyone needs a place to be pampered without having to go very far."

Belle Visage offers the latest non-invasive laser treatments to rejuvenate the skin and body.

Safe, effective medical treatments include laser hair removal, wrinkle reduction, brown spot removal, and rosacea, acne, and spider vein treatments.

Laser procedures require much less recovery time than invasive surgical and chemical procedures, said Sandy Sander, licensed esthetician and laser specialist.

If started early, laser treatments reduce the need for plastic surgery.

"As you get older, your skin loses col-

lagen," Sander said. "The laser targets collagen and gets the body to produce more."

This increases firmness and reduces wrinkles, she said.

The staff also includes aestheticians, certified massage therapists, airbrush tanning specialist and a makeup artist. Dr. Thomas Wright, board-certified physician, administers Botox, Restylane, and Juvederm injections.

The medical side of Belle Visage is only half of their one-of-a-kind experience.

From facials, massages, a vichy shower, and relaxing body treatments to indulgent body wraps and various detoxifying treatments painted onto the skin, the pampering available is second to none. Belle Visage even features a four-bed room, perfect for bridal parties, mother-daughter day at the spa, and couples.

"That's popular on Valentine's Day and Sweetest Day," Tracey Wright said.

With the vichy shower, the client lays on the table and receives a full body scrub. After that, the technician uses high pressured water to administer a full body massage. While this is taking place, the warm water pools around the client,



Tracey Wright and the experts on her staff offer non-invasive, laser treatments and spa services at Belle Visage.

evaporating to create a warm, comfortable atmosphere.

"It's fabulous, very nice," she said.

They also offer the Dermalogica line of professional skin care and make-up products.

Another unique feature of Belle Visage is its wide array of party themes and events, which can be held in the comfortable bistro complete with coffee, tea, and juice bar. The spa caters to brides, couples, or anyone looking to escape for a day. Whether an individual retreat or a lunchtime bridal party celebration, Belle Visage

can accommodate clients' needs.

Belle Visage is located in the shopping center at 6507 Town Center south of I-75 off Sashabaw Road. It can be hard to find the first time—look for the sign on Sashabaw, and park at the building behind Caribou Coffee.

"We're tucked away," Wright said. "We're the best little secret in Clarkston."

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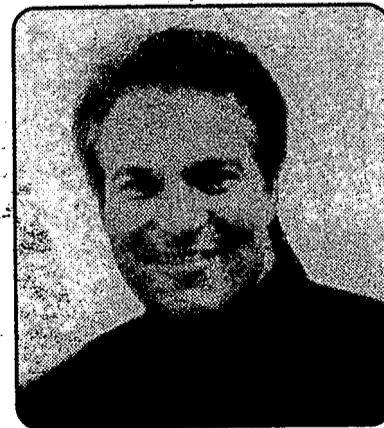
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More families seeking household help

Clarkston Cleaning Service aims to outshine competition

When Dawn Raffler stayed home sick from high school, she'd spend the day a little differently than her peers might. Instead of sleeping or lounging in front of the television, she vacuumed, scrubbed and shined her parent's house.

"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

"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. It's not just wealthy people who want their homes cleaned anymore."

**Dawn Raffler
Clarkston Cleaning Service**

throughout Clarkston, Waterford and Davisburg, Raffler has outgrown her home office and recently moved into a building on South Main Street in Clark-

ston.

"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 18 and 17 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 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, insured and offers competitive



As founder and owner of Clarkston Cleaning Service, Dawn Raffler takes pride in making sure every customer is satisfied, everytime.

rates.

Raffler attributes her success to hard work, high standards and the willingness to take a risk.

Call Clarkston Cleaning Service for a free, no obligation estimate on all your

housecleaning needs.

For more information, call Clarkston Cleaning Services at 248-620-9410, stop by at 5912 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346, fax 248-605-4400, or e-mail clarkcleanserv@comcast.net.



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A Little Bit About Us...

Our names are Dr. Greg Ramboer and Dr. Becky Ramboer and we started Lifepointe Chiropractic and Wellness Center in July of 2001.

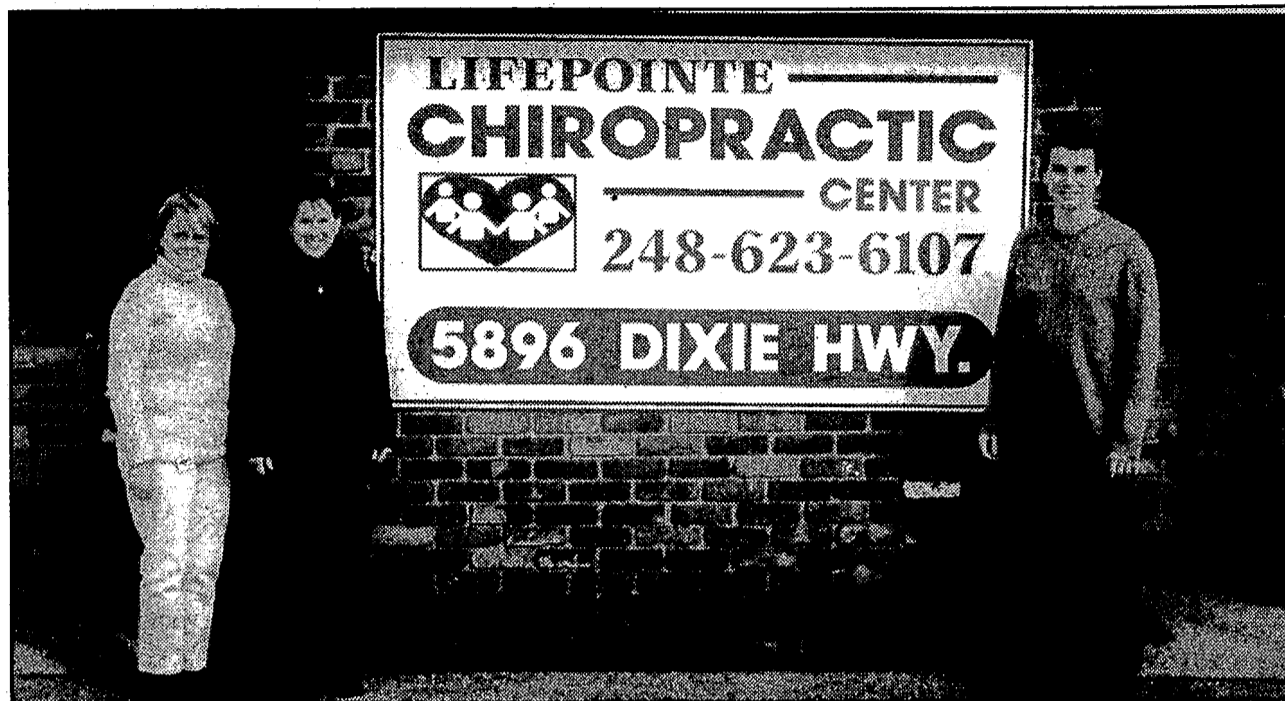
Our mission, in a nutshell, is to teach our community that all health comes from within and that you already have everything it takes to be truly healthy, happy and well. This inner health potential lacks its full expression when it's interfered with - that's where we fit into the picture. As doctors of chiropractic, our role is to determine whether or not you have this interference, and if so, to help you reduce it for life.

Dr. Greg is originally from Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada. He attended the University of Windsor, earning a Bachelor of Human Kinetics degree with an Honors degree in Applied Kinesiology.

Dr. Becky was born and raised in St. Louis, Mo. and attended the University of Missouri - St. Louis before earning a Bachelor of Science in human biology. Both of us graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic in 2000 as doctors of chiropractic and have been together ever since!

How did we end up in Michigan? It's somewhat of a long story, but a very happy one. We absolutely love it here! We also have two little future chiropractor-hockey players - Brendan and Ryan! (and another on the way!)

We are incredibly passionate about chiropractic and life. We love what we do, and we love to teach and share what we've learned with others. We are part of an international team of elite doctors who regularly train together and focus on bringing the absolute highest level of excellence to our patients. Our amazing team is helping us achieve our mission. We are truly devoted to not only becoming the best doctors of chiropractic that we can be, but becoming the best people as well. As a team, we feel that by striving for excellence within ourselves, we are better able to lead you to a more rewarding, exceptional future!



Janet Newbury stands with Drs. Becky and Greg Ramboer outside their location near Waterford Hill.

We are now creating the practice of our dreams. Lifepointe Chiropractic and Wellness Center is just that... it's caring for our patients for life. Our emphasis is placed on the people we take care of, not just their symptoms. Our practice is a family based practice in which we adjust people of all ages - from newborns just a few minutes old to the very wise and experienced members of our community!

We are involved in the Michigan Association of Chiropractors, the International Chiropractic Pediatrics Association, and the ICA's Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics. We are members of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and are currently working toward certification in the ICA's Wellness Program. We are the hosts of an annual Kid's Day Health and Safety Cel-

ebration, 'Dine with the Docs' program and the Doctors for Education community outreach program. We are guest speakers for several organizations in our community, local sponsors of Backpack Safety America, sponsor many local youth sports teams, and are international best selling co-authors. We tend to keep ourselves rather busy, but that's how we like it! That's also how we can make the greatest impact on our community!

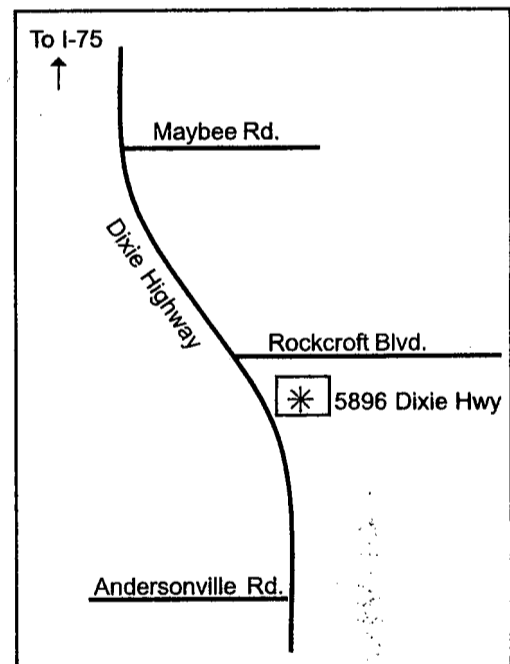
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"We try to take the mystery out of buying a mattress by allowing people to actually see how mattresses are made. We educate them on how to make the right choices," said Dave Moor, manager at the Waterford location.

In addition to customer education, the store prides itself on being able to provide quality, Spring Air mattresses at near wholesale prices, consistently 15 to 25 percent below its competitors.

They are able to offer these savings because they are the only true Spring Air factory-direct outlet in Michigan.

Grand Rapids Bedding Company was founded in 1889 and has been a factory-authorized Spring Air dealer since 1926.

Today, Spring Air is considered one of the big four of the "S" group of bedding manufacturers along with Sealy, Serta and Simmons.

Spring Air mattresses offer the long-lasting comfort, durability and support characteristics necessary for a good night's rest.

Grand Rapids Bedding Company Mattress Superstore has seven factory-direct stores, located in Royal Oak, Madison Heights, Rochester Hills, Utica, Roseville, Troy and Waterford. The Waterford store and clearance center is located on Dixie Highway next to Dalton Direct.

The location enables them to offer next day mattress delivery.

Shop at Grand Rapids Bedding Mattress Superstore — buy bedding direct and save!

Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 1-800-929-MATS.



The answer for your auto needs right in town

Family-friendly customer service and quality car care combined with dedication to the Clarkston community have made Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston a mainstay in the area.

"Our customer base has grown and people have accepted us into the community," General Manager Jim White said.

"People have responded."

Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston provides area residents with more than simple oil changes and great car prices. The community-oriented dealership made Clarkston a home.

"Our slogan is 'We're your home-town dealer,'" White said.

"Because of that, Al Deeby's loyalty and hard work have earned his dealership the trust and respect of his community."

A true leader in the community, Al Deeby Dodge supports several area organizations: The Clarkston SCAMP (a five week summer camp for children and young adults with special needs), Taste of Clarkston, the Holiday Parade, Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades as well as the annual Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce golf outing.

"We're here to support this community. We're here for the long haul," White said.

And that sense of dedication shines through every square inch of the 27,000-square-foot family-friendly showroom and service center.

After dropping off a vehicle for the highest quality care, customers can relax in the service center's spacious lounge featuring a 42-inch plasma television, In-

ternet access (wireless available) and complimentary gourmet coffee and snack bar. Customers can even borrow a laptop computer for use during their visit.

For the little ones, Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston's family-oriented cyber cafe offers a play-zone just for them. The youngest visitors can enjoy a 30-inch plasma television, plenty of toys and complimentary snacks and drinks.

