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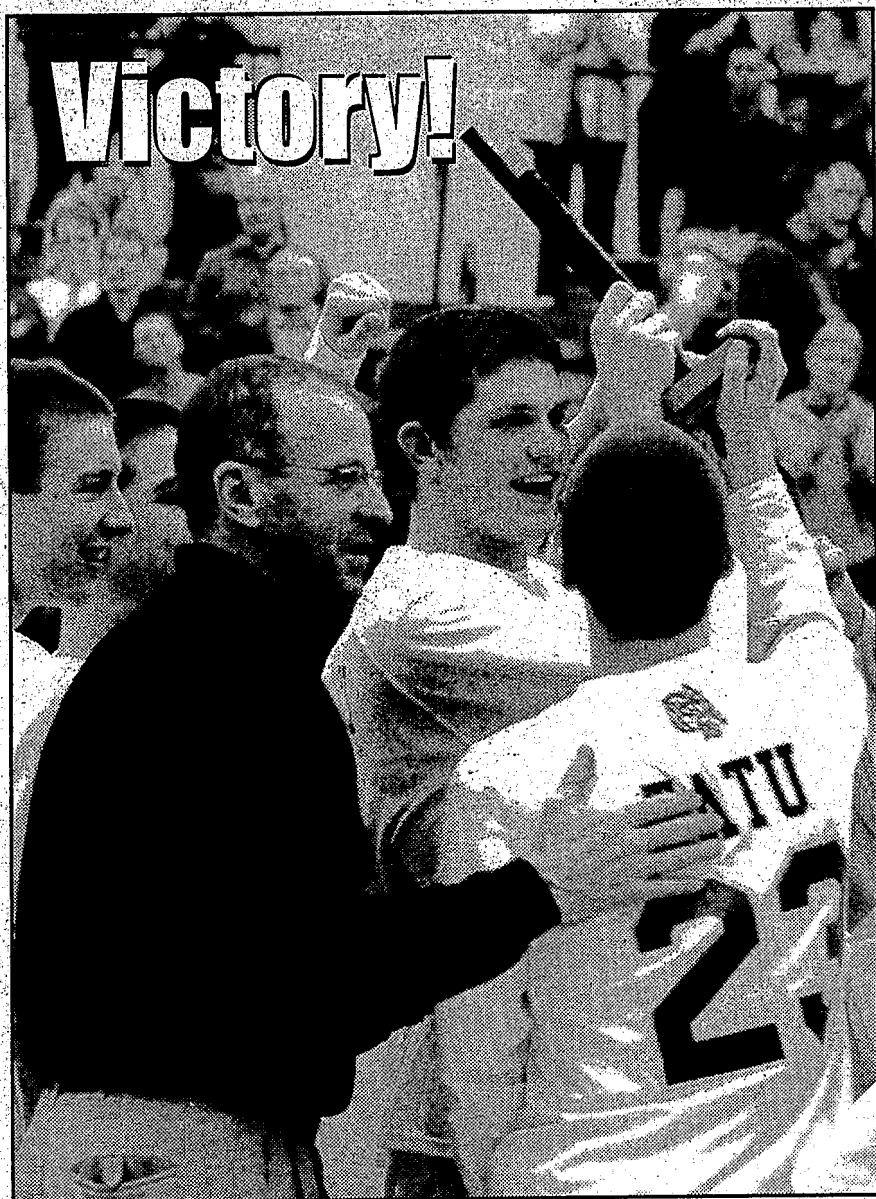
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Teammates Matt Kamieniecki and Nick Tatu hoist the MHSAA District Championship trophy and share their joy with Wolves Head Coach Dan Fife, teammates and their fans. Please see 16A for the story. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

Cutting the cuts

School budget plan reduced to \$9.7 million

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Deciding \$13 million in budget cuts is too deep, Clarkston Schools are opening its savings account.

"We are relaxing the zero deficit parameter," said Steve Hyer, president of Clarkston Board of Education during the board's special meeting on March 15.

The board voted unanimously to have a \$2.7 million deficit for the 2011 fiscal year.

The zero-deficit plan called for \$13 million in cuts. Reflecting the new plan, administration revised its list of budget reduction down to 119 items, cutting \$8.1 million-\$9.7 million.

"We have the difficult task of determining what is the right number - we don't want to cut too deeply and get rid of any needed programs or support for our kids," said Hyer. "But we don't want to not cut deep enough. There is no magic number."

Secretary Cheryl McGinnis and Trustee
Please see School on page 18A

Superintendent defends spending on new program

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston schools will have the latest in learning opportunities, no matter what. That's the message from Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

"It may not seem fair, but as the superintendent of schools, I will continue to bring programs that reach varying needs of our students and provides 21st-century learning opportunities," Roberts said.

Along with state and federal funding cuts, Clarkston Community Schools administration cited new programs such as International Baccalaureate (IB), Fast ForWord, all day kindergarten, and trimester scheduling to explain why it was \$13 million in the hole.

All-day kindergarten and trimesters were both put on the chopping block along with 160 other budget-cut items. They were later

granted a reprieve and placed on a list for "future considerations."

Cuts to International Baccalaureate include eliminating IB coordinator hour, \$9,000; and reduce IB release hours for Creativity, Action, and Service programs, \$18,000, for a total of \$27,000.

According to an Expenditure Summary Report for International Baccalaureate, dated Dec. 4, 2009 and covering July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010, the program's budget is \$504,523.78.

Budget items include \$7,000 for field trips; \$14,000 for conferences and registrations; \$51,508 for teaching supplies and materials; \$64,984.78 for textbooks; \$14,500 for office

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Police on the edge

Clarkston budget hearing includes proposal to abolish police department, page 3A

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Road resurfacing

Stimulus-funded road projects this year include part of White Lake Road in Independence Township.

The resurfacing project from Clement Road to Dixie Highway starts May 1 and costs \$1.1 million, funded by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Road Commission for Oakland County receives \$9 million this year for projects.

Frog Survey

Oakland County Parks is looking for volunteers to conduct night frog surveys.

The surveys are at Independence Oaks County Park in Independence Township and Rose Oaks County Park in Holly, from April to June.

A free workshop is held on March 26, from 7-9 p.m. at Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks.

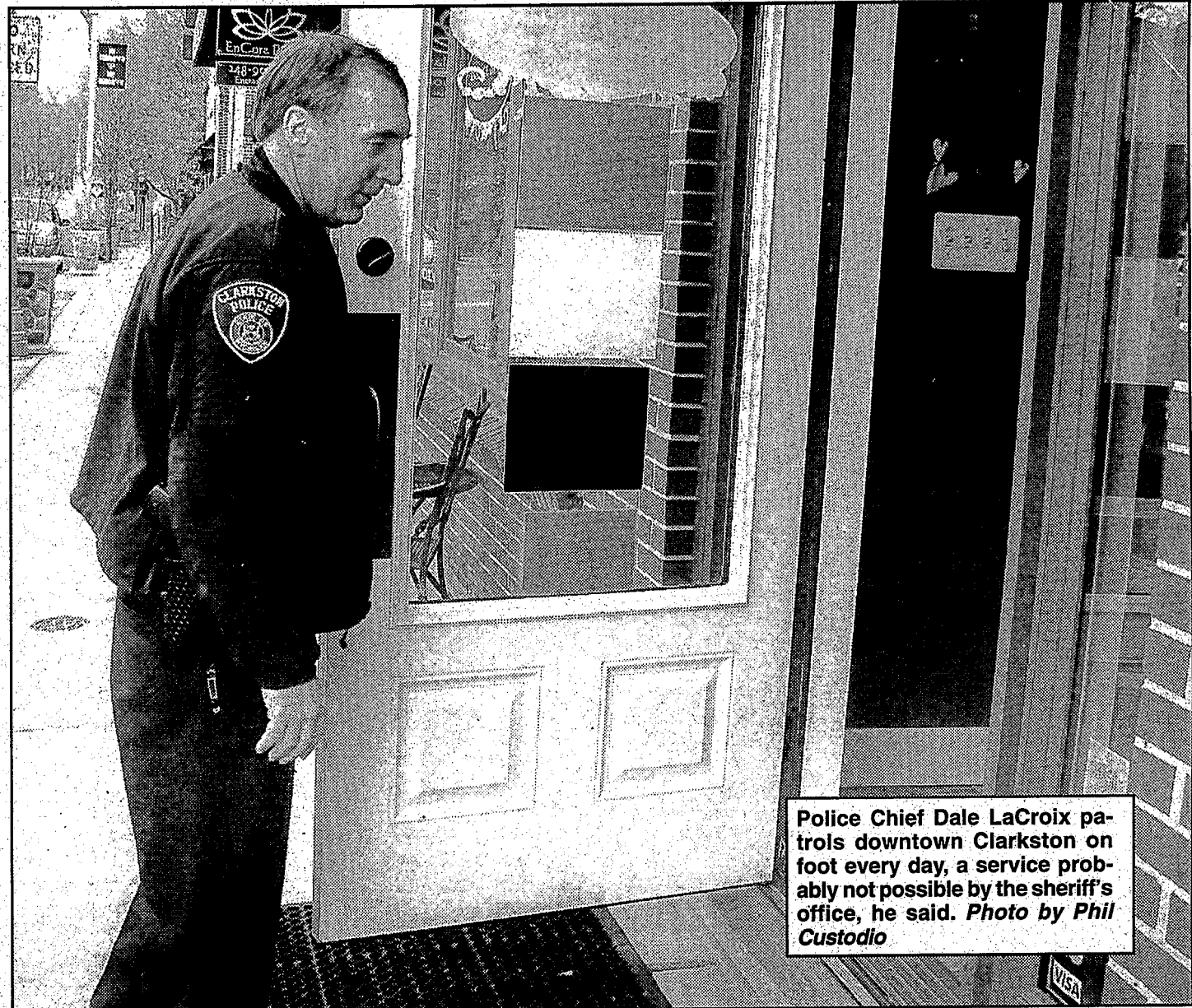
The workshop will demonstrate the importance of wildlife surveys, how to recognize the calls of singing frogs, and other facets of amphibian survey work.

Pre-register for the workshop by March 25 by contacting Educational Resource Specialist Kathleen Dougherty at 248-858-0704, or doughertyk@oakgov.com.

For a volunteer application or more information about volunteer opportunities at Oakland County Parks, visit DestinationOakland.com.

Attention businesses

What are you doing to stimulate the local economy – *The Clarkston News* wants to know. Stop by at 5 S. Main Street, call 248-625-3370, or email Clarkstonnews@gmail.com.



Police Chief Dale LaCroix patrols downtown Clarkston on foot every day, a service probably not possible by the sheriff's office, he said. Photo by Phil Custodio

Clarkston Police on the line

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkstonites have their say on police consolidation at Monday's public hearing.

The consolidation plan would save almost \$190,000, but immediately dissolve Clarkston Police Department.

"If we maintain the status quo, we go into deficit mode next year, and it will continue to grow," said City Manager Dennis Ritter. "It's a critical issue – a problem that must be dealt with immediately."

Deficits would grow from \$77,205 in 2011 to \$145,796 in 2012, and \$160,596 in 2013, Ritter said.

Police Chief Dale LaCroix, who is against consolidation, said local officers provide faster and more personal service.

"Sheriff deputies do a good job, but they're busier – they have to cover the whole township," LaCroix said. "Hopefully people will show up and say something."

The department includes two fulltime of-

ficers, Chief LaCroix and Officer James Thompson, eight part-time, and eight reserve officers. One or two officers are on patrol at all times, with the entire department on duty during parades and other special events.

The police department budget is about \$287,000 this year, out of \$816,381 in total revenue. Contracting with Oakland County Sheriff Office through Independence Township would cost \$93,000-\$98,000.

"It makes a big difference," Ritter said.

Based out of Independence Township substation, deputies would continue to provide round-the-clock coverage of the city, he said.

The three-year budget, 2010-2013, would also privatize lawn-cutting services for Depot Park, along White Lake Road from the park to Deer Lake Cemetery, and other city property. This would free the city's two Department of Public Works employees for other projects, Ritter said.

"Tree trimming along Main Street is very

behind," Ritter said.

They would also replant flowering trees, paint, fix, and repair city facilities, and patch locally controlled roads.

"Washington Street and Holcomb Road are in strong need of repair," Ritter said.

Fire protection and library services will continue to be contracted with Independence Township.

Building inspection services are already contracted, and the county performs assessing services, he said.

Further consolidation with the township is not on the table at this time, Ritter said.

"I'm not interested in presiding over the demise of the City of the Village of Clarkston," he said. "I'm here to ensure its survival and make sure it thrives."

Clarkston City Council's three-year budget public hearing is 7 p.m., Monday, March 22, at Independence Township Fire Station 1, 6500 Citation Drive.

For more information, call 248-625-1559.

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Springfield Township ordinances go online

Springfield Township codes and ordinances will soon be available anywhere wireless internet can be found.

Township Board approved a contract of up to \$11,500 with Municipal Code Corporation, at its March 11 meeting.

"They'll provide them in the format we want them to," said Clerk Laura Moreau. "I think it's the right thing to do."

"Their willingness to work with us says a lot about them," said Supervisor Mike Trout.

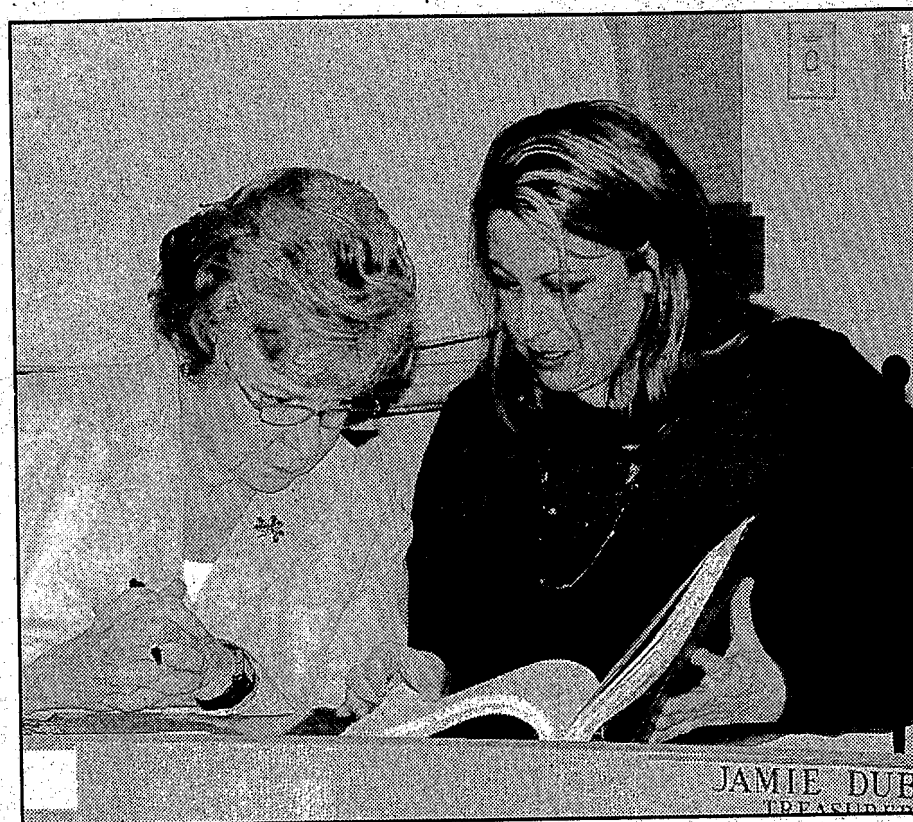
As part of the service, the contractor will work with township attorney Greg Need to identify and clean up duplicate and conflicting ordinances.

The project will also include zoning ordinance updates by planning consultant Richard Carlisle, for a one-time consulting fee of \$5,000-\$5,900. The zoning ordinances will also be uploaded by Municipal Code.

"That's what we want to do above all else," Trout said. "That's what's looked at every day."

Municipal Code, based in Tallahassee, Fla., with regional office in Portage, Mich., charges \$400 per year for web maintenance and hosting. They uploaded ordinances for Independence, Oxford, Holly, and Groveland townships. When complete, ordinances will be available with search functions at www.springfield-twp.us, as well as in book form.

- Phil Custodio



Springfield Township Trustee Judy Hensler, left, and Treasurer Jamie Dubre examine a sample book of ordinances. Photo by Phil Custodio

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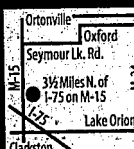
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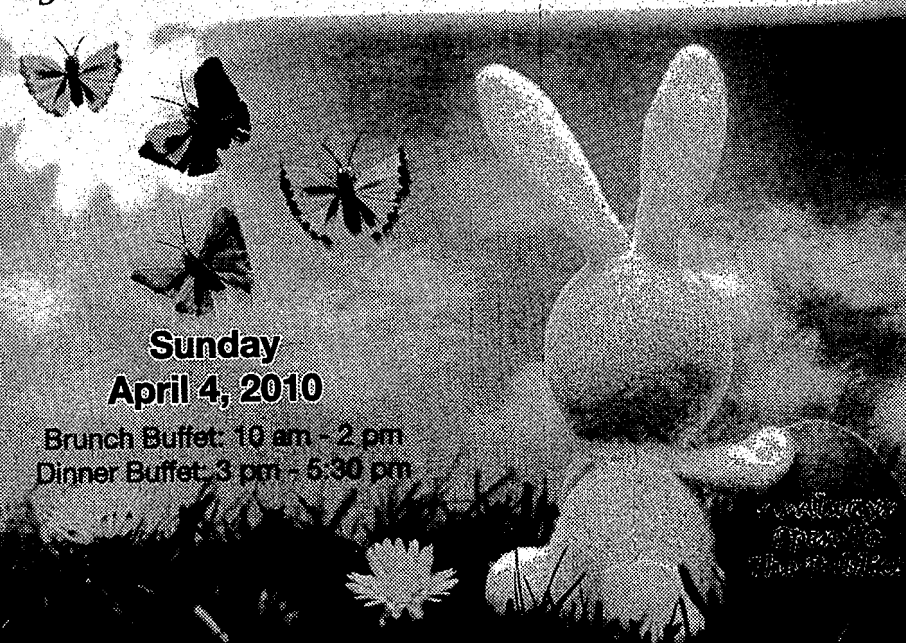
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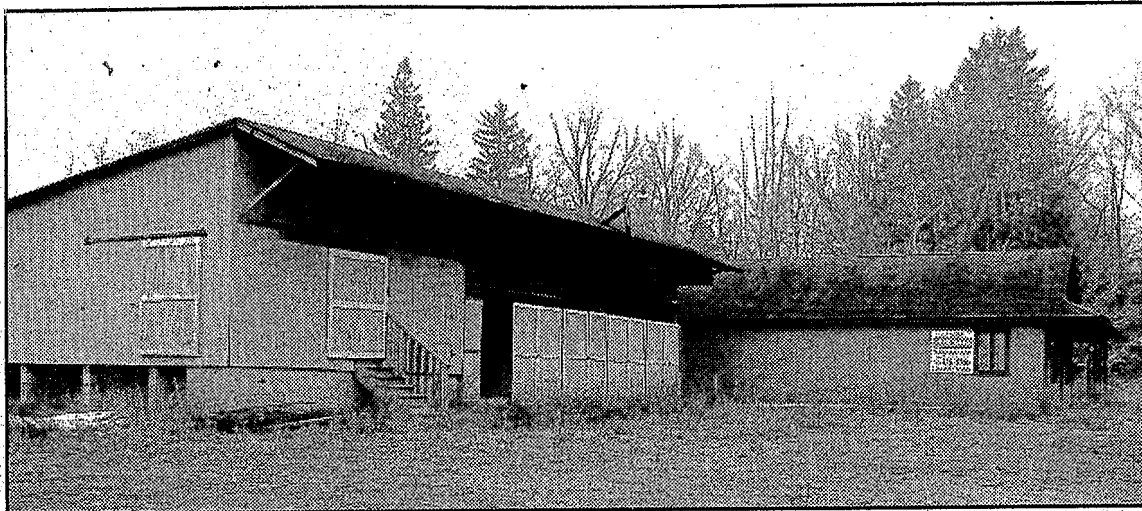
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The lumber yard in Davisburg is the newest purchase for Springfield Township. Photos by Phil Custodio

Old building presents new opportunity

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

After months of negotiation, the former lumberyard at Broadway and Andersonville Road is now the property of Springfield Township.

"It was a good deal – it came in under our cap," said township Treasurer Jamie Dubre. "The township set a cap of up to \$160,000."

"It made sense for us," said Supervisor Mike Trout. "It's an investment in the community. That's what we've done with park land. This is a chance to help Davisburg."

The seller, Blu Lou Inc., asked for \$250,000 when negotiations started this past May, and agreed to sell for \$125,000.

Property development will include two phases, said Trout.

"The first phase is environmental work, to make sure there's no contamination," Trout said. "I'm fairly confident that's the case."

Plans also include cleaning up weeds and brush.

"It's blight the way it is," Dubre

said. "It needs to be cleaned up. In our hands, we can make that happen."

The former lumber building closed about five years ago and is run down. It will probably have to be taken down, Trout said.

"Maybe someone can use the materials," he said.

The adjacent office structure seems in better shape, he said.

"It's fairly sound," he said. "The structure seems pretty good. The roof needs to be cleaned up."

They will seek ideas from downtown Davisburg residents and business owners.

"It's a good size – it would start support a lot of different things," Trout said. "We're open to ideas. It's almost like a blank slate. We hope to bring in something cool."

"I want to hear suggestions from all the people in the hamlet," Dubre said. "There's a lot we can do."

Ideas include a parking lot, farmers' market, and fire station. It could also be used for waste treatment, Trout said.

"It's all individual septic fields now – many are as old as the buildings, about 100 years," he said.

New technology could be used to place a waste treatment facility or pump station under a parking lot.

"It would fit into the site and not stand out," he said. "There are a lot of options."

After clean up, development might take awhile, Trout said.

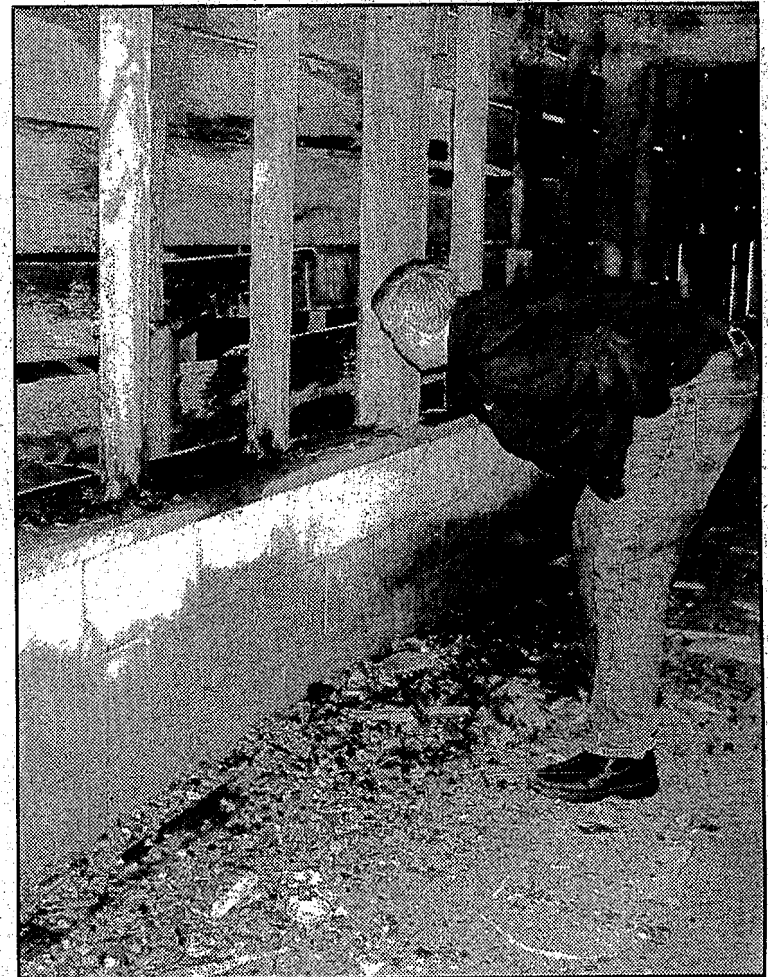
Assessment board of review hearings continue this week, but property values in the township are expected to be about 15 percent lower. The declining value reduces tax revenue to the township. It also made the property a better buy.

"We bought the property for a quarter of what it was worth," Trout said.

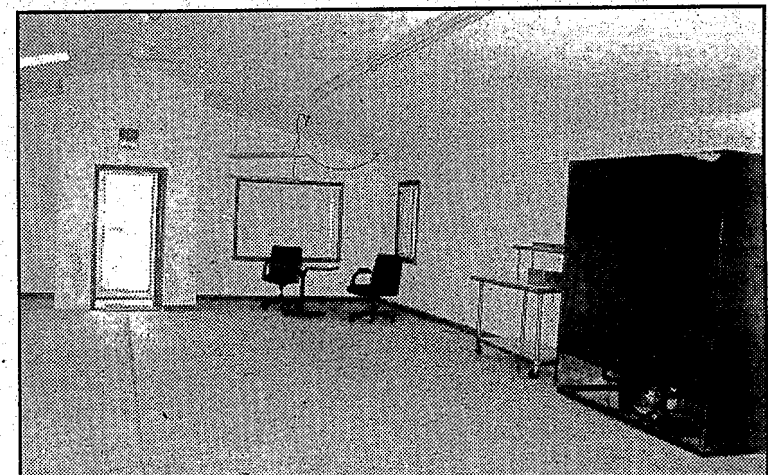
"This is an opportunity for us. We control our own destiny, not subject to someone else coming in with something that doesn't fit."

The 3.3 acre lot and buildings were once worth \$400,000, he said.

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Mike Trout checks condition of the lumber-storage building.



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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Lock down

I have noticed a trend and after talking to quite a few people throughout the community during the last week - it's not just me.

Since Clarkston Board of Education Trustee Rosalie Lieblang filed a Freedom of Information Act request in February the board members now go through President Steve Hyer to get information or to ask or speak to Superintendent Dr. Albert Roberts.

Coincidence? It doesn't seem like it. It seems as more of a lock down of information. A lock down from board members who asked for the information to make a well-informed decision.

Now take the thought as a seed - plant it and it grows into something like "Board of Ed 'Official' Response from *The Clarkston News* March 3 edition, in which Hyer represented the board in answering questions.

Yes, it is good to see a board of seven people to agree on one thing. But to have the same opinion? Seven individuals with the same manufactured opinion doesn't seem right or fair to the community who voted for them.

So when two board members, Lieblang and Trustee Joan Patterson share their opinion, and they do note it is their personal opinion and not the board as one body - it's nice to see.

It is also good to see them commended for it from people throughout the community. Because you did vote for them and voted for them as the individual they were and the traits and differences they could bring to the table.

I also want to say it is nice to hear a few people, Patterson and Clarkston Education Association President Brooke Davis, not entirely blame the state of Michigan for the district's financial woes.

Yes, the state has some blame on how they distribute the money and when they do it. Deciding when schools are mid-year isn't a responsible way to do business.

As for outsourcing transportation and custodial services - I don't think it's right. Even if it is the trend going on around Michigan it doesn't mean it should happen.

On Monday night Dr. Roberts and union representatives said they are discussing right now and by next Monday at the board meeting they will have an answer.



Cop defends 'Blue Line'

Dear Editor,

The Thin Blue Line is about to become even thinner. Financial difficulties within the City of the Village of Clarkston may force the demise of the Clarkston Police Department. Understandably, city officials have an obligation to balance their budget.

However, they also have an even greater obligation and that is the safety and security of the residents and their property.

As a member of the Clarkston Police Department, I naturally have a vested interest in maintaining the department. But please allow me to establish some important facts. We are a small, well-run unit that operated within our budget and provides a combination of over 150 years of police experience.

All of us perform our duties well. Are we perfect? Certainly not, but we do our best and we put our lives on the line daily.

