



Happy St.  
Patrick's Day!



Emily Smith, Lindsay Viviano, Jessica Konarzewski, and Jessica Drews celebrate the first warm, sunny day of the year this past Friday on Depot Park's swings. Please see page 10A for more pictures. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Township joins suit to stay on the air

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Viewers accustomed to watching local government meetings on public access may soon find they have to pay for it.

But Independence Township Board joined the fight against higher cable fees, lending its name in support of lawsuits against Comcast and AT&T in hopes of saving public access channels.

"There has been a lot of activity over the past 12-14 months to try and make sure that PEG (Public, Education, Government channels) are accessible and free," said Kristin Kolb of Secrest Wardle at the March 3 board meeting.

"The reason why those two points are so important is because under the Federal Cable Act, that's what it says PEG is supposed to be. It's supposed to be with your broadcast channels and it's supposed to be at no additional cost to the subscriber."

Comcast wanted to switch PEG channels to the 900-channel range by Jan 15, which would require digital equipment.

The cable company offered a free converter box for one year, but most people have more than one television, Kolb said.

"After one year, everybody would have to pay for it," she said. "For a lot of folks, in particular senior

citizens who are on fixed incomes, that addition of \$3-6 is going to be a lot and some people frankly didn't want to pay it."

Bloomfield and Meridian townships, along with the cities of Warren and Dearborn, filed a lawsuit early last year, hoping to stop Comcast's plan.

"Currently, an injunction is in place prohibiting such a move while the various legal issues are litigated," Kolb said in her memo to the board. "As part of the lawsuit, a petition has been filed with the Federal Communications Commission seeking input on legal and technical issues involving the treatment of PEG."

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## Dead fish

### Winterkill claims Waumegah Lake

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bass, Bluegill, and Bullheads. Crappie. Pike and Pumpkinseeds.

Thousands of fish remain suspended in the lake's lingering ice, or flopped atop, while thousands more steep in a stew of thickening green algae. Many have already sunk to the lake bed.

Whatever the case, the fish of Waumegah Lake are dead.

"From the pictures I've seen, it looks like a complete winterkill," said Gary Towns, Supervisor of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Lake Erie Watershed Management Unit.

Translation: it's likely every fish in the once-teeming fisherman's paradise is dead.

But why? In Springfield Township, residents who live near the lake subscribe to one of two schools of thought.

A representative of the first group, John Bistoff, brought the issue to *The Clarkston News* and contends Waumegah Lake has suf-

fered greatly from various factors in recent years.

A court-ordered raising of the water level, installation of an augmentation well, and aquatic weed treatments—which, he says, involve too many chemicals and not enough mechanical harvesting—reflect mismanagement by the Waumegah Lake Improvement Board.

Beaches—and worse, wetlands—have been swallowed by the lake; trees are growing in the water; the lake is overrun by weeds that cause problems if left unchecked, and cause potentially bigger problems if treated improperly.

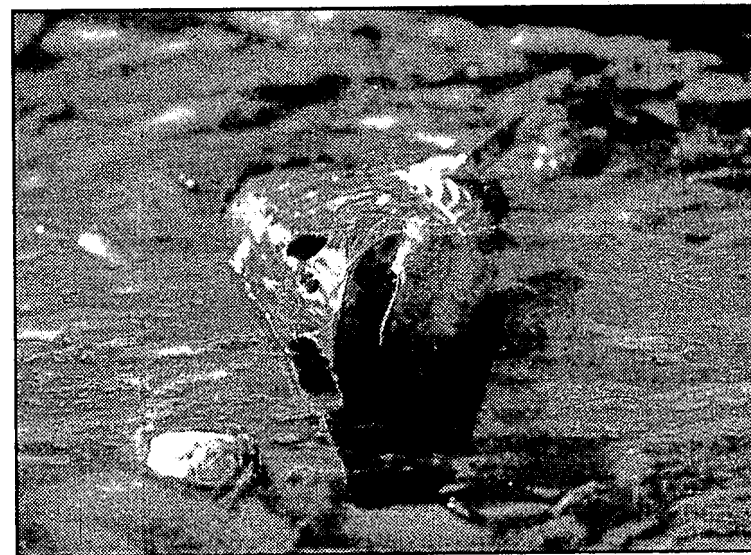
And now the culmination: a massive fish kill, first discovered by Bistoff's 6-year-old son, Connor, about two weeks ago.

But a representative of the second group, Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout, wholeheartedly disagrees with Bistoff.

In fact, when sought for comment on the fish kill, Trout told *The Clarkston News*, "Don't make an issue of this."

"I've never experienced a fish kill to any significant level, but I've seen dead fish in the springtime

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In recent weeks, Waumegah Lake has become a slimy stew of dead fish. Photo by Laura Colvin

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## Alpha Club leads school recycling

Want to get rid of some old cell phones? Independence Elementary School's Alpha Club can help. The 55 students in the club are collecting cell phones and other items through the end of the month.

"Cell phones, batteries, ink cartridges - things that won't decompose even in a million years," said Jillian Ritchey, club treasurer.

"Recycling reduces a lot of waste, so there is not so much garbage in landfills," said Josh Grindling, club vice president.

The Alpha Club, elementary-school branch of Optimist International, placed drop boxes at Independence Township Library on Clarkston Road, and Main Street's Clarkston State Bank and Kieft Engineering.

Independence Elementary's recycling program will continue. People can bring used, unwanted



Independence Elementary Alpha Club members prepared collection boxes and flyers for their recycling project. Photo by Phil Custodio

cell phones, personal-electronics batteries and ink cartridges to the school, 6850 Hubbard Road off M-15, during the school day.

"No large auto or boat batteries, please," said Susette Hart, club advisor. "It's a school-wide project - Alpha Club is just kicking it off."

"We want to help make the en-

vironment cleaner," said Hannah Grindling, club president.

The effort will help Independence Elementary achieve Emerald School status, a step up from green, said Matthew Hart, club secretary.

"It's a pretty big deal," Hart said.

Other projects for the club include letters to soldiers overseas,

five-day book swap meets, and words of encouragement for students at parent-teacher conference time.

"We make sure every student gets a word of encouragement," Ritchey said.

Alpha Club is open to students grades 3-5. It meets twice a month.

- Phil Custodio

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## Briefly . . . Improvement projects set for schools

School maintenance is set for a busy summer, completing \$686,707 in projects around Clarkston Community Schools.

Approved by the Board of Education, March 9, the Capital Needs list includes 14 projects, including: new fence around Independence Elementary's playground, \$17,600; windows at Pine Knob Elementary, \$12,438; electrical upgrades, \$132,854; mechanical upgrades to save energy, \$325,000; marquee sign at Sashabaw Middle School, \$10,000; landscaping and fence improvements \$102,721; digitizing drawings of the district, \$10,000; painting and locker repair, \$43,994; countertop replacement at Clarkston Junior High, \$22,500; parking lot lights at junior high, \$6,750; and traffic-control gates at Sashabaw Middle School, \$2,850.

Skanska USA Building Inc. worked with district facilities department to contract out the projects, coming in \$4,172 under budget.

## Scholarships for Clarkston seniors

Oakland County Credit Union offers three, \$1,000 scholarships to Clarkston High School seniors, in partnership with Independence Township Fire Department.

Scholarships will also be granted to one senior each at Waterford Mott, Waterford Kettering, and Oxford high schools.

To apply, write a 300-500 word essay based on the topic, "Saving, Spending, and Giving." Entrants must be OCCU members. Membership is \$5.

Drop off entries at OCCU branches or mail to "OCCU Scholarship Contest," OCCU, 1375 N. Oakland Blvd, Waterford, MI 48327. All entries must arrive by April 10.

## Legion hosts Elvis night, March 28

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #63 in Clarkston presents "An Evening with Elvis," 8 p.m.-12 a.m., March 28, at American Legion Hall, 8047 Ortonville Road.

Tickets are \$15 each, and include Elvis, Fats Domino, Motown, Ray Charles, and other musical entertainment, and appetizer buffet. Cash bar, 50/50 raffle.

Proceeds benefit Girls State, a program to educate high school junior girls about government and civic responsibility.

For tickets, call 248-892-1203.

# Historian sees similarities in Lincoln, Obama

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A man like Abraham Lincoln comes around once every 500 years, according to local historian Maureen Esther.

Or maybe fewer, Esther told Clarkston Community Historical Society at a presentation this past Thursday at Independence Township Library.

Esther explained how President Lincoln and newly elected President Barack Obama are similar. Not only did Obama hold the same seat in the senate as Lincoln, but also made his bid for presidency in Springfield, Illinois, which Esther thought was "very poignant."

"Also I find it interesting, historically, if Obama is elected for a second term, he will be the president 150 years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, which was in 1863," she said.

Esther said both men took office during times of crisis, when the nation was in need of great restoration.

"To volunteer for something like that, Obama knew what he was getting into. He already knew we were embroiled in a war, and of course Abraham Lincoln too. Here he volunteers for the presidency at a time when he knows it's going to explode," she said. "There are very few people who would take on that kind of responsibility, so I think you have to have a person who has a certain degree of looking into the future."

Esther said Lincoln has a very "positive persona," even in other countries. A number of years ago, while visiting Russia, she gave her Civil War presentation to a class of Russian students.

"The minute I put up Abraham Lincoln's picture, they all sat up straight in their chairs. And I asked the teacher why. She said 'You Americans don't understand. We hold him in extremely high esteem over here. We read everything that we can possibly get our hands on about Abraham Lincoln,'" said Esther. "Lincoln is not just a hero for us. He is a hero for humanity."

She sees Obama the same way.

"There is so much excitement around the world about this man who is our president now, that whole thing of not being confined to borders and to nations," she said. "People like Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama really do transcend that idea of border."

Esther said Lincoln took a large step when he elected "his rivals" to be part of his cabinet.

"Abraham Lincoln took that whole monarchy idea of 'yes men' and said 'No I want to hear the other side. I value these men,



Maureen Esther chats with Rich Wagner after her presentation. Photo by Trevor Keiser

I know what they are as rivals, I know that they're very honest and they're very forthright and they're going to tell me exactly what I need here and not necessarily what I want to hear," she said. "That's a really high level of thinking."

She too has seen steps from Obama, trying to bridge the gap of bipartisanship between Democrats and Republicans. But the stability of both men, Esther says, comes from their "strong wives" and family structure.

"Lincoln did have a strong family life," she said. "He spent time with his kids. He touched base with that human foundation of family, which is so extremely important."

She noted how President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama bought a new swing set and placed in on the White House lawn, where the president could watch his girls play from the Oval Office.

"Again, that might seem like a simple thing, but it keeps him grounded, the fact they have dinner together every night and they're insisting their children try and have some sort of normal life," said Esther.

"This whole concept of family really seems to be back in the White House."

She said the thing she admires most about Lincoln was his ability to keep his cool and "see past the immediate."

"He was attacked politically, he was attacked personally, and he was attacked professionally. We don't realize just how much criticism he had shouldered while he was president. There were plenty of people who didn't have any confidence in him at all," she said. "Yet he never bit back. He was always firm and let it all run around him, but knew

very forthright and I think that's what got us through the Civil War."

Esther's interest in history came from childhood.

"My dad was hobby historian. He did a tremendous amount of reading," she said. "Lincoln was one of his specialties."

When he passed away, she inherited his Lincoln library, but never did anything with it until recently.

Esther received her associate degree from Macomb Community College and from there she went on to the University of Michigan, but never received her bachelor's degree.

"I'm about 20 credit hours away from that," she said. "I don't need a piece of paper anymore, but I did get married."

She has been married to her husband William for 31 years. They have two children Matteo, 26 and Daniel, 24.

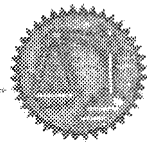
"I'm so proud of both they are really good young men," she said.

After getting married, she worked for a neurosurgeon's office for 23 years, but because her children were young, she wanted to be a stay at home mom and opened a Medical Office Management (MOM) office out of her home.

Esther got into history telling 19 years ago when her children were at Baldwin Elementary in Rochester Hills. They asked for parent volunteers to talk to students about art and history. After doing it once, she fell in love with it and gave presentations throughout their elementary, middle school, and high school years.

Esther speaks on a variety of topics including Lincoln, Civil War, and art at the Detroit Institute of Art. She now focuses on Titanic history, which she said will take some studying before she is ready to present it.

Her next presentation, on the Civil War, will be March 9 at Meadowbrook Hall Mansion from 7:00-8:30. For more information, call Meadowbrook at 248-364-6263 or call Esther at 248-652-0553.



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Columbo goes off on a tangent about his sister's large coffee table, while Dr. Flemming listens. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Columbo's back in action with Clarkston players

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Forty years since Peter Falk's Columbo first asked for "just one more thing," Clarkston Village Players brings the TV detective back to the stage.

The pilot episode for the series, aired in 1968, was based on the play "Columbo Prescription Murder," written by William Link and Richard Levinson.

"I have always liked Columbo," said Jan Cable, director. "Columbo was written so well, but I have my own way of doing Columbo. We had to change a few things to modernize it, since the original play was written 40 years ago."

The play features Dr. Roy Flemming, a brilliant psychiatrist played by Jim Murray, and his mistress Susan Hudson, played by Jennifer Gentry-Saulski, as they plot the murder of Flemming's neurotic, possessive wife Claire, played by Peggy Rieman.

They have what appears to be an untouchable alibi, but when police Lieutenant Columbo, played by Mike Cavin, starts asking a lot of "irrelevant questions" and going off on seemingly nonsensical tangents, the doctor realizes Columbo is not as stupid as he appears.

Other cast members include Paula Todd as Flemming's receptionist Miss Petrie, David J. Kramer plays Flemming's lawyer friend Dave Gordon, and Jacqueline Salter, plays the cleaning service's delivery person.

Cable said all the characters of the play are unique.

"All the characters have their own ideas and reasons for what they're doing," she said. "I always tell my cast to write a biography on their character, so they can get into their character and have a better understanding of who their character is."

The comical cat-and-mouse duel between Flemmings and Columbo along with the surprising ending is something audience members won't want to miss.

"We hope to take you out of your world and bring you into our world, the world of Columbo," Cable said.

Cable has been working with the Clarkston Village Players for 16 years.

Columbo Prescription Murder will be performed March 13-14, 20-22, and 26-28 at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m., Thursdays; 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; and 2 p.m., Sundays.

For ticket information call 248-625-8811 or visit [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org).

## Waumegah woes

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there's no question it's a fairly normal occurrence," said Trout, who began his term as township supervisor in November, lives on Waumegah Lake and serves as the township representative, as well as secretary and treasurer, to the Waumegah Lake Improvement Board. "It just depends, I think, on so many factors."

Trout said he was continuing a long-standing consulting relationship with G Douglas Pullman, Ph.D. of the Flint-based Aquest Corporation, and would also begin consulting with Gary Crawford, a Senior Environmental Professional with Superior Environmental and Aquatic Services, a company Crawford owns and operates.

"We're going to take a very close look at Waumegah," said Trout, who was appointed to the WLIB in February 2005 to replace long-time township representative Lou Kirby.

"We've had Dr. Pullman and Aquaweed monitoring the lake, and I'm not so sure anything we're doing to address the nuisance plants is really affecting anything in the lake in a negative manner."

Furthermore, Trout said, Bistoff has been "crying about the same bull\*\*\*\* for the last 10 years."

"It irritates the crap out of me that the same issues keep being raised by one person," Trout said. "His whole thing is a one man show, with constant complaints of 'you're damaging the environment, you're poisoning the lake, you're killing everything.' His beach is gone? So build a new one."

Many beaches around the lake, Trout pointed out, were "lower than they are now."

"At one point (Bistoff) wanted \$5,000 from the lake association to build a new beach," Trout said. "He tried to extort them. After they said 'no' he started this smear campaign because he's unhappy, it's aggravating."

That, said Trout, is likely the reason Bistoff is pointing to man-made causes for the fish kill instead of accepting it as a natural event.

If others have complaints, Trout said, he hasn't heard them.

"(Bistoff) is the only one on the lake—



**John Bistoff and son, Connor, look at a near-total fish die-off in Waumegah Lake. Photo by Laura Colvin**

well; he has a neighbor—that's been complaining," he said. "Everyone else is happy; very happy."

But some residents of Waumegah Drive would disagree.

Tom Warstler isn't happy, and said the legal lake level—established at 1,049.9 feet (above sea level) in 1997 by order of Oakland County Circuit Judge Rudy Nichols—is not the historic level, as some argue.

How does he know?

"I've lived here since 1954," Warstler said. "It was never this high until they turned on that well; I've never seen anything like this mess."

Like Bistoff and a number of other neighbors, Warstler's beach is gone, too, swallowed by Waumegah Lake when the much-disputed augmentation well began operating in 2006.

"(Mike Trout) is right, we did ask for \$5,000 about 12 years ago when we first heard they were going to raise the level of the lake," Bistoff said. "We knew what would happen, so we had someone come out and give us an estimate of how much it would cost to replace the beach."

But, he said, the \$5,000 included costs for repairing his beach and that of four other neighbors who were equally concerned.

But the lake wasn't able to rise to the 1,049.9 feet without the help of a new aug-

mentation well, and it wasn't until 2006 that neighbors on Waumegah Drive watched their beaches disappear.

Randy Dombrowski isn't happy, either.

"I don't live on a lake anymore," said Dombrowski, who grew up on Waumegah Lake and recently returned. "I might as well have a swamp in my yard."

Looking at the melting lake and rotting fish from his yard on a warm day last week, Dombrowski said he won't be letting his grandchildren play in the water when they come to visit this summer. He wonders if the lake will ever recover—or if it will recover before he's "too old to enjoy it."

"They tried to make this lake into something it isn't," he said, gesturing south toward the Autumn Shores subdivision. "Now it's full of dead fish. It's nothing. It's depressing."

To add insult to injury, he said, those who were adamantly opposed to raising the lake level in the first place were smacked some \$1,300 in special assessments to pay for the well, to cover legal fees incurred when the lake board fought the DEQ's decision to prohibit the well, and to control weeds in the lake.

"A lot of us are on a fixed income," Dombrowski said. "How can I sell my house when I have more special assessment than regular taxes? Its frustrating."

*Others are unhappy, too. Come back next week as we continue to look at the issues facing Waumegah Lake.*

## Fish kill?

A 'fish kill' is the sudden death of a large number of fish, and can also include other aquatic animals who die over a short period of time, often within a defined area.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), a fish kill can occur at various times in the year, and for various reasons.

In a winterkill, the fish suffocate from lack of dissolved oxygen.

"When you have a lake that's rich in leaf litter and dead plants, and we have an early and extensive snow cover, the sunlight can't get through to cause photosynthesis with the plants alive below the ice," said Gary Towns, Supervisor of the DNR's Lake Erie Watershed Management Unit. "That process is what gives oxygen to the water."

Furthermore, he explained, while generation of new oxygen is halted, existing oxygen is consumed by degradation of dead material on the lake bottom as bacteria and microorganisms break down that material and feed on it.

Shallow lakes, Towns explained, especially those abundant with organic matter—like Waumegah—can be prone to winterkill.

Most of the time, fish kills are due to natural causes beyond human control, such as weather.

This, contends Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout, is what happened on Waumegah Lake.

But, occasionally, the fish kill is directly related to pollution or improper use of herbicides or other chemicals.

This, contends riparian resident John Bistoff, is what happened on Waumegah Lake.

And while Trout refused to discuss the issue at any depth, Bistoff offered solid data and physical evidence, which he believes will support his argument.

We'll take a look at that evidence, and talk to several experts, next week in *The Clarkston News*.

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### Spring beckons

Finally, spring is literally around the corner. Friday gave us a nice glimpse of what is to come - sunshine, a slight breeze, blue skies.

But as we say hello to spring and all of the spring sports that began their first practice this week, we also bid farewell to the winter sports.

Swim and wrestling end this weekend with state finals. Basketball still has (crosses fingers) a few more weeks to go.



The close games last week. A loss to West Bloomfield after two overtimes and an overtime win over Pontiac Northern showed the team is merely mortal.

The games gave them some competition and woke them up to how fierce it can be in the playoffs. On the plus side, it will get them ready for whatever the Trojans from Saginaw have ready for them in the quarterfinals.

The Wolves will make it. It's their year. They just have to take it one game at a time.

But we will focus on them getting through districts this week.

Now I am back thinking about spring, and the goals of spring.

It's time for spring cleaning. Time to air out the house and (gasp) go through the closet. It's also time to go through storage (double gasp) and really clean the space out.

The problem is I can picture it now. I struggle opening the lock, that refuses to budge after the long season. I reach down and lift the heavy metal door up.

Light slowly enters the small space as the door rolls up. The realization hits - look at all of those boxes.

Everything from my youth stacked up in plastic bins and cardboard boxes and the decisions of what should go or stay.

As much as I would like to push it away for another year, it needs to be done before it gets too hot. Especially since the storage unit turns into a little sweat box when the temperature reaches over 70 degrees.

What are you looking forward to as we slowly leave winter? Any gardening or projects around the house?

Happy St. Patrick's Day!  
Until next time, see you in the bleachers!

# The Clarkston News Viewpoints

## Just fine with school vote?

Voters are writing in about the Board of Education's reluctance to move May school elections to November, thereby saving money and increasing turnout.

"The school board wants to have elections in May is because they know they'll get fewer voters..."

"The board obviously has no respect for the taxpayer's ability to vote intelligently..."

"It flies in the face of democracy as it is intended to be exclusionary..."

All good comments about the Lake Orion school board. Published last week in *The Clarkston News* sister newspaper *The Lake Orion Review*, four letters reflect readers' dismay with their elected officials seeming indifference to election consolidation.

Not so much in the News.

This paper received only one letter about the school board, three weeks ago.

Clarkston Board of Education seems in no hurry to bring the issue back, after tabling it last month. Deadlines have passed to make the change effective for next year, so why bother?

And since not many here in town seem to mind, why should they?

Switching election dates seems an easy way to save \$30,000 a year and increase voter participation. If you agree, or disagree, let us know. Enough trustees expressed support to give the change a chance.

Give them a reason to try again.

...PMC

### Editorial

## Good job with 'Footloose'

Dear Editor,

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Clarkston High School performance of "Footloose."

Once again, dedicated directors, Mr. Tice.

Mrs. Rasegan, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Seaman, and Mr. Haverkate have taught and

guided these wonderful students to produce an incredible show.

This production, however, is much more than "the show." It is an opportunity for every student involved to grow as an individual in self confidence, in discovering and expanding their abilities and in appreciating each other's talent.

It is an exercise in team work and learning the difficulties required to produce a quality,

positive product. These kids are not only gifted, they are hardworking and dedicated, and in this effort, they develop a bond of friendship that is long lasting.

They truly deserve applause beyond the auditorium.

Thanks also belong to the school administration and

parents who support the productions - knowing this is a good thing for the kids - and for our community.

In these difficult days in our economy, what an uplifting evening it was to see this stellar performance. It makes me feel like dancing!

Forever a fan,

Bev Territo  
Independence Township

### Letters to the editor

## Thanks for Celiac information

Dear Editor,

Thank you so very much for your piece on Celiac Disease ("No gluten allowed," March 4).

Myself, my two daughters, my father, brother and two cousins have the ailment. It is, obviously, a genetic condition and the symptoms can be so vague.

As your article stated, 97 percent of those

with the disease remain undiagnosed. Awareness of Celiac is so paramount and I thank you for such a great article.

Kudos to Beth Lohmeier and the Dinner Divas! Living gluten free can take you on new, lively paths that lead to great fellowship. Bon appetit without the wheat!

Kimberly Fanelli  
Independence Township

## Got something to say?

Write a letter to the editor at [ClarkstonNews@gmail.com](mailto:ClarkstonNews@gmail.com)

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1994

"City Ok's park surfacing" Clarkston looked to refurbish playground equipment at Depot Park, and order new benches and free-standing play equipment, but funding was a problem.

"Optimists are true 'friends of youth'"

Basketball, essays and speeches are some of the ways Clarkston-area youngsters knew about the Optimists. The Optimists - a Clarkston-area service club with a motto of "Friend of Youth" - sponsored all sorts of activities for youngsters of all ages.

"Ukrainian Easter Eggs a tradition at St. Dan's" Dolly Schenk of Independence Township and assistants Fran Shirley and Donelle Vogal instructed about 40 people in the art of making Pysankas - Ukrainian Easter Eggs.

### 25 years ago - 1984

"Kids learn sign language from deaf teacher" After-school enrichment teacher Mary Lauer lost her hearing as a toddler due to an ear infection. She taught sign language to eight students in Clarkston Community Education's After-School Enrichment Program.

"Players gear for new production" Clarkston Village Players was set to stage the light-hearted farce, "Don't step on my Footprint," at a Deer Lake Racquet Club dinner theater.

"OCSD fingerprints 550 kids" Members of The Oakland County Sheriff Department's E.S.C.A.P.E. (Enroll in the Sheriff's Crime and Accident Prevention Education) fingerprinted pupils at Bailey Lake Elementary. The workshop, including a visit from Deputy McGruff and a film, was open to all children of the Bailey Lake area.

### 50 years ago - 1959

"Village officers elected Monday" Clarkston voters elected Edward Thomson as president, with 67 out of the 78 votes cast, the largest vote in village history.

"Music on the air at Sashabaw" Sashabaw Presbyterian Church voted to have a sound system installed in the church belfry. The electronic system was designed to replicate the sound of carillon bells.

"Library campaign gains support" A proposal to build a new library for Independence Township gained support from parents and businesses, in the community of 12,000 residents. The old library of 5,000 books was operated by the Clarkston Community Women's Club.

# Ready, set, jump – from subject to subject

I started a conversation with a lady who was loading dog food into her car. She said she was on her way to Coldwater to pick up her new dog. She said it was being trained at a prison camp.

That struck me as being a pretty good idea, so I inquired about this activity at a couple pet spoiling (hair and nails) places.

A girls' prison in Ohio and boys' prison in Iowa were mentioned. There are probably more. It reminded me of the time our Irish Setter grabbed a purse from the shoulder of a girl-bound for school.

A friend saw the incident and, laughing loudly, asked me if I could train his dog to steal purses.

If you hear of any movement to force tv stations to cease airing commercials involving bodily function protections, soothing or eliminations; let me know. I'll help in the promotion. I know, I know, it's a generational thing. My mother would slap me silly if she thought I would watch one of these bathroom conversation advertisements that air every 14 seconds.

• What? You want to know my generation? You figure it out. I was in the Navy in Okinawa three weeks before Japan's surrender. I was home for the Korean and Vietnam wars. I experienced my first economic recession in business in 1958, and the ones in 1970, 1980 and 1990.

• As you can see we survived, as we will this recession, and we'll come out stronger in some way. Bill Griffith, host of a CNBC financial-show, may have given his audience the way out. As an aside to someone he asked, "Is this when we open our books and sing hymn number 147?"

• We should make taillights different colors so gridlock would be more interesting.

• I had breakfast in bed. Two rolls and a turn over.

• Always question people who brag about their honesty. Especially people who end a statement with, "Trust me!"

• How many times have you heard naysayers tell us they "know" automobile and oil companies have bought up every invention that would give cars a hundred

miles to a gallon, that made lifetime tires and made damage-free car bodies.

If they weren't naysayers, now is the time for the car and gas companies to bring forth their products.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

"Ruger" was easy. Jim's a gun hunter, and Ruger is a gun.

Luan's got one of those ankle biters that she can cuddle and make over. Hers is "Samantha."

Naming Susan's dog was done more in-

terestingly. Husband Tim picked their puppy up at a kennel the day the terrorists struck New York's skyline. En route home Tim started singing to the dog, "And amber waves of grain." Amber is both a variable color and the name of their dog.

• Am I good at delegating? You bet! I always find someone to blame.

• Nearly 50 percent of all bank robberies take place on Fridays.

• It's not hard to find subjects to irritate a person these days. The Detroit mayoral race and City Council remarks prompted WJR's Frank Beckmann to refer to the Council as S.O.S. (Stuck on Stupid).

I believe the same reference could be made of those who believe indebted the American taxpayers for decades to come, by freely giving, and believing, billions of dollars will be beneficial to our country.

Give the money directly to the people. They'll put it to work.

• Jackrabbits got their name because their ears look like donkeys (jackasses.) This is not a political statement.

# Here's some good news about the bad economy

We hear discouraging and pessimistic comments about the economy every day, and many people are afraid of how long the current recession will last.