"Our mission statement says we will meet or exceed everyone's expectations," said White. "That's just the way we do business. It's not magic. We just treat people the way we'd want to be treated ourselves."

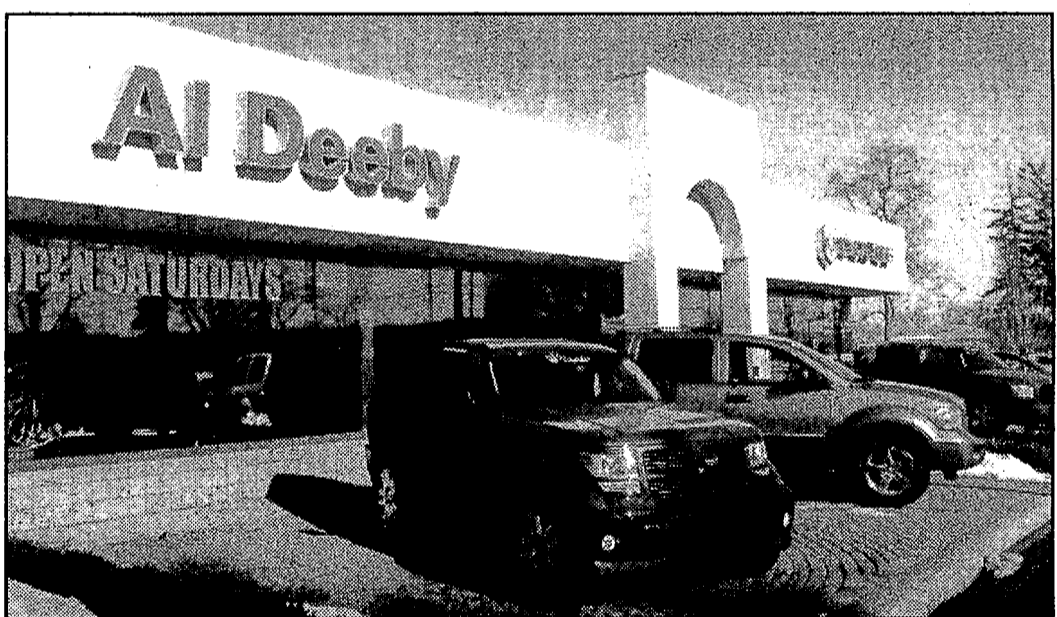
This philosophy goes all the way back to December 2000 when Alphonse J. Deeby III purchased then Garrity Dodge in Hamtramck and renamed it in honor of his father, who had worked there for over 40 years. Since that day, Al Deeby Dodge has been the prestigious "Five-Star" dealership others strive to emulate.

Five-star is the highest award given by Daimler Chrysler and is based on the highest levels of customer satisfaction in both sales and service.

"To us, it's basic stuff, it's caring about getting a customer's car fixed right the first time."

"At Al Deeby Dodge, we are geared toward customer-focused processes and insist all of our employees are committed and involved," White said.

White said the dealership is increas-



Al Deeby Dodge is your 'home-town dealer' for all your automotive needs.

ing its selection of pre-owned vehicles for customers to choose from.

"Not everyone wants a new vehicle or wants to lease a new vehicle. Some people prefer to own a used vehicle and there are some tremendous deals out there," White said.

Al Deeby Dodge passes all of its pre-owned stock through a 150-point safety inspection.

Buying a vehicle at Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston is as easy as relaxing in the comfortable cyber cafe.

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Al Deeby Dodge's five-star service department is qualified to complete repairs on Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge products.

Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston is located at 8700 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township.

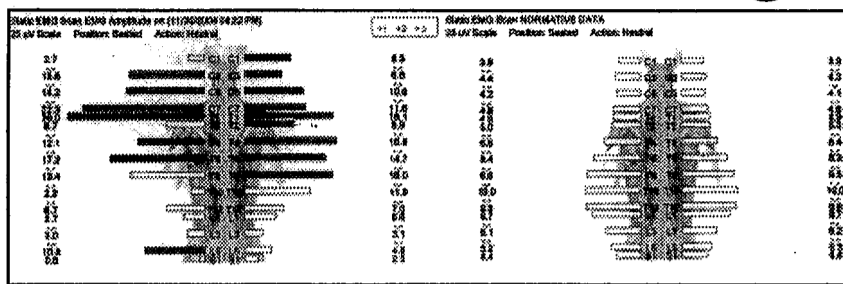
Showroom hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday. Service center hours are 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Monday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday.

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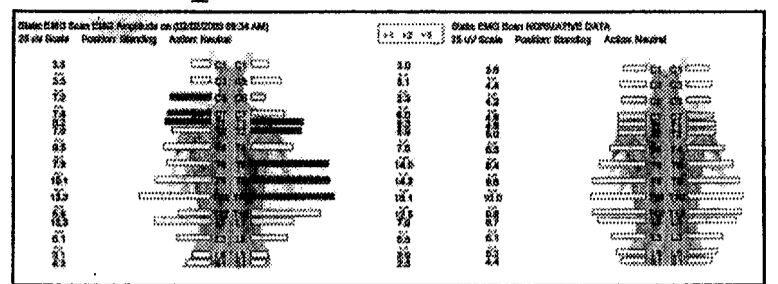
Mother and daughter team offers cutting edge chiropractic care

Sample scans from a Vaughn Chiropractic patient. Actual scans print in green, blue and red to indicate mild, moderate and severe.



First visit EMG scan.

Normal EMG scan.



EMG Scan after 12 visits.

Normal EMG scan.

When Ronda Vaughn Marshall was in elementary school, she didn't know 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-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, and technology improves, more and more

people are coming for adjustments and bringing their children, too.

Vaughn Chiropractic is one of a few clinics in Michigan to offer scans — known as electro myography graphs, or EMG — to track progress on an objective scale.

The EMG, she explained, measures and graphs electrical activity of muscles to document progress in an objective manner.

"We do this scan every 12 adjustments," said Ronda. "It allows us to see how well the patient is progressing."

The scans also help determine whether changes need to be made in a patient's treatment. If one thing isn't working, it may be time to try something different.

"That's the benefit of having both Mom and I here," said Ronda. "We do things a little bit different. It's the same technique and we went to the same school, but no two chiropractors are exactly alike."

As with any type of medical treatment, she pointed out, different people respond to different therapies.

The scans are also directly helpful in helping patients understand the natural course of chiropractic care.

"It helps them know something is going on," said Ronda. "They feel improvements, but this helps them see it on paper as well."

The scans also help people realize that the adjustments they receive are assisting them to recover from a lifetime of compounded stress and minor injuries.

In most cases by the time a person feels pain 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 kids hurt themselves in sports and other 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

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.

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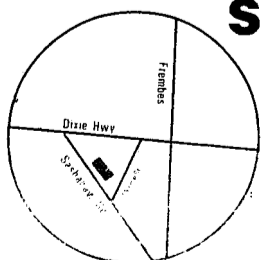
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I liked that fact that you listened to what I wanted and needed and then helped as we refined that with each place we looked at. While I was prepared to move into Goodrich, Atlas, etc, we soon found that it was more logical to try and stay within Brandon school district to take advantage of the busing (if needed). You were more than willing to check on bus schedules and routines, as well as possible walking routes for Hannah and Jimmy. Lo and behold we both noticed a house just one block from both schools.

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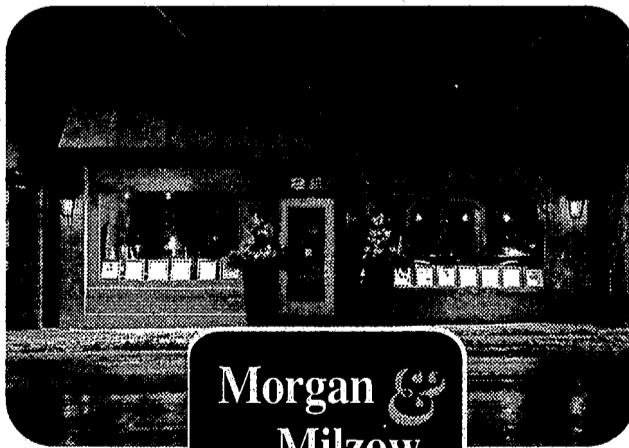
- Cindy, Brett, Chole and Jessica DeGuise

"Your help with the sale of our home, and getting us through a challenging purchase of our new home, was very much appreciated and we're thankful! Your office "Area Professional" referral list proved to be extremely useful to us....Your dedication to client service made the difference and we would recommend you and your business partner/sister, Erin, for anyone looking to buy or sell an executive home in Oakland County!"

- Tammy and Alan Jesiel, Clarkston, MI.

"We interviewed several agents before choosing Nicole, which turned out to be the most important decision in our home-buying process. With her help we were able to find exactly what we were looking for and at the right price. She showed us many listings that met our criteria and took extra time to show us around the area, giving us personal feedback on local restaurants, stores and schools. She also saved us several thousand dollars of unexpected repairs by recommending a qualified home inspector and suggesting additional items to include in the inspection that we would have otherwise overlooked. Even after the sale Nicole stayed in touch to make sure we had everything we needed. Nicole was a pleasure to work with and will be our first and only choice next time we are in the real estate market."

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Salon offers spa, laser services

The staff of Bellezza Salon & Spa prides themselves on creating a family-friendly, luxury salon and spa experience their customers will remember.

Though Bellezza opened eight months ago, each of the staff members are experienced, recognized members of the community who each have at least seven years of training in the field.

"Schooling is very important to me," said Tiffany Graff, manager of Bellezza. "We really pride ourselves on our schooling and techniques. We have a lot more to offer than many of the other salons and spas because we have a lot more knowledge."

Graff and many of the other staffers at Bellezza left other salons because it wasn't the atmosphere they wanted in a salon.

Graff now knows and appreciates the small, family-friendly atmosphere

Bellezza offers to their returning and new clients.

"When I left the other salon, I went to a good friend and said, if you'll back us, we'll make this place a home," said Graff. "I wanted to create a place that would bring something upscale to Clarkston so people wouldn't have to drive to Bloomfield or anywhere else for this quality."

Some of the salon services Bellezza offers include haircuts, color, extensions, perms, hair treatments, make-up and waxing services.

In addition to salon services, Bellezza is also a full service spa.

Some of the spa services include stress relief massages, deep tissue or sports massages, warm stone massages, prenatal massages, reflexology foot massages, paraffin treatments and hand and food scrubs.



Stylist Kelly Forbes styles a customer's hair.



Staffers Kelly Forbes, Carrie Aranosan, Tiffany Graff and Nicole Dropps pose in the lobby of Bellezza salon at 6465 Dixie Highway

The spa also offers salt and sugar scrubs, an ancient body mud wrap, back treatment, eye contour treatment and a revitalizing facial treatment.

Nail services are also available including acrylic nail sets.



Bellezza salon includes both salon and spa services for the Clarkston area.

However, one thing the staff of Bellezza really prides themselves in is the cutting edge Laser and Skin Care services.

"You don't need plastic surgery with our laser treatments," said Graff. "Our laser services are amazing."

Laura Liston, Bellezza's laser technician, can provide laser medical treatments including skin rejuvenation, skin toning and tightening, laser hair removal, acne resolution, rosacea treatment, psoriasis treatment, spider vein treatment, medical microdermabrasion, chemical peels and velasmooth and lipolite cellulite treatments and much more.

For a full list of services or for more information about Bellezza Salon and Spa, visit their location at 6465 Dixie Highway, call 248-620-0301 or e-mail bellezzasalonandspa@comcast.net.

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Pine Forest Day Camp provides many activities

Summer fun and adventure in a safe environment, building new skills and promoting self-esteem is what Pine Forest Day Camp is all about.

The traditional, non-denominational, camp is entering its sixth year, located at 4361 Perryville Road and owned by the non-profit Tamarack Camps.

Campers entering first through eighth grade in the fall can choose from seven one-week sessions that begin June 25, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended AM sessions are 7 a.m.-9 a.m. and extended PM is 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Pool party on Thursdays is from 4 p.m.-7p.m.

"Come for one session or come for all," says Mandy Stewart, PFDC director. "We try to get as much diversity in our programming in each session as possible."