Some may say Clarkston is a quiet community, nothing ever happens there, so why do we need the police department? Perhaps that is due in part to the professionalism of their police department.

If the department is terminated, many of the personal services we provide will be gone forever. The response time to calls for

assistance will go from one minute or less to 5-10 minutes!

Which leads me to several very important questions. How much is a life worth? Ask the gentleman, his family and friends, who had stopped breathing and whose life was saved by one of our officers.

How much is peace of mind and security in your home worth? Ask the resident who recently dialed 911 reporting two unknown males in her backyard, looking in her windows. We responded to that call in under one minute, located the men and successfully resolved the matter.

I do not have knowledge of the exact dollars necessary to retain the department. What I do possess is the commitment from my fellow officers to work with city officials to find ways to cut expenses, to operate within our budget and to continue to provide the service citizens expect and deserve.

Residents of Clarkston, please help us help you, by contacting city officials and advising them of your desire to keep your police department.

Thank you,

Gary Claudio
Clarkston

Letters to the editor

Reader has mural ideas

Dear Editor,

It was with sadness to hear that Jim Sherman was going to paint over the incomplete mural on the north wall of his building. Not that I was particularly fond of what the artist had done so far, but it was improving.

What saddens me most is the potential for this wall and perhaps other walls in the village.

I would like to draw to the attention of your readers a couple of websites that show murals in another community, Lake Placid Florida.

I visit this town every year along with my Mother (she's a snow-bird) and I'm fascinated by the interesting murals that adorn the walls of this small village.

One can Google Murals and find lots of choices but for two specific ones, I suggest the following: www.lpfra.com and this has a link to the mural society. There are at least 40+ murals scattered about this small town and they most often depict local his-

tory. All can be viewed on these web sites.

It would bring a smile to my face to see a mural of Rudy with his white apron feeding the pigeons as he did every day. Or the Morgan family taking care of our cars and trucks.

Or Doc O'Neill. Many of us took our children to him for care starting back in the 70's and he's personally cared for countless families since then. Even me, I came down with the shingles a few years ago and who saw me? Doc O'Neill. Thankfully he's still with us but why not honor him with a mural. Or maybe some of our teachers.

A lot of people have enriched our community with their lives (and livelihoods) and created local history that could be beautifully memorialized on the sides of our various buildings and Sherman's is a perfect candidate to "get the ball rolling." I'm an advocate for murals.

David Fritzing
Clarkston

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Schools move to privatize some services" By fall, Clarkston Schools Superintendent Gary Haner expected to have the entire bus system in the hands of a private contractor, saving about \$250,000 a year. School employees condemned the actions as "union busting."

"Taking it to the street" Local business owner Buck Kopietz called for creation of a downtown business association to draw shopper to Main Street. The number one problem at their first meeting was downtown parking, with people going over two-hour parking limits.

"Leaping leprechauns" - Chris Sanderson, Joi Bonot, Scott Barker, and classmates at Pine Knob Elementary enjoyed shamrock-shaped potato pancakes as they learned about Ireland and St. Patrick's Day.

25 years ago - 1985

"Teen is magazine semi-finalist" Jeannie Pinho, sophomore at Clarkston High School, was selected as a semi-finalist in the Great Model Search, sponsored by Teen Magazine. She competed for a \$5,000 modeling contract.

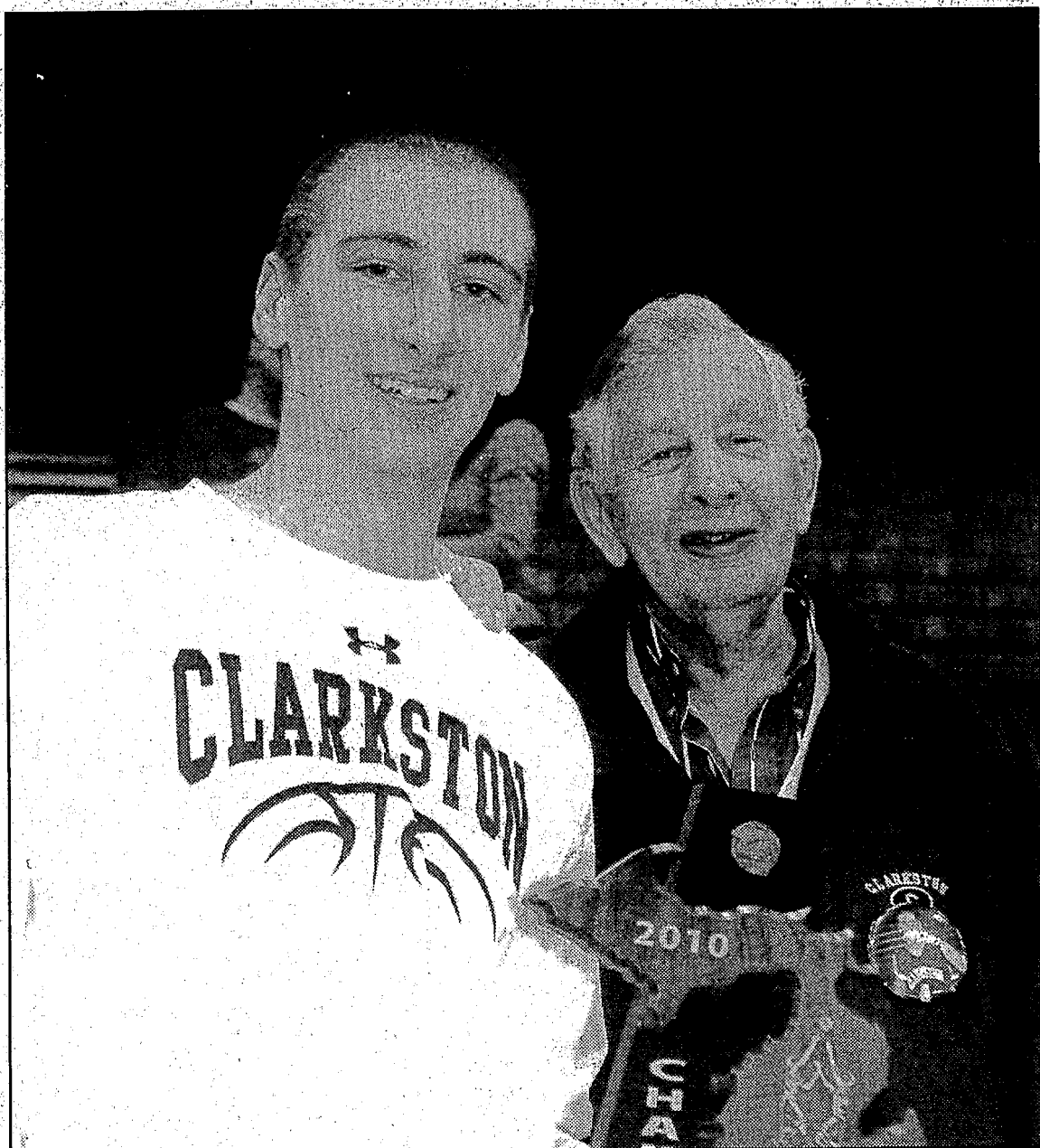
"Chaplain presidents over unusual weddings" Gloria and John Johnson of Independence Township were set to get married outside at Pine Knob to the tunes of John Denver, in a wedding officiated by Chaplain James Edwards of Macomb County Sheriff's Department. Edwards was used to non-traditional ceremonies, such as in an airplane or hot-air balloon.

"Child likes birds" Mary Schmidt wrote a letter to the editor saying she was sad people wanted to chase away Rudy's pigeons. "Since I was little, I enjoyed watching them at Rudy's," she wrote. "Please keep the pigeons. You can watch them from up close like no other birds."

50 years ago - 1960

"A look into Clarkston's future" Clarkston Women's Club planned a comprehensive look into the changing future of the area, examining how schools will handle growing populations, real estate developments, impact of the proposed Chrysler expressway, and new commercial developments.

"Clarkston locals" The Leo Erickson family of S. Main Street went sledding Sunday afternoon and when they arrived home, they found a little bird had taken over their living room. Several attempts were made to catch their feathered friend before Mr. Erickson caught it in his hands and let it free outside.



Smiles of the week

Clarkston High School senior Jordan Clark shares the joy of winning the MHSAA Boys Basketball District Championship with one of his biggest fans, his grandfather Bob Tressedder. *Photo by Larry Wright*

Share your concerns

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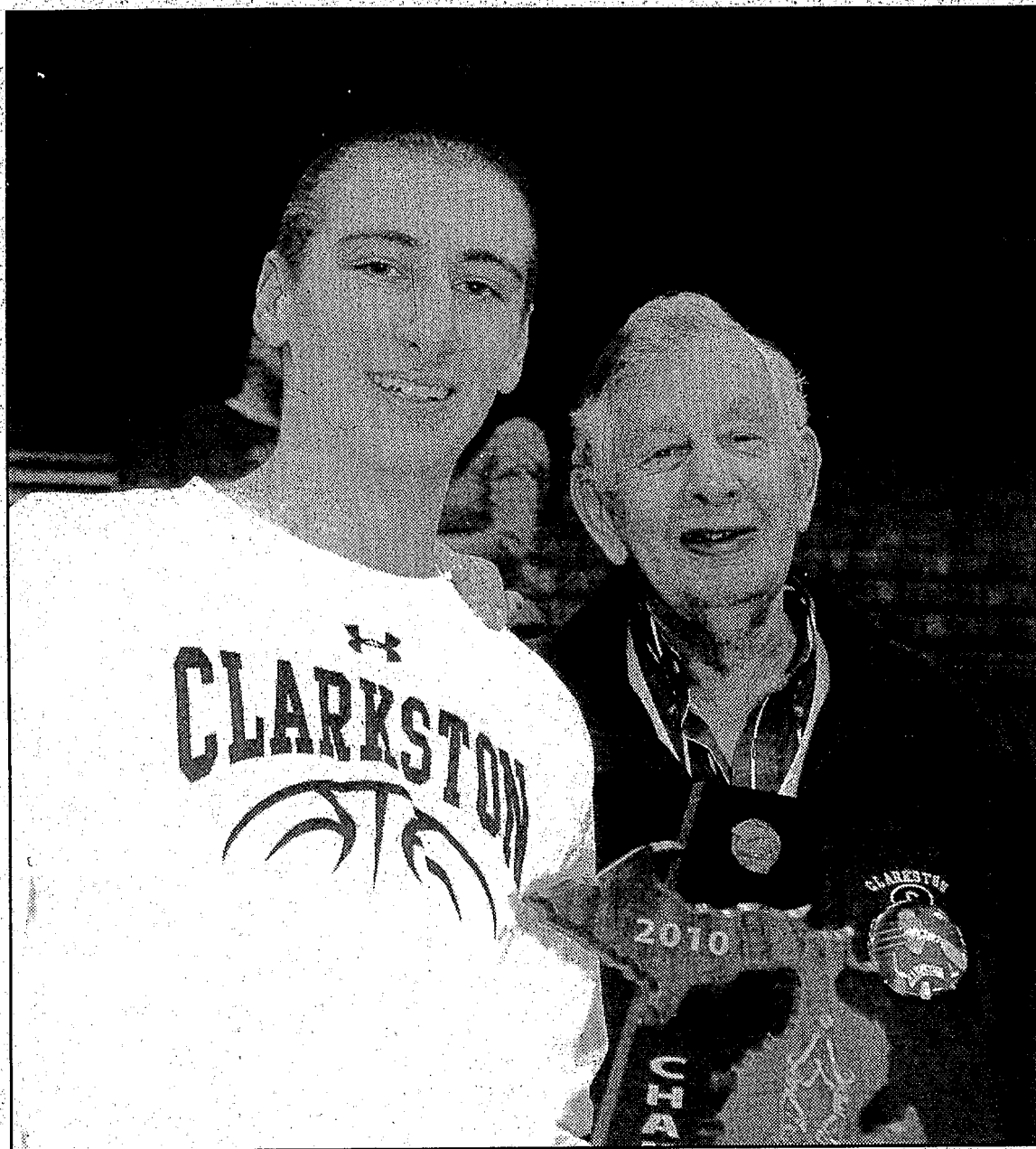
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Getting so I like reruns more than current shows

I started watching "NCIS" soon after it started airing in 2003. What drew me to the program was the name of the leading man, Mark Harmon.

He was born in 1951 to Tom Harmon and actress Elsie Knox. I first started reading about Tom Harmon when he was an All-American football player for University of Michigan and was also the Heisman Trophy winner. In 1941 Tom



a column by
Jim Sherman

Harmon enlisted in the Army and in 1943 parachuted into South Africa and survived a plane crash.

They were from Burbank, California which may be why Mark Harmon stayed there, attended UCLA and played quarterback for the Bruins in 1972.

He got his bachelor's degree from UCLA in communications. He had parts in movies since the mid-1970s, then in 2003 started starring in "NCIS, Naval Criminal Investigation Service," as Leroy Jethro Gibbs, on CBS.

Except for the overly egotistical character played by Michael Weatherby, I like the show. But, like many successful shows with long runtimes, it started "reaching" for new scripts.

A recent show had someone finding a sack of months-old bones in the Mediterranean and the search for the killers. Who cares?

One thing I like about the show is the work of the medical examiner, "Ducky" David McCallum. I remember him from the show "Man from U.N.C.L.E.," which also starred Robert Vaughn. I don't know what happened to him.

Ducky is short in stature, not unlike Alan Ladd who played the leading man role in early movies and tv. Remember how surprised we were when we learned these he-men were cast with smaller

people to make them look big and strong?

Ducky doesn't have to look big and strong for the medical examiner job. He just has to be able to pronounce every bone and tissue in a body.

Anyway, I'm glad I missed early episodes of NCIS so the reruns are new to me. That's the way it is for me and "Seinfeld" too. I never saw his early shows.

My current tv attraction is "The Mentalist."

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Two years ago some missleed economist made me believe leasing a car was better than buying one.

I also made the mistake of having the credit company take the payments out of my bank account. Of course, I never remembered it, so when my bank statement arrived it never agreed with my figures.

Last month the lease was up. Having promised myself to never lease again, I set about wondering what options I should have on my new car.

The leased car had so many options I never did figure out how to change the rear view mirror why anyone needs Sirius radio or why, sometimes my driver's seat was warmer than other times.

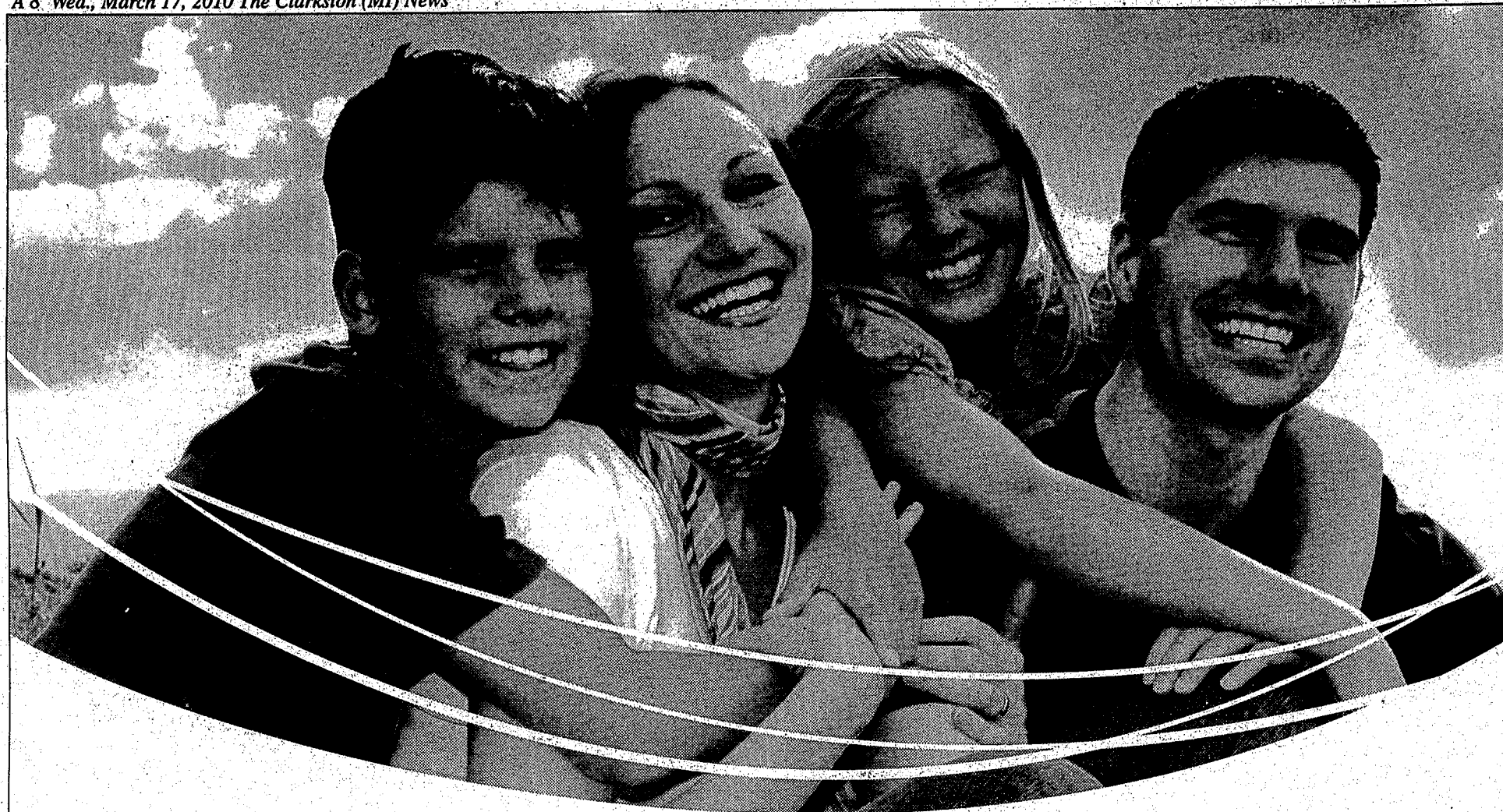
That latter one I figured out after I saw m'dog Shayna touch a dashboard button with her paw.

That eliminated that choice in my options. Do I need the technology that tells me how close something is behind me? I don't recall that being a major problem in the past.

I could also have an e-mail option, hard drive stereo, OnStar guidance, a sunroof and alert to the nearest rest stop.

Our daughter and her husband have a Corvette and a 1931 Model A Ford convertible. There's no question which car our daughter prefers driving and the whole darn top is a moon roof.

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Public Safety

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

Suspended driver

A deputy on patrol watched as an SUV driver, spotting the officer, pulled quickly into a parking lot on Sashabaw Road, 12:19 a.m., March 3. The deputy waited until the 19-year-old Brandon Township man drove back onto Sashabaw, then pulled behind him and ran his license plate. Finding he had two license suspensions, he pulled the teenager over, checked his identification, and cited him for driving with a suspended license.

Cracking thief

A passenger door window rolled down about three inches was enough for someone to get in and take CDs, sunglasses, backpack, and GPS, March 4, in the 5000 block of Windward Court.

Not so 'safe'

When a Columbia Street resident returned, March 5, after about 10 weeks up north, he found someone broke in through a backroom mirror, pried open four safes, and stole jewelry, coins, and a .38-caliber revolver.

No proof warning

A 37-year-old Flint woman was pulled over and cited for an expired plate, 9:29 p.m., March 6, at Dixie and White Lake. She was also cited for driving with a suspended license and given a warning for no proof of insurance.

Bull dogging neighbor

Mary Sue Avenue residents called deputies to report a neighbor's pit bull in their yard, 12 p.m., March 6. A deputy spoke to the dog's owner, who admitted the animal got out, but had just gotten him fixed so should be doing better. She was cited for dog at large.

Illegal alien admits true colors

A 28-year-old Independence Township driver was stopped for a burnt-out headlight, 10:05 p.m., March 7, at Dixie and Maybee. He had an expired driver's license and voter's card for Mexico. He said he was not a U.S. citizen, and has been here illegally for six years. Deputies cited him for expired license, waivable citation for the headlight, and called Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Wanted man caught

A 31-year-old Union City man was stopped for running a red light at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, 9 p.m., March 7. He had a Friend of the Court warrant for child support out of Sixth Circuit Court, as well as misdemeanor warrants out of Crawford and Calhoun County.

Driving crazy

An Everest Drive resident reported someone drove into his two-car overhead garage door, March 7. The door was caved in and would not open.

Bike found

A caller reported a bicycle lying behind a dumpster in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway, March 7. Deputies picked it up and took it to their property room.

Inside plate

A deputy noticed a white pickup truck drive by with no license plate, 7:30 p.m., March 7, on Ortonville Road. He followed the 33-year-old Holly man onto I-75 and signalled him to stop. The driver exited I-75 onto Dixie Highway and pulled into a parking lot before stopping. Asked why he took so long to stop, he said he was trying to make it safe for the officer. He had his license plate inside the truck, along with an open can of beer. He tested negative for drunk driving, but had several warrants for his arrest. He was given a warning for the open beer, and turned over to Waterford Police on drug charges.

Getting huffy on rocky night

A Mary Sue Street resident watched as a 29-year-old Independence Township woman drove over a large rock in her neighbor's front yard, 2:22 p.m., March 7. The driver was "huffing" from a spray can and was "so high she couldn't stand up." Upset because children often play there, the resident called police and the driver fled. Neighbors followed her to her house, and gave deputies directions. She was cited for reckless driving.

Swerving for drinks

A deputy watched a 25-year-old Brandon Township man make a too-wide U-turn on Sashabaw Road, hit a curb, drive off the road to the left, and continue to swerve from lane to lane, 2:07 a.m., March 7. Pulling him over, he found two open, half-full bottles of beer in cup holders. The driver said he had four beers and was on his way home from a local bar. He was arrested for drunk driving, second offence, and blood drawn for testing.

Dumpster fire

Springfield Township firefighters put out a fire, 5:23 p.m., March 10, in the 8000 block of Big Lake Road. The fire appeared to have started near the dumpster in the rear of the business. Investigators determined the fire was accidental.

— Reports collected by Phil Custodio

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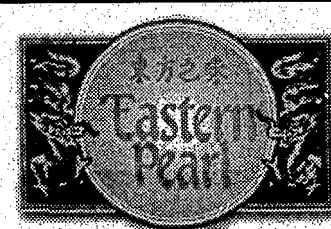
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IB budget info to school board incomplete

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supplies; \$3,600 for software; \$26,000 for new technology; and \$41,465 for dues and fees; for a total of \$504,523.78.

A total of \$171,430.71 was spent, as of Dec. 4, including \$5,863.34 for conferences; \$112.90 for teaching supplies; \$38,131.92 for textbooks; \$1,725.76 for office supplies; \$19,314.80 for technology; and \$11,805 for dues and fees.

"We have incurred IB costs for three years as we went through the application and authorization processes," Roberts said. "This is the first year of the program and most of the costs you are questioning are one-time purchases."

Training has taken place over the past two years, he said.

"The bottom line is that IB will cost less next year, as we are planning to restructure to raise class size," he said.

The budget total is several times larger than previously provided to *The Clarkston News*, as well as members of Clarkston Board of Education.

Checking her school board handouts, Vice President Susan Boatman has an IB budget of \$51,900 for fiscal year 2008, \$58,800 for 2009, and \$36,800, 2010. A report dated March

4, 2010, shows \$106,633 spent in the 2009 fiscal year, she said.

Trustee Joan Patterson said she has been uneasy with how the school handled finances and operations for the past 18 months.

"We have asked for detailed reports but have not yet received what we requested," Patterson said. "I have also asked to review our financial processes to assess if we have the information we need to make decisions."

School board members need to understand costs and benefits of each program, Patterson said.

Trustee Rosalie Lieblang agreed.

"I don't receive copies of this report by program, although it would be very helpful," she said. "In my opinion, having the cost/benefit information for every program in our district will be necessary as we continue to work on achieving a balanced budget beyond next year."

School board members' job is to oversee the district's policies and its finances and act as citizens' representatives, Lieblang said.

"The only way I can effectively do that is to ask for clarification and additional information when necessary, which is what I have been doing," she said. "Each board member may look at issues differently and may

require varying levels of information to do so."

The value of a seven-member board is in each member's diverse experience and backgrounds, she said.

"I see debate and discussion, which is a premise of our democracy, as a tremendous advantage, not as a disadvantage," she said.

The school board will consider 119 budget cuts at next week's meeting, March 22, which include laying off at least 40 teachers and about 70 other employees.

"In making budget reductions, one of the administration's goals was not to eliminate programs unless what was being cut rendered the program ineffective," Boatman said. "There is very little curriculum being targeted in the proposed budget cuts."

"We are making cuts to the IB program, but not eliminating it," said Board President Steve Hyer. "It is a school of choice program and has and will continue to bring kids and consequently revenue to our district."

Clarkston has one student from out of district in IB, according to administration.

Fast Forward is not included on the budget-cut list. The school district is implementing the computer-based program, which cost \$370,400 to purchase, in each building.

"We are using current staff and computer labs this year as well as in the future," Roberts said. "Aside from the annual maintenance fee, approximately \$50,000 total, I do not anticipate any significant costs for this program."

Roberts also said discussing current and past cuts is not productive.

"The district is looking for next year's cuts," he said.

The Clarkston News submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for Expenditure Summary Reports for Fast Forward, as well as CSM Tech and All-Day Kindergarten for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

"If you prefer to have this type of relationship, we will all need to play by the rules," Roberts responded. "There are time lines, extensions and costs under such a formal system. If you are choosing to FOIA the information, I will have our FOIA coordinator contact you with the approximate cost and timelines for response."

Confirmation of the FOIA request was emailed March 12. The FOIA coordinator has not yet made contact.

Treasurer Joe Armstrong, Secretary Cheryl McGinnis, and Trustee Barry Bomier did not respond to requests for comment.

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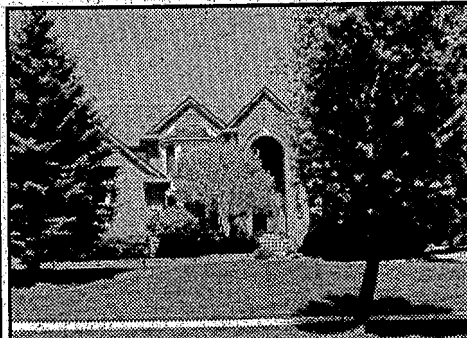
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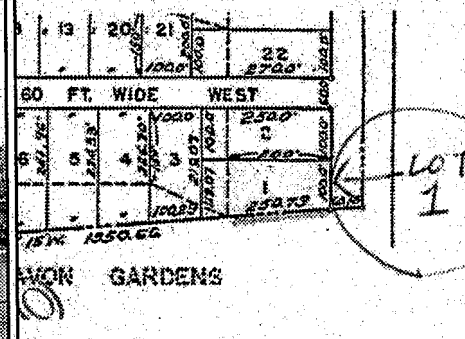
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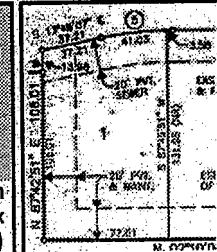
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BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

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One was for elected officials and public workers at all levels to receive a 5 percent pay cut while contributing up to 20 percent for their health insurance.

"Some may view this as a mean-spirited attack on government, an attempt to address the problems of the economy on the backs of public employees. This couldn't be farther from the truth," said Bishop, in a statement posted on the state senate website.

"Our neighbors, our family members, the people we serve every day are hurting. I am asking that we and all who serve them make some sacrifices so that we may continue to serve the citizens of this fine state and work to reestablish Michigan's economic vitality."

The proposal includes all elected officials; all state, county and municipal government workers; and all employees working for public schools and public universities including administrators, teachers and professors.

According to the state Senate website, the pay cut would save an estimated \$1.2 billion annually for all levels of government combined. Employee costs make up 75-80 percent of government costs.

How do local officials feel?

Clerk and Treasurer for the City of the Village of Clarkston Jan Gillespie said the five percent pay cut is necessary to "stay in business."

"But the senators, the representatives, the governor and everybody needs to do that too," Gillespie said. "It starts at the top and works its way down, we just got to stick together and weather the storm."

