

Number crunch

School budget fix drops deficit by \$1.9 million

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston School board trustees want to reduce the district's budget by \$2 million. With cuts, number crunching, and some additional revenue, administrators have come close, reducing budget deficits by about \$1.9 million.

It's not an across-the-board cut, said Bruce Beamer, executive director for business services, at Monday's Board of Education meeting.

"We looked for duplicate budget items, retirement, central office budget—things that would not be a specific hindrance to specific programs," Beamer said.

"We've looked at virtually every account in the central office," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "We've asked administrators to bring their budgets in under as much as they can, if they can."

With the school year more than two-thirds complete, they looked for items on track to come in under budget, Beamer said.

Examples include capital outlays, which

has spent about 38.7 percent of its \$207,266 budget this year, and fringe benefits, which has used up about 56.1 percent so far of its \$16.9 million budget.

The school district is required by contract to issue layoffs by the end of April, but is not yet ready to do so, Roberts said.

"No one wants to go into April without a recommendation on reductions in personnel," Roberts said. "But if we rush, we would make recommendations that are not in the best interest of students. We don't want to do that."

According to Beamer's budget amendment, approved unanimously by the school board, revenues are expected to increase by \$401,522, mostly because of extra federal money for special education. Spending cuts equal about \$1.5 million, for a total of about \$1.9 million change overall to the budget.

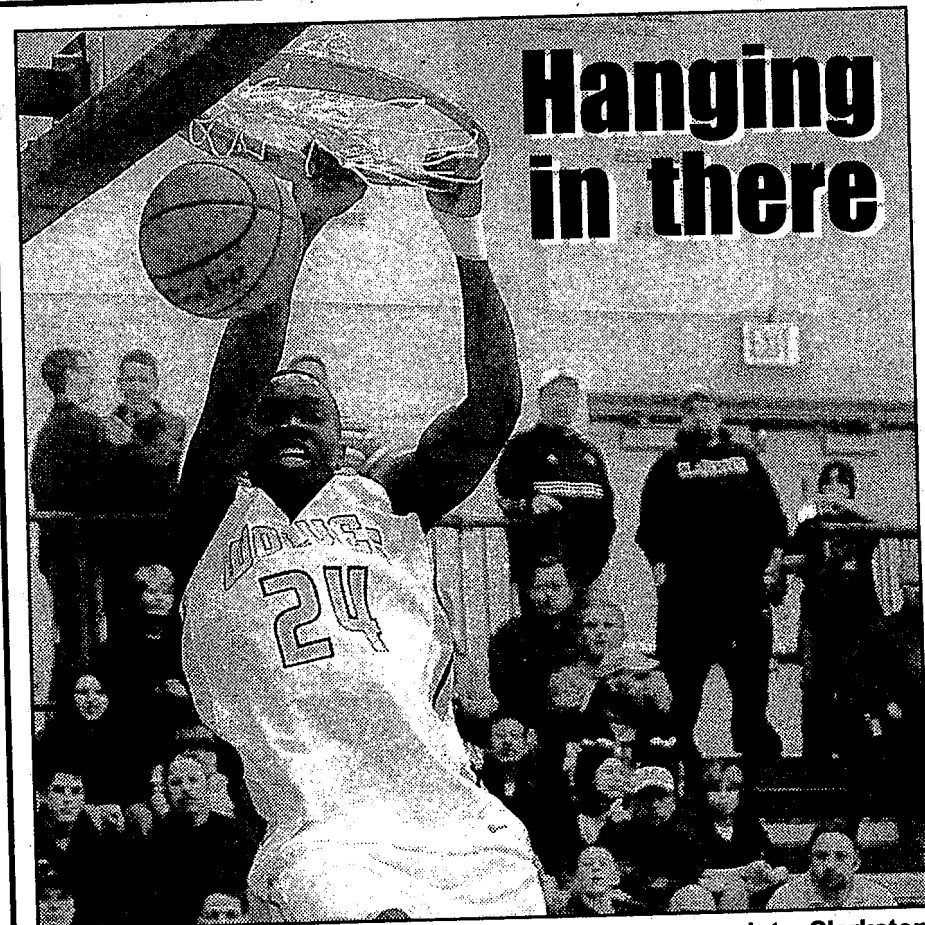
This would cut the district's deficit from \$3.6 million to \$1.7 million, with a fund balance of \$11.4 million.

"This is the best we can do with the information at hand," Beamer said. "It could be wrong."

"Notify us if the budget is not working out," said board Secretary Joan Patterson.

Cutting the budget now will reduce budget problems next year, said board President Stephen Hyer.

"I'd like to see the deficit be the same or less next year," Hyer said. "I do not want to see the deficit grow."



Hanging in there

Oliver Kupe dangles from the basket after scoring two points. Clarkston Varsity basketball made it through Regionals this postseason. Check 16A to see how, and ClarkstonNews.com to see what happens next. Photo by Mark Wright

Burglars busted

Independence, Springfield deputies share info, make arrests in recent wave of business break-ins

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A rash of burglaries was at least partially solved early this week when police arrested two individuals in separate, but similar, crimes aimed at businesses in Independence and Springfield townships.

Brian Douglas Sommers, 42, of Waterford was arraigned on charges of burglary and possession of burglary tools Monday in 52-2 District Court after he was connected to a break-in that occurred at Mel's Grill 2, located at the corner of Andersonville and White Lake Road.

Sommers, who was picked up by Oakland County Sheriff's deputies in Springfield Township in an unrelated incident March 6,

was on probation for a previous burglary and driving on a suspended license.

He is currently held at Oakland County Jail on \$100,000 bond.

The March 2 incident at Mel's Grill 2 was reported when an *Oakland Press* driver arrived at the location around 4 a.m. and noticed a smashed front window at the restaurant.

A softball-sized rock, still on the floor when police arrived, was used to break the glass.

Surveillance video shows a man clad in a dark hoodie, light gloves and a ball cap—the same items that would later be found in Sommers' car—walking along the restaurant's north side about 3:23 a.m. before throwing a

rock through a 3-foot-by-four-foot front window.

Once inside, the man triggered a motion light, but continued to rummage through the restaurant. In addition to what owner Joseph O'Hearn described as a "significant" amount of cash, another \$20 was swiped from fundraiser bottle left near the cash register.

According to reports, Sommers was carrying a sledgehammer, metal pry tool, two-way walkie-talkies, and a crack pipe in the vehicle when he was picked up by Springfield Township deputies.

The break-in at Mel's Grill 2 is the second to occur since O'Hearn bought the business in July. The previous owner, he noted, also experienced a burglary.

"It's a little disheartening," said O'Hearn, 25, a 2001 Clarkston High School graduate. "I've put a lot of time—a lot of blood, sweat and tears into the business, and things like this can mess with your peace of mind for a while."

But O'Hearn said he's changed his habits and no longer leaves any money in the restaurant overnight, inconvenient or not.

Otherwise, it's back to business as usual. "You have to get over it and remember there's a lot of good in the world," he said. "We can't just focus on the bad things that happen; it's disheartening, but we're moving forward."

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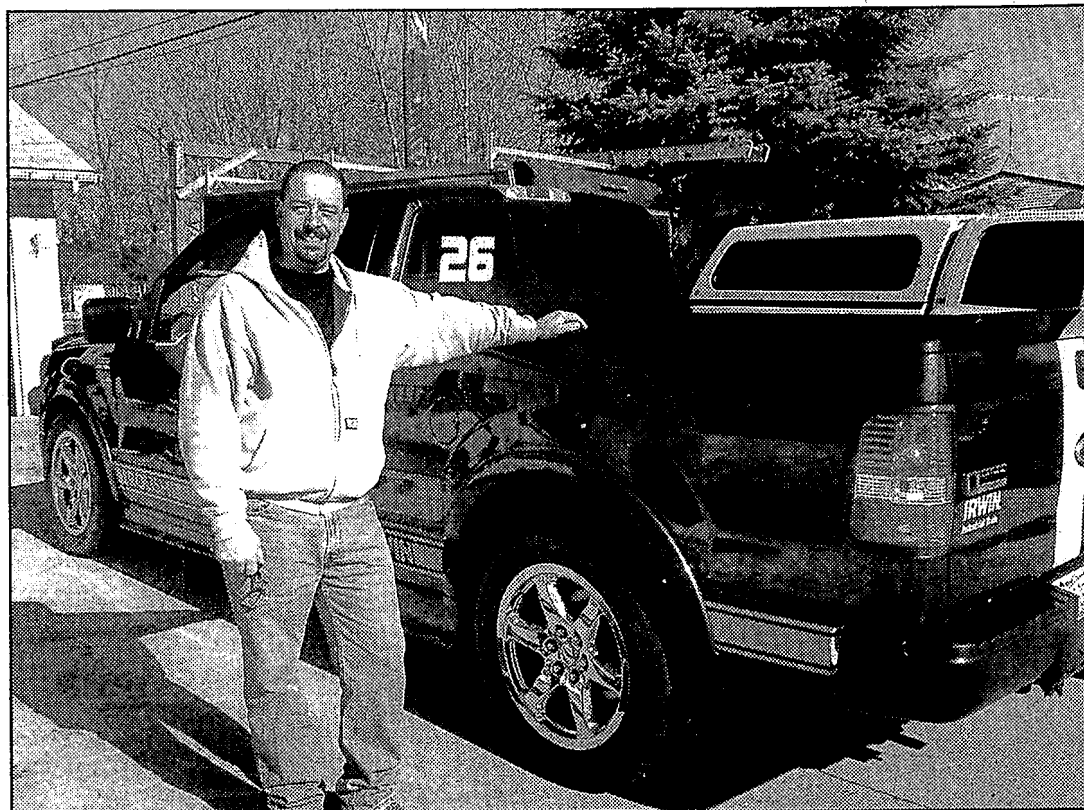
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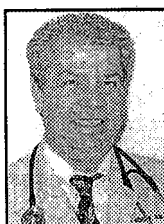


A new engine to rev

Bruce Quigley, winner of Irwin Tools Ultimate Tradesman Competition. For Bruce the prizes included a money bag of \$20,000 barbeque with NASCAR's Jamie McMurray, and an Irwin branded F-150 truck customized by Roush Performance, which was delivered to Bruce on Tuesday March 4th.

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Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole will host an open house Saturday, March 15 to talk about petitions, filing requirements, deadlines, and other pertinent topics.

The event is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 15 at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd.

For more information call Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole at call 248-846-6510.

Turn in those campaign petitions

Petitions from those wishing to run for supervisor, clerk, treasurer or trustee in either Independence Township or Springfield Township are due at the local clerk's office by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 13.

For filing requirements, call the Independence Township clerk's office at 248-625-5111 or the Springfield Township clerk's office at 248-846-6510.

Planners put Beaumont on hold

Beaumont Hospital has been removed from the agenda of this Thursday's Planning Commission meeting.

They have not met all the requirements requested by the commission prior to the meeting, officials said.

Beaumont is tentatively rescheduled for sometime in April.



From left are Clarkston teachers Dorie Meltsner, Jennifer Gifford, Janet Finney, Michelle Antonelli, Radhika Issac, and Angela Comp. They were presented Employee Recognition awards by the Board of Education. Photo by Phil Custodio

Teachers earn honors for hard work

Six teachers were honored with Employee Recognition awards by the Board of Education Monday for service above and beyond the call of duty.

Michelle Antonelli, special education teacher at Independence Elementary, visited on her own time a student homebound because of surgery.

Angela Comp, third-grade teacher at Andersonville Elementary, tutors students

during lunch and recess, managed the PTO Fun Fair, and earned a technology grant.

Dr. Janet Finney, kindergarten teacher at Springfield Plains Elementary, is a district- and county-wide leader in innovative education, such as extended day kindergarten.

Jennifer Gifford, second-grade teacher at Andersonville, launched her school's reading workshop and other language-arts programs, and co-chaired the Fun Run.

Radhika Issac, third-grade teacher at Clarkston Elementary, coordinates service learning projects throughout the district, brings in technology, and created an All Star Club.

Dorie Meltsner, para-professional at North Sashabaw Elementary, helps students and families with whatever they need, whenever they need it.

— Phil Custodio

State reform group gaining strength

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With 8,000 petitions distributed throughout the state in three weeks, Reform Michigan is off and running.

"It's been well received," said Henry Woloson, Independence Township resident.

A major state-wide business association should be endorsing the petition drive sometime this week, he said.

"We currently cover 20-22 counties with this petition distribution concept," said Woloson. "We're pretty confident that we will have 83 out of 83 counties, probably by the end of the month."

Woloson said he will contact 100 labor unions over the next week as well, so the petition drive doesn't look like a business-only effort.

Petition distribution sites save cost in postage, speeds up the process and demon-

strates a "statewide operation," he said.

"When people go to the website and look it up and you start scrolling down. All of the sudden this is not some operation out of somebody's garage. All of the sudden they're seeing Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Hillsdale, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, so suddenly it becomes what it is, which is a statewide operation whereby people are committed enough to basically be offering to serve at a distribution point," he said.

Woloson said he is getting support for a part-time legislature from state government leaders both Democratic and Republican.

"In a conversation on the phone with Governor Granholm's spokeswoman Liz Boyd, she said 'The governor supports the concept of part-time legislator with changes in term limits,'" said Woloson.

Dick Devos stated his support in a letter.

"One solution I think we need to seriously consider is a part-time legislature, coupled with rally lobbying and ethical changes," said Devos. "Now this is truly out-of-the-box, but making government focus on problems, solving them and going home to live with the results would stand in stark contrast to our current reality of decision, change, decision, change, that's driving everyone crazy... and driving our jobs away too."

Woloson said Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop has also gone on record to show his concept report.

"I think it's certainly positive for those people that are politically inclined, certainly positive when we have both sides of the aisle and for the same reason that's why I am anxious to line up union support is so that we're not just a business group of chambers of commerce or business association that this

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Township clerk plans run for second term

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Nearing the end to her first four-year term, Independence Township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen is ready for more.

"A benchmark of our democracy is a fair election process," said VanderVeen, announcing her bid for re-election in November.

"During the past four years there have been numerous legislative changes to our elections, both from the federal and state governments."

VanderVeen credits her staff and volunteers for working with her to provide a smooth and efficient transition to the new procedures.

"A lot of people don't understand how difficult this job is, there is kind of a steep learning curve," said VanderVeen.

"They've got a lot of things to learn, how government works, and how elections work."

She said her previous career as a lawyer also helped her in her job.

"I definitely think my legal background has come in handy (for) understanding laws and ordinance requirements and my statutory duties," she said. "I've also tried to keep up with classes that are offered through the Michigan Township Association."

When asked what accomplishment she

is most proud of, she said one of the first things she tackled was recoding of the ordinances.

"They had not been thoroughly reviewed for obsolete and inconsistent language in many years," she said.

"They have now been examined, corrected and are available on the township website."

VanderVeen also instituted a "Casual Day" program which allows employees to wear leisure attire to work on Fridays.

In return for this privilege, they are encouraged to put a \$1 contribution into the "jean jars."

"Over a three year period, employees have contributed more than \$2,000 to the Casual Day Fund, money which has been distributed to local charities to help the needy," said VanderVeen.

While she is proud of her accomplishments to date, she believes much is left to be done.

"Independence Township has remained fiscally solvent during these difficult economic times. We need to be vigilant in our efforts to keep the budget balanced," she said.

"We also need to serve our current and future residents and businesses by providing a balanced approach to quality development and preservation of open space."



Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen.
Photo submitted

Knights' Tootsie Roll sale set for this weekend

Clarkston's Knights of Columbus hit the streets this weekend in their yellow vests, selling Tootsie Rolls to help people in need.

"We will work in the cold because this charitable effort warms our hearts," said Dan Fuller, Knights of Columbus. "We hope that giving to this charitable project will warm your heart too."

Over the past 20 years, the Catholic fraternal organization raised and distributed more than \$300,000 to facilities and organizations teaching and caring for the mentally impaired.

Organizations that have benefited are Kingsley-Montgomery School, New Horizons of Oakland County, Arc of Oakland County, New Gateways, SCAMP of Clarkston, Coffee House, and Judson Center.

"Our 2007 Tootsie Roll Drive raised \$16,108.97, Fuller said.

"We are hoping to exceed this amount in 2008. Thank you for your support. This effort is nothing without the community's generosity."

The knights will collect donations Friday-Saturday, March 14-15.



Deputy Gary Crake, school liaison officer, stops by to make sure no bootlegging's going on.



After the officer's departure, Chris Davenport, Brandon Toth and Zach Comos, seated, recover bottles from their hiding place for redistribution.



Bartender Chas Claus, social studies teacher at Clarkston High School, serves a root beer to E.J. Dowd.

Class project is the cat's meow

Clarkston High School teacher Chas Claus wrapped up lessons on 1920s America by transforming his classroom into a simulated Speakeasy, complete with costumes, dancing, and bouncer at the door.

"They just finished a big re-

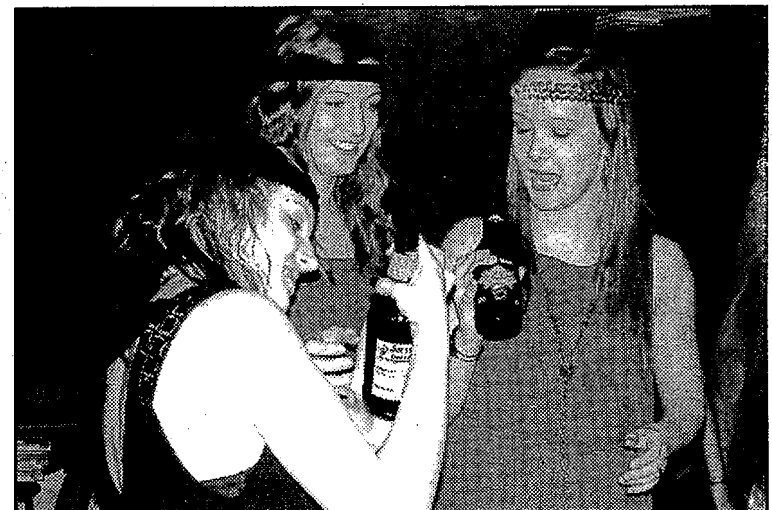
search project - this is to give them some fun," Claus said.

Students drank root beer instead of more potent spirits, but, as in Prohibition America, had to hide all traces whenever lawmen came by for a visit.

- Phil Custodio



Kasey McKay, Emily Sese, and Erica Zentner, perform a dance.

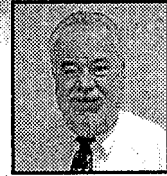


From left, Chelsea White, Katie Vondette, and Jordyn Winship enjoy a drink (of rootbeer).

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

A beginning, a middle, and an end

It's nearly 11:30 p.m. and I have been sitting at my desk typing for the past 12.5 hours and now I have just begun my column without a clear thought of what to say or where I am heading.

It's amazing how when you stare at your computer screen for so long you begin to fade into a semi-comatose state, where you just keep typing, but your brain isn't really registering the words on the page.

After concentrating all day your brain feels like mush, your eye balls burn with pain from staring at same thing all day. Your hands begin to cramp, your legs begin to tighten, your back begins to ache from sitting in the slumped over typing position.

Slowly but surely the madness sets in and you wonder 'how did I get to this point,' but you keep telling yourself. 'I love writing.'

This takes me back to my early days of college when I did not start my 20 page paper until midnight, or I sat with my Critical Writing book wrestling with the minds of Plato, Aristotle, Immanuel Kant and many other great minds, or pacing back and fourth trying to find the meaning of the poem in my poetry book, so that I could have something intelligent to say about it the next day.

Now, I know longer wrestle with 20 page papers, early critical writers, or finding the meaning of a poem. Tonight I wrestle with my thoughts, or the lack of. I wrestle against seconds, minutes, and hours of needed sleep. I wrestle with an empty stomach that longs for dinner sitting at home. Soon, I will wrestle for 45 minutes until I reach the destination of my house.

Only then will my madness be settled as I fill my stomach with food, and I lay my head to rest for a few hours, until I awake to start another day. Oh wait, the day has already started, for the clock has struck midnight. And I have yet to offer you any sane words.

However, my friends tonight or today, or this week, I offer you no words of wisdom or deep thought. Perhaps, the thought of wondering what I am talking about, which as I said in the beginning I don't know where I am heading, but I have found my end.



The Clarkston Viewpoints

No burning leaves please

Dear Editor,

With spring yard clean-up just around the corner, I would like to address the issue of burning yard debris.

Why does Independence Township still have a burning ordinance?

There are presently eight days a month that people may burn with a permit. Then there are the other days of the month that people burn illegally. This creates an extra burden on our fire department and the citizens who live here.

Burning may be an easy way to get rid of yard debris and garbage, but it is very unhealthy.

The waste doesn't just disappear.

It becomes airborne and disperses to other areas, including the inside of homes, where others are forced to inhale the toxic fumes and put up with the resultant ash that is left behind.

People who have allergies, asthma, heart problems and respiratory problems really

suffer when this happens.

I am one of those people. My allergy is very severe and last fall sought emergency treatment on four different occasions for anaphylactic shock.

I have had to leave my home for days at a time, without notice, to avoid reactions. I've also had to leave my job at Clarkston Elementary School during class time to avoid the burning in the neighborhood.

On nice spring and fall days, I would like to be outside and enjoy the weather, my home and my yard instead of worrying that I might end up in an emergency room.

It is time to ban burning in this community, not only for my health, but for the health of everyone in this community.

If you care about this issue, I ask you to call the Independence Township Hall at 248-625-5111 to voice your opinion on this matter. Please call. Thank you.

*Sandra Boggeme's
Independence Township*

Letters to the editor

Response misses the point

Dear Editor,

It should be no surprise that the current Independence Township's supervisor's campaign manager attempts to defend him ("Speak out in defense of township," Marcu 5); and certainly no surprise that he misses the point.

I did not "trash" anyone. I did not name any names because I provided substantive criticism about an absurd change in policy by the Planning Commission.

Specifically, I urged the rejection of the effort to discontinue the use of recommendations by our professional planning consultant - a valuable practice that has gone on for decades.

I also pointed out my opinion that this was a symptom of a change in direction concerning the nature and extent of development in our community.

The supervisor and his campaign manager represent a minority view in the community that we should have whatever

development at whatever cost.

The current supervisor was elected and is allowed to make appointments to the various township boards.

However, when those appointments indicate such a dramatic change in the long-standing development policy of this community, we as citizens must pay attention.

The current supervisor was not elected on a platform of so substantially changing the development policy of this community.

Hopefully this year we will have a robust and clean debate on that topic so that the voting community decides the policy and not a few individuals with their own agenda and benefits in mind.

The other comments the writer made were essentially of no merit and he knows it, so I will save that rebuttal for another time.

Sincerely,

*Neil Wallace
Independence Township*

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Pouring pennies" Clarkston High School students helped to raise money for fellow classmate Jeremy Lynch who needed a bone marrow transplant in order to help cure his leukemia. Testing can cost thousands of dollars so the school held fundraisers, raffles and class competitions.

"Home burns" A blaze destroyed a mobile home in Springfield Township when a man attempted to thaw his water pipes with fire. When he was unable to control the flames, he called the fire department. It took almost two hours to put the fire out.

25 years ago - 1983

"No vote on 3.5% teacher raises" Instead of resolving a contract dispute between teachers and administration the school board decided not to vote. The teachers wanted a 3 1/2 percent raise. The board contented it had to meet again to discuss the effects of delayed state aid payments before coming to a decision.

"Independence targets four safety path routes" Township officials were pursuing paths on Clarkston Road near the library, Maybee Road at Sashabaw, Eston Road off Clarkston, and White Lake Road at Mustang. The township expected to have about \$113,000 for the project.

50 years ago - 1958

"Bible school being planned" The Daily Vacation Bible School provided by The First Baptist Church started holding evening classes for adults and children. It was anticipated the school would offer one week concentration courses for the adults.

"Young women train" Twenty-four young ladies attending Ferris Institute were in a training program that would prepare them for the career field of the Physicians Office Assistant.

Editor's note

In response to the Phil in the Blank column "Rumor mill now officially closed," Feb. 27 edition, Larry Rosso said he did not forward emails about the Planning Commission to Neil Wallace.

"How he got a copy, I have no idea," Rosso said.

He said he agrees commissioners made the wrong decision regarding its planning consultant, but his e-mail was meant to be an internal communication.

Got something to say?

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Doom for whom?

A common defense mechanism of big-spending politicians is to claim that even modest budget cuts will result in unsafe streets, crumbling roads, uneducated children and untreated sick people. The implication is that government now operates with such perfect efficiency, and all its activities are so vital, that any reduction in revenue (or decrease in the rate of revenue increase) means the loss of "vital government services."

The big spenders hope that taxpayers will temporarily forget tax-funded services like government golf courses, fairs, arts grants, subsidized agribusiness, marketing campaigns and many other reasonable opportunities for belt tightening.

Further, the public is expected to assume that it is impossible to operate core government functions any more efficiently or that they can't be competitively contracted out for less.

The latest twist is for politicians to claim that without status-quo spending levels and patterns, Michigan would be unable to compete economically with other states, as seen in this recent statement by Gov. Jennifer Granholm: "It would not be a wise course, I think, to cut the things that I think make us competitive as a state."

Certainly, good schools, decent roads, safe streets and a properly functioning judicial system are critical prerequisites for a modern economy. It is not the case, however, that prospective employers would be put off were state government to provide these things in a less costly manner.

For example, no business will leave the state — or choose not to locate here — for any of these reasons:

- Because school employees are shifted to a preferred provider network health plan with modest co-pays, rather than less efficient plans that currently consume an unnecessary \$400 million annually;
- Because highways are patrolled by sheriff's deputies rather than the same number of state police — who currently cost an extra \$65 million each year;
- Because some prisons are managed privately, with the systemwide spur of competition yielding as much as \$200 million a year in savings from current levels;
- Because the state repeals its "prevailing wage" law, which currently increases the cost of government construction projects by around \$200 million a year; or
- Because the state finally implements a federally mandated Medicaid estate recovery program — like those adopted by the other 49 states — potentially generating

an additional \$85 million a year.

In other words, the stark "either/or" proposition put forth by defenders of the status quo — either raise taxes or cut services — is a scam. It deliberately ignores a third way, which is to do more with less. In the private sector, this is always the first choice. In government, if considered at all, it is always the last choice.

The Mackinac Center has identified almost \$2 billion in efficiencies like those listed above, and millions more in non-core government spending that could be eliminated altogether.



Jack P. McHugh

For example, would Michigan really have lost competitiveness if state government didn't help fund research on how to grow the perfect poinsettia plant? Would residents flee if government stopped hosting the annual "Swine Quiz Bowl" tournament for high school students? Would businesses refuse to locate here if we didn't subsidize film festivals showcasing

productions few taxpayers would pay for voluntarily? The fact that taxpayer subsidies for such programs still exist suggests that Lansing politicians aren't really serious about trimming the fat.

When politicians and their lieutenants prophesy doom if spending is cut, it pays to question what they define as "doom," and for whom.

Would it really be the end of the world if public employees received fringe benefits comparable to generous private sector offerings, rather than grossly inflated ones? Who would suffer if additional competitive contracting sent a signal to public sector workers that they are no longer "entitled" to immunity from the cost-saving incentives of competition?

Given all of the above, politicians who threaten that any government spending reductions mean a loss of "vital government services" or "competitiveness" give the appearance of identifying more with the consumers of tax dollars than with the families and job providers who pay those taxes.

Public officials need to remember that government exists to serve the people — not the other way around.

Jack McHugh is a legislative analyst for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute headquartered in Midland. Jim's Jottings returns next week.

If papers had clickers you'd click this column

First, a little history about income taxes. (Don't click yet. It'll get better.) The first income taxes in the U.S. were imposed in 1861 and 1862 to pay for the Civil War. Rates were raised in 1872.

Then, the courts got involved with direct taxes and apportionment. So, in 1909 Congress proposed the Sixteenth Amendment, and in 1913 enough states ratified it into law, and — voila! — income tax became part of our Constitution.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Personal and corporate income taxes now are the primary source of government financing. And, ever since 1913 citizens have spent more money on lawyers and accountants trying to avoid the income tax than they pay. Just kidding.

Now for a reason to be happy you have no paper clicker. This is updated from something I wrote several years ago. It's a twist on an old speech somebody else wrote more years ago — you're going to recall.

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Four score and seven years ago, our forefathers brought forth upon this nation a new tax, conceived in desperation and dedicated to the proposition that all men are fair game.

Now we are engaged in a great mass of calculations, testing whether that taxpayer — or any taxpayer — so confused and impoverished can long endure.

We are met on Form 1040. We have come to dedicate a large portion of our income, to a final resting place with those men who here spend their lives that they may spend our money.

It is all together in anguish and torture that we should do this. But in the legal sense we cannot evade — we cannot cheat — we cannot underestimate this tax.

The collectors, clever and sly, who computed here, have gone far beyond our poor powers to add or to subtract.

Our creditor will little note nor long remember what we pay here, but the Bureau of Internal Revenue can never forget what we report here.

It is for us, the taxpayers, rather to be devoted here to the tax return which the Government has thus far so nobly spent.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these vanishing dollars we take increased devotion to the few remaining, that we here highly resolve that next year will not find us in the higher income bracket; that this taxpayer, underpaid, shall figure out more deductions; and that taxation of the people, by the Congress, for the Government, shall not cause our solvency to perish.

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Aren't you glad you couldn't click this out? But, I'm sure it doesn't make you look forward to April 15.

To continue, once Congress got their arms around this income vehicle they began to manipulate it. They upped it to include, not only wages but net personal income, revised it to finance WWI, brought in a marginal rate, then attached the rate to increase with inflation percentages.

Don't you love 'em? Ain't no way politicians can get enough of our money. They have to have more, because, well, they try to make us believe, we demand these services. Sad part is, the so-called demanders are not the ones being income taxed.

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A kid swallowed a coin and it got stuck in his throat. A man passing by hit him in the back, and the coin came out.

"I don't know how to thank you, Doctor . . ." his mother started to say.

"I'm not a doctor, ma'am," the man replied. "I'm from the IRS."

Don't expect to see such early Easter again

Dear Editor,

Easter this year is Sunday, March 23.

As you may know, Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, March 20.

This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on that, Easter can actually be one day earlier, March 22, but that is pretty rare. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early — 95 years old or above!

And none of us have ever or will ever see it a day earlier! Here are some facts from a priest friend of mine:

The next time Easter will be this early, March 23, will be the year 2228, 220 years from now. The last time it was this early was 1913, so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285, 277 years from now. The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Bob Arend
Clarkston

Please see page 14A for more Letters to the Editor

Teaming up to help Danny

Community comes to aid of local family after sudden illness

Dan Burke, 25, started Jan. 23 perhaps as he started many other days— with a workout and a shower; however, what happened next turned an ordinary day into something inconceivable.

Burke's wife, Melissa, painfully remembers what she would rather forget.

Four months pregnant, Melissa said she was still lying in bed.

"Danny started complaining about having an unusually bad headache," she said. "Then he got really hot, so he jumped into a cold shower. He started to tumble as he got out of the shower from being so dizzy. When he started to pass out, I knew this was more than a headache."

Melissa said she called 9-1-1 first, and then called her mother to watch her 3-year-old son, Tanner, so she could follow the ambulance to the hospital. When medics arrived at her home, they transported Danny to Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc.

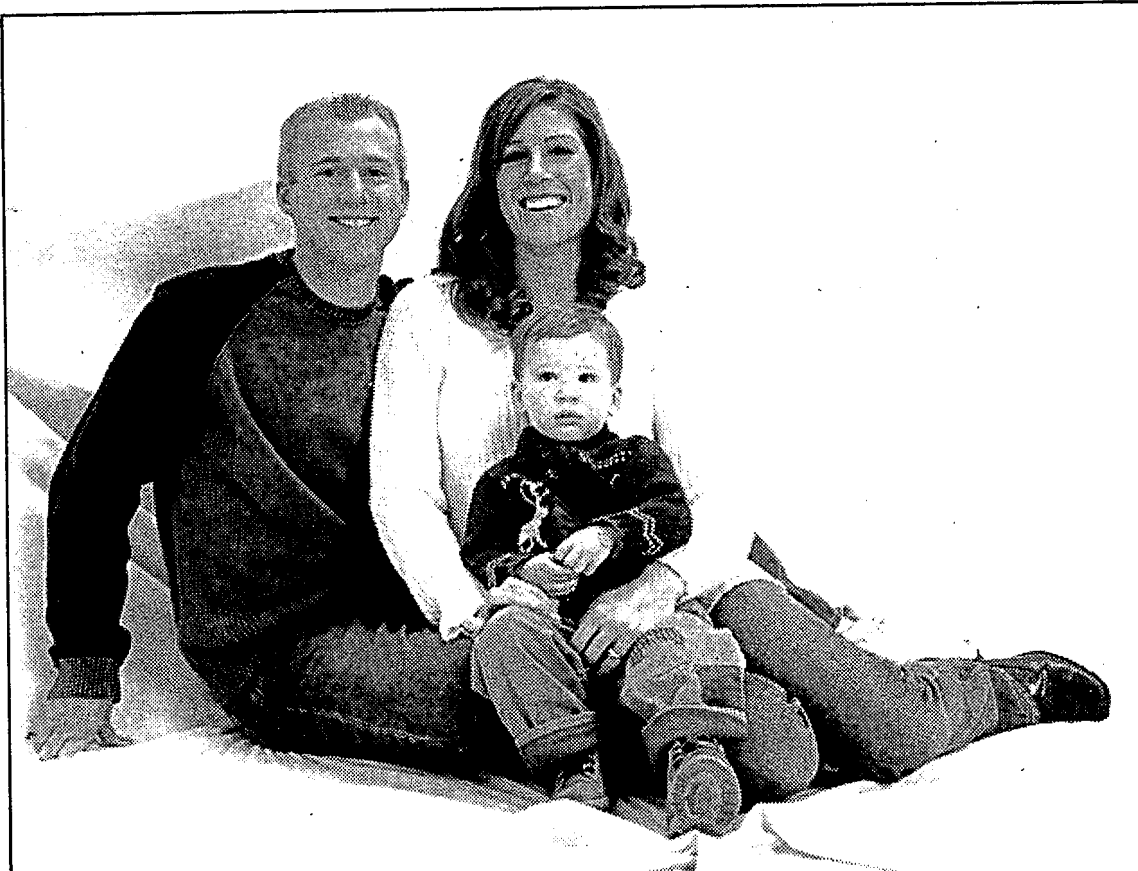
With Danny in and out of consciousness, doctors immediately ran an MRI.

What they found would first stun, and then sicken, Danny's entire family.

Doctors explained that an arteriovenous malformation had ruptured in Danny's head.

The condition, also known as AVM, is a defect of the circulatory system. The family learned that people with the condition are mostly unaware they have it.

Open brain surgery was done as soon as possible to conduct what



Dan Burke with his wife, Melissa, and son, Tanner. Photo provided.

doctors say was an immobilization.

"They coiled and glued the leak," said Melissa. "When Danny's brain started to swell too much for his skull, they did a second emergency surgery to relieve the swelling, so they removed part of his skull. They had to, he was dying."

Melissa said they removed most of the clot and part of the right side of his skull was removed, which will

be put back into place during a third surgery yet to be scheduled.

Unable to see or speak clearly, Danny was also left with left side paralysis, which includes his arm and leg. Although Danny's sight is starting to come back, he only has 20 percent vision in each eye.

Transported to Harper University Hospital in Detroit, Danny is now learning everything all over again at the Rehabilitation Institute

of Michigan (RIM).

Once Danny comes home, Melissa is hoping to get him back and forth to RIM for treatments.

"They are supposed to be one of the top institutes in North America. So I know if he gets rehabilitation there, he will be getting the best," she said.

However, she said getting him back and forth during her pregnancy and with a young child

seems daunting.

The insurance Danny is receiving through his job as a salesman at Bowman Chevrolet in Clarkston is covering medical expenses, but it is the loss of employment to pay for the mortgage, car loans and every day expenses that has Melissa, a stay-at-home mother, feeling overwhelmed.

Both Danny and his father, Brian, work at Bowman Chevrolet in Independence Township.

"I taught Danny everything he knows about the car business," said Brian. "This is going to take over a year of rehabilitation, and I will need to teach him everything all over again and we don't know where his income is going to come from right now."

Brian said he must get between ten and 15 phone calls a day asking how Danny is.

"It's amazing how many people have called," he said. "Even though Danny sold customers a car a long time ago, they still remember who he is and want to know how he is doing. Sometimes they cry on the phone or come in to the dealership to talk to me."

Melissa said there is only one thing that will make her feel OK again.

"We are a very close family, so just having Danny back home and part of our family again will be the best healing I can get from all of this," she said.

Close friends and neighbors, Rick and Ali Reickel have organized a benefit to raise money for Dan Burke and his family.



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Independence Twp.

Sat., March 1 A 26-year-old Independence Township man was cited for possession of marijuana after a patrolling deputy spotted the man weaving in his lane near Clarkston Road and Eston Road around 8:15 p.m. and pulled the man over.

Two illegal immigrants—a 24-year-old man and a 19-year-old man—were taken into custody after they were involved in a hit and run accident. The victim followed the men until police arrived.

A 16-year-old Auburn Hills youth filed a police report after his unattended snowboard was stolen from Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Sun., March 2 Deputies were dispatched to Pine Knob Ski Resort to assist the Independence Township Fire Department after a 47-year-old employee was injured during an off hours activity. The employee, who according to police reports was clad only in only a t-shirt and shorts as he rode a snowboard down the hill, sustained a head injury after he went head-first and flipped end over end into a pond created for a festival at the resort. EMS units transported the man to POH.

Deputies were dispatched to Pine Knob Ski Resort after four Grosse Pointe teens attempted to use fraudulent ski lift passes. The teens told police they each paid \$20 for the passes, which normally cost \$35, from a Grosse Pointe man. The teens were asked to leave the premises and not return, and the

Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

manager was seeking prosecution.

An Independence Township woman living in the 6800 block of Hubbard called police after returning from a weekend trip to discover windows smashed from two vehicles left in the driveway. Additional damage, including a broken light pole in the yard and a smashed pane in a sliding door, was also reported.

A 40-year-old Independence Township man living in the 6600 block of Almond Lane called police after discovering someone fired a BB or pellet gun at his car, causing the glass in one window to shatter.

An Independence Township woman living in the 6800 block of Hubbard called police after discovering someone stole the family's video game from the home during the night after a front door was left unlocked.

Mon., March 3 Police were investigating a case of larceny and prescription fraud after an employee at an Independence Township doctor's office said she was contacted by a local pharmacy to verify authenticity of a prescription written for Vicoden.

Police were seeking a warrant related to the sale of marijuana after questioning a sus-

picious 22-year-old Waterford man found walking along Dixie Highway near Andersonville Road. The man was carrying a backpack containing marijuana, drug paraphernalia, scales and a box of Glad sandwich bags.

A 30-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report after someone fired two BBs into the driver's side window of her vehicle, causing damage to the glass estimated at about \$100.

Springfield Twp.

Tues., Feb 26 Deputies were dispatched to Oakhill Estates for reports of two men breaking into a vacant home in the 17000 block of Coventry Lane. The caller told police he recognized one of the men as a 43-year-old resident in the process of being evicted.

A 19-year-old man wanted on a three-count felony warrant was turned over to authorities in Genesee County after he was picked up by a patrolling deputy who checked out a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of a grocery store near Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road. The man was part of a group

Wed., March 12, 2008 The Clarkston (MI) News 9 A of individuals attempting to buy beer without proper identification—one of the men, who was over 21, attempted to use his girlfriend's ID when he realized he'd left his own at home.

Deputies were dispatched to I-75 near Belford Road when motorists reporting a pickup truck traveling south in the freeway's northbound lanes around midnight. The combined efforts of deputies in several patrol cars were able to get the driver—who turned out to be a missing, endangered subject—safely off the road.

Wed., Feb. 27 An 18-year-old Independence Township man called police after parking his truck in a school lot in the 8200 block of Big Lake Road and returning the following day to discover someone stole a claw hammer from an open bed of the truck and broke a window out of the truck. Nothing appeared to be missing from inside.

A 20-year-old man living in the 7200 block of Blue Water called police to report a stereo stolen from his locked car overnight.