Michigan just got more bad news as its economic forecasters predicted that the unemployment rate will average 11.3 percent in 2009 and the state's budget will overspend revenues by \$1.6 billion.

But within the economic slowdown, there is actually plenty of good news if you take the time to look for it.

The precipitous drop in gas prices means that American consumers are expected to save \$357 billion. Price changes like these soften the blow of a national recession. Source: Energy Information Administration, GasBuddy.com

First, there are areas of the country that are actually doing quite well. As of November, the jobless rate was at or below 4 percent in four states and below 5 percent in 10 states, including states ranging from New Hampshire to Oklahoma to Hawaii.

Wyoming's jobless rate is only 3.2 percent, and it actually experienced employment growth over the last year, along with five other states.

And just as there are some states that continue to prosper, there are some industries that continue to experience positive job growth.

For example, employment in the natural resources and mining industries increased by 8.7 percent over the year, and private-sector education and health services added

439,000 jobs over the same period, a growth rate of almost 3 percent.

But even those net job figures give us only part of the bigger employment picture. While the overall economy lost 2.9 million jobs from December 2007 to December 2008 (following five years of solid job growth that created almost 8 million jobs), there was also a huge amount of healthy job turnover in 2008.

According to government data, there were 7.1 million new jobs created in the first quarter of 2008 (the most recent period available), but also 7.4 million jobs lost. Despite a net job loss, the fact that there were so many jobs created in just the first three months of 2008 is an encouraging sign that new opportunities in the dynamic U.S. economy, even during a recession.

Going back to 1990, there has been an average quarterly job loss of 5.7 percent of total jobs, but an average growth in new jobs of 7.6 percent, and we'll likely return to a period of positive, net job growth again in 2009 or 2010.

Second, retail prices for many consumer products have declined significantly, allowing Americans to stretch their dollars further and save billions.

For example, retail gasoline peaked in July 2008 at \$4.12 per gallon, but then decreased substantially to the current average price of \$1.81, translating into annual saving for

consumers and business of more than \$350 billion.

There have been industry trends and improved technologies over a long period that have helped consumers save money — computers cost 88 percent less now than they did a decade ago — and the same holds for televisions (78 percent less), cameras (63 percent less), cell phone service (30 percent less), clothes (10 percent less) and even new cars (8 percent less).

The combination of falling home prices and record-low mortgage rates has pushed the National Association of Realtors' home affordability index to record highs in recent months.

Mortgage rates are at near-historic lows, currently only 5.12 percent for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage - lower than any time since the 1960s.

While the lingering troubles in the real estate market have resulted in a large number of foreclosures, even this problem is largely regional.

According to RealtyTrac, more than half (53 percent) of all November foreclosures were concentrated in only four states — California, Florida, Nevada and Arizona. Without those four states, foreclosures in the other states actually declined in November from October, and were up by only slightly from the same month in 2007.

There certainly are serious problems facing the economy, but these should be considered as temporary setbacks for the

world's largest and strongest economy. Economic conditions are not uniformly bad and opportunities still exist in many states, and in many industries and sectors.

Instead of arbitrary pump-priming from Washington, policies should reflect that the U.S. economy is both incredibly resilient and highly dynamic and, absent government meddling, the marketplace will correct and become even stronger on the other end of this slowdown.

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## Guest viewpoint

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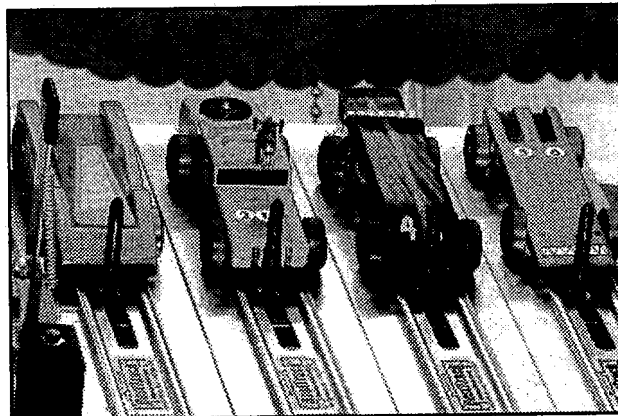
## Scouts on track

Cub Scout Pack 163 of Independence Elementary School broke in their new, aluminum race track with their Pinewood Derby, March 7.

"We had enough extra funds to buy this track – the boys really stepped up this year," said Cub Master Don Ridge. "They sold a lot of popcorn."

Each scout earned a trophy, and also competed for speed, design, originality, and other honors. The live band Third Rock, made up of scouts Keith Auchterlonie, Andrew Biggs, Mitchell Biggs, Dylan Gray, Sam Mead, and Jacob Shook, provided entertainment.

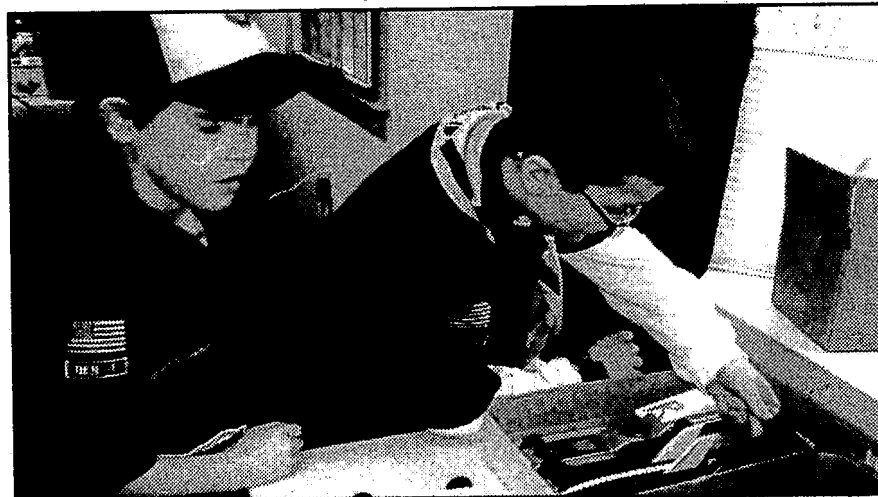
Photos by Phil Custodio



Racers prepare for one of the final heats.



Trevor Massey made his racer all by himself.



Ben Forbush and Lukas Cusac check out the cars.

## New pastor ready to grow with church

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT  
Clarkston News Intern Writer

The Church of the Resurrection in Clarkston has a new pastor, the Rev. Frederick R. Engdahl Jr.

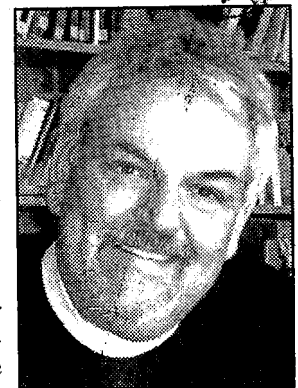
Originally from Escanaba, he has been out of state for about 20 years. He returned to Michigan because of the opportunity to be at the church. His wife is originally from Redford, and he has a lot of friends and family in this area, he said.

"For our children, we wanted to move back somewhere we could put down roots. Our home state seemed like a good place to do that," he said.

Engdahl was able to consider openings and interview for a place at a church, he said.

"In the Episcopal Church, clergy are like free agents. We seek employment and then we interview, not like the Catholic Church or Methodist where they are placed," Engdahl said.

They were looking for someone to grow and develop the church, and he thought he had the skills to do that, he said.



Rev. Engdahl Jr.

"Early on in the interviewing process, it's kind of hush-hush. The search committee is aware of the candidates but the congregation isn't," he said.

Engdahl enjoys working with clergy in Clarkston, and this is a good area for growth, he said.

"There seems to be a real good rapport with clergy in the Clarkston Ministerial Association, and I've enjoyed meeting some of the other clergy and I look forward to working with them," he said.

Engdahl and his family enjoy the Clarkston area and the outdoors.

"We all canoe and kayak and camp. We've enjoyed closer proximity to those types of activities. We're not far from up north but we're close enough to Detroit to be part of the urban activities as well," he said.

The congregation is very active, and he is trying to identify programs that will bring in new members, he said.

"People are really involved in the church. Also in a number of organizations within the community. Case in point, a number of women in the congregation are going to be involved in Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society on May 9. And the majority of those women are cancer survivors. And they've been working really hard to raise funds."

During Lent, they offer the Reel Theology movie series. The men's group Hammer and Nails meets monthly to complete service projects around the church. The church is also looking into establishing a concert series with folk musicians.

"And those are artists who can build bridges between – but really speak and sing clearly about spirituality. Not necessarily religion but spirituality in a wider sense," Engdahl said.

A folk musician from Minnesota performs on May 9 at the church, 6490 Clarkston Road.



# Public Safety

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

## Nose knows

A deputy smelled burnt marijuana wafting from the car of two older teens after pulling the vehicle over for a loud exhaust system near Andersonville and White Lake Feb. 21, and asked for permission to search the car. Both teens were issued citations for possession of narcotic paraphernalia; the younger man, 17, was also cited for possession of tobacco by a person under 18.

## Smashed

The left rear passenger window of a 2007 GMC was smashed out Feb. 27 as the car sat in a driveway in the 6200 block of Lake Waldon Drive overnight. The owner was not immediately aware of whether anything was missing from inside the vehicle.

## Drunk on Dixie

18-year-old White Lake man was arrested for drunk driving after a deputy spotted the man's pickup truck on a snow bank near Dixie Highway and Foster around 2 a.m. on March 2. The man, what was also cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol, was lodged at Oakland County Jail after a PBT revealed a blood-alcohol level of .21. For a person under 21, the legal limit for driving is zero.

## A Myspace case

The father of a Clarkston High School student called police on March 2 after his daughter

told him she'd received threats on her Myspace account from another student who was upset over a dating situation involving a friend. According to police reports, the threats involved "physical danger and harm." The responding deputy contacted the school liaison officer, who said the situation had been dealt with in school, as well.

## Watch for scammers

An 80-year-old Independence Township man called police after he became suspicious when an unknown man came to his door in the 7600 block of Clintonville Road on March 2 and said he needed to check the water. The resident told deputies the man on his porch became nervous when told the home used a well, and fled in an S-10 truck with an aluminum ladder on top.

## Where's my wallet?

A 50-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report after she left her wallet in a cart at a drugstore parking lot near Dixie Highway and White Lake Road on March 4, but came back two minutes later to

discover it gone. The woman said her wallet contained \$130, three credit cards, two debit cards her drivers licenses two blank checks and a Bridge Card.

## Can you say 'helmet'?

A 9-year-old Independence Township boy with a possible head injury was taken to the hospital by ambulance March 4 after suffering an injury while snowboarding at Pine Knob Ski Resort. The boy, who was brought down the hill on a backboard, said he fell and hit his head and back on his snowboard, and was complaining of head and lower back pain.

## One thing leads to another

A 20-year-old Waterford Township man was cited for underage consumption of alcohol after calling police on March 6 to report someone smashed the glass from a window of his car while it was parked at a bowling alley on Dixie Highway. Responding deputies noticed the man and his friend, a 19-year-old Waterford man, appeared intoxicated and issued citations to both. The men said an older friend, no longer present, purchased the alcohol.

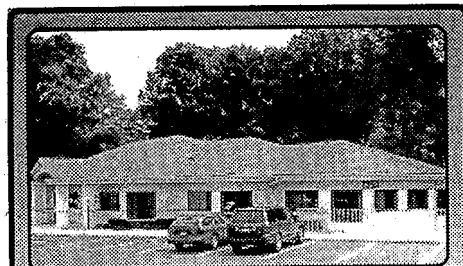
## Thieves thwarted

Deputies dispatched to the 6900 block of Tuson on March 6 discovered someone tried to break into a business using a pry tool on the front door. According to police reports, no entry was made; deputies speculated the intruders were scared off by the building's alarm system.

## Let's teach them better

Four Pine Knob Elementary School students were suspended from school last week when an alleged after-school "attack" on another student resulted in meetings between the school principal, parents, students and one of the district's Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township liaisons.

According to police reports, one boy stood up on the bus and asked "Who wants to beat up the fat kid?" The victim got off the bus and started running as four boys chased him down and started hitting him. Although the boy didn't appear significantly hurt, the deputy warned students their behavior was consistent with "a pack of wolves chasing down prey" and said if the boy had been seriously injured they would have been arrested for assault. The boys were also warned a report would be sent to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance if a similar situation occurs in the future. All four boys, who were between 6 and 10 years old, said they'd had no previous problems with the other boy.



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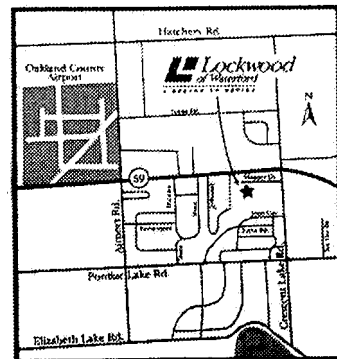
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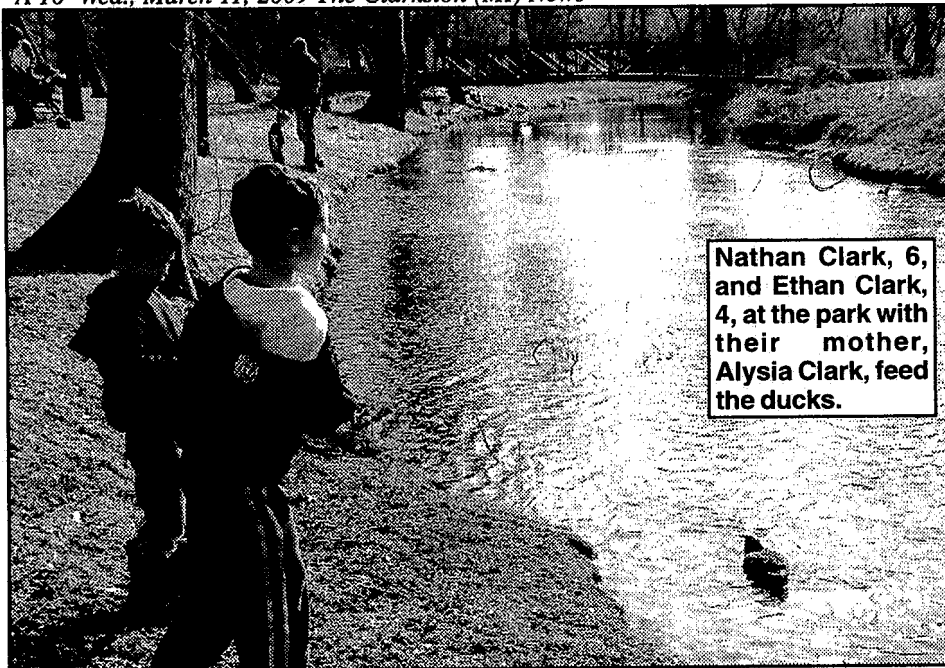
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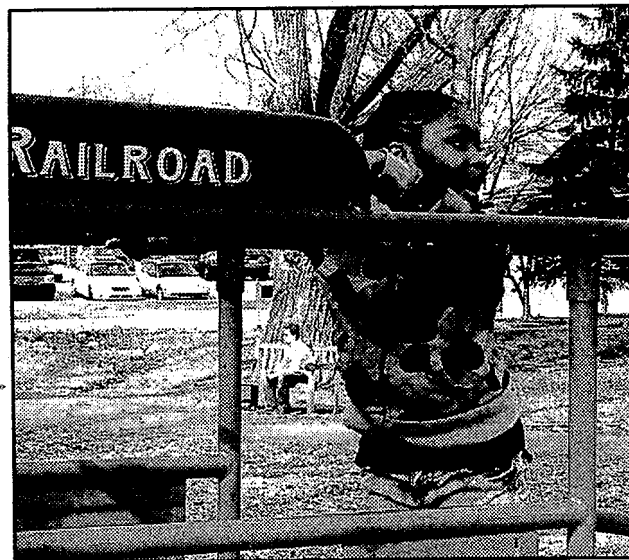
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Nathan Clark, 6, and Ethan Clark, 4, at the park with their mother, Alysia Clark, feed the ducks.



Destinee Morgan plays on the park's train equipment.

## Fun in the sun

It's not yet spring, but winter is giving ground, providing a day of warmth and sun this past Friday.

People took to Depot Park to enjoy the outdoors without bulky coats and sweaters for the first time after a long, cold winter.

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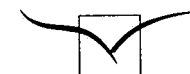


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Michele's knows all about proper fit. They have been in the business for 26 years, located at 2807 Rochester in Rochester Hills, in the Hampton Village Shopping Center at the north east corner of Auburn and Rochester Roads.

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 employee 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 filling 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.

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# Cagers build character

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Two close games in the OAA Red closed the Cagers' last week of the regular season.

After losing to West Bloomfield in a double overtime last Tuesday, the Wolves entered their home turf to play rivals Pontiac Northern for what could be the last time.

The battle ensued and after four quarters of nail-biting, jaw-dropping action, the game was tied at 44 points.

Matt Kamieniecki watched the ball from his position in the center of the court to start the overtime period. The ball was thrown into the air and he raised his arm up and tossed it to Tyler Scarlett.

Scarlett moved the ball to Brandon Pokley, who took his position and shot for three points, beginning the boys' 8-point run.

Husky Anthony Adams scored three points in the final seconds, but the Wolves were victorious, 52-47.

"Northern played well. They compete hard," said Clarkston Coach Dan Fife. "They got us playing their game, their speed."

The Wolves gained the lead a few times during the game, but it was only a small margin by the time Pontiac Northern caught up to them.

The Huskies gained the lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter and were ahead by two points as the final minutes counted down.

A foul was called on Northern while Pokley was trying to make a basket.

The call sent Pokley to the line for two free throws. He scored on both attempts and tied the game.

With only one minute left, the Wolves' defense pushed back as they guarded against Northern's attack. Tom Staton blocked one of the Husky's attempts.

Northern gave it one more try and the ball bounced off the rim and away from the basket and the fourth quarter closed at a tie.

"It was a winnable game for us," said Husky Coach Robert Rogers. "It was a heck of an effort. We have been working hard in practice and we knew what we had to do."

For both coaches, the high energy game was a great way to end the long-time rivalry.

"Anytime you come here there is a lot of life, a lot of good fans and I have a lot of fond memories representing Pontiac Northern in this gym," said Rogers.

Kamieniecki led the Wolves with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Pokley had 21 points and three 3-pointers.

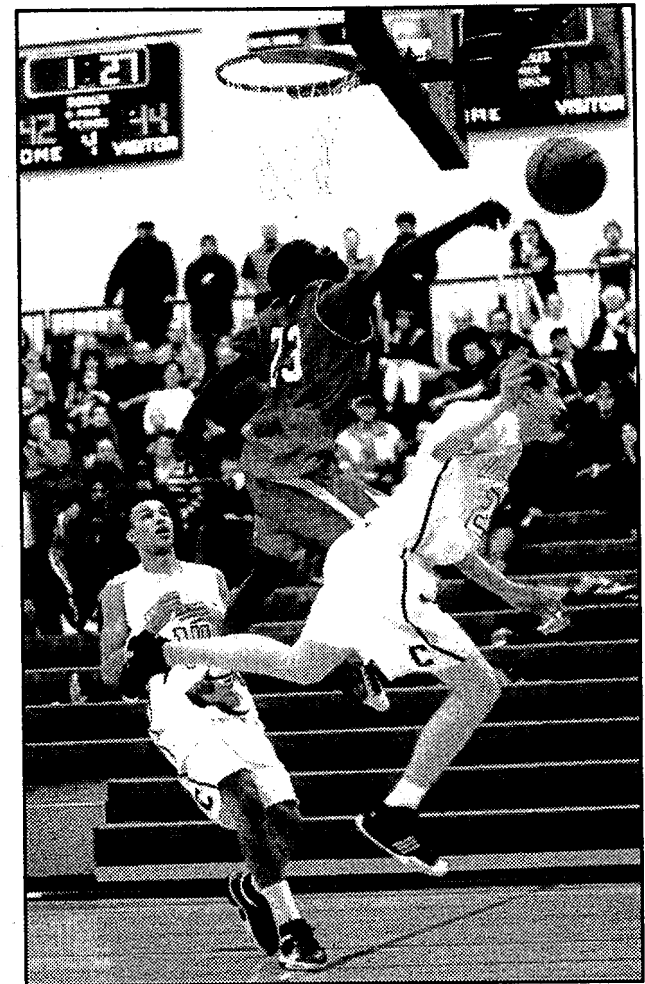
The near loss to the Huskies and the loss to West Bloomfield in double over-time, 56-53, will help to get the team ready as they take their first step towards the state finals at the district playoffs.

"I hate to say we need it, but we probably need it, to be honest," said Fife. "I have felt negativism in life makes you better. When you are happy and things are going good, it's easy to smile. You have to fight through adversity. That's what makes you who you are. It builds character and shows you who you are."

For the third consecutive season, the Wolves ended the regular season as OAA Red champs with a league record 13-1. It is Their overall record is currently 19-1. Boys Basketball JV ended the season 13-7 and freshman team, 12-6.

The Wolves received a bye for the first round of districts and will play Waterford Kettering, Wednesday night. The winner will move onto the final round of districts on Friday. Both games begin at 7 p.m. and are held at Waterford Mott High School.

Keep updated on your team during playoffs by going to the Wolfpack Update on [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com).



DeAndre Davis fouls on Brandon Pokley. The foul sent Pokley to the line for two free throws to tie the game. Photo by Laura Colvin



Justin Semmes signs his letter of Intent. Photo by Gregg Macintosh

## Athlete of the Week

### Justin Semmes ready for Miami football

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston resident Justin Semmes signed his name to the sheets in front of him on Feb. 4, finalizing his choice for college in the fall.

After looking at Iowa and Michigan and receiving an offer from Westpointe University, he chose Miami University in Ohio.

"When I went on my official visit they made me feel at home," explained Semmes. "I liked the way they were going to run their program."

Semmes began playing football for the Clarkston Chiefs when he was in fourth grade.

"My brother (Jason) played for them the year before, so I started playing it," he said.

As a member of the Chiefs, he gained a lot of knowledge on how to play the game and gained a lot of experience during his three years with the organiza-

tion.

"His coach Dennis Nault gave him his first opportunity to carry the ball," said mom, Merleen Jones Semmes.

While he attended Clarkston Middle School in eighth grade, he was coached by Steve Himberg and played as a fullback.

He continued playing the position when he enrolled at Orchard Lake St. Mary's and began playing for the Catholic Central League. During his junior year, he scored five touchdowns during the state playoff game. The Eaglets lost the game in five overtimes. In that year he rushed 900 yards, scored ten touchdowns, and had 163 rush-

ing attempts.

He played other sports, but just for fun. "I stayed with football because I knew I would have an opportunity to get a scholarship to continue playing," he said.

Merleen and his dad James, credit Justin's football success to Clarkston.

"If it had not been for the Clarkston program and the fine coaches from this community, it would not have happened," said Merleen.

He will be coached by Mike Haywood at Miami University.

Justin plans to study finance and go into business after graduating.

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# Season ends in shutout

BY WENDI REARDON  
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Tyler Frakes and Dan Smith remained on the ice after the game ended and shared a few laughs with their opponents.

Despite the shutout loss of five points to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the seniors took the time to show good sportsmanship before heading to the locker room.

The Wolves contained their opponents during the first period and only one goal of the Eaglets ten shots on the net made it past goalie Garrett Knappe.

During the second period, St. Mary's scored four goals, three within a six minute span.

"The third period we played an even game again, but they beat us in the second period," said Coach Bryan Krygier. "They are a good team and well-coached and when you come up against a good team like that you got to have a perfect game and we didn't have that tonight."

The ending capped off a season best described by Krygier as up and down.

"I don't think we played to our full potential. It's kind of hard to get across to a lot of athletes in general," he said. "You only have so many games in your senior year and when you run out it's too late. I think a lot of our seniors, now that it's done, they probably regret not giving a lot more



Michael Fiteny skates towards the puck to gain control. Photo by WR or changing a lot of things."

The team loses 10 seniors.

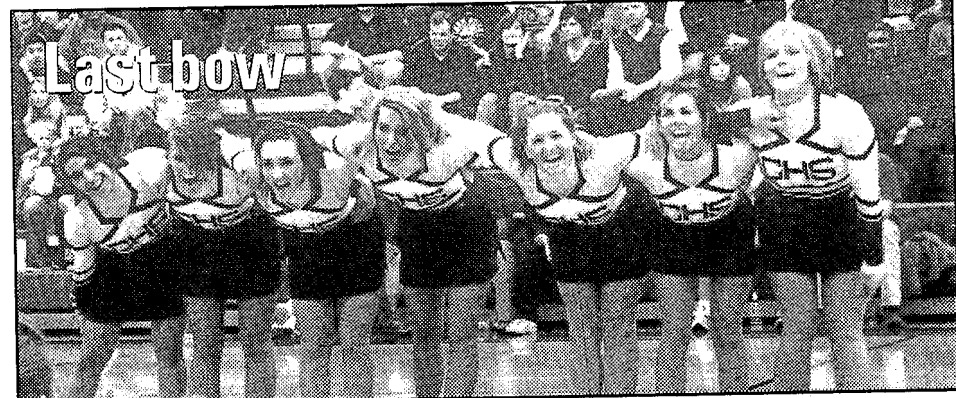
"I think they are good guys and they will do well in whatever school they decide to go to," said Krygier.

In the last game, the boys had 10 shots on goal.

Knappe saved 21 shots and Neeko Muniz saved eight in the last period.

The team ended the season with an overall record 10-15-1.

They finished fourth in OAA I behind Rochester United, Stoney Creek and Farmington Hills United.



Seniors Moriah Champion, Megan Best, Lisa Quantz, Paige Seamann, Ashleigh Henderson, Kelsey Miller and Janelle Zirwes thank the fans and their teammates for a great last season. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Spring outdoor programs with parks and rec

Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers several programs, including:

- Kiddie Kicker Soccer, ages 4-5, Saturday mornings this spring, register now;

- Teens Outside Adventure Club (TOGA), March 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ag 12-17. Theme: The Big Chill, with snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowboating, snow hut building, winter dodgeball. Addison Oaks County Park. Transportation provided;

- Basketball and Family Open Gym, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High School. Basketball Open Gym, 18 and up, \$4/residents, \$5/non-residents; Family Open Gym for all ages, \$1/Clarkston student, \$2/non-resident student, \$2/resident adult, \$3/non-resident adult. March 1, 2-4 p.m.; March 8, 1-4 p.m.