Springfield Township Treasurer Jamie Dubre said she felt some sort of contribution toward healthcare was needed.

"I think the contribution needs to be addressed. We just don't have that much

Group supports veterans, families

Clarkston Cares for Military Families, support group for veterans and their families, meets at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 14, at St. Daniel's Church in Clarkston.

The citizens group works to identify needs of military service personnel, and their spouses and children, and help meet those needs.

For more information, call Marylou Enneking at 248-625-4583 or email clarkstoncares@yahoo.com.

How much would Bishop's proposals save annually in Clarkston area?

	5% pay cut for employees and 1 elected officials	Healthcare: 15% employee contribution	Healthcare: 20% employee contribution
City of Clarkston ²	\$ 15,617	\$ 1,750	\$ 2,300
Ind. Twp. ³	\$ 289,450	?	?
Spf. Twp. ⁴	\$ 129,570	\$20,365	\$27,154

Notes: 1) Elected officials meaning township supervisors, treasurers, and clerks.

2) City of Clarkston employees includes DPW and Police. Majority employees including elected officials are parttime. Only two employees get healthcare paid through city. They contribute zero.

3) Ind. Twp 5% pay cut is based on fulltime base payroll. Despite several attempts to get healthcare information, Finance Director Susan Hendricks did not provide complete information to *Clarkston News*.

4) Spf. Twp 5% pay cut includes all departments Sup. Tres. Clerk, and Assess. 2010 amount budgeted for Fire Chief and two full-time firemen. It also includes library workers paid salary by township, based on 2009.

money anymore," she said. "The days of not paying anything towards hospitalization (are over)."

Dubre noted Springfield currently does not contribute anything to their healthcare, but had gone from a PPO plan to an HMO

plan, which has reduced the cost. However, she feels further things can be done to reduce more.

"It's hard to ask people to give (toward healthcare) when we haven't given anymore (raises)," she said. "At the same time, that's

what's going on all over the place."

Dubre said it's almost \$14,000 added to workers salaries because the township pays for it.

Independence Township Trustee David Lohmeier said on the surface he was not opposed to it, but "there are areas where you get less bang for the buck there."

"Healthcare, whether it's 20 percent or not, government employees in general have in general more generous healthcare plan than the average person, so that's probably one of the biggest opportunities," he said. "I agree philosophically that's probably where we need to make some adjustments."

However, Lohmeier wasn't sure if he agreed with it "across the board" or whether they could just make deeper cuts in general.

"You can do it two ways," he said. "You can bring everybody's pay down or you can take entire departments and people out."

This year the Independence Township board took people out and staffed at a minimal level. Lohmeier noted through the "bumping process" a lot of employees took a drop in pay.

"I just don't like being that broad based about it," he said. "I like being a little more strategic and first look at things you could stop doing that maybe you don't have enough value you at."

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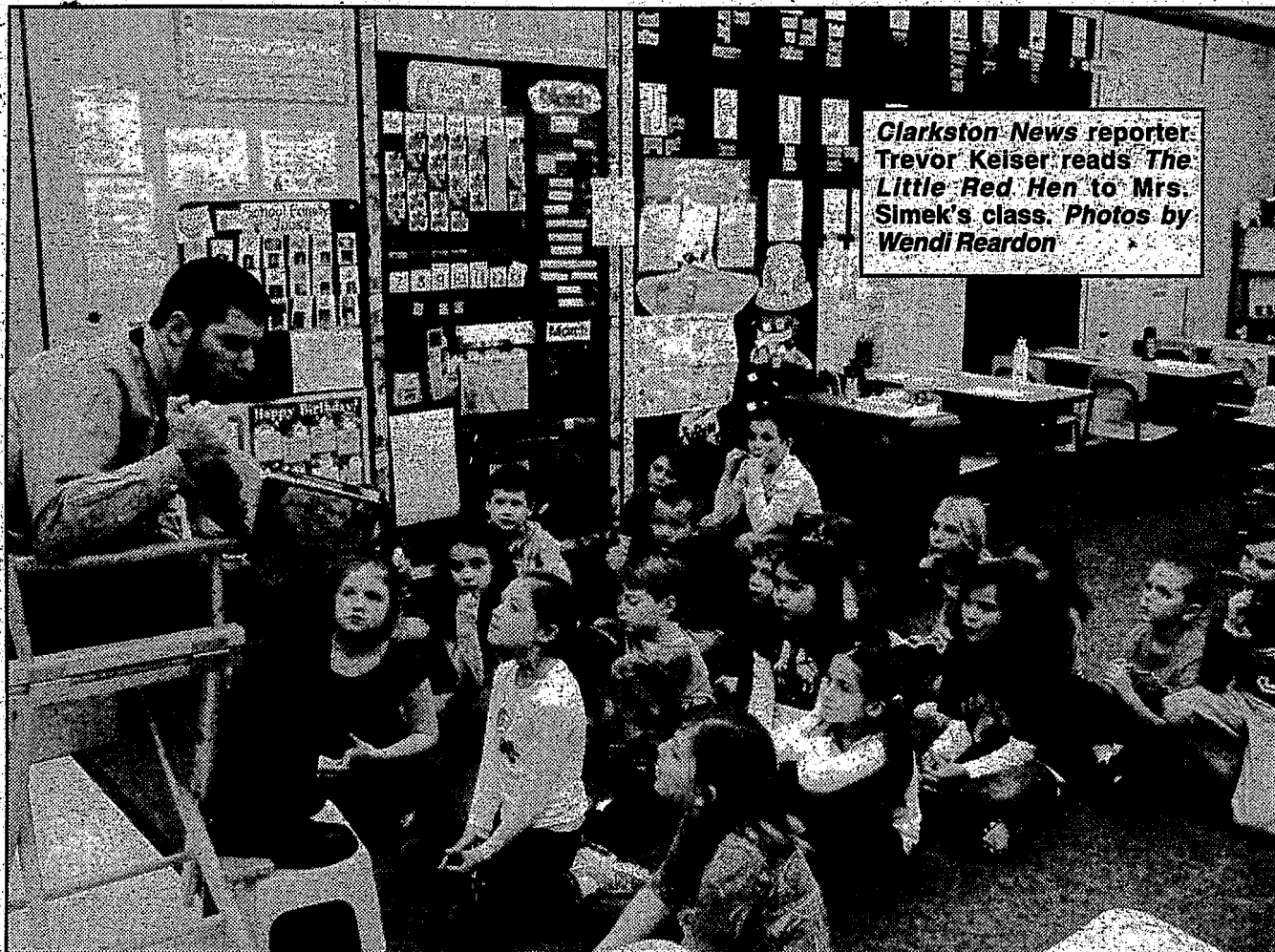


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Clarkston News reporter Trevor Keiser reads *The Little Red Hen* to Mrs. Simek's class. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Jeffery Barnett listens closely to the story.

Celebrity readers at Springfield Plains

It wasn't a normal day for Springfield Plains Elementary students on March 10.

Volunteers from the community stopped by to read their favorite child's book during Celebrity Readers Day.

The annual event is part the school's celebration of Michigan Reading Month.

Mrs. Simek's second grade class proudly boasted to *Clarkston News* reporter Trevor Keiser they read the most books in the school.

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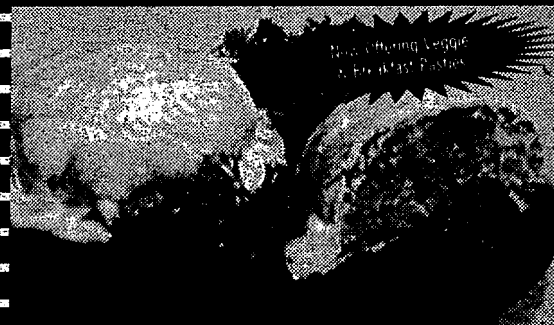
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Wolves leave Lake Orion in the dust in district playoffs

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves' Jungle put their plan to action as Clarkston took a time out, less than two minutes to go in the final round of district playoffs.

They chanted "just like football" as they stared at Lake Orion's student section, reminding their opponents of Clarkston's other big game against them.

Senior Tyler Scarlett admitted the energy and encouragement from all the fans on Friday night helped in the boys 48-36 win.

Another help was on the court in the form of 6'3" junior Matt Rodgers and his four 3-point shots for the night.

Both teams were close as they went into the second half and Clarkston led, 20-19.

They continued to match points for points and Lake Orion grabbed a three point lead in the third quarter.

Scarlett narrowed the Dragons' lead to one point after he scored his basket with 4:11 remaining in the quarter.

Rodgers followed with his second field goal for the night. Lake Orion retailered scoring their own 3-pointer.

With 50 seconds left, Rodgers added one more to finish the quarter, 31-30.

He continued the momentum opening the final quarter with another 3-point shot and with baskets from Scarlett and Marcus Hardy the boys held onto the lead for the win.

"Rodgers is probably one of our hardest workers and his minutes are hard to come by," said Dan Fife, long-time Wolves Head Coach. "He is a good stand still shooter and our other sub is a good defender so he doesn't always get minutes. It felt comfortable when he came in."

Fife added Rodgers also doesn't give up.

"Against Romeo he missed a shot and I told him it was a good shot. He came right back and made his shot. It shows how good his attitude is," he said. "I trust his shooting and I don't doubt this will give him a lift."

The Wolves also competed against a defense play they

hadn't encountered in other games before - the box-and-one, focusing on keeping Matt Kamieniecki from scoring.

"He hasn't seen it at all," said Fife. "In all fairness to Kamieniecki, a lot of kids have a tough time with it. He hit two big threes in the first half and that really helped him to keep his composure. He handled it very well."

Winning the districts this season marks the Wolves 17th consecutive year taking the crown.

"It never gets old winning districts," said Fife. "This one was really satisfying because of what we have had to go through this year to get where we have gotten. It's good to win districts for the kids, for the community."

Before facing off with Lake Orion, the boys had to get through Romeo, winning 51-41.

They captured the lead at the end of the second quarter, but Fife saw a major piece missing from the game - energy.

"Right now one loss and you are done," he said. "It really bothers me when I see lack of energy in a tournament game because it could be our last. Mentally we didn't play like we should."

Going into Monday's first round of regionals against Birmingham Brother Rice, the boys were focused.

Scarlett and Kamieniecki agreed it was going to be tough.

"We have to bring our 'A' game especially in this atmosphere and seeing this kind of pressure (from Lake Orion)," said Kamieniecki.

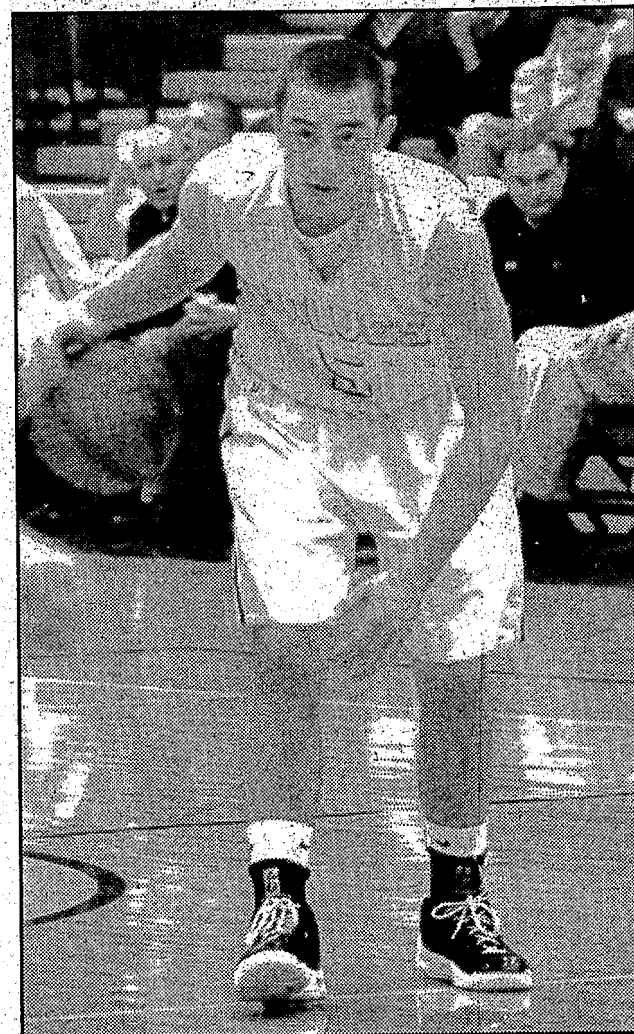
The boys didn't have a lot of time to prepare for Brother Rice and the coaching staff did not appear anxious about it.

"We are who we are," said Fife. "We just have to be lucky. The kids have to play on all cylinders and have to play their hearts out."

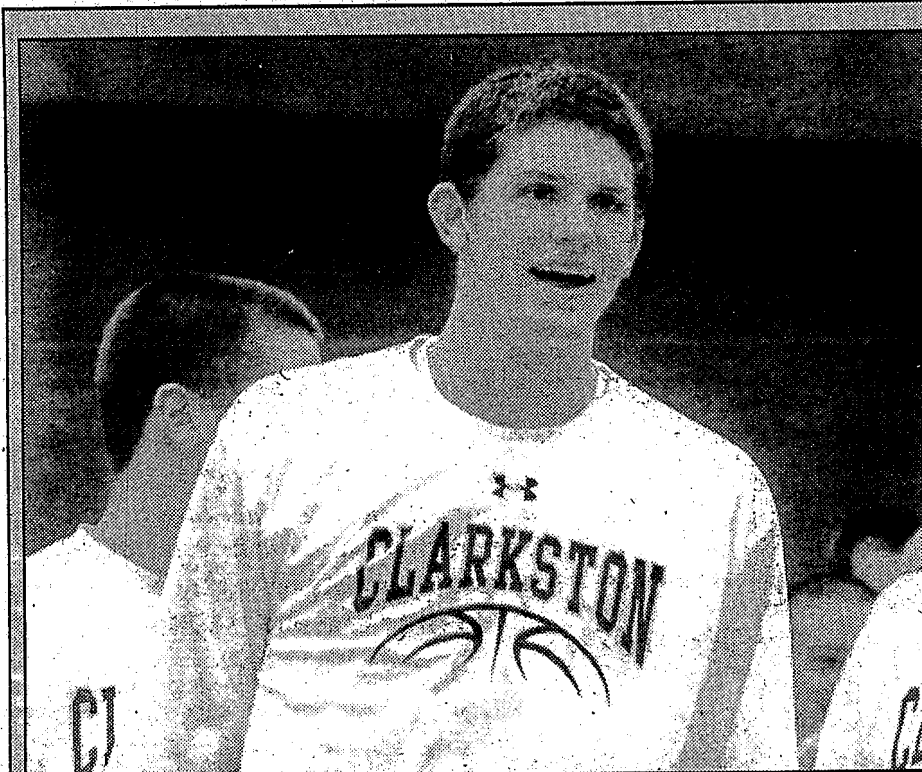
The boys played the first round of regionals on Monday night and beat Birmingham Brother Rice, 55-42.

They move on to play Southfield on Wednesday night for the regional title at Lake Orion High School, 7 p.m.

The winner moves on to Quarterfinals next Tuesday, check Wolfpack Update on www.ClarkstonNews.com for the score.



Tyler Scarlett keeps his guard against Romeo.



Matt Kamieniecki celebrates Clarkston district championship.

Athlete of the Week

Kamieniecki leads by example

The beginning of each game is the same - Matt Kamieniecki stretches and stands in the center of the court ready for the referee to throw the basketball.

The 6'7" senior jumps and stretches his long arms knocking the ball to a teammate.

Besides being the leading player on the scoreboard he has also led the team.

His experiences from the last four years on the varsity team wins, losses and going to the Breslin Center for finals last year have helped him to pass on lessons to his team-

mates and kids throughout the community.

A bonus to this season was playing with his brother, Alan, on the varsity team and sharing experiences with him.

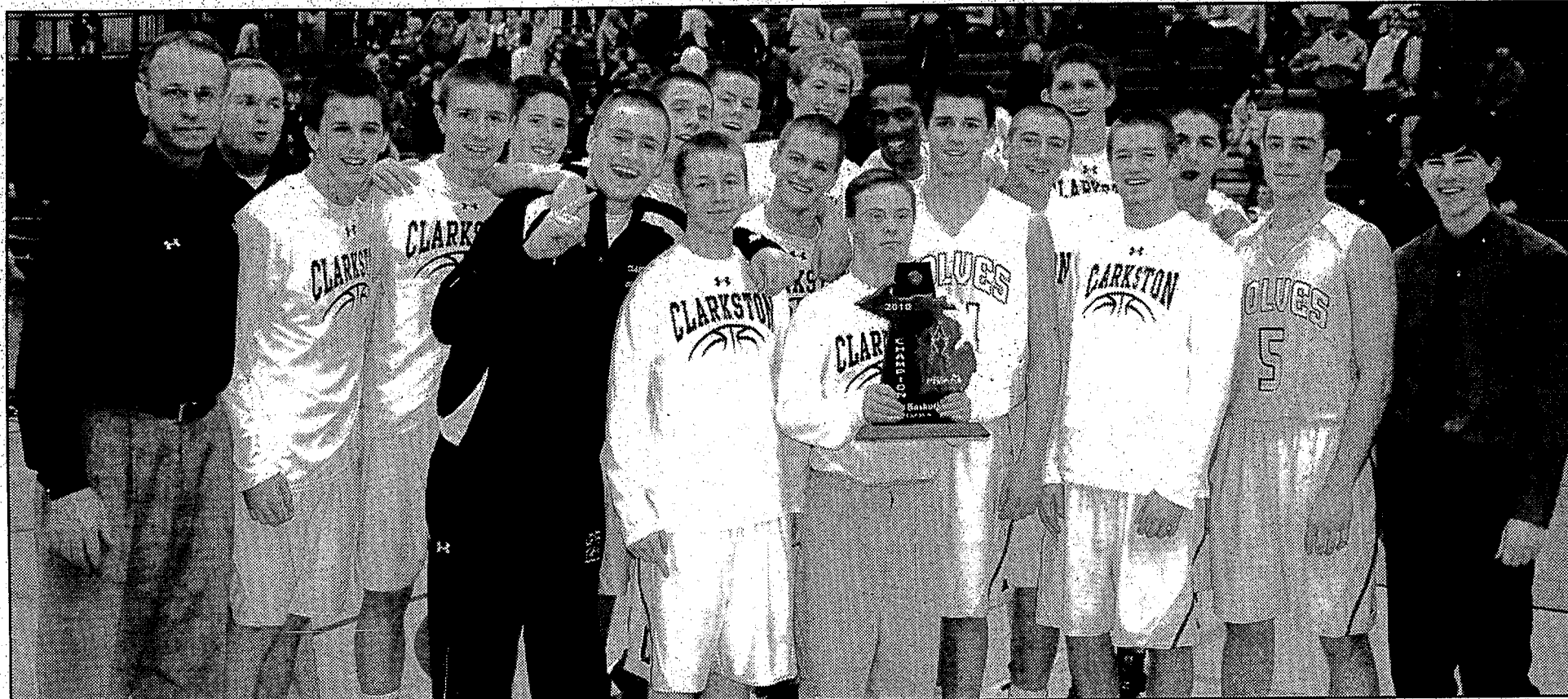
Facing tough opponents will help him as he suits up for Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. He signed his letter of intent in November.

Kamieniecki began his love of the game when he began playing basketball when he was five.

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The Jungle cheers the team on as they win the district championship. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Unstoppable


The Wolves' battle was tough against Lake Orion last Friday night. They held on for the duration of the ride to take the Dragons down 48-36 for the MHSAA District Championship.

All players smiled as they accepted their individuals medals and hoisted up the team trophy to share with their friends and family.

It was the 17th consecutive year for Wolves Head Coach Dan Fife and the Clarkston program to win the district championship.

The boys fight for the regional crown on Wednesday at Lake Orion High School at 7 p.m. against OAA opponents Southfield.

The winner moves on to the Quarterfinals at University of Detroit - Mercy next Tuesday.



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School budget cuts come to a vote, March 22

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Barry Bomier favored up to \$10 million in cuts. Trustee Rosalie Lieblang leaned more towards \$9 million.

"My concern is not having enough information," Lieblang said. "These decision will impact our children's education, our employees lives and our entire community. I believe I owe it to every person in this district and this community to thoroughly understand our financial situation and analyze the options before making decisions."

Trustee Joan Patterson also said she wanted to wait for more information.

"We might have an increase in expenses," she pointed out. "Some of my concerns are the unknowns we haven't seen. I don't want to be surprised. Because I don't have the information, it makes me a little more cautious."

Hyer said some numbers can be off, especially if their estimated \$266 per pupil funding is cut further or transportation and custodial services agree to concessions.

"Since the last meeting, we are working with our employee groups. By the next meeting, we will have an answer," said Superintendent Dr. Albert Roberts.

Vice-President Susan Boatman favored making the deficit as low as possible to preserve the district's \$6.3 million fund balance.

Also, she agreed cutting more this year would mean fewer cuts next year.

The board plans to vote on the reduction package during the next board meeting on March 22.

Dr. Roberts, Hyer and Boatman worked out ground rules for Monday's budget meeting.

During the meeting, any board member can make a motion to remove individual items from the list of 119 cuts, either permanently or for further discussion.

Another board member must second the motion and the entire board will vote on removing it from the list.

After the removal process, the board will vote on the original motion to adopt the entire budget reduction package.

"The administration believes these can be cut without changing education," said Boatman. "You must believe the item being removed is in the best interest of the district."

The board will hold a public hearing before the meeting at 6 p.m. and begin their scheduled meeting at 7 p.m.

Both are held at the Performing Arts Center at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.



Swimmers representing Clarkston at the state finals were: from top, Michael Inch, Steven Nelson, Zach Rabideau; from bottom, Kenny Stelpflug, Kramer Kamp, Eric Misteravich. Not pictured, Jordan Zendejas. Photo provided

Swimmers grab All-State honors

A thought on senior Jordan Zendejas' mind for three years has been the state championship in diving.

After his first visit in his sophomore year he has focused his training on it.

Last year he missed it - placing sixth.

On his final visit to the MHSAA State Finals he was victorious - taking the top spot with 482.6 points last week. He also

set a new record in Division 1.

Junior Kenny Stelpflug took fourth place in the 500-yard freestyle, finishing 4:41.87, and sixth in the 200-yard freestyle, 1:44.99.

Zendejas and Stelpflug also won All-State Awards for their events.

"The boys had a great season," said Coach Kenwyn Chock on the boys season ending. "They set school records in all

eleven events."

Clarkston sent three relays teams in 200-yard medley, 200-yard free and 400-yard free to the finals this year. Steven Nelson competed in the 100-yard backstroke and Micheal Inch in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Wolves finished in 18th place as a team in Division 1 out of 34 schools. Saline took first with 325 points.

Clarkston Riverdawg run/walk set for April 17

Get ready. Get set. It is time for spring training for the Clarkston Youth Baseball Organization.

But this "Spring Training" does not include bats, mitts, or baseballs - but sneakers will be needed for the Annual Clarkston Riverdaws 5K run/walk at Clintonwood Park.

This opportunity provides families and solo runners an opportunity to explore Clintonwood Park, enjoy fresh air, get exercise and support their local baseball teams.

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Spring Training is held Saturday, April 17 at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road in Clarkston. The run/walk starts at 10 a.m., registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

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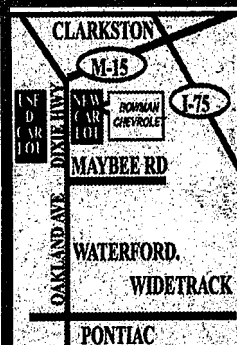
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People Poll

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Why the distrust of school leaders?



"They're paternalistic and condescending."

— Leif Gruenberg (right) and Ansel



"I don't think it's distrust as much as it's a want for all the information."

— Katy Noble



"From the business end, cuts seem necessary. I know there will be a lot of unhappy people, but hopefully it works out best in the end."

— Jules Keilitz



"I would feel pretty nervous if I was a teacher right now. The school system may not be what it used to be. I hope they can maintain the same level of integrity in the teachers."

— J. C.

By Trevor Keiser

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Once a Clarkstonite....

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For Patrick Jewell, Clarkston has always been a fond memory.

He recently submitted about a dozen photos, taken in the late 1940's to the Clarkston Community Historical Society. He can't remember if the photos were taken by him or his father.

"I think we're going to have to share the burden," he said. "I was packing a camera at that age also."

Jewell was born in Detroit in 1934. He spent kindergarten through fifth grade in a big Detroit City School.

"During the Second World War, my father, my grandfather and I, as I grew a little bit older, became part of the effort to build a house out at Walters Lake, when there weren't many houses out there," he said. "We built that house on weekends and vacations."

After the war, Jewell and his family moved from a Detroit "dinky apartment to a house in the woods."

"I changed from a city boy into a country boy with dogs running all over loose – totally different life," he said.

Going from a big city school to a one-room schoolhouse of 30 students, sixth through eighth grade, called Hunter School near Walters Lake, was also quite a change.

Jewell said it was in 1947 at barely 13 years old where he found himself in a little mischief as a freshman at Clarkston High School.

"I got caught up with another one of my classmates who was not a good influence and we ended up skipping a great portion of freshman year," he said. "I finally got caught and busted. I was able to come and take the exams and do them and get by, but you can't skip Latin and pass the exam."



Patrick Jewell stands with his classmates at Hunter School on Clintonville Road in 1946. Jewell is wearing a white T-shirt, second from the right. The photo is provided by his former classmate Laura Glasel, who is not in the photo because she was sick.

Jewell said it was shortly after being caught skipping, he was invited by teacher and assistant football coach Leigh Bonner for dinner and given some general encouragement. He got him going in the right direction.

"Mr. Bonner was my favorite teacher and had a substantial influence helping me establish priorities," he said.

Jewell said he will never forget the face of Head Football Coach, Doc Thayer, when Jewell showed up for freshmen football practice at 118 pounds. Thayer suggested Jewell wait a year

before joining the team. That summer, Jewell landed a job doing mason work. He mixed concrete and carried bricks by hand. He did the job every summer for three years.

"We didn't have the gyms and the weight rooms like the kids do nowadays, that was my gym and weight room," he said. "It was really hard work, but I was eager to do it because it was helping me physically bulk up."

Jewell said he was about 190 pounds when he finally left high school.

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Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., March 18, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Dick Powe of from Eagle Eye Inspections discusses home safety and emergency preparation. Refreshments served. Call Gail, 248-623-9462, or Linda, 248-625-4945.

Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m., March 23, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. Benefits St. Trinity Lutheran Church's Youth Servant Trip to Wisconsin.

Women in Business, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. Pure Michigan, 10:45-1 p.m., March 25, Fountains, 6060 Maybee Road; True Colors, 2-5 p.m., April 29, Oakhurst Country Club. 248-625-8055.

Frog Survey Training, 7-9 p.m., March 26, Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Free. Register by March 25 at 248-858-0704.

Open audition for one male actor, Clarkston Village Players, 7 p.m., March 30, Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. Rehearsals begin in April. Performance, June 1-6. 248-666-3094.

A Taste of Spring, Rotary's wine tasting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., April 1, Oakhurst Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane off Clintonville Road. Michigan wines featured. \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Proceeds support Clarkston Rotary's local, international projects. Clarkstonrotary.org.

Lawn Wars free presentation, 7:30-8:30 p.m., April 7, at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. North Oakland Wild Ones Chapter. Author Lois B. Robbins discusses natural landscaping. 248-625-7597.

Around Town



'Melville Boys' onstage

Clarkston Village Players perform the comedy "Melville Boys," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 2 p.m., Sundays; March 19-21, 25-27, at Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. Admission is \$13, Friday-Saturday; and \$11, Sundays. For more information, call 248-575-4104.

Earth Day Celebration, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 17, Indian Spings Metropark Environmental Discovery Center. Guided hike, crafts out of recycled materials, learn about alternative "green" energy sources. Free. For ages 4 and older. 248-625-6640.

Community Awards Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m., May 20, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

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.