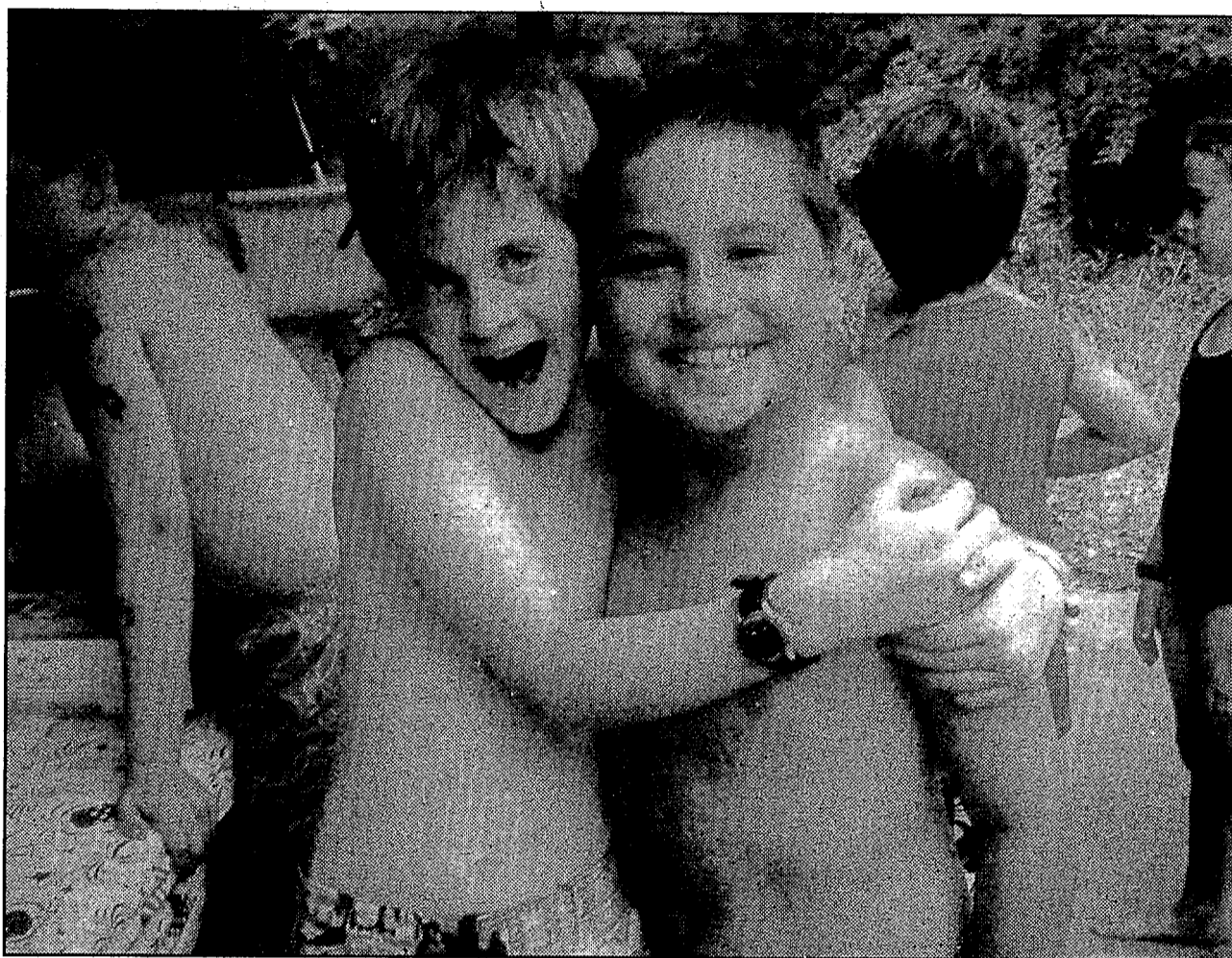
Campers have access to everything that residential campers have at the 1,500 acre site and the fun includes waterfront activities such as swimming, water-skiing, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, tubing, body boarding and beach parties; arts and crafts; landsports that include floor hockey, mountain biking, gymnastics, soccer, basketball, tennis, softball and volleyball; outdoor adventures such as horseback riding, rock climbing, hiking, orienteering, and team challenge; and environmental education.

Smokerville, the camp's own pioneer village, functions both as a home for the day camp and as a place for campers to learn pioneer skills such as candlemaking, ropemaking, and pioneer cooking.

Daily schedules provide a balance of activities that are both quiet and energetic, for individuals and groups.

Activities are run by staff who specialize in that area. Lifeguards are all-American Red Cross and CPR certified.

"Everyone here is hired because they love kids, are qualified to keep them safe and want to make it a positive experience for them," says Stewart, who is a Davison resident and mother of two.



Making friends at Pine Forest Day Camp where adventure and fun awaits.

"It's a unique experience to have the opportunity to be involved in all these activities," says Stewart. "It also gives the kids independence apart from their parents and a chance to grow. It gives them the courage to try new things in a positive, friendly, and encouraging environment."

An optional camp lunch is offered every day and transportation is available from select points in the community at no additional cost.

Details: (248) 627-2821 or e-mail pineforestdaycamp@tamarackcamps.com

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7:00 pm	Thu., April 5	Ortonville	Brandon Twp. Library
7:00 pm	Mon., April 9	Ortonville	Brandon Twp. Library
7:00 pm	Tue., April 17	Holly	Patterson Elementary
7:00 pm	Thu., April 19	Goodrich	Goodrich High School
9a-12:30p	Sat., April 21	Clarkston	Clarkston Connects Clarkston High School

For more information or a brochure please call Mandy, Pine Forest director, at **248-627-2821**

Or E-mail: pineforestdaycamp@tamarackcamps.com or visit tamarackcamps.com/pineforest

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Kiss extra 'Inches-a-Weigh'

Looking to get more with a weight loss center? Inches-a-Weigh in Waterford Township goes further than others, helping its clients with not only exercising, but nutrition as well.

"Weight loss is our main purpose, but it is also fitness and nutrition combined," Program and Sales Director Melinda Abram said.

IAW has easy to follow menus using grocery store food. Clients fill out food journals and meet with counselors every week.

IAW provides one-on-one nutrition guidance using the food guide pyramid. Advisors will also stay in contact with clients' physicians in regards to their progress at the center.

"We take the time with them that physicians don't have, to go over nutrition," Owner Amy Kirby said.

IAW follows American Heart Association and American Diabetes Association guidelines in all practices.

"We don't give pills. We don't give special foods. It's all about eating right and exercising and us supporting them and keeping them motivated," Kirby said.

"It's about progress, not perfection. Every day they feel a lot better and better," Abrams said.

The atmosphere at Inches-a-weigh is different than others in the same market.

"It's more spa-like than gym-like. It's very personalized for them," Abram said.

IAW can take the program at their clients' pace, rather than trying to speed through the different exercises and machines available.

"We take one thing and let them master it and then move on to the next step," Abram said.

Guests will also notice the extra attention they get in their time at the center.

"Our clients have said it's like having a personal trainer here because we always have a lifestyle counselor with them at all times helping them exercise," Kirby said.

The exercise area features numerous isometric toning machines as well as treadmills and elliptical machines. Clients will notice that the equipment is designed to enable users of all conditions.

"They are really designed to do the work for you," Kirby said.

The group is proud to be one of the first locations with a Power Plate, a body vibration trainer which contracts users' muscles, intensifying and condensing their

workout.

"The plate gives you a G-force that will give you results like increased bone density, increases in the lymphatic system and circulation," Kirby said.

"Ten minutes on the power plate is like an hour of weight-bearing exercise. It's an accelerated form of exercise so people can get a lot done in a small amount of time. There's no sweating and it's easy on the joints."

Users can utilize the machine in several different exercises such as strength building, massage, stretching and relaxation exercises. The Power Plate has been used to treat cases of arthritis, fibromyalgia, joint and back pain and obesity.

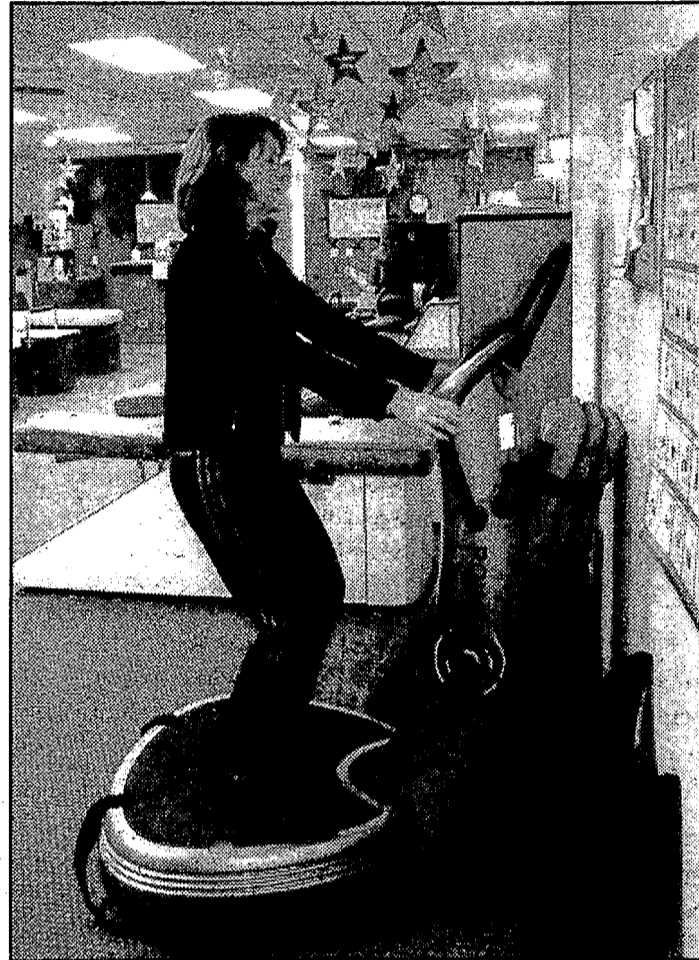
IAW is also proud of its Nu-Step machine, which is described as a cardio-cross between an exercise bike and an elliptical machine that has been used for knee and hip rehabilitation.

"It's a great cardio exercise for people who have some sort of limitation," Kirby said.

"It's probably one of the most op-

timum (machines) in all of cardio," Abram said.

Inches-a-Weigh is located at 498 North Telegraph Road in Waterford Township across from Summit Place Mall. The location is open Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m.-12p.m. Call Inches-a-Weigh at 248-874-0034 or visit www.inchesaweighmichigan.com.



Owner Amy Kirby shows off the Power Plate. The machine forces muscle contraction to speed up workouts.

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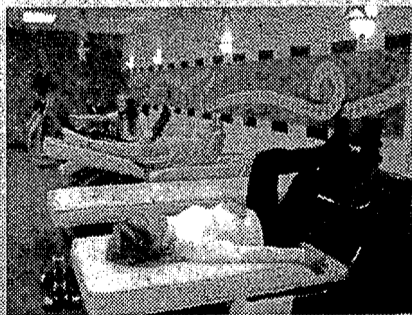
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NovaCare makes rehab fun

Jodi Hines, Manager of Clinical Operations for NovaCare Rehabilitation in Clarkston, knows that it takes a team effort to provide quality physical therapy care for local clients.

Luckily, she is able to put this knowledge into action with a staff of committed therapists who work hard every day, building team relationships with each of their patients. This ensures that the staff and patients work together to make any patient's experience at NovaCare a great one.

"I have a phenomenal team who love what they do," Hines said. "Patients have to commit to a lot while going through therapy, often attending three times a week. If we don't deliver good care, they won't trust us and they won't get better."

"We make it fun," Hines added. "We show the value in what they're doing—when they see themselves making improvements, they make the choice to commit to their treatment."

NovaCare Rehabilitation is a national physical therapy provider with seven clinics located in the Metro-Detroit area. The Clarkston office, a 10,000-square-foot facility located in the Clarkston Medical building on Dixie Highway, offers a wide range of programs in physical therapy and general well-being.

NovaCare Clarkston specializes in the treatment of orthopedic problems such as bone, muscle, tendon and ligament injuries. Staff members are qualified to treat clients with neck and back pain, spinal disc problems, TMJ, headaches and pain associated with auto accidents, work related injuries, as well as many other types of injuries.

Patients work with a clinical team of physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and trainers during their time in the clinic. Friendly and efficient front office staff assist with insurance and scheduling issues.

NovaCare Clarkston offers many types of rehabilitation programs. Traditional physical therapy is one

of the most common programs. Treatment requires a physician's prescription and is aimed at restoring motion, strength and function in patients who have been injured.

In addition, aquatic therapy or "water therapy" is offered at this location. A SwimEx pool may be used as a part of a client's physical therapy program as determined by the physician and physical therapist.

A certified massage therapist is also on staff. 30, 60 or 90 minute massages are offered and appointments are open to the public, for reasonable fees.

Another unique service offered at NovaCare Clarkston is the Fitness Program. Unlike many other physical therapy providers, the relationship between NovaCare and its patients doesn't have to end when the patient is done with formal rehabilitation. After discharge from physical therapy, some clients choose to continue exercising in the Fitness Program offered at this clinic.

Clients in the Fitness Program pay a monthly fee and have access to the facility any hours that it is open to use the strength and cardiovascular conditioning equipment. The Fitness Program is self-directed and is under the guidance of a staff trainer. It is available for patients who have completed formal physical therapy and also for non-patients who are looking for a fun, safe place to work out. Often, in-



The staff at Novacare are dedicated to helping patients have fun.

centive programs are offered for the Fitness Program, including the current offer: purchase a two-month membership and receive a third month free.