Thurs., Feb 28 Police were seeking a warrant against a Springfield Township man on charges of assault and battery after the man's girlfriend reported an argument between the two became violent when the man grabbed her by the hair, punched her in the head and said "I'm going to kill you." The woman said her boyfriend then calmed down and she left the home. The man told police both were drinking, and admitted he did hit the woman but never made a threat on her life.



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Solve a 'murder,' help the Optimists

BY LAURACOLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Optimist Club hopes the community will turn out for an evening of intrigue and excitement next month when the organization hosts a mysterious—yet hilarious—evening of "Murder 'midst the Magnolias."

The dinner theater event, a whodunit murder mystery, is set against the backdrop of a 1973 class reunion at Magnolia High, a fictional school in the south.

"It's going to be a hoot," said Optimist President Jean Dasuqi, explaining that the mystery was written and produced especially for the upcoming fundraiser.

"The actors and characters participating in this are so much fun. They're just a riot—it's going to be a lot of fun."

And, at a cost of \$40 per person, the event is a little easier on the pocket than \$75-\$100 Optimist dinner dance tickets of recent years, Dasuqi noted.

"We thought the dinner dance might be a little more than people's finances could handle right now," she said.

"So we decided to go with a venue that would be more affordable, yet lots of fun."

Participants will mingle with "fellow graduates," talk to "suspects" and collect clues as they attempt to solve the "murder" that occurs right before the eyes of everyone in attendance.

The event features an authentic southern buffet menu prepared by Clarkston's Heaven Scent Catering, and includes a coffee bar, homemade lemonade, and "unbelievable" desserts.

The evening also includes a cash bar, 50/

50 raffle, and silent auction with items ranging from vacation packages and Detroit Pistons tickets to scrapbooking supplies.

"We've got a lot of things to support our local businesses," Dasuqi said. "And this is our major fundraiser, so we're really hoping the community will come out and support us as they always do."

Organizers are also offering advertising space in the evening's program—which doubles as a class reunion autograph book—to local businesses, community groups and others.

Advertisements will be intermingled with whodunit hints and character biographies.

Deadline for advertisement submission is Wednesday, March 26— inquiries may be directed to Sherri Regiani at sregiani@comcast.net.

The Clarkston Optimist Club is one of about 3,500 Optimist International chapters worldwide, with the motto "bringing out the best in kids."

Each club is autonomous and therefore has the flexibility to orient service projects directly to the needs of the community.

The Clarkston Optimists sponsor Junior Optimist Clubs at all levels from elementary up to high school, and also fund programs such as high school and music scholarships, oratorical and essay contests, basketball competitions, youth golf outings, an annual youth appreciation breakfast and a Respect for Law program.

The Optimist Club meets 7:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

For more information, call Clarkston area Optimist Club President Jean Dasuqi at 248-622-6096.

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for more information.

Donations needed for grad party

Clarkston High School's Post Graduation Party 2008 Committee needs donations to keep ticket prices low for seniors.

The party, featuring entertainment, refreshments, decorations, and gift will be right after commencement, June 4, at DTE Energy

Theater. More than 80 percent of graduates participate with the help of almost 150 parent volunteers for a night of safe, supervised fun.

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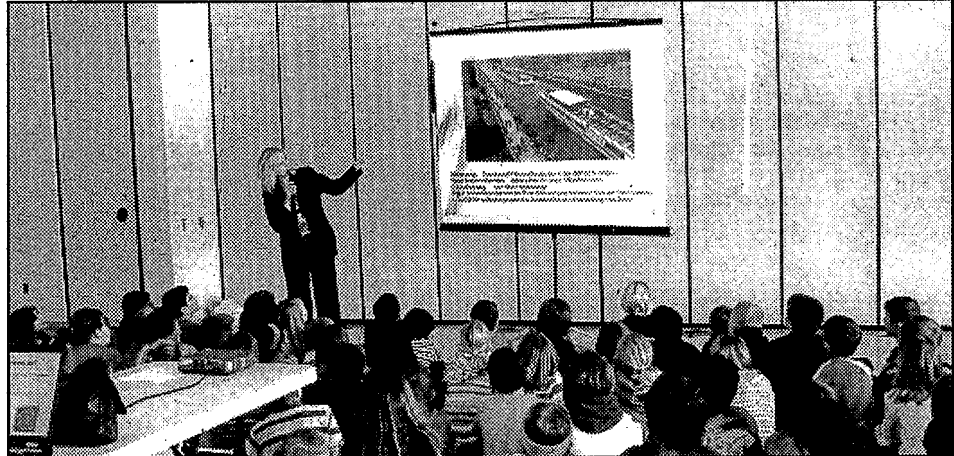
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Lee Ellen Kerr demonstrates a new type of metal treatment with the help of fourth-grader John Raymo. Photos by Phil Custodio



MaryAnn McCracken introduces engineering to the AWIM group.

Getting the ball rolling

Sixteen professional engineers kicked off A World In Motion for fourth-graders Friday at Springfield Plains Elementary.

MaryAnn McCracken, Kumar Papineni, Eric Doran, Sheri Rooks, Leo Leddy, Tamera Zahner, Karen Nicklin, Kelly Leddy, Deirdre Spaulding, Darek Villeneuve, John Freiwald, Debbie Bishop, and Gunars Ejupe, all engineers with General Motors, Lee Ellen Kerr and Greg Korchnak of Dow Automotive, and Mike DeFinis of IaFrane Construction will work with students for the next seven weeks.

This session, their project is to design,

test, and build a skimmer. They will build paper sailboats and test the effect of different sail shapes, sizes, and construction methods to meet performance criteria.

"There are a lot of engineers and scientists who are really excited to be here with you," McCracken said. "And not just because this is a Friday afternoon."

AWIM, sponsored by Society of Automotive Engineers, brings volunteers from the engineering field to mentor students and improve their science and math skills.

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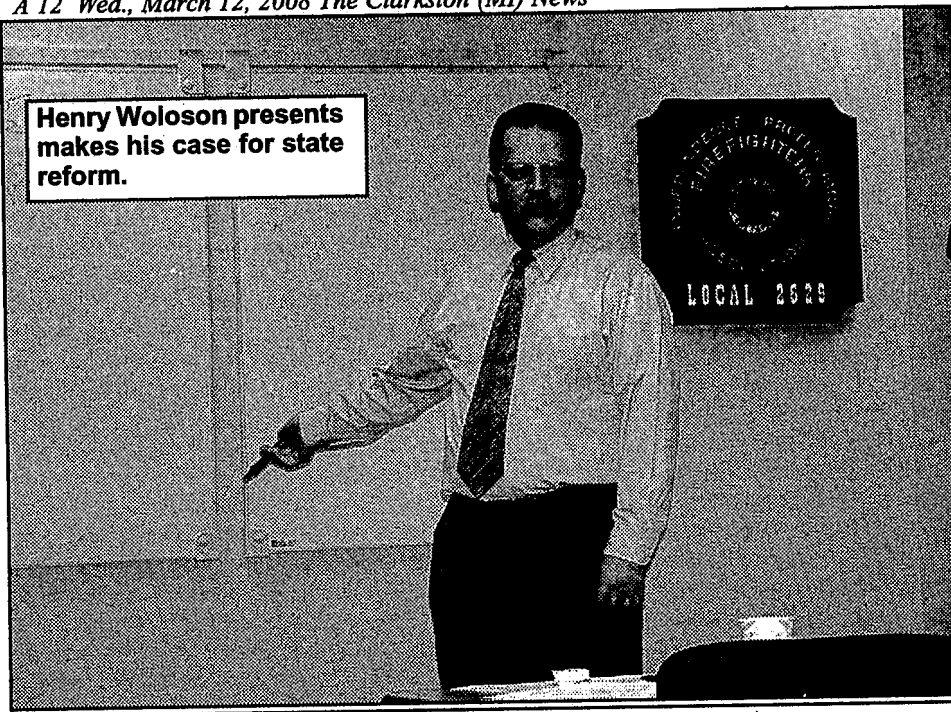
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Proposed petition would rein in state government

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is also pro-worker," said Woloson.

The ballot proposal would limit the legislature to 100 session days, completed no later than May 31 each year, eliminate lifetime benefits for legislators, cut their pay by at least half, and eliminate term limits.

The pay cut would still leave them within 80 percent of the median household income, noted Woloson.

Currently, Michigan's 148 state legislators earn a salary of \$79,650 per year, plus an annual expense allowance of \$12,000. With the pay cut, they would be making \$39,000, plus expense allowance.

"Our proposal is literally the first in the country that correlates compensation to performance," he said. "The only way in the future that the legislatures can get a pay raise is if every body in the state of Michigan ben-

efits."

Woloson said half of the volunteers he has talked with have never been politically active until now. They are unhappy with the current situation and are looking for a way to get involved.

"If people get empowered and feel that they can in fact make a difference, then who knows. Maybe the next thing will be getting involved in the township, getting involved in the village, getting involved at the county level," he said.

"It all needs help, so getting involved is not a generic issue. It's getting involved in a whole bunch of issues that all have impact on their financial life."

For more information about the petition or petition distribution sites go to websites reformmichigangovernment.com or call Henry Woloson at 248-625-6736.

Police arrest suspect for multiple burglaries

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ship burglary, Sommers was turned over to Waterford Police for questioning. According to Sgt. Rick Lemos, Sommers confessed to a similar incident that took place Feb. 28 at the Big Boy restaurant on Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

Still, Sommers alleged activity only accounts for a portion of recent break-ins.

In what appeared to be an unrelated incident, a Springfield Township deputy patrolling overnight near Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road March 10 discovered that plywood covering a broken window from a previous break-in attempt at was missing.

The deputy checked the building and found an unlocked rear door and a cash drawer lying unopened behind the dumpster.

Deputies cleared the scene, but kept watch over the area and the cash drawer until about 3:30 a.m., when a subject ran through the parking lot in an apparent attempt to retrieve the cash drawer.

Springfield and Independence Township deputies located two other suspects who were waiting in a vehicle nearby; and questioned all three.

The two bystanders, who appear to have

been called by the suspect after the fact, were released.

The suspect caught attempting to retrieve the cash drawer, however, allegedly confessed to the crime, and also admitted responsibility for two recent burglaries of the same nature at the Independence Township Subway on Dixie Highway near M-15.

According to Detective Tim Hein of the OCSO Independence Township substation, the 21-year-old Waterford man is a former employee of the restaurant and had been suspected in three separate incidents of burglary involving a smashed-out window at the Independence Township Subway.

The man, whose name was not immediately released pending arraignment, may have committed the crimes in retaliation for a perceived injustice during his employment, police said.

In addition to the burglaries at Mel's Grill 2 and Subway, police are also working on similar unsolved break-ins at Brioni Café and Deli; Sun Cleaners; Mr. G's Hair Care Center; La Bella Salon; and a third incident at the Subway on Dixie Highway.

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Teaming up

Township officials, businesses work together to send athletes to Victory Games

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Michigan Victory games is Michigan's premiere sporting competition for Individuals with various physical disabilities including muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, and traumatic brain injuries.

Independence Township's Parks and Recreation are looking for athletes 14 and up with a primary disability to compete in the 2008 Michigan Victory Games on May 15-18 at Michigan State University.

"It's slow coming and I think this year may not be exactly how we envisioned it, but it will be fun to go out there and participate, for years to come maybe we can be a little more organized and have a bigger team," said Kelly Hyer, recreation supervisor for Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

Hyer said they currently have four athletes who have not 100 percent committed because paper work is not complete yet.

It came up in conversation that there wasn't a team for northern Oakland County or Southern Genesee County, noted Hyer.

"That's why the thought since we have a strong therapeutic program in our township that we could maybe find some athletes to form a team," she said. "We were happy to start up a team. Basically it's a good experience for athletes who go up there and compete. I don't know of any other experience like it around."

Hyer is also working with Independence Township residents Ryan Hush, a member

of the Michigan Disability Sports Alliance along with his wife Stella, director of the Michigan Victory Games and founder of STRIVE Recreational Therapy Service Inc.

They've definitely given us a lot of information to start up a team and having them right in our community is an awesome resource," said Hyer.

"They are a big advocate for starting a team because they're apart of the Clarkston Community and we use Stella quite a bit for our resource when it comes to working with people with disabilities."

Ryan and Stella are trying to raise more awareness of the games to create more athletes, more teams, and fundraising to offset the cost of the games.

"Obviously the cost of being in the competition is considerably more for someone with a disability," said Ryan.

"Sometimes that turns athletes away."

Each athlete pays \$300 towards the games. It cost's the Michigan Disability Sports Alliance approximately \$40,000 to put the event on.



Kim Steward celebrates. Photo provided.

"We try to raise \$20,000 for the event and we are currently at \$13,000 and we've got till May," he said.

"The big thing this year is to increase athletes, increase teams, increase fundraising, all three of those bring in big revenue to help support the games.

Business ads for the official program booklet start as low as \$75 and go as high as \$1,000, price varies on ad size.

"It's important and I realize the event is not neces-

sarily held in this area, but it's good for the state and we get a lot of athletes from this area, so the businesses are going to be known," said Ryan "We try to mention them throughout the event as much as we can."

This year's corporate sponsor is Rites & Filippis.

Stella said she was happy that Inde-

pendence Townships Parks and Recreation "stepped up" to start a team.

"Kelly volunteered last year, so she knows what the games about, so I'm glad her and Mike Turk (Parks and Recreations director) kind of stepped up and wanted to start a new team and kind of increase the programs that they're offering for people with disabilities," she said.

"It certainly gives them a lot of credit to step up and want to do something and to even motivate the athletes, because a lot of them are not into routine of sports, so you've got to get them motivated to practice and to participate."

The first Michigan Victory Games were held on August 20-21 at the Lenox Handicapped Center in Detroit and Wayne State University, and the games have been going strong for the past 33 years.

"These athletes actually come to compete and this is like a starting block, a developmental level for them," said Ryan. "We've actually had athletes who have gone on to compete at the world games and the Paralympics."

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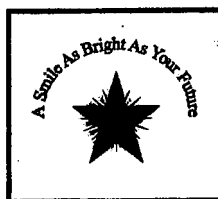


SMILE OF THE MONTH

Robert Pizzey



Robert is 16 years old and attends Clarkston High School where he is a member of the Robotics team. He is also a member of the USA Midget Hockey team out of Bloomfield. Congratulations on a great smile!



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Don't forget 'saint' in St. Patrick

Dear Editor,

Shouldn't St. Patrick's Day have something to do with St. Patrick?

The following historical record of St. Patrick and this prayer he penned seem to stand in sharp contrast to the green beer and partying that people usually associate with St. Patrick's Day: St. Patrick, who was born around 387-390 in Scotland as Maewyn Succat, and died around 461-464 at Saul, County Down, Ireland, said:

"I came to the Irish people to preach the Gospel and endure the taunts of unbelievers, putting up with reproaches about my earthly pilgrimage, suffering many persecutions, even bondage, and losing my birthright of freedom for the benefit of others.

"It is among that people that I want to wait for the promise made by Him, who assuredly never tells a lie. He makes this promise in the Gospel: 'They shall come from the east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' This is our faith: believers are to come from the whole world."

The following is a literal English translation from the original old Irish text of a prayer of St. Patrick:

"Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord."

*Schuyler Rogers
Independence Township*

More letters to the editor Township needs new leaders

Dear Editor:

Last week a letter from township resident Rudy Lozano urged residents to speak up about what is happening in our township.

I too think it is important for residents to start speaking up. In his letter Mr. Lozano chastises resident Neil Wallace for his letter opposing the Planning Commission's decision to stop including the Township planning consultants recommendations in his reports. As a former Planning Commission Chairman, I was very disturbed by the planning commission's action.

This is a terrible, short sighted decision and one that should be reversed immediately. I eagerly anticipated the results of *The Clarkston News* investigation into this, including the charge that the open meeting act had been violated.

I was disappointed in the following weeks editorial in which the News nearly apologized for any offense their coverage may have caused and offered no further analysis of the situation. I have enjoyed the great coverage the Clarkston news has given our community for many years.

However, I would hope that the News would remember that even in a small community we rely on their objective and thorough investigation of important issues such as this.

In the four years the current township administration has been in place under Supervisor Wagner it seems that any progress we have made has been in spite of that administration rather than because of it, mostly at the hands of concerned citizens.

We have the volunteer citizens of the

township to thank for our successful avoidance of the big box development plans of Orco on Sashabaw Road.

In fact, it was Mr. Wallace and his COG team that organized and educated hundreds of residents in the fight against a terrible development idea.

The Senior Center was also much more a result of volunteers who dedicated themselves to a cause than our township administration.

It was volunteers that brought to light the safety issues with the old center and called the administration to task. It was volunteers, young and old that met gave up evenings and weekends trying to get a center millage passed to fund the programs and building.

During all of this the supervisor was less than supportive and Mr. Lozano led the opposition with open letters to the newspaper.

I know because I chaired the volunteer committee and Parks and Recreation Commission at the time. It was also volunteers that led the exploration of alternatives with the failure of the millage proposal.

While the Board ultimately funded the new Senior Center as an interim solution the current administration has presented no plans on how to create a center that fully meets the need of the community and I believe the seniors will concur that the new building, though now safe, is too small.

Mr. Lozano's letter asserts that the supervisor Wagner was elected by 60 percent of the community therefore he must be qualified.

Unfortunately, we have often seen in our

democratic process that the most qualified candidate is not always elected.

Fortunately with elections this August we as citizens will have a chance to correct that. We need competent management of our townships critical services and good financial understanding and planning. What we don't need is an administration that declares us financially strapped and unable to keep parks and beaches open one day and shortly thereafter unveils previously unknown surpluses.

We need both short and long term plans for our limited financial resources and we need a proactive not a reactive leader.

One thing is clear, in August we as Independence Township need a change in leadership. If you have any doubt of this please attend a township board meeting and judge for yourself whether or not we can do better, and submit your thoughts to *The Clarkston News*.

As Ben Franklin once said "When truth has fair play, it will always prevail over falsehood."

Sincerely,

*David Lohmeier
Independence Township*

Interest in local literacy group?

Dear Editor,

I currently tutor adults as a volunteer for Oakland Literacy Council.

It is very rewarding to work with these interesting and motivated adults. Some of the students are working on reading and some are working on learning English.

I find that the foreign students, who are often women with husbands whose jobs brought them here, are eager for additional opportunities for conversation.

I wonder if anyone knows of a conversation group in the Clarkston area which meets for this purpose?

*Mary Sloan
Independence Township*

Book helps clarify Middle East

Dear Editor,

In my opinion, most people ought to read the book "Exile" by Richard North Patterson, not because it is great book - it is a good book.

But, if you, as I, do not fully understand what is going on the Middle East, then this book will be very informative.

Now, this is a novel, a mystery novel at that.

But, the author takes great pains to inform the reader of the challenges, complexities, and

issues involving Israel, the West Bank, Iran, the Palestinians, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, etc.

He discusses ancient and current roots of the present situation in that part of the World.

I am not trying to promote the sale of a book or a political candidate; I am suggesting that we need to better understand how important and delicate efforts at peace in the Middle East are to our future and future of the World.

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Clarkston grads got talent

Byrne brothers share entertainment talents on east and west coasts

BY LAUREN HALULA

Clarkston News Intern Writer

Brothers Andrew and David Byrne have found great success through their musical talents.

They graduated two years apart from Clarkston High School and both went on to Western Michigan University.

They eventually parted ways for graduate school.

Andrew attended Arizona State University and majored in vocal education. David went to University of Michigan for musical composition.

Andrew said his love for music came from his family.

"I was raised in a musical family, so I've been surrounded by music for as long as I can remember," he said.

Their grandfather was an amateur musician, an aunt is a classical pianist and music professor at Michigan State University, and another aunt is a former professional opera singer.

David has their grandfather's piano, which he composes at every day.

Andrew started with the violin but re-

alized piano suited him better.

In high school, he had his first experience working with singers in a vocal coaching environment for Solo and Ensemble.

Their parents are also a great inspiration.

"My parents have been an amazing inspiration," David said.

"Without their support and encouragement, I wouldn't have been able to pursue my dreams."

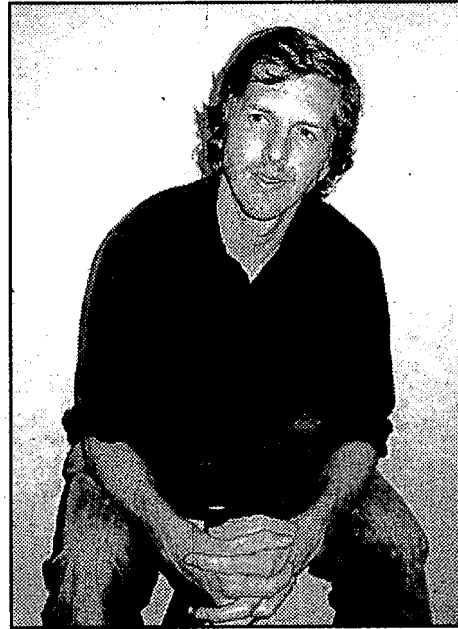
Andrew's greatest accomplishment so far is staying in music and theater for the past 10 years, supporting himself as an independent artist. Many people in the field are forced to work in other fields to support themselves, he said.

"I made the decision to move to New York with no job prospects lined up, but with a knowledge that I wanted to be here working with great performing artists," he said.

Before moving to the Big Apple, Andrew worked with Rob Meffe, assistant conductor for Broadway's *Les Miserables*. He played keyboard in the pit orchestra.



Andrew Byrne



David Byrne

Having Broadway experience opened many doors for him. His first month in New York, Andrew met his teacher and mentor, Tony-winner Victoria Clark.

"She believed in me enough to introduce me to many key players in the Broadway community, and I truly could not have done it without her," he said.

David's greatest accomplishments are the musical scores he created for films and TV shows.

His proudest is the score for the film

Pittsburg. Directors Chris Bradley and Kyle Labrache gave him a lot of artistic freedom with the music to shape the film, he said.

Andrew is focused on developing his work as a voice teacher for Broadway. He currently has students in productions of *Wicked*, *A Chorus Line*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Monty Python's: Spamalot*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Rent* and *Xanadu*, some of which play in Detroit.

Last fall, Andrew got the chance to train Lance Bass during his run as Corny Collins in *Hairspray*.

This past summer the brothers worked together on Season 2 of "America's Got Talent." The two did the arrangements and orchestrations for the Glamazons, who finished in the top eight.

David just finished writing the score for *Second Skin*, a documentary following the lives of seven online gamers.

"It explores how their relationship with the games influences their real lives," he said.

David will be heading to Austin, Texas, for its "Spotlight Premiere" at the Southwest Film Festival. Andrew's goal for the future is to become the go-to person for Broadway vocal training.

"When a movie star decides to take on a Broadway show, I want to be the person who trains them," he said.

David's primary goal is to keep working with talented artists writing scores for film and television.

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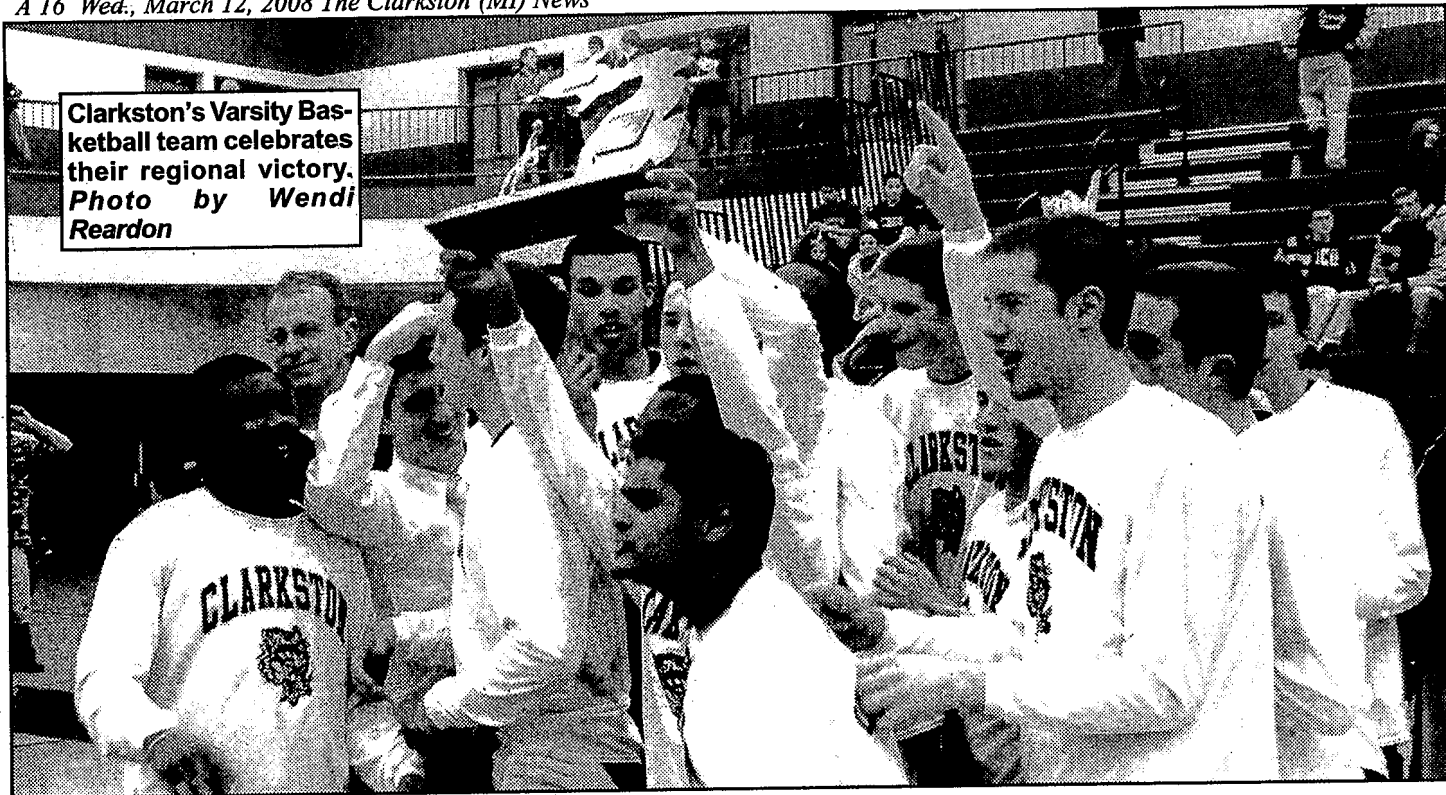
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Clarkston's Varsity Basketball team celebrates their regional victory. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Cagers flatten Flintstones

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Beating Flint Southwestern Academy won Clarkston Varsity basketball its sixth regional title, but Saginaw's the big prize.

"They take speed and quickness to a whole 'nother level," said Coach Dan Fife.

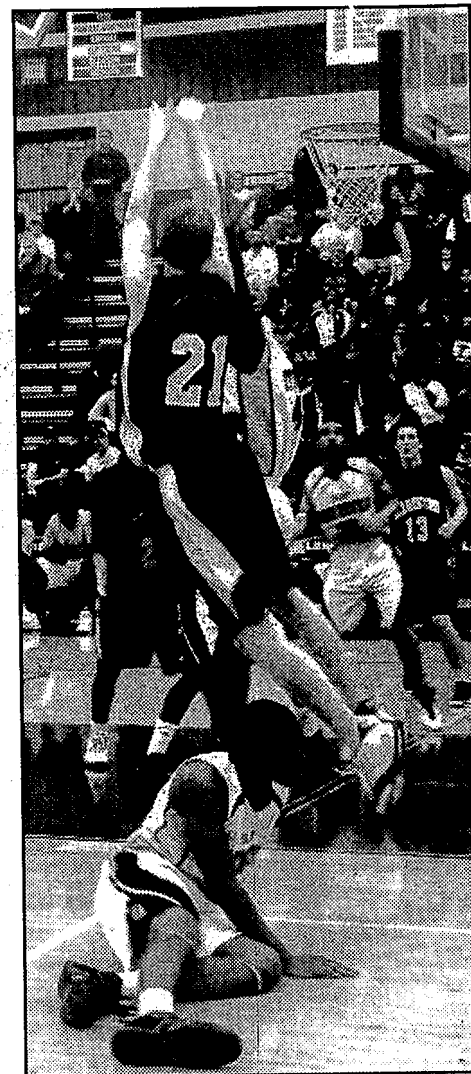
"It's going to be difficult. It's a great opportunity for our kids. They play more. They can intercept it. They are athletic. They can get it. Their speed is a little better than Southwestern, and they are used to winning. That makes a difference. When you are used to winning you can play a lot bet-

ter."

Flint Southwestern Academy pressed the Wolves last Wednesday in the regional playoffs, but Clarkston fought through it and won, 59-48.

"We handled it pretty well, but we're get

Please see Finals on page 17A



Brandon Pokley jumps past a fallen defender.



Athletes of the Week

Kickers awarded for good sportsmanship

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston's Varsity Soccer players earned the 2007 Fall "Good Sports Are Winners" Award.

The MHSAA gives out the sportsmanship award to nearly 200 teams during the postseason.

The team had a lot of success on the field, ending the season with a record of 18-4-3.

A lot of their success was attributed to the team's unity.

"They act more like family and work hard for each other," said Coach Adam Bican.

To show their unity, they took the field with a haircut neither their opposition or fans would forget - a mohawk.

The boys ended to regular season in second place, OAA Division I. They won dis-

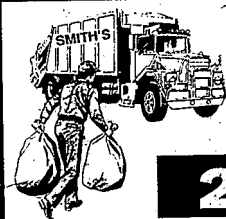
tricts by beating Milford, 3-1, and Lake Orion, 4-3.

Then were regional champions after beating Traverse City West, 2-1, and Rochester, 2-1.

The team celebrated Halloween by taking on Utica Eisenhower and winning the semifinal game, 4-1.

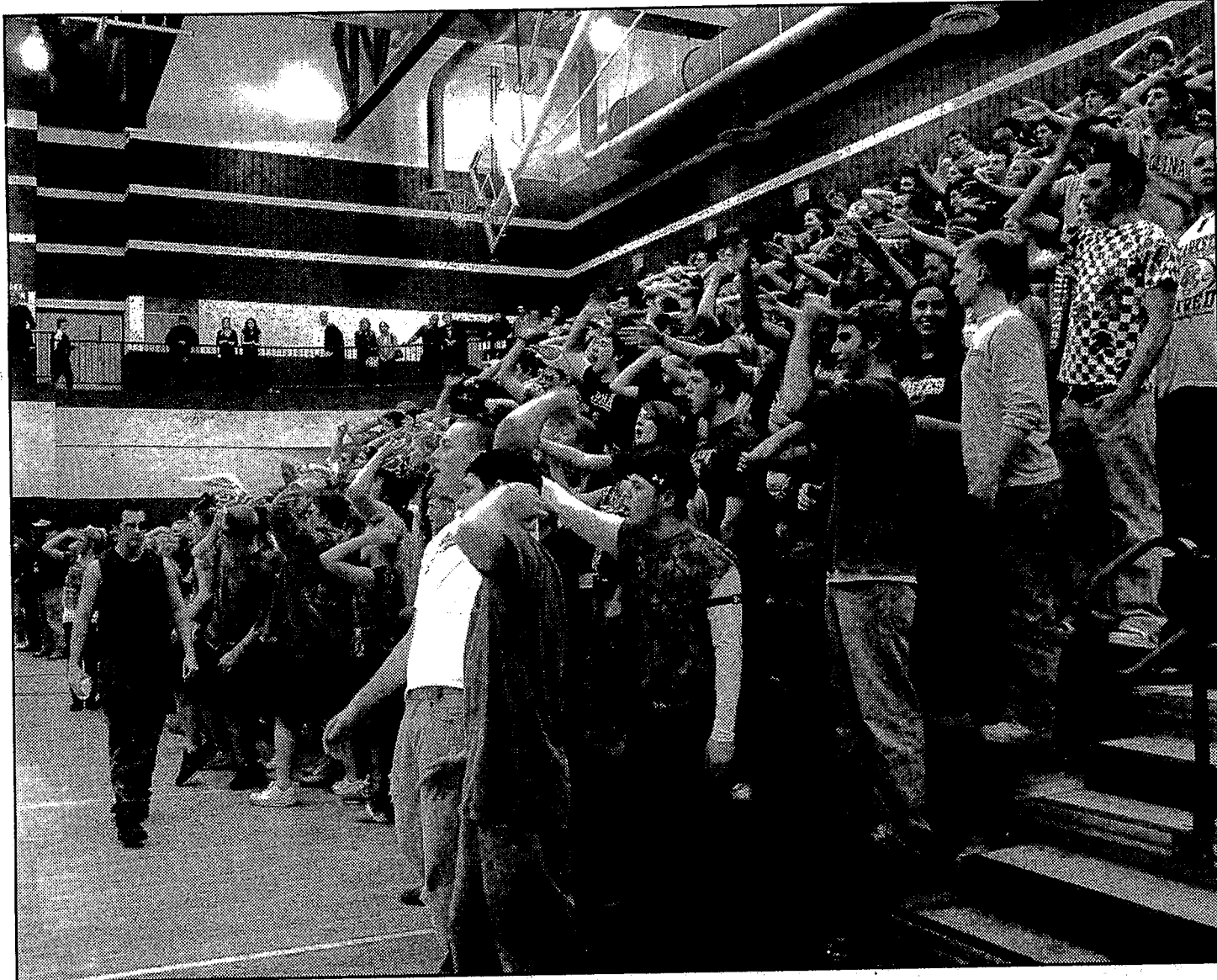
In the state finals, they lost to East Kentwood, 2-0.

The team was made up of seniors, Jimmy McCarty, Steve Nacy, John Timm, Matt Hall, Kavon Khani, Oliver Kupe, Daniel Rathsburg; juniors, Davis Vander Veen, Scott Messer, Alec Pappas, Nick Posawatz, Kevin Pinkos, Craig Miller, Isaac Platte, Colin Rumschlag, Jacob Melvin, Brandon Verlinden; John Verros; sophomores, David Thomas, Andrew Campbell; and freshman, Jarrett Kersten.



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Cagers hope to advance to state championships

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ting going too fast," Fife said. "You gotta learn how to dictate tempo and it's hard to do against teams like that. That's going to be important."

Southwestern led first period, 10-3.

The second quarter began and the Wolves were ready to take the lead. Julius Porter gained possession of the ball and scored a basket. Brandon Pokley followed up with his own field goal.

As both teams neared the end of the first half, Clarkston grabbed the lead and held onto it, going into half-time, 21-16.

Southwestern went into the third quarter strong on defense, closing to gap to two points.

A foul against the Wolves brought Tyrone Ward to the line. He shot one basket, tying them up, 23-23.

Two more points from each team kept thing even, but Pokley shot from outside to score his second field goal for the night, putting the Wolves into the lead, where they

would stay for the rest of the night.

"Our kind of basketball is team effort," said Flint Southwestern's coach Nate Perry.

"I am proud of the way the team played. We played with a team effort, I don't know one kid that was going to come out as a star any given night with the way our team goes — I give Clarkston credit, they took our offense out of the flow."

"The only thing that's been good for us is that we played a game like this tonight. It was a physical, full-court game with a lot of traps," said Fife.

Pokley was the high scorer for the game, with 26 points. More high scorers for Clarkston were Porter, 17, and Matt Kamieniecki, 10.

High scorers for Southwestern were Brandon Thompson, 11, Kortez Odom-Ross, 9, and Martel Northern, 8.

Clarkston's quarterfinals game against Saginaw (24-1) was set for Tuesday. To see how the Wolves did, go to www.ClarkstonNews.com.

The crowd goes wild, showing their appreciation for their team's victory.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

Season over for bowlers

The girls JV Bowling team took first place in the Greater Oakland Northern Lakes conference. During the season, they had a total of 14,406 pins. They ended the season, 7-2. Girls Varsity team finished in fourth. They split the season, 5-5, and had a total of 19,112 pins.

Boys Varsity Bowlers ended in third place in the Greater Oakland Northern Lakes. They had a record 6-4, with 23,605 pins. Boys JV team finished in fifth, with a record of 4-5 with 17,838 pins for the season.

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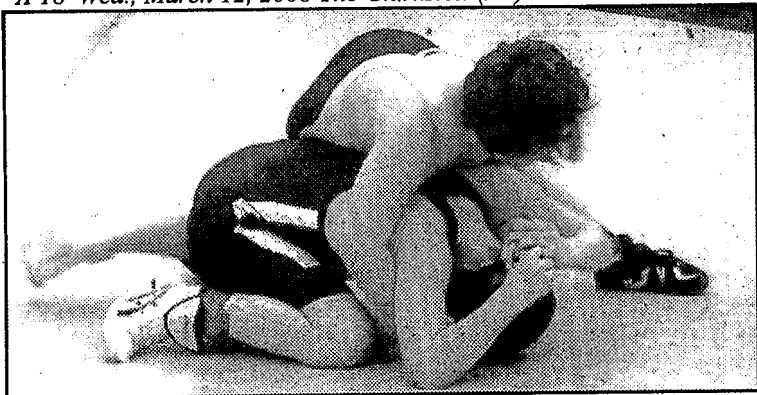
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Jorgen Johnson goes for a win against North Branch.

Getting a grip on their future

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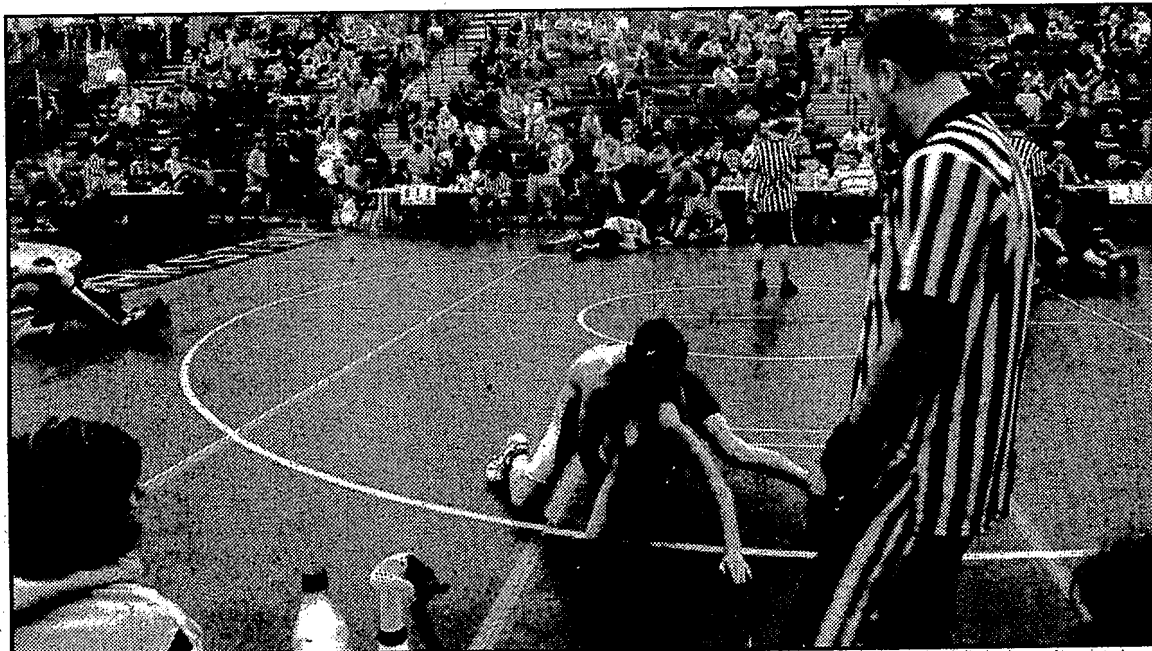
Twelve wrestlers from Clarkston

qualified, and four placed in the top four.