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. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

Zumba for 50+, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., March 31-May 19. Hypnotic musical rhythms and a dynamic workout. \$48 for eight classes. Community Room-Clarkston Specialty Care Center, 4800 Clintonville Road. 248-625-8231.

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.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-4244.

Fountains charity poker, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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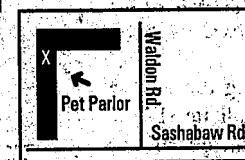
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Coffee House concert

Coffee House, featuring Amy Kucera and local talent, starts at 7 p.m., March 19, at Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road.

This family-friendly evening begins with Open Mic time at 7 p.m. followed by Amy Kucera, a versatile musician with a hauntingly beautiful voice.

Kucera won the Hill Award for Outstanding Musical Performance in voice, Steiner Award for Creativity in Music Composition, and the 33rd Annual competition in Musical Performance, composition division.

She is the artistic director of the General Motors Employees' Chorus, and singer, composer, and keyboardist at Peace Unity.

Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road, presents the evening's entertainment and refreshments free of charge but gratefully accepts donations.

Aspiring musicians, poets, dancers and others can contact Rev. Matthew Long to get on the schedule for the March Coffee House or for another of the regularly scheduled events. Peace Unity Church provides Coffee House venue for local artists and fans the third Friday of each month.

For more information about Peace Unity Church, call 248-625-5192 or visit www.peaceunitychurch.org.



Kucera

Local animal rescue group honored

Clarkston-based Canine Companions Rescue Center recently received a \$250 Greenworks donation from Waste Management.

The award recognizes volunteer Deanna West's efforts with the organization.

"I've always wanted to volunteer in some way," said West, Waste Management employee and resident of Lake Orion. "I'm a dog lover, so Canine Companions Rescue Center was the perfect opportunity."

The company's Greenworks Program honors employees who volunteer in the community.

"Waste Management's commitment to being a valued community partner extends beyond the workplace," said Denise Gretz, Waste Management's vice president for Michigan and Ohio. "It's about each of us being involved in our community in meaningful ways."

Canine Companions Rescue Center rescues dogs from animal controls, tests for temperament and provides shots and medical care. Then the dog is placed in a foster home to prepare them for adoption.



Canine Companions Rescue Center saves dogs like Faith and her puppies. Photos provided

"Dogs are a part of the family, they are living breathing things that rely on you to care for them," said West, who has fostered puppies and adult dogs at her home for more than four years. "These dogs are so lovely; I can't understand how anyone can let them go."

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This is best exemplified by the increasingly popular AT&T U-verse product line featuring high-speed internet, fiber optic television and home phone service.

A year ago, U-verse products were only available to about 25 percent of the homes in Oxford and Orion townships.

Today, the availability has grown to almost 80 percent, according to Andrew Cruga, store manager for Prime Wireless.

Anyone interested in making the switch from cable or satellite dish can walk into Prime Wireless at 1510 S. Lapeer Rd., get all the information they need about U-verse and sign up right there.

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As society becomes increasingly connected through the internet, more and more people are choosing to buy Smart Phones that give them Web-based applications.

These days people are using their wireless phones to do everything from checking their e-mail to updating their Facebook page.

"BlackBerry sales have increased exponentially because people want to check their

e-mail on the go," Cruga said. "People want phones with internet-based capabilities so they can check local events, news, sports, weather, you name it."

This month AT&T is launching five new Android phones, which use an operating system created by Google as opposed to the standard Windows system.

"We feel to stay competitive we need to

have an Android offering as well," said Cruga, noting the phones are made for AT&T by Motorola, Dell and HTC.

Good news for those who like to stay in touch 24/7, the cost of AT&T's unlimited talk plan was reduced by \$30. Cell users can now talk all they want for \$69.99 per month.

Frequent text messagers can type until their thumbs hurt because AT&T offers unlimited texting plans — \$20 per month for individuals and \$30 for families.

Once a novelty among young people, Cruga said text messaging has become a must-have for people age 18-30.

"More and more want to do it," he said.

Depending on the model of phone you have, AT&T also offers unlimited internet plans for between \$20 and \$30 per month. These include unlimited e-mail and voice-guided GPS navigation, the latter of which is very popular, according to Cruga.

In addition to phones, Prime Wireless also sells Netbooks, which are mini laptop computers that offer portable internet access anywhere there's AT&T coverage.

"When they first came out, they cost \$300 to \$400," Cruga said. "Now, you can buy one for less than \$200."

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Milestones

Kevin Kelly earns Eagle

Kevin Kelly, son of Jim and Karen Kelly of Clarkston, was awarded his Eagle Scout by the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America this past October.

Kevin Kelly, 17, began his scouting career in Cub Scout Pack 499 at Pine Knob Elementary, before crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 185 in Waterford in 2003, and also joining Venturing Crew 2185 in 2008.

While with Troop 185, he earned 25 merit badges; World Conservation Award; Duty to God Award; and two 30-Miler Awards for hiking/backpacking.

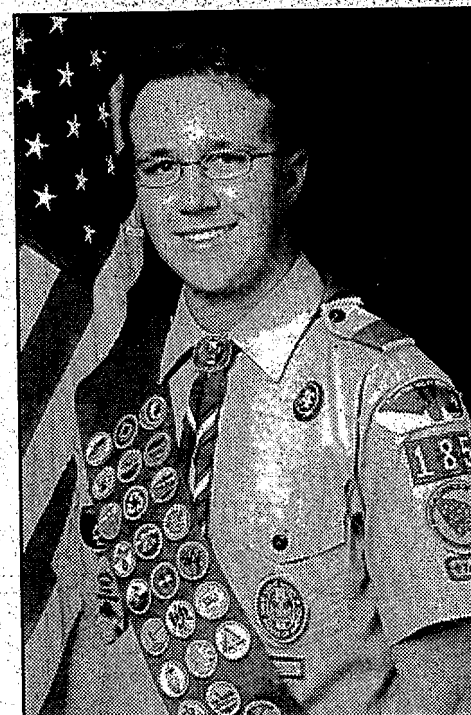
Kelly was elected by fellow scouts to the Order of the Arrow Chippewa Lodge 29. His leadership roles include Patrol Leader and Troop OA Representative.

He most enjoyed camping with the Boy Scouts and attended Owasippe Boy Scout Camp in White Hall, Mich., for three summers, Trail to Eagle program at D-A Boy Scout Camp in Metamora for one summer, and took two trips to Philmont High Adventure Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

He also attended many Camporees and took scout trips to Hocking Hills in Ohio, Gettysburg in Pennsylvania, and the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario.

For his Eagle Project, he demonstrated leadership skills by supervising 30 volunteers while they completed his planned maintenance of 22 trail signs at Independence Oaks County Park in July 2009.

Kelly is a senior at Clarkston High School, where he is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, French Club, and German Club.



Kevin Kelly

man Club.

He also volunteers with bilingual students at North Sashabaw Elementary and tutors math with non-traditional students.

This fall, he plans to attend Michigan State University as a student of the Lyman Briggs program in preparation for medical school to pursue a career in oncology or anesthesiology.

In our country's service...

Navy Seaman Sean M. Welch, son of Carol and Russel Welch of Clarkston, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Welch completed a variety of training which in-

cluded classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Welch is a 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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Religion

Survive and move into the future

Toward the end of World War II the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed and sunk, sending its crew into the salty, sun-baked, and shark-infested waters of the Japan Sea.

While the men knew that their best hope for survival was to stick together in the water, there were those who swam off on their own, virtually assuring death by shark attack.

When asked to explain the difference in behavior between those who hung tight and survived and those who swam off and were devoured, one sailor responded, "Those guys who swam away, they didn't have no future."

The importance of believing that God has a future for you can't be overestimated. It's been shown over and over again through history.

One characteristic of prisoners who survived the Nazi death camps, for example, is that they believed there was going to be life for them beyond the barbed wire.

The same can be said of those who survive today. When people lose any vision for the future, they also lose the stamina, creativity, and will to survive. Some are driven to madness.

But those who believe that there is something waiting for them beyond the present trial — no matter how difficult it is — find that they have the resolve, energy, and clear thinking required to bring them into the future.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor David Bostrom

The principle that your view of the future has a major bearing on your ability to handle the problems of the present is rooted in the Bible.

When Judah was brought into exile for 70 years in Babylon, the prospects for the future looked grim, to say the least. In this environment it was extremely difficult for the people of God to maintain their faith and preserve their religious practices. It all seemed so futile.

But God had not given up on them, so He sent them a message. Through the prophet Jeremiah He declared, "I know the plans that I have for you... plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope" (Jer.29:11).

This was just the message the captives needed to remain faithful and look to the Lord to bring about a better future.

This is the same message people need today.

How many in these times look at their lives and wonder how they are going to survive? They need a future.

Where does that future come from? It comes from the One who holds the future in His hands. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, and He has a future and a hope for all who live their lives trusting Him.

As we turn to Him in faith, we have peace. We also grow in perseverance, character, and hope because His love has been poured out within our hearts (Rom.5:1-8).

We are able to not only survive, but move into the future He has for us.

The Rev. David Bostrom is pastor of Seeds for the Harvest Ministries.

In our churches...

Coffee House, featuring Amy Kucera and local talent, 7 p.m., March 19, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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.

Metaphysical Bible Study, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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.

Men's and Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-4644.

Divorce Care support group, Tuesday, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Childcare provided. 248-625-3288.

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The cast of the Camp Read-A-Lot skit are; back row, Super Eagle, swimmer Kathy McEwen, baseball player Angela Comp, dancer Lindsay Green, cheerleader Marianne Price, camp counselor Carol Barber; middle row, dancer Jennifer Breen and mom Melissa Welch; front row, baseball player Kristin Naughton and camp counselor Mary Divito. Photo submitted.

Readers learn a lot at camp

Andersonville Elementary students recieved a special treat for "March is Reading Month."

The teachers kicked off the month on March 3 with a skit featuring this year's theme: Camp Read-A-Lot.

During the skit, Kathy McEwen, playing a swimmer, and baseball players Angela Comp and Kristin Naughton found out they could learn a lot about their favorite sports and favorite athlete by reading books at Camp Read-A-Lot.

The school was transformed into a camp atmosphere and each hallway was decorated with different cabin themes ranging from trout to bears.

A highlight for the students was in the media center. A huge tent was placed in the room so students can lay on sleeping bags and read their favorite books.

— Wendi Reardon



Swoboda

Tuba concert, clinic

North Oakland Concert Band hosts a free concert featuring tuba soloist Dr. Deanna Swoboda, assistant professor of tuba and euphonium at Western Michigan University.

The performance begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, at Lake Orion High School auditorium.

Swoboda offers a free clinic for tuba and euphonium players of all ages at 1 p.m. at the high school. Participants perform on stage during the concert.

The band will perform a variety of music, including Percy Grainger's "Children's March," "Metropolis" by Robert Sheldon, "A Dakota Rhapsody" by Mark Camphouse, and Dwayne Milburn's "American Hymnsong Suite."

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Natural landscaping ideas with Wild Ones

North Oakland Wild Ones Chapter hosts a free presentation, 7:30-8:30 p.m., April 7, at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

Lois B. Robbins, author of "Lawn Wars: The Struggle for a New Lawn Ethic," will discuss benefits and difficulties of natural landscaping.

For more information, contact Jim Brueck, chapter president, at mdbueck@sbcglobal.net or 248-625-7597.

Sale for moms at Clarkston church

Mom 2 Mom Sale offers gently used items for children and mothers, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 17, at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

Planners expect 35-45 tables filled with items. Admission is \$1. To rent a table is \$20.

For more information, call Debbie at 810-423-5898.

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SUMMARY MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Gawronski, Hunter, Hargis, Inabnit, Roth

Others Present - City Manager Ritter Moved by Brueck, supported by Inabnit to, "Approve the Agenda as presented." Motion carried.

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to, "Approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Draft Minutes of the regular council meeting 2/8/2010 and Final minutes of regular council meeting of 1/25/2010 with a change of name to the Clarkston Retailers Group and the Treasurer's Trial Balance - All Funds- and the General Fund Income Statement thru 1/31/2010." Motion carried.

City Manager Ritter expressed appreciation for all the hard work and great job the DPW has done removing the snow in the downtown area and around the city in a timely manner. Mr. Ritter said he did deliver about eight sidewalk snow removal notices. Most sidewalks are cleared after the snowfall. A good job of sidewalk clearing has been done by the citizens.

Resolved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to "Establish NIMS - National Incident Management System - as the City's standard for incident management."

Roll: Yeas: Brueck, Roth, Arkwright, Hunter, Hargis, Gawronski, Inabnit

Nays: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to, "Approve the Traffic Control Orders regarding speed limit changes: Change the speed limit on Walden Road from the East City border to Main Street be posted at 35 mph; speed limit on Middle Lake Road with the City limits be posted at 25 mph; Speed limit on Overlook Street within the City limits be posted at 25 mph; speed limit on Princess Street within the City be posted at 25 mph; the speed limit on Miller Road within the City be posted at 25 mph; speed limit on Buffalo Street within the City limits be posted at 25 mph; speed limit on Church Street within the City limits be posted at 25 mph; speed limit on East Washington from Main Street to the East City border be posted at 25 mph; speed limit on Glenburnie Street within the City be posted at 25 mph; speed limit on Holcomb Road from Miller Road to the North City border be posted at 45 mph; speed limit on Holcomb Road from the Depot Street to Miller Road be posted at 25 mph; speed limit on Depot Street be posted at 25 mph; speed limit on West Washington Street be posted at 25 mph; speed limit on Robertson Court within the City limits be posted at 25 mph; Speed limit on Madison Court within the City limits be posted at 25 mph." Motion carried.

Moved by Hunter, supported by Inabnit to, "That the City Council March 8 meeting be changed to Wednesday, March 10, due to the March Board of Review meeting on March 8." Motion carried.

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to, "Approve that the City of the Village of Clarkston Council gives permission to the Knights of Columbus Council 5436 to conduct a Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Impaired Citizens on March 26 and March 27, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Washington." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

AMENDMENTS TO

ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on March 11, 2010, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Amendments

In ARTICLE XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, Section 18.07.4.b. - Site Plan Review Procedures, subsection (2) Technical Review is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (2) Technical Review: The purpose of Technical Review is to secure written comments and recommendations on a proposed plan from the Planner, Engineer and other township consultants. The township shall review those comments and recommendations, along with the proposed plan, for conformance with the Criteria For Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2, other applicable ordinances, regulations, standards, policies or laws.

The applicant shall submit to the Clerk the number of copies of the site plan, application and other required information specified on the application after receiving the township's checklist review. The applicant shall also submit plans to any County, State or Federal agencies having jurisdiction and request that a copy of their review comments for compliance with agency rules, policies or laws be forwarded to the Clerk. A copy of the transmittal letter forwarding plans to the agencies shall be included with the Technical Review application information submitted to the Clerk.

- (a) The Clerk shall forward copies of the plans, documents and checklist review to the Planner and Engineer for review.
- (b) The Planner and Engineer shall review the plans and other information submitted for compliance with applicable ordinances, policies, laws and standards and shall furnish written comments, opinions and recommendations to the Clerk, the applicant and the applicant's plan preparer.
- (c) After the Clerk receives written responses from the Planner and Engineer, the plan may be submitted to the Planning Commission for review.
- (d) Any plan revised in response to comments from the Engineer, Planner or agencies having jurisdiction shall not be placed on a Planning Commission agenda until written comments on the revision have been received by the Clerk.

Section 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect
The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

Section 3. Repealer

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date

These Ordinance amendments shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. These Ordinance amendments shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 11th day of March, 2010. Documents pertaining to the adopted amendments may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk
Published: March 17, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

MARCH 11, 2010

SYNOPSIS

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: February 11, 2009 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$347,774.56
- b) Accepted February Treasurer's Report
- c) Received February 2009 Reports: Building; Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance, Police, Fire and IT
- d) Received Committee Reports: Budget & Finance
- e) Authorized payment of bills as presented, totaling \$21,023.98
- f) Authorized Supervisor to attend 2010 MATS Spring Education Conference at a cost not to exceed \$500
- g) Adopted Resolution to drop Stony Creek Golf Course, Inc. as co-licensee in on-premise tavern license at Indian Springs Metro Park
- h) Received Communications and placed on file

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Codification: Follow-up and Municipal Code Corporation presentation - Authorized Clerk to enter into agreement with Municipal Code to codify all Township Ordinances cost not to exceed \$11,500
2. Second Reading: Zoning Ordinance No. 26, Article XVIII - adopted amendments
3. Property Manager Job Description - created Property Manager position effective April 1, 2010 to transition existing contract employee to full time
4. Proposed Parks and Recreation Millage: Approved ballot language subject to legal review by Township Attorney

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Business Excellence Award: Lowrie's Landscape - presented award to Tom Lowrie
2. Divine Mercy Site Plan Extension Request - Extended site plan approval from 3/12/10 to 3/12/11
3. Request for hunting controls around Eliza Lake - Adopted resolution to request DNR to investigate need for hunting controls
4. Budget Amendments - Adopted amendments as follows: General Fund Revenues increase to \$2,129,500; Expenditures increase to \$2,118,500; Fire Fund Expenditures decrease to \$880,350; Police Fund Revenues decrease to \$1,547,200; Expenditures decrease to \$1,534,200; Lake Improvement Fund Expenditures increase to \$310,650
5. Holcomb and Bridge Lake Roads Speed Limit - Board expressed strong opposition to speed limit increase. Supervisor to request additional information from Road Commission for Oakland County
6. Safety Path Presentation - Received presentation from Supervisor Trout

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Trout acknowledged great work of Assessing staff during a difficult year working on Board of Review

ADJOURNMENT: 9:37 p.m.

Laura Moreau, Clerk

Published: March 17, 2010 TB

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of MARGARET DORIS LYND, DECEASED, Date of birth: MARCH 7, 1913.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARGARET DORIS LYND, who lived at 585 E. FLINT ST., LAKE ORION, Michigan died FEBRUARY 11, 2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to BARBARA M. NESBITT, 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

PROPOSED 3 YEAR BUDGET

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CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES

MARCH 22, 2010

7:00 P.M.

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NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held regarding the City of the Village of Clarkston's proposed 3 year budget as well as potential consolidation of services, on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Copies of the proposed 3 year budget will be available at the meeting.

Janet C. Gillespie
Clerk-Treasurer

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

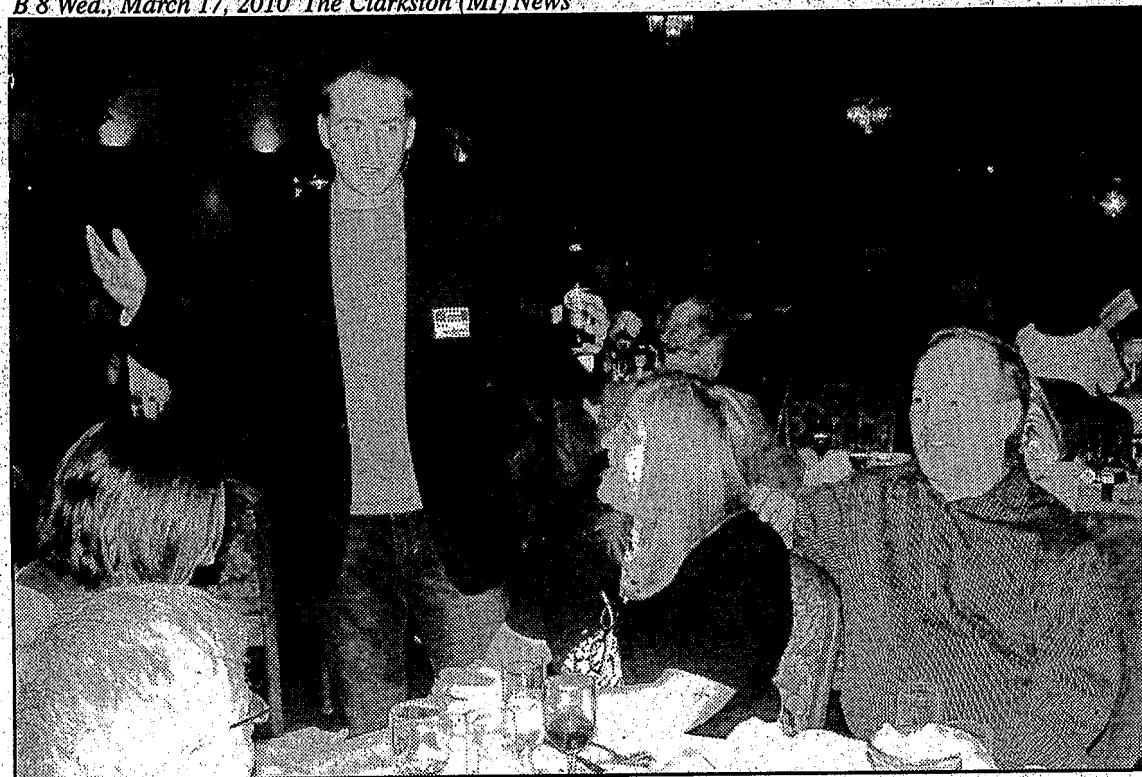
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

MARCH 9, 2010

1. The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
2. Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Lohmeier, Wallace, Rosso, Petterson, Wagner, Carson
Absent: None
3. The Agenda was approved with the addition of an item, Update and Status on Reduction of Force.
4. The public forum opened and closed at 7:39 p.m., with no one addressing the Board.
5. A presentation, review and discussion of millage rates for Library and Police were given by Susan Hendricks, Lt. Dale LaBair and Julie Meredith.
6. Department Heads presented the Board with cost cutting and revenue raising ideas.
7. Approved motion to extend meeting past 10:00 p.m.
8. Discussed setting regular employee meetings to gather cost and employee efficiencies.
9. Discussion of what is believed to be upcoming Township priorities.
10. Susan Hendricks presented a review of the 2010 budget year-to-date.
11. HR Director gave a status report on the Township's reduction in force.
12. Approved motion to go into closed session to discuss Teamsters Union Contract negotiations.
13. Came into open session at 11:35 p.m., and adjourned meeting thereafter.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 3/17/2010



Matt Evans' Rex Youngblood denies any knowledge of the "murder," under questioning by Jacklyn Nagel, Fred Fox, and other guests.



Audience members cast as Sexy Nurses sing a song.



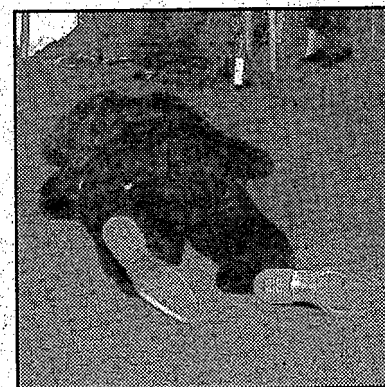
Mike Beer's Dr. Fernando Kildare tries to sell Harper Beaumont, Jim Evans, on his acting plans.

'Hijinx' for Optimists

Jim Evans' Harper Beaumont was dying to help Clarkston Optimist Club, and he did.

Helpful and generous members of the audience solved his "murder" and had a fun evening at "Murder and Hospital Hijinx" mystery dinner fundraiser, March 13, at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion.

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Beaumont's medication doesn't agree with him.



Andrea Schroeder's Genyfer St. John fesses up to Beaumont's murder.

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Tai Chi with Tammy Cropp, gentle movements for healing, stress reduction, balance, increased flexibility, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. \$8 per session. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-420-6119.

Co-Creating Healthy Families, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., "Bradshaw on: The Family," PBS series presentation, support group, 7:30 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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

Breast Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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.

Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

AARP Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program, Tuesdays, through April 13, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. AARP volunteers prepare federal and state returns for seniors. Call 248-625-8231 for appointment and list of 2009 financial papers required.

Pickleball for Adults 50+, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., two hours, \$3; Fridays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., three hours, \$4. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. All skill levels welcome. 248-625-8231.

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

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, third Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emotional support and education to help with adjustment and coping. Care-givers, family, and friends are welcome to attend with the cancer patient. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

Meet and greet, North Oakland Bethany, last Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main St. 248-464-0756.

Introduction to Tai Chi for Adults 50+, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$50 for 10 weeks. Drop in, \$6. 248-625-8231.

Zumba - Gold Fitness, Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Clarkston Specialty Health Center Community Room, 4800 Clintonville Road. Hypnotic musical rhythms, moves in a dynamic workout. Session I: through March 17, Session II: March 31-May 19. \$48 for 8 classes. 248-625-8231.

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, Wednesdays through April 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Carriage House in

Clintonwood Park. \$42 for seven weeks. Drop in, \$7. 248-625-8231.

Kickboxing for 50+, Wednesdays, 7:15-8 p.m., March 31-May 19. \$48 for 8 classes. Community Room-Clarkston Specialty Care Center, 4800 Clintonville Road. 248-625-8231.

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

Local Business Network, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Harvestland Ministries, 5848 Clintonville Road. 248-505-5091.

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

Coffee House, third Friday, 7 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Featured musicians, poets, dancers, other performers, open mic. Free. 248-625-5192.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

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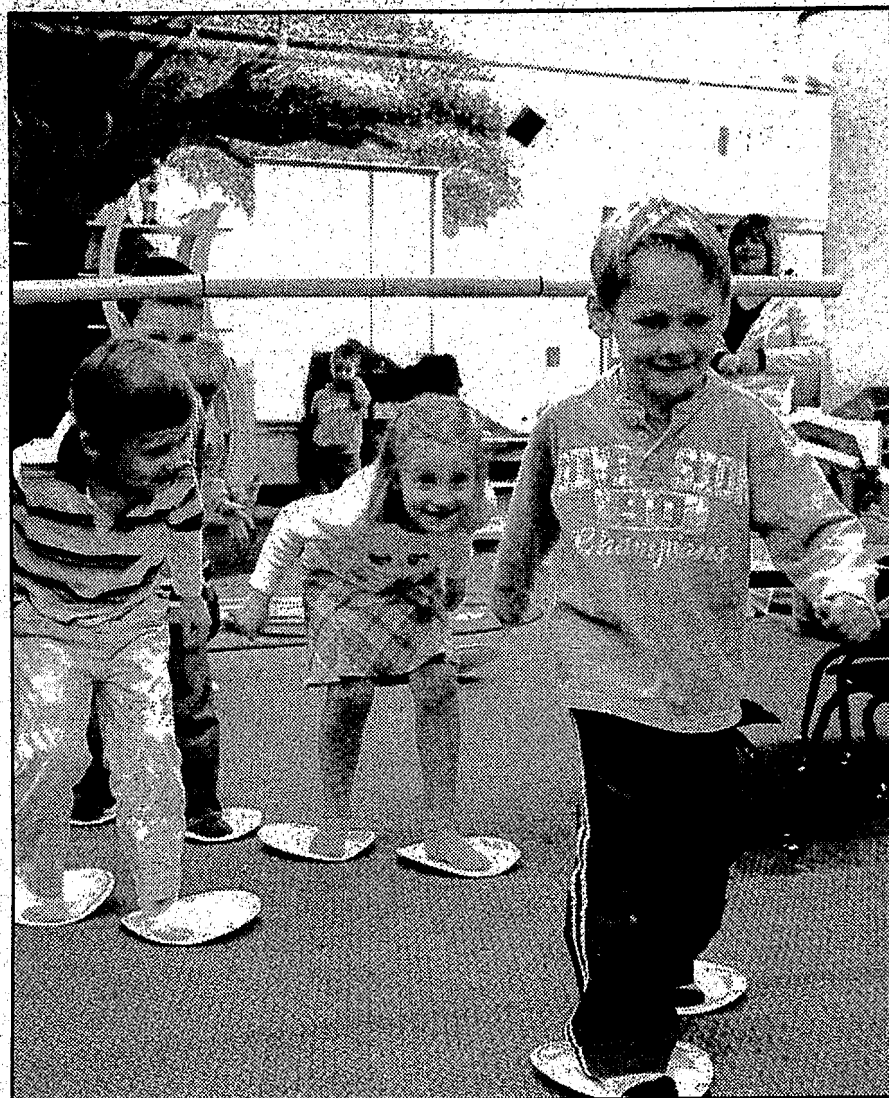
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Young-5s students get some exercise by "skating" around their classroom. Photo provided

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Each day includes an exercise unit relating to the school's concept of the week, and once a month students work with exercise and fitness expert Jacklyn Rzepecki.