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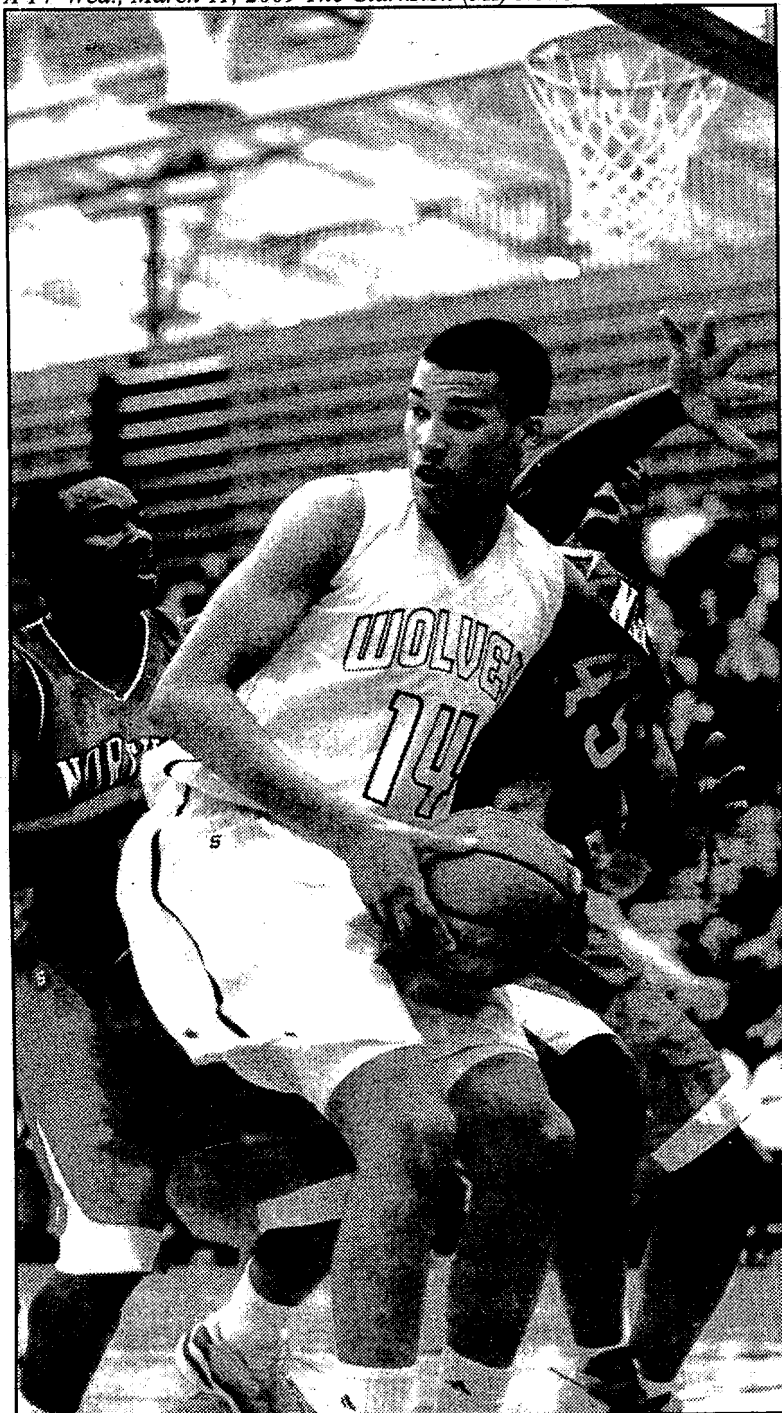
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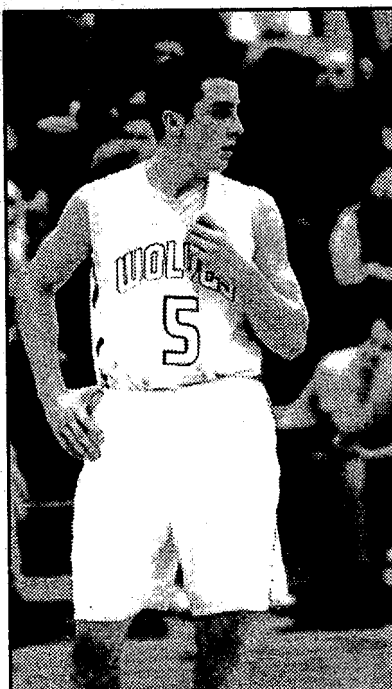
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Tom Staton out-plays Pontiac's defense.



Ellie Fife, left, and Gwen Fife watched as their grandpa received a standing ovation.



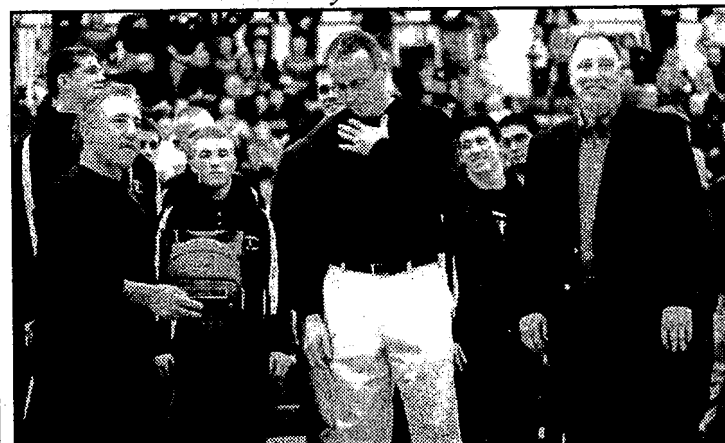
Tyler Scarlett waits out a lull in the action.

## Memorable season

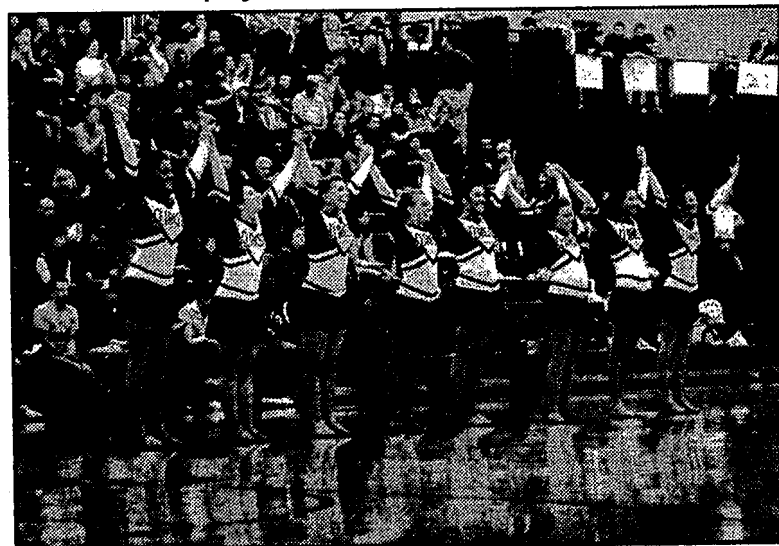
It was a fullhouse Friday as fans packed the CHS gym to honor Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Dan Fife, who recently logged his 500th win, and to watch the season's final home game.

Senior players, pom-pon, cheerleaders, along with their parents, also enjoyed a moment in the spotlight as they took center court for a recognition ceremony before the boys' nail-biter overtime victory against Pontiac Northern. See the full story on page A12 and visit [ClarkstonNews.com](http://ClarkstonNews.com) for dozens of full color photos from Friday's events.

*Photos by Laura Colvin*



Coach Dan Fife is honored for his seldom-achieved 500 wins.



Senior pom-pon girls give a "Goodbye to You" performance.



Senior cheerleaders perform.



The team gets ready to head into overtime.

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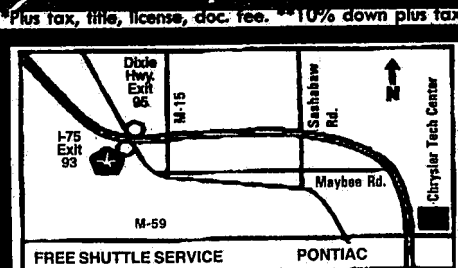
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## People Poll

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### Stimulus for Michigan?



"Michigan needs the money to create jobs. I wish there were more job-creation stuff in there."

- Miguel Hernandez



"It's what's needed. Taking a stand somewhere is better than doing nothing. Doing nothing would be a step back."

- Stefanie Crane



"No one knows what we're getting yet. In the market, no one's buying or selling because we don't know what's coming. It's a mess."

- Carl Bidinger



"They think they can just print money and that would solve the economic problems in the United States? I don't think so."

- Dale Massey

By Phil Custodio

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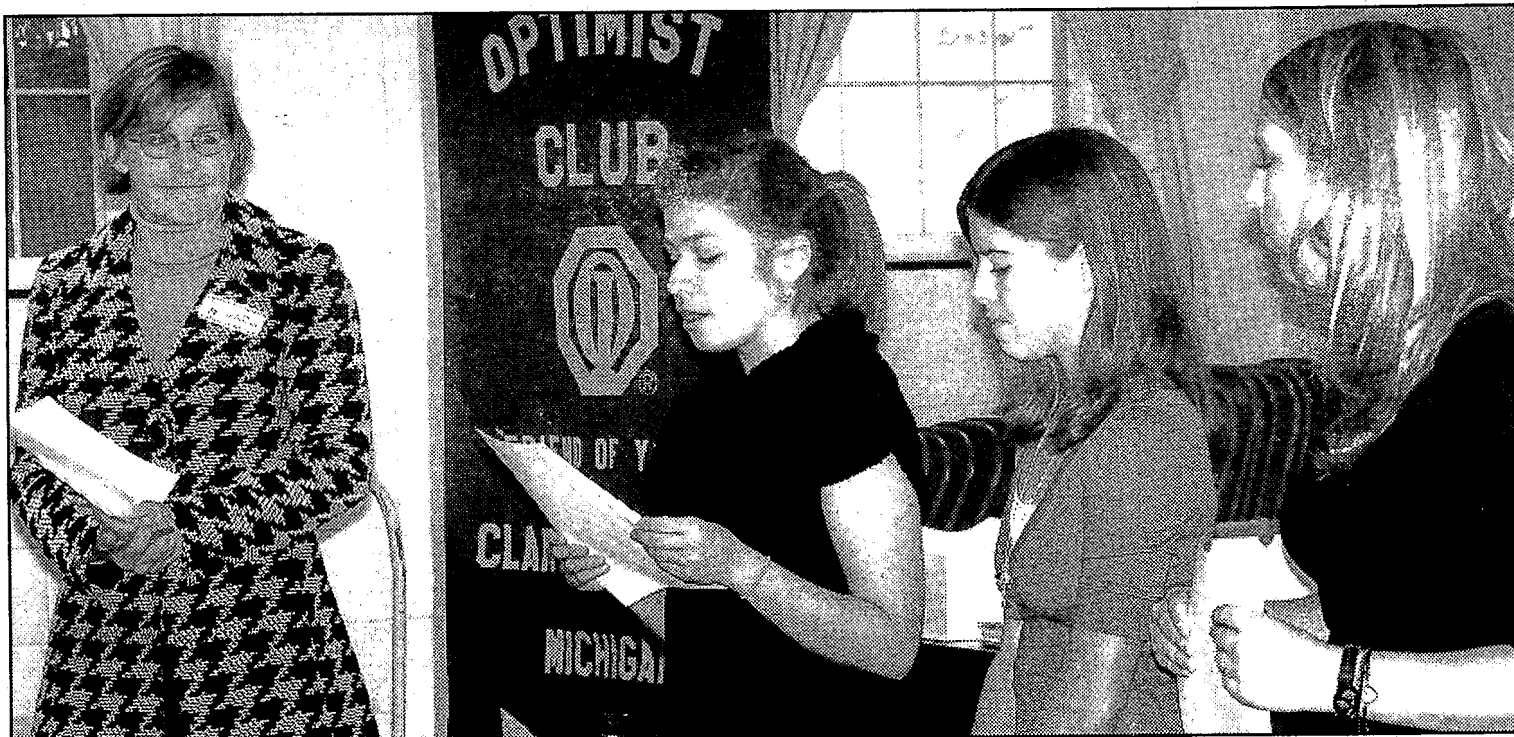
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Taylor Benson reads her essay to Clarkston Optimist Club, along with Erin Gray and Jennifer Heuerman, and Joan Patterson, essay contest chair.

## Optimists reward the 'Power of Youth'

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

This year's Optimist Essay Contest topic wasn't easy on contestants, who had to write 400-500 words about the "Power of Youth."

"When I looked at the topic, I had no idea what to write," said Taylor Benson, 12th grader at Clarkston High School who earned second place out of 24 entries. "I looked at it for about an hour, then it came to me and I wrote my essay in one sitting."

"It made me look at youth in a different light, the good and bad characteristics," said first-place winner Erin Gray, ninth-grader at Clarkston Junior High School. "I worked on it for more than a month, researching ideas."

Gray, Benson, and Jennifer Heuerman, third place, 12th grader at Clarkston High School, were treated to breakfast at the Clarkston Optimist Club's March 4 meeting, receiving Borders gift certificates, medallions, and award certificates.

"All the papers were really good," Gray said. Joan Patterson, Clarkston Optimist Essay Chairman, assembled six judges for the contest, Dawn Frasa, writer; Nancy Larsen Ph.D, high school media specialist; the Rev. Rick Drake, pastor for Clarkston Methodist Church; Derrick Fries Ph.D, associate professor at Eastern Michigan University; Mel Vaara, retired Clarkston High School principal; and Phil Custodio, *Clarkston News* editor.

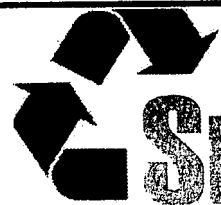
"I'm so proud of our judges," Patterson said. "It's a very diverse group."

"I think it's amazing, all these people coming together to do this for us," Heuerman said.

The Optimists also recognized Erin Shaw, who teaches ninth-grade, advanced language-arts class at Clarkston Junior High. All three finalists learned writing in Shaw's class.

"We do everything, essay writing, presentations, literary analysis, oratorical skills, lots of creative writing," Shaw said. "They're all thinkers. They think about the world in which they live - very conscientious students."

Gray will compete in District Competition for a \$650 scholarship. District winners compete nationally for up to \$6,000 in scholarships.



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The boys varsity swim team is ready to take over the state finals this week.

## Ready, set, splash

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Before Jordan Zendejas hits the diving board this week at state finals, he will be listening to his iPod and tuning the rest of the world out.

"I am not thinking about the competition because that usually throws me off," said Zendejas. "Even if there is one day and no competition I can get really nervous for some reason."

He has set his goal to win the state championship this year and has been working on that goal since he visited states last year and didn't place.

"During the summer I went to Oakland University," he explained. "There is a team called Legacy there for any age. It was amazing and helped me so much. I am 3-4 times better than last year and have a good chance to win."

Also returning to the state finals this week are seniors Jake Rush and Bobby Nelson.

Nelson will be swimming in the 200 IM and has his aim on the top 16.

"I am just trying to do the best I can and help to push the team and motivate

everybody," said Nelson

Rush will be swimming in 100 backstroke for the second time at states and plans to place in the top eight and be All-State. He will also be swimming in the 50 freestyle event.

Kenny Stelpflug will be swimming in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle, where his goal is to place in the top eight.

Nelson and Rush will be joined by Mike Inch and Steve Nelson in the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays as they swim to their goal to place in the top 16.

"I am really excited we are going this year and we should place," said Coach Kenwyn Chock. "It will be the first time Clarkston has scored any points at states. We are pretty spread out and even have diving."

This year will also be the first time the Wolves have the most swimmers going and the most events they are participating in.

The state finals are this Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Competitions begin at noon each day. Admission is \$7 for both days.

## Around Town

**Wonderfully Meatless**, 7-8:30 p.m., March 11, Cooking with Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street, healthy and flavorful vegetarian main dishes. \$30. 248-942-4949.

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**Retirement Planning Workshops**, 6-8 p.m., March 11. Topics: social, financial, health, planning for retirement. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**"Murder with Leprechauns"** murder mystery dinner theater presentation by Clarkston Optimists, 6:30 p.m., March 14, Carriage House of Pine Knob. \$50. Benefits Optimist programs throughout year. 248-622-6096.

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**Teens Outside Adventure Club**, Independence Township Parks and Recreation, March 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ages 12-17. Theme: The Big Chill, with snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowboating, snow hut building, winter dodgeball. Addison Oaks County Park. Transportation provided. 248-625-8223

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**Presentation and career networking session**, with Kim McAuliffe of Oakland Family Services, 7-8:30 p.m., March 16,

Clarkston United Methodist, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. 248-625-1611.

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**Clarkston Children's Choir**, 5:30 p.m., March 17, Springfield Plains Elementary, 8650 Holcomb Road. 248-623-3800.

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**St. Patrick's Day Special Lunch**, 12 p.m., March 17. Irish vegetable soup, shepherd's pie, roll, salad, and cake donated by Lake Orion Assisted Living. Give-aways. \$5. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-8231 to register by March 13.

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**Blood Pressure Screening**, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., March 19, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Spaghetti Dinner**, 5-7 p.m., March 20. All you can eat, spaghetti with meat or meatless sauce, tossed salad, Italian garlic bread. \$5. Desserts, \$1. Food collection for First Congregational Church's food bank. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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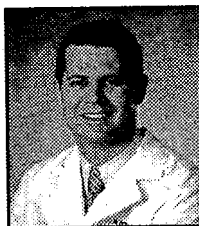
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# Milestones

## Welcome Gavin



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Parents are Steve and Shannon Sutton of Oxford. Grandparents are William and Debora Sutton of Clarkston and Gale and Patricia Mosier of Ortonville. Great-grandparents are Louise Pesola of Waterford, Ozelle Mosier of Clarkston, and Dorothy Osbo of Jupiter, Florida.

## Students achieve success

Ashley VanderWeel, 2002 graduate of Clarkston High School and 2006 graduate of Wayne State University, was accepted into University of Arizona's Department of Natural Resources Nutritional Sciences Graduate Program, fall semester.



VanderWeel

She was also offered a half-time teaching assistantship, which includes tuition and stipend.

Joseph A. Seibert of Clarkston earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Conservation this past December at Northern Michigan University.

Elise Conner, a freshman at Western Michigan University, has been named to the Dean's List and recently joined Alpha Lambda Delta honors society. She is the daughter of Tim and Denise Conner of Clarkston and 2008 CHS graduate.

Patric Alexander, son of Gary and Terri Alexander of Clarkston, made the Dean's List for fall semester at Norwich University in Vermont. Patric is a senior and majoring in criminal justice. He will graduate in May 2009.

Matthew Alexander, son of Gary and Terri Alexander, made the Dean's List for fall semester at Central Michigan University. Matthew is a sophomore and majoring in education. He is also a member of the National So-

ciety of Collegiate Scholars.

Harry M. Powers of Clarkston received a Master of Criminal Justice degree this past January from Boston University.

Taylor Daugherty, daughter of Steven Daugherty and Theresa Daugherty of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School, has completed the season with the Albion College women's basketball team. She will receive a certificate designating her first-year award when the team meets in April for its award banquet.

Playing in 26 games, Daugherty averaged 1.5 points and 2.2 rebounds. She scored in double figures by collecting 12 points in Albion's Feb. 18 victory over Alma College.

Chelsea A. Lemarbe of Clarkston was named to the fall 2008 Dean's List at Bowling Green State University. Lemarbe was a sophomore in the College of Health and Human Services.

Patrick McIlrath of Clarkston was named to the Fall 2008 Dean's List at Spring Arbor University.

The son of Jerry and Melanie McIlrath, Patrick is a junior in Business Administration.

Nursing student Emilianne Smark of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for Fall Semester 2008 at University of Saint Francis, Indiana.

## Got a Milestone to share?

We'd love to see them - births, weddings, engagements, military, business and school achievements!  
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# Religion

## Lent offers hope instead of despair

In 1904, Mary Bethune sought to acquire ground for the building of a new school. She had started a school for African American girls which had grown from only a few to over 250 students in two years.

When she went seeking land, the Daytona, Florida city fathers were not excited to help this energetic black woman. She was offered acreage that served as the city dump. This land, called Hell Hole, was hers if she wanted it for \$250.

Undeterred, she sold pies to raise the down payment, and bought the land. She cleared it and offered it to God for the purpose to educating the youth and children God sent her.

The school of the former garbage dump became Bethune-Cookman College. Thousands of the brightest and best young people of our nation have graduated from there and become distinguished leaders.

Mary Bethune-McLeod became a woman of great influence. She served as advisor to President and Mrs. Roosevelt on issues pertaining to the African American community. She remains one of the great heroines of American history. She stared down poverty, racism, and limited opportunities and blazed a path of glory for us all.

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor  
Richard Dake

I love she could allow God to help her turn a Hell Hole into a sacred place of learning. This past week I shared a rich time remembering her contribution with a graduate from Bethune-Cookman.

His and others continue to make contributions to the church and society over a hundred years after the days when Mary Bethune was clearing off the garbage from the land of Hell Hole.

God is in the business of transformation and new life. In every generation and in each individual life, God wants to make of our life a holy gift.

Currently the church is moving through a time called Lent. We are facing our own sins and surrendering ourselves more into the grace of God.

In Easter, we see again God in Christ turning what was once a hell hole into a holy place. We are living in a time when many of us are facing what seem to be hellish days with little hope.

The temptation is to hide and give up.

Mary Bethune is one example of another choice. In the midst of hell we can see hope, in the darkness of today we can see the light of the future, and in God we can live in victory even when others can't see it.

In the name of Christ, I invite you into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Enjoy the victory that is there for all.

The Rev. Richard Dake is pastor of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

## In our churches...

**Peace Makers Speaker Series**, Thursdays, 7 p.m., in support of Season for Peace and Nonviolence. March 12: Sharif Abdullah, author, consultant and leading catalyst for inclusive, cultural, social and spiritual transformation. Peace Unity, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, Sundays, 4 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-1611.

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**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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**Bethany North**, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

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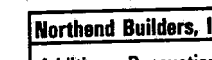
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## John Zarzycki

John J. Zarzycki of Clarkston passed away, March 2, 2009, at the age of 99. He was born, Oct. 13, 1909.

He was preceded in death by Dorothy, his wife of 60 years. The last six years he lived with his son, James and Mary, and his three granddaughters, Kathryn, Emily, and Joanna. He always called them his "babydolls."

Mr. Zarzycki also enjoyed the care and company of his son, John and Doris, and grandson Glen. John was a member of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Lake Orion, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and was active in Boy Scouts for over 50 years.

Mr. Zarzycki retired from Chrysler, was an avid hunter, and also enjoyed going to the Independence Township Senior Center for woodworking and pinochle. Private arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

## Robert Potts



Robert S. "Bob" Potts of White Lake passed away, March 3, 2009, at the age of 74.

He was the loving husband of Carol for 40 years; father of Michael (Carol) Fooks, Mark Fooks, Dawn (Jeff) Clark, Christy (John) Anderson, Robert

(Camille) Potts, and David (Kim) Potts; proud grandfather of 14; and brother of Zella (Jerry) Chapman and Ruth Ann (Gary) Cole.

Mr. Potts retired from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department after 30 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, an avid outdoorsman and gardener. Bob was loved by all.

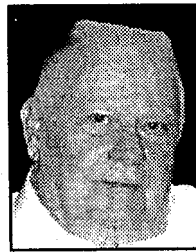
Funeral Service was March 7 at the Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Visitation was March 5-6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice or Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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## Kurt Eric Bemman Jr.

Kurt Eric Bemman Jr. of Swartz Creek passed away, March 3, 2009, at the age of 78.

He was preceded in death by his wife Fay Lenore (Barber) and his parents Kurt Sr. and Adeline (Lietke). He was the father of Kurt III "Bud" (Lois), Bill (Vicky), Richard (Debbie), Danny (Tammi), and Linda (Karen Cassidy); grandfather of Brenda (Shawn) McLouth, Denise (Chris) Sudbury, Kelly, Sandy, Joe (Kristin) Katich, Joshua, Rachel, Jennifer, and Emily (Randy) Johnson; great grandfather of 13; brother of Paul (Bonnie); preceded in death by his brothers Frederick and his wife Bonnie and Robert; and brother-in-law of Barb.



the U.S. Army from 1951-1953.

Mr. Bemman was born in Dearborn, graduated from Pontiac High School in 1950 and retired from General Motors in 1984 after 34 years as a wood pattern maker. He served in  
Funeral service was March 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Inc., Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society (for patient care). Online guest book, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Margaret 'Joyce' Gazette

Margaret "Joyce" Gazette of Pontiac passed away, March 5, 2009, at the age of 66.

She was the wife of Robert for 50 years; mother of Celesty Monsivais, Teresa Jayne, Paula (Brian) Malone, and Mark (Melissa) Gazette; grandma "Lita" of Kaitlyn, the late Trevor, Matthew, Sarah, Justin, Matt, the late Mark II, Craig, Crystal, and Jeffrey; great grandma of Mark Ed-

ward; and daughter of Nova Byford.

Mrs. Gazette enjoyed bird watching and teaching. She worked for many years as a medical assistant for Dr. Panah. Many called her "grandmother."

Funeral service was March 9 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Online guest book  
[www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Denise M. Oliver

Denise M. Oliver of Ortonville passed away, March 4, 2009, at the age of 40.

She was the loving wife of Kerry for 14 years, beloved mother of Evan, Mitchell, Allyson, Emily, and Holly; daughter of Barbara and Louis Burr; sister of Wendy (Todd) Rowden, Lisa (Steve) Palizzi, and Lou (Kate) Burr; and daughter in law of Doris and Richard Oliver.

Funeral Mass was March 9 at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville. Rosary Ser-



vice was March 8 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Rite of Committal, All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the children in Denise's honor.  
Online guest book,  
[www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Allan E. Orvis

Allan E. Orvis of Orion passed away, March 8, 2009, at the age of 67.

He was the husband of Eileen for 20 years; father of Glenda England, Mary Kay Weiss, Jeffrey (Sherr) Orvis, David Orvis; Stepfather of Colleen (Christopher) Coenen, Kathleen (Shawn) Smark, Patricia (Kevin) Milkey, and Marianne Frost; grandfather of 16; great grandfather of five; brother of Shirley (Bill) Joyce, Sylvia (Bob) Koch, Marsha (Richard) Blanchard, and David (Rose) Orvis; and preceded in death by his parents Bud and Marion Orvis, and



sister Lois (James) Ostrander.

Mr. Orvis inspired his friends and family with his love of the outdoors.

Funeral service, Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m., at the

Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Online guestbook, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Date and Time: March 17, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Independence Township Library  
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Opening Statements and Correspondence  
Approval of Agenda  
Public Forum - Individuals in the audience will 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 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2009  
b. Approval of Purchase Orders  
c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

**New Business**

1. Presentation of Award from Anne M. Varra for Clinton River Watershed Council for the Township's continued support and membership
2. Chestnut Hills Well #1 Repair
3. First Reading, Text Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan  
Article III. District Regulations  
Division 13. C-1 Local Business  
Division 14. C-2 Planned Shopping Center  
Division 15. C-3 Highway Commercial  
Division 16. C-4 General Business District  
Article V. Off Street Parking and Loading  
Section. 50-947. Off Street drive-through and waiting space.
4. First Reading, Amended Final PUD Site Plan (PC file #2008-018), McLaren Health Care, Daniel J. Medrano, Petitioner, Sashabaw Road and Bow Pointe Drive, 70 Acres, PUD Zoning, 08-27-251-010 (5700 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-251-011 (5680 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-251-012, 08-27-252-006, 08-27-252-007 (5701 Bow Pointe Dr.) 08-27-252-008, 08-27-276-002, and 08-27-276-004

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

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of PETER ROBERT MUSCIO, SR. Date of birth: 1-20-22  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, PETER ROBERT MUSCIO, SR., who lived at 1001 Delmonte, Wolverine Lake, Michigan died 7-13-08.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Peter R. Muscio, Jr., named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Peter R. Muscio, Jr.  
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Harry M. Stormer. Date of Birth: May 25, 1926  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Harry M. Stormer, who lived at 3568 Baybrook Dr., Waterford, Michigan died January 3, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Randy E. Skubek, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright followed.

Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Inabnit, Johnston, Roth, Ottman  
Absent Gawronski

Others Present - City Manager Ritter

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to "Approve the Agenda after removing the two bottom lines, adding under New Business (C) Limit Council Meeting to two hours, (D) Resolution to adopt MDOT annual application and permit (Form 2205) and move (B) under Consent Agenda to (E) under New Business". Motion carried.

Moved by Ottman, supported by Inabnit to "Approve the Consent Agenda". Motion carried.

Public comments - Mr. Cristea, 42 W Washington, asked the Council if the agenda was on the city website. Mayor Arkwright replied not yet but we are working on that technology.

Moved by Johnston, supported by Ottman "That the Agenda format will not include the second line at the bottom of the Agenda (A unanimous vote of Council is required to add an agenda item and a majority to delete an agenda item). The first line on the bottom of the Agenda will remain (Only those matters that are on the Agenda are to be considered for action). Motion carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit, "To submit any Agenda item, with supporting documentation, on Wednesday to the Mayor with a cc: to City Manager and Clerk/Treasurer. All Council members will get a DRAFT Agenda by Thursday night, prior to the Monday meeting, via email. Packets will be sent out on Friday. Motion carried.

Resolved by Johnston, supported by Roth, to "Authorize the City of the Village of Clarkston to amend the February 9, 2009 resolution, Federal Poverty Guidelines Used to The Determination of Poverty Exemptions for 2009 to include the "Asset" sheet when submitting a poverty exemption application".

Roll: Yeas: Johnston, Ottman, Arkwright, Brueck, Roth  
Nays: None Absent: Gawronski RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Inabnit, (with Roth recusing from the vote) "That a Good Faith Offer should be entered into with Lehman Investments at 20 West Washington seeking a Permanent Easement for \$2,345.69 and a Temporary Construction Easement for \$890.29 totaling \$3,235.98.

Roll: Yeas- Arkwright, Inabnit, Johnston, Brueck, Ottman

Nays: None  
Absent: Gawronski  
Not Voting: Roth

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolved by Johnston, supported by Brueck, to "Approve the Revised VIL Construction Bid as of February 23, 2009 for an additional amount of \$24,840.00 for the 42 W Washington Storm Sewer Relocation Revision #4 with a total of \$75,820.00 for this project"

Roll: Yeas. Ottman, Brueck, Inabnit, Johnston, Arkwright

Nays: None  
Absent: Gawronski  
Not Voting: Roth

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

The Council will be holding a Special Meeting, Tuesday, February 25, 2009 at 5 PM to approve a resolution of taking for 20 West Washington. Notice of meeting was posted later in the evening.