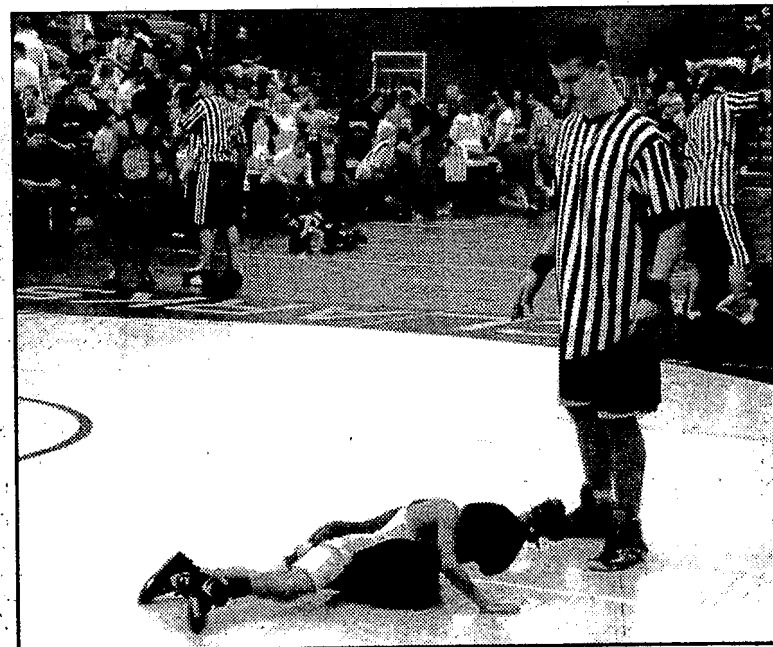
Dallas Hood was the only state champion from Clarkston. He wrestled in the 5-6 age group in the 58 pound weight class.



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Chris Calvano holds his opponent to the mat. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Mark Brado keeps his opponent from scoring any more points.

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Jeff Thomson takes on St. Mary's.

Season ended by St. Mry's

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jeremy Messing tied up Clarkston's quarterfinals game last Wednesday against East Kentwood with a second-period goal, leading the way to a 4-1 victory.

Kentwood (11-16-1) struck first with a goal by Tyler Copeland in the first period, but were unable to hold off he Wolves' second-period performance.

Tyler Frakes scored Clarkston's second point with an assist from Aaron Podbielski and Adam Frank.

Jack Schlau added one more point to the board, assisted by Jeff Thomson and Nick Posawatz.

The final goal for the night was made by Frank, assist from Podbielski.

Garrett Knappe made 30 saves.

The Wolves took on Orchard Lake St. Mary's Friday night for a



The team confers with their coach. Photos by Tina Thomson

chance to play in the finals, but fell 2-0.

St. Mary's advanced to semifinals by beating Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6-1.

"I thought we played well," said coach Bryan Krygier. "We played

and gave it all we had."

Clarkston went into the third period behind by one, but were shut out by St. Mary's offence, outshooting Clarkston 25-17.

"There were a lot of teams that would have liked to have been in

our position," Krygier said. "I think that it was a good accomplishment to get to the semifinals. That's how you want to think of it - the next closest thing to the finals."

Clarkston ended the season with an overall record of 11-16-2.

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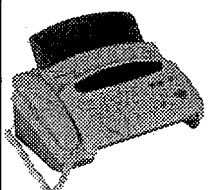
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Wrestling champs place at finals

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

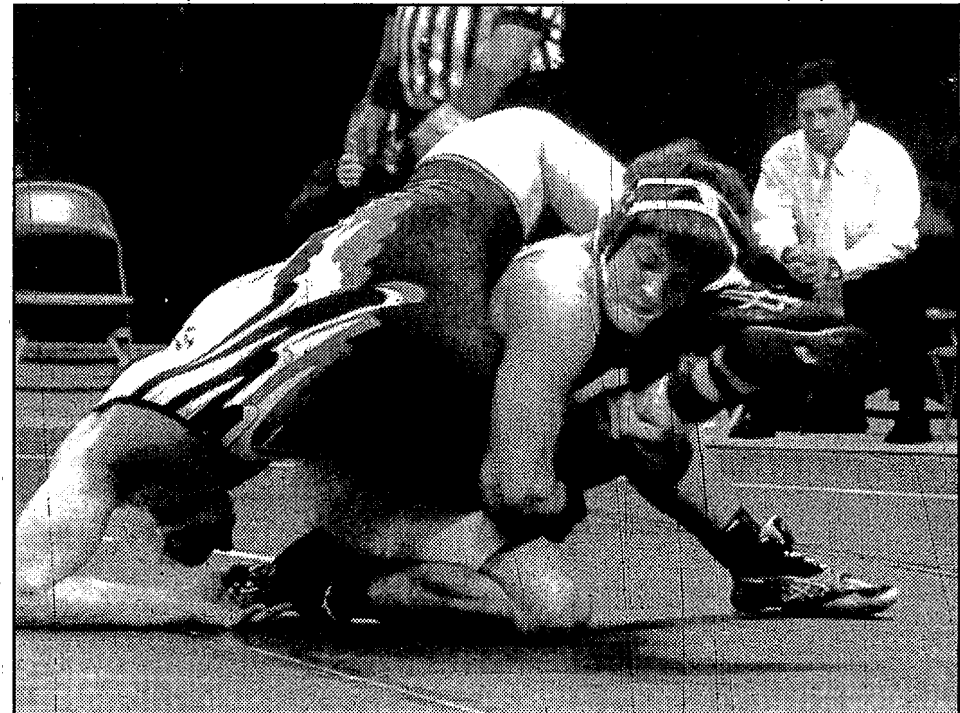
When Adam Lauzun was in fourth grade, his mom, Terri, signed him up for wrestling. His dad, Dave, wrestled in high school. Wrestling seemed like a sport father and son could enjoy together.

His mom said Adam fought it, but she told him to try it and if he didn't like it, he didn't have to do it.

Ten years later, Adam made it to the individual state finals in the 171 pound weight class.

Last year, he took fifth place in the same weight class.

He won three matches leading him into the championship round with Ben Bennett from Rockford, ranked number one in the state.



Adam Lauzun wrestles Ben Bennett. Photos by Colin Baumgartner

In the third period of the match, Bennett pinned Adam, placing Adam in second place.

"I feel very good about taking second place," said Adam. "It is still something to be proud of. Bennett is a phenomenal wrestler. I gave him all I could and he was good. I knew how good of a wrestler he was. I went in there to win."

"He proved he was second best," said

Coach Joe DeGain.

"I thought he did very well considering the odds were against him," said Terri. "We're very proud of him."

Adam ended his senior year with a 53-2 record.

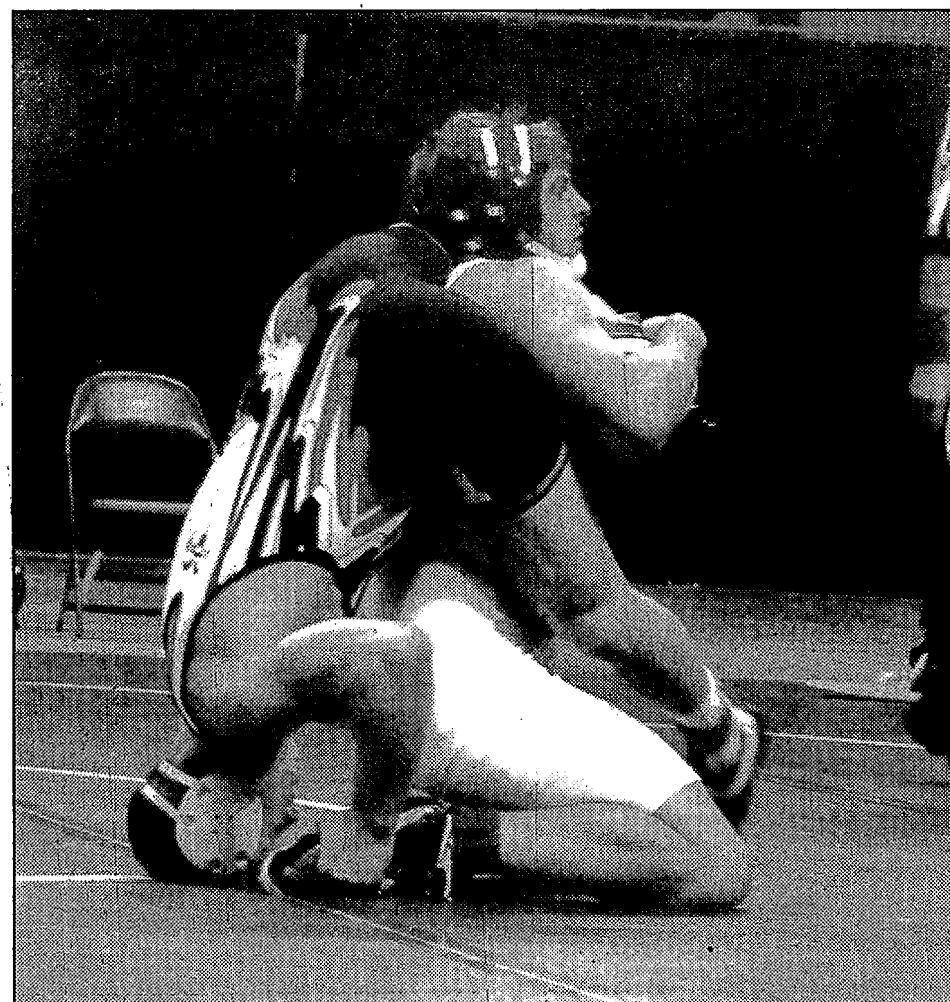
A total of six wrestlers from Clarkston made it to finals.

"It's an accomplishment to make it to state finals," said DeGain. "To have six guys make it is successful. I am proud of all of them for making it there. It was a fun season for those guys, especially an honor of making it there."

Bryant Craft (189) won one match at finals and lost two matches, ending his senior year, 49-6.

Matt Deitz (125), Alex Popp (130), Evan King (145) and Sloan Hadsall (215) each lost two matches, ending their seasons.

Overall records for the season were Deitz, 47-8; Popp, 38-5; King, 32-27; and Hadsall, 35-24.



Open Call Prep Clinic

Stars and Stripes gym is holding a clinic for any girl wanting to improve her skills before their open call weekend.

The clinic will be held on Wednesdays from March 19 to April 16, 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Their open call team selection will take place on April 19 and 20.

No experience is required; just a great work ethic!

Girls must register by April 18.

For more information, call the gym at (248) 625-3550 or email Nancy Walters at nancy@starsandstripeskids.com.

Cops corner web predator

Man arranged sexual rendezvous

An Internet predator who thought he was communicating with a 35-year-old woman and her 13-year-old daughter was arrested in Independence Township late last week.

According to a statement issued Monday by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Robert Scott Daily, 39, sent three pictures—including one explicit image—of himself to what he believed were two females, and indicated an interest in engaging in simultaneous sexual activity with mother and daughter.

Daily initially "met" the pair in an online chat room the previous day, and quickly arraigned a meeting near Dixie Highway and M-15, where he was unexpectedly greeted by officers from the Oakland County Sheriff's Computer Crimes Unit.



Robert Daily

Daily, an unemployed office worker from the City of Rochester Hills was arrested on multiple felony charges, including child sexually abusive activity, a 20-year felony; computer Internet communicating with another to commit a crime, a 10-15 year felony; and using a computer to commit a crime, a 10-20 year felony.

Daily had several condoms in his possession when he arrived at the designated Independence Township parking lot at the set time. He was arrested without incident, and cooperated with sheriff's detectives.

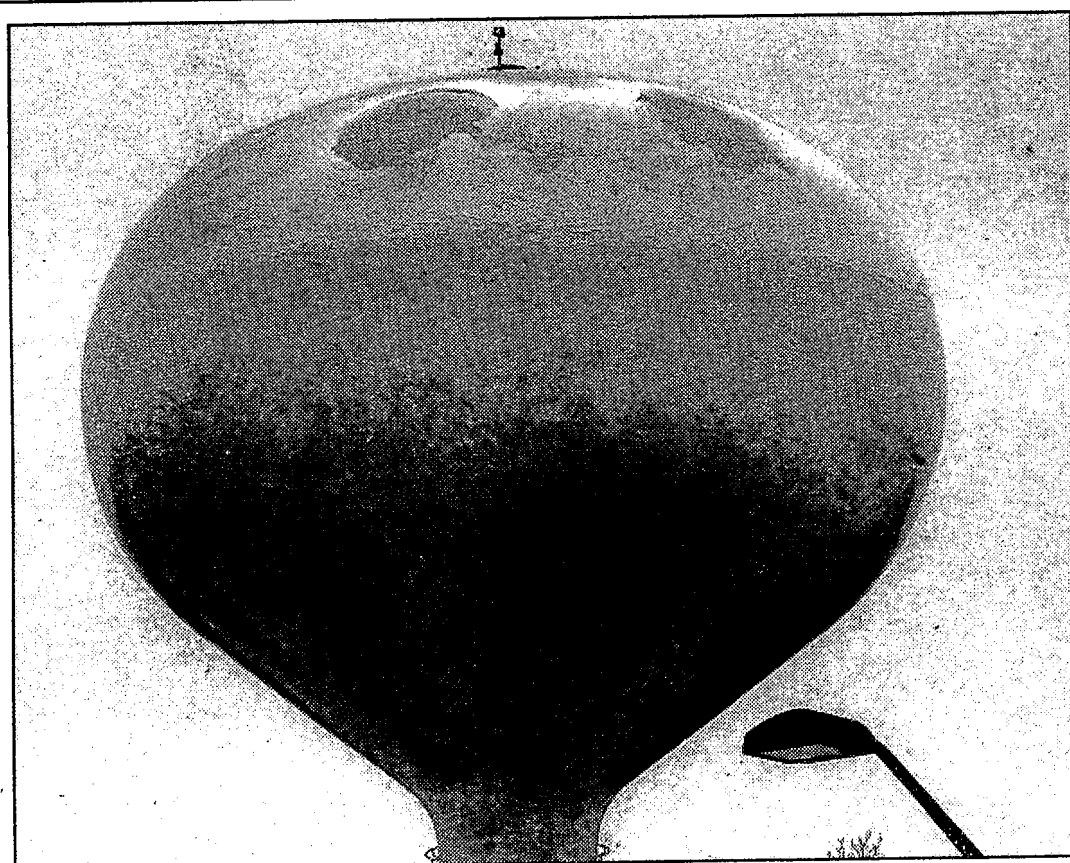
According to OCSO Undersheriff Michael McCabe, the Independence Township meeting location had no significance other than serving as an agreed-upon spot between the parties.

Police, seized two computers from Daily's residence, said the man indicated he lives with his parents and communicated from a computer in his bedroom. Daily also told officers he has a degree in criminal justice and was interested in becoming a police officer.

"This case just shows how anyone can be a sexual predator, no matter what their chosen profession is and how quickly these predators can act," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard in the statement issued Monday. "This man claims has a (college degree) and wanted to become a police officer. It is unfortunately a disgusting and sad commentary."

Daily was arraigned before Magistrate Dudley March 8 with bond set at \$50,000. While no court date had been set at press time, police said Daily's exam would take place in the 52-2 District Court in Independence Township within 10 days.

-Laura Colvin



Who is that masked tower?

Melting snow last week resulted in an unusual pattern on Independence Township's water tower on Dixie Highway. Photo by Phil Custodio

Author to discuss modern Catholic faith

Matthew Kelly, internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best selling author will speak at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

Matthew's presentation, titled "Is Catholicism Still Relevant", is developed from his book, "Redis-

covering Catholicism."

Matthew's presentation is suitable for ages 12 through adult and is especially meaningful when experienced as a family.

Admission is free, but RSVP 248-625-1750. St. Daniel is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive, south on the M-15 exit off I-75.



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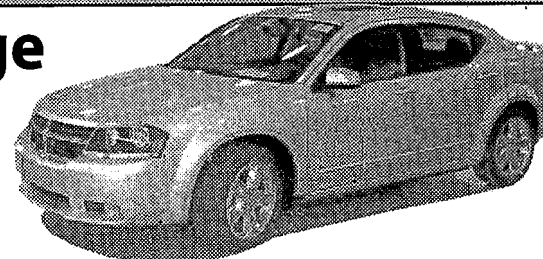
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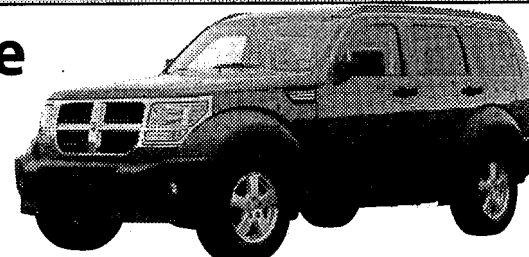
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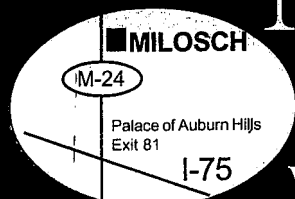
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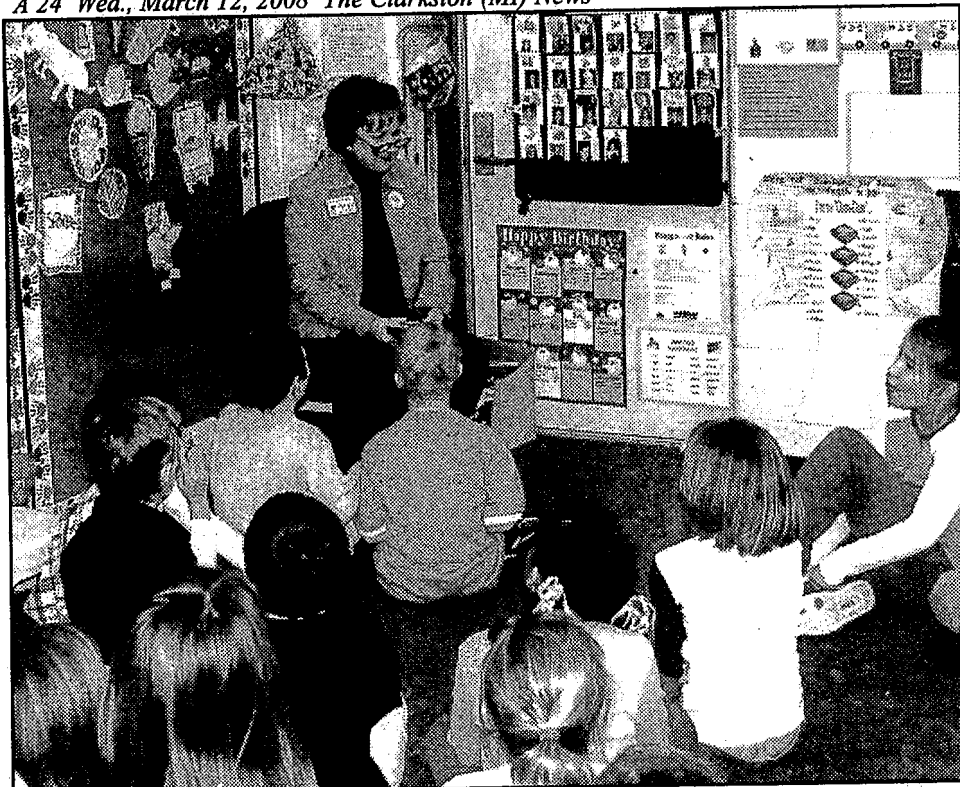
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Eileen Kowall, Oakland County commissioner, reads to students at Springfield Plains Elementary School.

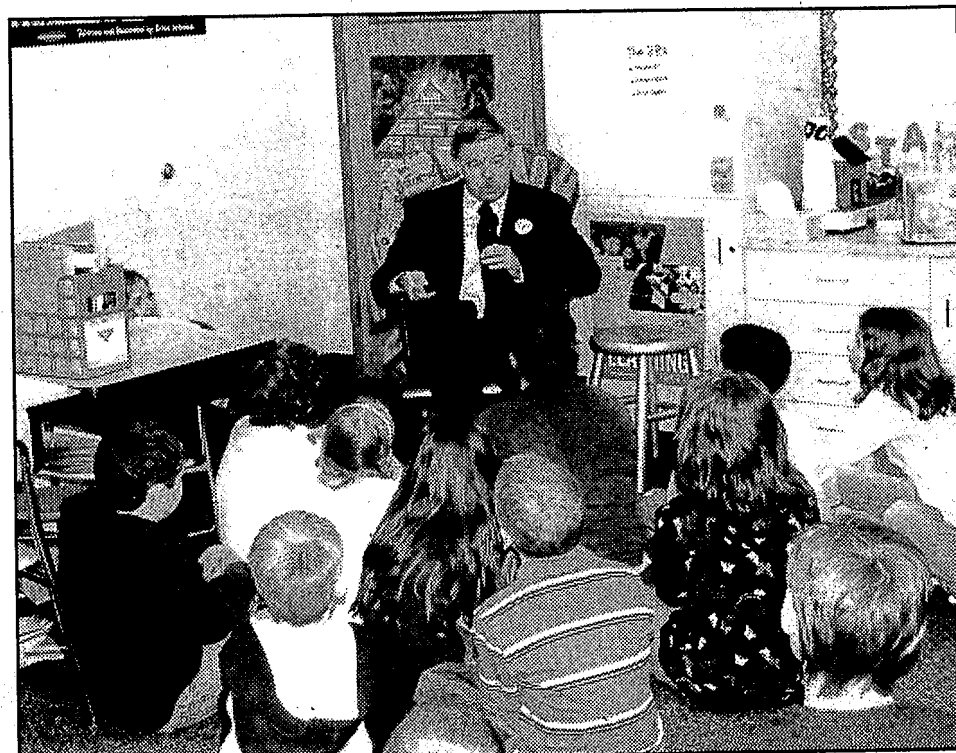
Reading for the future

More than 20 volunteers from the community celebrated Michigan Reading Month with Springfield Plains Elementary students March 5.

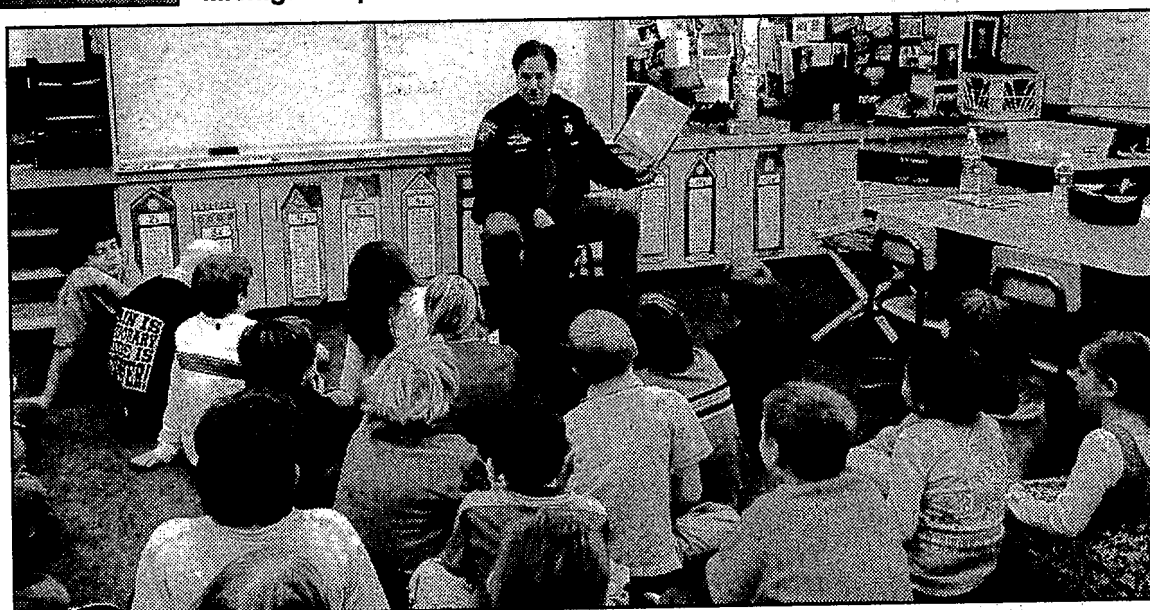
As part of Celebrity Readers Day, they read books enjoyed by

students or themselves in their youth.

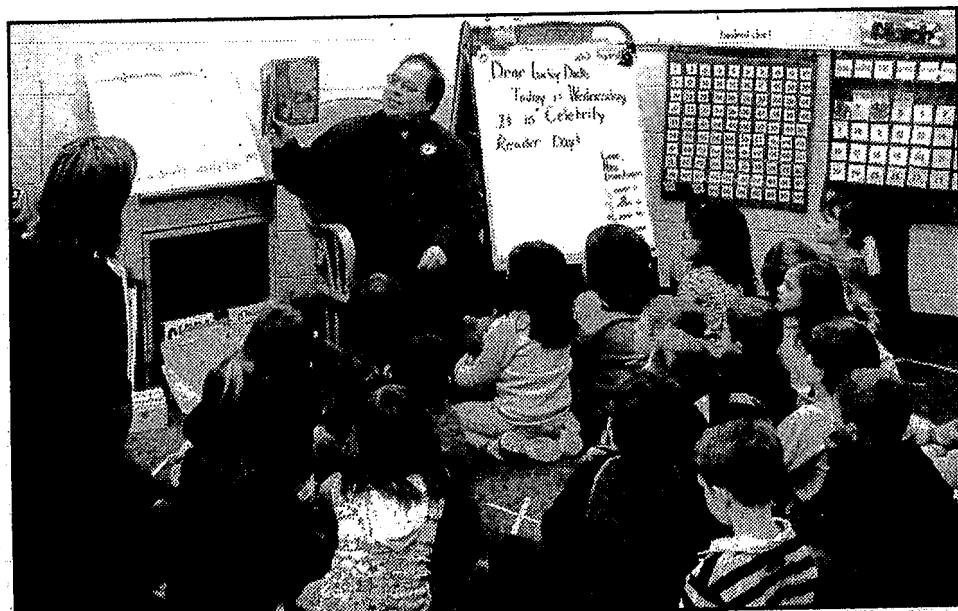
"Reading opens the door to a lifetime of opportunities," said Juanita Kostecki, event chairperson. "It celebrates this year's school theme, 'Be a Star...Lead the Way.'"



Michigan Rep. John Stakoe answers questions about his job.



Sheriff Michael Bouchard read to students at Little Oaks Child Development Center and Bloomfield Hills' West Maple Elementary, as well as Springfield Plains.



Phil Custodio, editor for The Clarkston News, reads to kindergartners about the Cat in the Hat's visit to a rainforest. Photos submitted



L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, reads to students.

People Poll

March 5, 2008

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What can people do to support veterans?



"I'd like to see more for our wounded veterans. Some scars don't show. I'd like more help with that."

—Tim Rollin



"Get involved and show your support."

—Sherry Meadows



"More money for VA hospitals. Pressure Congress to stop cutting funds."

—Dave Wilson



"Packaging parties like Desert Angel. Donate items men and women can't get overseas."

—Jan Rollin

By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Girls face their future with faith

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Facing the challenge of growing up with virtue in a not-so-virtuous world, 11 Clarkston area girls formed a local Challenge Girls Club.

"I believe these girls are the future of the church and society," said Kristin McGrath, formation mentor. "They'll make a big difference. They'll bring back values to society. They're going to change the world."

Club members Amanda Covert, Nicole Frank, Jackie Gipe, Katie Gipe, Alyssa Hamelin, Maria Pangori, Lizzi Ridge, Alison Stawara, Kendra Sweet, Erin VanBuskirk, and Jenny Zawadzki meet weekly to discuss themes and passages from the Bible, and plan service projects throughout the community.

"We share our thoughts about religion," Hamelin said. "We're like a big family. We respect everyone."

"I heard about it from my friends," Ridge said. "It sounded fun."

The girls, ages 10-14, come from different schools, so it gives them a chance to get together with girls they wouldn't have otherwise, she said.

"I've really enjoyed it," Jackie said.

One project was a fundraiser selling earrings to buy diaper bags, clothes, and supplies for local crisis pregnancy centers.

"These are mothers in trouble who decided not to have abortions — we wanted to help them," Hamelin said.

"We want to support them for choosing life," Katie said.



Clarkston Challenge Club members are Amanda Covert, Nicole Frank, Jackie Gipe, Katie Gipe, Alyssa Hamelin, Maria Pangori, Lizzi Ridge, Alison Stawara, Kendra Sweet, Erin VanBuskirk, and Jenny Zawadzki. Photo submitted

They also go to local nursing homes to visit with residents.

Plans for next year include expanding to three teams: girls in grades 5-6, grades 7-8, and grades 9-10.

"As girls get older, they face different situations," said Pam Zawadzki, club president. "They have different issues at different ages."

Team Leaders Kelsey McCrum and Mary Toohey organized the Clarkston group's video entry in this year's Virtues Video Contest, Feb. 10 in Oxford.

They earned third place honors with the video "Bringing Christ to our Everyday Lives," based on the 2006 film "The Ultimate Gift." In their version, challenges arrived for their troubled main character from Father Marcial Maciel

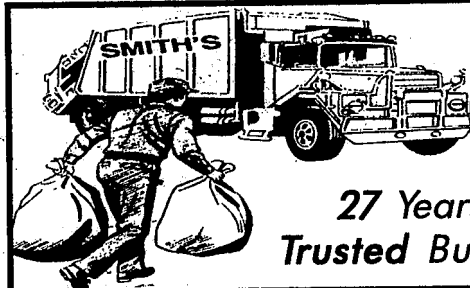
Degollado, founder of Catholic groups Regnum Christi and Legion of Christ, which sponsor Challenge Clubs internationally.

"Father Maciel died five hours before the first viewing of the video (on Jan. 30)," said Maria Pangori. "He was watching from heaven."

In the video, girls play characters learning about generosity (sharing a piece of cake even with selfish brothers), friendship (reaching out to an annoying classmate instead of arguing), and charity (volunteering at a nursing home).

"There are lots of ways to bring Christ into our lives," said Maria Pangori. "The video helps bring Christ into everyday life, in the school, home, and community."

Ten area Challenge Clubs competed, with
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The Great Egg Hunt, Independence Township Parks and Rec, 7-9 p.m., March 13, for grades 4-5. Clintonwood Park. \$6/residents. 248-628-8223.

The Positive Side of Aging, 9-11:30 a.m., March 13, Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center, 4800 Clintonville Road. Blood sugar screening, weight checks, blood pressure checks, hearing screenings by Sonus, Ask the Pharmacist by Omnicare. Door prizes. Free breakfast. 248-674-0903.

Summer sports registration, Springfield Township Parks & Rec, Youth Co-Ed T-Ball Clinic, Co-Ed T-Ball, Co-Ed Coach Pitch, Boys Baseball, Girls Softball. Early registration ends March 14. Late registration ends March 28. 248-846-6558.

Egg mania, Independence Township Parks and Rec, March 15; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., age 4 and under; 12:30-2:30 p.m., ages 4-8. \$6/residents. 248-628-8223.

Identifying Michigan Mammals, 1 p.m., March 15, Environmental Discovery Center, Indian Springs Metropark. Ages 8 and older. \$1.50 per person. Pre-registration required. 248-625-6640.

Free food, Emergency Food Assistance Program, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., March 15, Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road. Income eligible seniors register with proof of address, family size, photo I.D. 248-209-2686.

Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt, 8-10 p.m., March 20, Mill Pond Park, Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks & Rec. \$7. 248-846-6558.

Around Town

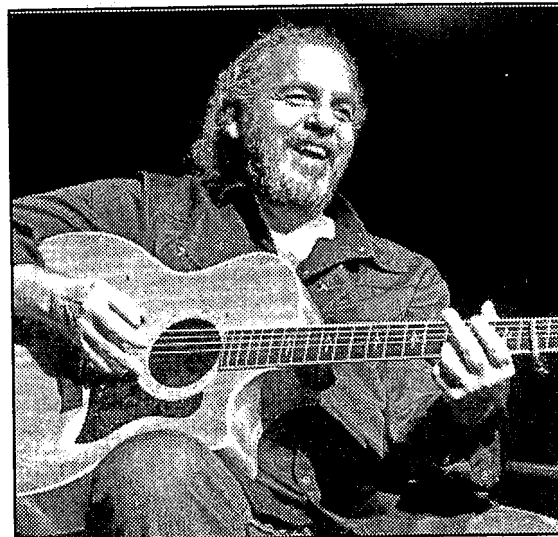
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Benefit dinner, Middle School, Waterford Community Church, for Bike and Hiking excursion in the Upper Peninsula, 4-8 p.m., April 30. Pete's Coney Island II, Dixie Highway. 248-673-3880.

Income Tax Preparation Assistance, 9 a.m.-noon, through April 8. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

Drum's Alive Golden Beats, 9-10 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, through April 16. Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$27 for one day/week; \$54, two days/week; \$6 per class drop-in. All equipment included. 248-625-8231.

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.-noon, Mondays, through April 21. Teacher John Marchewitz studied this Wu Style T'ai Chi Ch'uan form in China. St. Dan's. \$45/10-week session. Call senior center, 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223 or www.clarkstonband.org.

BNI, Clarkston-Waterford Chapter, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Liberty Golf & Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. Call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550.

Gentle Yoga, 8:30 a.m., Tuesdays, through Dec. 11. \$32 for seven weeks. Carriage House, Inde

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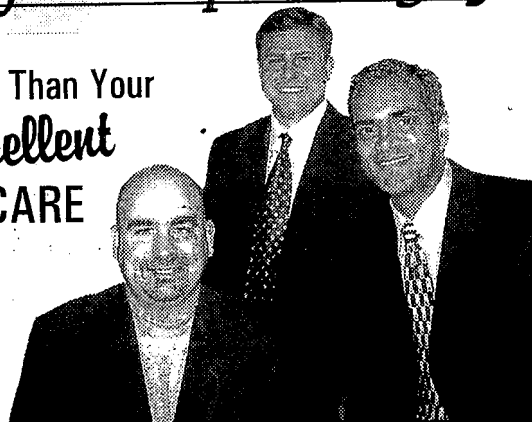
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Sanchin Ryu Karate: K-8th grade, 6-7 p.m., Tuesdays, through March 25, \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. Adult and family, 5 years and up, 7-9 p.m., through March 25, \$45/resident, \$90/family; \$50/non-residents, \$95/family. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0412.

Strength and Stretch, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays/Thursdays, through April 10. Increase muscle strength and endurance, firm muscles, strengthen bones. \$63 for 7 wk session. Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through April 9. Carriage House, Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$35/seven-week session. Drop-in fee, \$6. 248-625-8231.

Knit or crochet program, second and fourth Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All levels

welcome. Tea and coffee served. 248-625-2212.

Line dancing in Clarkston, Thursdays, Beginners 1-2:30 p.m., Intermediate/Advanced 3-4 p.m. \$3. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

LBN-Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

Movies & Munchies, 1:30 p.m., every third Thursday. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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Community events?

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Sharing some stories

Dick Ellis shares stories of his underwater treasure hunts at Clarkston Community Historical Society's Collector's Night, Feb. 26. Photo submitted



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Milestones



Nathan and Brittani

Clarkston grad marries

Brittani Brewer, daughter of Phil and Cindy Brewer of Clarkston, and Nathan Emmorey, son of Ron and Bonnie Emmorey of Gaylord, were married Jan. 26th, 2008, in Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School and 2004 graduate of the

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Grand Valley State University and 2007 graduate of Ave Maria School of Law.

Following the wedding, the couple relocated to Florida where Nathan works as a public defender.

Students achieve success

Tracy L. Domitrz of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Boston University for fall semester.

Jenna Kennedy of Clarkston recently participated in Valparaiso University's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

She helped present a focus session, "Breaking the Silence: Continuing King's Call for Human Dignity."

A junior international business major, she is the daughter of Warren and Patricia Kennedy and a member of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

Clarkston students Kristi Bailey, Kayla Baker, Amanda Hicks, Suzanne Meloche, Christina Paci, and Steven Rosso graduate this past December from Central Michigan

University.

Degrees earned were: Bailey, Master of Science in Administration; Baker, Bachelor of Science; Hicks, Bachelor of Science in Education; Meloche, Bachelor of Science; Paci, Bachelor of Science in Education; and Rosso, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Clarkston students Robert Holt, Amanda Andersen, and James Coleman were named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for Fall 2007.

Chelsea A. Lemarbe of Clarkston was named to the Spring 2007 Dean's List at Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

The daughter of Jeffrey Lemarbe, she is a freshman in the College of Health and Human Services.

E-mail your Milestones to ClarkstonNews@gmail.com or drop them off at our downtown office, 5 S. Main St.

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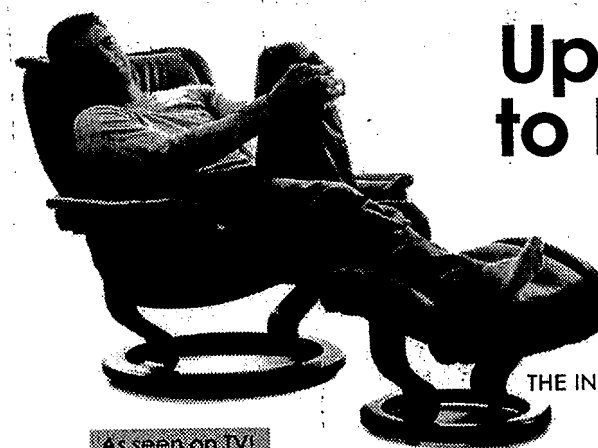


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Religion

Spring brings reminders of Easter

Can you believe how long this winter seems to have been? I even heard someone who loves winter say, "This is too much even for me!"

I actually don't mind winter as much as the snow and this has certainly been a record-breaking season.

I am looking at the calendar and hoping nature cooperates with what I am reading. According to the calendar it should be spring next week.

With an early Easter I am especially hoping for change. It just won't be the same if we have to celebrate Easter with snow on the ground, heaven forbid!

Easter brings with it a sense of hope for better things:

Easter is the holiday that we as Christians celebrate as the time of the resurrection of Christ.

Jesus had to die in order to pay the price for our sins. His resurrection demonstrates His power over sin and all the consequences of sin we fight through each day. For non-believers Good Friday must seem like a gruesome sight that we actually celebrate the crucifixion that occurred on Good Friday.

The crucifixion represents someone not only dying on a cross but also suffering untold agony and pain. We cel-

ebate not only for the benefits it brings us but also the fact that we have someone who willingly offered Himself for us. What an amazing picture of love this story demonstrates to us.

With the resurrection that followed the death of Christ we can now have great expectations for our future. If Jesus can triumph over death there is no situation we face that we can not also have the hope that something better is yet to come.

With the celebration of Easter we can confidently say there are always new beginnings and fresh starts. Through television and as I travel I am telling the people of the world God wants us to know it is a "New Day!"

I am convinced people need to change their mindsets and look to the future with great expectation instead of a negative outlook.

Are you in need of a New Day? Do you need to believe that your long winter of life can give way to a spring of new life?

Start by reaching out to God by faith and asking Him for new hope. Then start living your life with that new expectation guiding you. The Bible says faith without works is dead faith.

At the first hint of spring we Michiganders, as my grandpa used to call us, begin working in our yards. We

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

In our churches...

Is Catholicism Still Relevant, with author Matthew Kelly, 7 p.m., March 12, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. 248-625-1750.

Movie and discussion, "Peace One Day," 7 p.m., March 14, Peace Unity. Discussion leader: Linda Henderson, state coordinator for the Peace Alliance and the campaign to establish a Department of Peace, and Yusif Barakat, of the Michigan Peace Team. Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

Easter Egg Hunt, 3 p.m., March 15. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. 248-625-1611.

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., March 15. North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. \$5, includes pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice. Free/children under 5. Benefits Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky in July. Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m., free, open to children fifth grade and younger. Bring your own baskets. All welcome. 248-922-9843.

Holy Week, Palm Sunday, 8:15, 9:30, and 11 a.m., March 16; Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., March 20, including Holy Communion; Good Friday, 7 p.m., March 21; Saturday Easter Vigil March, 7 p.m., March 22; Easter Sunday, 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m., March 23. Calvary

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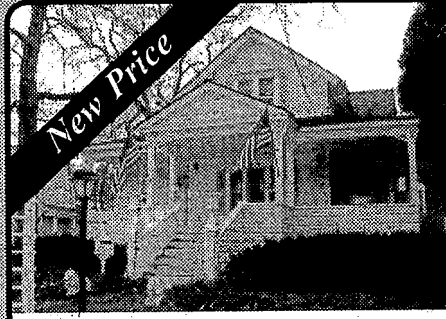
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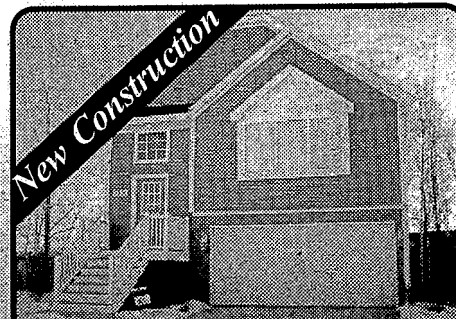
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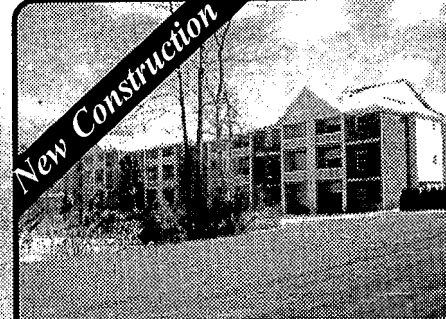
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plant grass and flowers, start cleaning up the lawn furniture. Why? Because when the good weather comes we do not want to miss a day of it. Some of our work will be premature simply because we are in a hurry but some things will be because we never really know when spring will actually be here.