Hines assures clients that whichever program they participate in, they will bond with the office and clinical staff. "When patients come here, they spend a lot of time with our staff," said Hines. "We build relationships with them while they are here and that makes helping patients even more rewarding. It's such a wonderful feeling to see a person happy and fulfilled after working with us. The staff is privileged to be a part of their recovery."

Clients interested in learning more about the physical therapy programs available at NovaCare Clarkston can call 248-625-5998. The clinic is located at 6770 Dixie Hwy., Suite 104. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. The facility is also open Saturdays as needed.



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'SafeBet Hidden Fencing' keeps pets in the yard

These days people don't need a wooden or metal fence to keep their pet out of the pound. In fact the best way to ensure the family dog doesn't become the neighborhood stray can't be seen at all.

"The idea when we set this business up was to offer a high quality product at a reasonable price. Something everybody can afford," said Randy Badour, owner of SafeBet Hidden Fencing of Michigan LLC. "With some of the other companies out there, you call them up, have them come out and they give you a price that is usually very, very expensive. We wanted to offer something that everybody could do."

What Randy's business offers is a safe, economical alternative to chain link fencing. His product, Hidden Fence, is 99.2 percent effective at training a dog to respect the boundaries of a yard. Not to mention Hidden Fence can save pet owners \$1,000's compared to wood or metal fence installation.

There's no guarantees that a chain link fence will work either. Dogs can climb over them or dig under them or someone will make the mistake of leaving the gate open. I've had plenty of calls to go put in an electric fence inside their fence."

With Hidden Fence, the dog is fit with a collar which emits a warning sound when the animal wanders too close to the boundaries specified at installation. If the animal continues towards the boundaries the collar delivers a mild corrective stimulation.

"Depending on the dog, you are talking about two to four weeks for training. Once they hear that warning tone that is all it takes," said Badour, who uses Hidden Fence to keep his dog, Kramer, from terrorizing the

neighbors.

Hidden Fence's collar interacts with a boundary of wire installed into the ground. The process of setting

As well as keeping pets in the yard, SafeBet also offers solutions inside the home, in the form of small battery powered units which will safeguard anything from a garbage can or toilet bowl to a computer room.

"If you have something in the house you want to keep the cat away from, these will do the trick," said Badour.

The aforementioned devices and others including training equipment for sporting dogs and other remote training collars are available for purchase online at www.safebethiddenfence.com.

Discipline for a dog is one thing, Badour has pet owners in mind with the newest addition to the Safe Bet stable.

Now, anyone who owns a goldfish, parakeet, cat, dog or any other house pet can go SafeBet Hidden Fencing's website and purchase everything from food to collars. "Order what you want and it's delivered right to your door," said Badour.

Customers can either make a one time purchase or schedule regular deliveries of a wide array of high quality products.

People are so busy now they don't want to mess with buying pet food. Whatever they need just comes automatically and they don't even have to think about it," said Badour.

Safebet is most proud of making pet protection and training products more affordable for everyone.

SafeBet Hidden Fencing is available for appointments year round, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call (810)-654-9377 or visit them at www.safebethiddenfence.com to set up an installation time.



Randy Badour, started SafeBet Hidden Fencing in Michigan five years ago. He and his dog Kramer, will help you keep your pet where it belongs.

up the wire takes between two and four hours. Badour and his crew slice open the ground in order to thread Hidden Fence across the yard. The grass makes a complete recovery within days of installation.

"We're a local business. I think we offer a little more personal touch for the customer. We're available when the customer calls and we're there the same day doing whatever they need, from any problems they have with the system to training their dog," said Badour.

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For Tim Goodwin, co-owner of Maxx Self Storage in Clarkston, little things matter.

The indoor, climate-controlled storage units are painted glossy white and well lit.

A room has been set up with complementary cold beverages and coffee, for people who want to take some records out of storage briefly to review.

Climate-controlled temperature stays at 55 degrees in the winter and 80 degrees in the summer for your comfort.

Large, sliding automatic doors provide easy access when moving.

State-of-the-art fire and security systems provide protection.

Music is piped in for your enjoyment.

"It's all to make this a comfortable place," Goodwin said. "We want to shine above everyone else. Nowadays, people like the extra touches - it makes a world of difference."

Everything about this facility is planned to stand out from the competition.

The large, open showroom includes a display of kits for moving, prepackaged with boxes, bubble wrap, tape, and utility knife, various sizes of boxes, and a full-scale mockup of a 10-by-10-foot storage unit.

"It gives people an idea of what they look like," he said. "The typical response from a customer is 'wow, we've never seen a display set up like this.'"

Customers may request 24-hour access to their indoor or outdoor units - they type in a code at the vehicle gate or building entrance. All of the storage units are constructed so that almost any size unit can be provided.

"We'd just have to remove a wall," he said.

The smallest units, 5-by-5 feet, are perfect for college students home between semesters.

Attorneys, doctors, and other businesses can use bigger units to store their paper records. They can equip units with shelves for storage of document boxes.

"It's less expensive to store them here than to rent office space," he said.

They'll pick up and deliver these items as well.

Pharmaceutical reps can use the units to store their inventories. Maxx employees can receive deliveries and lock them up as a convenience.

Maxx Self Storage offers indoor, climate-controlled units of up to 10-by-25 feet. Non-climate-controlled units are as large as 12-by-30. Outdoor parking spaces of up to 13-by-55 is available for RVs, boats, trailers, and other large vehicles. They will pick up, shrink wrap, and store boats, and unwrap and deliver them in the spring.

"We have room for 500," he said. "Our goal is 300 to 350."

Phase one includes a 33,000-square-foot facility. So far, they have achieved 60 percent occupancy.



Tim Goodwin, owner and managing member of Maxx Self Storage, and Lisa Gooch, self storage specialist, in the climate-controlled part of the facility. They offer extra convenience and comfort to those with extra stuff they need to store. Photo by Phil Custodio

"That's very good, especially since we started during the slow time," he said.

The next phase would include additional buildings, for a total of 85,000 square feet.

Goodwin opened the storage business this past September, with partners Larry Smith and Bill Guthrie, and self storage specialists Lisa Gooch and Heidi Whitelam. Property management is provided by Pogoda Companies of Farmington Hills.

"It was something I wanted to do for many years," Goodwin said.

Goodwin kept an eye on the prop-

erty at 8483 Andersonville Road for a year and a half. When it became available, he bought it.

Goodwin was born and raised in Waterford, and also sells real estate with his wife, Darlene, out of the Max Brook Realtors office on Main Street in Clarkston.

"I've always liked the area," he said. "We enjoy living on Maceday Lake."

Maxx Self Storage is located at 8483 Andersonville Road. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays. Call 248-620-0101 for more information.

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Firm offers expert financial services

Henry Woloson tells the story about a mother of four who added her daughter's name to her bank accounts so someone else would have access to her money in case of emergency.

The emergency came due to a long illness and after Mom died, the siblings discovered their sister had been using the checking account to pay for things like schooling and a wedding for the sister's daughter. The other children were forced to sue their sister but the judge—believing it was what the mother wanted—awarded the bulk of the estate to their sister.

Woloson, owner of Security Financial Management, Inc., in Clarkston, said proper estate planning could have prevented the situation by having the mother establish a self-trusted revocable trust with successor co-trustees.

"You might say, 'I want my children involved in my financial affairs, but I don't want any one person in control,'" Woloson explained. "So you set up a revocable trust and have two people acting on your behalf as co-trustees, so neither can operate without the approval of the other."

In business for more than 20 years, Security Financial Management provides cost-effective, multi-dimensional financial management and estate-planning. They offer estate plan preparation, including revocable trusts and living wills; as well as 401 (k)'s, IRA's; annuities, and long-term care insurance.

Woloson, president of Security Financial Management, has 25 years experience as an attorney and financial advisor. Before starting Security Financial Management, he worked 19 years for one of the largest banks in Michigan. He also served as the controller of a closely-held automotive supplier where he gained a great appreciation for the difficulties being experienced by car manufacturers.

"Understanding how banks, insurance and retirement plans operate is extremely important to making sure the overall wealth management plan works as intended," said Woloson, who also has a master's degree in business.

Woloson knows proper financial management and estate planning are essential, because if not done correctly, clients could pay more in income taxes or end up in court,

spending a lot of time and money, usually unnecessarily. That is why he encourages clients to establish revocable trusts where they designate themselves as initial trustee and specify their successor trustees. "The benefit is that you—not the courts—have decided who is to be involved in your finances if you become incapacitated or at the time of your death," Woloson said. "It is extremely expensive to continuously go to court—to say nothing of the emotional impact—to make decisions that could be handled by a designated successor trustee."

Like Woloson, the staff at Security Financial views the firm's mission as being financial "managers," not just "planners." The general theme for the firm is asset management and, just as important, asset protection. This is why they developed and have filed for patent protection on investment monitoring software called Floatfolio.

"What's the point of helping a client build an estate then watch it be depleted due to bad tax planning or stock market declines?" Woloson said. "You could negate 20 years of successful investing by making avoidable financial and estate planning mistakes."

According to Woloson, most individual's largest assets used to be their home and life insurance but now it is their pre-tax 401(k) and IRA's. Properly managing these assets not only can improve one's retirement income but also enable the unspent portion of these tax-deferred assets to be passed to a spouse or the next generation in the most appropriate manner.

"If you make a mistake when retirement assets are distributed or transferred you could have to pay higher income taxes than you need to," Woloson said. "I'm very sensitive to taxes and costs, and that permeates our philosophy. While I willingly pay my share of taxes, I don't believe anyone should pay a dime more in taxes than they have to."



The staff at Security Financial works hard to protect your financial future.

Woloson encourages potential clients to do their homework when deciding if they should change financial and legal advisors.

"We'd really be doing some individuals a disservice if we tried to be the proverbial square peg in a round hole," Woloson said. "Come in and interview us and also interview other professionals you are considering working with. Is there empathy? Is there recognition of your goals? Just because someone was a good match for your neighbor doesn't mean they are the best person for you."

Woloson and his staff encourage clients to ask questions of Security Financial Management staffers and any other firms they're interviewing.

"We strongly believe in educating our clients about how our services operate," Woloson said. "If you educate people so they understand why they are better off with certain options, they become more confident, ask better questions of us and stay with us when we perform as promised," said Woloson.

"I am proud to say we have improved the quality of life for most of our clients and for their families due to implementing proper planning."

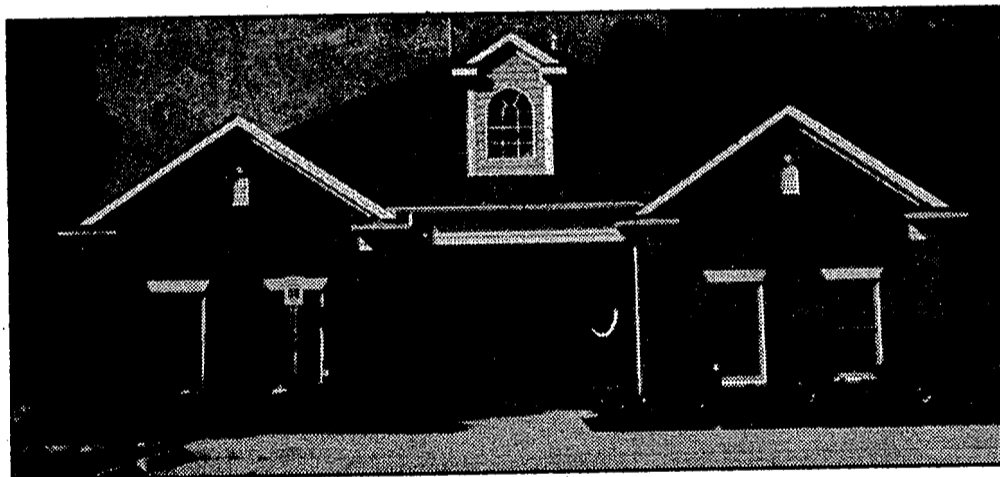
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Get into the game at the Sportsmen's Club

Once named "Oakland County's Best Kept Secret" by a local news personality, the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Waterford Road in Independence Township hopes to change that distinction.

"People will come in here and say, 'I live three miles from here and didn't know you were here,'" Club President Tim Ondusky said.

"I don't want to be the best kept secret, I want everybody to know about us."

OCSC has been in the area since 1943, fostering the love of outdoor sports shared by its members.

The club offers archery, rifle shooting, camping, lake access for fishing, hunter's safety courses and socialization with fellow outdoorsmen. OCSC is a private club and has nearly 1,900 members. The more than 80-acre archery range, which is across Waterford Road from the main clubhouse facility, plays host to many regional archery tournaments.