Additionally, the school's Fit Families program encourages healthy lifestyles at home as well as school.

President Barack Obama established a federal task force to combat childhood obesity, and First Lady Michelle Obama intro-

duced the "Let's Move" campaign, urging parents to improve their children's eating and exercise patterns.

"The time to reach children about the importance of healthy living is at their earliest stages of development, when they are in preschool," said Nanci Canine, founder and director of the school.

"The earlier we teach children to eat and exercise properly, the sooner we'll see a decline in those frightening childhood obesity statistics."

For more information, call 248-814-7100.

Healing Hearts to talk of Spring

Wint's Healing Hearts grief support group discusses "Spring Cleaning Your Grief," 7 p.m., April 13, at Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road.

The meeting, open to all who have lost a loved one, is led by Emily Trahan bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Fu-

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No registration is necessary, and walk-ins are welcome.

Admission is free.

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In our churches

continued from 5B

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A Course In Miracles, self-study course removing blocks to awareness of love's presence. Study groups, Wednesday, 12 p.m.; Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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Lenten Bible Study, Wednesdays, Feb. 17-March 24, 6-6:45 p.m., St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Lenten Church service, 7 p.m. 248-625-4644.

Rainbows meetings, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. 248-625-1750.

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Clarkston High School expatriot hopes one day to return

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He was paid \$1.50 an hour doing the mason work, which is what the union wage was.

"There I was 12 or 13 years old and because I was working for somebody I knew, they didn't make me join the union," he said. "On Friday afternoons they handed me \$60 bucks for a 40 hour workweek and I went on my way."

Jewell had also worked at Lamberton's Sunoco gas station on Dixie Highway during the school year at night and on the weekends.

"It was owned by the father of one of my classmates and good friends," he said. "I spent a lot of time down there."

Jewell said Freshman year was also the year he met his best friend Jim Huttenlocher.

"We developed a friendship and were best friends during high school. His home was up there at Middle Lake Road. A lot of times because weather was bad or it was too late I would stay there if I couldn't get home," he said. "His folks were very nice to me, that was my second home growing up."

Other memories of growing up in Clarkston include skiing at Pine Knob before it was "Pine Knob," playing snooker (a type of billiard game) at lunch, hitch hiking or riding his bike seven miles between school and home and going to Cheesemans Dairy for chocolate milkshakes.

"We'd get real shakes, they would hardly pour out into the glass they were so thick," Jewell said. "Those were things kids remembered."

He also recalled being so busy with different organizations that he went to prom without a date senior year.

"A lot of people found that quite amusing that the class president didn't have a date for the prom," he said.

Jewell graduated Clarkston High School in 1951 and went on to do his Undergrad at the University of Detroit Mercy, then onto the University of Michigan school of medicine.

He founded the Dr. Patrick and Susan Horvath Jewell endowed scholarship with preference to Clarkston High School graduates.

Between being a general surgeon and becoming a pediatric surgeon he spent two years as a missionary in Bolivia with his wife and three kids.

"The surgeon who had been down there as a full-

time missionary had been killed in an auto accident," he said. "So there was an opening and I went."

He also spent time in the medical corps, for the U.S. Navy, and eventually became a professor of pediatric surgery at the University of New Mexico between 1983 and 1994.

While living in a small town between Albuquerque and Santa Fe, called Placitas he and his wife Susan owned a restaurant, which he was actively involved in.

"It was called the best restaurant in the area by the newspaper," he said.

He retired from surgery 1994, following replacement of left Achilles tendon and subsequent bilateral knee replacement, which was due to a football injury sustained while playing a game against Troy.

"I have watched medicine evolve since I started med school in 1954 until now," he said. "When I think back it's amazing, absolutely amazing."

In 2000, Jewell moved to a retirement community in Lincoln, Calif. He enjoys gardening, volunteering, traveling, including all seven continents several times and cooking, with a special interest in baking bread, which he considers "a challenge."

"There are so many variables, it's a real challenge," he said. "It's never the same twice."

In the winter time, he noted he bakes almost every day but gives it away.

"I don't eat it," Jewell said. "If I did I'd look like a balloon."

He also still has a love for photography, and belongs to a vigorous photo club, which puts their photos up in a local coffee shop and sells them.

"Whatever proceeds I get from the photos," he said. "I simply write a check to the local charity for the same amount."

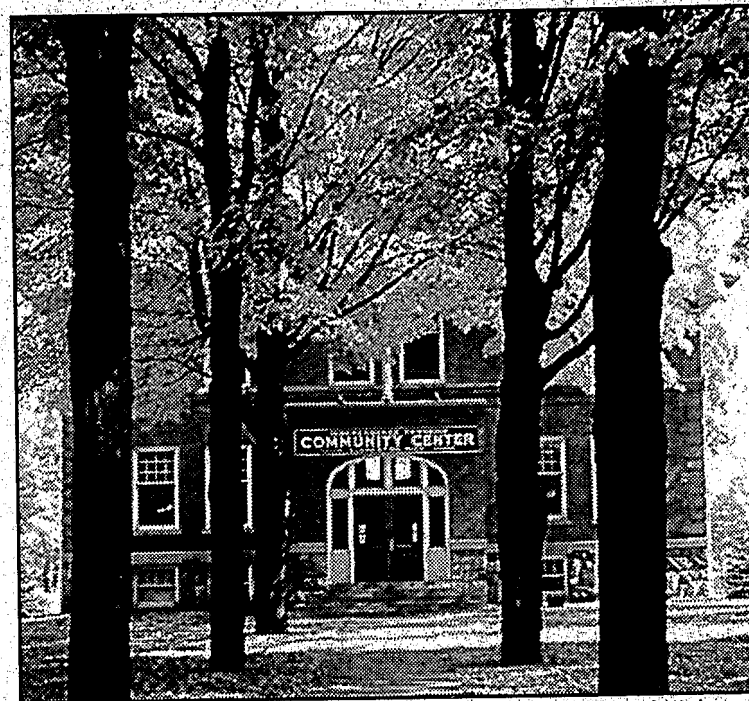
Photography goes hand and hand with his traveling.

"The time, expense, and effort you put into it (traveling)," he said "It's nice to document it."

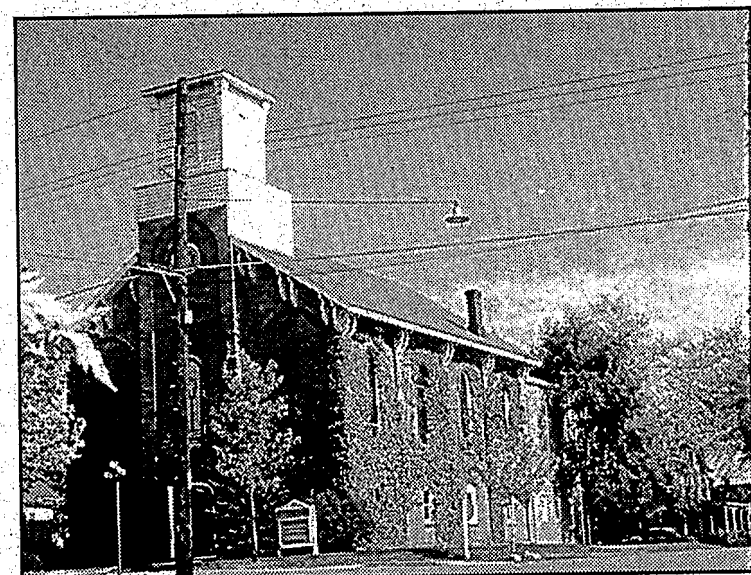
To see and purchase Jewell's photos check out www.photosbypfjewell.com All proceeds will be donated to local charities.

Since leaving Clarkston in 1954, Jewell said he hopes to return some day.

At age 76 and accomplishing all he has throughout his years, Jewell says, "It's a great life, I'd like more."



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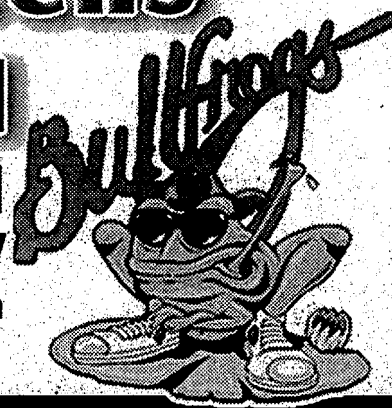
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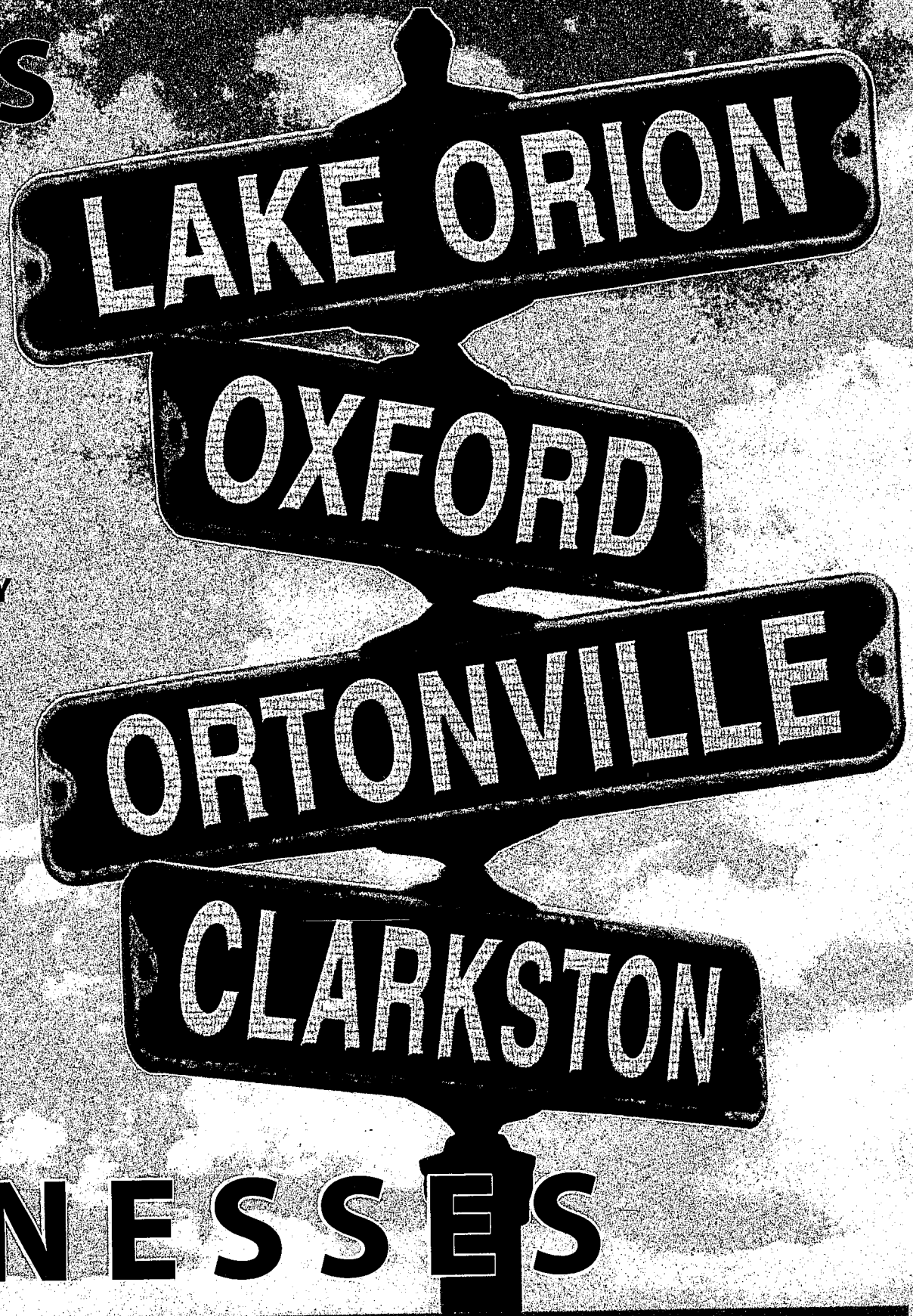
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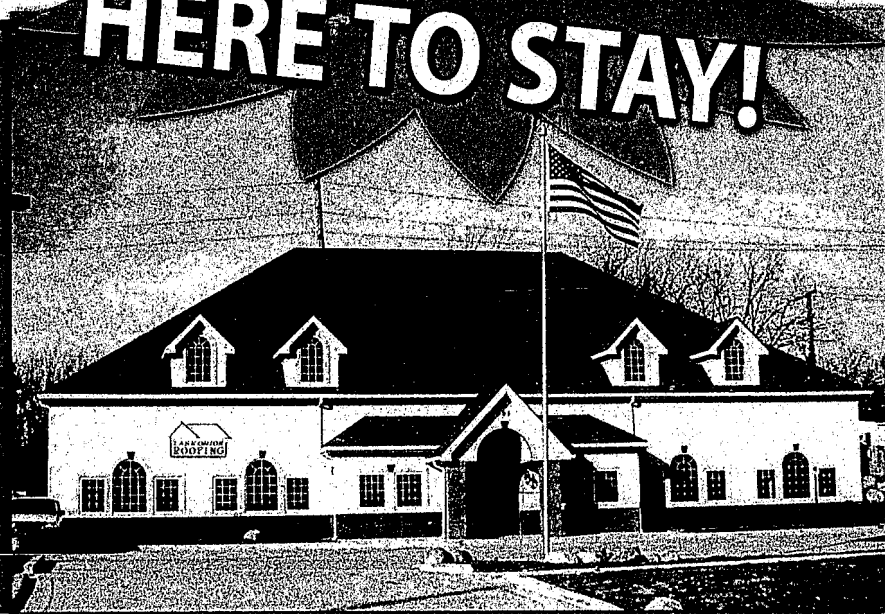
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That's the word from Mark Southern, president of Lake Orion Roofing Inc. in Orion Township.

After nearly three decades in business, Southern knows the key to longevity is customer satisfaction—all the way around.

"We've seen companies come and go in waves," said Southern. "They come in and set up shop, they're around for a year or so and then they're bankrupt. Gone."

But at Lake Orion Roofing, Southern said, the focus on quality makes all the difference.

That means no high-pressure sales or lowball pricing. It means taking the time to inspect the house, the roof and the attic before starting a job.

And it means taking the time to educate every customer.

"Most contractors only give one option," Southern said. "We give many options, and explain everything in layman's terms—lay it all out in a clear format—and leave lots of information behind so they can digest the facts."

After all, he noted, a roof is a large investment.

"Many times, people choose these fly-by-night companies because they get

in and do the job in one day," he said. "A roof lasts decades, what's the big hurry?"

Less-than-reputable companies, he explained, hire unskilled workers at a low wage and pass the "savings" on to the homeowner.

But Lake Orion Roofing has higher standards—standards that begin with making sure employment opportunities go to individuals from within the community, and that those individuals are well-prepared when they arrive on a job site.

"All my crews are certified and trained and trained and trained," Southern said, noting Lake Orion Roofing also specializes in windows, siding and gutters, as well as complete home improvement projects. "Otherwise, they don't



work for us."

The philosophy on materials is much the same: Buy local whenever possible, and buy high quality always.

Lake Orion Roofing Repair Manager Tim Gajda said he often sees issues caused by shoddy materials and inferior workmanship of low-price companies.

"About a third of my calls are from people who went with the cheapest estimate and regretted it," he said. "They give you a seven-year warranty, and they're out of business in three. It happens all the time."

Gajda is also likely to be the guy who shows up at 3 a.m., after, say, a tree comes crashing down. At Lake Orion Roofing's 24-hour live emergency service, a real

person will pick up the phone, regardless of the hour.

And no matter what force brings about the claim, customers can rest assured—Lake Orion Roofing knows insurance and its reps inside and out.

"They know we're honest, that we have integrity," he said. "They call me to do inspection reports about what needs to be done, because they know I'll get it right."

It's a reputation he's built over many years.

And during those years, giving back to the community has become an important part of Lake Orion Roofing. Whether it's responding to tragedy or helping renovate a home for a struggling family, it's just "the right thing to do."

"You experience it once—how good it feels to help out and really make a difference for someone—you want to do it again," said Don Bishop, sales consultant. "It's a phenomenal feeling."

Lake Orion Roofing, which has financing options and new incentives available, is located at 881 Brown Road on the corner of Joslyn Road. For more information, visit www.lakeorionroofing.com or call 248-393-0055.

Genisys Credit Union: Where you come first

Even though Genisys Credit Union wasn't exempt from the economic trials all financial institutions faced in 2009, they have managed to turn the odds in their favor and make many successful strides.

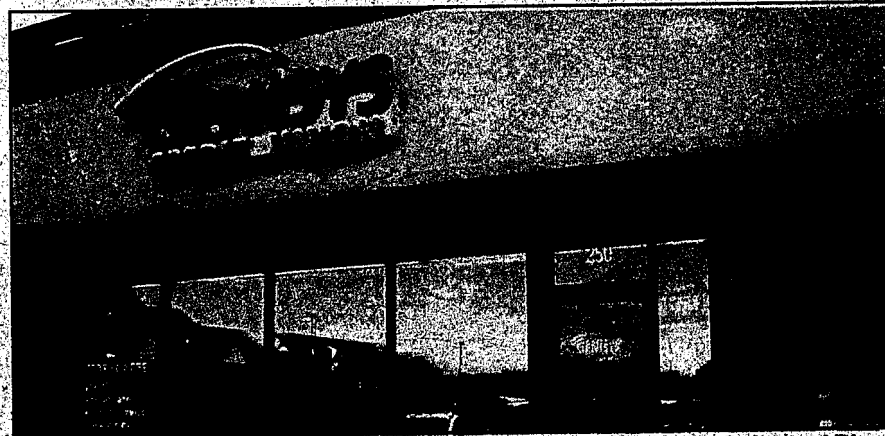
They've done this while going through the largest merger-of-equals the credit union industry has ever seen.

"Without the Genisys team caring about our members, each other and the success of Genisys as an organization, we wouldn't be where we are today," said Dianne Addington, President/CEO.

"Our team has risen to the challenge and has helped make Genisys one of the best credit unions in the U.S."

Throughout the merger, Genisys maintained a 5-Star Bauer Financial rating which is the highest rating for safety and soundness that a credit union can receive. They also achieved a 96 percent member-satisfaction rating for their outstanding service.

"I think it speaks volumes for an institution to receive these ratings while simultaneously doubling in size, re-evaluating product offerings, implementing brand awareness and going through a large and complex data processing con-



Genisys Credit Union, Orionville, 200 N. Ortonville Road in the Oakwood Plaza version," said Jackie Buchanan, Executive Vice President/CIO. Genisys received many honors last year including the National Corporate Partnership Excellence Award from Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA), a 2009 Michigan Marketing Award from the Michigan Credit Union League for their billboard design, and a 2009 Sunrise Pinnacle Award by the Rochester Regional Chamber for their philanthropic efforts. The *Detroit Free Press* survey named Genisys as one of southeast Michigan's "Top Places to Work," *Corporation Magazine* selected Genisys as a "Best of Michigan Business" and *The Oakland Press* recognized Genisys as the "Best Credit Union" and "Best Mortgage Lender" in their readers' poll. Genisys was also voted the "Best of the Best Credit Union and Mortgage Lender" in the *Oxford Leader* and the "Best of the Best Credit Union" in *The Lake Orion Review*. Their commitment to giving back to the community shows in their sponsorship of more than 200 events and over 5,000 hours of community involvement.

Last year, Genisys sponsored the Bran-

don Township Parks and was the presenting sponsor of Septemberfest in downtown Orionville.

While most U.S. financial institutions continued to cut back on lending, Genisys increased its vehicle loan balances by close to 26 percent and its real estate loans by over 7 percent. Deposits also grew by 9 percent, showing that members continue to view Genisys as a safe and competitive place to invest their money. Even though 2010 is expected to be another tough year, Genisys' dedicated board of directors, management team and staff have worked hard to embrace change and prepare the organization to weather the storm.

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John Bowman Chevrolet

Why was John Bowman Chevrolet picked by General Motors to be one of the leading Chevrolet dealerships in Oakland County?

Sales Director Al Hall will tell you it's because customers have experienced "The Bowman Difference."

"Mr. Bowman has taught all his managers to run the store with integrity and honesty and to treat people the way you would like to be treated, which is what he's done," Hall said. "Honesty and integrity have started at this place from the top down."

And Hall said about 85 percent of customers at Bowman Chevrolet are repeat customers, or they've been referred by one. Also, Hall said most managers and sales people at the dealership have more than 10 years individually. They have a combined total of 552 years of experience.

"For the car business, this is very good, it's usually a high turnover business. A lot of people try and get into the business to make a quick buck and get out. We don't hire people like that," he said. "We want

a customer for life, not just the first car, not just one service visit. We want a customer when they come in to feel comfortable."

And John Bowman Chevrolet itself is embedded in the Clarkston community.

"One of the ways we give to the community is to offer sponsorships for events and with the Clarkston Schools, Clarkston Marching Band, things like that," Hall said. "We donate to Lighthouse, Red Cross blood drives, and Easter Seals."

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.

At the dealership, customers will find one of the area's only World Class Master Technicians. With about 60,000 certified technicians nationwide, only 1,269 have earned the distinction of World Class Master Technician.

"We offer direct repair with almost every major insurance company for collision work," said Hall.

The dealership also boasts one

of the only female service directors in the state, with Rhonda Jensen.

"Every manager is training certified through General Motors completely, every technician, every sales person, every service writer," Hall said. "There is no one who is not factory trained."

Technicians can service all GM makes and models and other models as well.

"We also perform a 121-point inspection on every certified used car that sits on our lot," Hall said.

He also noted they hand wax and fill the tank on every new delivery.

They also offer a "preferred owner program."

"Every dollar you spend for service you get five percent put on a reward card," Jensen said. "This can be used on your new car, used car, or service."

She noted it cannot be used on body shop insurance repairs.

"We give a free loaner with any body shop repair over \$500 and free car wash with any service visit," Hall said. "We also offer a \$10 gas card for any new sales or service customer



John Bowman Chevrolet, located at the corner of M-15 and Dixie Highway.

that chooses to experience the Bowman difference for the first time."

Jensen said they also have a full line of GM parts and accessories that can be purchased over the counter for the "do it yourself guy."

They also have a new pitstop process.

"You can pull your car in to the service aisle at any time and we'll top off your fluids, check the inflation of your tires, and do a visual inspection on your vehicle for you and send you on your way," she said. "That's a free service to anybody."

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.

"If we don't have a new car you are looking for, we can have it within 24 hours," Hall said.

Hall concluded that GM was very picky when going through "the restructuring process," about who stayed and who didn't.

"With Mr. Bowman's strong commitment, excellence toward honesty and integrity, and financial strength of the store, General Motors knew we were a prime dealership, great location, great building, and a great community," he said. "There shouldn't be any reason why someone living in the Clarkston area would need or want to go anywhere else after experiencing the difference."

John Bowman Chevrolet is located at 6750 Dixie Hwy. For sales, call 877-433-5922; for service, call 877-345-9943. To view all specials and coupons, visit the website at www.bowmanchevy.com.

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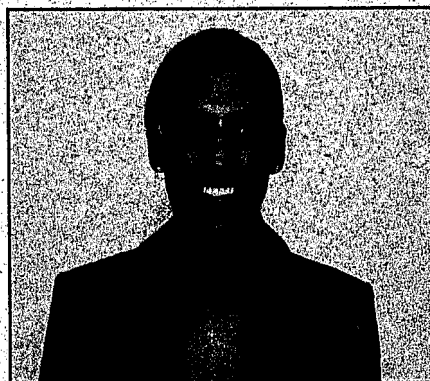
Allergist/immunologists are specialists in the diagnosis and treatment of allergies, asthma and other diseases of the immune system.

Allergists have completed medical school, at least three years of residency in pediatrics or internal medicine, then at least two years of specialized training in allergy and immunology. To be board certified, they must pass an examination and regularly attend continuing medical education programs in allergy and immunology.

Many people with untreated allergic symptoms aren't aware of how much better they can feel once their symptoms are properly diagnosed and managed by an allergist/immunologist.

An allergist's approach is personal. He or she typically asks about your medical history, does a physical examination and performs specific allergy and/or breathing tests. The results guide a personalized treatment plan which typically includes measures to avoid or eliminate triggers, recommendations for medications and education to help you take an active role in treating your disease.

Common Allergic Diseases
Allergic rhinitis may be seasonal or year-round. The seasonal allergy, often called "hay fever," typically occurs in the spring, summer or fall. Symptoms include sneezing,



Dr. Reba Johnson

stuffy or runny nose and itching in the nose, eyes or on the roof of the mouth. When the symptoms are year-round, they may be caused by exposure to indoor allergens such as dust mites, indoor molds or pets. Allergy tests give very specific information about what you are allergic to and guide treatment.

Asthma is an allergic disease that causes frequent episodes of wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath and/or chest tightness. It is common for people with asthma to also suffer from allergies, so your allergist may conduct thorough allergy and breathing tests to find the causes of your asthma. Studies have shown that care by an allergist can decrease the number of asthma flare-ups and

the need for emergency care. You and your allergist can work together to ensure that your asthma is well-managed, so that you can participate in normal activities.

Allergists are helpful in treating recurring **sinus and ear infections**. People with asthma are more prone to sinus infections (sinusitis) which can, in turn, make the asthma worse. Sinus infections are also common in people with allergic rhinitis.

If you have a **food allergy**, even a tiny amount of the food you're allergic to may cause a reaction. Symptoms of an allergic reaction are generally seen on the skin or involve the stomach and intestines. These include swelling, hives, eczema (itchy, red scaly rash), vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramping or a stomach ache. Allergy tests performed by an allergist can determine which foods, if any, are triggering the symptoms.

Atopic dermatitis, also called eczema, is a skin allergy causing a red, dry, itchy rash on the face, elbows, wrists, knees and ankles. Atopic dermatitis is treatable but not curable. **Hives** (or urticaria) are red, itchy, swollen areas of the skin that can range in size and appear anywhere on your body and seem to move around. **Angioedema** is a swelling of the deeper layers of the skin such as the eyelids, tongue or lips. An allergist can determine which allergic skin condition you have

and help you take steps to treat it.

Immune system problems may cause repeated infections such as bronchitis, ear infections or pneumonia. While these disorders are rare, there are about 100 different types, making diagnosis and treatment by an allergist/immunologist very important.

Healthy Tips

- About one in four people in the United States suffers from an allergic disease.

- An allergic reaction starts in your immune system.

- A proper diagnosis and a personalized treatment plan are essential to helping you feel better.

- An allergist/immunologist is the most qualified physician to treat allergic diseases.

The right care can make the difference between suffering with an allergic disease and feeling better. By visiting the office of an allergist, you can expect an accurate diagnosis, a treatment plan that works and educational information to help you manage your disease.

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One-stop bridal boutique pairs quality and convenience

Brides-to-be have long found Canterbury Castle the picture-perfect wedding setting, and this spring it'll get even better when a new one-stop bridal boutique joins the Canterbury community.

The shop will feature a collection of established, independent vendors—one for every wedding whim—allowing couples to find a photographer, caterer, and a DJ, order invitations, choose a cake and more, all in one place.

And couples can hire with confidence; owner Keith Aldridge said he's in the process of interviewing a pool of potential vendors, and will ultimately settle on 12-15.

"The most important is the vendor's reputation—it has to be absolutely sterling," said Aldridge, noting he and his selection team would also consider business' longevity and other criteria. "Reputation is everything."

Canterbury Castle is located on the historic site of the one-time working farm of William E. Scripps. The bridal boutique will join 18 other unique specialty shops already open in various locations around the property.

In addition to the new boutique, Aldridge said, renovations to Canterbury's bridal chapel are nearly complete, and spring and summer weddings are already booking.