Most of us will keep pressing ahead because our hope will be in the future. We need to do the same thing with our lives in general.

The Bible says if you want to understand the invisible God simply look at the natural order. When you see what God has created and how it operates it gives us a clue as to what to expect.

He is the God who creates times and seasons for the earth but also it is true in our lives.

Winter speaks of death and loss. Life deals out death and loss but it also holds the promise of the life which is to come.

Don't let the severity or length of your "winter" hold you back. Get ready for your New Day!

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Temple.

Like to be in Spiritual Matters?
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In our churches

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Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Walk the Talk, Peace Unity's Palm Sunday with the Rev. Matthew Long, 9 a.m., March 16. Special music by Michael Krieger. Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

Easter drama, "The Rising," church Drama Team, 7 p.m., March 21. Free breakfast for guests, 9 a.m., March 23. Morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., with encore performance of "The Rising." Free and open to the public. Nursery provided for infants and toddlers. No Sunday evening service. First Baptist Church, 5972 Paramus. 248-625-3380.

Easter week, Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. Good Friday Service, March 21, 12-1 p.m. Easter Services, 9 and 10:45 a.m. 248-625-1344.

The Sermon on the Mount, ongoing study of Emmett Fox's classic book, 7 p.m., Wednesdays. Facilitated by the Rev. Matthew Long, Peace Unity. Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road.

Prayer Partner Training, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

Lent, Wednesdays, soup and pretzels, 6:30 p.m.; meditation 7 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m. Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

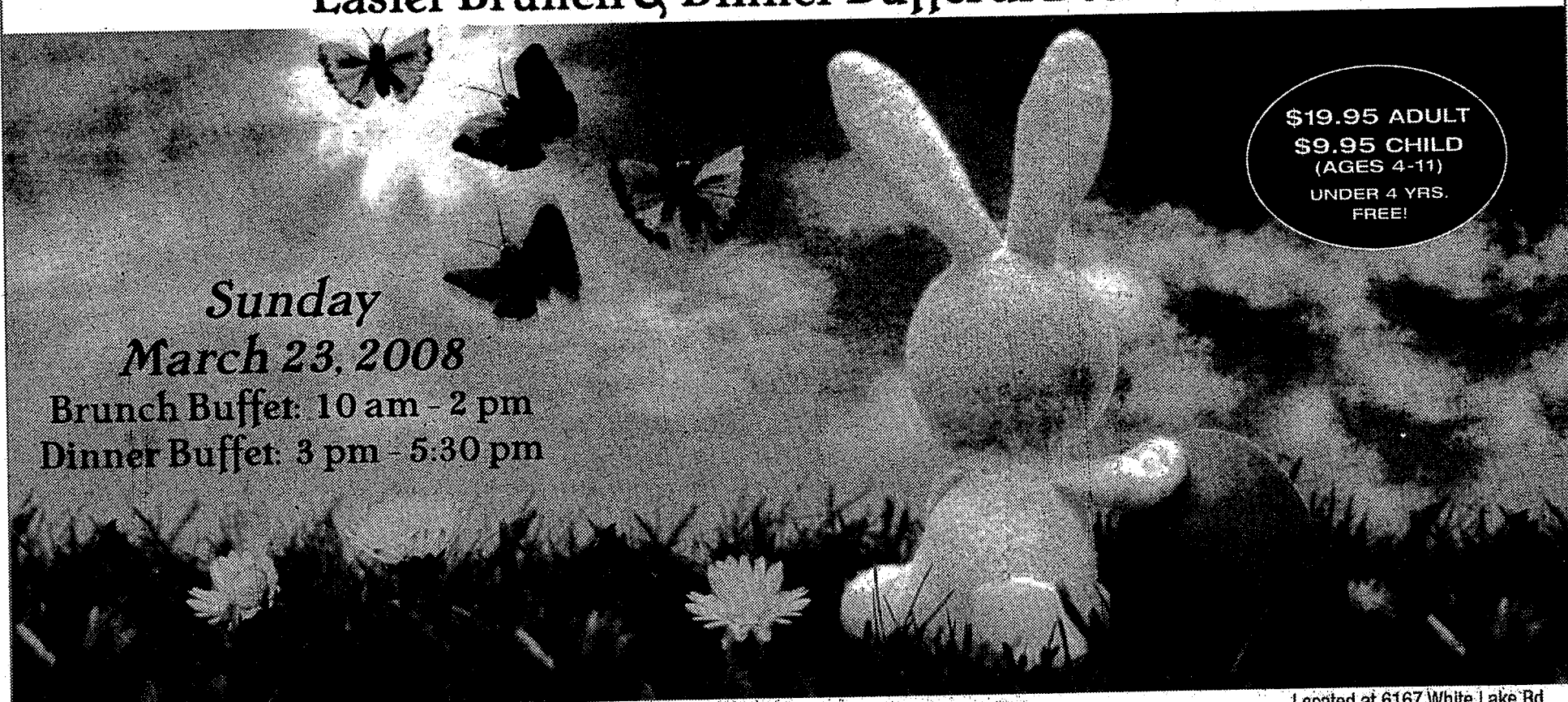
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Church of the Resurrection has **bible study** every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is currently on "Paul's letter to the Romans." 6490 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more information.

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

Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11:15 a.m., Fridays, through March 14. Studying Beth Moore, "Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith." Calvary Lutheran Church, SW corner of I-75 and M-15. 248-625-3288.

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Obituary

Irene (Armenauhi) Azoian

Irene (Armenauhi) Azoian of Pontiac passed away March 6 at the age of 89.

She was the beloved mother of Sadie (Vahan) Basmajian, Judith Hickey, the late Arthur (Nancy) Azoian, and Sandra (Carl) Hutchinson; also survived by her loved sister, Pauline Krekorian, and nieces Nancy (Dan) Thurber and Pamela (Dan) Burnell.

Mrs. Azoian leaves nine grandchildren, including her special and devoted grandson Carl (JR), 14 great-grandchildren and many wonderful friends to cherish her memory.

She was preceded in death by parents, Bedros and Satenig (Tevanian) Goulasarian; husband, Samuel (Sahag) Azoian; son Arthur; brother-in-law Robert; and nephew Gary Krekorian.

Irene was born in Armenia, immigrated to Portland, Maine, in 1921, and graduated in 1938 from Portland High School. She was loving and caring, always willing to help those in need.

She was a member of the Senior and



Junior Armenian Relief Society of Pontiac (The Red Cross), Howard Dell and the LaAmistad Senior Centers.

She volunteered for Pontiac Light-house Service with Love program. She was a supporter of the Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, Dearborn.

Visitation and Wake Service was March 9 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was March 10. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Saint Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church Dearborn or Gary Krekorian Scholarship Fund of Portland. Irene will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved her. We will love and miss you - our Mom, Grandma, Mezmama and friend! Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Dwight Lamar Spiker

Dwight Lamar "Bud" Spiker of Clarkston and Punta Gorda, Fla., passed away March 6 at the age of 70.

He was the husband of Joanne; father of John (Lisa) of Clarkston and Betsy of Waterford; "Big Grandpa" of Logan, Quentin, and Benjamin; brother of Luella Moshier of Tenn., Marilyn ((Robert) Rumohr of Lapeer, Dale (Sue) Spiker of Oxford, and Mildred Macco of Lake Orion; also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his sisters Glenna Foster and Eileen Whitaker.

Mr. Spiker retired from General Motors as a supervisor. He served as President of the Clarkston Athletic Boosters Association, having volunteered for over 22 years. He volunteered as a firefighter with Independence Township Fire Department for



18 years and was President of North Oakland Firefighters Association.

He was active with the Jerry Lewis Telethon and enjoyed sports, especially golfing and

bowling.

Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Wednesday, March 12, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service Thursday, March 13, 10:30 a.m., at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment Andersonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston Scamp.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Delores L. Van Norman

Delores L. Van Norman of Clarkston passed away March 5 at the age of 71.

She was the loving wife of Robert for 51 years; mother of Daniel (Lynn) Van Norman, Michelle (Dennis) Lankton, and Shari (David) Smith; grandmother who loved her seven grandchildren very much; also survived by two sisters and one brother; preceded in death by one sister.



Funeral Service was March 8 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Beaumont Hospice. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

William J. 'Bill' Frazer

William J. "Bill" Frazer of Ortonville passed away March 7 at the age of 75.

He was the loving husband of Ladell for 57 years; dear father of Claudia (Michael) Cole, Robert (Pat) Frazer, James (Rose Mary) Frazer, Richard (Raeanne) Frazer, and Timothy Frazer; grandfather of 11; great grandfather of 8; and brother of Jean Frazer and Janet Pavlinac.

He was preceded in death during his teenage years by his brother Henry and later his parents Henry and Edna Frazer. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Frazer retired from Pontiac Motors as an accountant in 1980 after completing 31 years of service. He enjoyed woodworking, woodcarving, golf, hunting, competi-



tive shooting and square dancing.

He was a past member of the Oakland County Sportsman's Club, Lake Orion Gun Club and the Pioneer Coon Hunters Club.

Funeral Service was March 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment, Ortonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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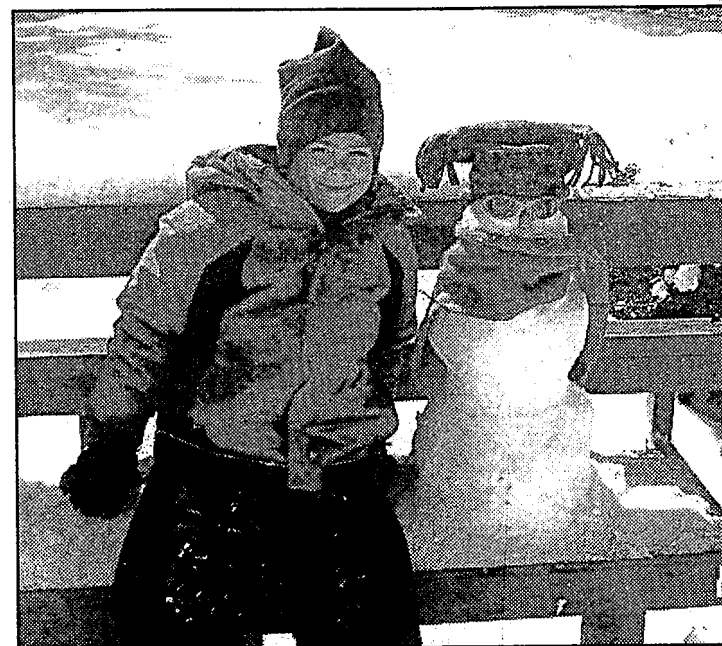
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Logan Knowlson made this little snowman buddy March 1.

Approaching spring means snowmen's time running out

Winter's still with us, but not for much longer! Maybe there's enough of the white stuff left for a few final snowmen.

With warm weather approaching, we look forward to running photos of people doing things in the sun.

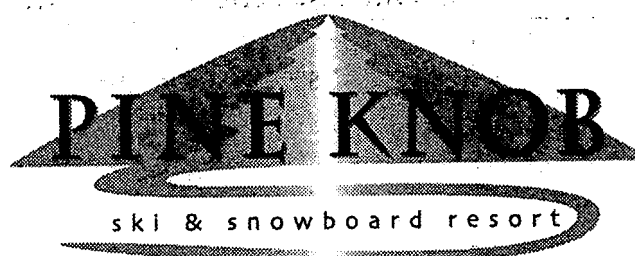
Lions offer free eye screenings at Easter Egg Hunt

Clarkston Area Lions offers free vision screening to children ages 1-5 at the upcoming Independence Township Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., March 15, at Sashabaw Middle School.

Children do not have to attend the Easter Egg Hunt to be screened. The vision screening will be performed by trained Lions using photo screening technology.

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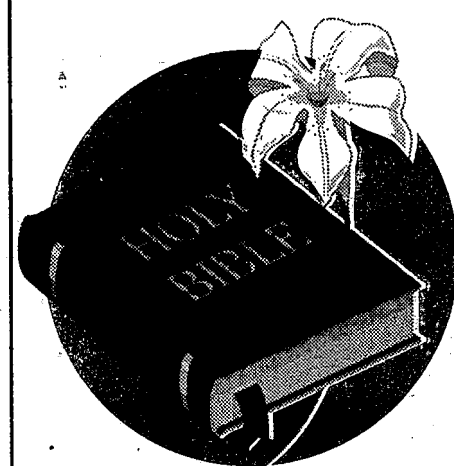
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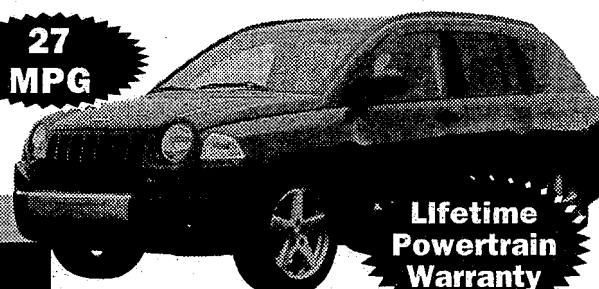
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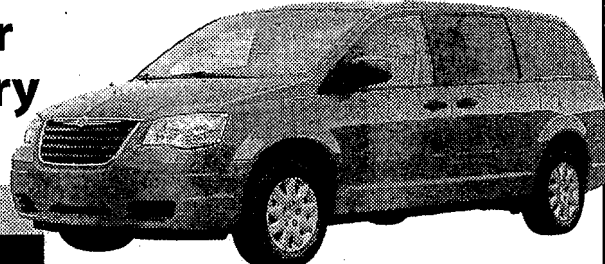
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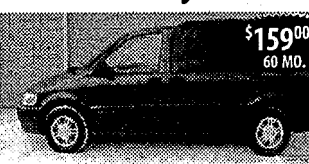
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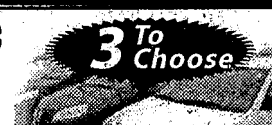
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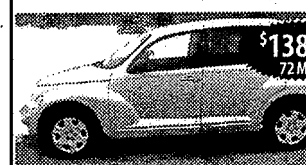
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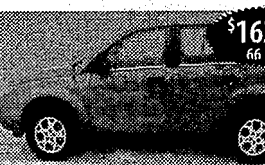
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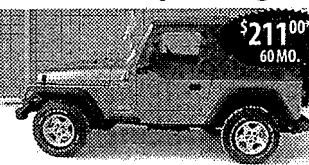
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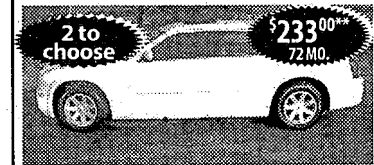
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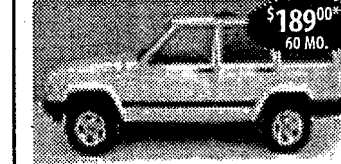
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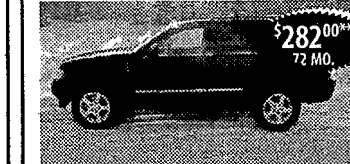
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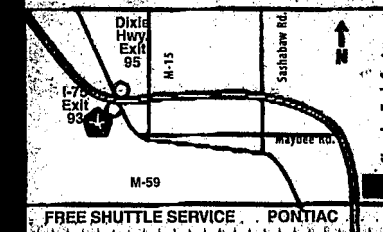
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Jackie Gipe, Erin VanBuskirk, Katie Gipe and Jenny Zawadzki act out a skit based on their discussions.

Girls club earns honors at Virtues Video Contest

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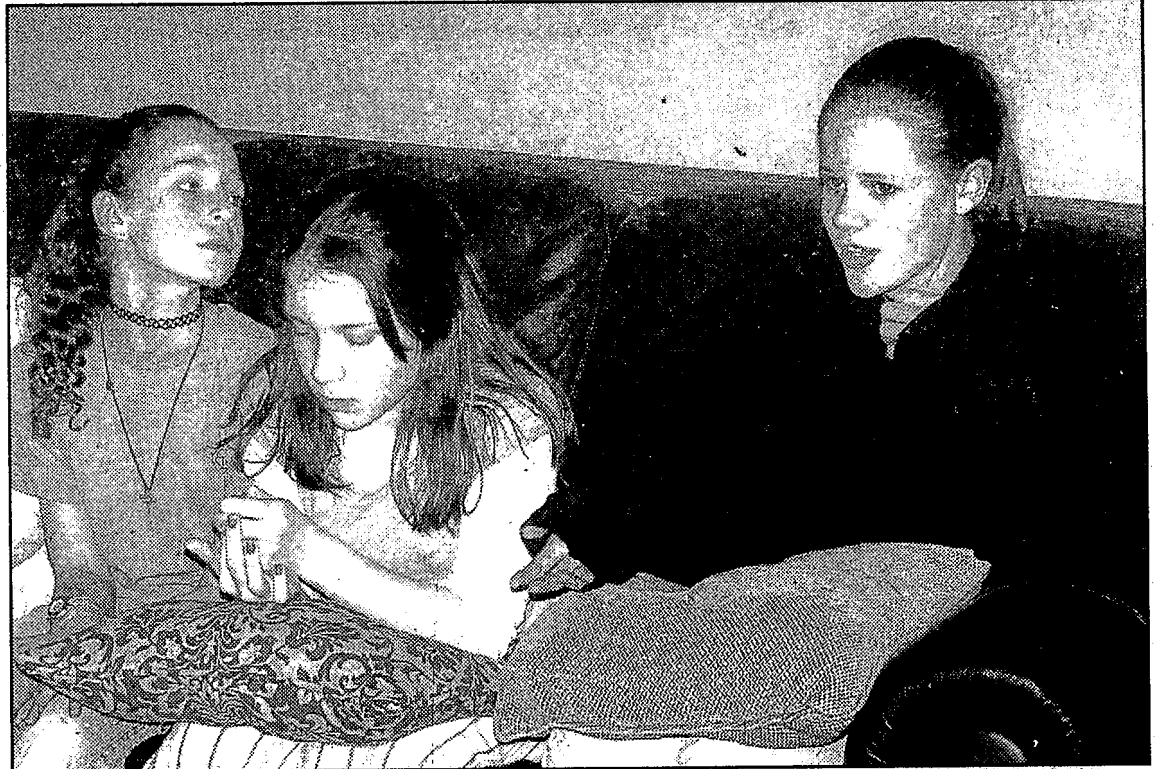
more than 100 people attending. "The committee wanted the girls to have great creative license this year," said organizer Mary Pappas of the Bloomfield Hills Challenge Club. "I was very surprised by the range of creativity – some went very literal and others used a montage of images with music to convey the theme."

The group, which is open to anyone who wants to join, is mentored by the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi, who have taken vows of faithfulness to God.

"Our hope is the girls take what they learn about virtue into their lives, and home and at school," said Kelsey McCrum, a Virginian serving Michigan through the Coworker missionary program. "The world needs them."

More than 150 girls participate in 25 Challenge Clubs in southeast Michigan. The clubs offer summer camps in addition to weekly activities.


For more information, call Pam Zawadzki at 248-625-1057; Kristi Fenske, local director, at 248-363-0422; or check www.challengeclubs.com.



From left, Maria Pangori and Katie Gipe listen as Alyssa Hamelin discusses a Biblical passage.



The club listens to a reading at a meeting.



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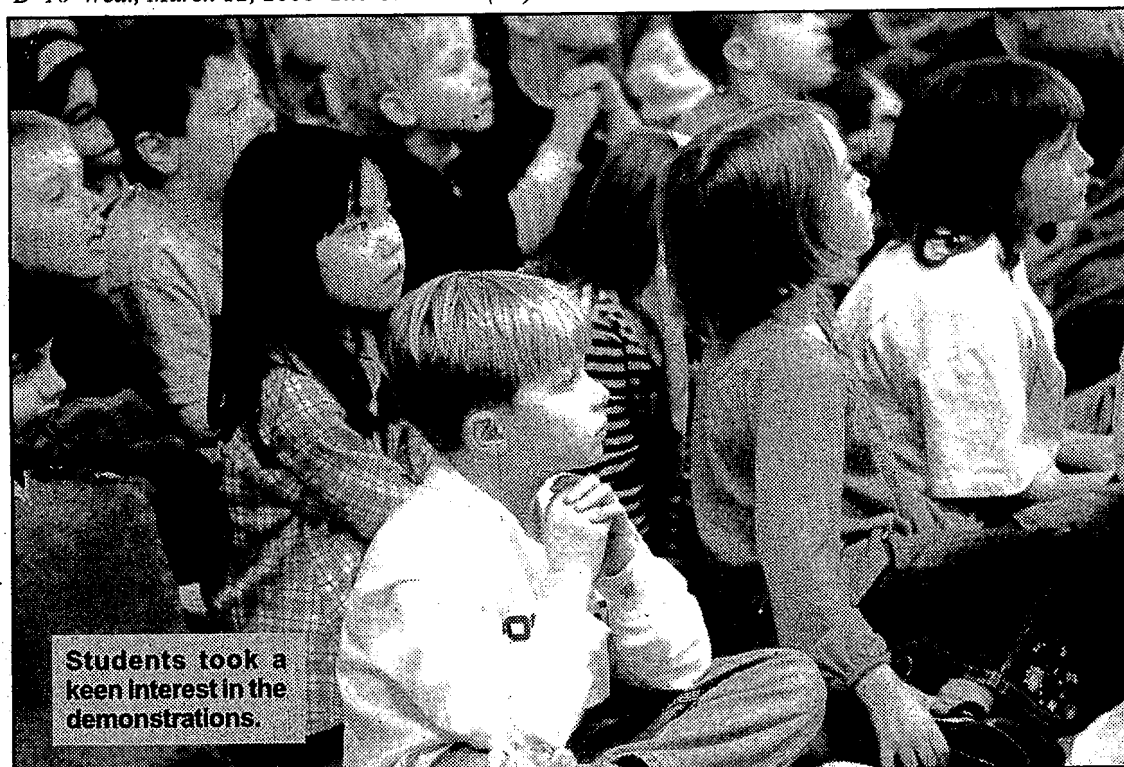
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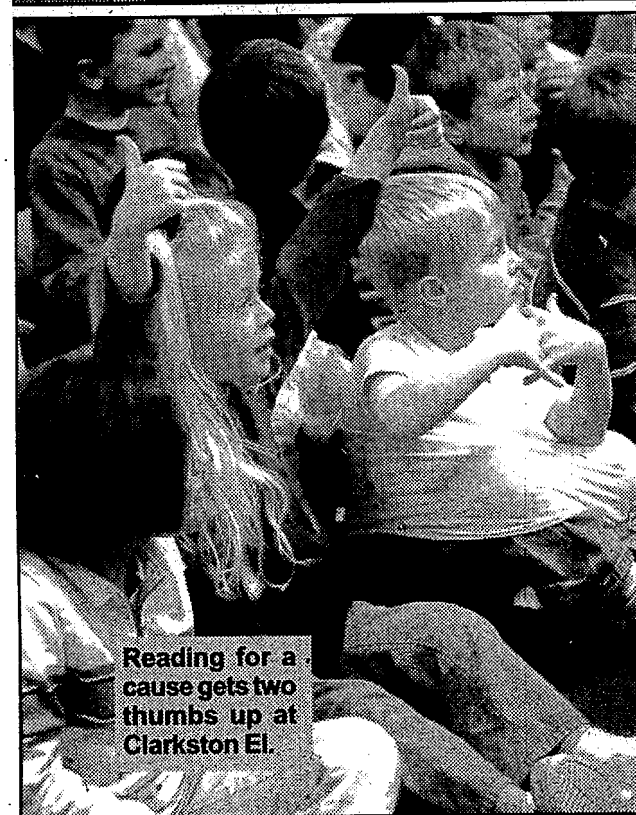
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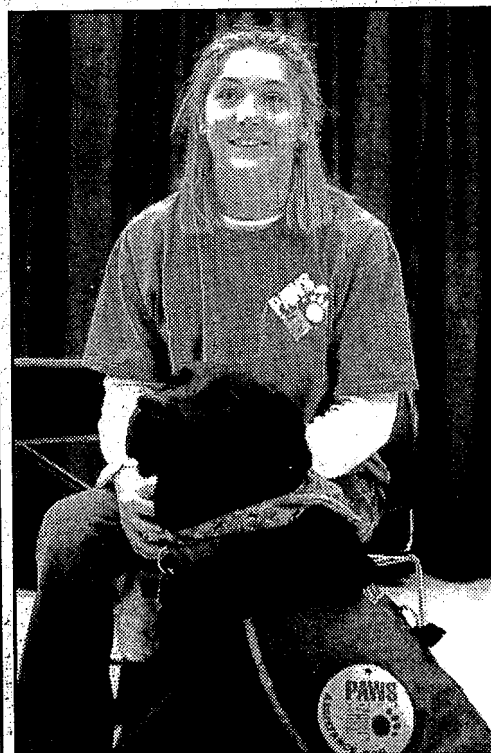
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Students took a keen interest in the demonstrations.

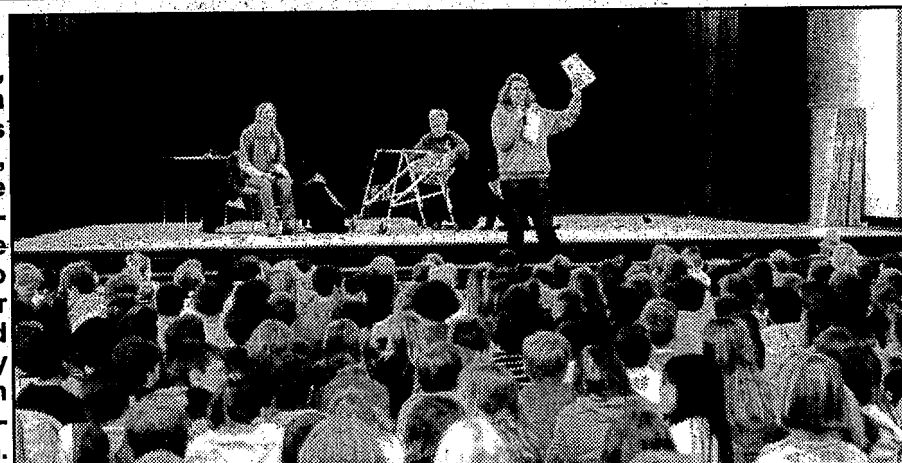


Reading for a cause gets two thumbs up at Clarkston El.



Money raised by students helped match Katie and Winslow.

Sandy Gallivan, Clarkston Elementary's media specialist, takes a minute after the assembly to encourage students to practice their reading skills and raise money during March Reading Incentive Month.



While Katie Stark demonstrates, Paws for a Cause Development Representative Sue Brooks tells students how Winslow helps if Katie takes a spill with her walker.

Kids 'paws' to read at Clarkston Elementary

Students got a first hand look at the results of their efforts last week when Katie Stark and her Paws with a Cause companion Winslow stopped by Clarkston Elementary to say "thanks."

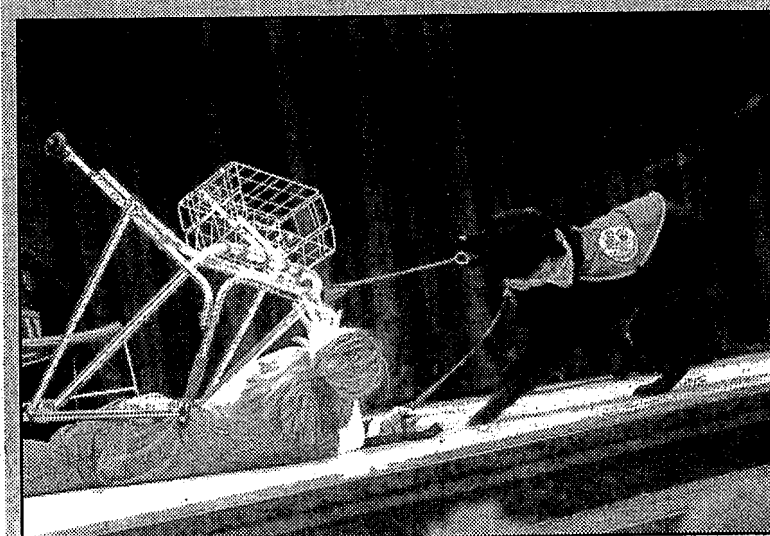
Every year during March, participating students raise money for Paws with a Cause by collecting pledges for each minute they read from family, friends, neighbors and others.

Last year, students raised about \$2,500 -- money that helped match Winslow and Katie, a student at Oakland Community Col-

lege. Katie told students how Winslow has improved her life by picking up pencils, collecting notes from her professors, even helping when she needs assistance taking off her socks or getting a toppled walker upright again.

Clarkston Elementary students have been supporting Paws with a Cause since 2001. Anyone interested in sponsoring a young reader or making a donation can call co-chairs Jennifer Donnelly at 248-922-0441 or Samantha Durakovic at 248-922-9661.

Photo story by Laura Colvin



Winslow demonstrates his ability to help Katie with her walker.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston Michigan, 48346, to consider the following:

FILE PC #2008-004
Rose 423, LLC, Petitioner
REZONING REQUEST

From: O and R-1C (Office and Suburban Farm Residential)

To: C-3 (Highway Commercial)

Intended Use: Commercial

Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-19-301-034 Part of Common Description: 8.17 Acres of 28.31 Acres North East side of Dixie Highway, South of Deerhill Drive

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

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: March 18, 2008, 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 19, 2008, February 26, 2008 and March 4, 2008
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

New Business

1. Hantz Group's report on Blue Cross
 2. Premises License Agreement - 6050 Flemings Lake Road
 3. Permission to purchase plow truck for DPW
 4. Bid Award for Tractor for Parks and Recreation
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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Ms. VanderVeen called the March 4, 2008, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Approved motion to appoint Trustee Travis to chair the Board Meeting
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Wenger, Rosso, Travis, Dunn
Absent: Wagner, Kelly

- There was a quorum
1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
 2. Public Forum
 3. Approval of the Agenda, as submitted,
 4. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - c. Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2008
 5. Trustee Kelly arrived
 6. Approved motion approving Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for J&C Racing
 7. Approved motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 3/12/08

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #08-0009 Swartz, Lynn, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 18' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION
4975 Lakeview Blvd., Lots 38-41, R-1A Sunny Beach Country Club No. 2
08-13-151-051
- Case #08-0010 Surapaneni, Suguna, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SET BACK VARIANCE OF 22'9" TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION TO HOME PLUS SIDE YARD SET BACK VARIANCE OF 5' TO CONSTRUCT ATTACHED GARAGE
7085 Hillside Dr., Lot 6, R-1A Lake View Heights
08-20-351-010
- Case #08-0011 Klatt, Edward, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR OUTDOOR SEASONAL SALES OF LAWN FURNITURE FOR 90 DAYS (MAY 1-AUGUST 1, 2008) PLUS SIGNAGE
5992 Dixie Highway, Lots 77, 78 and 79, C-3 Townsend Sub, (Waterford Hill Florist and Green House)
08-33-302-010 & 011

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Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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Lake Orion, MI 48362

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Lapeer Rd. (M-24)
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more! Unit #40030- Norman
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Center Inc., 180 W. Church St.,
Lake Orion, MI 48362

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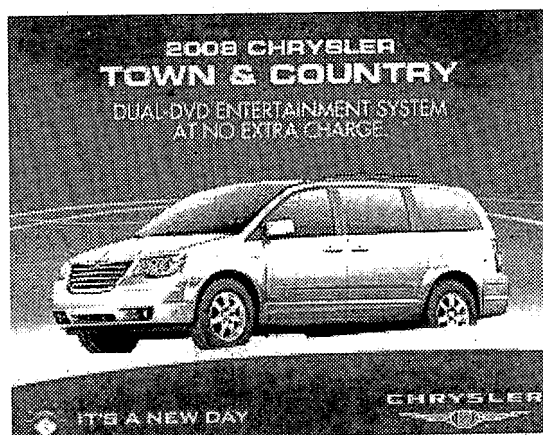
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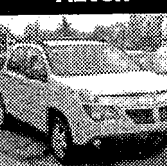
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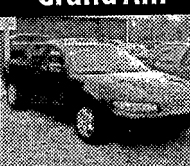


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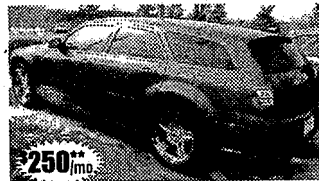
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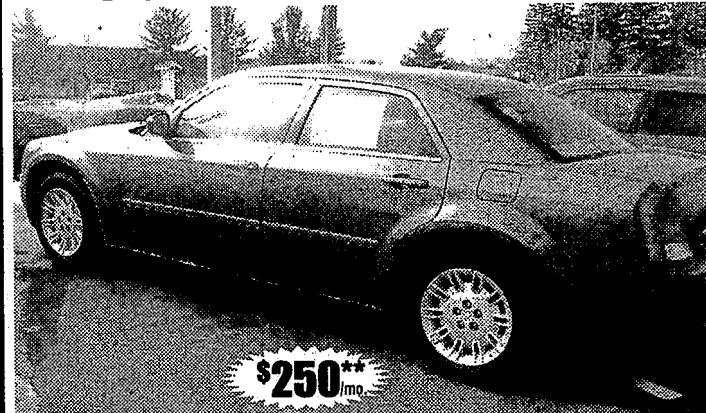
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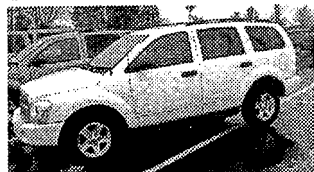


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Business & Community

Poolmart and Spa's ready for summer to start

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

New manager, Rob McMahon, adds to the experienced staff. He has worked in the hot tub and backyard living industry for the last five years and brings a wealth of knowledge to Poolmart.

"I look forward to meeting all of our Poolmart customers," said McMahon. "And I can add some insight on the pool industry and answer any questions they have."

Owner Jim Bishop purchased the business the beginning of last year. He has been a part of the pool and spa industry for 30 years.

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 pride 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."

Currently, the staff is readying themselves for their busy season, which starts

around April.

Their Pre-Season Sale Event begins at the end of March and will go until April 15.

A special spa package includes cover, steps, cover lifter, chemical start-up kit, delivery and setup. Also, Poolmart will haul away your old spa.

As part of the Pre-Season sale, customers will receive no interest and no payments until Fall 2008 on any spa or pool purchase.

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

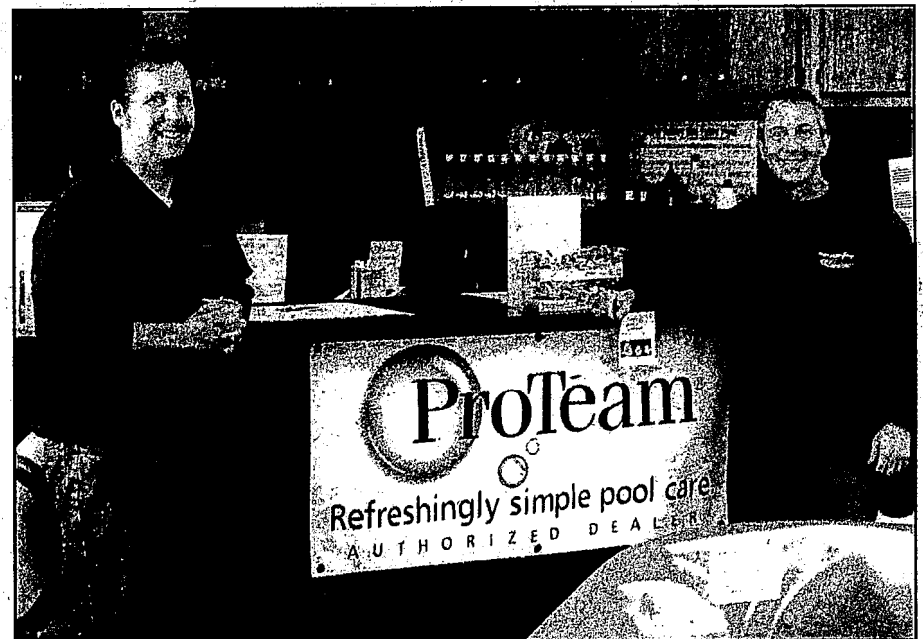
Getting customers ready for the pool season also includes offering special coupons on chemicals and free water testing.

On April 30, Poolmart will host their annual pool school. Don't forget to sign up at the store or email Rob at rob@poolmartspas.com.

It is held each year to advise customers how to care for their pool. The business usually attracts around 70 people to the event.

With everything the staff is working on currently, the main focus will continue to be outstanding customer service.

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



Rob McMahon and Jim Bishop are ready to help with pool and spa needs.

The referral rewards program, Poolmart and Spas created, gives customers a little extra towards their pool and spa needs.

When customers refer friends and family to Poolmart and Spas to purchase a pool or hot tub, they can earn up to \$500 in rewards.

Poolmart has also added an email club.

Customers receive emails with tips, coupons, relevant articles, and information about upcoming events; sign up online at www.poolmartspas.com.

For more information about Poolmart and Spas, visit 5738 S. Main St., call 248-625-0729, or go to www.poolmartspas.com.

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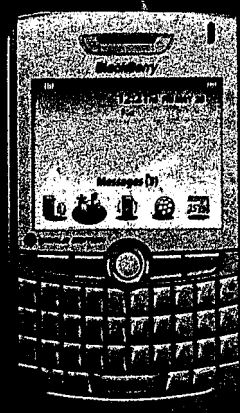
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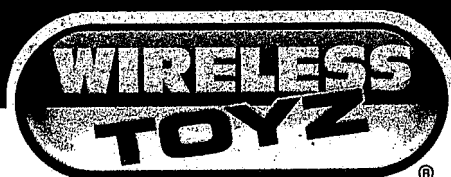
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Wireless Toyz proud to service Oxford/Orion for over 4 years

For more than four years Wireless Toyz has been proud to serve many of the Oxford/Orion area's technological needs.

"We want to thank everyone for their loyal support," said Joey, Franki and Richie Manni, managers at Wireless Toyz.

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 need to stay connected.

Times are tough in Michigan these days. Everyone's looking to save money.

To help out, Wireless Toyz offers discounts on monthly bills and free activation for certain organizations and folks such as local businesses and their employees, police officers, firefighters, government employees, Big Three auto workers, Home Depot employees, etc.

"You can get up to 35 percent off your monthly bill depending on who your employer is," Manni said.

Wireless Toyz offers rate plans for a variety of wireless carriers including Verizon, Sprint/Nextel, T-Mobile and AT&T.

Probably one of the best services to have in these challenging economic times is

metroPCS.

MetroPCS offers plans starting at \$30 per month all with unlimited calling.

With metroPCS there's no contract to sign and no credit check to pass. Activation fees are included in the first month's bill.

"You never know if you'll need to cancel your service for some reason," Manni said. "With metroPCS you're not locked into a contract or committed to anything. Plus, there's a 30-day trial period."

Wireless Toyz is the only place that offers metroPCS in the Oxford/Orion area.

"It's unbeatable," Manni said.

For people who need a cell phone for emergencies only, Manni suggested T-Mobile-To-Go—a prepaid service for as low as \$10 a year.

"You get a brand new phone with a one-year warranty," Manni said.

For those who want the ability to use their wireless phone anywhere in the entire world, Wireless Toyz carries "world phones" which work with GSM carriers like AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon and Sprint.

Think getting a phone that works at any point on the globe is impressive?

How about having the ability to watch your home television from anywhere nationally or internationally?

Wireless Toyz sells slingboxes that can make it happen. Installation is available.