**FY09-10 Tri-Party Funds** -Currently Clarkston Road going East floods all the time on both sides of the road and the sidewalk cannot be used because of the excess water. According to Council Member Johnston.

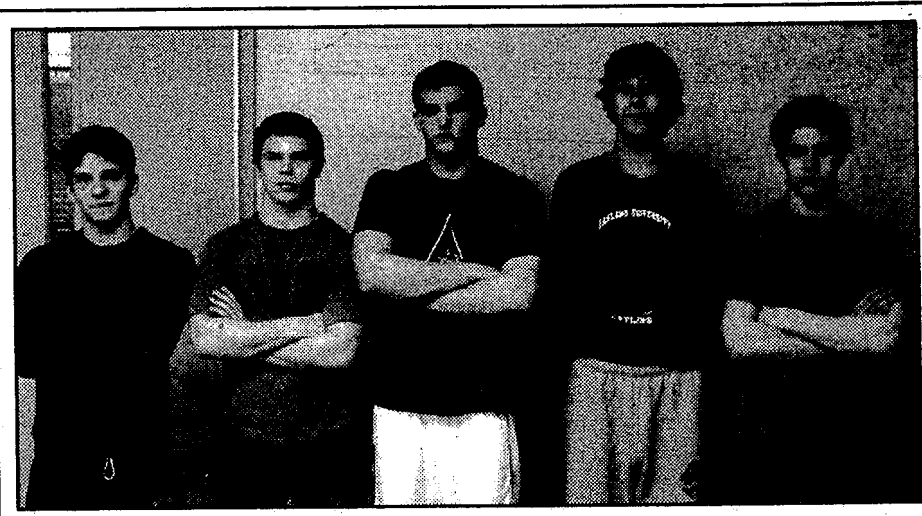
Resolved by Johnston, supported by Roth, "To use the City share of the FY09/10 Tri-Party funds of \$8,716, of which the City's share is \$2,905, to extend the right hand turn lane on Clarkston Road onto North bound Main and to improve the drainage problem at the intersection which floods the sidewalks making them impassable.

Roll- Yeas: Roth, Inabnit, Arkwright, Johnston, Ottman, Brueck

Nays: None  
Absent: Gawronski

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Resolved by Johnston, supported by Roth, " For an An-



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Zak Roberson, Alex Popp, Sloan Hadsall, Evan King and Matt Deitz are ready to take on opponents state finals this week at the Palace of Auburn Hills, beginning Thursday. Not pictured is Jeff Sloney. Get a preview of the finals and the grapplers thoughts at [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com). Photo by Wendi Reardon

nual MDOT Application and Permit for Misc Operations within the State Trunkline Right of Way (Form 2205B)".

Roll: Yeas - Arkwright, Inabnit, Roth, Johnston, Brueck, Ottman

Nays - None  
Absent - Gawronski

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

**SYNOPSIS**

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
MARCH 3, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Carson, Lohmeier, Petterson, Wallace,  
Absent: Rosso, Wagner

There was a quorum.

1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
2. The Agenda was approved.
3. Citizens were offered a chance to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the Agenda.
4. The following Consent Agenda items were approved.
  - a. Approval of Purchase Orders
  - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
  - c. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2009, and Special Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2009
5. Approved motion to join in support with other municipalities in FCC proceedings for PEG Access channels Library Update
6. Approved motion to refer Site Specific Relief Ordinance to Planning Commission for recommendation to correct ordinance that allows parallel tracking with ZBA and Township Board
7. Approved motion to allow Township Treasurer's office to charge taxpayers for NSF checks
8. Approved motion to join in Local Government Investment Pool with a cap of investment set at \$2 million
9. Approved motion to formally approve use of CDARS, PA 20; as amended
10. Approved posting for new hire in Fire Department to replace retiring Lieutenant
11. Approved motion to promote Peggy North to position of Secretary Specialist, starting 3/16/09
12. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk

Published: 3/11/09

**Cable wants to make public access digital**

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The board voted unanimously to petition in support of the lawsuit.

"It puts our name and the issues on this out in front of the FCC for their consideration and without the additional cost," said Trustee Mark Petterson.

"I think it's important," said Trustee David Lohmeier. "I'm becoming a much bigger believer of the PEG channels. I never knew how much they were watched until you're on the thing and people stop you and say 'I saw this, this was a neat issue.' A lot of people in our communities watch the public access channels."

The only cost to the township is two hours of legal work by Secret Wardle. Supervisor Dave Wagner and Trustee Larry Rosso were absent at the meeting.

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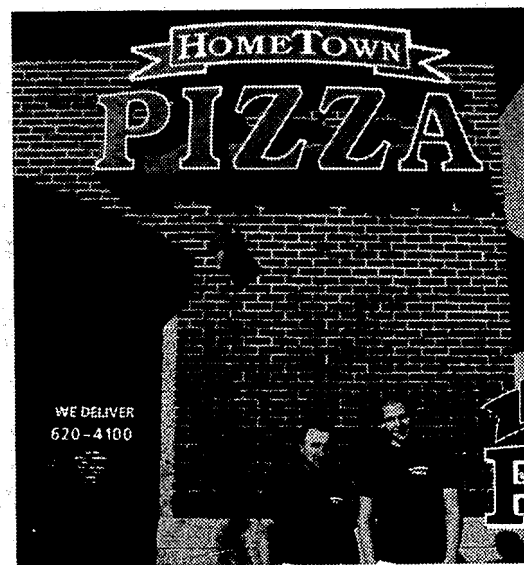
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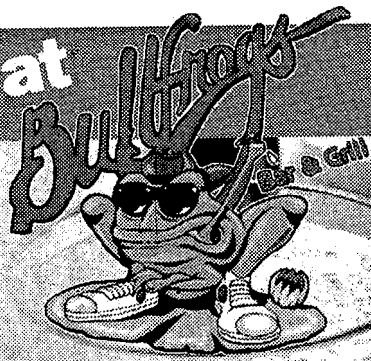
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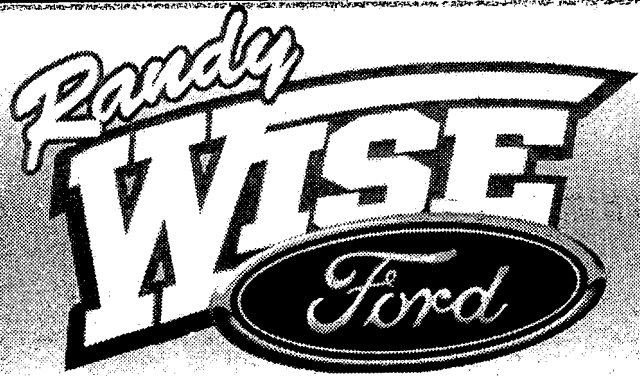
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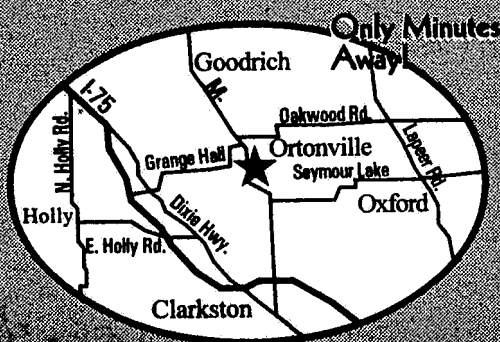
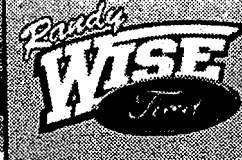
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**Chocolate Kid's Class**, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 21, Cooking with Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street, Chistie Kojima of The Chocolate Moose makes chocolate flowers and bugs to celebrate the beginning of spring. Ages 8 and up. \$15. 248-942-4949.

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**Olive Oils and Vinegars**, 7-8:30 p.m., March 25, Cooking with Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street, taste test, balsamic vinegars to understand different nuances and flavors that brands and age can mean. \$30. 248-942-4949.

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**Diabetes Day**, 11 a.m., March 26, with info by Great Lakes Medical Supply. Free diabetic socks for each participant. Special lunch served. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231

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**An Evening with Elvis**, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., March 28, American Legion Hall, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$15. Benefit Girls State, a program to educate high school junior girls about government and civic responsibility. 248-892-1203.

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**A Taste of Spring**, Clarkston Rotary's spring wine fund raiser, 6:30-8:30 p.m., April 8, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club. Features Michigan wines and food prepared by Oakhurst. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. 248-625-4244.

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**Adult Basketball League**, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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**Pony Basketball League**, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. al cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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**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.

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**Therapeutic Yoga classes**, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

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**Bingo**, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, at Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road. 18-way bingo, double action, regular jackpots to \$500, local progressive. 248-332-1186.

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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. March 16: Richard Tennent, author of "Destroyermen, Three Minutes to War." \$15. 248-625-4244.

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**Breast Cancer Support Group**, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., MIRO Mid-Oakland Medical Center, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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**Community Singles**, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412.

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**BNI, Clarkston Waterford chapter**, Tuesdays, 7 a.m., Green Apple restaurant, Dixie Highway at Walton. 248-673-6007.

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**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

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**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.

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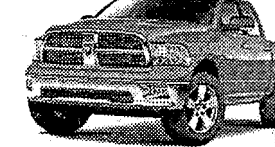


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# Rest easy with a sleep set from Mattresses and More

The staff at Mattresses and More wants customers to "sleep on it" before making a decision—or at least lie down and relax a bit.

As Michigan's only Sealy Sleep Test Gallery, the Waterford store offers a simplified mattress-shopping experience.

"Sealy polled thousands of customers had difficulty knowing how to choose the right mattress," said store manager Donna Zaner. "In the Sleep Gallery, you choose your support, choose your comfort, then choose your price."

The concept, she explained, is simple: Customers are encouraged to lie down, get comfortable and try out each of the four color and number-coded support-type mattress sets—Innerspring, Memory Foam, Latex and Interspring.

Once they've decided on a support level, customers move to the opposite side of the gallery to try out firm, plush and ultra plush comfort levels.

After determining which support type and comfort level creates the perfect combination, a knowledgeable and thoroughly trained staff member will guide a shopper through various options in the showroom.

"It's very much consumer driven," Donna said. "We're talking and telling the customer about the various features of each mattress, but we don't push them toward any one particular bed."

The reason, she said, is simple: every individual has different considerations; the mattress that offers a great night sleep for one person may not be appropriate for the next.

"If you're sleeping on the right mattress you'll feel better when you get out of bed than you did when you got in," she said. "When you get better sleep you have more energy. A poor night sleep will affect your day-to-day life and productivity."

But offering Michigan's only Sealy Sleep Test Gallery doesn't just allow customers to find the best set for their personal needs; manufacturer incentives are passed on to the customer, who in turn gets a great price.

"You don't have to spend a lot of money to get a quality bed," Donna said. "We've got some great, quality sets priced under \$1,000."

But, she said, the store offers something for everyone, and also carries top-of-the-line sets with all the bells and whistles, and everything in between.

"We offer everyday low pricing the big box stores can't beat," Donna said. "We're also able to offer special manufacturer promotions and discounts on a regular basis—real discounts; we don't raise prices artificially then have 'the biggest sale ever' every week."

And just to be sure, she said, Mattresses and More offers a price-matching policy and a 90-day comfort guarantee.



Mattresses and More is Michigan's only Sealy Gallery store.

And customers can also feel comfortable knowing Mattresses and More is celebrating 20 years in business.

"We've got longevity and credibility," Donna said. "And we were voted 'Best Place to Buy a Mattress' by readers of the *Oakland Press* two years in a row. We're very proud of that."

In addition to Sealy, the store also carries a

selection of Sterns and Foster, Sleep Logic and Tempur-pedic mattresses, as well as a wide variety of in-stock twin mattresses, futons, daybeds and other bedding needs. A no-payment, no-interest financing plan, as well as old-fashioned layaway, is also available.

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With almost 20 years in the pool business, wall covered in training certificates and diplomas, and store full of water-treatment chemicals and lab equipment, he's ready.

Bokor, a 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School, started working in the pool industry part-time as a student at Ferris State University.

He dove into it fulltime in 1994, working at local pool shops until opening his own shop this past May.

"So far, so good," said Bokor, who opened the shop, 6473 Sashabaw Road, at Waldon Road. "I enjoy it. I'm good at what I do so I pursued it."

Independence Pool and Spa offers a full line of maintenance and pool equipment, chemicals, games, and toys.

"We have some neat floats for adults too," he said. "It's important not to neglect ourselves on the fun stuff. Pools are about having fun."

He can vouch for the Clear Result line algae, pH, UV, metal, salt, and other chemi-



John Bokor, owner of Independence Pool and Spa, has everything you need for your pool this summer, including toys and really big inner tubes.

cal treatments – he worked with Haviland Consumer Products of Grand Rapids to design them.

"I helped resurrect an old label," he said. "It's exciting."

He and his wife, Kyle Powell, also a

Clarkston graduate, and their two children are active in the community, collecting more than 350 canned items for Lighthouse Emergency Services this past December.

"Our goal was 150," he said. "We want to help out the community. This is my town. It's where I'm from."

Staying as local as possible also applies to his business.

"My objective is to work with Michigan manufacturers to keep as much money in Michigan as I can," he said.

Goals for 2009 include growing the business, and more training for himself and services for customers.

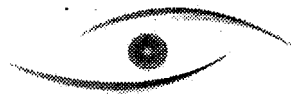
"I'm looking forward to getting into more inground pool building," he said.

He's planning a promotion for his Chemical Club discount program for loyal customers in the next couple months.

John is a member of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals, and is certified with National Spa and Pool Institute and National Swimming Pool Foundation.

Independence Pool and Spa is located in Independence Town Square next to Powerhouse Gym.

John and Kyle can be contacted at 248-922-9910 or email John at [Independencepoolandspa@comcast.net](mailto:Independencepoolandspa@comcast.net).



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Cedar Crest Academy students are learning not only how to survive in today's changing world, but how to thrive in it.

"We're at a pivotal point in history," said Bette Moen, director of the private, pre-K through grade 8 school. "We want to transform students' capability to make a difference in our world. We need a system for helping students be smarter. We must ensure that every child is learning in their optimal zone of development."

Cedar Crest teachers are experts in their subjects, individualizing instruction and emphasizing teacher:student dialogue for creative and sophisticated thinking.

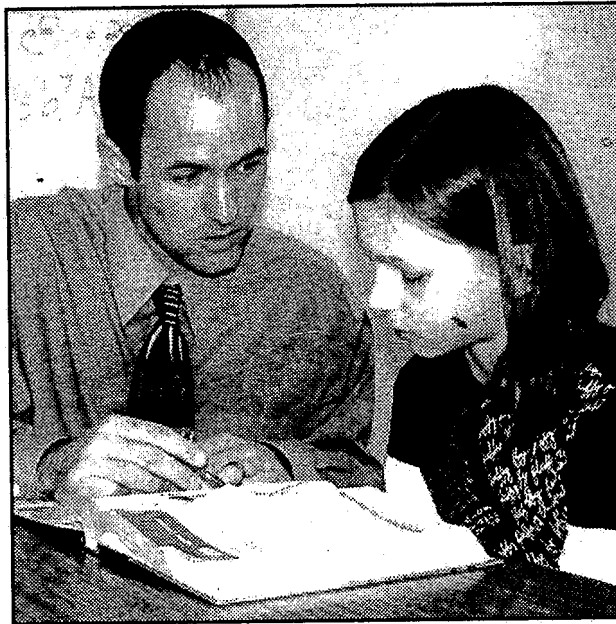
"Technology, current issues, and the infinite possibilities make this an exciting time to learn. There is progressive theory and tools for teaching and learning. It is fun, engaging, and thus motivating for students," Moen said.

Students who show interest and aptitude are encouraged to move to more advanced curriculum.

Students in grades 7-8 study high-school level geometry and algebra II. In science, they study biology and the curricular foundation for chemistry and physics. The current theory and issues in science are examined as part of classroom lessons and experimentation, such as stem cell research and Alzheimer's.

One student worked on redesigning boat propellers to make them less dangerous to manatees. Another researched schizophrenia as her Science EXPO topic.

"She studied neurology, hoping her understanding might lead to a solution," Moen said. "That's pretty profound thinking for a young woman in middle school. We often underestimate students' comprehension and creative power



**Math teacher Jason Dean solves Algebra problems with his CCA student.**

to find solutions."

A current model for teaching is based on Howard Gardner's Five Minds for the Future, which emphasizes education for survival of our world. The first three minds are: disciplined mind to develop the major schools of thought (math, science and social science), synthesizing mind to integrate ideas, and creative mind to uncover new

solutions. The other two minds are respectful and ethical, which are valued by all of us.

"Our students designed mugs for C.O.T.S., making a contribution to society and beautiful art," Moen said. "Students learn how to see the world differently when they have experiences with visual and aural media. They are motivated and capable of designing a new propeller to preserve manatee habitat."

Foreign language proficiency, art, music, and physical fitness activities help students gain social balance and self awareness. Opportunities for language instruction in French, Spanish, and Japanese start at the pre-K level and continue through eighth grade.

"Language is important," she said. "Globally, it's really valuable, to develop tolerance, as well as proficiency in other languages."

Cedar Crest focuses on all five minds, while allowing students to develop their individual gifts, using the latest research-based teaching techniques.

"Our goal is to teach and guide students to make a difference with their thinking, and serve as a model for educational communities," Moen said. "We only have 6-7 hours a day with students. We make the time very meaningful, productive, and fun."

The school's wooded setting off Dixie Highway offers classroom and outdoor learning opportunities on a campus that includes a passive-solar classroom building, Early Childhood Center, computer, science, foreign language laboratories, library, art, music studios, and a gymnasium.

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Evergreen is centered around the family. They are a small town family owned and operated home care agency.

What can be found consistently in the care workers are big hearts.

"I trust them completely," said Hope Flores Alesi.

Her father is 90 years old and has dementia, and Alesi said her father did not trust easily.

But when his caregivers from Evergreen walked into his house and were gentle and kind, he bonded with them and trusted them completely.

"They are the poster children of what caregivers should be and are wonderful," said Alesi.

"Every week they came in and treated him like he was their grandfather. All home care workers should aspire to the quality of care we received from these wonderful,

caring competent women."

Evergreen allows patients to stay in the comfort of their home instead of staying in the hospital or nursing home.

"The whole purpose is to keep people in their home as long as possible," said Owner Janis Kelterborn.

"We want to work with the local people that need us. We are very committed to the comfort and well-being of our patients."

For each employee at Evergreen, it's not just about providing medical care or providing personal care assistance, but giving their patients pieces of themselves – their heart and their time.

Whether it is something small like remembering a birthday or sitting down and spending the extra time, just to chat.

They realize many times the contact their senior patients have with their nurses may be the only human contact some of them all week.

They have donated a mattress to one of their patients so he would have a bed to sleep on.

Kelterborn's husband traveled to Caseville and picked up the mattress, then took it to Southfield, and Kelterborn pro-

vided the sheets.

Evergreen has a loyal following of surgeons, physicians and case managers because of the exceptional care they give to all patients.

"We are here to serve the community," said Kelterborn. "We realize the personal touch our company provides aids the patient physically as well as emotionally. We really care about what we do."

Evergreen Health Services, Inc. is a Certified Medicare Home Health Care agency which provides nursing and therapy as well as non-skilled aides and companions to maintain seniors' independence and dignity as long as possible under the physicians' orders.

Services available include Skilled Nursing R.N.s, Home Care Aides, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Medical Social Worker.

Evergreen accepts Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, many Medicare Advantage plans, private health insurance and private pay.

Evergreen Health Services, Inc. is located at 6510 Town Center, Suite B off of Sashabaw Rd. and Waldon Rd.

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Janis Kelterborn

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# VIP Training offers wide variety of fitness programs

VIP Fitness is the most unique physical training facility in Clarkston, Michigan. I say this only because I've been to many gyms and health clubs in the area, and I've never seen this type of set up or training programs before.

The owners of VIP, Dr. Michael and Gerald Lockwood, created their training programs and their training facility with one thing in mind, "Getting Results!"

The training programs are tailored to the client's ability and goals. Each person that comes to VIP gets a complete fitness evaluation before they start their program.

This evaluation was designed to figure out the individual's current level of fitness. Once this level is determined, the workout program will be designed so the individual can advance their level of fitness with each workout, while at the same time reaching their fitness goals.

I was very surprised at the amount of different training programs VIP had to offer; anything from weight loss training to marathon training. Plus, they have different programs for several sports, including a speed and vertical program. It doesn't matter what you are trying to accomplish, when it comes to physical fitness, VIP has a program for you.

As I said before, the VIP Fitness Studio is like something I've never seen before. Sure, they have traditional weight training equipment, but they also have all types of other unique pieces of equipment.

Their gym has a monkey bar style pole coarse, ropes suspended from the ceiling, bungee cords attached to the walls, boxes as high as 30 inches to jump on to. I mean, this place is pretty different and the best part is that it's full of energy and fun.

VIP also offers a variety of fitness classes including boot



Trainer Adam Paulsen conducts Bootcamp workouts on Wednesday night.

camp and yoga. There's really too much to say about this place so I suggest you check it out, you will be impressed.

Plus, VIP offers open gym on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. where you can go in and workout under the supervision

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# Clarkston Brake offers top services at lowest prices

When Taressa of Ortonville's car broke down on her way through town, she managed to coast into Clarkston Brake and Muffler Service's parking lot.

"She broke down, came in here, and called her mom," said Don Greenacre, who owns the service shop along with Dan O'Connor.

"They were very good to her and got to repairing her car right away," said Taressa's mother, Nina.

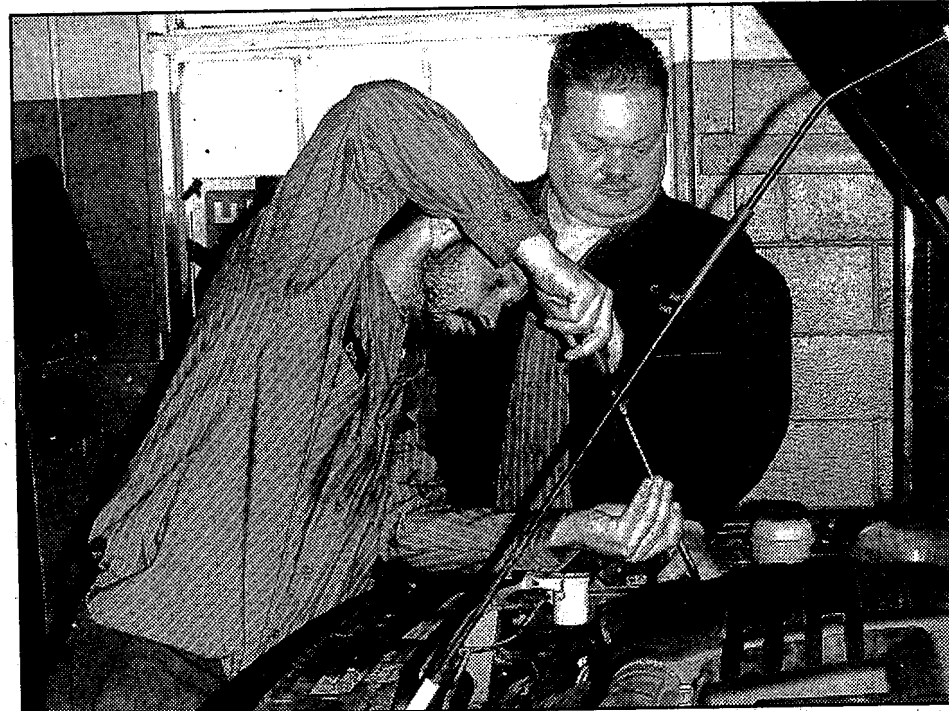
"When I called to find out the total cost of our bill, I was amazed when they said, \$50," Nina said. "They said, 'we know how it is in these hard economic times, and the other repairs you may need may be expensive, so we are not going to charge any labor, we are only going to charge you what the materials cost us.'"

"It wouldn't have been fair to pay for more," Greenacre said. "It was the right thing to do, to keep customers happy. A happy customer is a good customer."

In the long run, it pays off to be honest with customers, he said.

"Honesty goes a long way," he said. "If you're mean, they tell 10 people. If you're nice, they'll tell people that, too. It comes back to you. That's just the way I learned it."

Greenacre and O'Connor bought Clarkston Brake and Muffler Service, 148 N. Main Street, this past October.



Dan O'Connor, left, and Don Greenacre own and operate Clarkston Brake and Muffler Service.

"We have a good clientele, but we always need more," Greenacre said.

They worked at the shop for about eight years before they were offered ownership.

"We put our money together and bought it," said Greenacre, Independence Township resident for the past 25 years.

O'Connor, former Clarkston resident,

stayed with the shop even after he moved to Flint.

"This is my job," he said. "I love the customers here. Customers have become my friends."

Both have a lifetime of experience working on cars, and offer muffler, brake, shock, front end, oil change, minor repair, and other services at the shop.

"It's a lot of work – everyone has a car," O'Connor said. "It keeps me busy."

"Cars are easy to repair, it comes naturally," Greenacre said. "I've gotten good at it. I have a lot of experience."

Offering top service at the lowest price is their top priority, beating any written estimate by 20 percent.

"We warrantee and guarantee all our work," Greenacre said. "No one can beat our prices. We own and operate the shop. We don't have to pay managers."

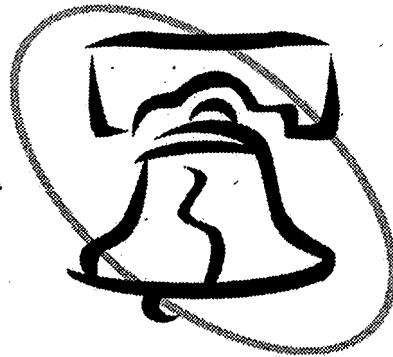
"We just have to pay ourselves, nothing to corporate," O'Connor said.

Clarkston Brake and Muffler Service offers free inspection, estimates, tire check and rotation, and battery checks on all vehicles, foreign and domestic. They also service commercial accounts.

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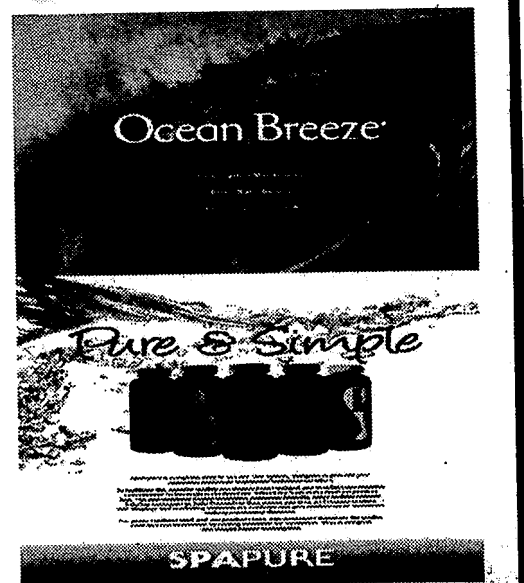


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# There's hope beyond foreclosure

## Experienced realtor key to finding your way out

By Patti Gilman  
Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate  
[www.callpatti.com](http://www.callpatti.com)

One thing we in Michigan constantly hear from around the country is that our economic situation is *hopeless*.

As a Realtor, I can't control what people say or what they believe about our current predicament. What I CAN help control is how people feel when they're upside down in their mortgage.

I want to tell you, that no matter your situation, **THERE IS HOPE.**

It doesn't matter if you're behind in your payments or not, when you work with a quali-



**Patti Gilman**

fied Realtor and lender, there are always options.

Whether you work towards a **loan modification**, a **short sale** or engage your rights in a **foreclosure** process, there are ways you

can manage your current situation in your favor.

### Loan Modification

Under the terms of a loan modification negotiated with your lender, you can potentially move from an adjustable rate mortgage to a fixed mortgage and from a higher interest rate to a lower one, depending on your credit, equity and the ability to pay. This must all be coordinated with the lender.

### Short sale

If you owe more money than your home is worth, we can negotiate with the lender(s) to get them to accept less than what is owed, with the eventual goal of; doing the least amount of damage to your credit, getting the bank the most they will be able to get, and owing no money at the end of the process.