The chapel features a dressing area with ample space for the bride and her attendants, seating for about 250, a grand piano, and an-



tique furnishings.

Its crowning glory, however, is a Tiffany stained glass window purchased from a church in Cincinnati, Ohio. There were four windows in the original collection.

"Of the four auctioned off, only one was signed by Tiffany," Aldridge said. "That one was sold to a gentleman from Japan for over a million dollars."

But signed or not, the window serves as a stunning focal point, as well as a unique backdrop for wedding vows and portraits.

Canterbury's storybook-like wedding options also include banquet facilities, an outdoor gazebo, multiple auxiliary buildings and unlimited options for creative portrait backdrops.

And if Canterbury's already booked, guests can choose the historic, classic country club at Indianwood Golf and Country Club.

Some 80,000 square feet of banquet facilities are available between the two locations, Aldridge noted.

"Either way, you'll have a fairytale wed-

ding at great pricing," he said. "We're very aggressive with pricing—we can afford to be—and you can be confident you'll get great quality, as well."

The Aldridge family has been a staple in the Lake Orion community for some 40 years, with the younger generation recently taking over management of both Canterbury and Indianwood.

"We're coming in with new energy and new ideas," Aldridge said. "And we'll continue to be part of the community, of course."

Need a reason to stop by and check out Canterbury for yourself?

"We're really getting a nice following at the Clansman Pub," said Aldridge. The pub, situated at the north end of Canterbury Village behind King's Court Castle, a casual dining atmosphere—including a cedar and stone interior—and features homemade soups, sandwiches, pizza and a selection of fresh salads.

And don't forget about Easter Sunday brunch at King's Court Castle. There are two seatings: 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Adults \$19.95 Children (4-12) \$7.95 Children under 3 are FREE. Great Food and Atmosphere come join us.

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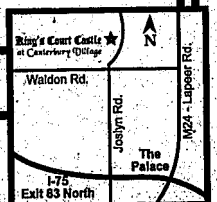
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Smith's thanks community

Wow, another year in the books. 2009 was a very special year for Smith's Disposal, and we are looking forward to a great 2010.

As many of you know, there was a great deal of uncertainty about our future this past year. Like all Michigan businesses, we dealt with a struggling economy, reduced revenue, and rising insurance costs. Additionally, we faced the possibility of losing our customers to a proposed Waste Authority that would be run by the local governments.

The community response and support that we received during that time is what made 2009 such a special year. The floods of emails, letters and phone calls pledging support was overwhelming. It is such an incredible feeling to know that people recognize and appreciate the hard work and dedication my family has put into this business, and the Clarkston community, for so many years.

I would like to thank each and every person who supported us last year, especially everyone who attended the Town Hall Meeting at Clarkston Junior High. Some very thoughtful things were said in that meeting that I will never forget. Thank you. Your support not only kept us around, it helped us grow as well. As more and more people were made aware of our history and reputation for customer service, they began to call and sign up. This was an unexpected but

very pleasant surprise.

The calls weren't just from residential customers, either. Other businesses in the area called and asked us to provide their commercial waste needs as well. So many, in fact, that we were forced to upgrade our equipment and buy a new front load truck to handle the additional work.

Now that we have upgraded our equipment, we are finding it necessary to upgrade our facilities as well. The property we currently use is no longer large enough to accommodate our fleet and equipment. We will be closing on a new piece of property in Independence Township, the former Camper's Paradise, in early March and plan on moving in late spring.

This is a tremendous opportunity for Smith's Disposal to stay in the Clarkston area and continue to be the 'Home Town Solution to Your Solid Waste Problems.' Don't worry, our mailing address won't change and all of our customers will receive a notice informing them of the exact timing of our move.

So, 2010 is here and we all will face many more challenges this year. That's alright. When you live and work in Clarkston, challenges tend to be nothing more than opportunities in the waiting.

Thank you, again, Clarkston.

Carol Evans, President, Smith's Disposal



Back row: Archie Munson, Carol Evans (Owner), Cam Malear, Wendy Neideck, Damien Evans. Front row: Michelle Michalski, Sierra Neideck, Julie Nitowski.



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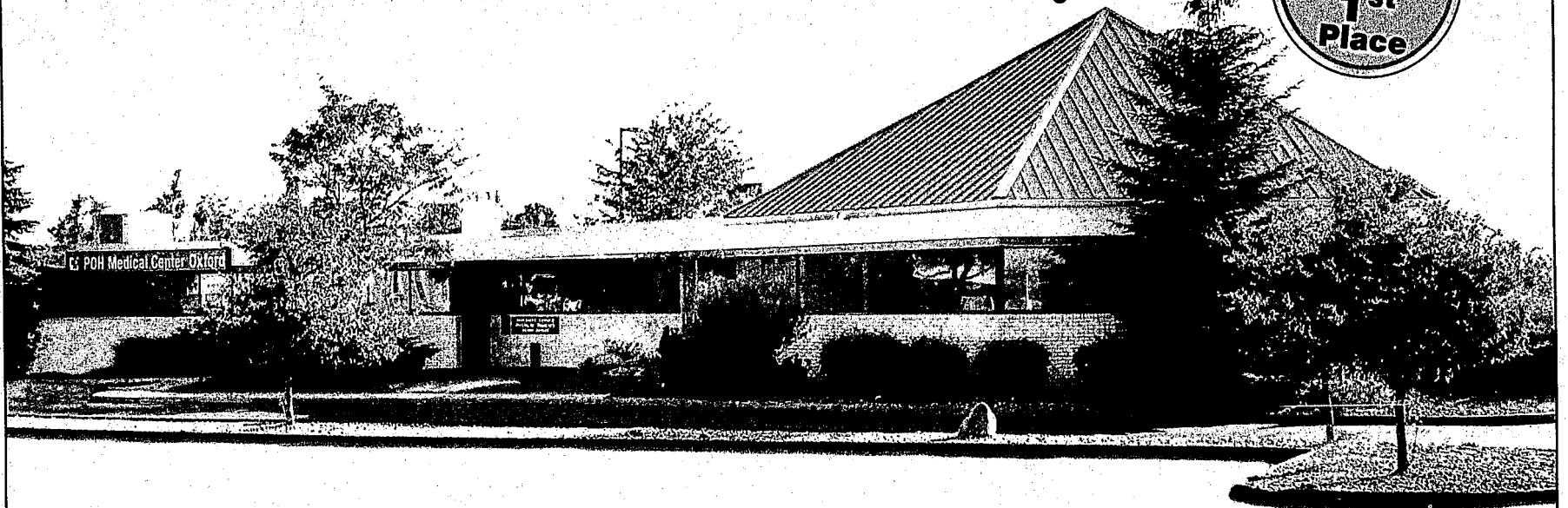
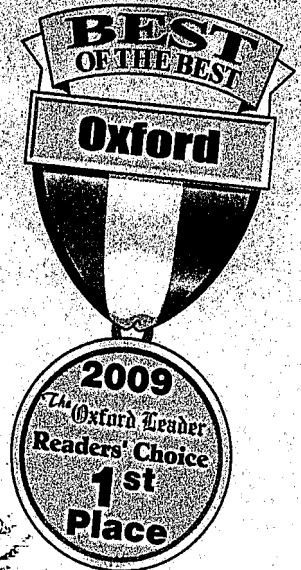
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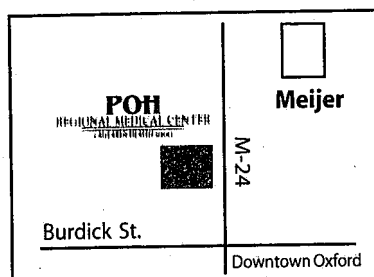
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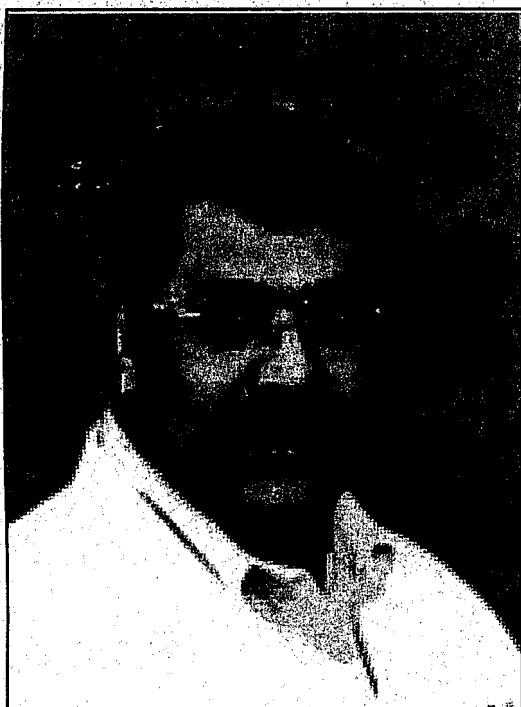


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As your hometown healthcare resource, POH Regional Medical Center in Oxford is proud to be the first to bring oncology services to our community. Dr. Sai Bikkina and POH Regional Medical Center now offer advanced cancer care in Oxford.

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and confident, ultimately enhancing their overall surgical experience.

Dr. Audet performs colonoscopies as well as laparoscopic procedures for treating breast cancer, gall bladder disease and abdominal hernias, among other minimally invasive surgeries to reduce post operative discomfort and recovery time.

Approachable and never intimidating, Dr. Audet puts patients and colleagues alike at ease. Primary care physicians and OB -GYNs routinely refer patients to her practice because of her humanistic approach coupled with cutting edge surgery.

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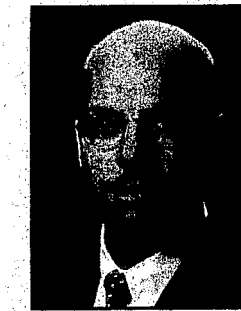
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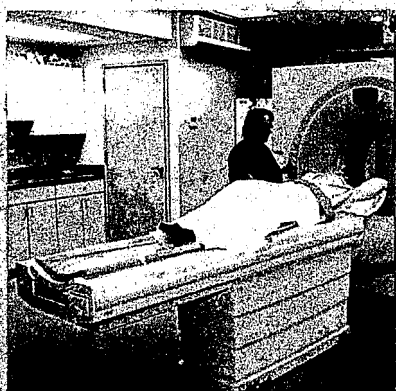
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Havel floors customers over with service and variety

A step inside the Havel Floor Covering, Inc.'s showroom reveals a vast array of flooring for residential and business buildings.

Havel Floor Covering was incorporated in 1996 and has served the Clarkston and surrounding communities ever since. The company is family-owned and operated.

They carry thousands of samples of carpet, vinyl and laminate flooring. They also have the area's largest selection of pre-finished hardwood and ceramic flooring.

Owner Brian Galant's 25 years of experience in flooring makes him well-connected in the industry and he doesn't mind going toe-to-toe with the larger floor-covering and box stores.

"Our customers like the selection we have and appreciate the service we do," said Galant. "They absolutely love how unbeatable we offer the final price at."

If a customer doesn't find exactly what they want in their showroom, Galant has no problem looking for it.

"If someone has a special request for something they saw somewhere else - I can get it," he said. "I have my sources."

Two of Havel Floor Covering's bestsellers are carpets made with



Owner Brian Galant and Hardwood Installer Neil Blackwell show off some samples of their hardwood flooring collection.

Mohawk's SmartStrand fiber and hardwood flooring manufactured by Chelsea Plank Flooring in Chelsea, Michigan.

"SmartStrand is an amazing fiber," Galant explained. "It's not nylon or polyester. It's

better. SmartStrand carpets clean better than any other carpet and are ounce per ounce as durable as carpets made with nylon."

Havel Floor Covering has offered Chelsea Plank Flooring since 1997 and it

was an instant hit.

"We have literally installed hundreds of thousands of square feet of Chelsea Plank Flooring over the years and never had a complaint," said Galant.

Besides their wide selection, the quality of installation also sets Havel Floor Covering apart from the rest.

"Our installers only install what they specialize in," said Galant. "The hardwood installer (Neil Blackwell) only installs 3/4" solid hardwood flooring and does it five days a week. No one installs pre-finished hardwood floor as good as he does - the same can also be said for our carpet installation."

"It saves our customers money, especially since I know I will not need a 'installation risk factor' added when I give the customers their price," he added.

Havel Floor Covering is located at 6648 Dixie Highway in Suite B. They are in Ritter's Plaza across from McDonald's, between Maybee Road and Ortonville Road.

They are open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, closed. They will also schedule appointments.

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It's time to start thinking spring at Bullfrogs

Just imagine a warm summer breeze off Lake Louise—your favorite beverage in hand and the flicker of a Tiki torch lights the deck.

Don't wait for your next island holiday to enjoy the fun and relaxation at a new Tiki Bar opening this summer.

Whether on the spacious deck on the shoreline of Lake Louise or in the dining room—the whole family will enjoy fun-friendly atmosphere of Bullfrogs Restaurant.

Just a short drive from Lake Orion or Oxford and only 5 miles north of I-75, off exit 91, Bullfrogs Restaurant 2225 Ortonville Road, offers a festive atmosphere with entertainment every night of the week.

"We make an effort to have something for everyone," said Kim Hagar, who along with her husband John have owned and operated Bullfrogs for the past 11 years. "Bullfrogs is a great place to come for lunch—we offer a great menu with reasonable pricing. We don't have a bad seat in the house to watch your favorite sporting event."

Hagar emphasizes that Bullfrogs continues to support the community by spon-



Bullfrogs, 2225 Ortonville Road, open Monday-Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

soring local charities, and giving financial donations of money and food to our schools.

"We realize economic times are tough right now," said Kim. "We do our part and offer a variety of Michigan-made beers and products to assist in keeping jobs right here in Michigan. Bullfrogs is a great place to kick-back and enjoy awesome service along with wonderful food—a time to forget the worries of the day."

"Many patrons come in for dinner or drinks after a concert at DTE which is just a hop, skip, and a jump away," said Kim.

If you're looking for the best pizza after the show, stop by Bullfrogs for one of our famous Mexican, Artichoke Spinach or The Nine Yards Pizza. If south of the border is your taste, check out a wet Burrito, the enchiladas or the infamous Fiesta at the Pond.

A new spring and summer menu features a host of new items, along with the old favorites including ribs, steaks, sandwiches and appetizers.

Bullfrogs's late night fun continues with DJ dancing and live entertainment on Saturday nights. Monday nights adults join

the poker tournaments cruise in for 'Bike nights' in the summer.

Check out all the biker action on MichiganBikerevents.com. Great drink deals during "Powerhour" 9-10 p.m. each night.

Catch all big games on one of 17 Plasma televisions or big screen televisions—that always have a game on for your entertainment. Bullfrogs Happy Hour specials coupled with entertaining bartenders, will put great drinks in your hand. New video games and dart boards just of fun.

Wednesday is kid's night at Bullfrogs—free kids meal with every entree purchased, and where there's always something for you little tadpole to enjoy. New this year are kids movies, free sundae buffet along with Tumblelina the Clown.

Visit us online at our website, bullfrogsbarandgrill.com.

Check out *The Citizen* for updates on all the events this year at Bullfrogs. Open Monday-Sunday, 11-2 a.m. Reservations and carry outs welcome. Call 248-627-7755 or just hop on in.

Lane Car Company: locally owned, great selection of pre-owned vehicles

Priced right, great pre-owned cars and trucks.

That's what makes Lane Car Company 2200 Ortonville Road your first stop when shopping for a vehicle.

The family-owned dealership is operated by Jim Lane and his father Jim, who are joined by salesmen Rick Kolb and Charlie Winters, as well as operations manager Cindy Brenner and reconditioning specialist Colee Garza and Jose Lopez.

An area resident, Jim lives in the community—and puts his name behind every car that rolls off the Ortonville location.

"We are continuously recognized for our commitment to this community and providing the best pre-owned vehicles anywhere," said Jim.

"Buying a vehicle is a big investment—that's why selection, price and quality is paramount," said Jim. "Before you buy, check with us and what we have to offer."

Lane Car Company provides a great selection by purchasing vehicles from other franchise dealers and private owners. Jim encourages customers to bring their vehicles to him first when they want



Lane Car Company, 2200 Ortonville Road

to sell, in order to get a better price than they would at another dealership.

"Give us a shot to buy your vehicle before you trade it in," Lane said. "Mileage doesn't matter, it just needs to be nice and well cared for. Also, with the sluggish economy as drivers are holding on to vehicles longer—pre-owned cars and trucks are at a premium."

The local dealership has a selection of quality vehicles of all makes and mod-

els on the lot at any given time, ranging in price from the \$3,988 special up to \$20,000.

Approximately 90 percent of the vehicles sold are priced to sell under \$10,000. Vehicles sell quickly off the lot so if you don't see what you want, they can usually get it.

Once you've selected a vehicle, the folks at Lane Car Company can help with the financing.

"We can find a vehicle for everyone and financing for everyone, too," said Lane. "You don't need to go anywhere else to get a car, you can get the best price and best service right here. We try to fit a vehicle into a price point the customer feels comfortable with. If they have marginal credit, we try to get them something they can truly afford."

When you drive that vehicle off the lot, be assured it will be in showroom condition—all vehicles are inspected by professionals—with all safety features, from seatbelts to tires to air bags in top working order. Each vehicle is professionally detailed. "The vehicle will look like new, without the new vehicle costs," said Jim.

"Lane Car Company operates on much lower overhead than larger or branded car dealerships, with the savings passed on to the customer."

Jim Lane and staff are very selective in what vehicles are on the lot and stand behind what is sold.

Lane Car Company, 2200 Ortonville Road, is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Saturdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Details: 248-627-8000. Visit their Web site: www.lanecarcompany.com

Children receive love, learning and laughter at TLE

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 Clarkston, 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 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.

TLE children begin learning right at the infant level. 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 appropriate learning in areas like math, science and language.

"Our L.E.A.P. curriculum starts with our babies and we just continue to build on that with each classroom," said Ms. Pam.

They also focus on technology, sign language and Spanish.

TLE also has the Handwriting Without Tears program, that follows closely with the same Clarkston Community Schools program. It provides kids a fluid way to learn their letters.

"In today's society, we feel it is important the children begin learning and build on that knowledge as they grow," said Ms. Pam.

Kids can play in bright, colorful and well-equipped classrooms or head down to Make Believe Boulevard.

"MBB is our two-story indoor playroom created to simulate a small village," said Ms. Pam. "There's Lenny's Garage, Lucky's Diner, a fire station, a slide from the second story down into the ball pit and a house. The kids especially love the slide and the ball pit!"

TLE currently accepts children 6 weeks to 12 years. Infants are cared for with state-of-the-art sanitary systems to protect babies' health. For older kids, they provide after-school and summer programs that incorporate fun with learning.

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 parents can also expect competitive



The Learning Experience staff not only loves children, but also understands and relates to them.

pricing.

"I feel we have the best to offer in the area," Ms. Pam said. "Our pricing is competitive but we have so much more to offer!"

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 invite you to come in and see the difference for yourself."

"We have experienced a phenomenal growth

within the last year. We are pleased with the wonderful comments from parents and smiles and hugs from the children."

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 a half-mile from the I-75 entrance and exit ramps.

For more information, call 248-625-5285 or visit thelearningexperience.com.

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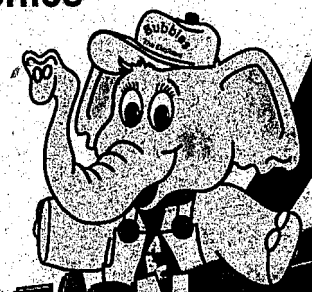
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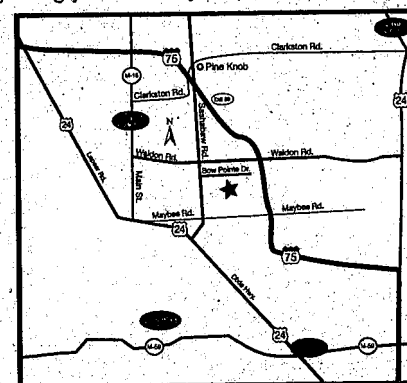
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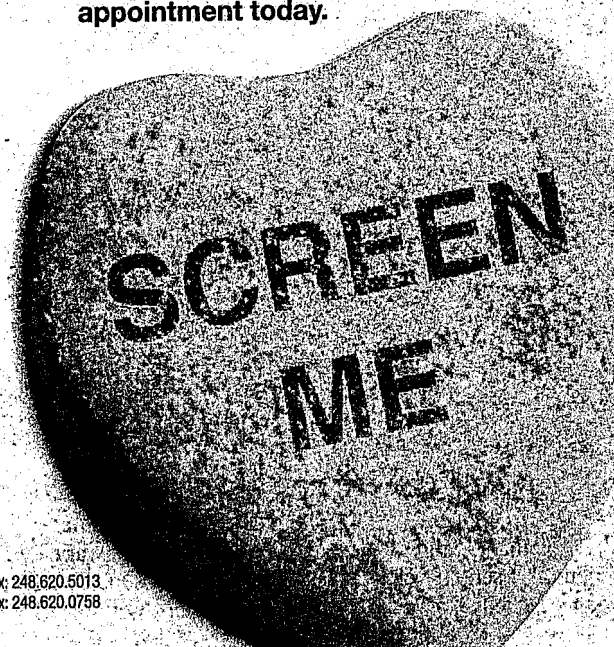
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Munk & Associates make Clarkston smiles brighter

It's never too late for a beautiful smile at Munk & Associates Orthodontics.

The unique father/son business relationship of Dr. Charles W. Munk, DDS, and Dr. Charles F. Munk, DDS, allows patients to reap the benefits of decades of experience along with the latest technology and techniques.

New computers and software allow for better treatment planning, and has also enhanced communication between offices in Clarkston, Oxford, and Davison.

Both Dr. Munks have also pursued further training in the use of the Damon System and Invisalign.

The Damon System's passive, self-ligating braces are much more gentle to the teeth. High-technology wires move teeth much faster and require far fewer adjustments than with traditional braces. Shorter treatment time means fewer appointments and a beautiful smile, faster.

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Dr. Charles W. Munk, left, and Dr. Charles F. Munk offer the latest in Orthodontic care in Clarkston.

tually invisible aligners gradually reposition your teeth into a smile you'll be proud of.

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Dr. Charles F. Munk has 40 years of expe-

rience as an orthodontist, seven years for Dr. Charles W. Munk. They have been voted Best Orthodontist three years in a row by readers of *The Clarkston News*, and have been in their Clarkston office for 30 years.

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The office provides a friendly, fun, family-oriented atmosphere, accepting transfer cases and treating adult patients as well as children. Discounts are given when multiple family members are in treatment, and payment plans and CareCredit financing are available.

The Dr. Munks are active in community, school, and charity events, and lecture to various professional/dental societies and groups.

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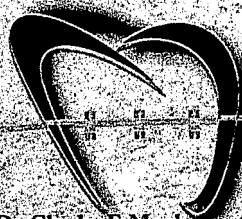
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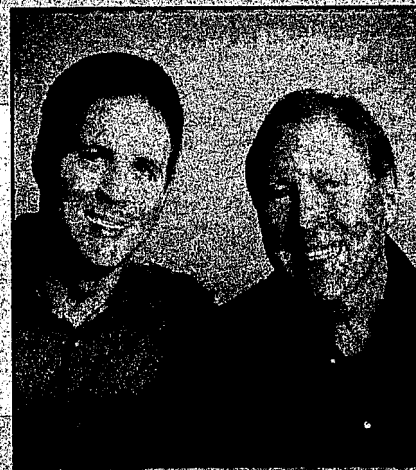
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Explains safety behind TomoTherapy technology

After being diagnosed with prostate cancer and having surgery to remove it, John Drake of Orion Township was concerned about following up with radiation.

"I was worried it would destroy some good parts of my body," said the semi-retired truck driver for



John Drake enjoys every day with a walk.

Powers Distributing. "But I don't think it did."

Drake, 65, had radiation at 21st Century Oncology in Clarkston, with technology called TomoTherapy Hi-Art®, a treatment so precise that medical teams can treat a lung's lining and not the lung itself.

"It wasn't hitting anywhere it wasn't supposed to hit," he said. "That made me feel good."

Dr. Jeffrey Forman, Drake's radiation oncologist at 21st Century, said: "While radiation is an effective cancer treatment, it sometimes carries with it undesirable side effects. TomoTherapy helps to reduce or eliminate those side effects by precisely targeting the radiation only on the tumor and avoiding nearby tissue and vital organs. So our patients get good cancer control and can carry on with their lives as quickly as possible."

Forman is a Johns Hopkins-trained cancer specialist and medical director of the Michigan Region for 21st Century Oncology. Joining Dr. Forman are Dr. Kay Miller and Dr. Ahmad Ezz, who are the only providers of TomoTherapy in Oakland County, at locations in Pontiac and Clarkston and soon in Monroe.

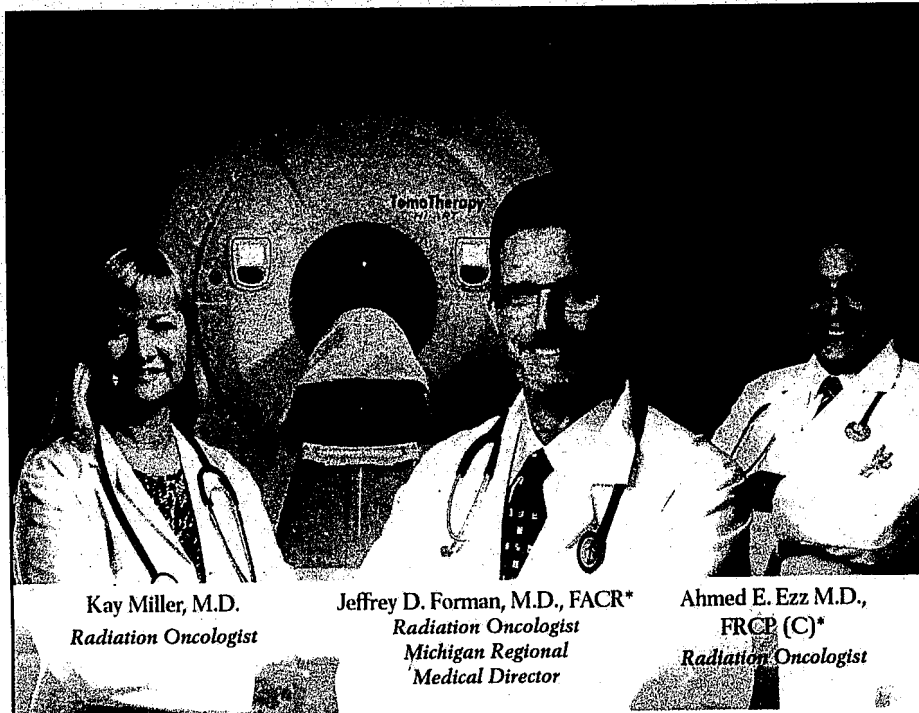
Although the technology is highly specialized, it is

used to treat a variety of cancers in addition to prostate cancer. Cancers that can be treated with TomoTherapy include lung, breast, pancreas and head and neck tumors. Tumors that were treated with external-beam radiation can also be treated with TomoTherapy.

TomoTherapy, Forman says, is not only sophisticated technology that provides effective doses of radiation, it is also safer. That's because medical professionals know exactly where a tumor is from a daily CT scan before treatment.

Because of TomoTherapy's precision, Dr. Forman and others are conducting research to see if increasing the dose and providing fewer treatments will effectively and safely control early-stage prostate cancer as well as the current system. The current standard is about 42 treatments.

Dr. Forman will talk about TomoTherapy and its use in treating prostate, breast and lung cancer at a free seminar at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24 at Brioni Café & Deli, 7151 Main St. (between Interstate 75 and Clarkston Road) in Clarkston. Call 248-625-0300 for more information.



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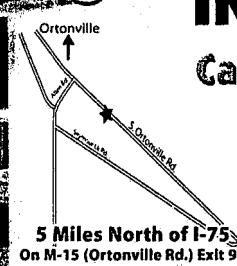
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Everest Academy started in 1990 in the basement of a church with 30 students. It now has 450 students from preschool through high school in five buildings, on a 100-acre campus in Independence Township.