A slingbox is a TV streaming device that



Franki, Joey & Richie Manni – your wireless experts.

enables users to remotely view their cable, satellite or personal video recorder programming from an internet-enabled computer or PDA cellphone with a broadband connection.

For those seeking wireless broadband

internet access, Wireless Toyz has air cards and internet packages available for any home or laptop computer starting at \$49.99 per month.

Wireless Toyz also carries Linksys wireless routers, which are devices capable of sharing internet connections amongst several computers. "This creates a WiFi hot spot within the whole house," Manni explained.

Those who like listening to MP3 music files on their wireless phones will be happy to know Wireless Toyz has a wide selection of Bluetooth headsets that are MP3 capable.

And Bluetooth headsets have come down quite a bit price-wise. They now start as low as \$19.99.

"The lowest price last year was about \$50-\$60," according to Manni.

Need to store and move data?

Wireless Toyz has got you covered with memory cards ranging from 128 megabytes all the way up to 4 gigabytes.

Memory cards are the perfect way for people on the go to store data ranging from Excel spread sheets to MP3 files to photos.

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

The Orion store is located at 325 S. Broadway St. Call (248) 814-8888.

Check out both stores on-line at www.wirelesstoyz.com.

Grove's True Value now carries Carhartt, Dutch Boy and lumber

Great new things are happening down at Oxford's friendly neighborhood hardware store.

"There's a lot more at Groves True Value than just light bulbs or plumbing fixtures," said Manager Dave P'Simer. "We're trying to change it up – get some fresh products."

The 190 S. Washington St. store has moved its formidable power equipment center next door to expand it (see story on page 00) and make way for new products on the hardware side.

If you're a fan of Carhartt, Grove's now features an extra wide aisle full of the workman's favorite rugged clothing.

Jackets, bib overalls, sweatshirts, long-sleeve T-shirts, T-shirts, vests, belts, socks, hats – you name it, Grove's has got it.

"We've put in quite a bit," P'Simer said. "We have the biggest selection of anybody in the area. I can order whatever's not there."

Looking to do some painting this spring or summer?

Don't dip a brush or glide a roller across a wall until you've checked out the brand new Dutch Boy color center.

Sporting a bright, sharp, modern look, the center features thousands of colors available in interior and exterior, latex and oil. Dutch Boy paints sold at Grove's are a "step above" what you'll find at the big box retailers.

P'Simer's particularly excited about the

Dutch Boy Dirt Fighter line – an exterior latex paint that dust and dirt cannot penetrate, so it's easy to keep clean.

And unlike most latex paints which recommend applying them in temperatures no lower than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, Dirt Fighter can be easily applied when it's 35 degrees outside.

Need a few pieces of lumber, but don't know where to go locally now that James Lumber has closed its doors for good?

Fortunately, Grove's True Value is carrying some of the basics like 2x4s, 1x4s, 1x6s, OSB and plywood.

P'Simer said the store plans to expand its lumber selection this spring with some trim and "a door here and there."

"It's all about space," he said. "If we can swing it, we'll do it."

Even the space inside Grove's True Value has been rearranged and revamped to accommodate customers' needs.



From Carhartt clothing to Dutch Boy paints, Grove's True Value employees Bryan McCampbell (left) and Dawn Oswald are ready to help.

All the hardware has been shifted to the front of the store to "make it easier for the nuts-and-bolts people to find what they

need."

"It's all about convenience," P'Simer said. "People should be able to get in and out quickly when they need to."

Electrical and plumbing items were moved toward the rear of the store because when people need them it's more of a "destination."

One thing that hasn't changed – and never will – is Grove's True Value's commitment to customer service and satisfaction.

"We pride ourselves on service – going that extra mile to find the product people are looking for," P'Simer said.

Unlike the big box stores where "you can't find anybody to help you," P'Simer said Grove's prides itself on building "lasting relationships with customers" and "standing behind our product and service."

Whether you need something special ordered or delivered – or maybe you need just a little bit of advice – Grove's True Value reminds us all of what the neighborhood hardware store is all about.

For more information about Grove's True Value Hardware 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.

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 added the GMC brand about three years ago, an addition that Masterson says customers are taking notice of.

"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, 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 lifetime 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 18 years on Opdyke Road, Auburn Pontiac GMC has seen it all and their staff of experts can help you find just what you're looking for.

"Location-wise, we're really easy to get to," Masterson says.

"We're a mile from I-75 and a half-mile from M-59."

Masterson notes that the dealership is also a straight shot right down M-24.

Visit them at 500 S. Opdyke Road in Pontiac, or give them a call at 1-866-264-1565.

T&C Federal Credit Union: Mortgage your home with the people you trust

When most people think of credit unions, they picture a place to deposit paychecks, withdraw some cash or maybe take out a loan.

Few see it as a place to obtain a mortgage for their most valuable and cherished possession—their home. "Nationwide, credit unions have only captured 2 percent of their members' mortgage business," said Jerry McIlrath, Vice President of Lending (sales and service) for T&C Federal Credit Union. "The stigma we face is that credit unions don't do mortgages and that's just not true."

Headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, T&C Federal Credit Union has been offering mortgages since the 1980s along with many other types of loans including home equity, construction and vacant land financing, small business, auto, boat and recreational vehicle.

"Once we do a loan for our members, they keep coming back," said Jennifer Nepjuk, T&C Credit Union's Mortgage Manager. "We offer a wide variety of programs and sensible products. Our rates are excellent and comparable with all the large lenders in the area."

"Actually it's a good time to buy a home," Nepjuk noted. "Rates are extremely low. Home prices are at an 8-10 year low. You can get a home now cheaper than you could five years ago."

Given the collapse of the mortgage industry last year—largely due to many questionable loan practices—now more than ever it's imperative to get your mortgage from someone you can trust, someone who's motivated by the client's best interest, someone who won't steer you wrong just to make a buck.

"We pride ourselves on arranging the right mortgage for the right person," said Lon Bone, Vice President of Marketing for T&C Federal Credit Union. "We won't sell you a product that's not good for you."

The key to getting the right mortgage is being educated on the available products and figuring out which one best fits your budget. "You really need to save for a mortgage so you have some equity in it and you don't get into trouble," Bone said. "It's not just a matter of I can afford the payment today, but knowing how often that rate's going to adjust and how much it's going to adjust."

Bone stressed that T&C Federal Credit Union didn't do any of those adjustable rate mortgages that "got people into trouble."

Nepjuk emphasized that their institution does not and will not do "nonconforming lending" such as interest-only 40-year mortgages with no possibility of repayment.

Out of the 1,400 complaints regarding mortgages that were filed with the state, only four were concerning credit unions and zero were about T&C Federal Credit Union.

"We see our account holders again and again so we can't put them in a (bad) loan," McIlrath said. "We're not going to tell a client what they want to hear just to get the business

because it may not be the best thing for you."

"The person that's doing that mortgage for you, you're going to see him everyday," Bone said. "With other brokers, you see that person once, then never again."



The friendly Clarkston staff is ready to serve you.

T&C Federal Credit Union will hold your mortgage from "start to finish" unlike many brokers who sell off mortgages to investors, who usually aren't local and often resell them.

"You don't know who to send your payment to," Bone said. "That's what makes us very unique is we can only loan dollars to our members."

Being a member-owned financial cooperative, Bone explained "that person we're doing the mortgage for actually owns the institution" and is in effect "the boss."

It's true only members can obtain a mortgage from T&C Federal Credit Union, but join-

ing isn't a problem. All it takes is a \$5 deposit into a savings account and you're a member.

"Anybody living, working, worshipping, going to school, volunteering or doing business in Oakland County can join the credit union," Bone said.

"We've been here since 1936. T&C isn't going anywhere," Nepjuk added. "Our members know they can trust us."

Nepjuk noted that T&C has partnered with Financial Freedom to offer reverse mortgages to anyone 62 or older. This type of mortgage allows seniors to use the equity in their homes to pay for things like medical bills, emergency repairs or property taxes, but not have to repay the loan until they permanently move out.

"It allows seniors to stay in their homes as long as they want to or are able to," Bone said. "There's no way for them to lose their home (with a reverse mortgage)."

You can apply for a mortgage at anyone of T&C Federal Credit Union's 12 branches, which includes locations in Oxford, Ortonville and Clarkston. Don't have time to stop in at branch office? Mortgage applications can also be completed either on-line or over the telephone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

T&C Federal Credit Union plans to open a 3rd branch in Waterford on Walton Road this summer. "Our plan is to open two to three branches a year for the next five years," Bone said. "Even with this economy, the credit union is still growing and it's still doing well."

To learn more about T&C Federal Credit Union visit www.tfcu.org today.

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Your dream home is just around the corner at Mount Christie Estates

Although it seems like most custom homes being built in southeast Michigan have ceased construction, Mount Christie Estates is proud to say they're still seeing activity.

They recently sold one site and have a beautiful home in the works on another site.

"We have people showing a lot of interest, but are waiting to sell their existing home," said Mary Miller, property manager for Mount Christie Estates, located at 1700 W. Davison Lake Rd., between Lapeer Rd. and Baldwin Rd.

"People really do still buy lots and build houses, even though the market is in the condition that it's in," said Brian Miller, who, with his company Miller Properties, builds the custom luxury homes at Mount Christie Estates.

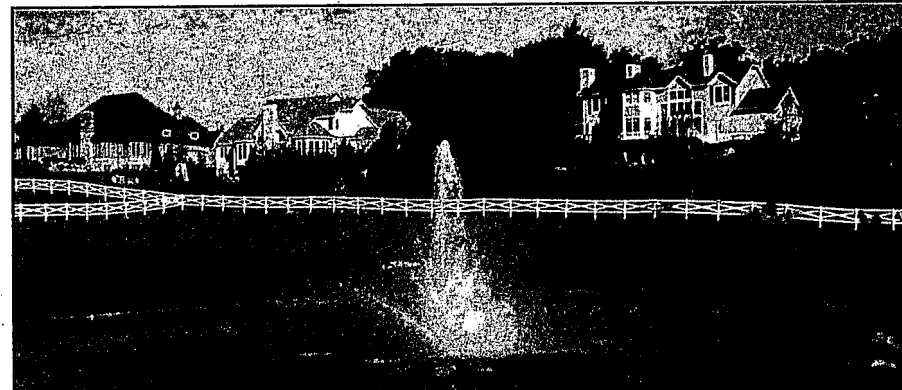
With Miller Properties building your new home, each residence will be a unique work of art that you help design – an achievement only possible with solid teamwork.

The specialty contractors and craftsmen working on your home's construction will make sure they build it to last.

"The whole idea is to design a custom home for families that suits their style of living," Brian said. "That's what we

help them to do – to create that dream."

One look at the current elegant homes on the 95 acres of scenic grounds on the highest point of land in southeast Michigan, and it's easy to see why people flock



to Mount Christie Estates.

Owned and developed by Ron Lamparter, the estates surround a former ski mountain and create a quiet and peaceful environment to raise children or spend your retirement years.

"It's very family oriented," Mary said. "You feel safe letting your children run out the door to play with the neighbors."

Residents of Mount Christie Estates will also enjoy the spectacular views and nature that roams about the grounds, like deer and turkeys.

A two mile private nature trail surrounds the property and makes a great feature for spring, summer or fall walks, and cross-country skiing in the winter.

A tranquil picnic area and observation

gazebo is located at the peak of the original ski mountain and overlooks many miles of picturesque landscape.

Colorful spring flowers turn to vibrant shades of green in the summer and brilliant autumn colors turn to crisp, white snow in winter.

The design of the Mount Christie community was accomplished by a team of award-winning designers with national reputations in land planning, architecture, engineering and landscaping.

The estates, which have been spe-

cially positioned to maximize the advantages of the natural topography of the land, can feature amenities like three-car garages, multiple fireplaces, large decks, cathedral ceilings, bay windows, French doors and one to two acre lots.

Another plus of building your next home at Mount Christie Estates is its convenient location.

"We have the benefit of being out in the peace and quiet but are still close to shopping and entertainment," Mary said.

Children living in Mount Christie Estates will also be a part of the award-winning Oxford School District, and are accessible to the private Kingsbury Country Day School.

The various estates at Mount Christie are so prestigious, one will even be featured by the Southeastern Michigan Builders Association's Parade of Homes this spring.

When completed, the community will have 34 luxury homes. There are 15 lots still available, so hurry, before someone else snatches these slices of Heaven.

To learn more about Mount Christie Estates, visit their website at www.mountchristie.com. To arrange a tour of the community, call their information center at (248) 969-0400.

Find magic, delicious food and memories at Canterbury

If you're looking for a magical place to make memories, you need to go no further than Canterbury Village, located on Joslyn Road in Orion.

While Canterbury has been a favorite spot in Lake Orion for many years, owner Stan Aldridge and his staff are continually making changes to make visitors' experiences even more special, memorable and exciting.

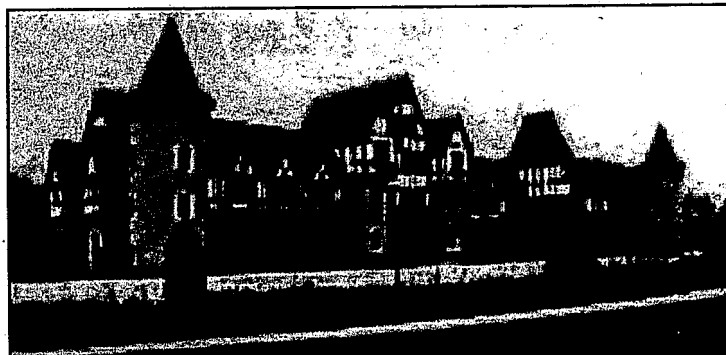
Located on the historic setting of the one-time working farm of William E. Scripps, it features 18 specialty stores that range from an old-fashioned candy store, The Royal Confectionary, to a celebration of different cultures, Passport to Europe, to an Antique Barn with a furniture store full of unique furnishings, to a Christmas store that keeps you in the holiday mood all year round.

"There is something for everyone," says Patti Abate, who with her husband, Jim Poling, owns Royal Confectionary. "We have a beautiful historic property that is easy and safe to navigate, with unique gift items and great food."

And for those customers looking for a

scrumptious snack or delicious dinner, they are certainly in for a treat, with some recent changes that have occurred at Canterbury.

One of those changes includes Abate and Poling taking over management of the banquet and restaurant facilities at the Castle at Canterbury, a place she says can



make any person feel like royalty.

"The Castle at Canterbury is a magical place for weddings, family gatherings, corporate events and every day dining," Abate says. "Stan Aldridge and his devoted, well-trained staff would like to invite you to come and experience great food and personal service."

In fact, if you attend Sunday Brunch, which the Castle offers from 11 a.m. to 3

p.m., you may even be greeted by a costumed king or queen with whom you may have your picture taken, entertained with beautiful music or storytelling for the children.

"Our restaurant menu has a wide-range of offerings, including delicious ribs, chicken, steak, many wonderful fresh fish and pasta dishes, but also lots of fun fair like great burgers and pizza all moderately priced," she says, noting that brunch features a "fabulous display of fresh fruit, Danishes, waffles, custom omelets and a carving station at a very good value."

The Castle at Canterbury also offers All-You-Can-Eat Pasta and Salad on Thursday nights.

"And when you dine in our eateries, you will receive a shopping discount coupon for the Village Shops," Abate adds.

The Castle at Canterbury is open for dining Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Castle is not your only dining options, as this month, a pub, which

features Irish and Scottish décor and menu, will open where Wildwood Tavern formerly was.

According to Abate, the pub will be a fun, fully authentic atmosphere as owner Gordon Hyslop is Scottish. He also owns shops Highland Fling, Celtic Connection and Passport to Europe in the Village.

Hyslop has brought in an artist to do Gaelic stenciling on the walls and plans on offering outdoor seating in the summer and entertainment on the weekends.

"The pub is the same location (as Wildwood Tavern), with a really special theme," Abate explains, "and great pub food, wonderful imported beers and high-quality Scotches."

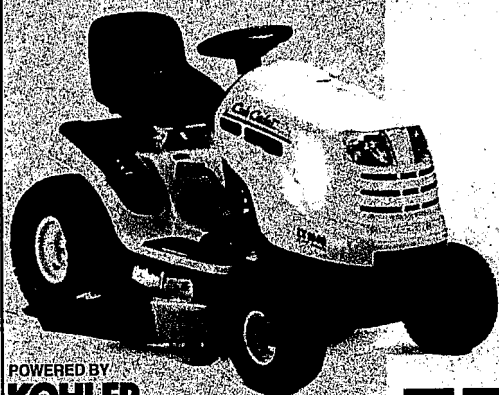
Also, in the fall, the one-time dairy barn will reopen as an open food market that also features light fares, such as soups, pies, fresh baked goods and cider.

"It's light, fun, family fare for our shoppers and the community," she adds.

Canterbury Village is located on Joslyn Road, just north of Waldon. For more information about all of the village's wonderful offerings, call the Castle at Canterbury at (248) 391-1900. They are currently taking accepting reservations for Easter and Mother's Day brunch.

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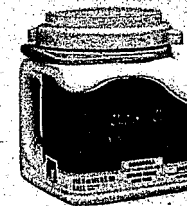
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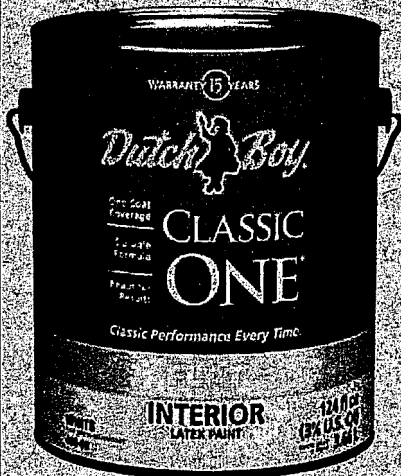
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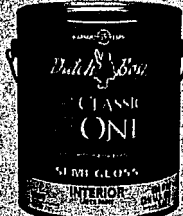
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For those who crave More Power (insert Tim Allen-style grunts here), don't worry, Grove's selection of power equipment is still huge and still growing.

Cub Cadet (full line), SCAG, Toro, Stihl (full line), Shindaiwa, Honda, Kohler, Briggs and Stratton, Kawasaki – all the industry giants's products, accessories and parts are waiting for you in the brand new 6,000-square-foot show room next to the hardware store.

If it runs on gasoline, diesel, propane, natural gas or kerosene, chances are Grove's has it in stock or can order it.

From Kohler generators and Cub Cadet riding lawn mowers to Stihl chainsaws and Little Wonder blowers, if you can't find at Grove's it probably doesn't exist.

Mehlberg said the Power Equipment center plans to expand its line of power washer hoses and accessories.

And don't worry if your equipment breaks down, Grove's Power Equipment is there to help with its own service department staffed by factory-trained mechanics with master service technician degrees from various manufacturers.

"If it's something we sell and I can get parts for it, I can service it," said Mehlberg, who has 18 years service experience along with master certifications in Stihl, Kohler, Scag and Briggs and Stratton products.

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.

For their commercial customers, Grove's guarantees "zero downtime."

"If a commercial customer brings in a machine purchased from us and we can't fix it in two hours, we give them a replacement to use so they can finish up the day and not lose money," Mehlberg.

For homeowners, if a piece of their Grove's-purchased equipment breaks down and a part gets back-ordered from the factory or something else happens "beyond our control," Mehlberg noted they too can get a loaner, if possible.

"We do whatever we can to help out the customer and make sure they're taken care of," he said.

Don't worry about getting your disabled equipment to the Oxford location, the store offers free pickup if you need it. They'll even deliver to your home at no charge.

Need to rent a piece of power equipment?

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Emergency, diagnostics, community education – it's at POH

Since 1980, POH Regional Medical Center's Oxford Campus has been proudly serving its neighbors, friends and community by offering quality health care guided by the principles of Osteopathic Medicine.

Located at 385 North Lapeer Rd just north of the village limits, POH Oxford Campus is a 24/7 Emergency Service Facility equipped with the latest in diagnostic imaging and is staffed by physicians and nurses that are dedicated to providing excellent service and clinical quality.

In addition to the Emergency services, POH Oxford offers comprehensive outpatient services such as State of the Art Diagnostics, Physician Specialists, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, Occupational Medicine and on-site Laboratory and Pharmacy services. They also offer low cost/ free health screenings and educational programs for the community.

Patients in need of diagnostic services can experience quality, convenience and timeliness without traveling far from home. At POH Oxford the 24/7 CT Scan and X-Ray do not require an appointment and referrals are accepted from all Physicians. STAT readings are available from POH radiologists ensuring quick turnaround time. Additional Diagnostic services include Venous and Carotid Doppler, Ultrasound, Bone Densitometry, Mammography, MRI, P.E.T/CT Scan. Same day appointments are available for most diagnostic

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Patients and athletes of all ages looking for physical therapy and rehabilitation services will be pleased to know that POH Oxford has experienced physical therapists that develop

orthopedics, pediatrics, and podiatric medicine.

Occupational Health services range from on the job injury care to pre-employment health services and include drug and alcohol testing

of community based programs including CPR training, diabetes education, snowmobile and hunters safety, blood drives and free mammogram screenings. Look for additional information on Project Healthy Living sponsored by the United Health Organization which will be taking place at the Oxford campus on May 2 and offers testing to those individuals that do not have health insurance.

Over 7,000 women in Michigan will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Early detection is key because if breast cancer is found early enough, it can be cured.

The POH Riley Foundation is helping the community stay healthy by offering free mammogram screenings. To be eligible the patient must be an Oakland County resident who is uninsured or under-insured, 40 years old or are under 40 with a family history of breast cancer and must have a physician referral.

Throughout its three decades, the Oxford campus headed by the Operations Manager, Lynette Johnson has expanded to keep the pace with the changing needs of the areas population and will continue to grow and evolve with the community in the years to come.

For more information about POH Regional Medical Center and its Oxford campus visit www.pohmedical.org.

The Oxford campus can be reached by calling 248-628-3000 or contact the POH Riley Foundation by calling 248-338-5000.



individualized programs designed to aid patient and athlete recovery and return them to an improved quality of life.

The Physician Specialty Group, which have been in the community for over twenty years include allergy and asthma care, electromyography, gastroenterology,

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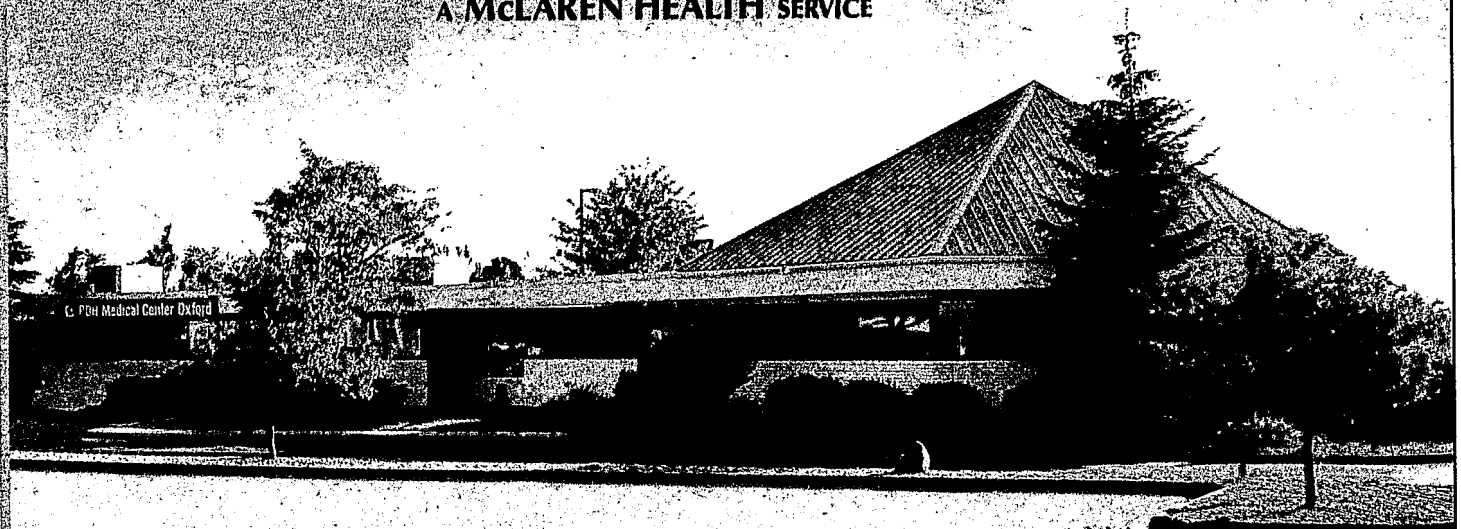
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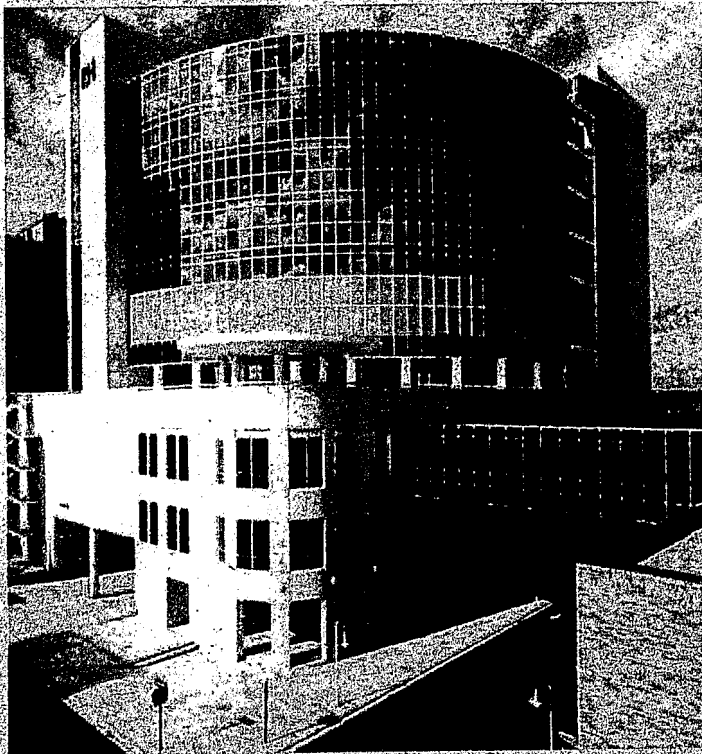
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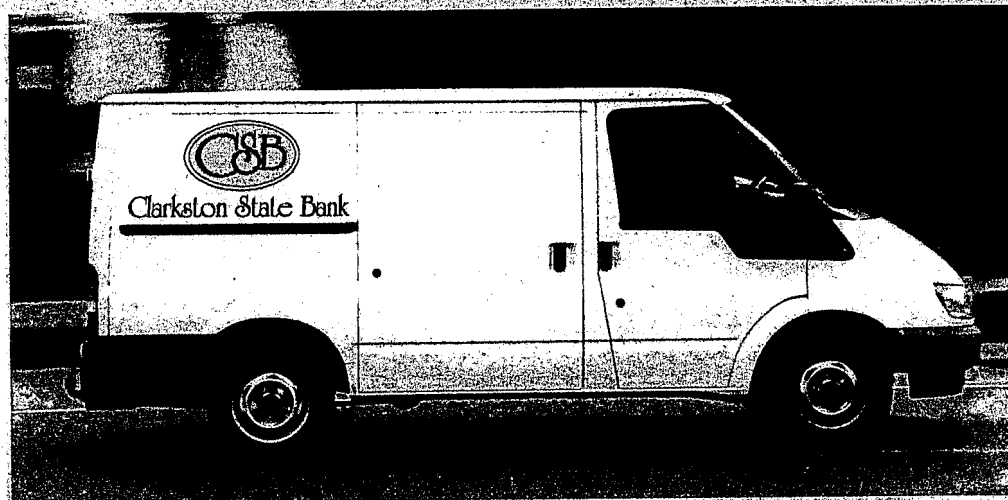
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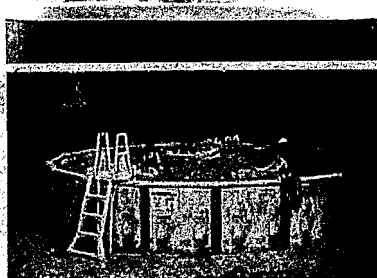
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Thinking about ideas for a fresh new kitchen or bath, perhaps finally finishing the basement or adding that much-needed second level?

After nearly four decades of building and construction experience, the folks at Crest Homes know customer satisfaction begins by inviting homeowners into the planning of renovation and remodeling projects.

"We work hard to develop a close working relationship with our clients," said David Plautz, who along with his brother Michael Plautz, founded the company in 1970. "We don't tell them 'this is what you should do.' We like the homeowner to be intimately involved in the planning process so their personality shows in the end product."

The staff at Crest Homes, he explained, encourages clients to bring in images and other items they've collected so those ideas can be incorporated into the design.

The Clarkston area company—which is still family owned and operated—won't settle for anything less than a happy customer.

"Our goal is to make sure clients are completely satisfied," said

Amanda Fraifogl, who is the company's sales and marketing director and David Plautz' daughter. "That's been part our strength—it's the reason we've received so many referrals over the years."

An equally important strength, she said, is Studio Fraifogl, the in-house design service included in any remodeling or renovation project.

The service offers an on-site showroom and a full spectrum of professional design services.

In addition, each renovation or remodeling project includes a furniture inventory to ensure completed projects will attractively accommodate the homeowner's large furnishings and other personal possessions.

"Without a designer you're forced to go to an independent company, which takes a lot of time and money," Fraifogl said. "We've created a relationship between builder and designer that is really difficult to achieve without being integrated like we are here."

It's rare to find a builder who offers such services, and the staff at Crest Homes feels the design service sets them above the competition.

"The combined talent and experience of our building, design and décor team working in close relationship with the owner ultimately creates an end product superior to almost anybody out there," said Plautz.

Crest also has a long, satisfied history with its quality-oriented crews, and insists on quality materials from its suppliers.

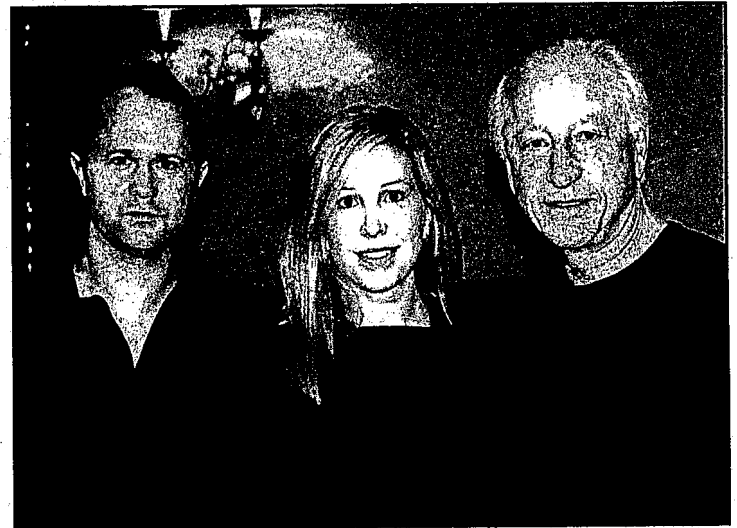
"We use top-notch everything," said Plautz. "That doesn't mean we can't do an inexpensive kitchen, as opposed to a high-end kitchen. We do both—but even on the inexpensive kitchen we're going to use a name brand, cabinets, for example, and other high quality supplies."

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"People do it all the time," said Plautz. "We have a CAD system here in our design room, so when people come in to make a change we can do it in 10 minutes and present them with a new layout. Move a door, a window, cabinetry—whatever it takes for that satisfactory outcome, we'll do it."

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Jobs are scheduled for homeowner convenience, and materials are or-

dered and delivered before the job begins, so time is not wasted waiting for supplies halfway into the project.

"We try to minimize disruption to their daily lives with planning that accommodates everyone," said Plautz.

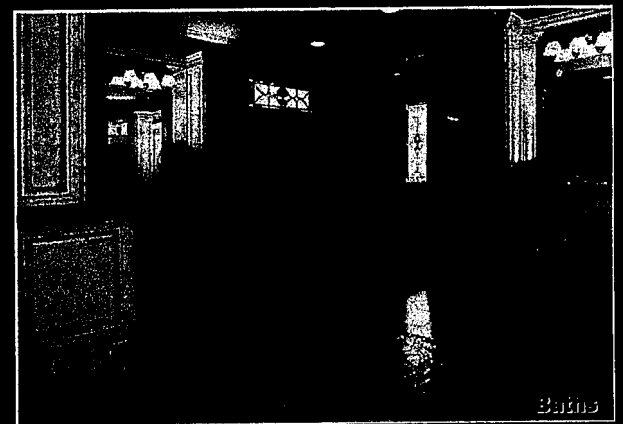
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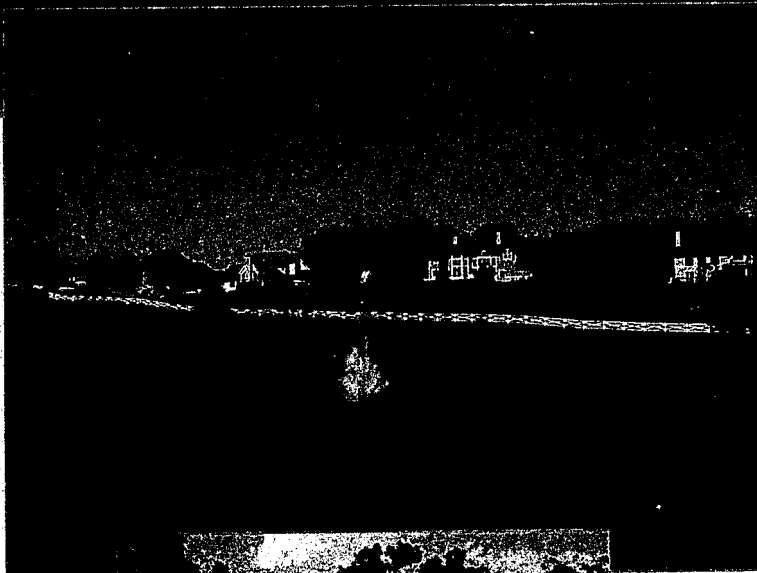
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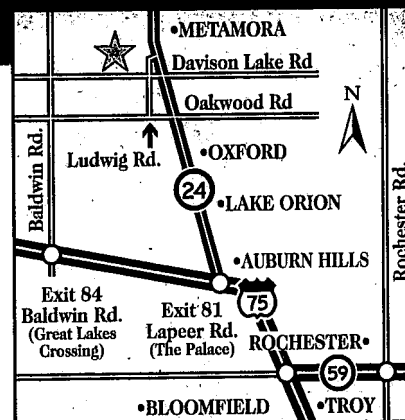
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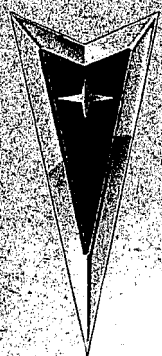
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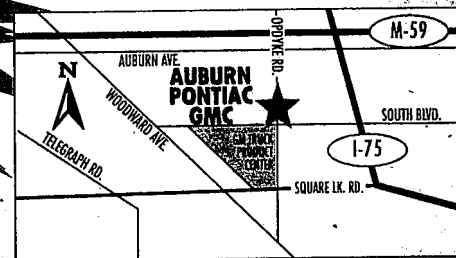
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"We are also able to offer more to our patients since the name change and this includes accepting most insurance policies. If you have questions about insurance, the girls at the front desk are knowledgeable and will help you with all your needs."

"We are a very busy practice," said Doctor Nora Clancy.

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Give OCSC a shot!

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club (OCSC) offers many outdoor sports opportunities for the public, as well as its membership.

"We offer almost as much to the public as we do to our members," said Tim Ondusky, Club Trustee.

The club's 200 plus acres are filled with indoor and outdoor ranges for rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzleloaders, and archery, a banquet hall, lake access for fishing, and two race tracks.

Non-members can participate in some club activities such as leagues, classes, and other activities, though club members get a discount.

For the public, the club also offers hall rental for wedding receptions, baby showers, graduation parties, and other events, and the OCSC bar is also open to the public.

"The hall was constructed in 1943 of Michigan grown timber in a rustic style," Ondusky said, "This is a unique building. When people see it, they love it."

The club has room for 1,900 members and has about 200 openings. Membership is available to anyone over the age of 18.

Annual dues are \$190 per year, but members can reduce them by volunteering at fish fries and other events, and working on building and grounds maintenance. By putting in work hours it is possible to reduce the dues to \$65. Members have access to the ranges and grounds.

"A lot of people who join are interested in more than one thing - one couple who joined, he wanted to learn pistol shooting, and she wanted to work on her archery."

The club's many youth leagues makes it an excellent place

for families.

The local Michigan Midget Racing Association invites children 5-16 years old to race. The club also offers archery and rifle leagues for children and adults throughout the week. OCSC offers leagues for traditional archery, bow hunters, and youth, including the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program and beginner's archery.

The Archery Club hosts several regional tournaments for beginner to world-class archers. The indoor archery range has 24 lanes.

In warm weather, archers can use the 57-acre wooded outdoor range which can be used for 3-D, field and hunter, and broadhead stations at distances of 20-65 yards.

The OCSC Shotgun Club offers clay-shooting target practice in trap, skeet, trailer trap and five-stand shooting styles.

The grounds are also home to the Waterford Hills Road Racing, Inc. For more information, visit www.waterfordhills.com.

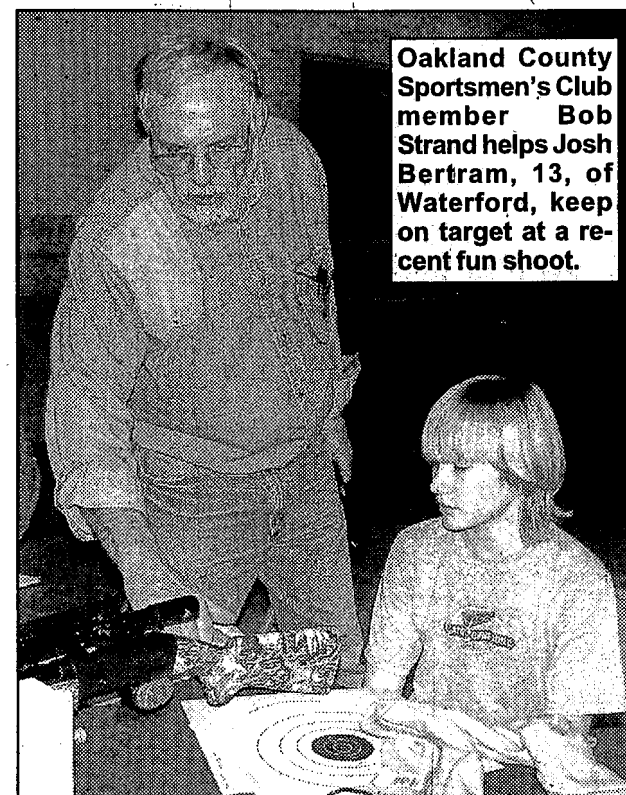
Projects this year include upgrades to their indoor pistol and rifle range. A wall will be built to separate the shooting areas from a lounge or viewing station, where people will be able to talk and meet without hearing protection.

"It will be state-of-the-art," Ondusky said, "and most of the work will be done by volunteers."

For more information on the club, members produced a video for local public-access channels, which airs on Monday's and Tuesday's.

"We want to spread the word throughout the community to get people interested in the club," he said.

The Club Office is accepting membership applications for



Oakland County Sportsmen's Club member Bob Strand helps Josh Bertram, 13, of Waterford, keep on target at a recent fun shoot.

the 2008-2009 membership year. An application can be printed from the group's website, www.ocsc-mi.org, and submitted to the Office.

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club is located at 4770 Waterford Road in Clarkston and the Office is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 248-623-0444 or visit www.ocsc-mi.org for more information.