That's the tricky part. The ultimate goal is to have it reported to the credit bureau and have the home paid off as agreed. That way you know the debt is settled.

Ultimately if the short sale option does not work, your lender can take it all the way to ....

### Foreclosure

Even in the event of foreclosure, you have rights in the State of Michigan. For instance, you, as the homeowner, have a redemption period of six months (or a full year if you're on three or more acres).

These rights allow you to stay in your home during this period without having to pay your mortgage.

Remember, this should be your **LAST** resort.

With a foreclosure, not only are you damaging your credit, you are contributing to the huge inventory of bank owned homes in the market, which in turn is contributing to your neighbors' inability to live in a home that is worth more than they owe.

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Working with an experienced Realtor who can offer you help with all of these options is the key to truly know and take advantage of your opportunities. There's **ALWAYS** hope.

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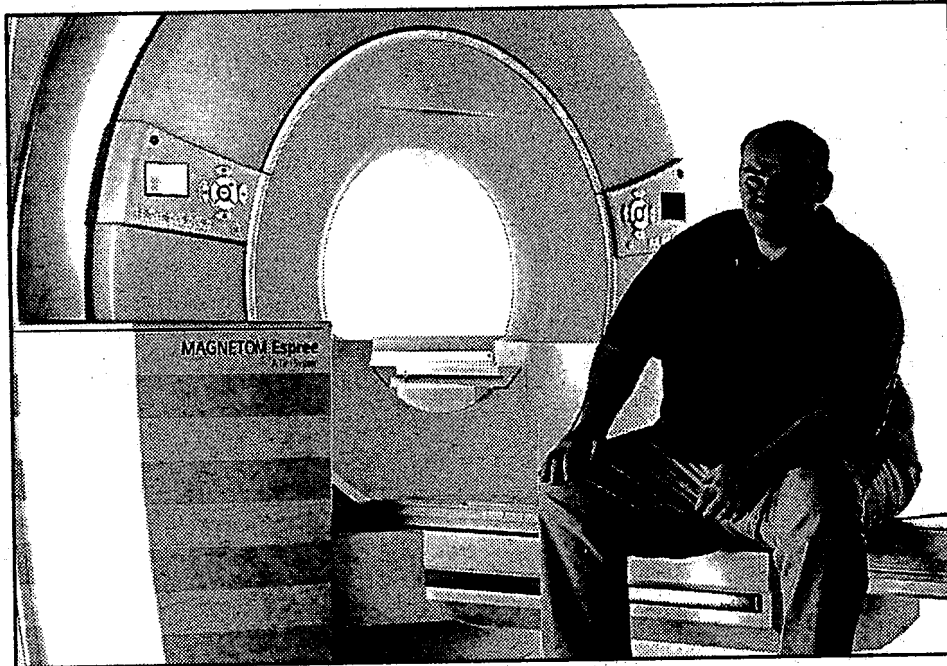


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MRI's mobile unit is located in the Clarkston Health Center at 5625 Water Tower Place Suite 122 (near the corner of White Lake Road and Dixie Highway) and in Oxford at the POH Medical Office Building at 385 N. Lapeer Road. Additional Michigan Resonance Imaging locations include POH Regional Medical Center in Pontiac, Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center in Mount Clemens, Sterling Heights, and Clinton



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# SafeBet Hidden Fencing keeps pets safe, products affordable

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.

"When we set this business up, the idea 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 afford."

That's great news, especially with the current economic climate. SafeBet's low prices haven't increased and reflect the affordable-but-top-notch product and services. Badour maintains he and his company are committed to offering great products and services for a reasonable price.

For six years SafeBet has served southeastern lower Michigan. The result? Thousands of happy pet owners. Their happiness stems from Badour's business offering a safe, economical alternative to chain-link fencing.

There are 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," Badour said.

His product, Hidden Fence, is 99.2 percent effective at training a dog to respect the boundaries within a yard. Also, Hidden Fence can save pet owners thousands of dollars compared to wood or metal fence installation.

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," said Badour, who uses Hidden Fence to keep his dog, Bella, from terrorizing the neighbors. "Once they hear that warning tone that is all it takes."

Hidden Fence's collar interacts with a boundary of wire installed into the ground. The process of setting up the wire takes be-

tween 2-4 hours. Badour and his crew slice open the ground in order to thread Hidden Fence across the yard. The grass makes a

whatever they need, from any problems they have with the system to training their dog."

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 at [www.safebethiddenfence.com](http://www.safebethiddenfence.com).

SafeBet is proud of making pet protection and training products more affordable for

everyone. SafeBet Hidden Fencing is available for appointments year round, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please call 810-654-9377 or visit them at [www.safebethiddenfence.com](http://www.safebethiddenfence.com) to set up an installation time.



Randy Badour and his dog, Bella, are now in their sixth year of business.

complete recovery within days of installation.

"We're a local business," he said. "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

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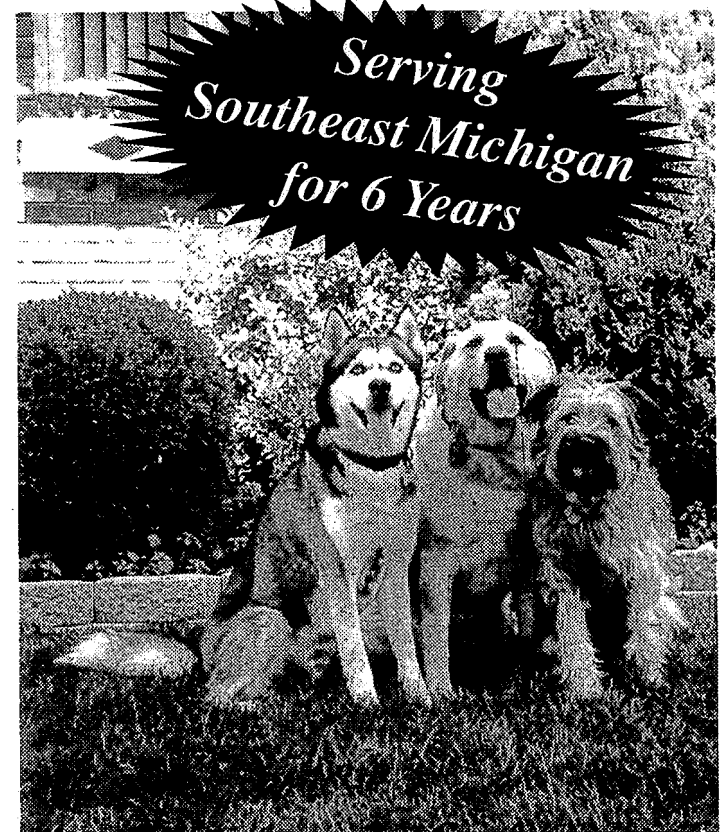
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# Michigan College of Beauty prepares students for a growing field

Michigan College of Beauty has been established in the beauty industry for over 40 years and will continue.

"With the economy in the situation that is currently experiencing, we as school owners have seen a growth in this field," said Financial Aid Director, Deanna Dereere. "Many dislocated workers realize it is a great opportunity for them to make career changes."

There will always be a need for our services," Dereere continued. "Our work cannot be performed by robots and machines. We can not be outsourced to another country for a lesser cost."

Sources have taken notice, *U.S. News and World Report* listed Cosmetology as one of the 30 Best Careers for 2009.

"This growing field was listed having the highest rate of job satisfaction along with a very achievable training period," said Dereere. "This makes it very popular."

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.

The school is also open to clients and offer all services for hair, skin and nails.

"What we can offer to our clients are salon services at discount prices. Our student salon services at discount prices," said Dereere.

The student salon services are performed by supervised senior students. The students are available to service clients after completing 350 hours in the classroom.

"We have experienced educated instructors who oversee all services performed," said Dereere.

Michigan College of offer day and evening classes. Students who attend full time can complete the Cosmetology program in less than a year.

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'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."

As 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.

Upon graduation, Michigan College of



From left are Ms. Kim, Ms. Deanna, Ms. Christie and Ms. Cassandra.

Beauty has the resources available in assisting our students in securing employment.

"It has been an extremely rewarding experience to watch our students enter into the field of Cosmetology, Manicuring, and/or Esthetics and grow into well-trained educated Cosmetologists, Manicurists or Estheticians and knowing they have gained the skills and knowledge to support themselves and their families in the future," said Dereere.

Michigan College of Beauty is located at 5620 Dixie Highway in the Waterford Village

Shopping Center.

For more information, call 248-623-9494 or go to [www.michigancollegeofbeauty.com](http://www.michigancollegeofbeauty.com).

"If you have never tried our services, I strongly recommend you come to our school and give us the opportunity to service your beauty needs," said Dereere.

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## Tips on looking for housing for an elderly relative.

by Sandy Mabery

Owner of Pine Tree Place Assisted Living

At some time, everyone will probably need to find alternative housing for an elderly relative. This can be a very confusing path to walk down with lots of twists and turns. The first thing that everyone needs to know is that the government does not necessarily take care of the cost of long-term care. Medicare pays for up to 100 days of rehabilitation, as prescribed by a doctor, and ends when no further improvement is noticed. At that point you usually have three choices:

1. Take them back home. If they cannot live independently, you will need to hire a nurse, home health care aides, companion care services or elect family members to help with the care. Unfortunately, these options are generally in four hour blocks of time. Paying for 24-hour home care can run as high as \$8,000 to \$10,000 per month, depending on the care needs of the elderly person.

2. Move them to a senior apartment or assisted living facility, depending on their needs and financial situation. Both of these options are private pay.

3. Move them into a skilled nursing facility. Medicaid subsidizes the cost for skilled care, but only after you pay privately first and use up all of the resident's personal savings. Each skilled care facility will have different admission requirements, depending on their overhead costs and the number of Medicaid beds they have. Some require the resident to have up to three years of private pay funds (approximately \$300,000) before they will admit them into their facility. Many skilled facilities have waiting lists, and sadly, an elderly person with small savings will have very few facilities to choose from.

If your relative has Alzheimer's disease you will need to look for a facility that specializes in that type of care. These facilities are usually smaller and are equipped with a system to prevent the residents from wandering undetected outside. They also have higher staff to resident ratios. The cost for this specialized care can be more expensive.

Check out [www.alternativesforseniors.com](http://www.alternativesforseniors.com). It is a great on-line resource tool for investigating all types of long-term care and has a great search engine. The following is a description of the different types of facilities that exist in Michigan.

### Skilled Care Facility, Convalescent Homes, Nursing Homes

Large institutional facilities that provide room, meals and 24-hour medical care for elderly residents that are licensed by the State of Michigan. These facilities accept Medicare, Medicaid and private pay. Rooms may be private or may be up to four residents in a room. Costs usually start around \$265 per day (\$8,000 per month).

### Large Assisted Living Facility (licensed)

Large facilities that provide room, meals, activities and 24-hour non-medical personal care for elderly residents. These facilities house 60+ residents, generally on two or more floors, and are licensed by the State of Michigan as a "Home for the Aged." By law they can be as small as 21 beds, but smaller ones are not very common due to construction cost requirements. They have additional fees for medication disbursement and generally have extra fees for high levels of care. These are private pay only and generally are new construction. They have semi-private, studio and one bedroom units without kitchens priced from \$125 to \$260 per day (\$3,800 to \$8,000 per month). They have separate staff for cooking, cleaning and caregiving.

### Large Assisted Living Facility (unlicensed)

Some larger assisted living facilities are unlicensed and therefore must contract all personal care services through a Home Health Care Agency. These facilities only provide room and meals and have additional ala carte charges for personal care and medication management. They do not provide true 24-hour care. They have semi-private, studio, one and two bedroom units (some with kitchens) priced from \$1,600 to \$4,200 per month. American House offers a MI-Choice waiver which combines HUD money for low-income seniors with Medicare dollars for personal care, but there is generally a waiting list. They have separate staff for cooking, cleaning and caregiving.

### Assisted Living Homes, Large Adult Foster Care Group Home, Personal Care Home

Small residential facilities housing 13 to 20 residents that provide room, meals, activities and 24-hour non-medical personal care for elderly residents, licensed by the State of Michigan as a "Large Adult Foster Care Group Home." These are generally remodeled homes, but larger ones are sometimes new construction. All personal care and medication management is included in the monthly fee but many have extra fees for higher levels of care. Medication management is included in the base monthly fee. These are also private pay only. Rooms are generally studio-type, single occupancy rooms or semi-private rooms with prices ranging from \$80 to \$200 per day (\$2,500 to \$6,000 per month). The staff

are usually universal workers that are required to do cooking, cleaning and caregiving.

### Assisted Living Home, Personal Care Homes, Small Adult Foster Care Group Home

Small residential facilities housing seven to thirteen residents that provide room, meals, activities and 24-hour non-medical care for elderly residents licensed by the State of Michigan as a "Small Adult Foster Care Group Home." These facilities are almost exclusively remodeled neighborhood residential homes. All personal care and medication management is included in the monthly fee. Generally the rooms are semi-private or private, all having shared bathrooms with prices ranging from \$60 to \$100 per day (\$1,800 to \$3,000 per month).

### Assisted Living Home, Personal Care Homes, Adult Foster Care Family Home, Group Home

Small residential facilities housing six or fewer residents that provide room, meals, activities and 24-hour non-medical care for elderly residents licensed by the State of Michigan as an "Adult Foster Care Family Home." Owner/operator is required by law to live in home. Exclusively remodeled or existing homes. All personal care and medication management is included in the monthly fee. Generally the rooms are semi-private or private, all having shared bathrooms with prices ranging from \$60 to \$100 per day (\$1,800 to \$3,000 per month).

### Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC)

Large institutional facilities that offer independent living apartments, assisted living and skilled nursing care at one site. These are exclusively new construction

### Senior Housing, Independent Living Apartments, Retirement Villages

Generally large apartment complexes catering to the elderly that do not offer any care, but will at times offer limited meals and activities in an attached community dining room. Units are generally one or two bedrooms with kitchens and are priced from \$1,600 to \$2,500 per month. Many of these facilities have their own bus which residents may use for doctor visits or errands.

### Home Health Agency

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# Service makes Clarkston Brandon credit union stand out

During a time when other financial institutions are restricting credit, reducing credit lines and increasing rates, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union (CBCCU) is continuing to provide loans to members at the same low rates, flexible terms, and fast processing. We are dedicated to continuing business in a manner that will maintain our position of strength and stability.

CBCCU has been in your local community for over 50 years. The one thing that has not changed in those 50 plus years is our dedication to individual member service! The Clarkston office is at 8055 Ortonville Road and the Brandon Office, 4 South St., Ortonville.

"Anyone who lives or works within Clarkston or Brandon or has a relative that's a member is eligible to join the credit union," said Donna Bullard, President and Chief Executive Officer of CBCCU.

"This includes students in both school districts. We sponsor five student run credit union branches in the Ortonville-Brandon school district. The partnership that has developed between the school district and the credit union has been phenomenal. It's a wonderful experience to see the students actually learning life job skills and financial responsibility all at the same time. The best part is the kids actually do



Front from left, Sarah Smith, Donna Bullard and Sheila Hughes. Standing from left, Mike LaJoice, Patty Dubois, Suzanne Schmidt, Jennifer Adcock, Kathy Kelly, Valerie Peterson and Chris Gifford. The staff at the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union.

all the work at these branches."

The commitment to the younger members is obvious from the student run credit union branches to the Zoogles Kid Club for members 11 years old and under. We

make financial literacy fun!

CBCCU is full-service, including not only lower rates on loans but also higher rates on savings and certificates, an on-site ATM at the main office, and VISA credit

and Mastercard Debit cards. They offer IRA certificates, an in-house investment advisor and planner and much, much more. All accounts are insured up to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund U.S. Government Agency. IRA accounts are also insured up to \$250,000.

"Sometimes it's hard to decide what makes financial institutions different. I can tell you what makes CBCCU different and that's our service. Our members are treated individually. We hope every time they visit or call us or use our online services they feel that they've had an exceptional experience. With technology changing the way our members choose to do their financial business, we still strive to make our service the best," said Bullard.

Current technology allows members to use online services to view their accounts and also to use online bill payment options.

"When you call, you will talk to a real person and if you need help, someone will always take the time to answer your questions."

The 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, Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon.

## 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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# 30 years of award-winning landscaping at Lowrie's

After 30 years in the landscaping business, Tom Lowrie still loves it.

"This is my passion," said the owner of Lowrie's Landscape. "It can be so much fun. It's like taking a ball of clay and molding it into something really nice. You take a raw mound of dirt and make it come to life, with sights and sounds. It's one of the most rewarding occupations you can do."

With the economy the way it is, landscaping is more important than ever, he said.

"People are spending more time at home. They vacation in their backyard," he said. "Second homes and cottages are too expensive, so people invest more in their outdoor living areas, with water fountains and outdoor kitchens."

Landscaping is also a cost-effective way to enhance curb appeal, he said.

"Houses are losing value," he said. "It's important to maintain and keep up your grounds. The easiest way to do that is to mulch and dress up your beds, for a nice clean look."

Customers can depend on Lowrie's experienced staff of professional, award-winning landscape designers, horticulturalists, hardscape and softscape construction crews, and water garden designers.

Available for retail is topsoil, sand, stone, wood mulch, gravel, and other bulk supplies, and boutique items, personally chosen by Lowrie and Sue Carter, retail manager, at trade shows all over the country.

"Sue has different tastes than I have, so we don't just get what I like," Lowrie said. "We have a lot of unique items."

Lawn and garden art includes cement sculptures, trellises, pottery, urns, arbors, decorative wall hangings, Moon Valley rustic furniture, as well as ponds, fountains, and waterfalls.

Showcasing them is a new kitchen area behind the business, with tent, seating up to a 100, granite top kitchen, artificial-turf putting green, and play structure, available for rent by the public.

"Come and party and entertain in Lowrie's backyard," he said. "I hosted a function here, and someone asked, 'gosh, why don't you rent this out.' It dawned on me that there's a demand for it. This is a very nice setting. Why not offer something different?"

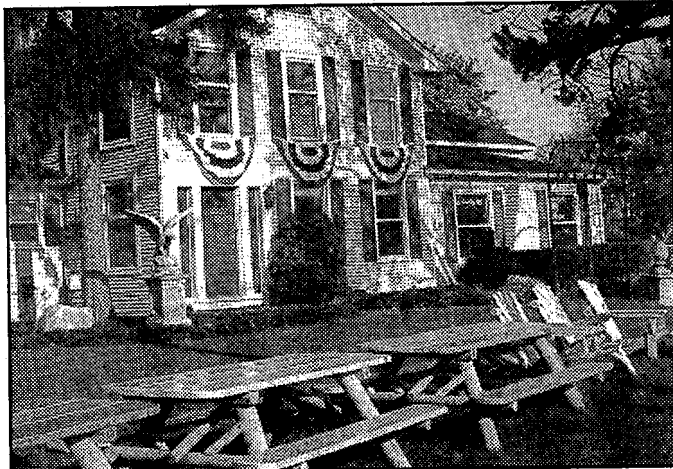
A graduate of Western Michigan University with degrees

in biology and agriculture, Lowrie started his business in 1979.

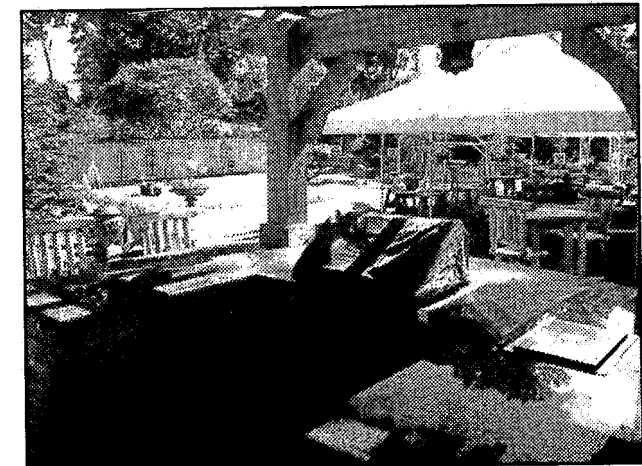
He won numerous Gold and Silver awards for his landscape designs and implementations through the Michigan Green Industry Association.

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*.

For more information, call Lowrie's Landscaping, located in a 180-year-old house at 9539 Dixie Highway, at 248-625-8844 or check [www.lowrieslandscape.com](http://www.lowrieslandscape.com).



Lowrie's Landscaping on Dixie Highway offers Moon Valley rustic furniture.



A new outdoor kitchen features grill, granite-top counter, tent, and putting green, available for rent.

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Landscape

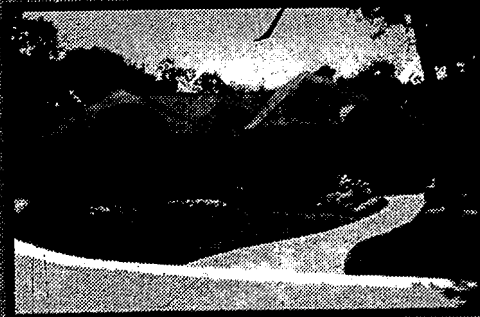
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<p><i>In Business 41 Years</i> <b>METROPOLITAN TREE, INC.</b> 1090 Croup Road, Ortonville 248-627-6316</p>	<p><i>In Business 29 Years</i> <b>POOLMART &amp; SPAS</b> 5738 S. Main (M-15), Clarkston 248-625-0729</p>	<p><i>In Business 25 Years</i> <b>JOHN BOWMAN CHEVROLET</b> 6750 Dixie Highway, Clarkston 248-625-5071</p>	<p><i>In Business 18 Years</i> <b>MICHIGAN RESONANCE IMAGING</b> 5625 Water Tower Place, Clarkston 800-233-0272</p>	<p><i>In Business 9 Years</i> <b>WOMEN'S INTEGRATED HEALTH</b> 5625 Water Tower Place, Clarkston 810-606-9190</p>	<p><i>In Business 5 Years</i> <b>ALLERGY &amp; ASTHMA CENTER</b> J. Younes, M.D. 292 S. Broadway, Lake Orion 248-693-4444</p>	<p><i>In Business 1 Year</i> <b>INDEPENDENCE POOL &amp; SPA</b> 6473 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston 248-922-9910</p>	<p><i>Coming Soon</i> <b>McLAREN HEALTH CARE VILLAGE</b> I-75 &amp; Sashabaw Road, Clarkston 810-342-1100</p>

## Premier Eyecare focused on quality vision care, service

Dr. Jonathan Garretson is focused.

As founder of Premier Eyecare in Clarkston, Jonathan Garretson, O.D., is committed to providing high levels of eye health and vision care to families in the Clarkston area.

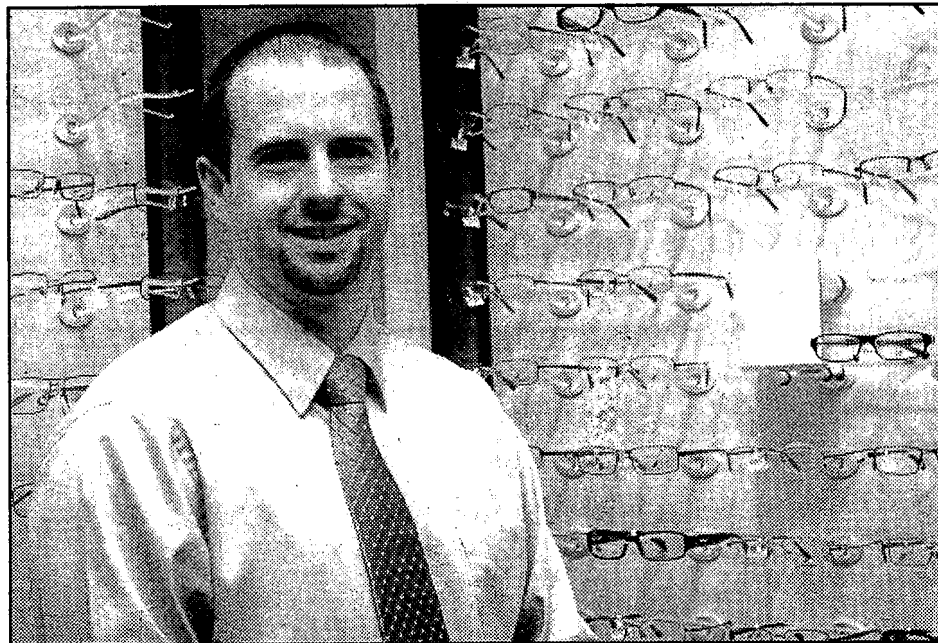
"Nothing contributes more to the quality of life of our community than the health of its people," said Dr. Garretson. "Our goal is to improve quality of life and overall health through education, prevention, and early detection, and to establish a lasting relationship with you, your family, and this community that we serve. I can't stress enough the importance of eye health for children and adults."

For children preventative eyecare is crucial and should begin at a very young age.

"Visual development is most dramatic between 6 and 12 months of age," he said, noting one in every 10 children is at risk for undiagnosed eye and vision problems.

"Children should receive preventative eye exams at the age of 6 months, at age 3, before entering first grade, and periodically during the school years. Early detection can prevent or reduce serious vision impairments such as strabismus and amblyopia."

Amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye, affects about 5 percent of children in the U.S. and is completely treatable if detected within the first few years of life.



Dr. Jonathan Garretson O.D is the founder of Premier Eyecare.

Parents often assume screening performed by a pediatrician or school nurse is sufficient to rule out all significant visual disorders.

However, Dr. Garretson explained, these screenings are limited and were not intended to replace a comprehensive eye exam.

"Children may not recognize that they

have a vision problem, particularly children who are too young to know the alphabet or even to speak," said Dr. Garretson.

As a person grows into adulthood, continuing care can not only help monitor ongoing eye health, it can detect other health problems—and potentially save lives—as well.

"Many diseases can be detected in the

early stages before the patient is even aware of them," Dr. Garretson said. "A thorough exam can help detect conditions such as glaucoma, cataracts, retinal thinning, and macular degeneration, and may also reveal early signs of diabetes, high blood pressure, and carotid artery disease."

Dr. Garretson has also been successful assisting patients who have experienced less-than-satisfactory outcomes elsewhere.

"I specialize in fitting difficult-to-fit contact lens patients secondary to disease or due to poor surgical outcomes," he said. "I have also found many patients who have tried contact lenses in the past and dropped out that can now be helped either by advances in technology or by my experience in choosing the right products."

At Premier Eyecare, the doctor and staff provide comprehensive care, the latest contact lens and eyeglass technology, along with personal service in a friendly, caring atmosphere.

Premier Eyecare will also be offering a no-cost, no-obligation health benefit to companies in the community that will enhance the vision health and overall health of their employees.

Premier Eyecare and Contact Lens Center is located at 5724 Clarkston Road.

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## Al Deeby Dodge exceeds customers' expectations

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.

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. We will continue to do so through these hard economic times. We strive to provide our customers the same quality in both sales and services with affordable prices they have always known."

A true leader in the community, Al Deeby Dodge supports several area organizations: Clarkston SCAMP (a five-week summer camp for children and young adults with special needs), Taste of Clarkston, 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.

Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston's 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 to 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

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.

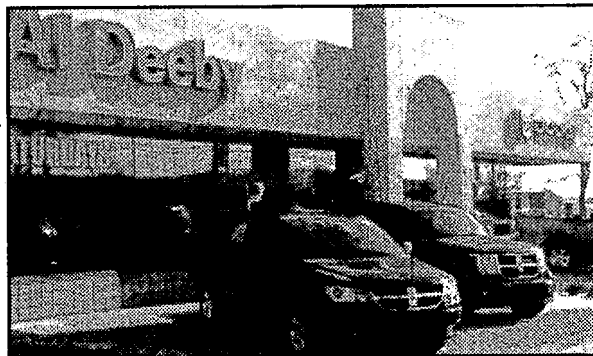
"Buying a vehicle at Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston is as easy as relaxing in the comfortable cyber cafe."

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.aldebydodge.com](http://www.aldebydodge.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.



# Metropolitan Tree Inc., personal, professional service

While other tree companies have come and gone—Metropolitan Tree, Inc. has continued to serve the area for more than 41 years. There must be a reason.

In addition to offices in Ortonville—Metropolitan Tree also has locations in both Clarkston and Detroit.

“We have worked all over Michigan,” said Ron Pepera, owner and community member since 1960.

A member of the Better Business Bureau, Metropolitan Tree and their employees take pride in the work they do and go out of their way to protect your property, surrounding trees and landscape while removing trees and stumps.