The club also offers archery and rifle shooting leagues with openings at all times of the day. OCSC offers traditional archery leagues, bow hunter leagues, youth leagues, the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program and beginner's archery on its premises.

The club's indoor range house has 24 lanes, which can be used at ranges between 7-30 yards. In warm-weather conditions, archers can use a 57-acre wooded outdoor range. The range can be used for 3-D, field and hunter, and broadhead stations at distances from 20 - 65 yards.

The rifle and pistol facilities are offered both inside and outdoors as well and the club has leagues for both. They also have a junior rifle club for kids ages 10-17. The OCSC shotgun club offers clay-shooting target practice in trap, skeet, trailer trap and five-stand shooting styles.

Families are invited to join quarter midget rac-

ing, for children 5-16 years old. The local Michigan Midget Racing Association is located at OCSC

The OCSC grounds are also home to the Waterford Hills Road Racing, Inc.

For more information, visit www.waterfordhills.com.

Ondusky, who is in his second term as president, is a Detroit native and moved to the area in 1995. His transformation to a club member was a quick one.

"I fished, but I didn't really hunt or do any other outdoor sports. I met a club member who became president soon after, and he brought me out here," Ondusky said.

"I really enjoyed it and I got into archery and that's where it started. I spent probably more time here in those first two years than doing anything else. Most of my best friends are at this club now."

As the head man in charge, Ondusky reaches his hand out to the community for new members.

"Everyone around here, we would be more than happy to take you around and show you what to do," he said.

The club is holding open registration now. Forms can be printed from the group's Web site, www.ocsc-mi.org and submitted at the club house.

Clubs like OCSC are important to the youth, Ondusky said, because helping teach children the values of outdoor sports determines its future.

"Without getting youth involved, clubs like this



Oakland County Sportsmen's Club President Tim Ondusky talks with members Elden Montross, Jerry Ingles and Dan Stiff in the OCSC clubhouse.

won't be around and there won't be places like this for shooting sports."

"We try to keep the youth involved. A lot of the stuff we do such as instructional programs are geared toward them, because I'm not going to be here forever. We need to get people interested in all the different sports and keep them going," Ondusky said.

The club is also available to Boy and Girl Scouts looking to achieve special badges or patches in archery.

The clubhouse offers catering and the facility can also be rented out for events. OCSC also holds special events which are open to the public and the club's bar is open to the public as well.

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club is located at 4770 Waterford Road in Independence Township. The club is open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Also visit www.ocsc-mi.org for more information.

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CTS helps small businesses take mystery from choosing a new health care plan

With small businesses struggling to stay alive in Michigan's slumping economy, the additional burden of rising health care premiums has many employers searching for more affordable options.

But often, employers find that what began as an endeavor to save money ends up turning into a confusing and downright unpleasant avalanche of paperwork.

"When someone comes to me, my first goal is to compare apples to apples," said Tim Sullivan of CTS Health, a company dedicated to taking confusion out of health care choices. "A lot of times, I can not only find a plan with better benefits, better hospitalizations, better emergency room care and prescriptions, I can also lower premiums."

As the owner of CTS Health, Sullivan sorts the details, crunches the numbers, and makes an experienced recommendation to help small businesses and individuals understand benefits and drawbacks of dozens of potential plans.

Licensed by the State of Michigan, as well as with the insurance companies he represents, Sullivan has the knowledge to abridge a complicated decision for his clients. Reducing and condensing the mountain of brochures and handbooks to a side-by-side presentation, he said takes the confusion and guesswork out of choosing a plan.

"I've created my own spreadsheets to help simplify the choice," he said. "Anybody, any business can call these companies and get that information, but I take it

and filter it and put all their benefits side by side."

From Aetna to Humana to Blue Cross and dozens of others, Sullivan knows the details and the people to contact for answers.

The process starts, he said, with an information gathering session—first, what plan is the client currently using?

"I want to know what you have right now," he said, "so we can compare it, apples to apples."

Sullivan also gathers census information from the group—the number of employees and their ages, who are the family members, and whether or not they have children.

"All of that is critical in getting an accurate quote," he said. "And then as much medical information as I can get. People don't like giving out that information."

Although he understands sensitivity to private health issues and assures clients complete confidentiality, Sullivan warns that disclosure is imperative to receiving an accurate quote.

Once a quote is obtained and the group signs up for a new plan, Sullivan makes sure concerns are addressed and questions are answered. Always.

"When you call me, I'm calling you back that same day," he said. "I might not have the answer, but I'm calling you back to let you know I got your message and I'm taking care of it."

It's not always easy or practical, he

said, for a small business owner to take time to make calls to insurance companies, especially when it's often difficult to interpret the answers coming across the line.

"I want people to call me and I'll get the answers," he said. "You want to add new employees, I'll add them for you. You have to make a change in your plan, I'll make that change for you. I'm going to take care of all of your business."

After all, he said, insurance is not just an employee benefit. Often, it's the key to keeping or losing a talented employee.

"Some agents will sell a plan that isn't what the employees expected," he said. "And all of a sudden, employees literally leave the business to go somewhere else and the guy loses his key employee, the one that makes him all the money, because he switched his insurance to save a few dollars."

It is his commitment to service and making certain he is serving the needs of the client, said Sullivan, that sets him apart.

Although he earns a commission from the insurance companies when he sells a policy—the clients pay no fee—Sullivan knows that he'd be out of business in no time if he sold policies for his own benefit, rather than the client.

"I'm offering a lot of honesty, and my service," he said. "Because I am 100 percent service."

And, in an industry that often has unhappy customers and frequent buy-backs—people canceling their policy—



Tim Sullivan offers 100 percent satisfaction. "When you call me, I'm calling you back that same day," he said.

Sullivan has a particular source of pride.

"I've never lost a client, ever," he said. "And referrals are the biggest thing I have going lately to build my business."

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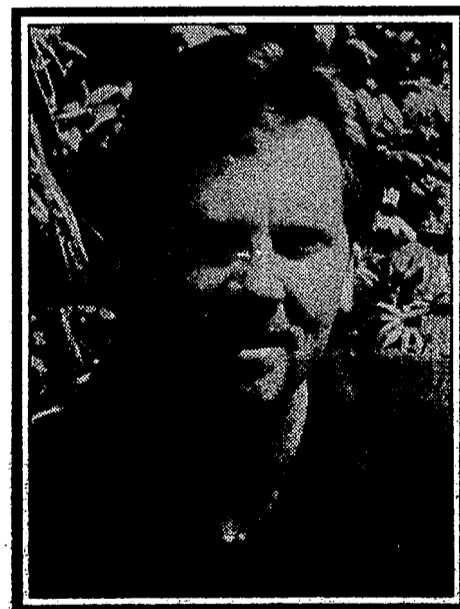
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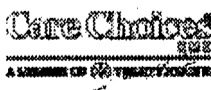
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Michigan Web Press: a leader in printing, customer service

When it comes to their customers, Wes Smith of Michigan Web Press, said they take pride in going above and beyond their expectations.

"That's important because it helps us retain business and jobs and lets us grow," he said.

In the printing business since 1990, Michigan Web Press acquired the Lapeer-based Webco Press in August of last year, and now covers the Great Lakes region.

Michigan Web Press, which is owned by Rick Burrough, has a customer list of more than 150 businesses, and prints over 250 publications ranging from weekly newspapers, several ethnic and foreign language papers and publications for advertising agencies and retailers in full color as well as black and white. Their fleet of delivery trucks will deliver your printing to anywhere in the Midwest.

They also produce mini-tab brochures and coupon books and offer several different sizes and types of newsprint and offset paper stocks. They have the largest four-color process capacity in a single pressrun of any single-width newspaper press in Michigan.

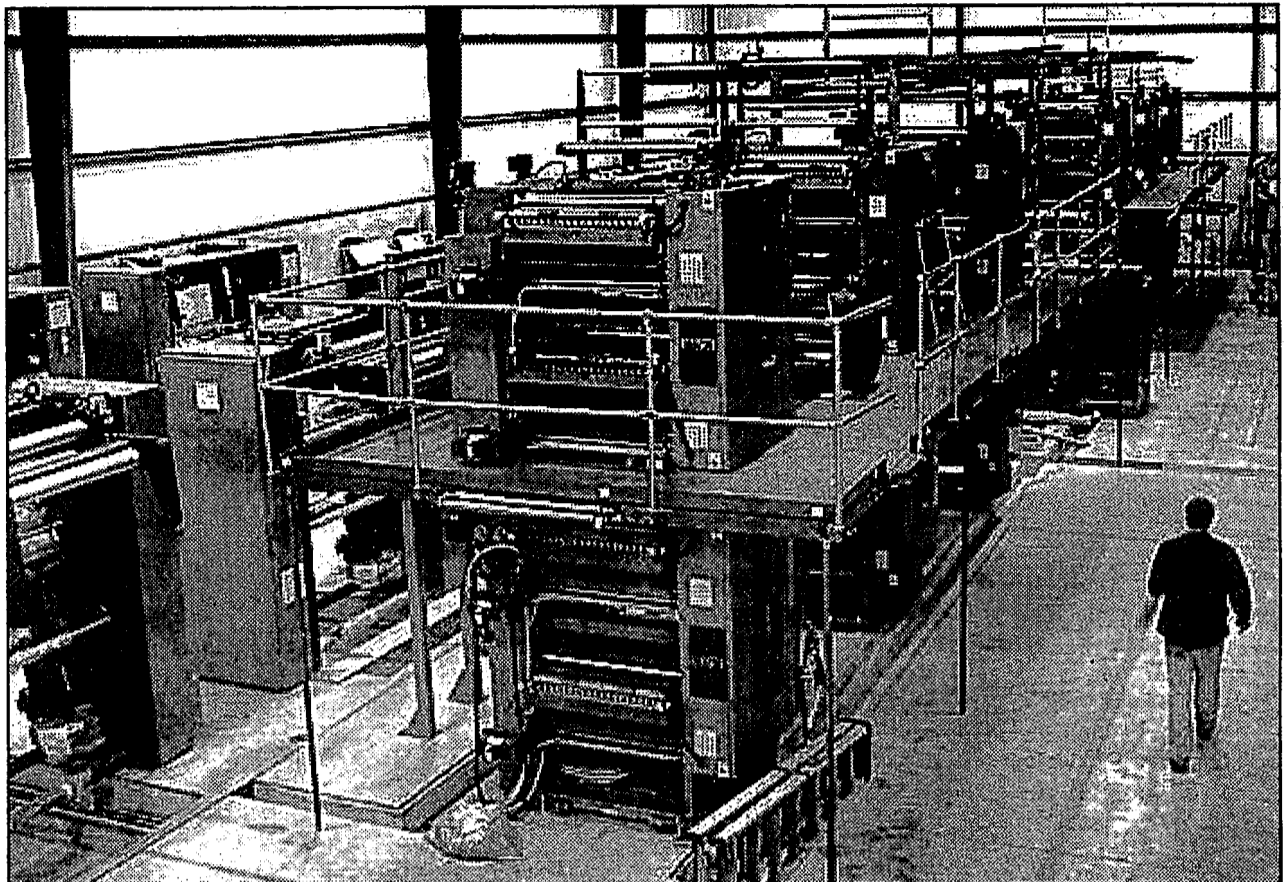
To make their customer's products the highest quality, Michigan Web Press uses the latest in digital computer to plate imaging, which is faster and more accurate than the conventional film to plate process. The press-line consists of a 20-unit web press, which is much faster than most sheet-fed presses.

Michigan Web Press is currently installing a second, new press line at their Davisburg plant. The new press, a 24-unit Goss Magnum, has the highest web offset printing technology available.

Also key to serving their customers is Michigan Web's state-of-the-art inserting equipment, which can insert up to 10 pieces in a single pass.

"The advantage of the inserting equipment is that it's faster and less expensive," Smith said.

The company's expanded their direct mailing business and mailed over 58,000,000 papers last year. They also printed over 119,000,000 copies last year (more than



2.2 million per week).

Michigan Web Press' in-house mailing division is among the largest mailing firms in the state. Mailing services include state-of-the-art mail list sortation, verification and enhancement software, USPS compliance and form completion, addressing via paper label or ink jet, and complete sorting, bagging, traying and delivery service.

They also do in-house bindery services for their customers.

Not only is Michigan Web Press dedicated to their customers, but they're also environmentally friendly be-

cause they use recycled newsprint and soy-based inks for printing.

Making the magic happen is Michigan Web Press' staff of 60 between its Davisburg and Lapeer locations, which have up to 35 years experience in printing.

Michigan Web Press' Lapeer office is located at 588 McCormick Dr. Call them at 810-664-7403.

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All About Driving owner/instructor Michele Montagano believes in teaching students real-world scenarios.