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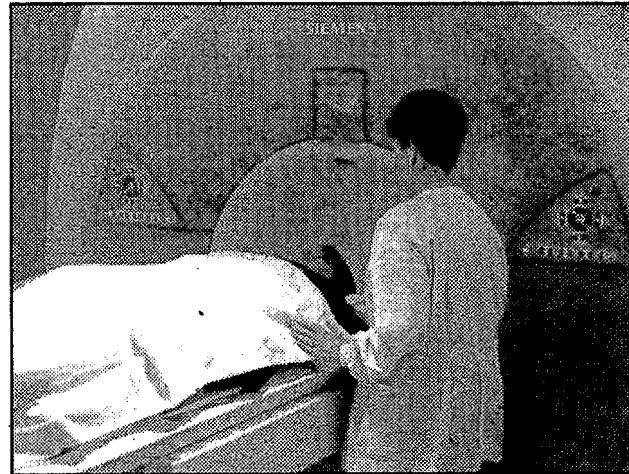
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hind it. If a tree dies, we'll replace it. If a paver heaves, we'll fix it."

Lowrie's also offers bulk supplies for homeowners, including rocks, soil, mulches, rustic furniture by Moon Valley, bird baths, fountains, fire burners, and other water garden accessories, and decorative items such as sun dials, pottery, and ironworks.

A graduate of Western Michigan University with degrees in biology and agriculture, Lowrie started his business in 1979.

He won numerous gold and Silver awards for his landscape designs and implementa-

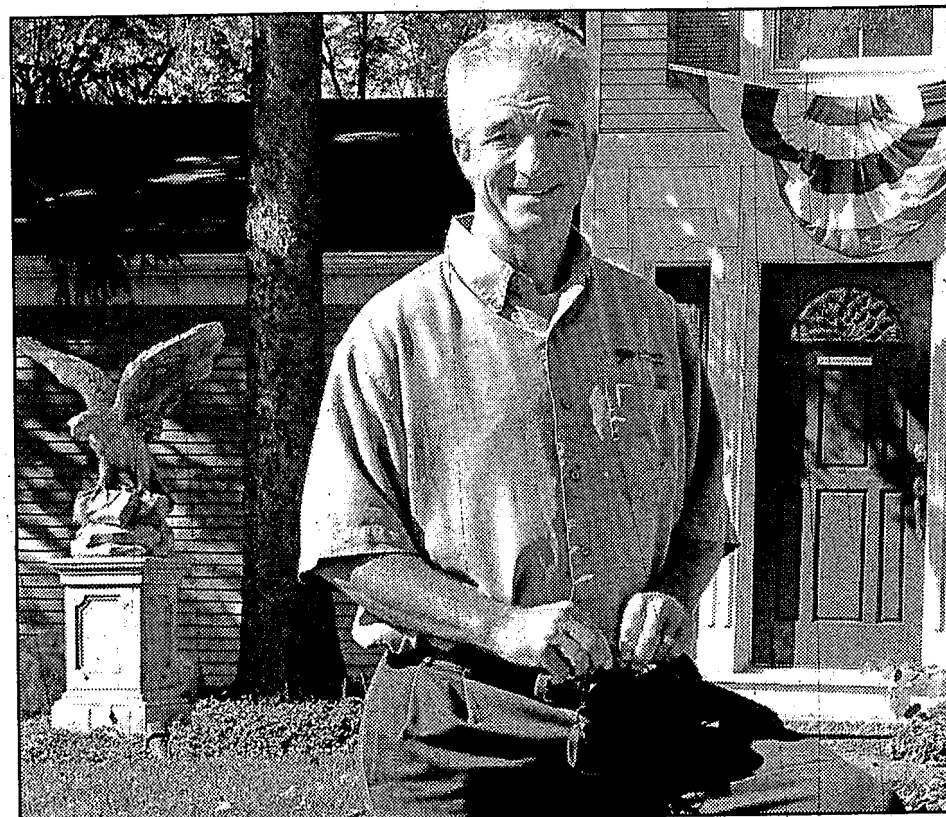
tions through the Michigan Green Industry Association.

He was voted Business Man of the Year by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and "Best Landscaper in Oakland County" by both *The Clarkston News* and *Oakland Press*.

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Bike rides fine for any time of year

For Louise Kasl and Jeff Noftz, owners of Kinetic Systems bicycle shop in downtown Clarkston, cycling has no off season.

"There's a ton of stuff happening — rides, events, races, family rides," Kasl said.

"We enjoy it. People are looking for places to ride their bikes but don't know where to go."

As the main sponsor of the Flying Rhinos cycling club, they host weekly races and rides for all skill levels and ability. Group rides are popular because of safety, camaraderie, and challenge.

"It gives people a chance to try something new, something they wouldn't have tried on their own," she said. "They learn what they can do — go on a gravel ride; increase their number of miles."

The next major event is the Mother's Day Back 40 Challenge, set for May 11. Registration will be from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Independence Elementary School.

"We have support vehicles, several hundred people come in from all over," she said. "People really enjoy coming out here."

They will offer four routes: eight-mile family, 17 miles, 27 miles, and 44 miles, all on dirt roads

The Rhinos' Cyclocross Team starts training in a few weeks, with gravel and dirt road rides. A combination of road racing and mountain biking, the team hosts an internationally licensed race in September at Springfield Oaks County Park.

"It's a growing event, spreading by word of mouth," Kasl said. "It's a lot of fun, a spectacular event."

Kasl and Noftz opened their shop in 1979 when they found no one offered the quality equipment they needed.

"Bike technology was developing quickly at the time," she said.

In their current location since 1986, they offer personal service, top brands, and the newest products.

"We've been fitting bikes to the rider since the beginning. Now everyone does it, but we have 28 years experience," she said.

"We focus on getting the right product for what you want to do. We make sure helmets, bikes, clothes fit you properly. We do that based on our experience, enthusiasm, and participation in the sport."

Noftz also leads low-key Tai Chi exercises Mondays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Clarkston, for all abilities, to help



Cyclists fill Kinetic Systems' snow-covered parking lot during this year's Polar Rhino Ride. The club rides throughout the year, in all weather.

improve flexibility, balance and posture.

He also leads indoor cycling training, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Riders bring their bicycles and trainers, to transform them into stationary bikes, for an hour of technique and efficiency drills. After the workout, an instructor leads an hour of yoga.

Kinetic Systems is located at 60 S. Main Street in Clarkston and is open seven days a week, Monday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday 12-4 p.m. For more information, call 248-625-7000, or visit www.kineticsystems bicycles.com.

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McLaren putting down roots in Clarkston area

After breaking ground this past July, McLaren's Health Care Village on Sashabaw Road is starting to take shape.

Construction of Clarkston Medical Group's 135,000-square-foot facility is well underway. When finished next spring, the medical office building will house a full range of primary care and specialist physicians, 18,000-square-foot ambulatory surgery center, imaging and lab, pharmacy, optical shop, and medical equipment store.

"It's 90 percent pre-leased," said Kevin Tompkins, vice president of marketing for McLaren Health Care Corporation. "Everybody is very excited about that."

Other phase I projects, including a cancer center for diagnosis and treatment, and office-retail building, are set to break ground this spring.

The mixed-use building will include restaurants, shops, and offices.

"There's a lot of interest," Tompkins said. "We're talking to a number of potential tenants."

Phase I is set to open in spring, 2009. The project's second phase, including two more medical office buildings, parking facility, and a 200-bed acute-care hospital, is set to begin mid-2009 and will take about two years to complete.

With phase III, including another two



McLaren, Clarkston Medical Group, and local government officials break ground this past July on the McLaren Health Care Village.

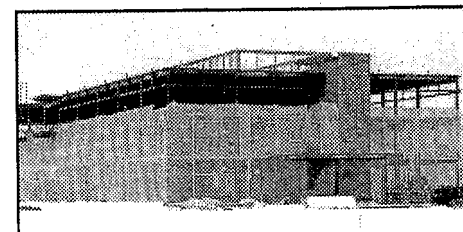
medical office buildings and hospital expansion, the total project would be about 723,000 square feet, creating 3,000-4,000 new jobs and generating about \$700 million in economic impact for the area.

McLaren has Certificate-of-Need permits from the state for the ambulatory and cancer centers. Permits are valid for only one year,

so they will apply for the hospital certificate closer to construction.

"We're excited to be in Clarkston," Tompkins said. "It's a logical market for McLaren."

North Oakland County is key to McLaren's expansion plans, which include projects along the I-75 and I-69 interstate



The framework has been completed for the first medical office building of the project.

corridors.

"We're thrilled with this project," he said. "We have the opportunity to design and build a state-of-the-art facility, designed for the way medicine is practiced today."

Medical procedures are less invasive than before, often performed on an outpatient, same-day basis in the doctor's office.

"It will be a complete health care campus, offering truly one-stop shopping," he said. "People will be able to get the highest quality medical care right where they live."

The 76-acre health care village will feature the most advanced technologies and comprehensive health care facilities, providing prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure, all conveniently located on one site.

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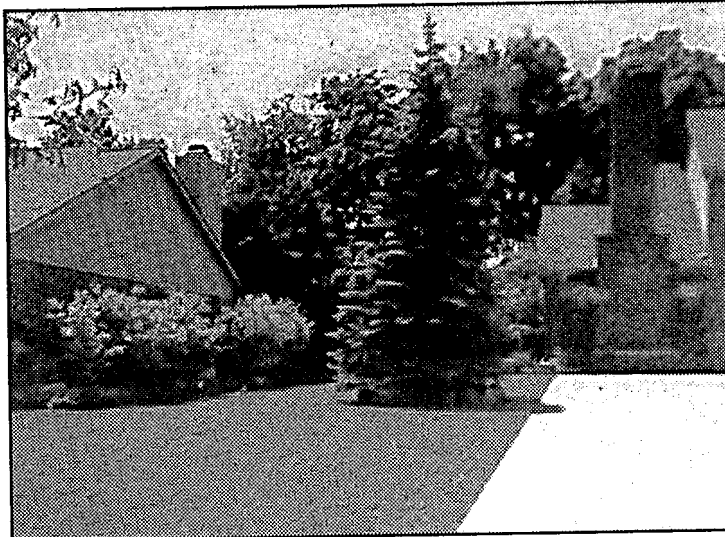
Landscape maintenance services offered include hedging of shrubs, ornamental tree trimming, mulching, weeding, and clean up.



Lawnscapeing services available include weekly lawn care including mowing, edging, blowing of debris, fertilizing and weed control.

Brother's Josh and Ryan Herrera of Independence Township are the primary operators of this family-owned business, which is celebrating its 34th year in lawn care services.

This year Clarkston Lawnscapeing now leads its competitors in its adoption of environmentally friendlier equipment and "green" techniques.



This has been done with the use of quieter, fuel-efficient mowers and a pioneering use of Quad-Cut blades which provides finer mulching.

Ryan explains, "The ultra-fine mulch from the Quad-Cut system returns nutrients – particularly nitrogen – to your lawn while reducing the need to bag and add unnecessarily to

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Josh adds, "This equipment saves us money and allows us to typically price our services lower

than our competitors. At the same time, it returns a superior quality cut! As an added bonus, it eliminates the use of oversized equipment that leaves tire marks and debris."

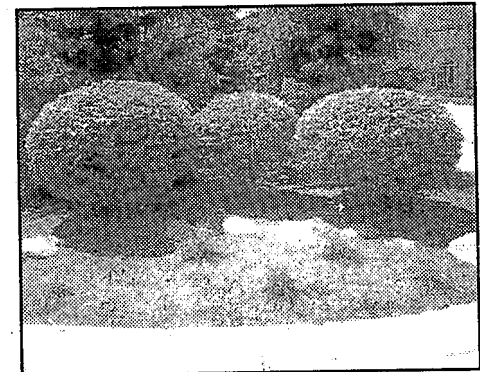
Their customers concur, as evidenced by Clarkston Lawnscapeing being selected as Landscape 2nd place in Clarkston's Best of the Best for 2006 published by *The Clark-*

ston News.

In addition to seasonal contracts, Clarkston Lawnscapeing offers single lawn cuts for people on vacation or who are unable to take care of their properties for a period of time. They also offer gift certificates for use during the year, which have become a very popular Father's Day request.

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Dr. Susan Klemmer fights aging with Fraxel laser

Susan H. Klemmer, M.D., a Clarkston dermatologist, has been treating skin cancers, and skin diseases as well as performing cosmetic procedures for 25 years. She is currently using one of the latest technologies in dermatology.

For safe, non-invasive treatment of wrinkles, acne and surgical scars, stretch marks, and sun damage, she offers Fraxel, a new type of laser treatment.

"We are excited to offer this procedure, which for most patients erases 5-10 years, without plastic surgery," Klemmer said.

"The results we can offer our patients are the same or better than with the old resurfacing lasers and with fewer side effects."

Fraxel's technology is as revolutionary as the results it can deliver. It stimulates the body's own natural healing processes, replacing damaged skin with fresh, healthy skin.

Fraxel laser treatment produces thousands of tiny but deep columns of treatment in the skin, known as microthermal zones.

This treatment eliminates old epidermal pigmented cells.

It also penetrates deep into the dermis, stimulating the production of collagen, all without breaking the skin's protective outer barrier.

"This is the treatment of choice for sun damage and scarring," she said.

"There are minimal side effects and you do not need to take off time from work."

Fraxel is FDA approved for periorbital wrinkles, age

and sunspots, discoloration, acne scarring, stretch marks, and skin tightening. It is effective on arms, hands, chest, and neck, as well as the face.

"It doesn't replace facelifts, but it can really make a difference in a person's life," she said. "It slows down the aging process."

Fraxel is much more sophisticated and effective than older lasers.

"Old lasers didn't do what they said they would do, or they were so invasive that there was a risk of scarring or infection," she said. "Fraxel takes just a fraction of the time with little or no downtime. I'm really impressed with it."

Dr. Klemmer moved to Clarkston in 1979 with her husband and their two children. She earned her medical degree at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

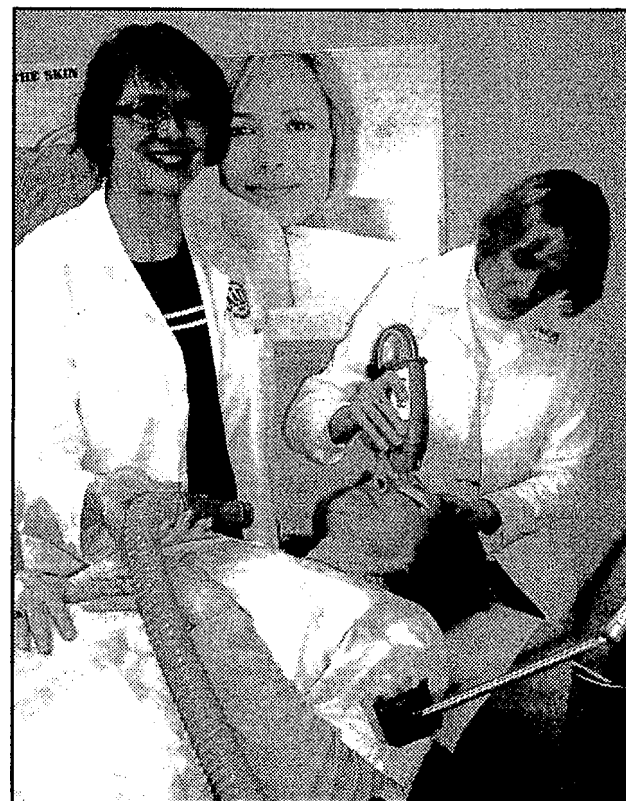
She trained at Ford Hospital and served her internship at Beaumont in Royal Oak, and remains on Beaumont's staff.

She is board certified by the American Academy of Dermatology.

She opened her practice in Clarkston in 1984. Four of her staff members, Kathy, Marsha, Evelyn, and Katie, have worked with her since the beginning.

If you are interested in improving your skin texture, reducing wrinkles or scarring, or getting rid of stretch marks or brown spots, call Dr. Klemmer's office at 248-623-9700 to set up a consultation appointment.

Her office is located in Suite B, 6080 Dixie Highway in Independence Township.



Dr. Susan H. Klemmer and laser technician Marsha Spear demonstrate their new Fraxel laser treatment on Kathy Hiding, office manager.



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Who's got a great new look? Terri King Salon & Day Spa

With a fresh remodeled look, Terri King Salon & Day Spa creates a warm, inviting, and relaxing environment that will not only put a smile on your face, but it will bring out that youthful energy in you.

The salon has a wonderful staff that greets you with a warm friendly welcome. Whether you are interested in hair care, nails, skin treatments or massages, Terri King Salon & Day Spa has been making a memorable impact on the residents of Clarkston, Waterford, and surrounding communities.

In those 10 years, owner Terri King-Kauth

has put together an excellent team of stylists, nail technicians, estheticians, and massage therapists.

"We have over 25 great employees and still growing," said Terri. "We work extremely well together and have respect."

All licensed junior stylists must go through a six month training program with a senior stylist as preparation to be a part of the growing, well educated team at Terri King Salon. The Stylists are always up to date with all the new trends and techniques. They will listen and assist you with all your hair care needs.

The nail technicians perform pedicures to acrylics nails. They service clients with each client having their own sanitized file and buffer. The salon has two European Touch, "pipeless" for sanitation, massage backed pedicure chairs. Come in and enjoy the view of the peaceful brook, while you relax with your nail services.

With all the environmental concerns these days, there has been an increased consciousness about the importance of proper skin care. The



Stylist Stephanie Crisman, Gena Cavender, Michelle Farabaugh, and Gena Morrow with clients.

salon has a wonderful group of Estheticians to evaluate and treat your skin.

A spa facial from one of their salon professionals will drastically improve your skin's condition and make you feel and look years younger.

They will also educate you in maintaining healthy skin. Give a facial a try and you'll definitely notice a difference.

The salon carries Bio Elements skin care line that targets your complexion's unique characteristics, for young teens to mature skin.

"These products care for your skin on a daily basis and help prevent the aging process," said Trish Bailey, massage therapist and esthetician.

The Terri King Salon & Day Spa provides rejuvenating massage services from educated certified professional massage therapists. The masseuses reduce stress from overwhelming lifestyles and assists your immune system to enhance health. Massage services include therapeutic massage, deep tissue, hot stone, prenatal, chair, and reflexology.

"We make every effort to please all of our clients not only some of the time, but every time they come to visit," said Terri.

"We do whatever it takes and that is what great service and reputation should be about. Your pleasant experience will start with your first phone call to our incredible team of receptionists."

Terri King Salon & Day Spa is located at 5826 Dixie Highway in Waterford. Hours are Monday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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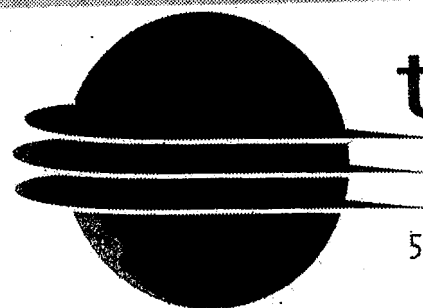
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Solutions for a successful retirement

Times are changing and so can retirement plans.

James B. Kruzan, a Certified Financial Planner for over 25 years, is a Registered Principal and Branch Manager of the Raymond James Financial Services branch location in Clarkston.

His advice caters toward those seeking a comprehensive retirement plan.

"The biggest problem for retirement is many don't consider how long they can live nor realize the rising costs of medical and other expenses," said Kruzan.

"Employees and newly retired face a one-two punch of uncertainty over the future of corporate pension plans, retirement health care, social security and concern of outliving their nest egg."

Thirteen years ago, Kruzan founded Kaydan Group, Inc., a federally registered investment advisory firm which specializes in retirement solutions for the automotive employee.

Kruzan realized that clients needed advice managing their 401(k) assets and there wasn't a firm to service those needs.

Kaydan Group provides objective, unbiased advice for their clients on 401(k) portfolio management as well as career transition consulting.

With the auto industry in flux, many employees are faced with more uncertainty.

"We can advise the client thinking of moving from one auto company or supplier to another by analyzing their current salary benefit package and providing a detailed comparison with the pending offer. Additionally, employees may be faced with a recent buy-out offer, we can help the client decide if this is the right course of action for them," stated Kruzan.

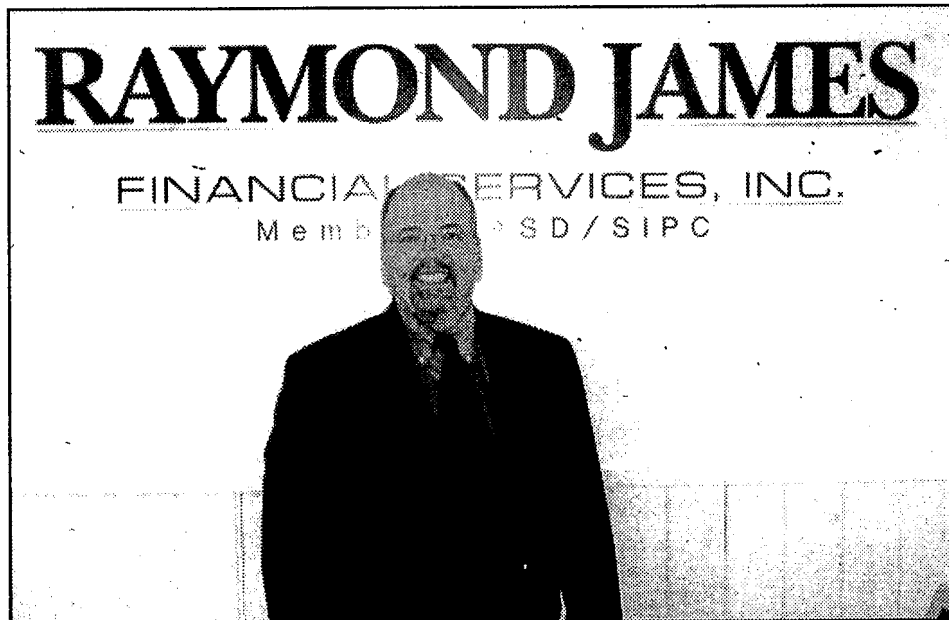
Kaydan Group was most recently recognized in Business Week Magazine's July 2007 Retirement Guide issue. Kruzan was also quoted in the current March-April issue of AARP magazine for his financial planning expertise.

While the majority of clients live in the Clarkston area, a significant amount live overseas or in retirement locales such as Arizona and Florida.

Technology has made it easy to stay in touch with these clients.

Kruzan is opening a second branch office in Fenton this year. This expansion will help service the needs of those in the Livingston and Genesee county corridor.

For the past 18 years, Kruzan has been in the Clarkston Mills Building off Washington and Main street. He will be



James B. Kruzan is a Registered Principal and Branch Manager of the Raymond James Financial Services branch in Clarkston.

moving this office also to a new location at 6764 Waldon Center Drive at the intersection of Sashabaw and Waldon Roads.

Additional staff will be added for both locations to service the needs of new clients.

To schedule an appointment or free consultation regarding your financial goals and objectives please contact the office at 248-625-2993 or visit their website www.raymondjames.com/jameskruzan.

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In Business 65 Years OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB 4770 Waterford Road, Clarkston 248-623-0444	In Business 37 Years CHARLES F. & CHARLES W. MUNK, D.D.S. 5825 South Main Street, Clarkston 248-625-0880	In Business 29 Years KINETIC SYSTEMS BICYCLES 60 South Main (M-15), Clarkston 248-625-7000	In Business 25+ Years CREEKSIDE SALON 20 West Washington, Clarkston 248-625-8611	In Business 22 Years CLARKSTON CHRYSLER JEEP 8105 Big Lake Road, Clarkston 866-553-JEEP (5337)	In Business 17 Years MICHIGAN RESONANCE IMAGING 5625 Water Tower Place, Clarkston 800-233-0272	In Business 10 Years OAKLAND MACCOMB OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY, P.C. Beaumont Bldg. 1455 S. Lapeer #208, Lake Orion 248-232-0090 Wellpointe Bldg. 1701 S. Blvd. E. #200, Roch. Hills 248-997-5805	In Business 5 Years RON SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY 7044 Gateway Park Drive, Clarkston 248-625-3686	In Business 1 Year FAMILY TREASURES PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO 6684 Dixie Highway Suite F, Clarkston 248-620-9746
In Business 55 Years OAKLAND COUNTY CREDIT UNION 6580 Dixie Highway, Clarkston 248-922-5608	In Business 35 Years GREGG CHIROPRACTIC 1079 South Baldwin Road, Orion Twp. 248-391-1600	In Business 28 Years POOL MART AND SPAS 5738 South Main (M-15), Clarkston 248-625-0729	In Business 25+ Years RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 20 West Washington Suite 14, Clarkston 800-638-6900	In Business 20+ Years LOWRIE'S LANDSCAPE 9539 Dixie Highway, Clarkston 248-625-8844	In Business 14 Years COMMON SCENTS CANINE CENTER 3100 Granger Road, Ortonville 248-627-5533	In Business 9 Years CLARKSTON STATE BANK 15 South Main Street, Clarkston 248-625-8585	In Business 5 Years SAFE BET HIDDEN FENCE 2508 Stonebrook, Davison 810-654-9377	New Business BAYLIS ANIMAL HOSPITAL 50 South Ortonville Road, Ortonville 248-627-5500
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Creating lifetime customers at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep

What does it take to create a customer for life?

"Treat every customer as your best customer," said Chuck Fortinberry, president of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep. "How? By meeting or exceeding expectations in sales, service and value."

It's a philosophy Fortinberry took to heart when he opened the dealership nearly 23 years ago, and he's been instilling the same idea on his team of sales and service professionals ever since.

"We try to walk in our customers' shoes," Fortinberry said. "What do I want to see when I walk into a dealership? How do I want to be treated? Do I want to be sold something, do I want a salesperson who's indifferent?"

The answer to simple questions like these, he said, makes it easy to keep the attention where it belongs—on the customer.

So what would Fortinberry expect if indeed he were the customer?

"I want someone that's going to take an interest in me, find out what my needs are and give me a solution without a bunch of banter," he said.

"That's why we teach our salespeople to focus on what the customer needs and give them what they want."

Some of this year's top selling vehicles include the Jeep Patriot and the Jeep Compass—both fuel-efficient in the 30-mile per-gallon

range—as well as the ever-popular Chrysler Town and Country minivan.

"The Town and Country is a world-class minivan and it's taking that segment of the market by storm," said Fortinberry.

"And our Jeep lineup has expanded to go from the very most basic car all the way up to the full-size seven-passenger luxury SUV."

The staff at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep is also excited about the new direction of Chrysler, Fortinberry said, especially the new lifetime power train warranty on all 2008 vehicles.

In addition to new car sales, the dealership offers lease options and used vehicles that come with a warranty and undergo a full safety inspection.

"We're a one-stop shop for all your transportation needs," said Fortinberry, who takes pride in the dealership's fully stocked parts and accessories department, as well as factory trained, certified technicians in both the service department and body shop.

When customers bring a car in for service, they can drop it off and pick up a rental or hop on the shuttle for a quick ride to work.

Or, they can settle into the comfortable waiting area, pour a cup of coffee and watch television while little ones enjoy the children's play area.

"We also have some beautiful leather furniture in front of the fireplace in our showroom," Fortinberry said. "You can make your-



Clarkston Chrysler Jeep President Chuck Fortinberry, seated in center, is surrounded by staff at the dealership.

self right at home."

He continues with a chuckle and a twinkle in his eye, making it difficult to judge whether he's kidding—or not.

"The only problem I have with that," he said, "is I have to continually go out there and wake customers up when their car is done. People come in for an oil change and a nap all the time."

In addition to his work at the dealership, Fortinberry has a long history of community involvement.

He organizes an annual golf outing and a motorcycle ride to benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan every year, and currently sits on the organization's board of directors.

He also supports a long list of local organizations, and earned a Community Beautification award from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce last year.

Clarkston Chrysler Jeep is located at 8105 Big Lake Road. For more information, call 248-620-4200 or visit www.ClarkstonChrysler.com.

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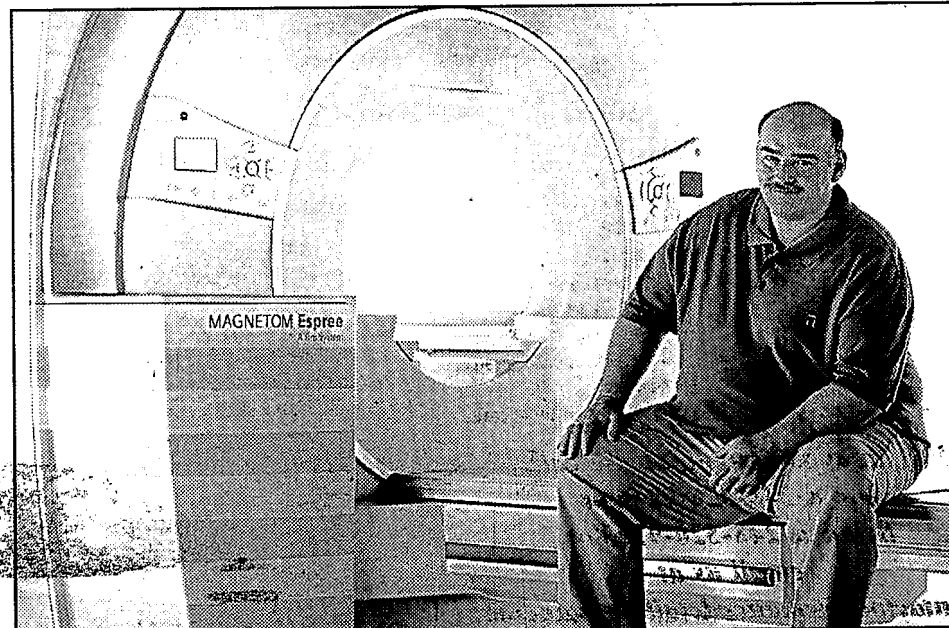
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Performance Detail: driven to exceed customer expectations

Four months out of the year in Michigan, vehicles are buried under snow, encased in ice and exposed to corrosive road salt. Interior carpets remain wet from the mixture of snow and ice.

Set to open in its new Waterford location March 15, Performance Detail offers detailed cleaning and refurbishment of cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, RVs and other motorized vehicles.

Performance Detail has a sharp focus on customer care, an understanding that a car is more than a mode of transportation, and that people take pride in their vehicle.

It all begins with service designed to exceed customer expectations, said owners Joe Dumeah and Brian Hildebrandt, and—just as the name implies—it's the details that make the difference.

"There are detailers that will come to your home and clean your car," said Dumeah. "We're adding a more professional side to the business by making the customers' experience easy and offering a variety of services that will exceed expectations."

At Performance Detail services are geared to busy professionals. An agent will not only pick up your car from home or office, but will also return the car once service is complete.

"We've had our own cars detailed," said Dumeah. "The most inconvenient part of the process was getting the car dropped off and then having to go back later and pick it up. The unique service is a benefit to those who simply don't have time to shuttle cars back and forth across town."

Dumeah and Hildebrandt are both busy professionals who understand what it's like to juggle family, work responsibilities and other obligations.

But, as self-described "car fanatics," they also know that certain things are still important regardless of how busy a day gets.

"We both own collector cars," said Hildebrandt. "My wife thinks it's crazy, but I've gotten up at two in the morning to wax my car for a show." Crazy or not, it's that attention to detail that literally outshines the competition any day.

"It's a lot of little things," he continued. "We have our cars done by competitors on purpose to compare services, and our attention to small details inside the vehicle—the vents, the windows, dust in the switches, underneath seats—make the cars we do look so much better."

The range of available services runs from a quick freshen-up to a multi-step interior and exterior full detail.

"It's amazing to see how chemicals and the environment can dull a cars finish. Even after one year the sun and snow can take its toll," said Hildebrandt. "But with the right products you can restore and protect it from effects of the environment."

"Anyone can spend all day cleaning their car in the driveway and do a good job," said Dumeah. "But when your car spends a couple of hours with one of our trained technicians the difference is noticeable."

Quality employees, superior equipment, and the right products are also an important aspect of the Performance Detail commitment to



At Performance Detail, Joe Dumeah, left, and Brian Hildebrandt are committed to exceeding customer expectations.

quality.

The shop is located in a brand new building finished to meet the needs of the business. "We did not want to start in a building that was not conducive to our business so we went the extra step and started from a clean slate" said Dumeah. "It's part of the reason why we can

just focus so much attention on the things we do best."

Performance Detail is located at 5453 Perry Road in Waterford. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Joe Dumeah at 248-520-9266 or Brian Hildebrandt at 248-520-9263. Check their website at Performancedetailinc.com.

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STAGE ONE: \$75⁰⁰ - \$105⁰⁰

(Express Hand Wash & Dry PLUS...)

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| • Bug and tar removal. | • wheel wells. |
| • Two Step Paint Treatment | • Dress exterior trim. |
| Process with "One Step Prep" | • Interior |
| Glaze Wax sealant. | • Clean and dress dash, doors and center console. |
| • Clean and dress wheels, tires and | |

STAGE TWO: \$125⁰⁰ - \$175⁰⁰

(Stage One PLUS...)

- | Exterior | Interior |
|---|---|
| • Four Step Paint Treatment Process with Cherry Wax to seal & protect up to 3 months. | • Vacuum trunk. |
| • Clean and wax door, hood and trunk jams. | • Clean and dress interior, including dash, gauges, vents, steering column, center console, doors, rocker panels and pillars. |
| • Clean weather stripping, door, hood and trunk seals and revitalize with protectant. | • Shampoo interior including headliner, visors, cloth seats, carpet and floor mats. |
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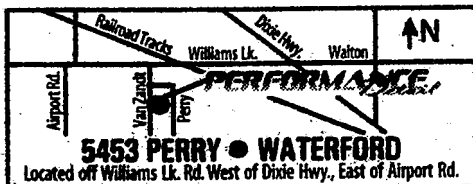
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At one time, there was no way to detect oral cancer until it was visible in the mouth. By then, it was almost always fatal and in a very short time. As dentists learned to look for changes inside the mouth, the cure rate jumped to almost 50 percent. It was a huge advance, but not good enough.

The newest device, FDA approved VELscope, can help find changes before they're visible with the naked eye. It's painless, inexpensive, only takes about five minutes, and is improving survival rates to 80-90 percent.

Another new advancement is in the treatment of gum disease, once considered the fate of old age. Conventional gum surgery was painful, but effective for many.

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David Regiani, D.D.S., P.C with wife Sherry (right) and dedicated staff during a recent outing.

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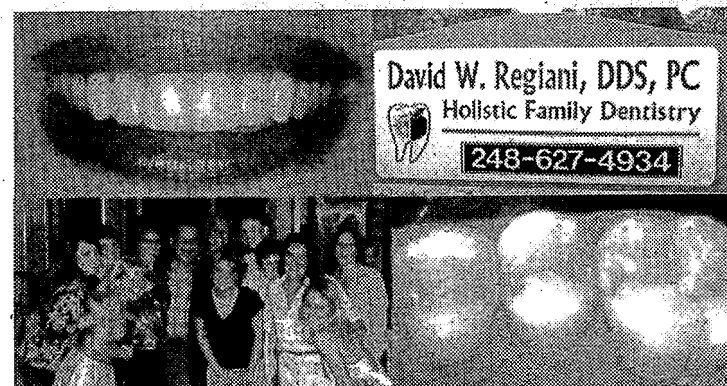
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Gregg Chiropractic helps you get your life 'aligned'

For over 30 years, Dr. R. James Gregg, of Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers, has been helping people enjoy healthier lives.

"After all these years of practice, some 30 years, I still have a strong passion for getting sick people well," Gregg says.

According to Dr. Gregg, chiropractic is a system of health care that corrects one of the most serious forms of stress to their body: the vertebral subluxation complex can affect your nerves, muscles, internal organs, discs, bones and brain and weaken your overall health.

At Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers, patients experience state-of-the-art care to help make their body healthy again.

According to Dr. Gregg, as well as manual spinal adjustments, they also use computerized spinal adjustments for those patients that don't like the twisting and popping that sometimes occur with manual treatments.

Dr. Gregg and his staff continue to improve patient care by using advance techniques like Spinal Decompression.

Spinal Decompression is a non-surgical treatment for serious chronic lower back pain and sciatica (leg pain). This new, cutting edge technology is also a treatment for herniated and/or bulging discs and degenerative disc disease.

Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers continue their revolutionary steps to healing by also taking a different approach to treatment by getting patients involved and making sure they're educated on what's happening to their bodies and what they must do to get well.

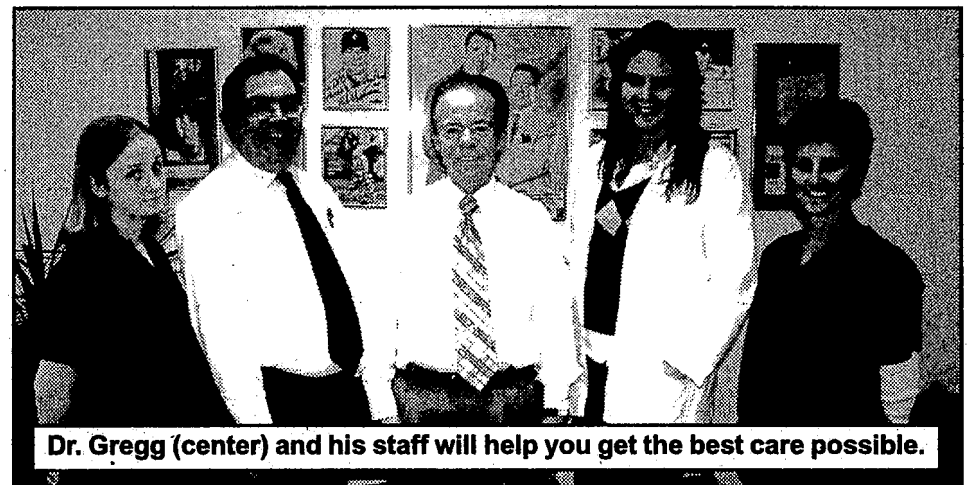
"We feel that it's critically important to educate the patient on how we are going to correct their problem and what role they are going to play," Dr. Gregg explains. "It's a patient-doctor approach."

Every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m., Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers host informational sessions about how chiropractic can benefit them and their health for problem. The public is also invited for this free informational session.

Dr. Gregg says these sessions really educate the patients to understand how they must assist the doctor in order to get them healthier faster.

Not only is Dr. Gregg caring for his patients at his Orion Township office, located at 1079 South Baldwin Road (at the Clarkston/Baldwin intersection), but he also has locations in Garden City and Livonia, and is the official chiropractor for the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Dr. Gregg and his office pride themselves in being the best place for people to



Dr. Gregg (center) and his staff will help you get the best care possible.

receive affordable health care. Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers works hard to always insure that every patient can receive their necessary care.

"One of the toughest problems we are facing is the growing number of people that are uninsured and the high co-payments and deductibles of those that have insurance," Dr. Gregg says.

"This prevents people for seeking necessary health care because they can't afford it," he adds. "I believe that as a doctor it is my duty to provide health care to all people with or without insurance. We

will work with anyone who needs financial assistance so that they may have access to health care."

The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 2-7 p.m., Thursday from 2-7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about Gregg Chiropractic Life Centers, visit them online at www.greggchiro.com, or call the Orion office at (248) 391-1600.

Dr. Gregg also says that patients are always welcome to e-mail him questions at greggdc@greggchiro.com.

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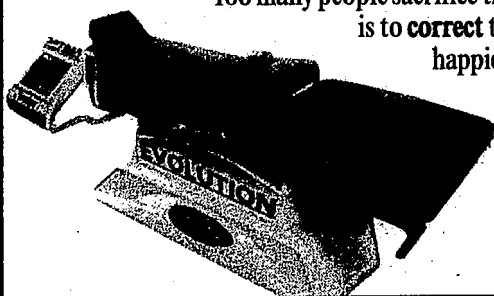
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Local family enjoying role as 'Party Starters'

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"We get the party started," said Brian Lewandowski, who owns and operates the business in partnership with his wife Linda. "We are one-stop shopping for anything you need for a party, and if we don't have it, just ask. We can get just about anything—and we can get it at the best price."

With two daughters attending Clarkston Community Schools—junior Alexa Gentile attends Clarkston High School and first-grader Tira Lewandowski goes to Pine Knob Elementary—Brian and Linda enjoy operating a family business in the heart of their own community.

"We like meeting new people," Brian said, noting with a grin that he's often invited to stay for a bite after setting up tents, tables, chairs and other supplies. "But we have good success with repeat customers, too."