"We'll have our first high school graduating class in 2012 - we're all very excited," said Maura Plante, director of admissions.

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Intellectual formation includes rigorous, balanced academics with an 18-to-1 student-teacher ratio.

"Students get a lot of individual attention, in a very nurturing environment from great teachers," Plante said.

Art, music, foreign language and other specialized classes are taught by experts in their fields. Grades 3-8 are single gender, with boys and girls taught in separate buildings.

"We offer the only single gender program in north Oakland County," Plante said. "There is no doubt it is academically best for boys and girls."

Co-ed opportunities are also offered, including student council, dances, sports,



Students grow spiritually and academically at Everest Academy.

drama and musical productions, and Pro-Life, youth, and other clubs.

"We are the best of both worlds, students receive the academic advantages of single-gender instruction while having co-ed, social opportunities," Plante said.

On-campus priests assist with Human and Spiritual formation.

"We're very fortunate to have three full time priests," Plante said.

"Each building has a chapel, which students can visit individually in the morning

before classes and all day. The chapel is always open," she said. "Christ is at the center of all we do. Morning Mass is optional, and quite a few students participate. Many sacraments are available to students, staff, and parents."

Apostolic Formation, which includes service and social responsibility, includes all students' participation.

Elementary students go to local nursing homes to recite their Forensics speeches, stories, and poems for residents, as well as visit

with them.

"People are very thankful to our students for that," Plante said.

High school students do mission work in Mexico and throughout the United States, and students in grades 6-8 help local residents with yard work and other projects, and volunteer at local soup kitchens.

Everest sponsors Fish Frys on Fridays during Lent, with Stations of the Cross. One evening, eighth grade students enact living stations.

"We're incredibly blessed with dedicated families and their tremendous commitment and sacrifice, parents are key to the school's success," she said. "We have been very fortunate to have a strong financial base and high occupancy. We're totally self supporting."

Plans for the future include an expansion of the high school buildings and even university-level classes. For now, focus is on developing existing programs.

"We're very blessed - we love the Clarkston community," Plante said. "This is a great location for us."

For more information or guided tour of the school, 5935 Clarkston Road, call 248-241-9012.

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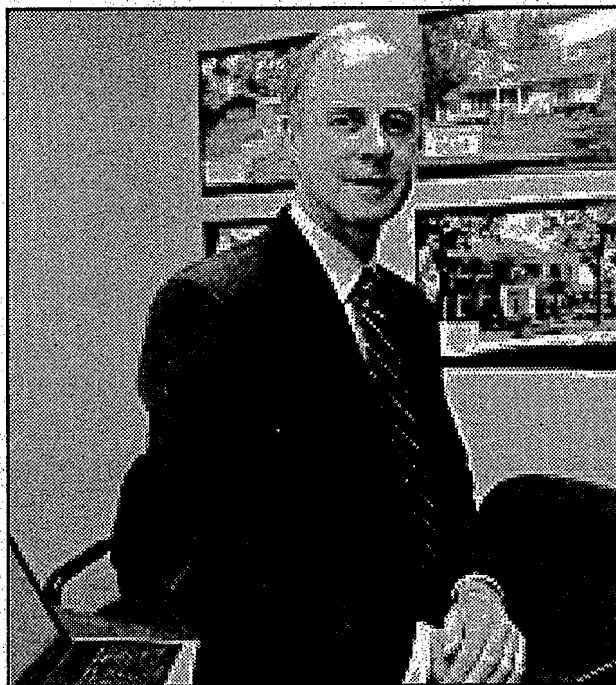
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That customer reaction is typical for the 60-year old firm (founded in the 1950's, Weir Manuel merged with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer last year).

"Our mission is to 'exceed customer expectations at every point of contact,'" said CBWM CEO Kelly Sweeney. "We merged two high-quality companies; our outstanding service has expanded to include 11 offices and 450-plus sales associates."

The firm has a team of attorneys, distressed-property specialists, a property management division for leasing, and the area's best mortgage processors, and many of its sales associates have specialized training in subjects like short sales and cross-cultural competence.

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Dr. Staniszewski and Dr. Nora Clancy are contact-lens specialists and are able to fit all types of specialty contacts.

Dr. Clancy said their practice is very busy.

"We get a lot of referrals from other patients, which is an indication that they are highly satisfied with their personalized care," she said. "It makes us feel like we're doing a good job and we hope our patients know how important they are to us."

Both Dr. Clancy and Dr. Staniszewski also love doing eye exams on children and work well with kids, especially since they each have their own children who attend Clarkston Schools.

At Advanced Eye Care of Michigan, you will find the most current technology available, including the full retinal examination.

The doctors at Advanced Eye Care of Michigan are experienced in detecting macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinal holes, and detachments, as well as systemic diseases such as diabetes, high

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"A lot of people don't understand the difference between optometrist and ophthalmologist, they assume an optometrist is where you go to pick up your glasses or contacts and get your prescription," said Sarah McCanney, public relations director. "We actually treat every condition of the eye here. The only things we don't do in our office are surgical procedures."

Through yearly eye exams, these diseases can be detected in their early stages before the patient is even aware of them.

Dr. Staniszewski and Dr. Clancy want you to know that as a patient here, you will receive a comprehensive eye examination and experience excellent patient care.

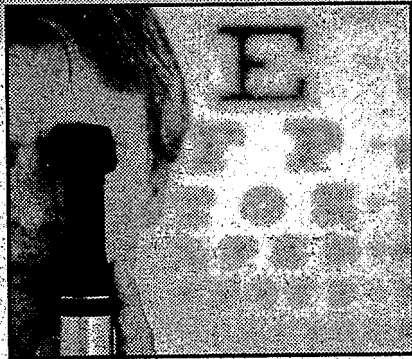
"At Advanced Eye Care of Michigan, not only will you receive a quality eye exam, but we have a large selection of designer frames, same day contacts and an optical lab on-site," McCanney said. "The practice has served patients in the Clarkston area the past 18 years."

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In late 2009, The Downing Clinic initiated a new highly successful lifestyle management program, called FirstLine Therapy.

This program's unique approach focuses on improving body composition, consideration of each person's biochemical individuality, use of a modified Mediterranean Diet Plan (low glycemic index & load diet) and customized recommendations for nutritional supplements.

The overall goal of the program is prevention and early intervention of potential chronic diseases, improvement of quality of life, and improved management of existing chronic diseases. A standard "one diet, one supplement for all" is NOT what this program is about.

Individuals who experience fatigue, hormone imbalance, low sex drive, stress-related symptoms, poor memory or lack of mental clarity and other symptoms find the program helps them with these symptoms.

Medical conditions which have been identified by many health organizations as being responsive to lifestyle change approaches, like FirstLine Therapy, include:

- High cholesterol
- High blood pressure
- Metabolic Syndrome
- Type 2 Diabetes

- Cardiovascular disease
- Osteoporosis
- Osteoarthritis

- And, conditions related to aging

Individuals currently in The Downing Clinic program stated the following as reasons they signed:

- To lose weight
- To gain better control of their blood sugars
- To improve their overall health and energy

- To minimize fatigue and pain
- To improve their sleep

Early feedback from our first two groups indicates the following results:

- Reduced feelings of hunger
- Weight loss
- Overall feeling of being more healthy
- Less pain and more energy
- Lower blood sugar readings
- Blood pressure returned to normal

The program is managed by Ann Heusted, RN, FirstLine Therapy Program Coordinator. In addition to individual participant counseling, biometric feedback analysis to check participants for progress, Ann also teaches the classes, which help participants learn about and integrate new changes into their lifestyle. Dr. Laura Kovalcik oversees the FLT



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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 and a junior team leader. Team leaders are responsible for making sure everything on a long checklist has been satisfactorily completed before leaving a home.

A team of two, 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 their standard services, Clarkston Cleaning provides three free cleanings to patients currently undergoing cancer treatment.

"I've had family members who went through cancer treatments," Dawn said. "When you're going through 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.

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 patients. A lot of them have lost someone to cancer, so they're happy to help."

Clarkston Cleaning Service and The Chocolate Moose have put together gift packages such as "I love you," "Relaxation," "The Best of Both Worlds," and "The Ultimate."

Various priced packages include house cleaning along with so many different kinds of chocolate.

"Who doesn't love a clean house and some chocolate to go with it," said Dawn.

Clarkston Cleaning Service, located at 5912 South Main Street in Clarkson, 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.

"Customers can also pay through credit card as well as online with PayPal," she said.

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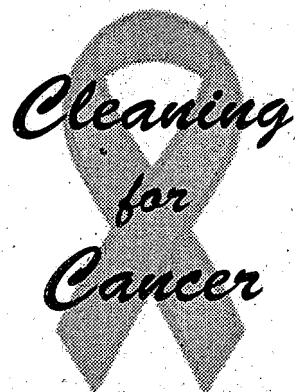


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Keeping Clarkston beautiful at Creekside Salon

The Summer Farmers Market across from Depot Park, can you picture that location? Great, then you know the whereabouts of Creekside Salon!

On the opposite side of the creek attached to the Clarkston Mills Mall, Creekside Salon has been a part of the history of Clarkston for 30 years.

"With the fabulous view of Depot Park, weddings, art fairs and Friday night summer music fests, we're in the thick of the town we all adore," said owner Lisa Burdick.

Creekside offers the friendliness you'd expect from a small cozy salon with lots of experience.

"The most rewarding part of my job is by far our wonderful customers," said Burdick, who managed the business for 15 years before buying it from the previous owner in 1997. "I can't express how much their loyalty and support over the years has meant to us all."

Relationships and friendships are built with each customer.

"We enjoy hearing about what's new in their lives," she said.

In order to stay on top of the latest advances in the hair care industry, Burdick keeps up with trends and pays close attention to current fashions.

It's easy to tell Burdick likes her work.

"It's just really enjoyable," she said, "The creativity of color and styles to get just the right look is a great challenge and a rewarding part of my job."

But not the only fun part, she notes, explaining that she has a high regard for the salon's other three stylists, Becky Laney, Brooke Manuel, and Mary Smith. Burdick said the three work very well together.

"Each of our abilities complements the others," she said. "Our cuts and colors are just a little bit different, so each stylist adds her own unique talent and personality, which makes customers want to come back."

But they work well together for other reasons, too: they've been doing it a long time.

"I'm very fortunate to have these women who are considered friends instead of work staff," Burdick said.

The longevity of both the salon and the stylists, she said, helps in her mission to provide high-quality service to each customer.

Like much of downtown Clarkston, Creekside Salon is proud of its long, rich history.

"I love my job," Burdick said. "I feel so fortunate, after having done this as many



From left are Stylist Brooke Manuel, Becky Laney, Mary Smith, and Lisa Burdick.

years as I have, I still love to come here. It's a pleasant, fun place to come to each day."

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Rick Burrough became owner of Michigan Web Press in 1999 after having worked for its original owners for 15 years. Since taking ownership, Burrough has steadily upgraded the company's printing equipment and capabilities, including the purchase and installation of a state-of-art Goss Magnum web printing press in 2007. The Magnum press can produce a 48-page full color newspaper at 40,000 copies per hour.

Along with web printing services, Michigan Web Press also performs preprint inserting, bindery services and direct mail fulfillment for its customers. Many of the newspapers printed by the company are addressed and presorted for mailing, then delivered directly to local post offices on Michigan Web Press' trucks.

While the newspaper business in general has taken some hits in recent years, Michigan Web Press' clients are weathering the

storm.

Todd Hagerman, the company's general manager, explains, "The newspaper and printing businesses have been through many changes in recent years. The changes have been driven by technology, the economy and cultural change. Regardless of what the pundits say, community newspapers and niche publications of the kind we produce for our clients are not going away any time soon. Our industry is seeing more of those types of publications created each year."

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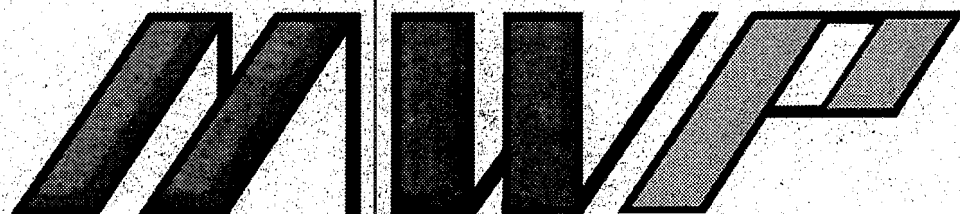
abreast of the latest techniques for producing the digital printing files needed for today's modern pre-press workflows.

Michigan Web Press has a staff of about 65 employees and operates their printing plant 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week to give their customers the fastest turnaround times. On-site generators keep their presses rolling even if the weather takes down the local power grid.

Hagerman is proud the company's track record when it comes to meeting customer's deadlines. "We rarely miss a delivery deadline. We understand the importance of getting the printed news delivered to our customer's readers on time. If it means Rick, Wes or I have to get on the press or in the truck to make a delivery happen, we'll do it. We've all had ink on our hands before and we probably will again. Our customers count on us

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The Milosch family: making it work in tough times

Back in 1963, the building that now glimmers under the spring sun at Silverbell and S. Lapeer Roads, was once Don's Used Cars near downtown Lake Orion.

Today, the family-owned Milosch's Palace car dealership offers Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge models, all under one roof.

"We attribute much of our success to long-standing relationships with our customers in and around Lake Orion," said third-generation dealer Don Milosch, Jr. "We're proud and grateful to be part of the growth that our local area has had over the last 50 years."

Milosch's Palace Chrysler Jeep Dodge—Palace CJD, for short—evolved over the years, continuing to expand their quality service and vehicle franchises to include Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, Eagle and Jeep. Last year, they officially merged Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and RAM trucks under one roof, which is what they offer today.

"We're able to service customers better by being able to showcase all three Chrysler brands," Milosch said. "If you're looking for car, van or truck, we have it all under one roof."

In addition to new and pre-owned vehicle sales, Palace CJD provides a full range of parts and services to customers,

according to Milosch.

The dealership recently opened their Express Lube service, specializing in Chrysler Jeep and Dodge models. Customers can now get a full oil change in 12 minutes flat, while munching on a bag of freshly popped popcorn in Palace CJD's

waiting area.

Milosch says he sometimes wagers with customers on the oil change time.

"I'll bet them that their car will be done before they eat their bag of popcorn or I'll buy the oil change," he said. "I've never bought one yet."



Family-owned Milosch's Palace Chrysler Jeep Dodge now offers express oil changes.

The dealership also has an expanded line of accessories, says Milosch, like lift kits, gas and diesel engine upgrades, body and suspension lifts, wheel and tire upgrades, as well as common truck accessories like chrome packages, tonneau covers, and trailer hitches. Palace CJD is a Banks Diesel distributor.

And while Milosch's Palace staff have been wowing local customers for years, the dealership is in the spotlight on the national stage. They were recognized as the number one dealership in the nation for certified pre-owned vehicles and number one in nation for Chrysler service contract sales.

"We're proud of that because it means we provide more of our customers with the security of knowing they have roadside assistance, rental car coverage in the event of a breakdown and a low deductible extended warranty that is backed by the factory," Milosch said.

Palace CJD is also eighth in the nation for new car sales.

Stop in to Milosch's Palace Chrysler Jeep Dodge, located at 3800 S. Lapeer Road in Orion Township, or give them a call at 248-393-2222. Visit them on the Web at www.PalaceCJD.com.

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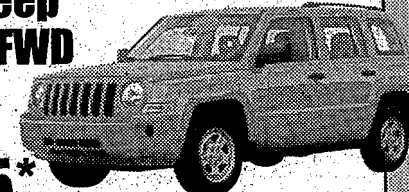
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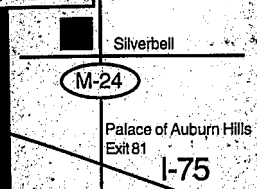
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Time for Blinds has been selling (and servicing) Hunter Douglas products to residential and commercial customers in Michigan for over 50 years. The dedication to quality has earned the Sauses the title of Hunter Douglas Centurion Gallery Dealer.

They have attended the International Alliance Conference for Hunter Douglas Worldwide in 2007, where they received exclusive training on the newest products from Hunter Douglas, such as Duette Architella.

"Since we are a Hunter Douglas Centurion Gallery Dealer, we can offer the Right Choice Promise," said Barbie.

This promise enhances the commitment not only of Hunter Douglas, but Time for Blinds as well. This is something Barbie can go over with you when you visit her at the showroom, or when Mark comes out on location. Barbie and Mark offer service and dedication not found in any other window covering store.

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The Gallery for Time for Blinds is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. After showroom hours, appointments are available upon request. Summer hours will have an extension of until 6 p.m. during the week.

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CBCCU has been in your local community for more than 50 years. The one thing that has not changed in those 50-plus years is our dedication to individual member service! Our Clarkston office is located at 8055 Ortonville Road, while our Brandon office is at 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," says 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 Brandon School District. The partnership that has developed between the school district and the credit union has been phenomenal. It's a



Front row, from left: Nikki Christensen, Gerry Coyne, and Valerie Peterson. Back row, from left: Patty Dubois, Shelly Kidd, Chelsea Johnson, Suzanne Schmidt, Jody Hurren, Kathy Kelly, Chris Gifford, Jennifer Adcock, and Michael Lajoice. Not pictured: Donna Bullard, Traci Bidoul, and Paula Freel. The staff of Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, Clarkston branch.

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 all the work at these branches."

The commitment to the younger members is obvious from the student-run credit union branches to the Zoogeles Kids 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. We 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 Shrae Insurance Fun U.S. Government

Agency. IRA accounts are also insured up to \$250,000.

"Sometimes it's hard to decide what makes financial institutions different," said Bullard. "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."

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 through Thursday; 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Friday and the main office is now open for full service from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

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Poolmart & Spas celebrates its 30th year in Clarkston

After 30 years in the same location, Poolmart and Spas is continuing the tradition of great customer service and a reputation for selling fun to families in Clarkston and surrounding areas.

"I think being here 30 years says a lot about the strength and longevity of the company," said Owner Jim Bishop. "The fact that we'll be here tomorrow to service our customers is very important."

"You see a lot of businesses come and go, but we've been standing strong for 30 years," Manager Shannon Crane said. "We're a staple in the community."

Bishop purchased the business over three years ago. He has been a part of the pool and spa industry for more than 30 years.

Poolmart and Spas, which began in 1980, sells above-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, infrared heaters, chemicals and accessories. They also offer monthly spa maintenance and service most makes and models of hot tubs.

In addition to their retail products, the staff at Poolmart and Spas prides themselves on their free water analysis lab and diagnostic center. "We are known for being able to analyze water, determine what the customer needs, and resolve their problem," said Bishop. "We are water-care professionals."

Currently, the staff is getting ready for their

busy season.

"We are kicking off our 30th Anniversary Sale at the Spring Home and Garden show at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 20 and 21," Bishop said. "We have some discount coupons available for our customers on a first come basis."

The 30th Anniversary Sales Event is going on now thru May 2. All Dimension One Hot Tubs and in stock above-ground Doughboy Pools are on sale at 30 percent off. Financing is also available.

Poolmart is always looking for new products that its customers want. "We listen to our customers and value their input," Crane said. "We had tremendous feedback from our customers through a survey we sent out in January."

Poolmart will host their free Annual Pool School on April 29, along with their 30th Anniversary Sale. It is held each year to advise customers how to open their pool and care for it. To sign up for the pool school, e-mail Shannon at scrane@poolmartspas.com. Poolmart has a great turnout, please sign up early.

"We're in the business of taking care of our customers, which is why we service what we sell," Bishop said. "We want to continue to grow the business with the help of our current customers and through referrals."



Manager Shannon Crane and Owner Jim Bishop.

The Referral Rewards Program that Poolmart and Spas created gives customers a nice reward toward their pool and spa needs. When customers refer friends, family, or co-workers to Poolmart and Spas to purchase a pool or hot tub, they can earn up to \$250 in rewards.

"Our Hot Tub Club and Pool Club Cards have been a tremendous success," Bishop said. "After 10 punches you receive up to \$25 toward your next purchase."

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.

Winter 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 closed.

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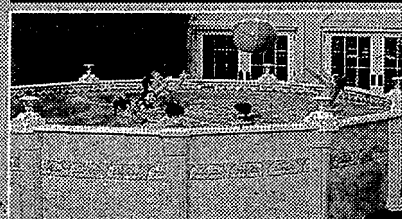
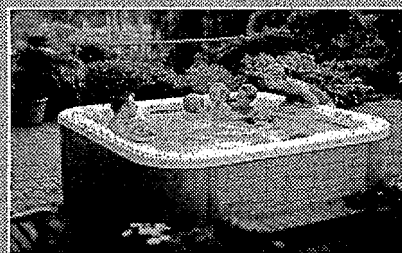
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Dr. Wright diagnoses these patients in his office at 5900 Waldon Road, using hysteroscope and sonohysterogram technology.

Treatments include new, in-office procedures such as endometrial ablation, an alternative to hysterectomy.

"It reduces bleeding by up to 80 percent," Wright said.

If needed, he performs hysterectomies at Genesys using minimally invasive laproscopic techniques, significantly reducing hospital stay.

"Technological advances, training, and new techniques benefit patients by reducing risk and downtime while being just as effective," Dr. Wright said.

Procedures also include urodynamic testing for female incontinence and the Essure permanent birth control procedure, LEEP, 3D and 4D ultrasounds for pregnancies and pregnancy confirmation, and laser treatment for



Dr. Thomas Wright, with receptionist Cathy and medical assistant Mindy, offers the most advanced women's healthcare.

stress incontinence, all in-office and taking minutes or even seconds to complete.

"In this economic environment where both parents work, it's important to minimize

time lost for treatment," he said. "With health care reform possibly on its way, anything we can do to help with costs and be more effective, we'll do."

Women's Integrated Healthcare's new location, 5900 Waldon Road, is just west of Sashabaw Road. They moved there about three months ago.

"We provide the best care we can to the people of north Oakland County," Dr. Wright said. "This area has a significant patient population without a hospital setting. People have to go south to Pontiac or north to Genesys. This is a nice area in between. We provide in-office care in our own community."

Dr. Wright lives in Independence Township with his wife, Tracey Wright, and two daughters, both Clarkston students.

"My family lives in the area," said Dr. Wright. "Clarkston schools have a lot to offer. This is a nice community to live in with a lot of good people, a sense of small town involvement, and it's next to the big city as well."

Dr. Wright is a board certified Obstetrics and Gynecologic specialist. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and Bi-County Community Hospital. He established Women's Integrated Healthcare in 1999.

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Marketti Academy celebrates three years of excellence

Marketti Academy of Cosmetology ended 2009 gaining National Accreditation from NACCAS (National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences) and is kicking off the New Year celebrating three years of excellence.

Co-owner Allison Murphy said, "Our accreditation means we can now offer financial aid, like the Federal Pell Grant, to students who qualify." Interested students can go to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) website at www.fafsa.ed.gov or call the admissions department at Marketti Academy at 248-618-6394. The Marketti Academy school code is 041593.

Marketti Academy celebrates its three year anniversary this March. Tawny Marketti-Pearson, co-owner, said, "As a newer school we bring a much needed freshness to beauty education. We teach the newest trends with the latest equipment."

To keep up on new trends Marketti Academy instructors and students have attended hair shows and classes in and out of Michigan.

Senior student Jenni Heverly said the hair shows were an amazing learning experience. "We got to go behind the scenes and interact with the stylists," she said. "I stood right

next to a master colorist and held his color bowl as he showed us a new color technique."

In addition to learning new techniques, the students are also able to network with stylists and salon owners.

Although a new school, Murphy and Pearson combined have had nearly 20 years of experience in the industry before opening Marketti Academy. "There were things we knew we could improve. At Marketti, we not only have a quality curriculum but we also teach salon professionalism and employability skills," Murphy said.

The high standards they set for their students can be seen in their State Board passing rates. Marketti Academy has 100% passing rates in cosmetology theory, cosmetology practical, instructor practical, esthetics theory, esthetics practical, manicuring theory, and manicuring practical.

Brooke Klein, graduate of Marketti Academy, said passing the State Board exam was easy. "I wasn't worried about taking the exam because I was so prepared for it. Even during the exam I already knew that I would pass because I had been so prepared by my instructor."

Marketti students who are close to graduating have a class dedicated to preparing them for the State Board exam.



Marketti students putting what they've learned in the classroom on real clients.

Marketti offers classes in cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring, and instructor training. The Academy has a full salon service menu at discounted prices. All salon services are performed by supervised senior students.

Marketti Academy of Cosmetology is in the process of opening their second school.

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Lowrie's, Plum Hollow beautifies home inside and out

Lowrie's Landscape and Plum Hollow Home Decor invite you to celebrate the union of their two businesses.

"Our two businesses are joining together, like getting married," said Lowrie's owner, Tom Lowrie.

"It's the joining of two great minds," said Suzie Bennett, owner of Plum Hollow.

"With the economy the way it is, we needed to form a partnership," Lowrie said. "We had a discussion this past December and we realized we have a lot in common."

"We have a similar clientele," Bennett said. "I thought, wouldn't it be nice to have the same loca-

tion? Why not combine the businesses?"

Plum Hollow specializes in beautification of every room inside the home, and Lowrie's spruces up the outside, so they have the entire homestead covered.

"It's a one-stop shop," Bennett said.

Lowrie's, located in a historic house at 9539 Dixie Highway, now showcases Plum Hollow's room arrangement and design, window treatments, wall coverings and decor, fine rugs, custom bedding, bathroom tile, and color schemes.

"I lived here 15 years ago - it looks 10 times better than when I

lived here," Lowrie said. "It has nice ambiance. The colors are a lot warmer."

The decor will change to show different styles and ideas, Bennett said.

"I added fun, new things to make a homey atmosphere," she said. "I want to show what I like in my own home."

Lowrie's, voted "Best Landscaper in Oakland County and Clarkston" by both *Oakland Press* and *Clarkston News* readers, offers award-winning landscape designs, seamless landscape installations, ponds and cascading waterfalls, brick patios and walkways, retaining walls, and bulk landscape supplies.

Lowrie's backyard terrace with tent, seating of up to a 100, granite top kitchen, artificial-turf putting green, and play structure, is available for gatherings.

Many of Lowrie's decorative statues and planters are included inside the shop.

"I included a lot of Tom's retail with ours," Bennett said. "Clients are really excited about it - they



Lowrie's Landscape owner Tom Lowrie and Suzie Bennett, owner of Plum Hollow, offer complete home decor service.

can't wait to see it."

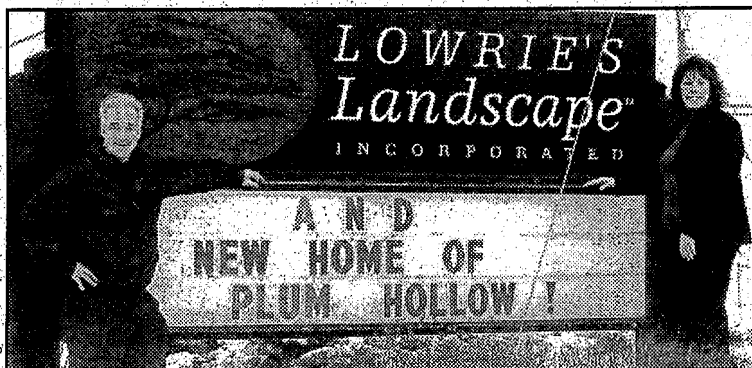
"We share ideas - I have good ideas for her business, she has good ideas for my business," Lowrie said. "We feed off each other."

Both are longtime Clarkston business owners, Lowrie for 31 years and Bennett, 18 years.

"We've made a commitment to our customers," she said.

"This is my passion," Lowrie said. "It's one of the most rewarding occupations you can do."

Call Lowrie's Landscape at 248-625-8844 and Plum Hollow at 248-620-9000.



Lowrie's Plum Hollow

Mr. Tom Lowrie of Lowrie's Landscape happily announces his business relationship engagement with Ms. Suzie Bennett of Plum Hollow Design Studio & Decor.