Learn to drive the right way

Remember when you learned how to drive? How nervous were you the first time you got behind the wheel? The whole process can be unnerving, especially if the classroom lessons leading up to that first drive are mundane.

Fortunately, there is an alternative to the average driving course, and owner Michele Montagano is willing to go the extra mile to make sure his students feel comfortable.

"I've worked for the other companies before. I hated it and I hated that the kids hated it. Now I come in to work and I like what I offer, you hold your head high," Montagano said.

The higher standards don't only apply

to the students, Montagano has put in several years to achieve his level of driving proficiency. In 1997, Montagano earned his bachelor's degree to teach driver's education from Central Michigan University. He later attended the Kalamazoo Stunt Driving School to earn his stunt license. He wanted to earn that license to learn what a car will do in an unexpected circumstance.

"I'm calm because I know what to do next," Montagano said. "I did it for these kids."

No matter what driving school you attend, the rules of the road do not change. The methods for learning are completely different however. The content of the lessons set "All About Driving" apart and are

taught, rather than watched.

"All they do is show movies from the 1980's or early '90s and the laws have changed since then," Montagano said.

Montagano invested his money to make sure materials at AAD are completely up-to-date and doesn't rely on straight-from-the-book lecturing or instructional films that students can doze off watching. Students at AAD interact with their lessons, with hands-on exercises that keep them interested and entertained all while learning the vital rules they need before they drive. Assignments have student using magnet boards to simulate various traffic scenarios and creating presentations on single aspects of driving which they present to the class.

From start to finish, lessons at AAD last three weeks and 36 students can enroll in a single class. Students get six practice drives to show what they've learned, but Montagano said he has no problem going over that number if that is what it takes for a student to feel comfortable. Whether it's teens or adults, defensive driving is critical to their success.

"I drove with a girl every Saturday for a year and never charged her extra," Montagano said, adding that the girl's parents came along to see her progress as time went along.

The type of car being used for road tests is hardly a minor detail. With the excessive mileage put on test cars, constant tune-ups and repairs are a necessity, and the investment is worth it.

"Try going on a freeway in a car with no power with a kid that doesn't want to go on the freeway at 70 miles an hour and they have to pick it up at the last second, it doesn't work," Montagano said. Student at AAD will become familiar with the

company's Pontiac Grand Prix's, which Montagano maintains regularly. Each car has its tires replaced every two months for example.

Montagano understands the pressure that comes with learning to drive, and knows that mistakes will be made along the way during the learning process.

"I can't be perfect, and I don't want to even suggest that I am. I leave my blinker on for too long sometimes. I'm like everybody else, I make mistakes. At least I'm more conscience of it," Montagano said. "I don't think it's fair that students don't pass because they're nervous and they just need more time. I just give them more time."

Montagano said paying attention behind the wheel is a huge part of learning to drive, and a bad habit which may need to be un-learned. Bad behaviors can be learned from adult drivers, Montagano said, "We have to correct adults to train kids."

That sentiment applies to students even after they have passed the course. Former students are welcome to return for a refresher course or practice drive before taking a road test.

Montagano hopes to begin a defensive-driving course in July. The program would be "panic control," to help students cope with hydroplaning, driving in reverse and cornering too fast, he said.

"If they lose control of the car, they know how to recover from it," Montagano said.

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Alternative Hair Center is a private and relaxed, full-service hair replacement facility offering personalized one-on-one service to meet clients' needs.

The staff is dedicated to educating people to the different options available for hair loss, while providing each client with the right solutions that fit their lifestyle.

AHC offers non-surgical hair replacement for clients dealing with all types of hair loss from Alopecia, cancer or disease related, genetic hair loss, trichotillomania and temporary hair loss.

Alopecia, or the medical term for hair loss, is a highly unpredictable, autoimmune skin disease. It causes the body's immune system to attack its own tissue resulting in the disruption of the hair growth cycle, which in turn causes hair loss.

There are five main types of Alopecia: Alopecia Aerata, which causes one or more small, round smooth bald patches on the scalp, Alopecia Totalis, which involves hair loss over the entire scalp, Alopecia Universalis, which involves hair loss over the whole body, Traction Alopecia, which can be temporary or permanent hair loss in certain areas of the scalp, and Cicatricial Alopecia, which is caused from a burn and always results in permanent hair loss.

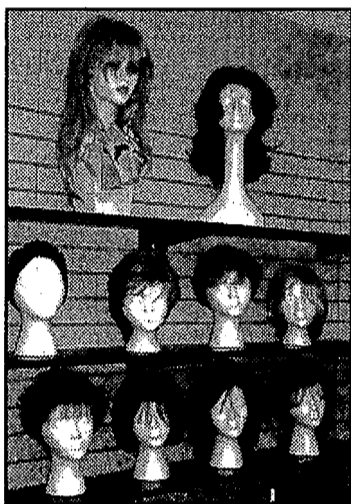
Temporary hair loss, or Telogen Effluvium, is another form of hair loss in which AHC can help: This type of hair loss occurs when the hair growth cycle is disturbed causing the follicle to stay in the telogen (resting stage). Any factors that interfere with hormonal levels can disrupt the hair growth cycle. Some examples of this are: childbirth, pregnancy, birth control pills, dieting drugs and severe emotional stress. Some diseases that may cause temporary hair loss are lupus, ringworm, trichotillomania and depression.

Anagen Effluvium is a sudden hair loss due to chemotherapy or radiation treatments. These treatments destroy fast dividing cells, but results in side effects such as disrupting the hair growth cycle, resulting in sudden hair loss.

All of the forms of hair loss above are conditions that can be helped by AHC, said Owner Karen

Henckel.

"Hair loss affects one's self-esteem, self-confidence and their overall well-being," she said. "All staff members have a passion for helping people overcome this issue and help them cope with the daily issues of losing their hair. We have helped hundreds of people deal with hair loss and become comfortable with their own, personal situation."



Owner of Alternative Hair Center, Karen Henckel, stands by some of the wigs AHC offers their clients.

To help clients with feeling like this about themselves, AHC can reproduce any look that its clients have their mind set on using synthetic and human hair wigs.

Henckel, who lost her mother to breast cancer as a child, said she is dedicated to helping clients who have cancer.

All of the technicians at AHC have more than 15 years experience in the hair industry, are licensed and have been trained throughout the country in the latest technology, trends and styles available to date in hair replacement.

AHC ensures clients receive the most natural looking head of hair available to date.

AHC was founded by Henckel in 1997 and moved from its Rochester loca-

tion 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 is for women undergoing cancer treatment and the sessions help these women cope with their hair and makeup concerns. For more information about the program, visit www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org.

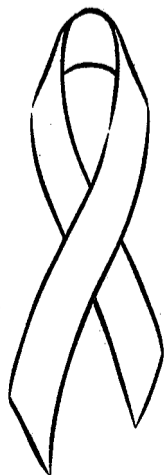
ACH creates solutions for both men and women and also offers massage therapy. It is located at 5730 Bella Rose Blvd. And is open Tues.-Sat.

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Perfection takes time. That is something Island Breeze Tanning Owner and Manager Stephanie Stephen kept in mind while designing her new store.

"I wanted something that stood up to the Clarkston name," Stephen said.

Stephen spent nearly six months working on the building prior to its late-January opening, adorning the 2,200-square-foot building with customized colors and look more befitting of a home.

The walls are painted with colors customized for Stephen and the room numbers have been personally designed for her as well.

"Everyone loves it, the colors are warm and relaxing," Stephen said.

Guests will recognize the patience paid to small details after glancing up from the bamboo hardwood floors. The store's waiting area has three leather sofas and a large plasma television to greet clients. Guests won't likely be able to spend much time there, as the salon has six beds to offer and is looking to expand to 10 in the near future.

The salon will also be offering a nail technician for manicures and pedicures.

Island Breeze will also be offering a "Mystic Tan" spray tan they are excited to be getting.

Stephen's father, Tony, owner of the complex where the salon sits nestled above a Curves fitness center, thinks the customers will appreciate the convenience of the one-two punch the locations provide.

"We thought about what was needed in the area. People are very excited and very happy to have the convenience," he said.

He said the increased traffic flow near the Davisburg Road and Dixie Highway intersection will help bring business to the store.

"People need to know where we're at. This building is very popular," Stephen said.

Stephen said the time spent with early details will help expedite service in the future.

"We want full speed, we didn't cut any corners," he said.

"Opening a business, you have to do it the right way to avoid setbacks."

Tony Stephen also owns the neighboring Davisburg and Dixie Market and the family has been living in the Clarkston area for

seven years. Stephen has been in family retail for more than 30 years and Stephanie has been helping and managing her father's stores since she was a teenager, giving her a plentiful amount of customer-relations skills.

"She's a people person," Tony said. Customers have often commented about Stephanie's quality service standards to her father.

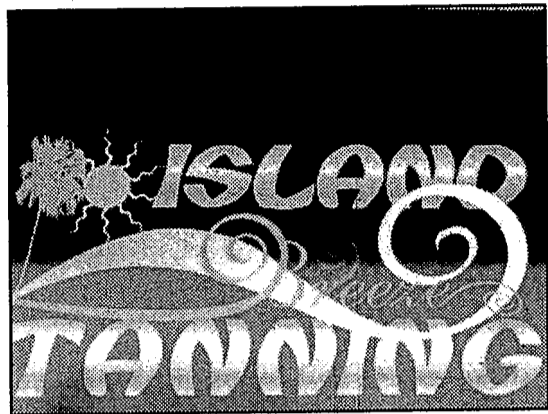
Tony said the Springfield Township government officers were instrumental to get the shop up and running as quickly as it did.

The Stephens both remarked

on the helpful computer system, Helios, the salon uses. The system records clients' preferences for which tanning beds they like and the products they have purchased in the past, i.e. lotions and bronzers.

Island Breeze offers "The Sun Club" for its guests. The club is a \$25 one-time fee and clients can pay by the minute based on the bulb strength of the tanning beds used. Membership entitles clients to a 25 percent discount on lotions year-round.

Island Breeze Tanning is located at 9811 Dixie Highway, Suite 2. The store can be reached at 248-625-9094. Island Breeze is open Mon-Thurs. 9a.m.-9p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



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Tom Vermeulen, owner of Rosslare, has over 30 years of carpentry experience, 10 at his current location in Clarkston.

Vermeulen specializes in custom designing, even on the scale of an entire home.

"I'm not a track builder, all of my projects are unique," said Vermeulen.

Working to every customer's individual needs means paying attention to the details and Vermeulen prefers to work in close contact with the customer to ensure everything is the way they want.

"I believe in taking my time during the design phase to make sure the customer is satisfied," said Vermeulen, adding that he encourages daily contact and review by his customers.

Vermeulen doesn't mind and actually prefers working under the watchful eye of a customer.

"I like my clients to be creative. If they hire me to build their dream home, I want them to make sure everything is going according to plan," he said.



Tom Vermeulen, owner of Rosslare Building Company, Inc., works one-on-one with his customers to make sure they get exactly what they want.

Working on a tight budget? Never a problem.

Though change orders are accepted, Vermeulen said Rosslare works with a customer's set budget and stays within it.

To ensure everything goes smoothly, Vermeulen is willing to work with the customer's subcontractors or even go shopping for supplies with them.

When it comes to experience, it's

hard to beat 30 years in the business, and Vermeulen's past projects range from big to small.

Vermeulen has remodeled or built single room additions such as kitchens, bathrooms and basements, as well as homes ranging from 1,200 - 7,000 square feet in size.

He has also worked as a superintendent on major building projects including multistory office buildings and ware-

house stores.

With his years of experience, Vermeulen believes the key to his success is being a hands-on remodeler.

"I'm on the project from start to finish," Vermeulen said.

His involvement from design through final sweeps means his clients can expect quality service.

Rosslare is always striving to make internal improvements as well. They have an architect on retainer and will soon have in-house CAD design service.

Customer satisfaction speaks for itself, and as a testament to the level of service by Rosslare, many customers return over and over again.

"I've had four projects done by Rosslare, a remodeled bathroom, kitchen and family room and I had an additional bathroom built on" said customer Al Jaynes.

"They were always completed on time and Rosslare stayed right on budget."

So before you start your next building project, keep Rosslare in mind.