Metropolitan Tree has all the skilled man power, aerial lift trucks, chippers, stump grinders, heavy brush mowers and equipment to remove large and hazardous trees and stumps. Land clearing to the small jobs, commercial and residential.

Metropolitan Tree provides personal service to all our customers. Pepera is present on all jobs sites.

“We are fully insured for your peace of mind,” said Pepera. “Same full service at discount prices.”

When you call during business hours, you can talk to Bonnie—not a machine 98 percent of the time. Special arrangements can



Tony Colonna, Ken Lasky and Fred Torres of Metro Tree were contracted by Madison Heights School District to trim and remove trees along with cutting this 5-foot diameter dead white oak.

be made for unexpected tree work.

Whether trees pose a danger, become diseased or is damaged after a storm—the professionals at Metropolitan Tree are ready to

help.

Pepera reminds customers that liability and workman’s compensation insurance is needed prior to tree cutting or you will be

liable for injuries or damages.

In addition to qualified removal and disposal of diseased or infested trees, Metropolitan Tree also does contract work for counties, local municipalities, building contractors, commercial and residential customers.

During the past years, millions of area trees have become infested with a variety of diseases from Dutch Elm disease, to Emerald Ash Borer and recently the Sawyer beetles that feed on the bark and twigs of susceptible live pine trees.

“The Ash Borer has been killing trees locally, however, many are still standing,” said Pepera. “The problem is the roots rot first underground and are not visible. If a tree is dead for three years or more it’s ready to go over.”

“We understand that economically it’s tough right now,” said Pepera. “We can work with you to set up special conditions for payment. It’s much easier to deal with a standing tree now rather than a tree that has fallen on your house.”

Metropolitan Tree, 1090 Croup Road, Ortonville. Phone 248-627-6316 or toll-free 800-753-1633.

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# Farmers Insurance: one stop for all of your needs

Cheryl Van Deusen and her Farmers Insurance Agency have been fixtures in the Orion/Oxford area for more than 20 years.

With all Farmers has to offer, it's no wonder that they leave their clients satisfied.

"My big thing is service," Van Deusen said. "We do everything here at Farmers. Anything you need, we can do it."

"I think insurance companies, in general, are starting to become one-stop resources, and we've been doing that for years," Van Deusen added. "So we have an upper edge on the competition."

In addition to being licensed in financial services (for things like IRA's, mutual funds and variable life insurance), Van Deusen also specializes in auto, home, life, health and commercial (small business, worker's compensation) insurance.

Farmers Insurance recently started offering new auto that offers more options for coverage. They've also started a new homeowners policy that is tailored for today's economy.

Their identity fraud and prevention programs are constantly updated providing top-of-the-line protection for customers.

Van Deusen has been involved in the

insurance business for over 30 years, including the first ten years in claims, a fact that she says makes her more compassionate than most agents.

"I always follow-up with my clients and make sure everything is ok," Van Deusen said.

Van Deusen will go the extra mile for her clients, routinely working nights and weekends, the times when it is most convenient for the client.

"If I'm out on an appointment, I always get back to them," she said.

Van Deusen adds that she enjoys making visits to her clients' homes, because that is where they feel most comfortable.

"With kids and coordinating babysitters, it's usually easier if I just come to them," she said.

And now, with Farmers Insurance's great online options, taking care of your insurance needs is easier than ever.

"We've got online applications and it's really state-of-the-art," Van Deusen noted.

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To learn more about Cheryl Van Deusen and Farmers Insurance, visit [www.farmersagent.com/cvan](http://www.farmersagent.com/cvan) or call 248-393-8030.

Her branch is located at 3677 S. Lapeer Rd. and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, though appointments are encouraged. Evening and Saturday appointments are available.

At Christy Skrine's Farmers Insurance Agency, she and her friendly staff offer all Farmers insurance coverage, save financial services.

Skrine says she and her customers enjoy the ease and convenience of Farmers insurance.

"We're all busy," she said, noting that work and family can make it difficult to meet between nine and five. "I'm available when you're available."

Skrine focuses on building customer relationships and being a part of the community.

"That's what I love about this job," she said. "My kids grow up with my customer's kids. I share their same concerns."

Each year, her agency participates in Orion's car show and in a MILK event which provides a child identification pro-

gram in case of emergency.

Skrine says she supports her product to the fullest.

"My family has our insurance through Farmers," she said, which helps her be a more informed and helpful insurance agent.

"We try to keep customers as informed as possible so they know exactly what they're buying," she said.

Skrine estimates that Farmers Insurance offers customers the most discounts and the widest range of products and services.

She notes the significance of Farmers strong financial status even during the country's recession.

"We've remained strong in today's economy," she said, noting the JD Powers and Associates awards.

"Claims is where an agent should shine. That's when insurance is most important - when it's working for you," Skrine said.

"I trust Farmers. It's a good company."

Skrine, a Waterford resident, has worked in her Lake Orion office for 13 years. She's owned the agency for nine years, after she took it over from her father-in-law.

Christy Skrine and her Farmers staff are at 1120 S. Lapeer Road. Customers can reach her at 248-693-0050 or [staff.cskrine@farmersagency.com](mailto:staff.cskrine@farmersagency.com).



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# Allergy and asthma care is available close to home

Allergic disease is on the rise, especially among children. And it is increasing in severity.

The good news, expert care is available right here in your community - Allergy & Asthma Treatment Center is located at 292 S Broadway on M-24 in Lake Orion.

The center opened in 2003 "And since then we've been growing steadily, mostly from referrals from our own patients" Dr. Younes said.

Dr. Younes comes highly qualified and is on staff at Crittenton and Beaumont-Troy Hospitals and an active member in several medical societies.

He is a board certified pediatric and adult allergist-immunologist with background training and board certification in pediatrics.

As a board certified allergist-immunologist, Dr. Younes is uniquely positioned to assess the immune system and treat all aspects of allergic diseases from hay fever, eye allergy and sinus problems to asthma, food allergy, insect sting allergy, drug allergy, hives and eczema or atopic dermatitis.

"Allergy is mainly a disease of the young," Dr. Younes said, noting that most allergies, like food allergy and eczema, begin early in life.

At the center, the doctor and his staff focus on improving patients' quality of life.

"Here, we do a careful evaluation that includes a detailed history and assessment of the patient's home and work environment. We may also perform an allergy skin test if needed. We then use that information to guide our treatment."

Dr. Younes says his treatments help prevent absenteeism from work or school, and improve presenteeism, a term used to describe decreased productivity at work or school.

"Allergies can affect children and adults so they are not able to sleep well or concentrate, leading to cognitive impairment" Dr. Younes said, adding that in some cases children with allergies may seem to have attention deficit.

"Many people tend to underestimate their allergy and asthma symptoms and how it affects the quality of their lives," he said.

The doctor's treatment philosophy is focused on educating the patient and/or parents in order to empower them and help them gain control over their allergies.

"Our goal is to ultimately minimize the amount of prescribed medications and lower the cost of treatment," he said. And Dr. Younes will work with your regular physician to ensure coordination and continuity of care.

His practice has been very successful in



providing specific immunotherapy or allergy injections which desensitize the patients against their respective allergies.

"This is the closest thing we have to a cure," the doctor said. "Many of our patients are able to reduce medications or even eliminate them."

Dr. Younes and his staff deliver medical

treatment in a friendly and caring environment. His allergy nurses are highly trained and experienced. Together, they are committed to the community and proud that patients' referrals have helped their practice grow so much. Check out the practice website [www.myallergytreatment.net](http://www.myallergytreatment.net) or call for your appointment at 248-693-4444.

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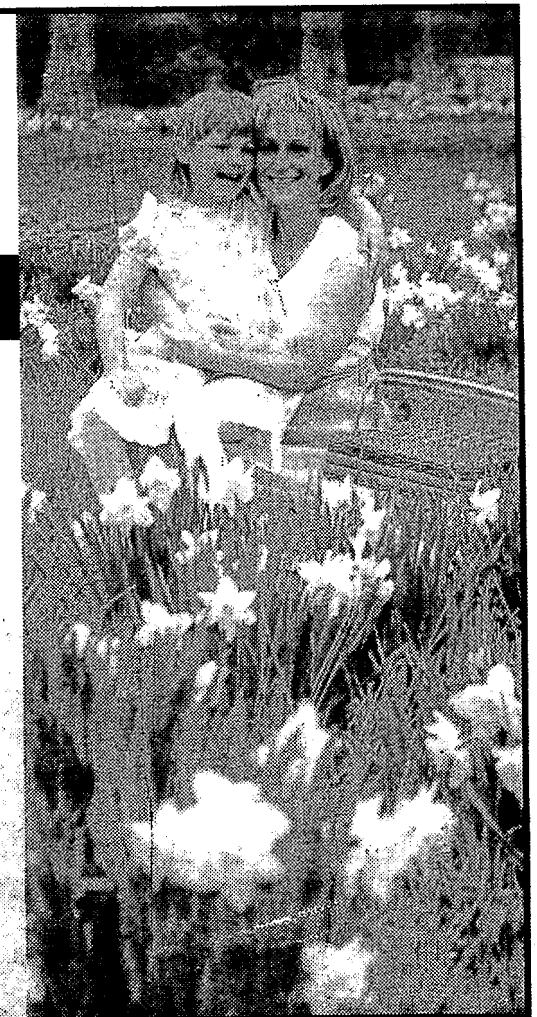
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# Coats Village Funeral Home-Sherman-Wilk Chapel

If you have gone outside our community for funeral services in the past you may want to rethink your future decisions.

"We have made many new improvements to the interior of the building with our eyes focused on the exterior when the weather improves," said Roy Langolf.

Renovations to the existing facility began in September 2008 and are ongoing. The lounge has been remodeled and updated to serve as a chapel for additional visitation. Doorways have been significantly widened to provide a more open and spacious floor plan. Other renovations include new glass paneled doors, wood trim, dry wall, paint and new carpeting have also been added.

"The entire staff are looking forward to providing the community with compassionate services in beautiful and comfortable surroundings," said Langolf.

At Coats Village Funeral Home-Sherman-Wilk Chapel, you can trust the knowledgeable and compassionate staff to take care of all your funeral planning needs. For nearly 30 years, residents of Atlas, Brandon, Groveland and Hadley townships have trusted the friendly professionals at your hometown funeral home.

"We pledge to serve our community in every way that we can," said Roy Langolf, manager of Coats Village Funeral Home-Sherman-Wilk Chapel 135 South St. in Ortonville.

"Whether making advance arrangements or requiring care and assistance at a time of need, we have the experience to answer all your questions about funeral planning and cremation."

The history of Coats Village Funeral Home-Sherman-



From left, Heather Coats, Roy Langolf and (standing) Robert Wilk. Photo by David Fleet.

Wilk Chapel is deeply rooted in the community.

Charles F. Sherman founded the funeral home in 1947, the first funeral "home" in Ortonville. Prior to this, funeral wakes were held in the deceaseds' homes, accord-

ing to village records. In 1980, Robert and Barbara Wilk purchased the funeral home from Dorothy and Charles Sherman and changed the name to Sherman Wilk Funeral Home.

The Coats family, and Langolf purchased the business in August from Robert Wilk, who will continue to work at the funeral home.

Langolf began working in funeral service in 1978 and received his funeral directors license in 1981. Roy and his wife Becky are natives of Marysville, Mich. and are eager to establish themselves in the Ortonville area with its small town values much like their childhood hometown.

They have been married for 27 years and have two children, Lindsay and Evan.

"We will be very supportive of the community and work to establish ourselves in the community."

Langolf will meet with the family to take care of all details, i.e. typing and filing the death certificate; securing burial or cremation permits; contacting cemetery, newspaper, and clergy; and filing for veteran flags and markers.

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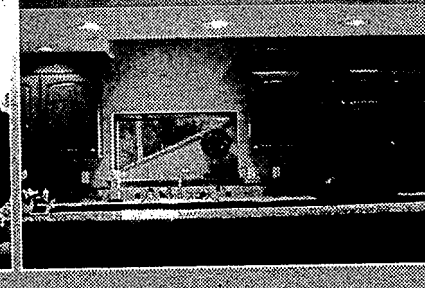
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# Lifelong Care at Women's Integrated Healthcare

For Dr. Thomas C. Wright, D.O., FACOOG, medicine has been a lifelong dream.

"I see miracles every day," said Dr. Wright, board certified Obstetrics and Gynecologic specialist at Women's Integrated Healthcare in Independence Township. "It's very rewarding."

Dr. Thomas Wright and his partners Dr. Keith Heslinger, Dr. Martin Lapa, and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Karen Taylor share the same beliefs, ideals, and goals - patients come first.

"We pride ourselves on giving the best personalized care to patients, and also having practices in Oakland and Genesee counties," said Dr. Wright.

Women's Integrated offers a variety of gynecologic services including well-woman care, infertility treatment, ambulatory and inpatient gynecologic surgery and comprehensive obstetric care from preconception counseling, to delivery to postpartum services.

"It is great to see our patients return year after year, through childbirth all the way up to and through their menopausal years," said Dr. Wright.

Keeping up with advances in technology has allowed them to be the first in the

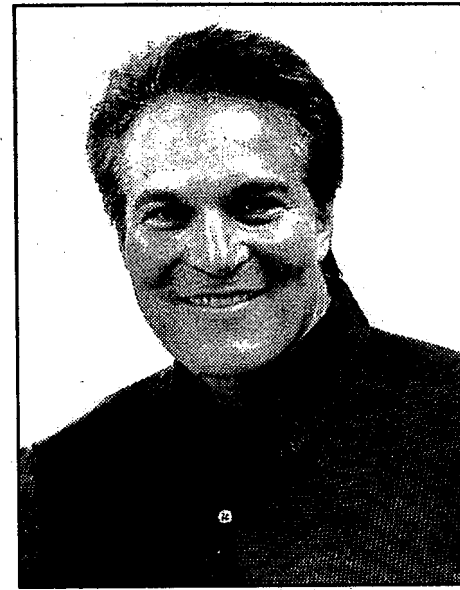
area to offer in-office procedures to their patients. They understand how important it is for their patients to be in as little pain as possible and to resume their daily activities and lives more quickly.

"At Women's Integrated Healthcare, we stay on top of the most recent procedures to offer our patients the best high quality care they deserve," said Dr. Wright.

"Our goal is to manage problems before they become problems. We offer services in an office setting that are just as effective, and more convenient. Cost savings are incredible."

They also offer in-office state-of-the-art procedures including Urodynamics testing for incontinence and bladder function, diagnostic hysteroscopy, NovaSure, which is the newest alternative to hysterectomy and hormone therapy for the treatment of excessive menstrual bleeding, and Essure, non-invasive method of permanent birth control. In-office 3D/4D ultrasound, and fetal non-stress testing are also offered.

In continuing to provide the best care for women that they can, they also offer Weight Away! Weight Loss Program, in conjunction with Belle Visage Salon and



Dr. Thomas C. Wright

VIP, personal training.

It is a medically, supervised weight loss program offering weight loss opportunity tailored to the patient's specific lifestyle needs.

The doctors started the practice in 1997, with offices in Grand Blanc, Davison, and Fenton. They opened the Clarkston

office at 5625 Water Tower Place, Suite 200, in 2002.

"I live in Clarkston," said Dr. Wright. "This is a great community. It does so much for us, I wanted to give back and support the community."

Dr. Wright received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital/Bi-County Community Hospital. Dr. Wright has trained at Hutzel Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Akron City Hospital, and also completed a consortium in Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education and Training through Michigan State University.

Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please contact your office of choice:

- 5625 Water Tower Place, Suite 200, Clarkston, MI 48346, 248-922-0615;
- 10004 Lippincott Boulevard, Davison, MI 48423, 810-653-0388 or 1-877-481-1588;
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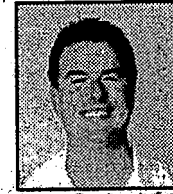
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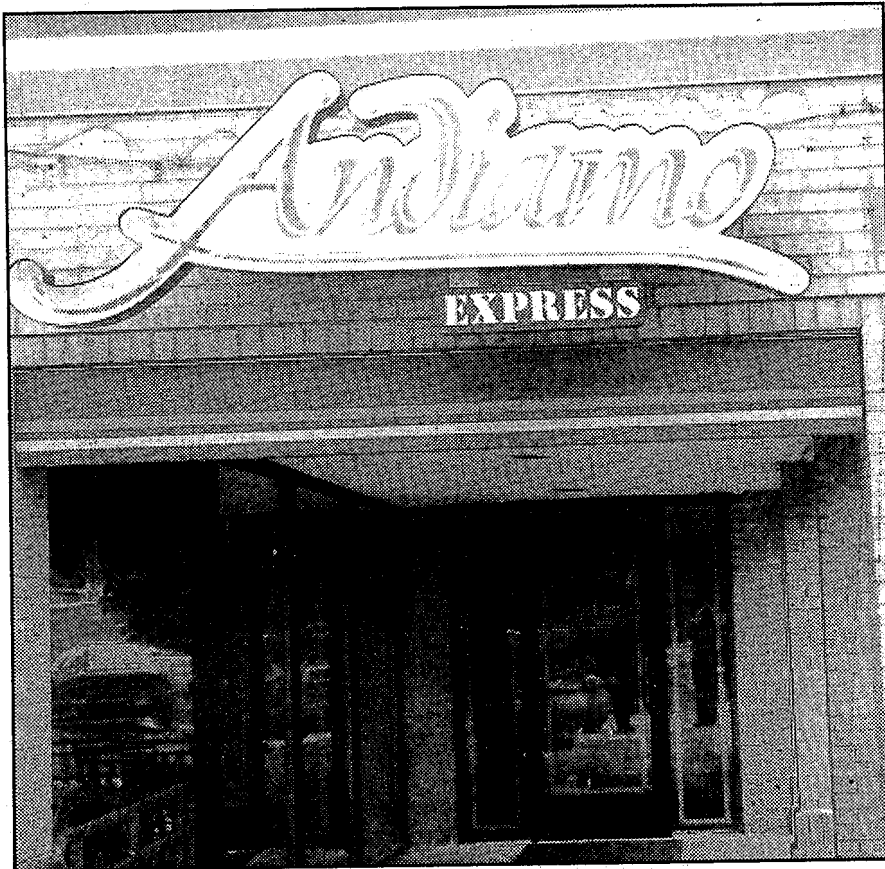


Thomas Wright, D.O.



Martin Lapa, D.O.

# Mesquite Creek features Andiamo Express



It's yummy, it's tasty, it's real Italian, and it's called Andiamo Express.

"It's like a hidden jewel or a little known store that's been opened as a part of Mesquite Creek, since we opened as the new Mesquite Creek back in January of 2007," said Tony Vitale, Mesquite Creek general manager.

Andiamo Express is an Italian specialty store featuring Italian pre-made goods, such as special salads, sandwiches, pastas and Italian groceries, and including things like special olive oils, vinegars, Italian gelato (Italian ice cream) pizza, and Italian food to go, as well as the entire Mesquite Creek menu to go as well.

As a part of entering the spring season, Vitale said Andiamo Express will be offering seven different flavors of gelato.

"Where going to have five flavors of gelato and two serbetto's all summer long, for people who want flavors like hazelnut, coconut, pistachio, chocolate, vanilla bean, Raspberry sorbetto, mango sorbetto," he said. "It's so amazing, it tastes like the real fruit."

Mesquite just started offering the Andiamo Express Pizza, an "old-style pepperoni pizza" usually \$12.95, at a promotional price, \$9.95 a pie.

"The Pizza is a homemade pizza, we make the dough right here, we make the sauce fresh

here. We use the real cheese, the good old-fashioned pepperoni and we do it in a stone oven," said Vitale "It's a unique taste and definitely an old time Italian style pizza."

Andiamo Express offers a wide variety of food to choose from, including different wraps such as chicken Caesar wraps, chicken fajita, steak fajita, and different types of cheese bread. Also, pizza by the slice, big sandwiches, such as a nice roasted turkey sandwich, imported olives, Pasta salad, tuna salad, chicken salad, potato salad, different kinds of fresh meats, cookies and desserts.

Vitale said customers can purchase the Andiamo Wine, all the Andiamo sauces from wine and mushroom, to wine and vodka, palmina, sessillion, ori viata, tomato basil, and the imported, different types of pastas.

"It's all available right here in Clarkston," he said. "You don't have to go all the way to Rochester or to Birmingham to find a specialty Italian store."

There is an entrance to Andiamo Express off the Mesquite Creek bar or a separate entrance from outside the building.

"A lot of people come in and order a pizza, maybe some fajitas or some ribs from the Mesquite Creek menu to go, and come into the bar to have a drink," said Vitale. "Then pick up their stuff and a head on out."

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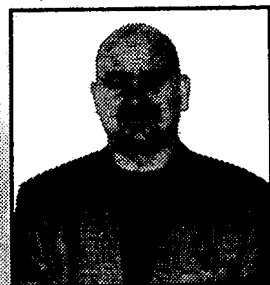


We invite you to enter the **Big Deal** Pizza Giveaway. Fill out the coupon found in the March **Big Deal** from your March 11<sup>th</sup> Penny Stretcher for your chance to win \$100 in free food from 4 pizza businesses. 4 people will win a total of \$400 in giveaways. Deadline to enter is April 28. Winners will be announced in May's **Big Deal** arriving in your *Penny Stretcher* May 13.

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# Baylis Animal Hospital: caring for animals and owners

It is obvious that Dr. Lincoln Baylis loves animals—he's been caring for them for more than 15 years as a veterinarian. What may not be quite as obvious is that he really cares for their owners, too.

"I really love the people as much as their pets," says Baylis, who celebrated the one-year anniversary of Baylis Animal Hospital, 50 S. Ortonville Road, on Feb. 4. "For both pets and people, from the time they come in, they're not just a number like some bigger places. I spend a lot of time with people so I can answer concerns."

His values and ethics come from his family and his faith and Baylis lives by the golden rule—treating others as he would like to be treated.

The response he has had from the community has been wonderful—he was named Best Veterinarian in *The Citizen's* Best of the Best contest in 2008.

When he began his practice last year, he was concerned about whether the timing was right considering the state of the economy, but reached his goal of where he wanted to be in six months, in just one month's time.

Baylis mainly cares for dogs and cats and offers surgical and dental procedures, chemotherapy, vaccinations, and all the latest technology in pet care, including digital x-rays with results in seconds and bloodwork



Dr. Lincoln Baylis with Brooksann Harshaw, Pam Warden and Melissa Iacobelli.

returned in under a minute.

"The treatment is faster and easier on the pet," said Baylis. "We have better technology, more accurate information and a quicker turnaround in starting treatment."

Baylis graduated from Michigan State University Veterinary School and has been a veterinarian for 16 years. He does not perform unnecessary procedures and is sensitive to the financial restraints of pet owners,

while helping their animals as much as possible.

"Especially with the economy, people are very happy they can get the biggest bang for their buck—the best care they can get for their animals without breaking the bank or putting too much financial strain on them," Baylis said. "I don't want owners to feel burdened if they can't afford a test."

He attributes his success to his faith, the community, and support from his family and staff, which includes his wife, Angie, the office manager, as well as Veterinary Technician Pam Warden, Licensed Veterinary Technician Melissa Iacobelli, and Receptionist Brooksann Harshaw, all of whom are local residents.

"I would like to see the practice grow, but I never want it to be so big that I can't spend time with patients and their owners," he said. "If I could be in a room all day long with them, that's where you'd find me. I'd like to see everyone get through these bad times and I think that will happen. When times are tough, people still love their pets, and I do, too."

Baylis Animal Hospital, 50 S. Ortonville Road, is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Details: 248-627-5500 or [www.baylisanimalhospital.com](http://www.baylisanimalhospital.com).

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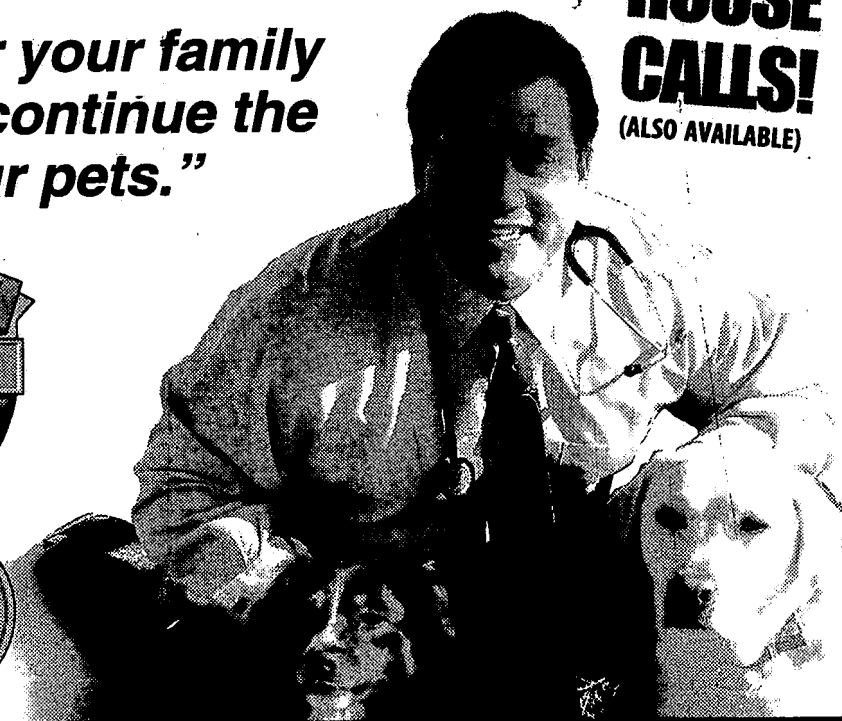
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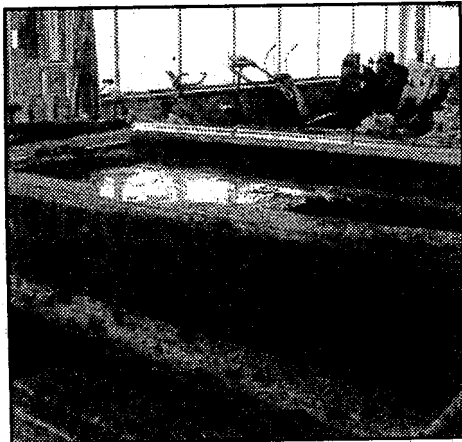
# Give your body the care it needs at NovaCare

Welcome to NovaCare Rehabilitation. We will have been serving the Clarkston community for 11 years in May.

We offer a wide variety of rehabilitation services, including but not limited to, traditional physical therapy services, aquatic/water therapy, sports rehabilitation, post-surgical rehab, and work conditioning.

Though our continued commitment to providing Clarkston with the best quality and personalized care has not changed in 11 years, one thing has changed. We have remodeled!

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facility includes an open gym with a variety of aerobic/resistive exercise machines, free weights, and a SwimEx pool.

We also have private treatment areas for evaluations and "hands-on" treatment.

Our staff includes three physical therapists and two physical therapist assistants.

One of our therapist will soon be a certified hand specialist.

Another therapist is a certified orthopedic manual specialist/orthopedic manual physical therapist.

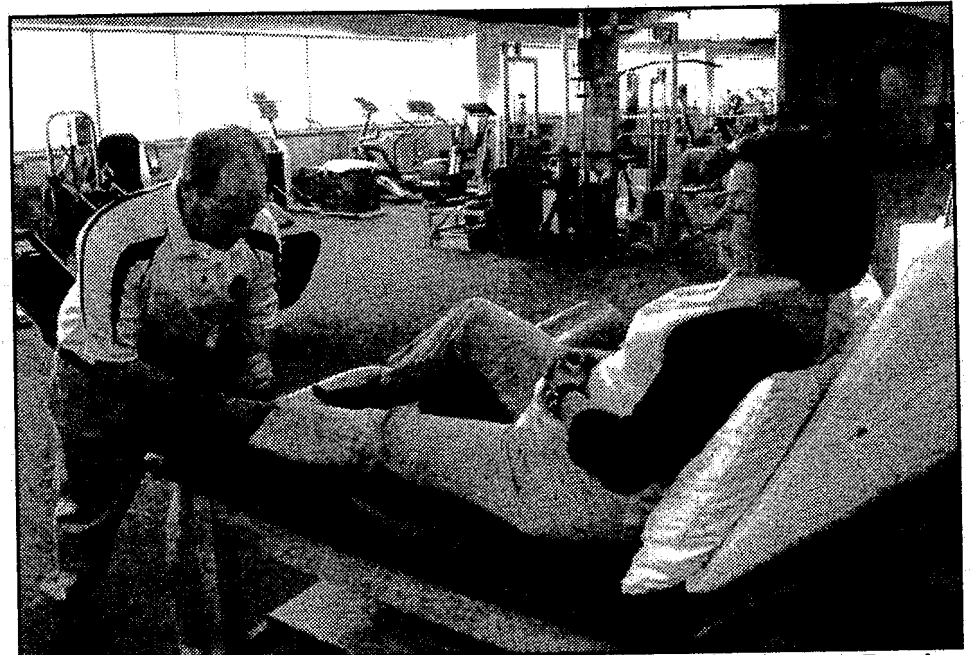
Our third physical therapist has his doctorate in physical therapy, which further demonstrates our commitment to our profession and so our patients have the best care possible.