Opened in January 2007 after moving from its former Springfield Township location where the business was known as Dollar Warehouse, Party Starters offers planning, supplies and set up for weddings, graduations, birthdays, retirement parties



From left: Jessica Ray, David, Linda and Tira Lewandowski and Alexa Gentile are all smiles at Party Starters.

and other occasions.

Specially priced party packages are available for both large and small groups, and customer satisfaction is paramount at Party Starters—no matter what size the

group.

"We make sure the customer is happy," Linda said. "If they have a good party, we look good, we've done our job and we're happy too."

Additional rental items include Sno Kone, margarita, and popcorn machines, helium tanks, and a long list of food service items such as chafing dishes, coffee urns and punch fountains.

White kneelers, arches, wishing wells, candelabras and other wedding items are available, as well, and Party Starters will also arrange for DJ, face painting and other services.

But the party doesn't stop with the long list of rentals.

In fact, Brian and Linda say they operate the only party rental in the area that also stocks retail items.

Dubbing the operation a "dollar store and more" the shelves inside Party Starters are filled with party favors, seasonal items, scrapbooking supplies, gift-wrap and cards.

Piñatas, confetti, balloons and novelties are plentiful, as well.

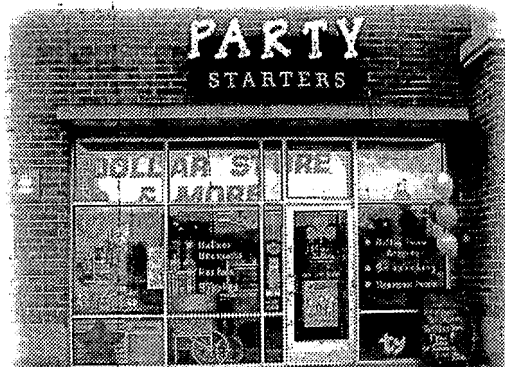
With a large supply of inexpensive but fun, colorful items, Party Starters enjoys catering to teachers, students and others looking to stretch their dollar.

Party Starters is located at 5920 Sashabaw Road.

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NovaCare proud to be part of Clarkston community

Being in Clarkston for over a decade, NovaCare definitely has treated many members of the community. Providing physical therapy and fitness programs isn't something that NovaCare's team takes lightly. It is a responsibility.

Patients depend on the therapist's skill for treatment as well as the education they need to continue the healing process when not in the clinic.

"I have a wonderful team who love what they do," Jodi Hines, Manager of NovaCare, said. "Patients have to commit to a lot while going through therapy, most generally attending three times a week, it takes a lot of time out of everyday routines to attend. If we don't deliver good care, they won't trust us and they won't get better."

"We want our patients to enjoy coming to therapy as much as possible," Hines added. "We make them a part of their rehabilitation—because what they do in relation to their program is critical to the success of their physical therapy."

The clinic, which is located at 6770 Dixie Highway on the lower level of the Clarkston Medical Building, will be going through a remodel this spring. An open house will be scheduled for the community to come in and take a look after the construction is complete.

NovaCare Clarkston specializes in the treatment of orthopedic problems such as bone, muscle, tendon and ligament injuries. Staff members are qualified to treat patients 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 and physical therapist assistants, during their time in the clinic. Friendly and efficient front office staff assist with in-



NovaCare's physical therapists and staff, (in back from left), Kevin, MPT; Ryan, MPT; (middle from left) Kara, PTA; Heather, PSS; Natalie, MPT; (front from left) Pat, PSS; Katherine, MPT; and Brenda, PTA.

urance 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.

The clinic will soon be offering "wellness" talks on balance, fall prevention, and joint health, among others. Look for information on these programs or feel free to call the clinic to inquire.

In addition, aquatic therapy or "water therapy" is offered at this location. The physician and physical therapist may use a SwimEx pool as a part of a patient's physical therapy program as determined.

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.

Hines assures clients that whichever program they participate in, whatever the need, they will bond with the staff.

"When patients are here, they spend a lot of time with us," said Hines. "We have relationships with our patients while they are here (and even after) and that makes helping patients even more rewarding."

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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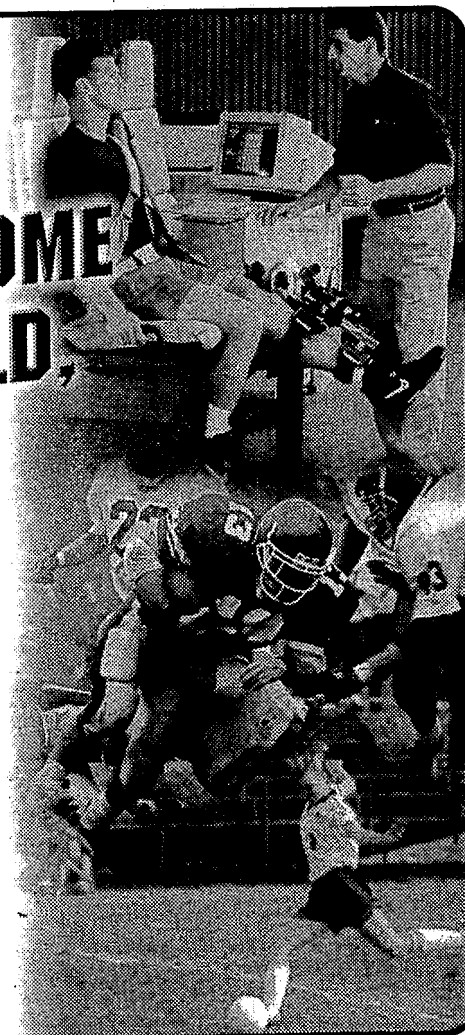
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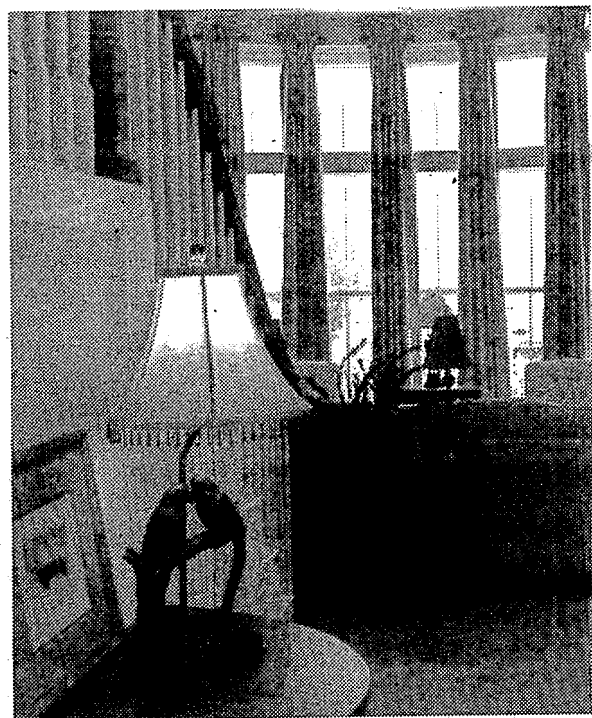
While the architecture of the newer homes in our area is beautiful and gracious, the two story great rooms and soaring windows present some unique decorating challenges. Those large open rooms often appear cold and empty. Sounds often echo through the house. How can we soften the noise factor? How will we arrange furniture in an attractive and functional way? How large should the furniture be? How many pieces? What colors, fabrics and textures will most suit our lifestyle and enhance the architectural details?

The creation of a warm and inviting atmosphere in these spacious homes is difficult. Many of us are so intimidated by the decorating decisions that need to be made, we simply avoid making any decisions at all. Our houses are left unfinished and often completely lack the ambiance that had been envisioned when the house

was bought.

Drapery, wallpaper and well-chosen furnishings add to the charm and value of a home. Home Staging for sale is becoming a big business in this buyers market. It is rather surprising that people will wait until their house is for sale before it is given decorating attention. Wouldn't it make more sense to decorate as soon as possible and enjoy living in a beautiful, practical home?

An experienced Interior designer will, not only design the proper floor plan and window treatments, but will also



help to establish a budget. A professional designer will help to choose furnishings that are the price and the quality you want to live with. Mary Lujan, head designer at HEPPLEWHITE'S interiors on Main Street in downtown Rochester always suggests a budget for a decorating project. "I feel that beginning a decorating job without detailed drawings and an estimate for the cost is like starting to build a house without a blueprint or a price." Her partner, daughter Rebecca Stoitsiadis agrees. She adds, "We request a budget from our clients - not to spend every penny available - but to help establish guidelines for the project. We sincerely believe we provide the most comprehensive design available and we are experienced in setting and keeping budgets." Mary and Rebecca are personally involved in every project, no matter how large or small. They accompany each design consultant on home visits and are responsible for all drawings and presentations.

Furniture selection is only one step of many in creating your beautiful home. It takes a comprehensive interior design plan, including accurate measurements and precision drawings.

Paint, wallpaper, window treatments, rugs and accessories are also necessary components of a finished room. Our skilled design team will help you pull together an elegant design that suits your needs and lifestyle, as well as the architecture of the home. We blend together all of these elements and products to create the environment that was envisioned when

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Grand Rapids Bedding Company was founded in 1889 and has been a factory-authorized Spring Air dealer since 1926.

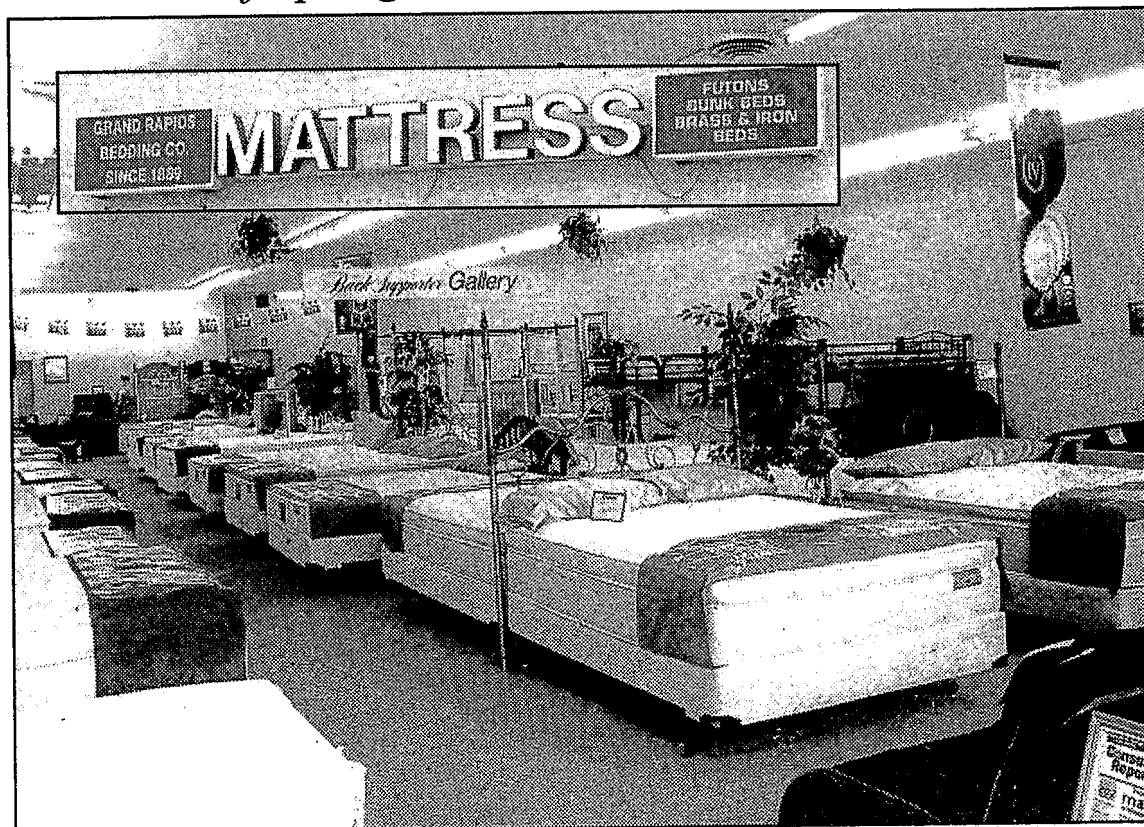
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Is your home ready for a change, but you don't have enough time or know where to start?

The experienced designers from Hepplewhite's Interiors are here for you. They can redo a room for a special occasion or furnish a new home within your budget and to your style.

They guide customers through the selection of just the right pieces to showcase each room and make sure the design experience is pleasant and stress free.

"We cut down the amount of running around and the guess work," said head designer, Rebecca Lujan-Stoitsiadis.

"We will establish a budget, a practical plan, and a reasonable time table for the completion of your project," said head designer and owner, Mary Lujan.

Their goal as designers is to create a space reflective of the home owner's lifestyle.

Not only will they create a room that is beautiful, but also functional and comfortable. The end result will be a reflection of your taste.

"We take care of every aspect from the floor up - including the area rugs, accessories, drapery and furniture," said Lujan.

Lujan has 25 years of experience. Her daughter, Rebecca, also adds her own years of experience.

Hepplewhite's Interiors is a family owned business that has been running for 25 years. They know how important family and comfort is to the home.

For a limited time only, the starting design fee is only \$200. The fee entitles the client to three hours of the designer's time.

The three hours includes a one-hour in-home meeting, where the designer will discuss, in-depth, your design wants and needs, and will take measure-

ments and digital pictures.

The second hour is for in-studio research. The designer will return to the studio and research fabrics, wallpapers, and furnishings to fulfill the client's taste.

In the third hour, the designer will present her design solutions to the client. The client will work with the designer to fine tune the final design.

Coming in spring is their Warehouse Sale. They have a ten thousand square foot warehouse bursting with product, ready to go home with you.

For more information, call them at 248-651-4710 or to view their online portfolio, go to www.Hepplewhites.com.

Hepplewhite's Interiors is located at 322 Main Street in downtown Rochester.

They are open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. On Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and closed on Sunday.



Designers Rebecca Lujan-Stoitsiadis and Mary Lujan of Hepplewhite's Interiors.

Munks give patients something to smile about

Father and son orthodontic team, Charles F. Munk and Charles W. Munk, continue to use cutting edge technology to create bright, beautiful smiles for patients in a family-friendly environment.

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 10 weeks, instead of every four weeks."

Also available at the office is a 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.

Very few other orthodontists in Michigan are trained and licensed to use Wilckodontics.

Most people know orthodontic treatment is not just for teenagers anymore. 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 can take

them out for eating, for brushing your teeth, if you've got a major social event, things like that. However, the more you wear them, the faster the teeth will move."

Invisalign works best, he said, on cases that aren't severe.

The Munks specialize in another great procedure for adults, lingual braces.

Lingual braces have been around for a while, but technology has made advances to make them better for patients.

The braces are placed behind the teeth and are perfect for patients who want unnoticeable braces, but still want a beautiful looking smile.

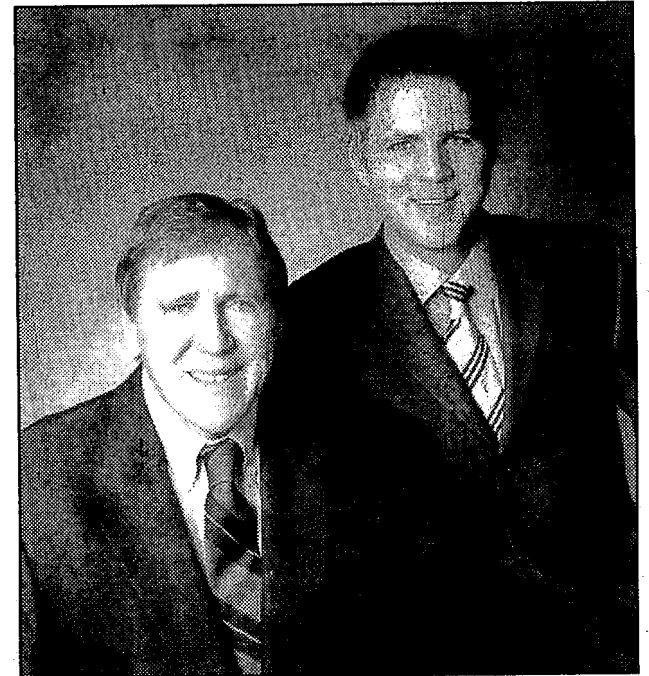
The Munks offer free orthodontic evaluations to all patients at all three of their locations. They have various payment plans available and work with most insurance companies.

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. For the upcoming baseball season, they will be sponsoring one of the teams through Independence Township.

Also, they support 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.

They have begun a new referral program for their patients. When families refer new patients they are entered into a drawing. The winner receives a night out including



Drs. Charles F. Munk and Charles W. Munk.

use of a limousine and going to the restaurant of their choice.

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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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 hometown 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.

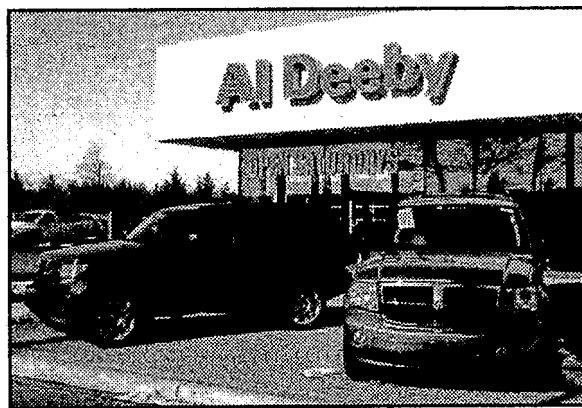
After dropping off a vehicle for the highest quality care, customers can relax in the service center's spacious lounge featuring a 42-inch plasma television, Internet access (wireless available) and complimentary gourmet coffee and snack bar. Customers can even borrow a laptop computer for use during 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 Dealer's Choice 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 increasing 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."

Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston will beat any purchase or lease price on a new Dodge, guaranteed. Customers can even purchase their new or pre-owned SUV, car, truck or minivan online at www.aldeebydodge.com or fax in their selection choosing from the hundreds in stock.

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.

For more information, please call 248-620-0800 or fax 248-620-0699.

Convenient, friendly service at Oakland County Credit Union

Oakland County Credit Union is opening a brand new Clarkston Branch on March 17 to provide even more convenient services for members.

The new branch, located next to Taco Bell at 6580 Dixie Highway, offers an excellent location, efficient services with three drive-thru lanes, and a friendly and professional staff to assist its valued members. The new branch replaces its former site located within the Waterfall Plaza in Waterford.

"We're excited to be a part of Clarkston," said Allan McMorris, President of Oakland County Credit Union.

"This is a total win for our members, the credit union and the Clarkston area. Our motto is 'We succeed together' and we truly mean that. Members trust us with their finances. That's not something to be taken lightly. In turn, we are there every step of the way in their life. We promise to give members the best possible experience."

Becoming a member at Oakland County Credit Union is quite easy. Anyone that works, resides, or

worships in Oakland County is now eligible to join. Despite a tough economic climate, OCCU's new membership growth was up 150% last year. Over 20,000 current members already know -- there just isn't a better place to trust with your financial needs.

OCCU, like the entire credit union industry, believes in the philosophy that people come before profits. Profit is returned to its members in the form of higher savings rates, lower loan rates and quality facilities.

Oakland County Credit Union is especially excited about its open house on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

For the celebration, Oakland County Credit Union has partnered with Saturn of Clarkston and will be giving away a new vehicle with a two-year lease.

The credit union will also give away a number of other items as well, including a 42-inch plasma TV, a weekend getaway to Mackinac Island, a Tigers game day package, a Wii game system and much more! The sweepstakes is open to mem-

bers and members opening accounts during the grand opening. No purchase is needed.

OCCU prides itself on its 55-year history of community involvement. Keeping with tradition, the credit union will donate \$5 to the Independence Fire Department for every new account opened through May 3.

The credit union has pledged a minimum donation of \$1,000 to the department.

Members can also earn money for each family member or friend they refer to sign up for membership.

Through May 3, members will receive up to \$50 if they refer someone that also signs up for a checking account. (\$20 for a savings account only).

"Our credit union and our members work together in making dreams come true," said McMorris.

One way to make dreams become reality is by launching high school scholarships for three local high schools; Clarkston, Waterford Kettering, and Waterford Mott. Three seniors bound to college or



trade school this fall will win \$1,000.

Students can find more details about the theme of the essay and learn how to enter at www.oaklandcountycu.com. The deadline to enter is April 11.

Oakland County Credit Union is a full-service financial institution, providing a complete menu of savings and loan products, including mortgages, car loans, Visa cards, online banking, and financial plan-

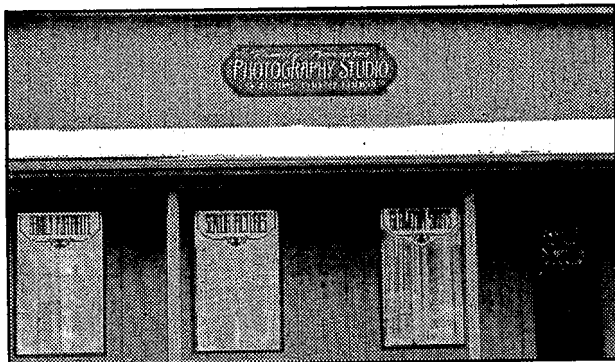
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Residents can become a member by visiting one of the branch offices or apply online.

Oakland County Credit Union is open Monday through Friday. The hours of operation for the lobby are 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and drive-thru is open from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Get more information at www.oaklandcountycu.com or by calling at (248) 922-5608.

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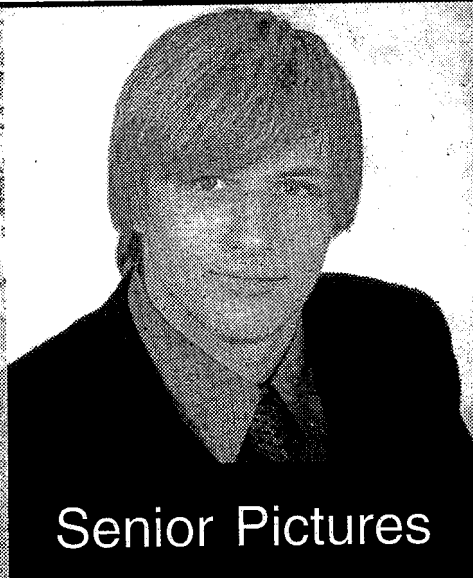
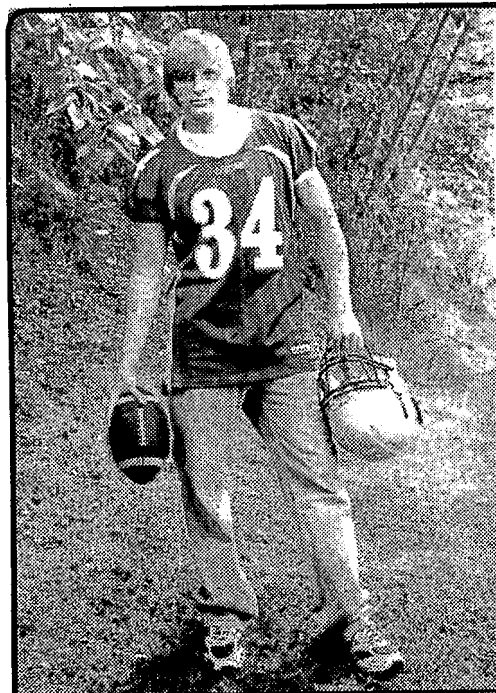
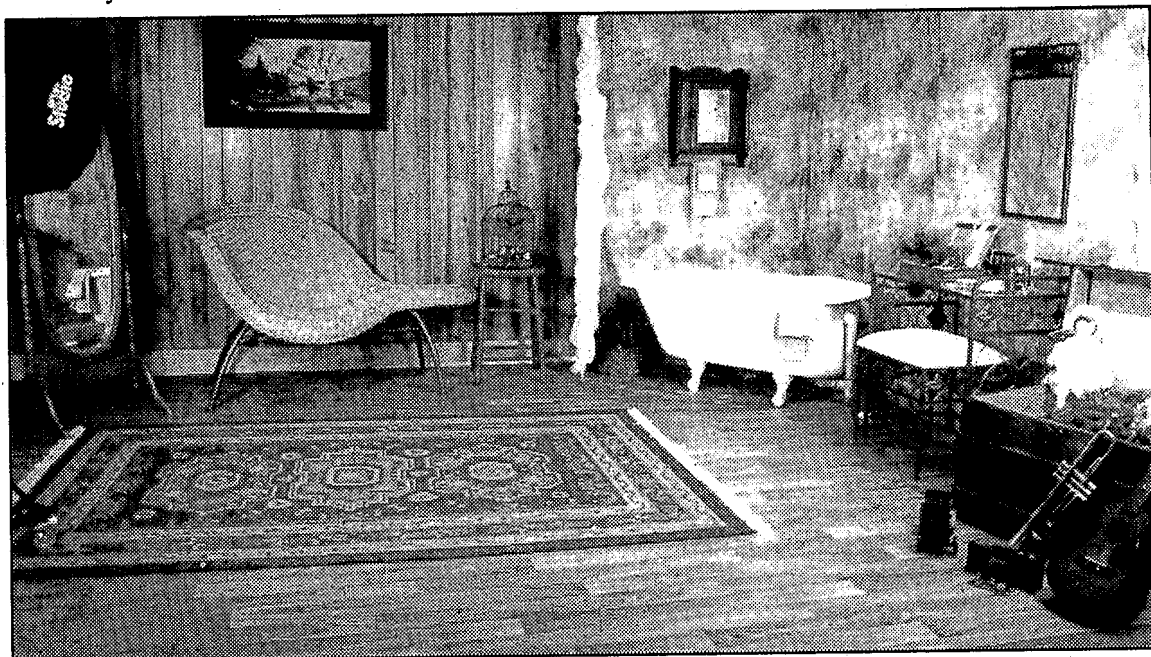
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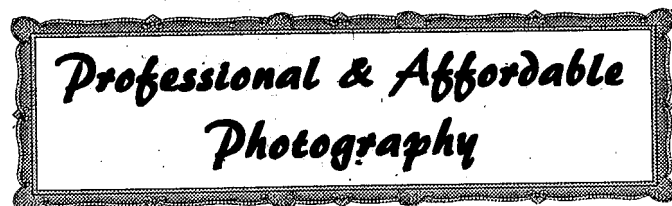


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Marketti academy prepares students for real life

Marketti Academy of Cosmetology has been around for nearly a year now, since they first opened their doors on March 13, 2007. Starting with only 13 students and four instructors they have grown to 60 students and five instructors.

"We did a lot of research; it wasn't something we just did," said Co-Owner Allison Murphy. "We did a business plan, we surveyed licensed stylist, salon owners, people who were looking to go to school. Anybody who had anything to do with the beauty industry, we were surveying."

Tawny Marketti-Pearson, the other co-owner, said she had wanted to start a school for a long time.

"We both just kind of have the entrepreneurial spirit too," said Murphy.

In order to be accepted to the academy, potential students must write an essay and then make an appointment to come into the school to file an application.

The applicant must be 17-years-old and either be in high school or have a high school diploma or GED. When the student graduates, they get a diploma from the academy and then must apply at the state level for a license.

Marketti teaches cosmetology, manicuring, esthetics and instructional training. It

generally takes one to two years to get a diploma in cosmetology, said Murphy. Esthetics runs about four to eight months and manicurists will go for about three-and-a-half to seven months, she said.

"Each of our programs have their own instructor and own classroom," said Murphy. "These students truly learn, they're constantly being taught. The attendance is good, the students enjoy coming to school."

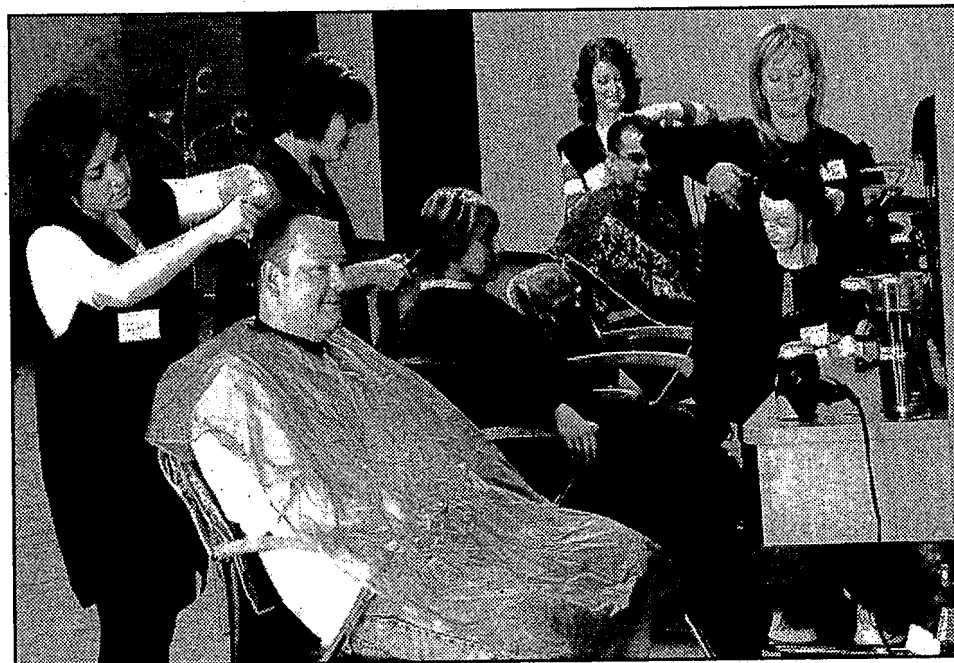
"We offer a scholarship program, which is very unique. There are different levels to attain the next level of scholarship with each level giving more money toward tuition."

Marketti-Pearson said the students like when they can put their practice to work on a real person.

Student Karina R., who had been in a previous school prior to coming to Marketti, said Marketti was much friendlier and professional.

"It's a very friendly atmosphere and all the instructors are so nice that it sets a pace for the rest of us to be nice," she said. "One of the best things is they force you to think outside the box by putting you in real life situations. They take your creativity past your learned ability in an attempt to go further."

Marketti offers great services at dis-



Students Jacquelyne C., Siobhan M., Dana S., and Mary F. are putting classroom learning into practice.

counted prices, said Murphy. They take both appointments and walk-in customers and they sell Design Essentials and Redken products.

Marketti Academy of Cosmetology is lo-

cated on the corner of Dixie Hwy and Sashabaw Road behind RiteAid in Waterford. For more information, call 248-618-6394 or visit their Web site at www.marketticosmetology.com.



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Lisa's Country Cupboard: fresh ideas in country decorating

If you're looking for quality country furnishings, one-of-a-kind items and household décor, Lisa's Country Cupboard is the place to go.

Owner Lisa Durham offers something for everyone.

"A lot of country stores tend to focus on just primitive or shabby chic or cottage," said Durham, who purchased the store from a previous owner last fall. "This store is all country and it's for all tastes of country."

After a top-to-bottom cleaning and some significant changes—not only the store's merchandise line but also the layout and display—Durham opened her doors November 3.

"This is my dream," she said. "I always wanted to have a country store."

Durham's passion and commitment to the new endeavor is obvious throughout the store, and it shows in her excitement about a new line of primitive reproduction furniture created by a skilled out-of-state craftsman.

"It's beautiful furniture," she said. "So many stores sell reproductions, but this guy is great, he's really an artist with the reproductions."

The store was primarily focused on antiques before it changed hands, with a few new and handmade items.

"Lisa changed every room," said employee Dawn Rossell, who worked in the store for two years before Durham took over. "We still have some antiques, but Lisa goes to the markets and the shows and brings in more one-of-a-kind country items instead of your usual run-of-the-mill items."

The store now carries more bedroom items, such as linens, quilts and pillows, she noted.

Not without her own contributions to the store, Rossell offers a number of handmade items for sale, including dolls, scrapbooks, painted pieces, seasonal items. Her samplers are hugely popular with customers.

"Dawn's been right there with me all along," Durham said. "She's very talented and I was lucky she stayed on."

The frequent arrival of new merchandise keeps the store fresh. Seasonal items are also in abundant supply—once Easter displays come down, new summer gardening displays will go up.

"We try to change things every couple weeks," said Rossell. "A lot of customers come back often to see the new items, and many use those ideas in their own house."

Both women like to make shopping at Lisa's Country Cupboard a fun experience for customers, and if Durham doesn't have what a customer is looking for, she'll go out of her way to find it.

She also created a mailing list, and offers frequent specials "just because." Gift certificates and layaway are also available.

"Customers come first," she said. "Without them I don't have a business. We want repeat customers and we want them to be happy and tell their friends about us."

Before opening Lisa's Country Cupboard, Durham spent most of her working hours in a business started by her father when she was just 13.

But, while she enjoyed working closely with family, Durham said something was missing.

"I didn't want to be a secretary my whole life or bookkeeper," she said. "I wanted to do something I love, and I love this."



Lisa Durham, left, and Dawn Rossell enjoy days spent at Lisa's Country Cupboard.

Those strong family bonds, however, are still important.

"There's no way I could do this without my husband Jason," she said. "He has done so much for the store. He's here on his lunch hour, after work on weekends—it's very much a joint venture for him and I even though he has his own job."

Durham said her mother, Patricia Traynor, has also been a huge help around the store, as have her three boys, Ryan, Alex and Cody Johnson.

Lisa's Country Cupboard, located at 5268 Dixie Highway, is open M-W-F 10-5. Call 248-623-6858 for more information.

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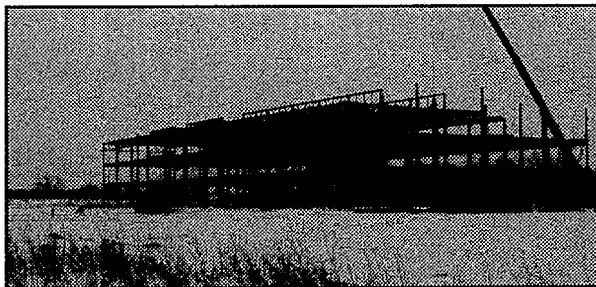
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IN JULY 2007, CLARKSTON MEDICAL GROUP BROKE GROUND IN COLLABORATION WITH McLAREN HEALTH CARE CORPORATION ON A \$600-MILLION MEDICAL CAMPUS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AT I-75 AND SASHABAW ROAD. The first phase of this project will be Clarkston Medical Building, the new home of your Clarkston Medical Group physicians and other specialty physicians. The completion date for this phase is set for Spring of 2009.



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Clarkston Medical Building, Spring 2009

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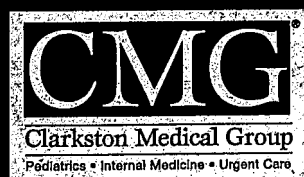
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The Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union

It's been more than 50 years since a small group of Clarkston school teachers who submitted a charter application were approved by the Commissioner of Banking Department to establish a new financial institution-Clarkston Community School Employees Credit Union.

While the name has changed and the number of members has skyrocketed - from 70 in 1957 to almost 9,000 members today-one thing remains unchanged-the non-profit, member-owned institution's dedication to service.

The Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union now has two locations-the Clarkston office at 8055 Ortonville Road and the Brandon office at 4 South St. in Ortonville- and anyone living or working within the Clarkston and Brandon school districts is eligible for membership, or anyone that is a relative of a member.

"Anyone who lives or works within Clarkston or Brandon is eligible to join the credit union," said Donna Bullard, President and Chief Executive officer of CBCCU.

"This includes students at both school districts. The geographical bound-



Front: Jody Hurren, Karen Saxton, Donna Bullard, Patty DuBois, Nikki Christensen. Standing: Keri Gower, Mike LaJoice, Sue Schmidt, Kathy Kelly and Jen Adcock. The staff at CBCCU Clarkston.

aries are based on the school district boundaries. Also, anyone who is a relative of a current member can join."

The CBCCU is full-service, including offers of lower rates on loans, higher rates on savings and certificates of deposit, an on-site ATM, Visa credit and Mastercard debit cards. They also offer direct deposit, IRA accounts, financial planning, and U.S. Savings Bonds. All accounts are insured up to \$100,000 by the National Credit Administration, a

U.S. Government Agency. IRA accounts are insured up to \$250,000.

"Every financial institution has money," "We have service. Our members are treated individually. We hope they walk out with an exceptional experience." CBCCU continues to expand services and offer what members need and want. "New technology allows us to be available to serve our members no matter where they are," said Bullard. "We are also available online any time

of the day or night. New technology makes new services such as online 'bill pay' available to our members which saves them both time and money."

New this year is our "Zoogles Kids Club" for our members 11 years old and under. Financial literacy made fun! The CBCCU also continues their remarkable relationship with Brandon Schools as joint partners in the school credit union program.

"There is a financial institution on every corner, but we've been in this community for more than 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. Contact the Clarkston office 248-625-2923 and the Brandon office 248-627-9944.

Enjoy the Benefits of Membership!

If you live or work in the geographic boundaries of the Clarkston and Brandon school districts, you can enjoy the benefits of membership with Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union.

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SafeBet Hidden Fence celebrates 5 years of keeping your pets safe

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."

With great pricing and superb customer service, it's no wonder they're celebrating their 5th Anniversary this year.

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 thousands 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 up the wire takes between two and four hours. Badour and his



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.

crew slice open the ground in order to thread Hidden Fence across the yard.

"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 what-

ever they need, from any problems they have with the system to training their dog," said Badour.

All of Badour's packages include up to one acre of Hidden Fence wiring.

As well as keeping pets in the yard, 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.

Badour also has pet owners in mind with the newest addition to the SafeBet 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.

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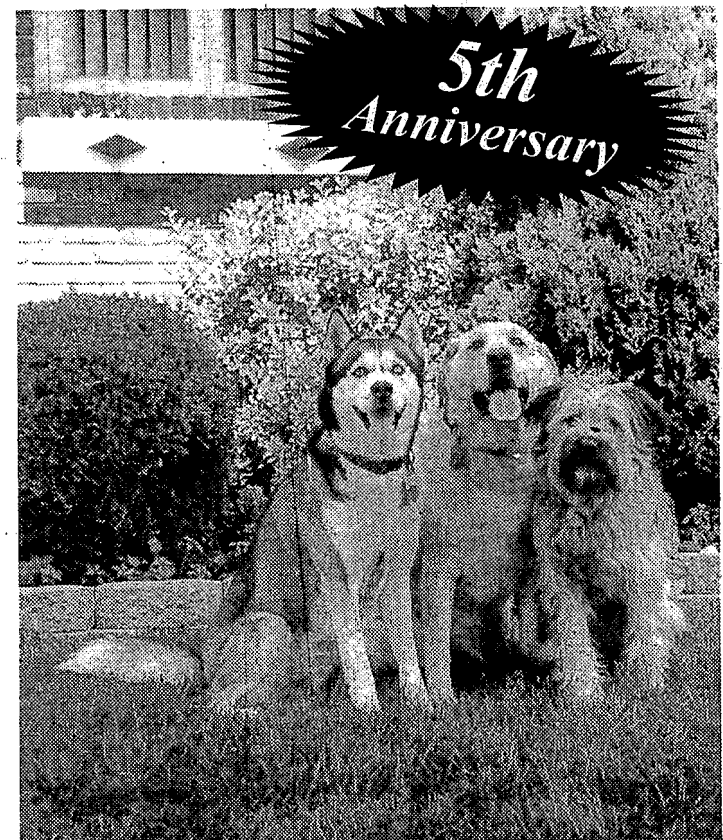
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Meeting both a pet's physical and emotional needs is the number one priority at Common Scents Canine Center.

"Pets are family, both to us and our clients," said Steve Robinson, one of the co-owners. "While we understand Common Scents isn't home, we try to make it as close as possible."

Located on 13 beautifully groomed acres in north Oakland County, Common Scents offers superb boarding accommodations and professional grooming as well as professional dog obedience training and counseling.

Dianne Thies, the other co-owner, manages the kennel and grooming operations. Dianne is a Licensed Veterinary Technician with over 15 years of veterinary clinical experience.

"Understanding an animal's needs away from home is the core of our approach to pet care," Dianne explained. "We encourage all new boarders to bring their pets in for a free trial day. That way, we can get to know each other in advance of an extended stay." Both owners live on the property and provide 24 hour supervision of the premises.

The boarding accommodations at Common Scents are unsurpassed. With heated floors, air conditioning in the summer, and spacious individual indoor/outdoor runs, pets adapt quickly to their new surroundings.