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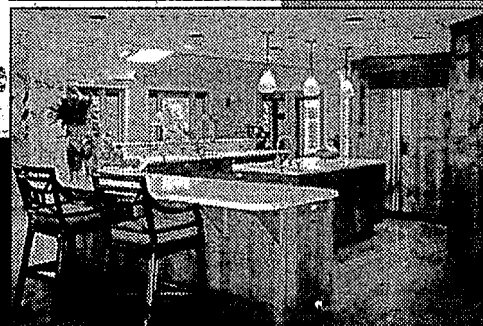
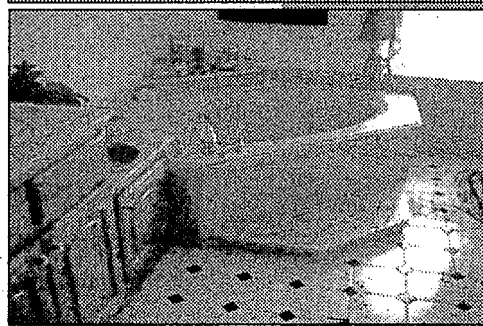
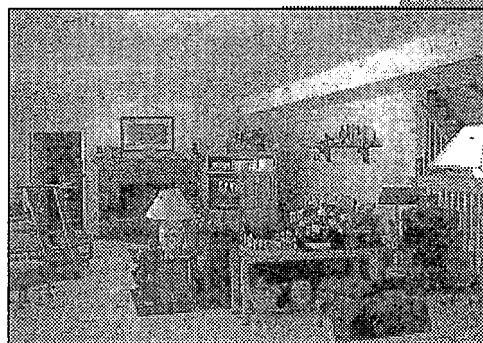
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"Drier, cleaner, healthier" is the motto of Four Seasons Chem-Dry, an independently owned, franchise based carpet and upholstery cleaning company.

Goy Ulyart started the business with his wife, Tammy, in May of last year after wanting some say in his own life instead of being tied down to the automotive industry with little job security.

"I also wanted to take on a franchise so that I know there is more chance of succeeding," Ulyart said. "I knew the Chem-Dry franchise had all the attributes we were looking for to start up our own company.

In addition to carpet and upholstery cleaning of residential and commercial, Chem-Dry also specializes in area rug cleaning, protectant, Pet Urine Removal Treatments, leather cleaning and stain removals such as red wine, oil and lipstick.

However, carpet and upholstery cleaning is Chem-Dry's specialty.

Their hot carbonated extraction uses one-fifth of the hot water that traditional steam cleaning uses, which allows the carpet or upholstery to dry in two hours or less.

The carbonation of the water allows the dirt and grime to rise to the top of the

carpet to be better cleaned.

"Also, many of our competitors use a lot of pressurized hot water to clean. This pressure pushes the dirt further down into the carpet so the stains reappear.

"The amount of water they use causes the carpet and the padding to be wet for longer," Ulyart said. "The longer the carpet takes to dry, the more chance you have of mold and mildew growing, which is unsafe. We use less water and less pressure. We're proud that our system allows carpets and upholstery to dry in less than two hours."

Another area of pride for Ulyart's is his gold certified truck-mounted cleaning system.

"The gold certification from the Carpet and Rug Institute means that our equipment has been tested and can remove at least 85 percent of the dirt from an

area," he said.

"This helps our reputation in the industry. We put our reputation at the top of our priority list. If a customer isn't satisfied by the time I'm done, they don't have to pay. That's my motto - and I've never had to use it. We also say, if the spots come back, so will we - and I've never had to do that



Goy and Tammy Ulyart stand in front of their Four Season Chem-Dry truck. If all goes to plan, Chem-Dry should be adding another truck to their fleet within the next year

either."

Currently Ulyart's Chem-Dry operates out of his home in Clarkston and operates with one truck, servicing much of Oakland and Genesee Counties with hopes to expand to Macomb County by mid-March. Ulyart also hopes to grow his fleet of trucks as well.

Another area of growth is in the work Chem-Dry has been doing with Home Depot. Recently Home Depot purchased Chem-Dry resulting in a unification.

Four Seasons Chem-Dry has been assigned the Auburn Hills Home Depot.

"They are going to let us do in-store demos, which will really help us out," Ulyart said. "I want to get into the store to do demonstrations, set up a display and get to know

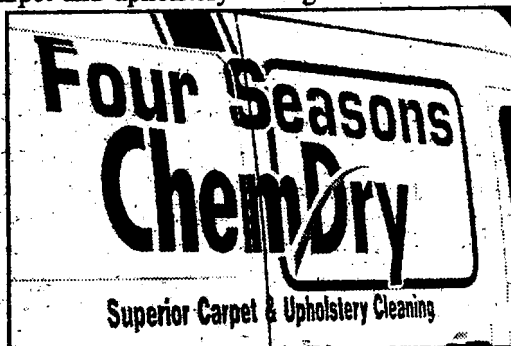
the store a little more."

Among anything else, said Ulyart, he really wants to give back to the community and create a good business to raise his family with.

"We're a local Clarkston business and a local family," he said.

"We have three children, ages eight, five and four months and we really want to be able to help this community. The better we do in our business the better the community can do because we'll have the opportunity to offer employment. Customer service in our community is also very important to us. If our customers are happy, we're happy - that's the bottom line."

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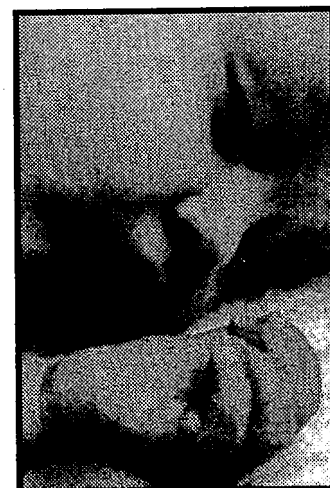
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Step by Step celebrates a decade of dance

Step by Step School of Dance is proud to celebrate its ten-year anniversary.

Founded in October of 1997 by Diane Couture, Step by Step School of Dance has experienced continued

growth since its inception. The reason for this continued growth is the personal involvement of "Ms. Diane" and her highly qualified staff of instructors. Dance instructors at Step by Step have traveled to New York, Chicago, Florida and a variety of other locations to further their dance training.

Step by Step School of Dance began on Baldwin Road, south of its current location. Increased demand for classes necessitated moving to a new larger facility across from Friendship Park. This move occurred approximately three years ago.

"We have a state-of-the-art facility," Couture says. "Our 2,500 square foot dance studio features two large dance floors and a spacious waiting room and lobby area."

"The dance floors at Step by Step are different from other area dance studios," she adds. "Our scientifically-designed suspended floors have a multi-layered floor system that is designed to protect students' ankles, knees and hips from possible joint injuries."

Parental viewing has also been enhanced by adding large viewing windows in the lobby.

By doubling their dance space, Couture says, Step by Step is now able to offer a wider variety of dance classes.

"We offer classes for ages three through adult, six days a week, with day and evening classes available," she says. "For the convenience of parents, our classes are scheduled around all local school schedules."

"We strive to offer classes for everyone," Couture adds.

Daytime classes at Step by Step begin at 10 a.m., Monday through Saturday. Afternoon and evening classes begin at 4:45 p.m. and run Monday through Friday. Both recreational and competitive dance classes are offered. Classes include Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Pointe, Hip-Hop, Acro-Dance (tumbling), Preschool and Kinderdance, as well as All Boy's Tap and Jazz.

The competitive dancers at Step by Step School of Dance have received numerous Gold, Hi-Gold and Platinum awards at both regional and national events. The competition schedule is relaxed enough to allow dancers to participate in other activities and school events. Recreational dancers at Step by Step perform at recitals and specialty shows.

This spring, the public can check out all of the Step by Step dancers on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at the Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center. Afternoon and evening shows will be presented at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Call the studio for ticket information.

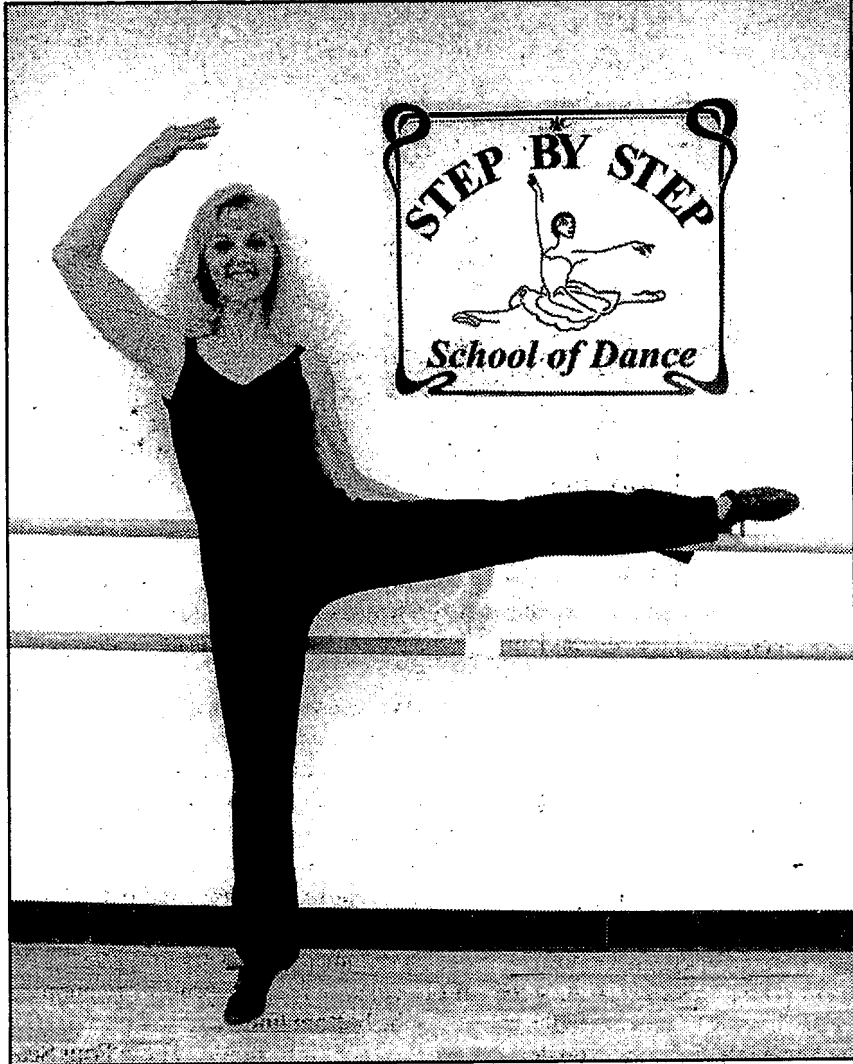
For new students thinking of giving dance lessons a try, Step by Step offers a low-cost six week summer session.

"The summer classes are a great chance for a new dancer to test a class out and see if they enjoy it," Couture says. "Then if they like it, they can choose to enroll in the longer session that starts in the fall."

"Each student at Step by Step School of Dance is encouraged and motivated to reach their personal highest potential," she adds.

The school offers a full line of Step by Step apparel, including T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets, dance bags, water bottles, zippered hoodies and more.

Step by Step School of Dance is located at 936 South Baldwin Road, Suite 105, across from Friendship Park and north of Clarkston Road. The phone number is 248-693-STEP (7837). Please phone with address information if you would like to be added to their mailing list about upcoming classes.



Owner Diane Couture, above, and her instructors' enthusiasm for dance inspire the Step by Step dance students to reach their full potentials.

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"Schenden's Spas has three Oakland County locations where clients can escape from everyday stresses and focus on their well-being," says Leslie Bean, Spa Director.

Gift certificates to the spas are in such high demand, Schenden's Spas has made them instantly available at www.SchendenSpas.com.

Michael J. Schenden, MD is the chief of plastic surgery at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy and Schenden's Spas medical director.

Each spa is an oasis of relaxation where clients benefit from the latest technological advances in skin care including laser hair removal, microdermabrasion and facial peels.

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"In today's society, we tend to be too busy and sometimes forget to take care of ourselves," says Bean. "Good health is more than the absence of disease, spa treatments are no longer once or twice a year indulgences. Our services promote good health and slow down the effects of aging."

Clients can visit Schenden's Spa on the Lake, a Victorian home on M-24 near downtown Lake Orion; Schenden's Spa at the Athletic Club, located inside the Great Lakes Athletic Club on Baldwin Road, open to both athletic club members and non-members with a separate entrance at the rear of the building or Schenden's Spa in Troy, located in the Columbia Center Building on Big Beaver Road just east of I-75.

"We strive to offer the best for our clients," says Bean. "We research the products and services available and offer only the best."

Schenden's Spas clients especially like the results they see with the Biomedic skin care product line. Biomedic is available only through spas under medical direction and features skin care products with very active, powerful ingredients, such as retinols, which help to improve the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles.

Rebecca Lynch is an aesthetician at Schenden's Spas. "Eyelash extensions are in high demand," says Lynch. "Instead of settling for the most common artificial method for longer eyelashes, we're bringing in Age Intervention Eyelash. It is a treatment that increases the appearance



With three convenient locations, including one at the Great Lakes Athletic Club, Schenden's Spa makes a relaxing time available to all.

of density and volume of natural eyelashes for results that are longer lasting and less expensive than artificial applications."