We take pride in being a part of the community here in Clarkston.

We appreciate our community support and in-turn offer community education presentations and classes on topics including fall prevention and joint protection.

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Ryan Bean, MPT, OMPT demonstrates orthopedic manual on Brenda Ressler, PTA.

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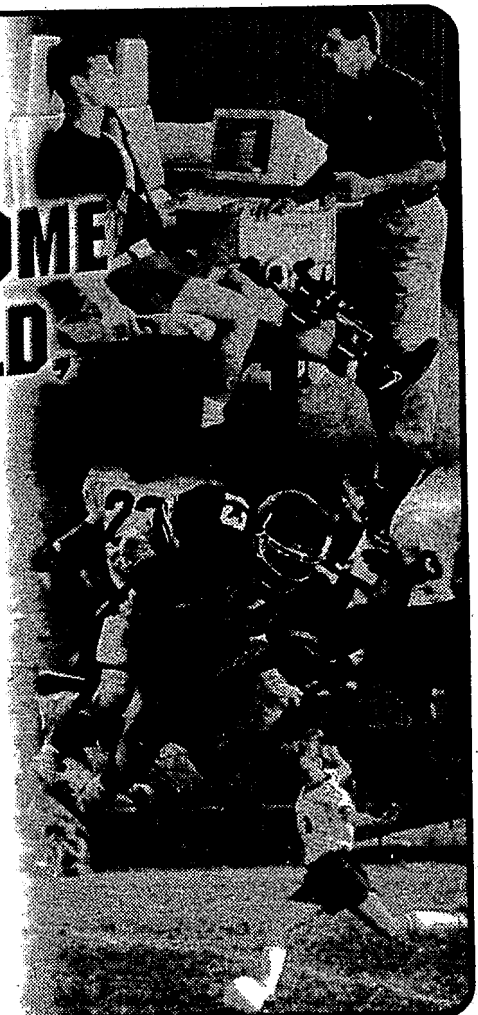
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# Clarkston Cleaning Service makes for a happy home

Dawn Raffler is picky, picky picky—and that's good news for her clients.

As the owner of Clarkston Cleaning Service, Dawn prides herself on exceeding the quality of service offered by her competitors.

"We don't do rotational cleaning," Dawn said. "We clean everything every time, and we send the same team out to clean your home every time. It just makes sense."

Each team, she said, consists of a team leader, a junior team leader and a cleaning specialist. Team leaders are responsible for making sure everything on a long checklist has been satisfactorily completed before leaving a home.

A team of three, Dawn said, also ensures the girls are in each home only a short period of time.

"People don't want you there all day long," she said. "They go in as a team and work very efficiently in order to get in and out."

Clarkston Cleaning Service opened in March 2001 and today cleans homes throughout Clarkston, Waterford and Davisburg.

"People are really busy these days and they'd rather pay someone to clean

the house so they can spend more time with their families," Dawn said. "It's not just wealthy people who want their homes cleaned anymore."

But, she said, those who want to arrange an occasional, or even a one-time cleaning are more than welcome to call for a free estimate.

"It's nice for a pick-me-up," Dawn said. "People are working longer days and having a harder time making ends meet right now, but it isn't that expensive to get your house cleaned once in awhile, and it can have a great effect on your mood when you come home to a sparkling clean house."

In addition to her standard services, Dawn recently partnered with Cleaning for a Reason, a national non-profit organization headquartered near Dallas, Texas.

The organization currently partners with 370 companies in 43 states to provide house cleaning to women undergoing cancer treatment.

"I've had family members who went through cancer treatments," Dawn said. "When you're doing radiation and chemotherapy, you don't have a lot of energy for anything, especially cleaning

the house."

But cancer treatments or not, she noted, people still want to live in a clean home.

"Women are the ones who really stress over it," she said. "They're thinking 'Oh, my best friend is coming over and the house is a mess.'"

The free service is available to women with cancer who live in the Clarkston area and have a Clarkston mailing address.

"My employees love it," Dawn said. "They keep telling me it feels so good to do something nice for these women. A lot of them have lost someone to cancer, so they're happy to help."

Clarkston Cleaning Service, located at 5912 South Main Street in Clarkston, offers free estimates and a satisfaction guarantee, is bonded and insured, and offers competitive rates. And recently, Dawn said, the company made a complete switch to non-toxic cleaning products, which they provide for every cleaning.

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Dawn Raffler, right, owns Clarkston Cleaning Service; her daughter, Amber Raffler, serves as the office manager.



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# Red Door Acupuncture leads to wellness

Billions of people over thousands of years have taken advantage of acupuncture.

Although it has just started to make its mark on the medical community here in the U.S., the impact is great and acupuncture is quickly becoming the medicine of choice for those seeking a natural, safe and effective way to get and stay well.

Acupuncture revolves around our bodies "qi" (pronounced "chee") and the disruptions in the qi mechanism due to stresses in our daily lives that leads to disharmony and therefore disease. Acupuncture can restore balance and harmony at its root.

Acupuncture can treat a wide range of issues but is most commonly sought for the treatment of pain, migraines, stress, infertility, menopausal symptoms, PMS, arthritis, digestive issues, allergies, cough/cold, insomnia and even cosmetically for facial rejuvenation. Children can also be treated with Chinese Medicine.

Treatment with Chinese Medicine includes acupuncture (shallow insertion of sterilized stainless steel disposable needles), moxabustion (burning of mugwort), tui na (muscle manipulation), cupping (glass suction cups), ear acupuncture, electrical stimulation and Chinese herbs.

Acupuncture needling is mostly painless,

contrary to common belief, and generally produces a state of relaxation. In fact, stress relief and relaxation are the most common side effects of acupuncture.

Tina Lee L.Ac., Dipl.OM is a long-time resident of Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1987. In 2008 she completed a 3,000-hour masters program in Oriental Medicine at Southwest Acupuncture College in Boulder, Colorado.

She has moved back to Michigan and started her own business (Red Door Acupuncture) hoping to provide the type of healing alternative that so many in the west already take advantage of — one that is natural, safe and most importantly, effective.

Tina Lee L.Ac., Dipl.OM and Red Door Acupuncture currently offer relief with acupuncture at Pink the Salon owned by Tina's sister Tammy Brimacombe. Pink is located at 7151 N. Main in Clarkston next to Brioni Deli.

A typical acupuncture treatment consists first of an initial intake including a brief medical history.

The acupuncturist, Tina Lee L.Ac., Dipl.OM, will then discuss your main complaint in detail to determine your Chinese Medical Diagnosis.

Each patient has a diagnosis and treat-

ment plan designed just for them based on all the information obtained.

Although several patients might seek treatment for the same condition (ie. arthritis) the Chinese diagnosis and treatment plan could be different for each person.

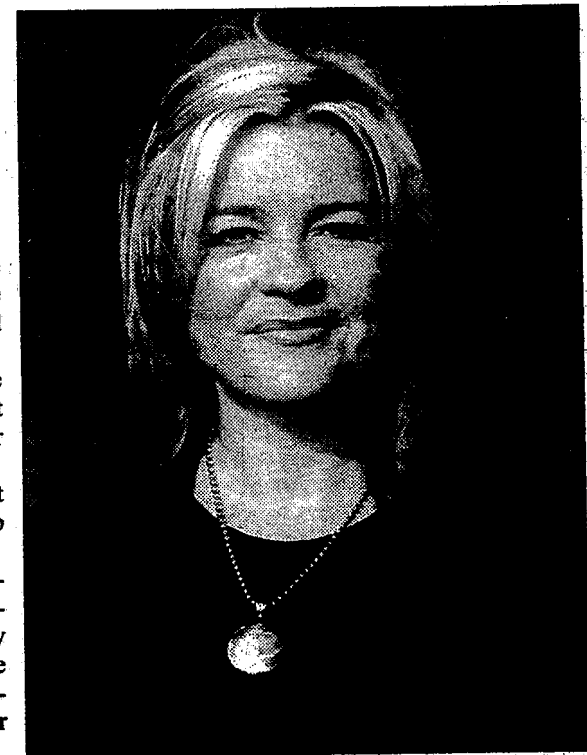
Acupuncture is mostly effective because it treats any condition at its root instead of just masking or managing symptoms.

This first treatment takes about an hour-and-a-half while follow-up treatments take about one hour.

Often times, a patient will experience relief from the original complaint and realize there are many other ailments that acupuncture and Chinese Medicine can effectively treat, thus seeking further treatment.

It is not uncommon for people to try to find reasons to come back so they can experience that "relaxed" feeling that is usually the result of any acupuncture treatment. That feeling comes from the rebalancing involved resulting in a more harmonious you.

Acupuncture is a safe natural treatment



Tina Lee recently opened Red Door Acupuncture near downtown Clarkston.

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Acupuncture is effective at treating a wide range of health issues, but is most commonly sought for the treatment of:

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arthritis • allergies • acid reflux • constipation • smoking cessation



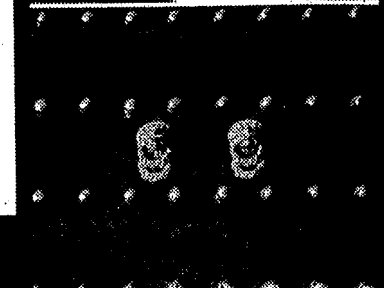
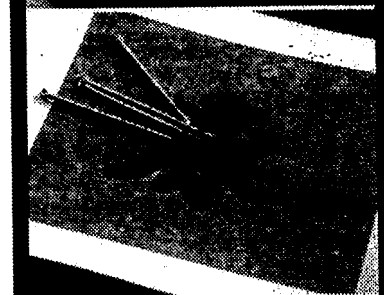
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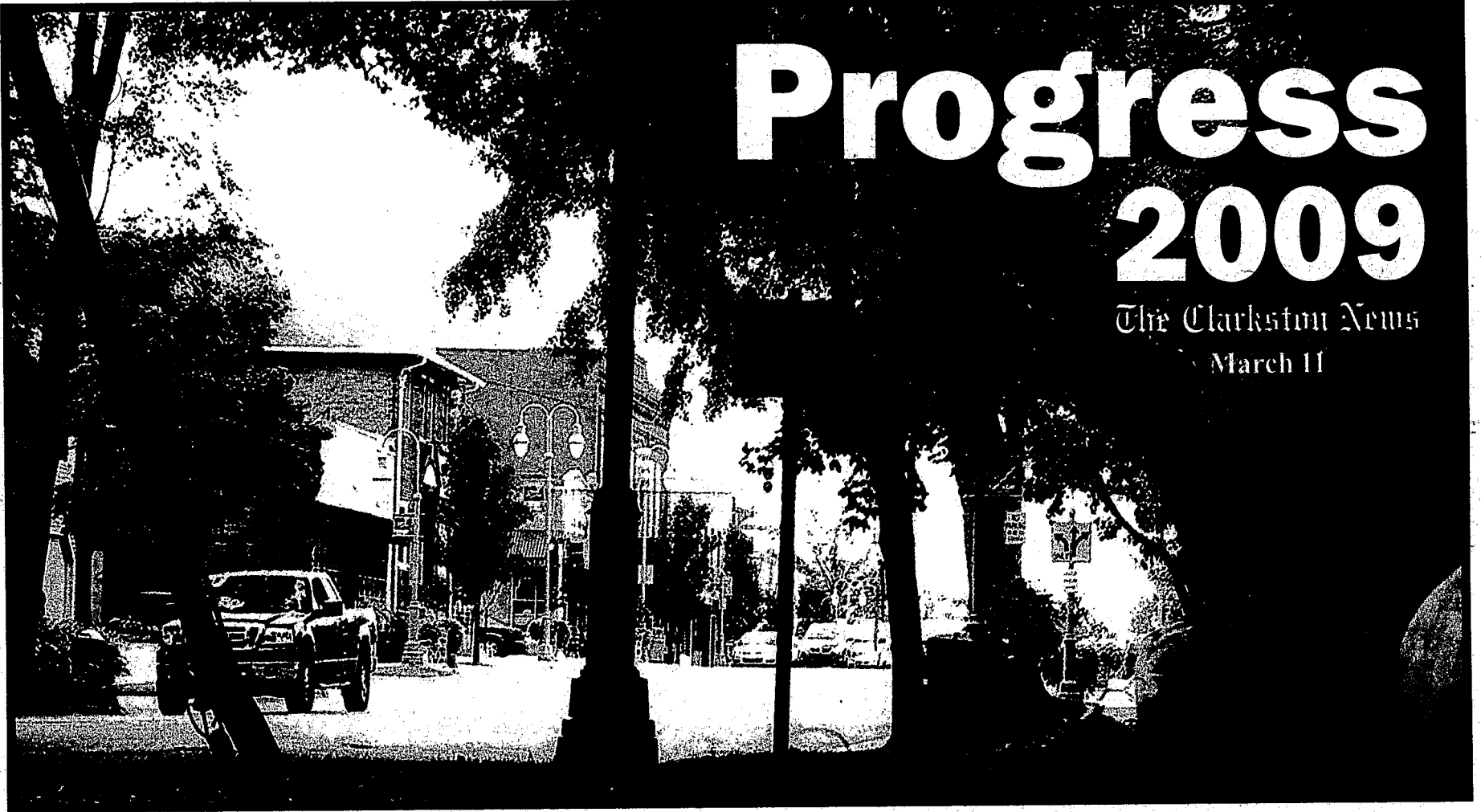
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The Clarkston News

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## John Bowman Chevrolet

### *A first-rate dealership*

It's the people who make John Bowman Chevrolet different.

It's the people, said sales manager Al Hall, who make John Bowman Chevrolet the best choice for new and used vehicles, service and collision work.

Everyone who works at the dealership—from sales people, service technicians, front-door greeters and upper management—must have a strong set of personal values, he said.

"If you don't have integrity and you're not honest, you won't work here," said Hall, who's been with the dealership 16 years. "Mr. Bowman treats his employees fair and honest, and employees treat the customer fair and honest. That's how we operate."

And Hall said the proof is in the dealership's repeat business. About 80 percent of customers at Bowman Chevrolet are repeat customers, or they've been referred by one.

"We want a customer for life," Hall said. "If you're coming back, or you're sending your friends and family, it's because you're happy."

Like Hall, most managers and sales people at the dealership have worked more than 10 years.

The honesty and integrity starts at the top with John Bowman, president, and daughter, Katie Coleman, vice president.

Built on the corner of Dixie Highway and M-15 some 50 years ago, Bowman bought the dealership in 1984 and made it his own.

And while the people at Bowman Chevrolet have honesty and integrity, they're also highly qualified.

At the dealership, customers will find one of the area's only World Class Master Technicians. With some 60,000 certified technicians nationwide, only 1,269 have earned the distinction of World Class Master Technician.

"That makes him one of the most knowledgeable in the business," Hall said.

The dealership also boasts one of the only female service directors

in the state.

Customers—men and women alike—receive top-notch diagnostic and repair service.

"Rhonda has really changed how the service department operates," Hall explained. "She's made customers more comfortable, which makes it easier for women to come in for service."

Technicians can service and all GM makes and models. The dealership also offers new tires with a price matching guarantee. They also offer customers every fifth oil change free.

And while Mom and Dad are waiting, a brand new waiting lounge offers kids a place to play without getting bored.

"The whole dealership, inside and out, has undergone a complete remodel," said Hall. "Everything is new, bright, and beautiful."

The dealership also boasts a large inventory of both new and used vehicles, and if it's not on the lot today it can likely be there tomorrow.

"I can get any new Chevrolet a

## John Bowman Chev

proudly offers

### Goodyear service



**The management staff at John Bowman Chevrolet makes the dealership stand out in the business community.**

customer wants, usually within 24 hours," Hall said. "We can also get any make or model of used vehicles; we specialize in low, low miles."

Brian Burke, used car manager, likes to turn over our used car inventory fast, and the way to do that is with quality, certified cars and a fair deal."

The dealership, Hall concluded, is proud to be Clarkston's best choice for automotive needs.

"In the car business, everyone is looking for a quick sale," he said. "Not in our store; that's not the way it is. There are no games. John Bowman Chevrolet is a rare find; you leave feeling glad you came."

John Bowman Chevrolet is located at 6750 Dixie Hwy. For sales, call 877-433-5922; for service, call 877-345-9943. Also visit the dealership's website at [www.bowmanchevy.com](http://www.bowmanchevy.com)

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# Bank's Vacuum is world's largest, opens Orion location

Dirt and carpet dust got a new enemy in Lake Orion when Bank's Vacuum Superstore opened its 10th location at 1180 Lapeer Road.

But this is no ordinary vacuum store. This is where serious dustbusters come for their needs. Bank's boasts being the world's largest vacuum dealer selling more vacuum cleaner and floor care products than any other dealer nationwide-yes including the big box stores. "If you can't find it in our stores or on our website, it simply doesn't exist" says owner Ken Bank.

Bank's Vacuum stocks every brand of new vacuum on the market-literally over 300 new vacuums in each of their stores. Bank proudly states "With our trained staff helping along the way, our customers can truly try and compare every vacuum on the market to help make the decision easier." "Most of our competitors carry only one or two lines of vacuums and of course they claim these are the best in the business. We're truly independent because we carry them all- we simply help our customers make the decision by pointing out both the positives and negatives of each." Bank claims this wide selection and independence is the key to his success.

The company is not new to the vacuum business by any means. Bank's grandfather Herman Bank got started in 1956 in Dearborn,

Michigan after 7 or 8 years with the Hoover Company. He used to travel door-to-door with hopes to pick-up, repair and deliver back to his customers their vacuum that needed service.

Third generation Ken has expanded from the original Dearborn location to their tenth and newest store here in Lake Orion.

"We still don't mind traveling to our customer's homes to help them with their vacuum in special circumstances" says Bank. "We've always tried to exceed our customer's service expectations."

Now in addition to the original Dearborn and new Lake Orion locations, there are Bank's Vacuum Superstores in Livonia, Plymouth, Novi, West Bloomfield, Grosse Pointe Woods, Shelby Township, Troy and a store/warehouse in Detroit.

"We're looking forward to doing business in the Lake Orion area," Bank said. "We've spent the last ten years building our company infrastructure so we can expand at the right pace-with the right quality staff committed to our customers."



Scheffler at the new store.

So what sets them apart from the competition? Bank says "Many things."

They offer 24-hour service and are factory-authorized to repair virtually every brand of vacuum cleaner. They can even fix Sears/Kenmore, Kirby, Rainbow and the other door-to-door brands.

"The manufacturers refer customers to us to perform service and their warranty repairs because they know we know

what we are doing and because we stock the country's largest inventory of replacement parts including bags, belts, filters and industry related accessories," Bank said. "We're also completely computerized so if we need to special order an odd part we can usually have it within 1 or 2 days."

Once in Bank's showrooms, customers can expect better, more personal service than they would anywhere else. Bank trains the staff himself.

"We're all fully-trained technicians and vacuum cleaner experts," he said. "We're not like the clerks at the big-box stores who just point at the box and know nothing about their products."

Bank's has also been known to toss in a few extra bags and assemble the vacuum free of charge in an effort to differentiate from the less personal big box stores.

They are also an environmentally conscious company. When a vacuum dies, Bank's will take it in as a trade-in and recycle it. Bank's believes there are enough dead vacuum cleaners in landfills.

"We take pride in that," he said. "We're trying to do our part to help our planet."

Finding vacuum cleaners, replacement parts and accessories on the internet is also easy and only a click away.

"We have the best vacuum cleaner web site on the Internet," Bank said.

The web site is [www.banksvac.com](http://www.banksvac.com). Bank said he hopes to continue the company's tradition of personal service and quality by continuing his intense employee training and hopes to continue to grow both Bank's Vacuum Superstores existing locations and expand Bank's Vacuum Superstores into new markets.

"Even in this economy, we're looking for hard working employees that want to grow and expand with us," he said.

Stop into Bank's newest Lake Orion location today and ask for store manager Jason Scheffler.

# POH reaches out to community, offers primary care doctor

For many, having a primary care physician that's close to home isn't just a luxury, it's a necessity for those who have health issues or are trying to juggle work and family.

That's why POH Regional Medical Center's Oxford Campus is proud to announce the arrival of Dr. Laura Arbogast, D.O. as the community's new internal medicine and primary care physician.

"We recognized a need in the community for a primary care physician," said POH Oxford Director Lynette Smith.

Described by Smith as "vivacious and knowledgeable with excellent skills," Dr. Arbogast comes to POH after spending three years at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc.

Dr. Arbogast is currently spearheading POH's "lunch and learn" community outreach programs during which doctors address local church groups, senior centers, etc. to provide free information on a wide variety of healthy living topics to help avoid ending up at the doctor's office.

After the presentation, the doctor takes some time to answer the audience's health-related questions.

"In this economy, nobody's going to the doctor unless they absolutely have to, especially if they lost their insurance," Smith said. "This gives them a way to get some free medical advice and POH a way to give back the community by helping those in need."

As always, POH continues to be the neighborhood home of health services for the Oxford area.

Since 1980, the 385 N. Lapeer Rd. campus has been proudly serving its neighbors, friends and community by offering quality health care guided by the principles of Osteopathic Medicine.

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 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.

Referrals for the 24/7 CT Scan and X-Ray are accepted from all physicians.

Additional diagnostic services include Ultrasound, Bone Densitometry, Mammography, MRI, P.E. T/CT Scan. Same day appointments



Dr. Laura Arbogast (center, white coat) and the staff of POH Regional Medical Center's Oxford campus are here to help meet all of your health needs.

are available.

"As a patient, a parent or a loved one, you don't want to wait for an appointment, you want it now," Smith said.

The Physician Specialty Group, which has been in the community for over 20 years, include allergy and asthma care, electromyography, gastroenterology, orthopedics, podiatric medicine and internal medicine.

Occupational Health services range from injury care to pre-employment health screenings

and include drug and alcohol testing as well as Department of Transportation physicals.

The on-site Pharmacy provides both prescription and over-the-counter medications at lower costs and DELIVERS to the surrounding community.

POH Oxford continues to offers a variety of community based programs including CPR training, diabetes education, snowmobile and hunter's 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 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offers testing to those individuals that do not have health insurance.

The POH Riley Foundation (248-338-5000) 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 Smith, has expanded to accommodate the changing needs of the area's population and will continue to grow and evolve with the community in the years to come.

For more information visit [www.pohmedical.org](http://www.pohmedical.org) or call 248-628-3000.

# Poolmart & Spas stimulus package – FREE groceries

With 29 years under their belt, Poolmart and Spas is continuing the tradition of great customer service and a reputation for selling fun to families across the area.

New Manager Shannon Crane has worked the past 12 years in the customer service industry.

"I am looking forward to meeting all the new customers, as well as our regular customers," she said.

Owner Jim Bishop purchased the business three years ago. 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 free 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. The Pre-Season Clearance Event is going on now thru March 31. All floor model Dimension One Hot Tubs and in stock Doughboy Pools are on sale. Plus get \$500 dollars in FREE groceries with the purchase

of a Dimension One Hot Tub or a Doughboy Above Ground Swimming Pool. Financing is also available.

Poolmart is always looking for new products its customers want.

"Two years ago we began selling Crocs Footwear and this winter we added the SunHeat Infrared Heaters," Bishop said. These heaters can save you up to 50 percent on your heating bill.

On April 30, Poolmart will host their Annual Pool School, along with their 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Sales Event. It is held each year to advise customers how to open their pool and care for it. The business usually attracts around 70 people to the event. To sign up for the pool school, e-mail Shannon at [scrane@poolmartspas.com](mailto:scrane@poolmartspas.com).

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."

The referral rewards program, created by Poolmart and Spas, gives customers a big reward toward their pool and spa needs.

When customers refer friends and family to Poolmart and Spas to purchase a pool or



Manager Shannon Crane and Owner Jim Bishop test a Dimension One Spa.

hot tub, they can earn up to \$500 in rewards.

Poolmart also has an e-mail club, where customers receive e-mails with tips, coupons, relevant articles, and information about upcoming events; sign up online at [www.poolmartspas.com](http://www.poolmartspas.com).

New store hours are Mon-Tues and Thurs- Fri 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Wed closed, Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

For more information about Poolmart and Spas, visit 5738 S. Main St., call 248-625-0729, or go to [www.poolmartspas.com](http://www.poolmartspas.com).

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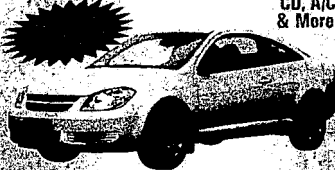


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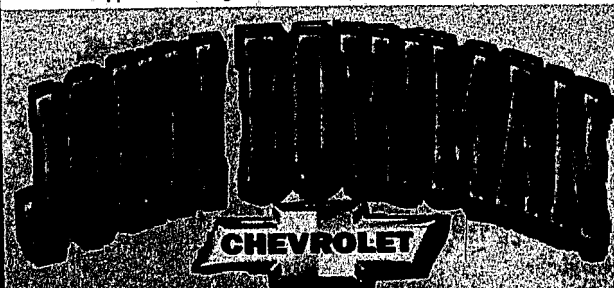


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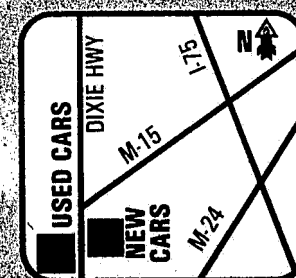


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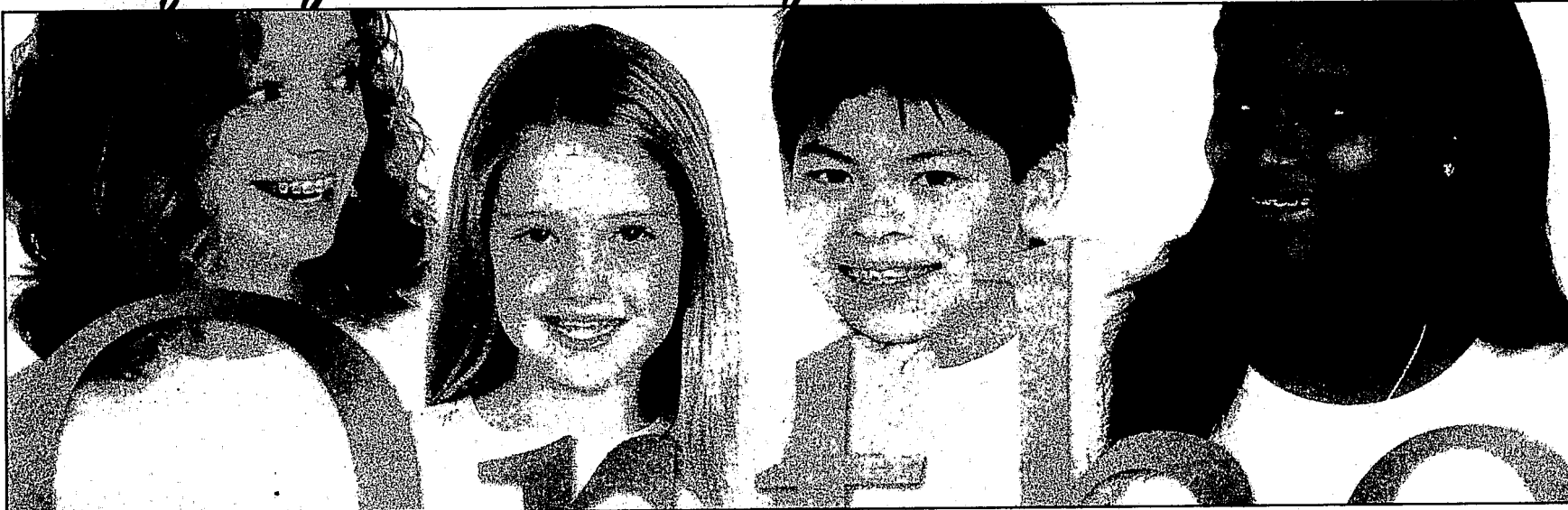
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# TLE offers children lots of love, learning and laughter

Pam Rush has been working with children for over 20 years, and there's a good reason: she loves kids.