Pet care is performed by a professional, ABKA certified staff of six employees headed by Kennel Manager, Peggy Kent, a 20-year veteran at Common Scents. "We only hire people who both love animals and have the



Maggie & Bailey enjoying each other's company.

necessary compassion and understanding to make them feel comfortable," said Kent. "We offer optional outdoor playtime for all pets in secure fenced areas, and we have enough qualified staff to give each pet individual attention."

Pet grooming is performed by Kris Larkin, a talented professional with both a creative touch and an

innate ability to handle even difficult pets without forceful methods. "We want each pet to enjoy the grooming experience," Larkin said. "If their first experience is positive, it will be better for both of us next time around. Our goal is for the process to be as stress-free as possible."

Steve Robinson, a degreed and certified Animal Behavior Consultant, directs the training and counseling staff of five at Common Scents. "Whether your needs are puppy training or a serious behavior issue, we offer skilled counselors and trainers to help your pet become a well-adjusted member of your family," said Robinson. "Training and counseling are not generic products," he said. They require an in-depth understanding of animal behavior. You wouldn't want someone without a background in learning and education teaching your child. We offer the same expertise for your pet."

To meet the varying needs of their clients, Common Scents offers group classes, private lessons, behavior counseling, and an in-kennel training program. With a background in training K-9s for law enforcement, Robinson offers a special expertise in treating dog aggression problems.

"All of our training and counseling programs are based on positive reinforcement," said Robinson. "Our approach is both dog and owner friendly."

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"We are owned and operated by Dr. Michael J. Schenden, a board-certified plastic surgeon and Chief of Plastic Surgery at William Beaumont in Troy. Dr. Schenden has fully integrated his three spa locations with his aesthetic surgery practice," says Bean.

Dr. Schenden's medical supervision allows Schenden's Spas to offer clients medical grade skin care products not available to regular spas for fast results.

Schenden's Spas provides services and expertise in all areas of aesthetics, from laser hair removal to facial treatments, peels, microdermabrasion and pampering body therapies.

The spa also offers cellulite reduction treatments, nail services and massage therapy.

Massage therapists customize massages based on individual needs for pain relief, relaxation, stress relief or a combination

of all three.

As a physician, Dr. Schenden knows that choosing the right technology and advanced techniques is critical to succeeding in the medical spa business.

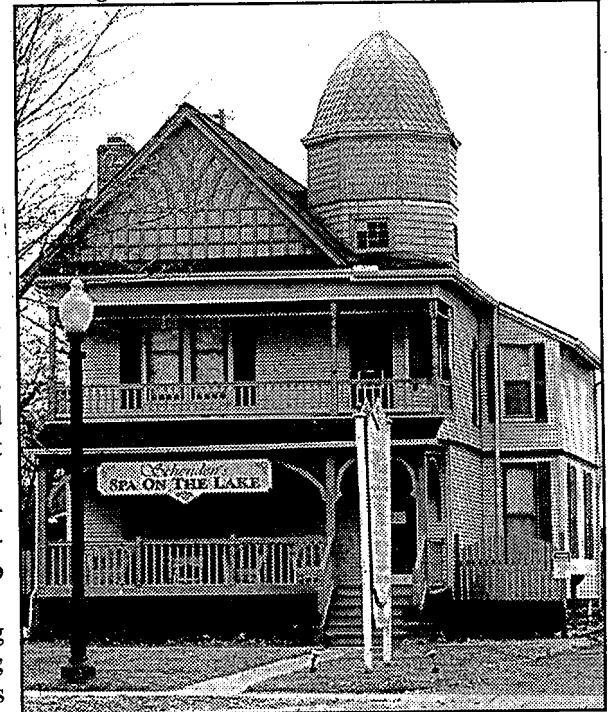
"Under Dr. Schenden's guidance," says Bean, "We only use those technologies and techniques that have a proven history of safety and efficacy and which provide consistent results."

The medical spa industry is growing at an explosive rate. "We're all so busy," says Bean.

"Sometimes, getting fast results is important; our ½ hour facial peels have been hugely popular."

As Chief of Plastic Surgery at Troy Beaumont, Michael J. Schenden, M.D. specializes in aesthetic surgery including:

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Get your children off on the right foot at Michele's

Watching a baby's progress as they begin to walk is a rewarding experience. To ensure their success and make sure they have every advantage is the goal of Michele's Children's Shoes of Rochester.

Many of the foot problems that plague adults begin in childhood, when feet are just as important as teeth, eyes and other parts of a child's developing body.

Ninety-eight percent of children are born with perfect feet, however, by the time they reach adulthood, only 45 percent have healthy feet due to poor quality and improperly fitted shoes.

Michele's knows all about proper fit. They have been in the business for 25 years, located at 2807 Rochester in Rochester Hills, in the Hamton Village Shopping Center at the corner of Auburn and Rochester Roads.

Michele's has built up a reputation in the shoe business and with their customers for the large selection of quality shoes, both American and European, which are durable, stylish and always affordable.

They are also known for the expertise of their sales staff, which gives service and proper fit, guaranteed. Every em-

ployee is trained for one full year in proper fitting technique before they are allowed to

fit and sell a pair of shoes without the owner or manager checking the fit.

An uncomfortable, improperly fitted shoe could wear out too quickly or never be worn, as well as causing damage to the child's feet. Proper fit and durability are important to ensure shoes can stand up to long days of wear and tear.

Every foot has its own length/width ratio. A properly fitted shoe is one that matches those proportions. Shoes fitted too long and narrow or too short and wide create a faulty wear pattern.

Michele's stocks over 10,000 pairs of shoes that range from infants size 0 through adults size 12, but very importantly, all widths that range from B to EEEE to always ensure the child gets a proper fit.

If orthopedic corrections are necessary, Michele's specializes in filling all prescriptions for corrective shoes, which could include wedges, arch supports, straight last braces, out-flare shoes and many other corrective measures. They are orthopedic specialists interested in properly fitting your child's

needs.

"Trust is a very important element in

our business," says owner Mike Castellana. "Our customers trust our judgment to fit their children with a pair of shoes that are the best possible, and we do!"

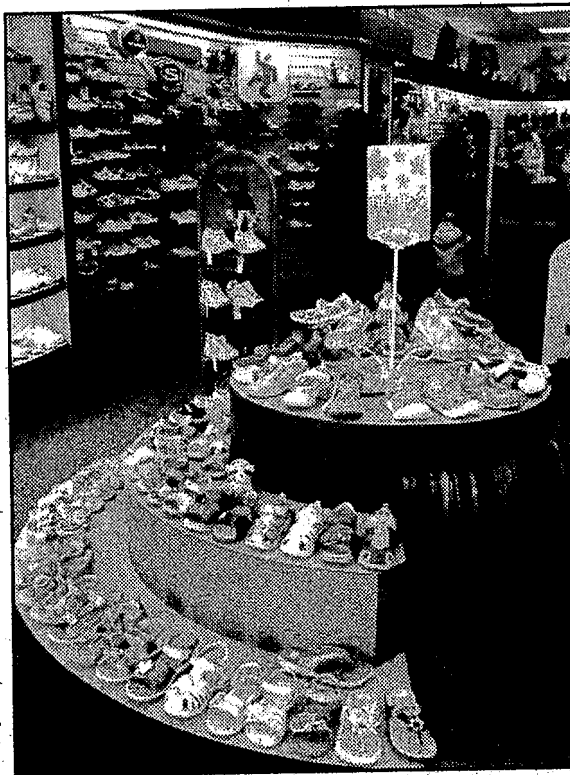
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They also carry dance shoes in narrow, medium and wide widths and game shoes for baseball and soccer. The shoe club program offers half-off the seventh pair when you buy six.

Castellana advises parents to remember that shoes don't grow but feet do. As a service they will check the fit of any shoe to make sure damage is not being done to the child's feet.

"We would like to thank our customers for their loyalty throughout the years," he adds. "Remember feet have to last a lifetime."

Store hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Look for a coupon in this issue. To learn more, call Michele's in Rochester Hills at (248)853-0020, visit www.micheleschildrensshoes.com or stop by 2807 S. Rochester Road.



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Are you frustrated with cleaning services that just surface cleans? If so call Clarkston Cleaning Services, LLC.

Dawn Raffler, who found a "satisfaction" in cleaning from a young age, decided to quit the corporate world and start her own cleaning business.

Clarkston Cleaning Services opened in March 2001. Dawn said she started the business because she liked helping people and understood working a job, while trying to spend adequate time with kids did not leave much room for cleaning a house.

"When I worked the corporate world I was so busy all the time I had a hard enough time keeping up my own house, so when I quit the corporate world it's like people really need someone they can trust to come in, clean, and do a good job. Not just surface clean, but really clean the house," she said.

"I wasn't about to pay someone to just come in and dust for me. I wanted someone who was really going to scrub where it needed it."

Dawn and her 12 employees serve about 160 clients throughout Clarkston, Waterford, and Davisburg.

Clarkston Cleaning Services offers free estimates and a satisfaction guarantee, and Dawn prides herself on exceeding the ser-

vices offered by her competitors.

"I'm very picky and I've made my team leaders picky like me," 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 consists of three people: a team leader, junior team leader, and cleaning specialist.

The team leaders are responsible for making sure everything on a long checklist has been satisfactorily completed before the team leaves a home.

Dawn said she originally only had two people on a team, but if one person was sick that left the other teammate to do the entire job alone. That was when Dawn decided to change a team to three.

"If you have three people cleaning and one person calls in sick you still have two people to clean the homes for the day. It's not bad," she said.

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Picture perfect: It's your time at Ron Smith Photography

Ron Smith's passion for photography shows from every wall in his studio.

Out front, senior portraits push beyond the standard, stiff grins and reveal a student's true personality; a display of traditional and candid wedding shots capture the flood of emotion before, during and after the ceremony.

For Smith, in his fifth year in the studio's current location, a successful career as a professional photographer is nothing short of a dream come true.

"I couldn't have done it without the support I've received from the people of Clarkston," he said.

"Word of mouth is absolutely the best advertising, and I'm extremely grateful for it."

Smith's success comes first, of course, from his talent and skill as a photographer.

But, he said, high-quality customer service comes standard, too.

Smith knows today's customers are sophisticated shoppers who research and make comparisons, and he's worked hard to earn loyalty and trust in the community.

For example, Smith is committed to providing every single client with quality pictures at a fair price—period.

"I don't play games with people," he said. "They have a right to know, up front, what the costs are."

It's for that reason, he said, a published copy of his price list is available both in-studio and on his website.

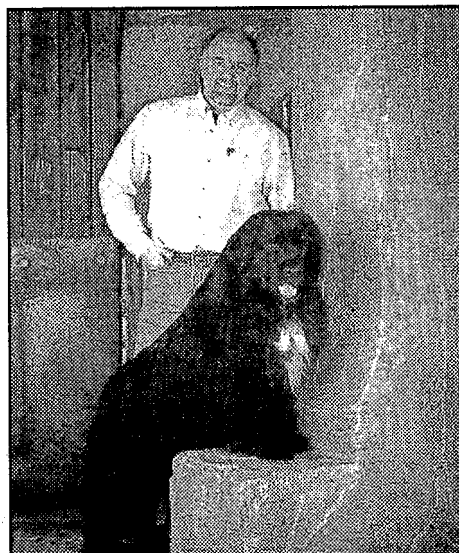
And, a recent website update allows busy customers to view his calendar, set an appointment and receive immediate online confirmation.

The website also features a number of galleries showcasing Smith's wedding and senior photography.

For seniors, Smith spares no expense equipping his studio with cool backdrops, unique props, photo-enhancing software and state-of-the-art equipment.

But he encourages students to bring personal items as well—athletic equipment, musical instruments, anything that says 'this is who I am.'

And—as a photographer who understands teenagers and makes a point of creating a ca-



Ron Smith and his dog Orca with the studio's new set.

sual, fun atmosphere—he also encourages seniors to bring music to play during the shoot.

"I don't rush anyone through here," he said. "When the customer is relaxed, personality comes through and you get better images and natural portraits."

"Cheesy smiles," he said, are definitely not included.

But Smith doesn't take his 'comfortable, easy rapport with the younger generation for granted.

"One student came in and told me 'you have a good reputation with the kids at school,'" he said. "That meant so much to me."

Smith also provides all-inclusive prices, parent albums and proofs with his wedding packages, and encourages couples to schedule a consultation.

"I'll do the traditional shots like the cake cutting and the first dance, of course," he said.

"But there's also the creative aspect and the romantic poses to think about. I don't ever use a predetermined form—I want to find out what your desires are."

But while professional photography is Smith's passion, it's also his career.

"I don't do this part-time from home with a bunch of other projects going," he said. "This is my fulltime profession."

Smith also attends at least one conference every year and makes a point of networking with other photographers, keeping up with the industry and staying on top of trends.

It's a long, long way from his days as a corporate-America project manager.

"Today, I can work a 15 hour day and the time just flies," he said. "I'm not stressed, there's no grind. It never feels like work—it's always fun."

Curious? Smith is planning a spring open house, where he'll offer specials for early booking. Want some free Tiger tickets? He'll have those too.

Ron Smith Photography is located at 7044 Gateway Park Dr. on the corner of Andersonville and White Lake Road. Hours vary, but Smith is always available by appointment.

To schedule sessions, wedding consultations or for more information call 248-625-3686 or visit www.ronsmithphotography.com

A large advertisement for Ron Smith Photography. It features a business card in the upper left corner with the studio's logo, name, address (7044 Gateway Park Dr), phone number (248-625-3686), and website (www.ronsmithphotography.com). Below the card is a black and white photograph of a woman. To the right is a larger black and white photograph of a couple in formal wedding attire standing in front of a large arched window. At the top of this photo is the text "NOW IN OUR 5TH YEAR". At the bottom of the entire advertisement is the text "EXPERIENCE THE ADVANTAGE OF PERSONAL SERVICE".

Keeping Clarkston beautiful at Creekside Salon

Situated across from Depot Park in downtown Clarkston, Creekside Salon offers a relaxed atmosphere and talented, personable stylists who love what they do.

Ask owner Lisa Burdick what it is she likes best about arriving at Creekside each morning and she'll answer without hesitation—it's the salon's clientele.

"We've been blessed with phenomenal customers," said Burdick, who managed the business for 15 years before buying it from the previous owner in 1997. "Our loyal followers have been such a gift and I'm so thankful for them."

A few years after she purchased the business, Burdick moved the salon to its current location off Depot, a definite change for the better.

"Everyone tells us the salon feels really cozy," Burdick said. "We've made it classy, but it's also extremely comforting to be here."

Creekside offers hair care and styling for women, men and children, and also offers eyebrow and lip waxing, perms and color services.

Although perms are mostly out of style, the demand for hair color is widely accepted and sought after, allowing stylists to use creative ideas and techniques with multi-coloring and highlights—even highlights strategically placed to make a particular style really "pop."

In order to stay on top of the latest ad-



From left, stylists Lisa Burdick, Becky Laney and Brooke Manuel each add unique talent and personality to Creekside Salon.

vances in the hair care industry, Burdick keeps up with trends and pays close attention to current fashions.

But, she said, it's also a good idea to avoid locking onto any one idea.

"It's important to stay in touch with what's in fashion and then be a little creative yourself," she said. "It's like a pallet; you have this person's head in front of you; no face and hair combination is the same, so you can be incredibly creative with hair color."

It's easy to tell Burdick likes her work.

"It's just really enjoyable" she said, "The creativity and the chemistry of mixing up color to get just the right look is a great challenge and rewarding part of my job."

But not the only fun part, she notes, explaining that she has a high regard for the salon's other two stylists, Becky Laney and Brooke Manuel, and said the three work very well together.

"Each of our abilities complements the oth-

ers," she said. "Our cuts and colors are just a little bit different, so each stylist adds her own unique talent and personality, which makes customers want to come back."

But the trio works well together for other reasons, too: they've been doing it a long time.

"Every stylist who works here started her career here, and is still here," Burdick said.

It's not something often found in an industry with so much turnover.

The longevity of both the salon and the stylists, Burdick said, helps in her mission to provide high-quality service to each customer.

At some of the larger salons, she explained, clients are often shampooed by one person, cut by another person, and colored by a third person.

Not so at Creekside.

Like much of downtown Clarkston, Creekside Salon is proud of its long, rich history.

"I love my job," Burdick said. "I feel so fortunate, after having done this as many years as I have, I still love to come here. It's a pleasant, fun place to come to each day."

Creekside Salon is located at 20 W. Washington St., Suite 12 B, in the back of Washington Mills, easily accessible off Depot Street. For more information or to make an appointment, call 248-625-8611. Walk-ins are always welcome.

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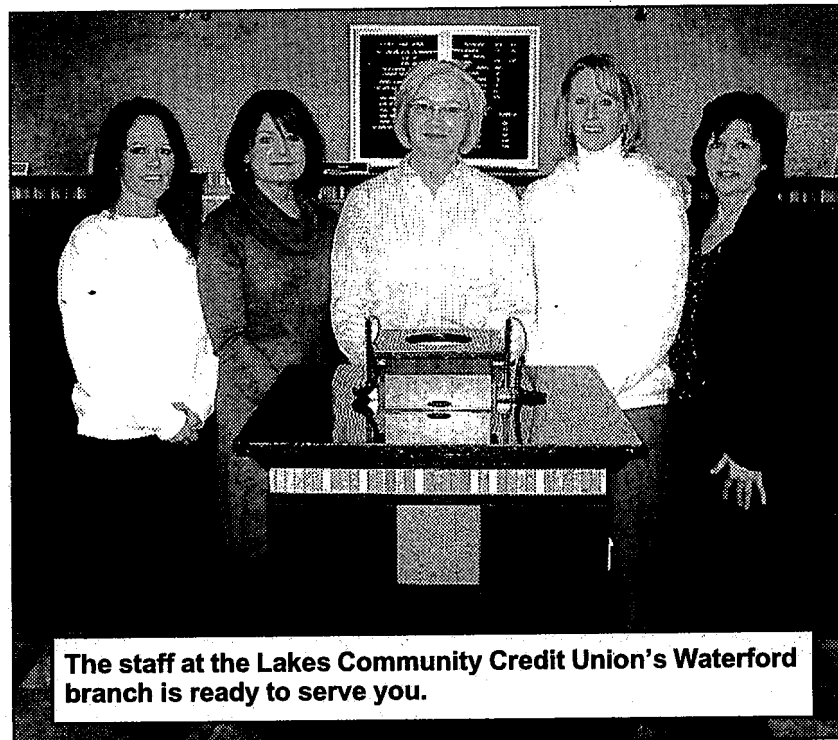
In January of 2002, Lakes Community Credit Union located their main office in beautiful Lake Orion, bringing 70 years of business and financial experience to the community! Last August, 2007, Lakes relocated another branch to a convenient Waterford Location as well!

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Oakland Macomb OB/GYN: Providing the best care for women

With a new location in the Lake Orion Beaumont Medical Building, Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology offers an easy and convenient location for women to receive the very best in health care.

According to Dr. Joseph Love, Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology operates on a mission "to provide excellent, comprehensive, individualized healthcare for women within a framework of compassion, dignity and outstanding service."

Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology offers two locations, one in Lake Orion at the Beaumont Building and one in Rochester Hills that run seamlessly as one location.

According to Dr. Love, through their offices, they offer seven doctors, each of which is highly trained and specialized; four midwives; nurse practitioners and their very own ultrasound technician.

"We give our patients the option to decide whether they would like to give birth with a doctor or a midwife," Dr. Love says, noting that this uncommon in today's practices and they have many patients that travel over an hour for this kind of service.

Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology delivers and operates out of William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, and offers many cutting-edge procedures that allow them to take care of their patients the best way possible.

"We put an emphasis on minimally invasive surgery, including an advanced Laparoscopic Hysterectomy," Dr. Love says, noting that this type of hysterectomy allows a much shorter hospital day (generally not longer than 24 hours compared to several days), faster recovery with most women returning to normal activities in two weeks and patients typi-



The doctors of Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology recently added a new face to their practice, Dr. Sandra Morgan (pictured below).

cally require less medicine for pain.

Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology also offers in-office tubal ligation through the ESSURE procedure. This permanent birth control is done in the office with little or no pain and is considered more reliable than traditional tubal ligation.

They also offer Novasure Endometrial Ablation, a way to treat heavy bleeding without hormones or a hysterectomy.

Since Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology offers their own full-time ultrasound department, they have convenient in-office ultrasounds as well as 3D Ultrasounds for pregnant women.

Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology has been in

practice since 1998. They recently added a new doctor to their staff, Dr. Sandra Morgan, a well respected Board Certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist with particular skill in vaginal and laparoscopic surgeries and an interest in urologic disorders and preventative women's health care. Before coming to Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology, Dr. Morgan practiced at Alpena Regional Medical Center for the past five years where she served as the Chief of Staff and the Chief of Surgery.

While each of the seven doctors may come from a different background, they each agree on the most important thing – emphasizing each woman's role and understanding with issues regarding her healthcare.

"We strive for a women-friendly professional environment," Dr. Love says, noting that they want their patients to feel warm and welcome in the office.

The staff at Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology have unique interests. They are currently expanding their philanthropic role in the community and internationally. Two of the doctors, one of the midwives and their ultrasound technician are going on a mission in April to South Africa to help staff a gynecologic clinic for Zulu women. Locally, the practice supports a pregnancy crisis center and has a strong presence in the community.

Oakland Macomb Obstetrics & Gynecology is located at 1455 South Lapeer Road, Suite 208, in the Beaumont Medical Building in Lake Orion, or at 1701 South Boulevard East, Suite 200, in Rochester Hills.

For more information, visit them online at www.oaklandmacombobgyn.com, or call the Lake Orion office at (248) 232-0090 or the Rochester Hills office at (248) 997-5805.



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Dr. Morgan joins us from Alpena Regional Medical Center where she practiced OB/GYN for five years and had served as the Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff.

She is a well respected Board Certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist with particular skill in vaginal and laparoscopic surgeries and an interest in preventative women's health care.

Doctor Morgan is welcoming new patients and is excited to make the transition to the metropolitan area.

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"We monitor it 24 hours a day," said Tim Goodwin, co-owner.

Outdoor spaces of up to 13-by-55 feet are available for RVs, boats and trailers.

There are 137 boats and RV's already, and there is room for an additional 100. They offer fall pick up, winterization, shrink-wrapping, and spring delivery of boats.

Also, for the RV customers, Maxx provides a waste dump station at no additional charge.

Maxx is in its second year of business. Last February it was at

60 percent occupancy and this February is above 90 percent.

"It's been great," Tim said. "Mainly due to good service, competitive pricing, the variety of services and word of mouth from our customers. With over 300 satisfied customers, word does spread quickly."

The 10 acre complex is ready for Phase II of development, including three new buildings totaling 28,000 square feet for nearly 61,000 square feet in all. Some of the new units will be as large as 12-by-40 with roll up doors on each end.

"The larger units we find are great for contractors to store their materials in," Tim said. "We break ground in the spring."

Their large open showroom includes a display of a variety of moving and storage supplies including numerous sized boxes, moving kits (prepackaged with boxes, bubble wrap, tape and a util-

ity knife), moving pads, dollies and storage shelves.

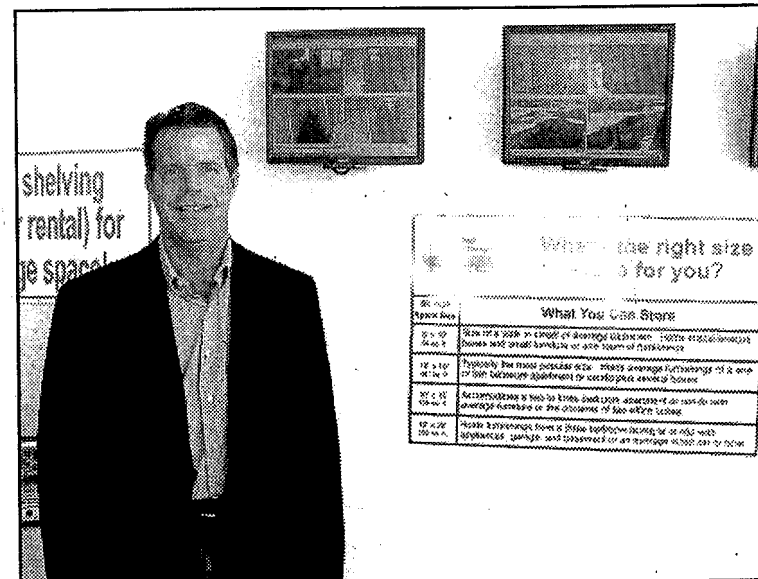
For your convenience there is a sample of a full size 10-by-10 foot storage unit in the showroom.

Each customer has their own personal security code to access the property. Customers in need of storage for their businesses may have 24 hour access for inside and outside storage needs.

Maxx has attorneys, doctors, and other businesses using the units for storing their paper records and supplies. Maxx can equip the units with shelves to keep their records neat and organized.

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Tim Goodwin, co-owner of Maxx Self Storage, and his staff of specialists monitor the property in their care 24 hours a day.

"Families rent the units to keep items they don't have room for, to store some furnishings and boxes while their homes are on sale and when in transition moving from one home to another," Tim said.

Maxx also rents moving trucks, trailers and car haulers for local and long distance moves.

"That's really taken off for us," Tim said.

Tim opened the storage busi-

ness in 2006, with partners Larry Smith and Bill Guthrie. Property management is provided by Pogoda Companies of Farmington Hills.

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 Saturday.

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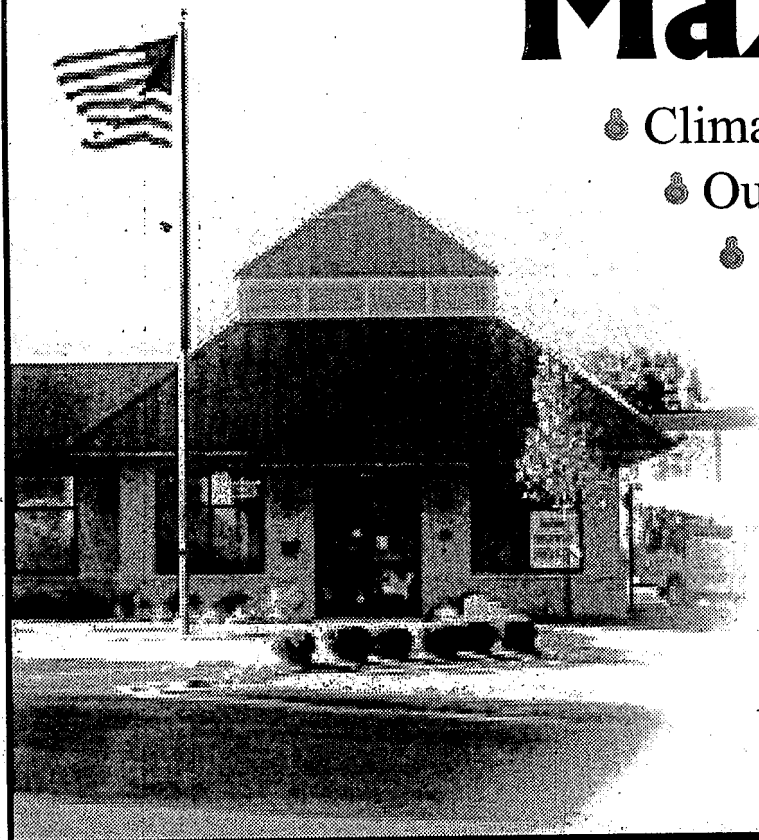
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"If you don't have a clear idea of what the results will be, it's like building a house on faith," Pittsley said. "You shouldn't have to pay too much for that. In general, there's no charge."

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Dr. Brant Pittsley and Dr. Brett Teran of Davisburg Dental Services.

the need for cooperation among local dental professionals has become critical.

"We work with a lot of local specialists over the patient's whole case," Pittsley said. "We're the first step, the liaison that pulls

the team together. It's more complex than it used to be, but it's also more fun."

"We have the same goals," Teran said.

Teran, a 2006 graduate of University of Michigan's Dental School, joined the prac-

tice last year.

"He's been a huge help," said Pittsley, also a UM Dental School graduate whose practice in Springfield Township opened in 1979. "It's hard to be a solo practitioner these days, with all the technology and learning required."

Both doctors have taught at their alma mater.

"It's fun to teach," Pittsley said. "It forces us to stay on the cutting edge."

Dr. Pittsley is one of the cofounders of the American Institute for Cosmetic and Implant Dentistry (AICID) with Dr. Al Wesley of Rochester Hills. Both Pittsley and Teran teach at the Institute which is a continuing education center for dentists, taught by top instructors to promote "collaborative accountability" between general and specialist care.

"We get the best," Pittsley said.

"Flying out of state is expensive. We fly in the instructors instead."

Pittsley and Teran provide minimally invasive cosmetic procedures, including teeth whitening, porcelain veneers, crowns and bridges, white fillings, and bonding.

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"Being established for so long, and we have a good reputation with our students," said Financial Aid Director, Deanna Dereere.

Susan Pantello owns and operates the school which is accredited through Naccas, which has a high passing rate with the state board of cosmetology.

"We are proud," said Dereere. "We are an accredited school and we have been in business for over 40 years. Our students are successful and we have an excellent passing rate at the state board of cosmetology exam."

Michigan College of Beauty offers cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring programs, and instructor training.

Students can complete the cosmetology program in less than a year, if they attend full time. It would take a little over two years if they go part time.

Esthetics and manicuring are shorter programs with a completion time of four to six months of classes.

Dereere offered advice on how to find a school.

"If I were a student seeking a school, I would look for a school who has been established for a minimum of five years. This gives



Pictured Ms. Pam, Ms. Deanna, Ms. Rose, and Ms. Kim. Not pictured, Ms. Rita, Ms. Sharron, Ms. Christie, and Ms. Pantello

them some kind of base with the state board. Also, you can research their past exam rate," said Dereere.

"We're an accredited school, so we have higher standards we have to meet. So our students are going to get a better education,

as opposed to choosing a non-accredited school."

Since they are an accredited school, they can offer financial aid and student loans to those who qualify. The tuition fee includes the application fee, books, and kit.

Students are available to service clients on the floor after completing 350 hours in the classroom.

Before completing their program, most students have an entry-level position at a salon or spa.

Michigan College of Beauty has the resources available to help students locate a job.

Students who attend range in age, starting as early as 16 years old. Our students consist of young women who have always dreamed of being in the beauty industry, stay at home moms ready to be out in the working field which offers a flexible work schedule, or others who have decided to make a career change.

Plans for the future are to continue to grow better, bigger and stronger, and continue to provide the best education available for their students, and residents of Clarkston and the surrounding areas.

Michigan College of Beauty is located in Waterford at 5620 Dixie Highway Road.

For more information, call 248-623-9494 or go to www.michigancollegeofbeauty.com.

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Bellezza Salon & Spa keeps Clarkston looking good

The staff at Bellezza Salon & Spa take pride in the fact that they are creating a family-friendly, luxury salon and spa. An experience their customers will remember.

Bellezza is owned by Terry Woodworth and has been open nearly two years.

"The staff love Terry, he is great to work for," said Sonja.

With 22 employees, Bellezza has much to offer their clients, including salon services

such as haircuts, color, extensions, perms, hair treatments, make-up, and waxing services.

Some of the spa services include stress relief, deep tissue, warm stone, prenatal, and reflexology foot massages, as well as Parafin treatments for hands and feet.

Sonja said "it's the environment that sets them apart from other salons and spas."

"Everyone gets along great," she said.

"We are all about the clients' satisfaction."

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, pink and whites, and gels.

However, one thing the staff of Bellezza really pride themselves in is the cutting edge Laser and Skin Care services.

"Our Laser services are top of the line," said Sonja.

Laura Liston and Shelly Rouse, Bellezza's laser technician and Esthetician, 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 peel treatments, and much more.

Sonja said they do special packages for weddings and bridal parties as well as charity work.

"We like to stay involved in the community," she said. "For example we are doing a 'Day at the Spa' for helping women in a Women's Shelter, which will include a silent auction. The massage therapist will do a free massage, the esthetician will give a free facial, free laser package, and the nail techs will give a free manicure and pedicure, plus a free hair cut from one of our stylists."

Future goals include expanding in size, both cliental and staff.

"We are open for walk-ins now and we love the people who keep coming back."

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.



Rebecca, Jamie, Stacey, Nicole, Sandy, and Nancy give a welcoming smile.

For *The Clarkston News*, green is the way to go

Times, they are a-changing -- even in the publishing business. And, as with any local business, Sherman Publications, Inc., publishers of the *Oxford Leader*, *Lake Orion Review* and *Ad-Vertiser*, the *Clarkston News*, *Penny Stretcher* and *The Citizen*, needed to look at the new world and make changes.

Change, we have, and for the better we think. Biggest of course is the size of the newspaper you are reading, today. The past July our presses started printing shorter pages -- we knocked off three inches.

"We accomplished this with a more contemporary design and without compromising the news hole or advertising effectiveness," Publisher Jim Sherman, Jr. said. "Just like everybody else in town, we had to tighten our belts. The move let us save on the ever rising cost of postage, newsprint and ink."

And, it has also cut back the amount of waste paper our printing plant produces by half. These days only about 1,000 pounds of newsprint goes to the recycling center from our facility (weekly). Before the change, a ton of newsprint waste was

produced every week.

The local economy and the worldwide push to be more "green" has also helped us define who and what we are and what we offer to our readers and business partners.

As publishers of paid circulation newspapers and total market coverage shoppers -- we are promoters of all things local. For over 100 years (*Lake Orion Review*, 1881; *Oxford Leader*, 1898; *Clarkston News*, 1929; *Ad-Vertiser* 1961; *Penny Stretcher* 1982; and *The Citizen*, 1997) more local names, events, news and advertising messages have been published than in any similar product in the world.

In our pages, you read about the local scouting group, kids on the honor roll, local police and government news. Readers also have the opportunity keep up on the goods and services offered by local businesses.

Which leads us to the "green" push. One of the more visible movements is that to reduce (what Al Gore labeled) each of our own "carbon footprints." One of the ways to accomplish this is by using less

petroleum -- drive less. An easy way to make this happen is stay in our communities more.

"We will redouble our efforts to promote attendance at local events, patronizing local businesses and giving businesses more economical opportunities to reach the local market," Sherman said. "A lot, if not most, of what the consumer wants can be found 10 to 20 miles from any home in our circulation area -- movie theatres, hotels, produce, hardware, mechanics, doctors, golf courses, parks, restaurants, banks, investment consultants, attorneys, bakeries -- you name it, we probably can find it locally."

Next month, in our annual *It's Spring!* section, we will dedicate pages to share stories and tips of area residents who are going green. We will also provide a vehicle for local businesses to showcase "green" products and services.

"I don't think we all have to ride bicycles everywhere, carry signs proclaiming the end is near or start hugging trees," Sherman said, "But, we can be more conscious of our environment and be better stewards of our resources."

This effort at being more aware and green should also have a positive effect on our local economy.

"Spending money with businesses in our community helps our community. These are the same businesses that pay taxes and support the local school kids in their academic and athletic endeavors," Sherman said.

Change is still coming at SPI. Since launching our website five years ago, it has become the number one local cyber destination. Over 2,300 people visit the site (www.clarkstonnews.com) each day, spending, on average, six minutes. Soon, besides news, events, classifieds and advertising, we will offer photographs for sale. Currently, we only post pictures that were previously published in print -- we will soon offer every photo our representatives take for sale on-line. Readers will be able to order these as prints, on mugs, t-shirts and more.

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The father and son duo of Donald and Wayne Wills operate two distinct companies with one shared mission — attention to individual needs.

While Wayne heads up Wills Insurance Services Inc., Don leads Wills & Associates Insurance Agency Inc. The two Ortonville residents both house their businesses at 215 W. Flint St., Davison, with satellite offices in Clarkston and Ortonville.

Wills & Associates has been in business since 1914, representing more than 10 companies. They serve customers in the Ortonville, Goodrich, Davison and Clarkston areas.

They specialize in life insurance and other benefits: hospitalization, disability income, Roth IRA, group pension, private pension, group and individual life/hospital/disability, long-term care, and asset protection.

Wills Insurance Services has provided continuous service since 1974, representing more than 15 companies. They provide insurance for home, auto, farm, business, bonds, business/contractors/workers compensation, and home businesses.

The staff at Wills Insurance Services is comprised of Wayne Wills, Brenda



From left: Carla Mitcham, Brenda Swords, Wayne Wills, Susan Pitser and Don Wills. Also on staff but not pictured are Ed Wracan and Leslie Wills. The staff at Wills & Associates, Inc.

Swords, Leslie Wills, and Carla Mitcham, a customer service representative/agent active in the Clarkston area. Mitcham, is involved with the community through the school district and churches is available for customer meetings by calling 248-464-9141.

Wayne said with the growth of the Internet and "E-commerce," it is easy to forget that not all customers feel comfortable doing business on computer. "E-commerce has taken

some of the human contact out of the consumer picture," he said.

He said technology has its place in the insurance world — for instance, customers can request and receive not only quotes, but also service online. They can also check on their claim status at their convenience and make last minute payments.

Most importantly, though, when they need a "real person" to talk to and meet with, that's where Wills & Associ-

ates and Wills Insurance Services shines.

"The trust level is greater when you are looking at the customer face-to-face," he said.

"The lesson is you need to always ask and double check your policies. There may very well be savings out there you are not aware of," said Wills, adding he always welcomes people to call or stop by and get an evaluation of their policies.

Wills said doing business in the Ortonville/Goodrich/Davison/Clarkston area is enjoyable because of the high level of integrity of their customers.

"They have good family values and business ethics," Wayne said. "They are family oriented and care about protecting their assets."

Wills & Associates Insurance and Wills Insurance Services 215 W. Flint St. Davison. Hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with evening and weekend appointments at the office or at customers' home or businesses. Phone: 800-351-9646, 810-653-3561.

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Heaven Scent Catering creates tasty meals to fit any budget

Planning for an upcoming wedding, graduation party, church function or other event?

After 18 years of creating exceptional meals for hundreds of special occasions around Clarkston and beyond, Loretta Herring of Heaven Scent Catering is still going strong.

Herring, who owns and operates the business along with her husband Charles, said it's the southern flair found in many of her most popular dishes that keeps customers coming back for more—and recommending Heaven Scent to friends and family.

Some of Herring's local favorites include barbecue ribs, Caribbean jerk chicken, a southern corn salad, and Cajun roasted redskin potatoes.

For dessert? Lots of choices, but cream cheese pound cake homemade pies are always a hit.

Lately, Herring noted, callers are

relieved to discover that a catered event doesn't have to cost a fortune.

"The economy's been harsh on everyone," she said. "But you can still celebrate without being so costly. We can create a menu to fit any budget."

And, as a business grounded in Christian values, Heaven Scent often offers a large discount to local church groups as an added savings.

For a limited time, she's also offering free fresh fruit and vegetable trays with every order totaling \$500 or more.

This year, pig roasts are popular, and the calls keep coming.

"I'm known for my pig roasts," she said, noting that she always makes a special trip to a farm about an hour north of the Clarkston area for the best pigs.

Herring also specializes in corporate breakfasts.

"A lot of caterers don't do breakfast because of cost and timing issues," she said. "For me, it hasn't been a problem."

Private cooking classes are also available, and Herring said she gets a large number of requests for lessons—many from men.

"I've taught quite a few Clarkston men how to cook right here in this kitchen," she said.

Classes are by appointment only.

Originally from Mississippi, Herring comes from a long line of chefs, but most of the recipes she uses today are original, right down to the seasonings and rubs blended her own kitchen.

"I enjoy the intensity of preparing and delivering a great product and knowing it was created just for that family or that organization," she said.

"I always prepare food for others as if I were putting it on my



Loretta Herring caters from her kitchen at 64 S. Main Street.

own table, and I always go out of my way for freshness and make sure my customers have the very best."

Her motto, she notes, fits Heaven Scent perfectly: The characters, like the fishes and the loaves,

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through childbirth all the way up to and through their menopausal years," said Dr. Wright.

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Dr. Thomas Wright, Dr. Keith Heslinger, Dr. Martin Lapa can be contacted for appointments at any of their four offices by calling 810-606-9190 and selecting option

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Dr. Wright is in the Clarkston office on Tuesday mornings, and on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. As demand goes up so will Clarkston's hours.

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