Schenden's Spas newest service is a Five Star European Pedicure. "Our clients tell us what they want, and we do everything in our power to make it happen," says Julie Rose, Schenden's Spas Nail Technician Manager. "The Five Star European Pedicure includes a soothing foot soak to soften feet, a foot scrub and mask to eliminate dry cracked heels, a lower leg and foot massage to moisturize and rejuvenate the skin, warm herbal eye and neck packs plus," Rose smiles and takes a breath before continuing "a

hot stones experience, aromatherapy, paraffin treatment and an arm and hand massage!"

All spa locations are available to host private custom parties and corporate events. Schenden's Spas massage therapists will even travel to office sites with chair massages to increase work productivity for individual companies.

Spa hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Schenden's Spa at Great Lakes Athletic Club is also open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. See their advertisement for contact information for each spa and visit www.SchendenSpas.com for seasonal specials and instant gift certificates.

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In addition to qualified removal and disposal of diseased or infested trees at residential sites, Metropolitan Tree Inc. also does contract work for counties, local municipalities, building contractors, commercial and residential customers.

During the past years millions of area trees have become infested with a variety of diseases from Dutch Elm disease, Oak Wilt to Emerald Ash Borer to the latest the Cottonwood Borer.

The Cottonwood Borer causes damage primarily at the bases of infested trees and consists of sawdust-packed tunnels up to ½ inch in diameter bored into the wood, which weakens the trees. Damaged trees may blow over, breaking off at the base. It infests eastern cottonwood, poplar and willow trees.

"The number of infestations are growing and becoming more of a threat," said Pepera. "Trees need to be removed and disposed in quick fashion before they infest other trees—the Emerald Ash Borer and Dutch Elm, Oak Wilt disease both caused extensive damage to area trees."

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From left, Ron Pepera, Denis Robinson and Tony Colonna after cutting a tree at the post office in Ortonville.

Michigan and major Michigan cities including Detroit and Livonia to dispose of infected trees.

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"We can do any type of deck work, to make the outdoors more inviting," said Hennig, an area native working in the deck industry for more than 25 years.

"We'll meet with the customer and put your design ideas together. If your deck is old, worn out or needs a face lift we can do that too."

Offering decks of any size and dimension from simple to ornate—Hennig provides the experiences in utilizing a variety of rail systems, including metal rails, tempered glass, aluminum balusters, in addition to traditional wood.

"The biggest change to the deck industry has been the preference for composites or maintenance free products rather than wood, still wood is very popular."

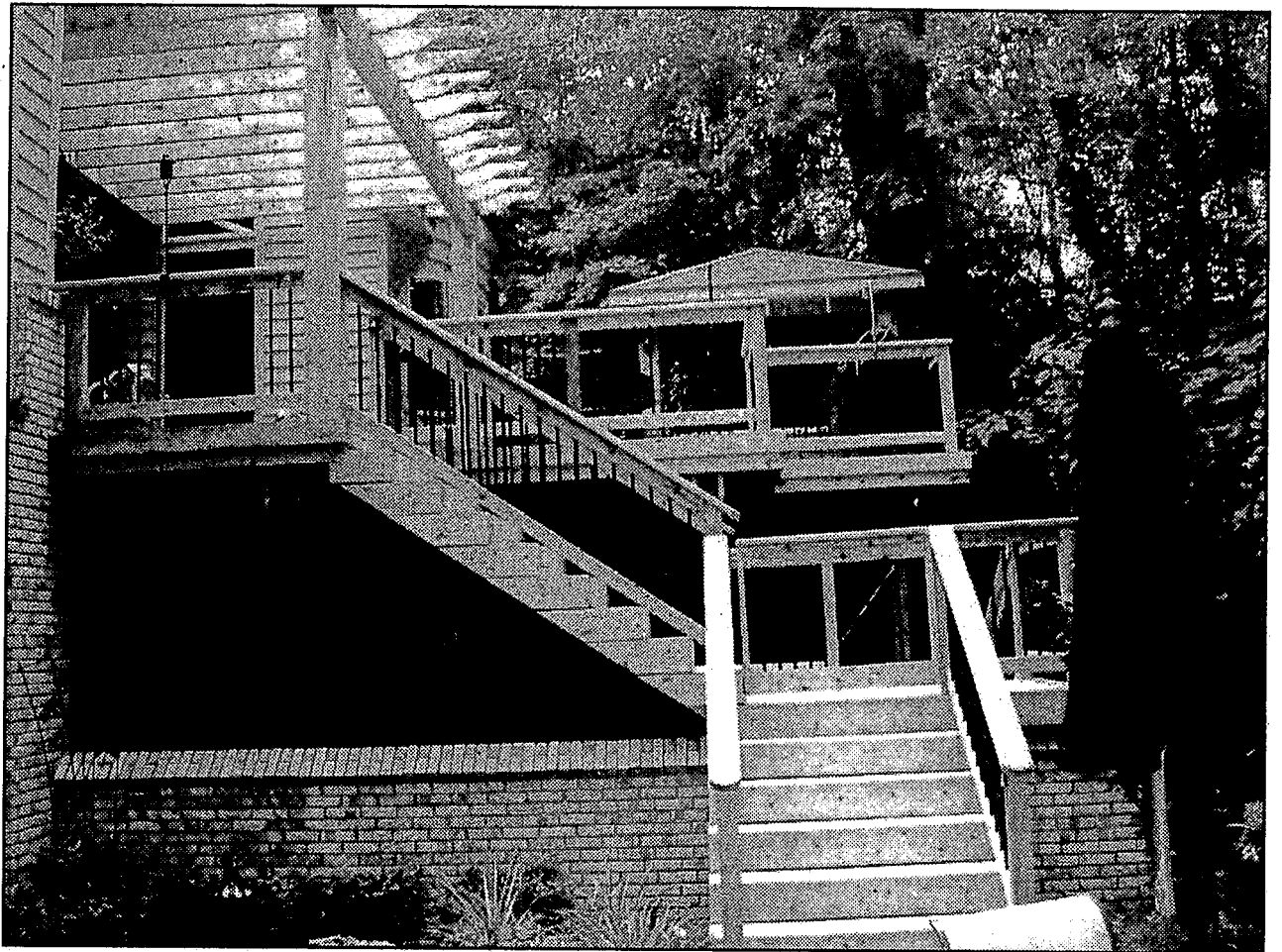
Composite deck material is a durable blend of wood fibers and plastic. The greatest features, says Hennig are that composite materials are virtually maintenance free, are decay resistant, and have little expansion and contraction.

While decks are common to extend livable space in homes many homeowners have opted for a pergola as a means to create a shady retreat, and serve as a major landscaping element.

The pergola is an overhead structure that serves as a major or simple landscaping element.

"Like deck construction, we can build a pergola to meet any need or idea the customer may have," said Hennig. "Often construction of a pergola can change the way you think about your home and improve the value. Many use the area under a pergola for entertaining."

A pergola overhead constructed by Hennig was featured recently on the cover of "Leading Residential



A deck and pergola constructed in southeast Michigan by John Hennig Carpentry, L.L.C.

Landscaping Professionals," a book published in 2006. Also, one of Hennig's pergola was on display at Somerset Collection in Troy.

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Pam Bytner, president and co-owner of Bytner Design, brought her experience and knowledge of interior design with her when she opened the business.

Bytner graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in Fine Arts and an emphasis in interior design.

She then worked several years in the industry of interior design and then decided to use her talents and knowledge to open a business.

At Bytner Design, she and her partner provide custom designed cabinetry for residential applications, said Bytner.

They provide cabinetry for kitchens, master suites, luxury closets, home theaters and many other applications.

"We offer a truly personalized, unique application for anyone who wants something more unique in their homes," she said.

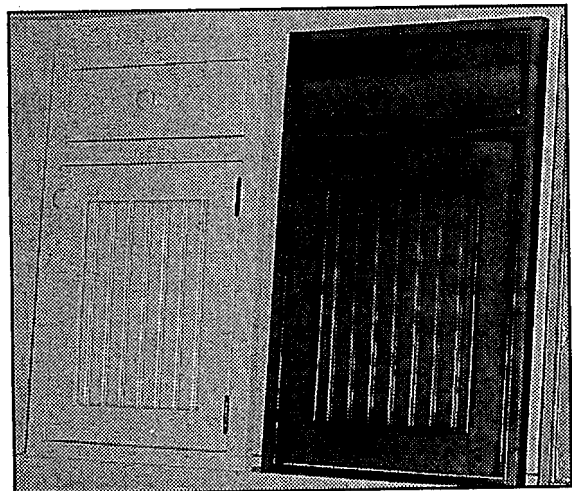
Because of her background in interior design Bytner said something that sets them apart from their competition is their ability to be more design-oriented.

"We've built a very solid reputation of being a leader in this industry," said Bytner. "We've won a lot of awards and been featured in many magazines."

Some awards the business has won have been the Custom Home Magazine Kitchen and Bath Star Award, the Sub



Pam Bytner, co-owner and president of Bytner Design Associates, Inc. shows off the unique, custom-made cabinetry in the showroom of the business.



Cabinets on display in the showroom of Bytner Design.

Zero/Wolfe design contest and the National Kitchen and Bath Association Award, among others.

While providing everything from semi-custom designs to high-end custom cabinetry, Bytner said the reason they are able to keep their prices lower than competitors is that they've always maintained a very low overhead, which also helps them "offer more customer service."

In addition to their exquisite cus-

tom designed cabinetry, Bytner said she is striving to soon become a specialist in "green" kitchens.

"We are expanding our offering in products that are sustainable and environmentally friendly," said Bytner.

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"He had taken over another exam room when he said, 'I need my own place,' and he moved across the street and that's where he was for 35 years."

Ten years ago CMG moved into its current location at 6770 Dixie Highway and now another move is on the horizon.

CMG has teamed with McLaren Health Care Corporation to build and staff a new facility on a nine-acre parcel off Bow Pointe Drive near Sashabaw Road. The new facility will enable CMG to offer more services for its patients.

"We are excited about expanding our services, adding new physicians to our group and providing our community with much needed state-of-the-art medical facility for their health care needs," O'Neill said.

The nearly 31,000 square-foot center will have separate urgent and primary care areas. The locale will include an imaging center, a woman's imaging center, as well as oncologists and radiologists through a partnership with Great Lakes Cancer Institute.

"There will be a full array of diagnostic services there," O'Neill said.

"You'll be able to have a number of minor procedures done right here in Clarkston, such as having a knee scoped, cataract surgery, minor abdominal pro-

cedures, colonoscopies and minor breast biopsies," O'Neill explained. "CMG plans to relocate its 14 physicians when we open our new location in the spring 2009."

Clarkston Medical Group patients can expect to receive their health care and build a relationship with doctors they will be familiar with whether it's for everyday check ups, illnesses or injuries. "At CMG our physicians are dedicated to offering patients the best care possible in a friendly and familiar setting," said Dean Moscovic, D.O.

CMG has several board-certified physicians including Doctors Renny Abraham, Dean Moscovic and Nancy Crossley who all practice internal medicine and pediatrics, Dr. Tim O'Neill, a family practice physician and his father, Dr. James O'Neill who is a pediatrician.

The physicians pride themselves on seeing patients from the time they are born into adulthood. "Our organization allows us to build relationships with patients and take care of an entire family," said Dr. Crossley. "I see three generations of some families. It's a real honor when a patient trusts you with both their kids and their parents. You get to see the patient's whole social picture which can be invaluable during evaluation," ex-



Drs. Renny Abraham, Nancy Crossley, Dean Moscovic and Tim O'Neill represent the Clarkston Medical Group.

plained Crossley.

Abraham grew up in Clarkston graduating from Clarkston High School in 1992, making the experience all the more meaningful to him. "I look forward to taking care of people I grew up with and neighbors in my own community. That relationship is the most important thing. If you take care of a community you know personally it really feels like you're doing that community a great service," Abraham said.

In addition, services provided by CMG includes a 24-hour urgent care

"You have two worlds of medicine care; primary and urgent care. This is a melting pot between the two," said Moscovic. "It's nice for our patients to

have access to 24 hour care all under one roof."

"Our concern is always to meet the needs of our patients, so our physicians are on the medical staff of many of the local hospitals, including St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Oakland and Beaumont Hospitals," concluded Moscovic.

Now you can schedule an appointment with one of the four physicians at the Clarkston Medical Group. If you are sick, same day or next day appointments are usually available. Please call 248-625-2621 for your next appointment or for more information about the physicians. Most insurances are accepted.

The Clarkston Medical Group is located at 6770 Dixie Highway.

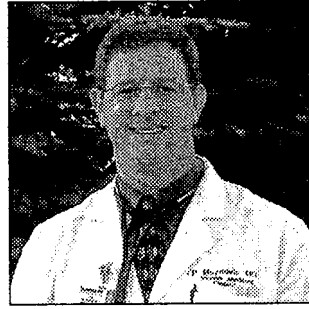
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