As owner of The Learning Experience (TLE) in Independence Township, Ms. Pam knows it's important for children to feel safe, comfortable and loved when Mom and Dad aren't there.

"Parents want someone who will love their kids when they're away," said Ms. Pam, who opened TLE after running an in-home daycare while her own kids were growing up. "That's what we do; it's a very warm and homey place."

And she makes sure the people who work at TLE love children, too.

"What was most important when I was hiring my staff is that they're people who understand and relate to children," she said. "A degree is nice, but a degree doesn't make you love children."

And with lots of love at TLE comes lots of learning.

Included for all preschoolers is Fun With Phonics, an early reading program, and L.E.A.P., the unique Learning Experience Academic Program, which incorporates a holistic approach to developmentally appro-

priate learning in areas like math, science and language.

"The kids always have time for free play," said Ms. Pam. "It's a very important part of their development, so we make sure it's scheduled into every day."

Kids can play in bright, colorful and well-equipped classrooms or head down to Make Believe Boulevard.

"It's a wonderful little town," said Ms. Pam. "There's Lenny's Garage, Lucky's Diner, a fire station, a house and a slide and ball pit; lots of fun stuff."

TLE currently accepts children 6 weeks to 6 years. Infants are cared for with state-of-the-art sanitary systems to protect baby's health; after-school and summer programs for older kids are in the works.

And parents don't need to worry about security.

"The front doors are always locked," said Ms. Pam. "Parents get a key fob, linked to their child, and we use software that keeps track of everyone who comes and goes."

And, she said parents can also expect competitive pricing.

"I feel we have the best to offer in the area," Ms. Pam said. "We're about the same



The Learning Experience owner Pam Rush, center, smiles alongside staff and kids in one of the center's colorful classrooms.

price as everyone else, but we have so much more to offer. No one comes close to offering as much."

But as a parent herself, Ms. Pam also knows—and expects—that parents will be particular about choosing a place for their children.

"We're very proud of the whole program," she said. "We'd love people to come

over and check it out for themselves."

The location, she noted, makes TLE convenient for families who live in the area or those who pass through via I-75.

Bright and colorful even on the outside, TLE is situated at 7210 Sashabaw Road, less than half-mile from the I-75 entrance and exit ramps. For more information, call 248-625-5285 or visit [thelearningexperience.com](http://thelearningexperience.com).



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The doctors and staff are devoted to providing exceptional, caring service in a fun, family-friendly environment.

This includes movies in the waiting room, a coffee area for adults, and contests with prizes that appeal to everyone. Winners in the patient referral contest have enjoyed a night out on the town complete with the use of a limousine.

Many people are unaware of the additional training necessary to become an orthodontic specialist. Both Dr. Munks have completed an additional two-year program beyond dental school.

They also continue to attend numerous continuing education courses to keep them current on all of the latest technological advances.

"We continue to research new products and treatment options to provide patients with the very best in orthodontic care," said Dr. Charles W. Munk.

Passive self-ligating braces are just one example of this new technology.

"These braces typically shorten treatment time which means fewer appointments and a beautiful smile ... faster," said Dr. Munk.

Wilckodontics is another exciting treatment option.

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Invisalign also continues to be a great method of achiev-



Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk

ing a straight smile.

"With the introduction of Invisalign Teen, we can now utilize this product for more patients," said Dr. Munk.

The invisible, removable aligners are created using the

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Straight teeth and a beautiful smile can enhance self-esteem and self-confidence at any age, plus improve overall oral health. It's never too late to look and feel great!

Free orthodontic evaluations are provided at all three office locations. Convenient day, evening and Saturday appointments are available to accommodate even the busiest patient's schedule.

Payment plans and financing through CareCredit make treatment fit into any budget. Our office also works with most insurance companies.

"The communities that we work in have shown our offices tremendous support throughout the years," said Dr. Charles F. Munk. "It has been such an honor to be voted Best of the Best for two years in a row!"

"We want our communities to know that we will continue to support them through programs such as SCAMP and the Parks & Rec. Departments."

The Independence Day parade and activities are also an office favorite.

High school students are encouraged to apply for the Clarkston Health Care Professionals college scholarship. The Munks have been a part of this scholarship program for several years now.

Anyone interested in more information about orthodontics can also visit our website at [www.munkorthodontics.com](http://www.munkorthodontics.com).

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# Smith's Disposal commitment to community continues

Last year was the year of transition and change at Smith's Disposal.

My brother, Ken Smith, who had served as President since the retirement of our dad, Leonard Smith, decided to retire early last year. This, of course, left me with a decision to make.

After considering retirement along with Ken, I decided against it for two reasons.

The first reason was that I didn't feel any overwhelming need to retire. I love what I do and take great pride in my company and our place in this community.

The second reason was that I have a great group of men and women that work for me and didn't feel right about closing the doors. As a business owner, your workforce is always your greatest asset, and I felt a responsibility to reward their hard work and loyalty.

Another area of change this past year has come in our Recycling Program.

Recycling has become a very important part of what we do at Smith's Disposal.

Not only is it important to our environment, but we understand how important it is to our customers.

In July of last year, we implemented a very user-friendly, single stream recycling program. This program allows our customers to recycle more material, with less hassle, than ever before.



**President Carol Evans, Cam, Michelle, Damien, General Manager Archie and Julie provide smiles with every pickup.**

We implemented this program without any extra fees or charges because we want to give our customers the most complete service that we can, even as the recycling markets have plummeted.

A part of our business that hasn't

changed is our commitment to this community.

We are proud sponsors of several area charities and events. We contribute to and sponsor events at local schools, and sponsor several summer youth baseball and soft-

ball teams.

We are also members of several area Chambers of Commerce, as well as the Better Business Bureau. We donate to many worthy causes in this area because we live here. You are not just customers, you are our neighbors.

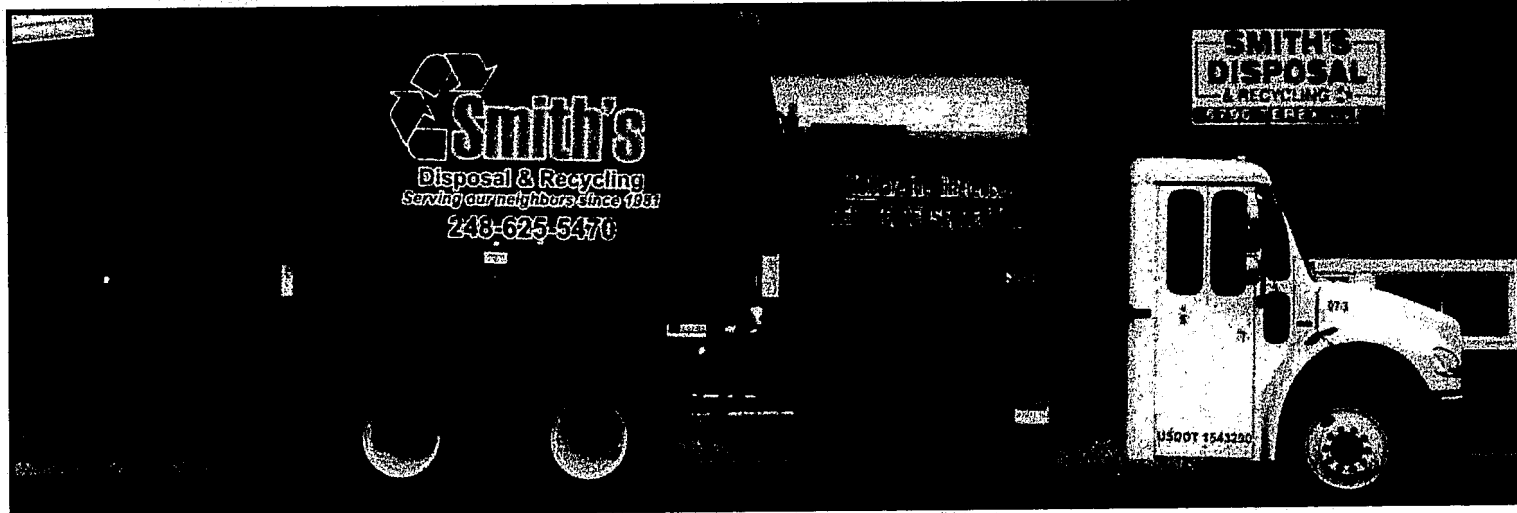
In today's ever-changing economic climate, a commitment to community is very important. Local businesses rely on you, the consumer, to survive. In return we provide services, jobs, taxes, and in most cases, community support.

My father started this company in 1981. For 28 years, we have been committed to our customers. We have been committed to this community. That commitment has not changed.

We are doing whatever we can to help our customers through the hard times all of us face today. We have maintained a very reasonable rate. We have not charged any "extras," such as fuel recovery fees or administration fees. We are going to continue to provide great customer service, unmatched reliability, and the most comprehensive recycling program available to our customers for a very fair price.

That's my commitment to you.

Thank you,  
Carol Evans, President of Smith's Disposal



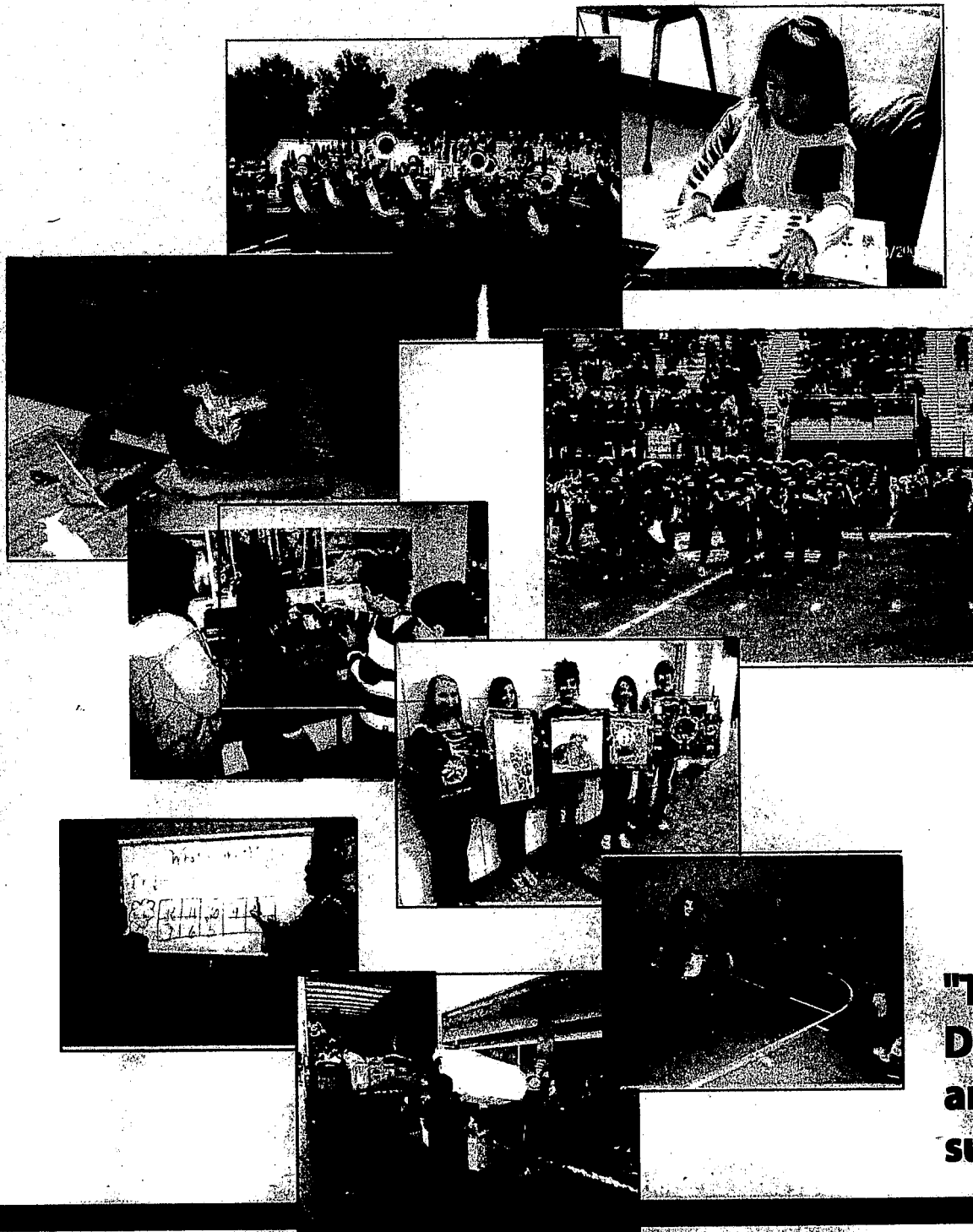
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# McLaren expands to serve Clarkston health needs

For Clarkston residents, navigating the back roads and thoroughfares in our community to reach the nearest major medical facility can take up to 40 minutes or more—too much time in a medical emergency or when a repetitive treatment schedule is required.

McLaren Health Care, in partnership with Clarkston Medical Group, has responded with a plan for eventual development of nearly 80 acres of health care and calming green space right in the heart of our community—bringing with it a wealth of new jobs.

Construction of Phase One of McLaren Health Care Village is underway and includes the new home for the Clarkston Medical Group (CMG)—a 138,000 square foot state-of-the-art medical office building offering a comprehensive level of health care services. CMG has been the area's trusted provider of health care services to the community for more than 40 years.

Also included in the project's first phase is the Great Lakes Cancer Institute-Clarkston. GLCI-Clarkston will offer more than 40,000 square feet of the finest in medical oncology, radiation therapy, and mobile PET/CT imaging.

For more information, visit [www.mclaren.org](http://www.mclaren.org).

# MCLAREN

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### More services this spring

In addition, the following services will be available at McLaren Health Care Village at Clarkston this spring:

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McLaren Wound Care Clinic

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McLaren Home Medical

McLaren Bariatric Institute

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### Top care at McLaren

Headquartered in nearby Flint, Michigan, McLaren Health Care is one of the largest health care providers in the state, and has been recognized as "one of the Top Integrated Health Networks in the nation" (Verispan). McLaren's nonprofit system includes eight regional hospitals, Visiting Nurse Services of Michigan, McLaren Medical Management, Inc., McLaren Health Plan, and the Great Lakes Cancer Institute, the largest cancer care and research network of its kind in the state.

# Italian food and sport at Palazzo di Bocce

Roll into Palazzo di Bocce and you won't just find one of the country's only indoor bocce facilities, but also a beautiful dining room featuring traditional Italian fare at moderate prices.

The unique sporting and dining establishment also offers a Family Dinner Buf-

fet from 1 to 7 p.m. every Sunday.

Adults eat for \$14.95, and the charge for children under 12 is \$6.95, reasonable prices for a buffet featuring red, cream and seafood pastas, fresh vegetables, and chicken, pork or lamb, beef, and seafood entrees. The menu offerings change

weekly and also include your choice of several salads and five desserts, which are served family style to ensure freshness.

"It's a great afternoon for the whole family. You get spend time together, eat as much as you want, maybe play a little Bocce, all for a price that won't break the bank," said Michael Thomas, Palazzo's director of operations, who encourages people to make a reservation for the buffet.

For those wishing to try bocce on Sundays, before or after the buffet, a special rate of \$6 dollars per person for a one hour session is currently being offered. If you plan on trying your hand on one of the 10 bocce courts, be sure to also call ahead—reservations are accepted up to a week in advance—as the prime times fill quickly. All court rentals include a bocce official who is on hand to teach people the game, offer strategy suggestions and answer any questions.

Palazzo also hosts numerous corporate team-building and annual charity events, including one in conjunction with the Detroit Lions Charities, which takes place May 13.

"People can purchase a team and compete in the tournament or just buy an ad-

mission ticket, which includes a lunch buffet, beer and wine, and up close access to the Detroit Lions coaching staff, players, and various celebrity guests" Thomas said. There are also live and silent auctions, with collectables from all four Detroit sports teams up for bid.

Palazzo di Bocce is the only indoor bocce court of its kind in the country, Thomas said. It was opened five years ago by Anthony Battaglia, a bocce enthusiast, who decided to turn his passion for the sport into something concrete when he retired. By all accounts, it became a success.

"Even players from Italy who came in here for the 2005 World Bocce Championship said this is the finest bocce facility in the world," Thomas said.

While the courts may garner a lot of attention, Thomas says the delights from the kitchen shouldn't be overlooked, whether it's the Sunday Buffet or regular dining Monday thru Saturday.

Sport and food combined, Palazzo di Bocce offers a great outing. "It's all-inclusive. It doesn't matter how old or young you are," Thomas said. "You come in here, have a good time, eat a little, play a little, and forget about your troubles for awhile."

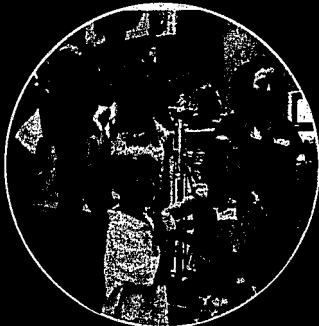


The crew at Palazzo, from left, Jason Wisniewski, Kristina Moore, Jeff Loll, Rhonda Pritchard, Barton Rector and Michael Morris help get the fun rolling.

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# Dr. Shuster: Integrated Vascular Vein Center of Michigan

Integrated Vascular Vein Center specializes in the treatment of venous problems.

Center director Dr. Thomas Shuster, D.O. and Brad M. Sweda are professionals who treat patients the way they would want to be treated—by understanding key problems, causes, and symptoms associated with vascular issues. The most common disorders include varicose veins, spider veins and venous insufficiency; however, any problems in the circulatory system can result in a host of serious health issues.

“We focus on the patient,” said Shuster. “It’s a privilege to treat our patients. As a specialist, I know the cure can be very complex. I know I can help. It’s a great feeling for me.”

Dr. Shuster obtained his medical degree from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio. He served his residency from Michigan State University, Genesys Regional Medical Center.

“I understand our lifestyle is very busy—often, exercise and diet are key elements in the treatment. While surgery may be necessary, it’s often the last resort.”

For example, Shuster suggests a regimen of walking 20 minutes per day, three times per week to help prevent vascular problems.

“Exercise is an effective way to relieve and prevent varicose veins — gnarled, enlarged veins,” he said. “Exercise aids in pushing stagnant blood lower in the legs to the heart.”

Age also is a factor in the treatment and diagnosis



**Center director Dr. Thomas Shuster, D.O.** of venous issues.

“Young people’s veins are elastic, kind of like rubber bands,” he said. “But as you age, your veins become more brittle. Today, people are living longer, so treatment is more common later in life. However, due to our lifestyle, we are finding more patients coming in that are 40-, 45- or 50-years-old.”

The center will tailor a program to fit your needs, with the best chance of successful resolution.

“Often lifestyle changes are necessary. There’s plenty we can do,” said Shuster.

Shuster emphasizes that while the damage smoking inflicts on a person’s lungs is often the focus of much attention—the harm on our body’s blood flow systems and the related circulatory disease is just as dangerous.

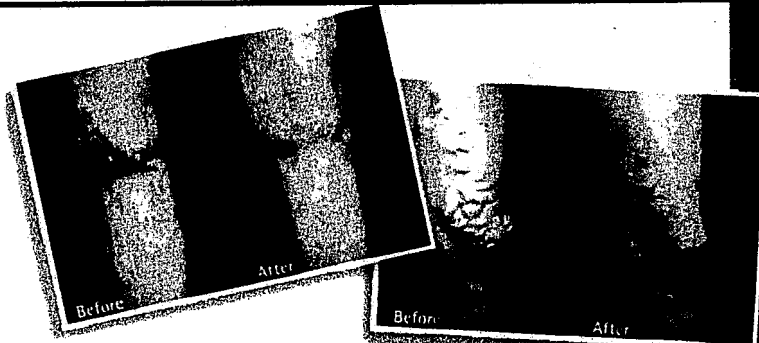
“We point out the damage and help the patient work to quit smoking,” said Shuster. “Carbon monoxide from smoking or second-hand smoke damages a vital layer of cells.”

Blood is a vehicle for delivering oxygen and nutrients to our body’s tissues and organs. Without it, they die. Our blood vessels (circulatory system) are the piping highways in which our blood flows.

Integrated Vascular Vein Center staff are skilled in all the current methods for investigating and treating vascular conditions successfully. The center also performs assessment of the numerous modern techniques and therapies as they emerge.

“We focus on assessment, counseling and, where necessary, treat people with a variety of vascular conditions, from thread to varicose veins, as well as complications such as venous eczema, venous ulcers or deep venous thrombosis.”

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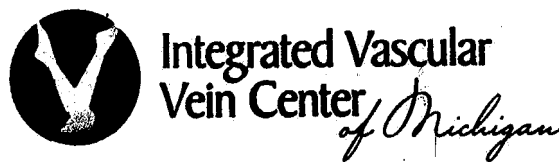
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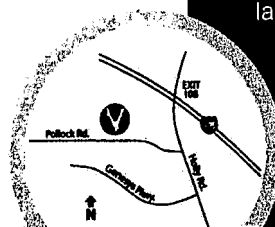
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# Excellence in education: The Brandon School District

From the introduction of the interactive whiteboard in classrooms to state-of-the-art science facilities to a dedicated teaching staff—the Brandon School District is preparing youth today to face tomorrow's challenges.

"We're on the forefront," said Lorrie McMahon, superintendent. "In a time of tough economic choices, this community is stepping up and supporting area education. It's never easy, but we all are proud to be Blackhawks."

The Brandon School District bond extension provided more than \$73 million for renovations and technology upgrades for the district of more than 3,400 students. With the addition of Oakwood Elementary School set to open this fall, more than 1,500 new computers, and a host of technology upgrades to classrooms—the district is a leader in preparing students for the future.

"At Brandon School District, we are committed to academic achievement for every student in every school," said McMahon. "We will continue to raise academic standards, establishing clear and consistent goals for all students."

New this fall, the STEM (Science,



From left, Debbie Schummer, Diane Wiley, Debbie Brady, Beth Nuccio, Luke Frye, D'Anna Keeble and Gregory Allar. The Brandon School District Board of Education.

Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) pathway is a highly focused program that will begin in the ninth grade at Brandon High School. The program is for students who are highly motivated and are looking to enter careers in area of mathematics, science, technology, and engi-

neering.

"Schools in the Brandon District play a key role in community life," said McMahon. "With approximately 200 full employees, we remain the community's largest employer."

The Brandon district encompasses

Brandon, Groveland, Hadley and Springfield townships. The transportation department utilizes 37 modern buses traveling nearly 500,000 miles across the communities.

The district's alternative high school CHOICES accepts students ninth-12th grades and serves about 50 students at risk of not graduating on time with credit recovery.

"Last year alone, 14 students for CHOICES graduated and attended a college, enlisted in the service or secured a full-time job in the workforce," she said.

The School-age Childcare Program, ages 5 to 11 years, provides a safe, positive environment for children before and after the regular or Kindergarten school day and during the summer.

Age appropriate activities, free play and relaxation time are provided daily, all licensed by the State of Michigan.

"Here at Brandon Schools, you will find outstanding schools in a district on the leading edge of education," said McMahon. "We hope parents, students, staff members, and visitors to our district will find that we are well suited to meeting their needs. Please feel free to stop by and have a look around."

## Genisys Credit Union: for all your financial needs

The merging of two financial institutions has resulted in the dynamic Genisys Credit Union.

Lon Bone, vice-president of public relations and community involvement for Genisys, said T&C Federal Credit Union and USA Credit Union merged in November because it made good sense for members of both, with more branches, more services, lower loan rates and higher savings rates.

"The other thing that is really unique about the merger is there is an independent rating service and for the last 17 quarters both USA and T&C have received a 5-star rating, the highest rating you can receive," he said. "It's something to be proud of. It means we're doing it right."

Genisys employs about 370 people and in the merger, no one lost their job or benefits.

New services include unlimited ATM transactions at Genisys-owned ATMs and an expanded indirect auto lending program.

"A non-member or member can go into a dealership and do all their financing at the dealership instead of coming to the credit union or doing it online," said Bone.

While other financial institutions are struggling in the economic downturn and have tightened their belts, Genisys has millions to lend.

"We've seen a huge increase in the dollars we are loaning," Bone said. "We're doing this because it's good business, it's helping the economy locally and hopefully getting some people back to work."

Genisys is also participating in the nationwide program "Invest in America," in which credit unions have

partnered with General Motors and Chrysler to offer discounts on vehicles if customers are credit union members.

fering a 15-year mortgage with no points and low mortgage interest rates to buy a home.

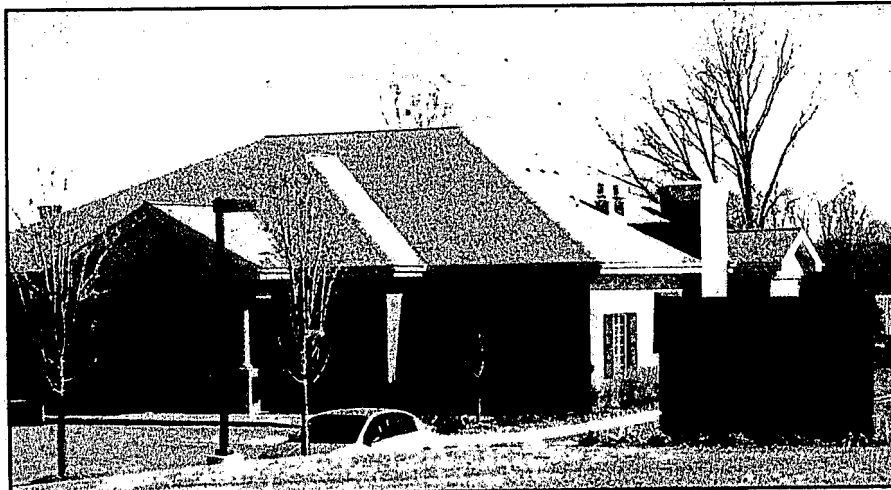
"It's really true that credit unions are the bright spot," he said. "We're hometown based, community oriented, and member owned. Individual members own us and those are the people we work for. I think that's the reason credit unions stand out. We didn't do the investments other lending institutions did. We look out for our members and don't put them in a loan that isn't right for them or they can't afford in the long run."

As of Dec. 31, Genisys has 126,000 members, 23 branches (20 in southeast Michigan), assets of \$1.2 billion and is the fourth largest credit union in the state, with locations in Oxford, Lake Orion, Ortonville and Clarkston. They participate heavily in community events and charitable giving.

Genisys offers free seminars on saving for college education and free financial counseling.

"Genisys is committed to serving its members and delivering the services they want and serving our community," said Bone.

To learn more about Genisys Credit Union visit [www.genisyscu.org](http://www.genisyscu.org)



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McLaren Health Care, in partnership with Clarkston Medical Group, has answered with McLaren Health Care Village at Clarkston. Phase One of the development will open in spring of 2009.

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**CLARKSTON MEDICAL GROUP**

any great health care destination begins with great physicians. The Clarkston Medical Group (CMG) has been the trusted provider of comprehensive health care services to the Clarkston community for more than 40 years. CMG physicians specialize in internal medicine, pediatrics, family practice and urgent care with 24-hour accessibility.

**GREAT LAKES CANCER INSTITUTE**

provides advanced medical oncology, state-of-the-art radiation therapy, a retail center for patient requirements, mobile PET/CT imaging, educational programming and family support services.

**CLARKSTON SURGERY CENTER**

is a 15,000 sq. ft. facility providing ENT, gastroenterology, general surgery, hand surgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics, pain management, urology, plastic surgery and podiatry services.

**McLAREN BREAST CENTER**

is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to providing comprehensive breast health services, including the area's only digital mammography technology, breast ultrasound, and stereotactic and ultrasound guided breast biopsies.

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provides state-of-the-art diagnostic testing with board certified physicians and staff members to diagnose and treat the full spectrum of sleep disorders.

**McLAREN WOUND CARE CLINIC**

is the Clarkston area's only clinic specializing in compassionate, evidence-based healing treatments for patients with acute or chronic wounds resulting from injury, disease or surgery.

**McLAREN'S DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORY MEDICINE**

is operating a 24/7 "Rapid Response Laboratory," accredited by the College of American Pathologists, at the new Clarkston facility.

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