Lowrie's Landscape has been a Clarkston area business landmark for over 30 years. They were also named the Best Landscaping Company in 2009 by the readers of The Clarkston News.

Suzie Bennett, owner of Plum Hollow Design Studio & Decor has also been a Clarkston area business assisting customers for over 17 years. That is why the business marriage has been made.

While Lowrie's Landscape can provide all your outdoor landscaping need, Plum Hollow Design Studio & Decor can offer you the best in the Clarkston area when it comes to beautiful home furnishings and interior design service for your entire home.

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Coats Funeral Home opening in Clarkston

Funeral, memorial home opening

The Dixie Highway building formerly known as Harrington Funeral Home is being transformed into the Coats Funeral Home, Clarkston – a center that provides traditional services and cremations, yet caters to families who want to develop a highly-personalized tribute.

Tim Nye, a Clarkston resident, is the newly-appointed managing director and was promoted from Coats' Waterford property (where he'll also continue to work). The Coats Family has operated funeral homes for four generations over an 85 year period.

"Families don't always feel the best way to honor their loved one is with a traditional service and burial," explains Nye. "We are a very mobile society now and aren't truly tied to a certain community or its ground. So, that mentality may require a different avenue to honor someone."

The staff at the Coats Funeral Home simply wants to meet the needs of a family in whatever way, shape or form that evolves.

"When we heard that Heather (Coats) was going to be purchase the Harrington



Heather Coats and Tim Nye offer personalized, comprehensive funeral service and support to Clarkston families.

property, we were all pretty excited," says Nye. "The Coats Family *knows* how to service families intimately and appropriately. I'm thrilled to be able to bring their tradition and the great mind of Heather Coats to the Clarkston community. She is always willing to implement new ideas for families – that's

what we are going to do really well at our new Clarkston property."

One way Coats will be assisting families is through a webcasting service to be available at the Clarkston location.

This new hi-tech tool enables family and friends who cannot attend the service to

view the funerals and memorials anytime, anywhere – around the country or world – over the internet, in a safe and secure location.

"We found it absolutely necessary to provide this free service to the Clarkston community," says Nye. "Many families today are geographically disconnected, so for those who cannot attend a service in person – due to distance, illness, or finances – webcasting becomes an invaluable service to our families near and far."

Nye also wants the funeral home and its staff to become an invaluable servant of the Clarkston community.

"The Coats Family's tradition is that our relationship with a community begins long before a death occurs and continues for as long as you need the support," explains Nye. "That's what this business is bringing to Clarkston. We want to be a resource for the local business community, the area's non-profit organizations and for the people."

The funeral home is expecting its grand opening to be in mid-March. Full services, including the webcasting, will be available immediately.

To learn more about the Coats Family tradition, log onto www.coatsfuneralhome.com or contact Tim Nye at 248-620-4142 for a personal tour of the new property.



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After going to "President Elect Training," Brad Evans said he is excited to be the next president of the Clarkston Rotary Club.

"It gave us a chance to observe. We had over 300 people who participated from the district around Michigan, Illinois and Ohio," Evans said. "They bring in leaders from the Rotary Club from around the world to make sure when we are leading the club, that we have an understanding of what Rotary International is expecting out of the club and we share ideas of what's working in other successful clubs."

After 70 years of involvement in the community, Evans hopes to continue on the success of the club.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it. I have some things I'd like to implement in my year as president. It's an excellent opportunity to serve and give back," he said. "It's like the old saying 'you get out of things what you put into it.' I can't put enough in to pay back what I've received in terms of being a better person."

Evans joined the Rotary Club in October of 2006. As an agent with Farm Bureau



Brad Evans

Insurance, he joined per recommendation of a client.

"I went and checked out the club, fell in love right away," he said. "One of the things that is near and dear to my heart is the club's motto, 'service above self,' the fact that we do things I can't do on my own."

Evans said the club is both focused on service locally and internationally. On a local level, every year the Rotary Club sells Goodfellow newspapers (printed by *Sherman Publications Inc.*), which helps raise money for their club's largest project "Shoes for Kids."

"It's distribution of shoes, boots, mittens and gloves to the kids here in Clarkston who are in need," he said. "We helped over 500 children last year."

Other local projects include hosting the Labor Day Parade, displaying Christmas decorations in downtown Clarkston, sponsoring a night for Concerts in the Park, donating to the Clarkston Robotics team, and sponsor a couple of students for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.)

"We send juniors in high school over to Canada. These students are identified as leaders in their school. What we have found is when they come back, they really had a positive impact on their lives, because they were taught to interact with other people in

small groups and solve problems, build better education skills," Evans said. "There are probably between 100 to 200 kids who participate in this."

Evans also said they have formed a team for this year's Relay For Life, which will take place on May 15 at Clarkston Middle School.

"I had Hodgkin's Disease," he said. "That event is near and dear to my heart."

On a larger scale, Clarkston is also a part of Rotary International, which has 1.2 million people.

"There is 33,000 Rotary clubs in the world, so you're really a part of something that is larger than yourself," he said. "That has a strong appeal to me."

Evans noted Rotary International's mission is to end polio. He said Clarkston Rotary has helped in such countries as the Dominican Republic as well as the latest tragedy in Haiti. Clarkston Rotary joined in the Shelter Box program, which helps when natural disasters strike.

"The most recent Haiti earthquake, we were able to deploy six of these shelter boxes," he said. "Each box is a green plastic container that contains a tent that can house up to 10 people, a cooking stove, blankets, water purification device and some basic tools to help with the rebuilding."

The club's two biggest fundraisers are the

"Taste of Fall" and "Taste of Spring" annual wine tasting events.

"That is a good time to celebrate with the community, but also gives us working capital when community organizations or students come to us asking for money," he said. "This year's spring wine taste will be April 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Oakhurst Country Club."

The Clarkston Rotary meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Renaissance High School.

"Generally most weeks we have interesting guest speakers," he said.

"It's nice to show up on Mondays after a long day and really have the opportunity to speak with leaders of the community and find out what's going on."

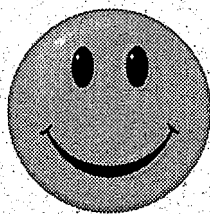
Evans noted he would like to see the club more "reflective of the business community" and recruit more business owners.

"We'd like to recruit more females too, we are not an old mans club," he said. "We are a diverse group of caring citizens and business owners and I'm just proud of be part of it."

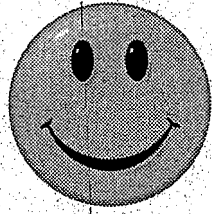
Evans and his wife Debbie, who is also a Rotarian, live in Commerce Township with their cat Jasmine.

For more information, call Brad Evans at 248-290-0614 or email bevans@fbinsmi.com or visit www.ClarkstonRotary.com

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"Employees and newly retired face a one-two punch of uncertainty over the future of corporate pension plans, retirement health care, social security and concern of outliving their nest egg."

This is why he recommends people start planning for retirement right away.

"The moment someone secures employment is the time to begin saving for retirement," Kruzan said. "Begin by living on only 90 percent of your wages. Never reduce your



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He also said a lot of the automotive guys have been hurt because their plans have been changed due to "promises" of retirement, which now have been taken away from them.

"Never assume all the benefits promised to you in retirement will actually be there," he said.

He is showing more people, they can't retire right now.

"In some cases, if they do retire they might need to retire on a diminished income or what the benefit would be if they decided to pause and not take the retirement now, but delay it for a year or two," he said.

When it comes to portfolio management, Kruzan said they have always focused on the "risk side" of things.

"What is it we can do to a portfolio to help reduce risk and still keep the return on track to achieve the clients' goals and objectives," he said. "I think this last meltdown in the market has kind of helped us a bit because there have been a lot of people who thought they could do it themselves or neglected it because things always seemed to perform well."

The best advice he can give a current retiree is to "sit down with a competent financial advisor and get a good understanding of the rate of return of your investments in order to maintain your desired standard of living."

Kruzan is located at 6764 Waldon Center Drive at the intersection of Sashabaw and Waldon Roads. He also has a second branch in Fenton.

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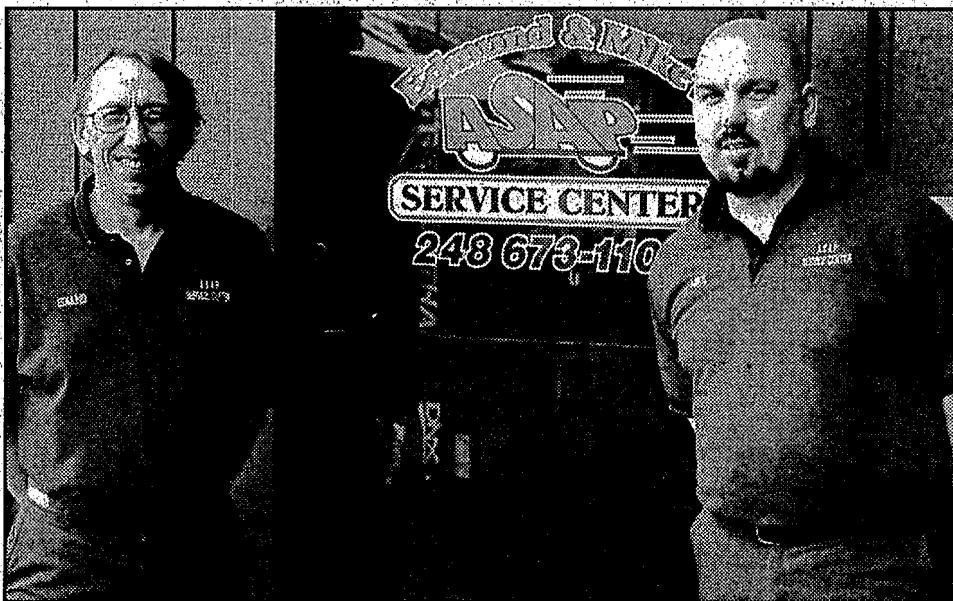
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What Al Deeby Dodge Chrysler Jeep provides area residents is more than simple oil changes and great car prices. The community-oriented dealership made Clarkston its home.

"Our slogan is 'We're your hometown dealer,'" General Manager David Ryda 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 with the same quality in both sales and services with affordable prices they have come to know."

A true leader in the community, Al Deeby Dodge Chrysler Jeep 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 our community.

We're here for the long haul," Deeby said.

Al Deeby Dodge Chrysler Jeep's dedication shines through every square inch of the 27,000-square-foot family-friendly showroom and service center.

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"Our mission statement says we will meet or exceed everyone's expectations," said Deeby. "That's just the way we do business. It's not magic. We just treat people the way

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Oakland County Sportsmen's Club (OCSC) sits on 200 plus acres of wooded countryside in Independence Township, but it's not a country club.

"We have a comfortable atmosphere," said Dan Stiff, club manager.

The club offers many outdoor sports opportunities for its 1,600-strong membership. The club's amenities include indoor and outdoor ranges for rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzleloaders, and archery, and lake access for fishing. Waterford Hills Road Racing, Inc. (WHRI) and the Michigan Midget Racing Association (MMRA) both race on the two race tracks on the club grounds.

Range usage is for members only with the exception of the shotgun range where non-members may shoot Skeet, Trap and 5-Stand during the posted hours. Non-members can also participate in club event such as leagues, classes and other activities.

The main club building was constructed in 1943 of Michigan grown timber in a rustic style, offering the most affordable banquet rental facility in the area with all the amenities for all special occasions.

"I had my daughter's reception here - it's very reasonable," said Salli Petherbridge, office manager.

The OCSC bar is open to the public, Tuesday through Friday, 4:30 p.m. until 12 midnight and on Sunday, 2-9 p.m. (closed Saturday's). The club kitchen is open, Tuesday through Thursday, 5-10 p.m., and offers a wide selection of burgers, chicken fingers, poppers, fries, and other menu items.

"It's all excellent," Stiff said. "We have a \$5 special, beer or pop, burger or two coneys, and fries."



Instructor Dave Worden helps Lilli Owieja hit the target at an Archery Instructional Session, which is offered January through March, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The OCSC Friday Night Fish Fry's and its catering service were both voted Best of the Best for 2009 by *Clarkston News* readers.

"We go the extra step to produce top notch quality at the best price possible," said Stiff.

OCSC offers family membership, which includes the member, spouse and children under the age of 18 and the annual dues are \$200 per year. Dues may be reduced by volunteering at the various club events and fish fries. Putting in 50 volunteer hours throughout the year will reduce the dues

from \$200 to \$75! The club is currently accepting applications for membership. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and the club offers a reduced membership renewal for those 62 years or older.

OCSC has programs for youth such as Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD), Junior Rifle, and Junior Shotgun, and offers the Hunters Safety program twice a year. The OCSC Archery Club offers leagues for traditional, Field & Hunter, 3D, and Broadhead shooting and an Instructional Archery program.

"The indoor archery range is state of the art, the nicest in southeast Michigan," Stiff said. "We have numerous state competitions here."

The OCSC Shotgun Club offers clay-shooting target practice in trap, skeet, trailer trap and five-stand shooting styles. The Rifle & Pistol Club offers various shooting styles including Bulls Eye and PPC. The grounds are also home to the Waterford Hills Road Racing, Inc., and the local Michigan Midget Racing Association invites children 5-16 years old to race.

"It's the best race track in the state," Stiff said.

The club also participates in community activities such as the annual Rock 'n Roll Toys for Tots Fundraiser held the first Sunday of December and "Packing Parties" for the troops overseas.

The club offers guided tours of all its facilities every Saturday, 11 a.m. For membership information, please call the Club Office, 248-623-0444, Tuesday through Saturday or visit the club's website at www.ocsc-mi.org. A membership application and a letter explaining the membership process is available under General Information.



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We Don't Want to Be A Secret Anymore!

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. 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 Home, 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

Agencies that provide licensed medical care to seniors in their home including nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy and geriatric psychiatric care.

Companion Care Agency

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Chef Heinz adds more flavor to Mesquite Creek

Great atmosphere and great food are a few thoughts that come to mind when thinking about Mesquite Creek.

To add to the great food is Executive Chef Heinz Menghser, who came to the Creek last April.

His passion for food can be found in each dish served.

"I enjoy cooking, period," Chef Heinz said. "My basic philosophy is make dishes simple enough not to mask what the main ingredient is suppose to be but rather enhance it."

"Him being here the past year has been one of our key components in taking Mesquite Creek to the next level as far as quality and consistency of the food," said General Manager Tony Vitale.

Chef Heinz began his cooking in Vienna, Austria, where he had an apprenticeship and studied culinary arts.

"It was great opportunity to travel. My original plan when I left Vienna was basically to work my way around the world in 10 years," he said.

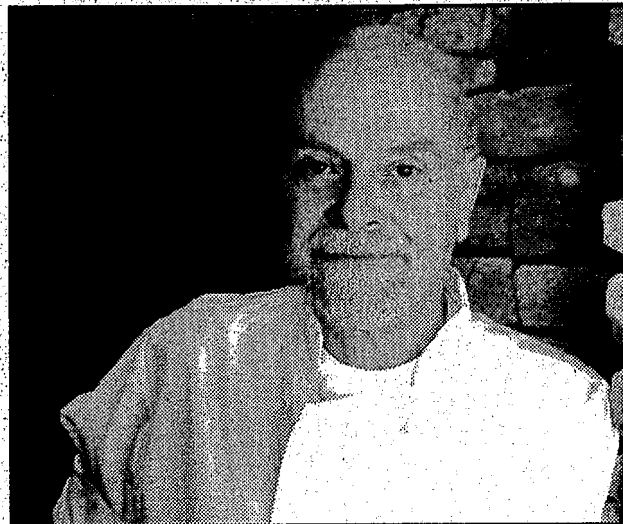
His next stop took him to Vancouver, Canada, where he lived for a while. He joined Trader Vic's and came to Michigan to open one of the locations.

Adding to his vast experience is being the first executive chef for The Lark in West Bloomfield as well as owner and executive chef of The Drake.

"He is a legend in Detroit," said Vitale.

Before joining Mesquite Creek, he spent 20 years as the executive chef at Detroit Golf Club. While he was there, he got to know Joe Vicari, president and CEO of Andiamo Restaurants.

Chef Heinz retired from the Detroit Golf Club and received a phone call from Vicari asking if he would like to come out of



Chef Heinz

retirement and help at one of the Andiamo Restaurants – Mesquite Creek.

"He called and asked how I was doing and how do I feel about going back to work," he said. "Sounds like a good idea."

Loyal patrons can still find their favorite dishes on the menu, such as Mesquite's "Fall off the Bone" Ribs, Chicken Pot Pie, Fajitas, and Signature Steaks.

"These are what people come back for again and again," said Vitale. "These are old recipes and sometimes it's the old

recipes that make it great. Because our menu is so Americana, we don't have a lot of places to challenge him or showcase what he can do."

To showcase what Chef Heinz can do, Mesquite Creek has added a variety of his dishes on the daily specials so everyone has a chance to try something different and with one taste, be taken away to another place.

They also showcase his dishes on the holiday menu during the holiday season and at special events like the beer dinners and wine dinners. The next special event is the Cigar Dinner "Blowout" on April 27. Chef Heinz will prepare five courses of small-plates, paired with a top-shelf liquor.

If someone has a craving for one of Chef Heinz dishes, he will make it for them if he is given notice within 24 hours.

"We go out of our way to honor special requests," said Chef Heinz. "We go beyond the call of duty. If we don't have the ingredients, Tony will go to Costco and pick up whatever we need for the dish. I don't think you will find that in too many places."

Chef Heinz is at Mesquite Creek every day, except Monday.

"He has the talent to do, with his experience, anything," said Vitale. "He understands what needs to be done and combines it with the ability to do anything. That makes him special."

Mesquite Creek is located at 7228 N. Main Street, north of downtown Clarkston. They are open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m.-9 p.m. For more information, call 248-620-9300 or email info@mesquitecreek.com.

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And that's what they get. In the showroom, customers can browse a variety of flooring options, including ceramic tile and wood flooring from 17 different species. A specialized, in-home design service is also available free, so customers can get some help choosing from many design elements.

"We do custom work," said Dan Burgess. "That means hands and knees, making sure corners are tight and the fit is perfect. We're craftsmen, we do it right so it lasts."

And, as the only authorized Schluter dealer in Oakland County, Builders Custom Flooring also offers a state-of-the-art waterproof shower system, which is



"People don't want a quick fix," said Debbie Burgess of Builder's Custom Flooring in downtown Lake Orion.

becoming increasingly popular as people learn about the dangers of mold and mildew.

"This is a state-of-the-art, German engineered system," said Dan. "All the water goes down the drain, no where else. It's got a crack-free, water-tight tile assembly. It lasts a lifetime

in a typical shower, he explained, water inevitably seeps through grout and into the walls, becoming a breeding ground for mold and mildew. Health problems and property damage result.

"We have something for everyone," Dan said. "We want to walk away proud of the job we've done. Everyone who

works for us has been with us for years. I don't have to tell you they take pride in their work—you can look at any job and see it for yourself."

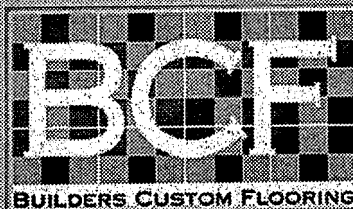
In fact, they've installed floors in many of the downtown Lake Orion businesses.

"We always provide customers with superior quality, cost competitiveness and personalized service," said Debbie, who also sits on the board of the Downtown Development Authority. "We build relationships and people always come back. It's nice to walk around town and have people say 'Hey, we're so glad we chose you.'"

So, she noted, while it's been "a lot of work" to keep a small business running against the big box stores, the effort has paid off in customer loyalty and the feeling of a job well done.

We don't just work here," she said, noting both kids are Lake Orion High School grads. "We shop here to support the local community. Our friends and family are here. This is home."

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Spring brings beautiful flowers and greener landscapes to enjoy, but it can also bring back problems, sore shoulders and aching knees from increased outdoor activity.

The staff at NovaCare Rehabilitation in Clarkston offers great physical therapy solutions for those hoping to get rid of the pain and get back outside.

NovaCare Rehabilitation is a national therapy provider with seven clinics in the Metro Detroit area. The Clarkston office, located in the Clarkston Medical building on Dixie Highway, offers a wide range of programs in physical therapy and general well-being.

This Clarkston clinic specializes in the treatment of orthopedic problems such as bone and muscle injuries.

In addition, NovaCare Clarkston has a staff of individuals qualified to treat clients with neck and back pain, spinal disc problems, TMJ, headaches and pain associated with auto accidents.

Center Manager, Jodi Hines, is proud to be a part of this community-based clinic.

"Our relationships with our patients are



The NovaCare Rehabilitation staff is the solution for physical ailments.

what makes us successful. When patients come here, they spend a lot of time with our staff. We often have former patients refer family members to us—they had a great experience and know that their family will be in good hands too."

Ms. Hines also knows her consistent, dedicated staff is another reason patients choose NovaCare Clarkston for their physical therapy needs. Her staff turn over is extremely low; her current staff has been with the company for an average of 10 years.

In addition to being a long-standing presence in the Clarkston business community, NovaCare Rehabilitation has another edge over the competition—specialized programs.

One staff therapist has completed a specialization program known as Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy training.

These advanced manual evaluation and treatment skills set the NovaCare Clarkston staff above the rest.

This clinic also offers hand therapy, pool therapy, and a Fitness program. The Fitness program is a non-structured rehabilitation program for patients who wish to continue exercising after their formal physical therapy has ended.

A monthly fee provides them with access to a full range of strengthening and cardiovascular equipment in an informal setting with staff supervision.

Hopefully, Spring brings you nothing but fresh air and tulips, but if you find yourself in need of physical therapy, NovaCare Clarkston is a phone call away!

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Independence Pool and Spa serves community with pride

A peek of sunshine during the winter months has gotten many excited for the summer months - but not ready to clean the swimming pool.

John Bokor, owner of Independence Pool and Spa, is here to get his customers and their pools ready for the fun months ahead.

He has worked with Clear Result, a Michigan Manufacturer, and added Pool Rescue to his product line.

"This product is for neglected pools or pools unopened for a few years," he explained. "They have a lot of heavy debris on the bottom of the pool."

Pool Rescue will lift the decomposing leaves and bring it up to the surface - making it easier to clean.

"It is pretty neat," he added. "We will have a video soon to show our customers how it works."

He admitted it is not for every swimming pool but is good for neglected pools, especially foreclosed homes.

Another product he has added to the line is a new type of shock for swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

"It is a unique product," he said. "It is a better oxidizer than traditional shocks. It breaks down organic waste like body lotions and body oils that accumulate in the water.



John Bokor with Clear Result representatives, Mark Wiltz, Manufacturer Representative, and Jim Miron, Distributer Representative.

It's the perfect match with saltwater pools."

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

"We always try to bring in unique floats," 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 chemical treatments - he worked with the manufacturer to design them.

Independence Pool and Spa products are

from Michigan manufacturers and are made in Michigan.

Independence Pool and Spa is now on Facebook. His wife, Kyle, created a fan site called "Independence Pool and Spa" for a place the community can post comments, questions and keep informed on specials and events.

An event John is looking forward to this year is sponsoring the Fourth of July festivities at Clintonwood Park with Radio Disney. They sponsored the event last year.

"It's a fun event to do with Independence

Township and Radio Disney," he said.

"It's important to be involved with the community," he added.

As a 1990 Clarkston grad, John is proud to sponsor a hole for the Clarkston Wolves Football Golf Outing every year.

This year, John even joined a group of Clarkston High School Alumni calling themselves The Clarkston Striderz.

"They get together once a week and go for a run. I just try to keep up," John said.

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. When asked which of his credentials hanging on his wall was the most important to him, John turned away from the certificates and licenses, pointed at an American flag, flown in Baghdad, Iraq, which he keeps framed and said, "that one!"

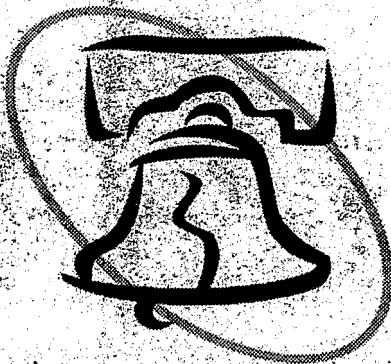
Independence Pool and Spa is located at 6473 Sashabaw Road, in Independence Town Square, at the corner of Sashabaw Road and Waldon Road.

For more information call John and Kyle at 248-922-9910 or email John at Independencepoolandspace@comcast.net.

"We want to make sure our customers are satisfied with their pool needs," said John.



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John, Kyle, Blake and Abby



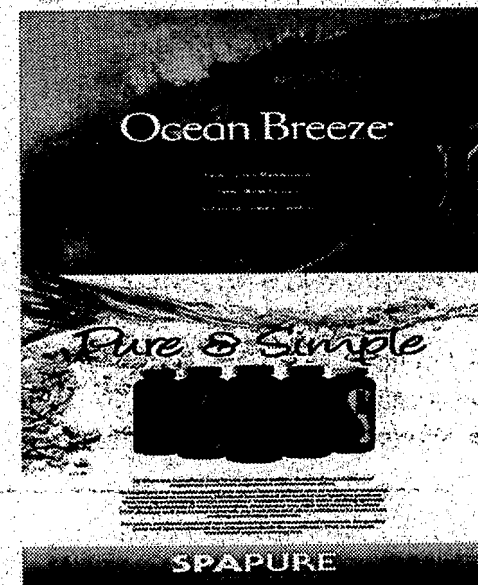
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Only the best care at Advanced PetCare of Oakland

When a pet owner walks into Advanced PetCare of Oakland and receives a smile from a friendly face - they know their "family member" will receive the best veterinary care.

Their veterinary services include surgical, dentistry, radiology and ultrasound, in-house laboratory, in-house pharmacy, and micro-chipping.

For their dedication and care for pets throughout the community, they were named by *The Clarkston News*' readers as Best of the Best - Best Veterinary Hospital for 2008 and 2009.

"We are proud of it," said Dr. Bryan Cornwall, DVM, veterinarian and founder. "We have a very close relationship with our clients. We try to give them the care we would give our family. Our staff is very dedicated to continuing education. Not just for the doctors but the entire staff and that is what makes us 'best of the best.'"

A key component in their care is they will see a patient the same day the owner calls - even if they are full, they will see the patient.



The Advanced PetCare of Oakland staff treats everyone as a family member.

"Nobody should have to watch their pet be sick before taking it in," said Dr. Cornwall. "We treat them like family."

Part of their care includes keeping up with new medicine, new techniques, new technologies.

Every year, the doctors go to a national conference, and even the support staff goes. Every Thursday, they close for two hours of continuing education - not only in medicine but also customer service.

Another aspect setting them apart is they are intent on finding

answers.

"We don't just treat the symptoms," said Dr. Cornwall. "If a dog comes in itching - we treat the itch and find out why he or she is itching. If we don't have the answer, we will find for the answer."

They moved into their current home at 6378 Sashabaw Road three years ago to improve quality of care.

"Plus now we can do everything under one roof," Dr. Cornwall added. "We offer obedience training in the lobby every Wednesday and with Camp BowWow next door,

we offer daycare, grooming, and boarding."

Camp BowWow boards dogs and Advanced PetCare has boarding for cats. The cats stay in kitty condos complete with litter box and a window view of birds outside. They also have isolation for any pets that have an infectious disease, especially respiratory, or dogs with Parvo virus.

"We don't want to take the chance of it spreading to other patients," said Dr. Cornwall. "It even has its own exam area, oxygen and

ventilation system, which is something most clinics don't have."

They also reach out to the community and created the Angel Fund to help pay for veterinary care for homeless animals.

They hold special events throughout the year to raise money, such as annual Dog Washes, photos with Santa and the Easter Bunny, and the Halloween Barktoberfest.

Advanced PetCare takes care of dogs, cats, exotic species, reptiles, snakes, rabbits, ferrets, and other small animals. They are the main veterinary hospital for Petco's of Oakland County.

Advanced PetCare is located at 6378 Sashabaw Road, south of Waldon Road. They are open Monday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday, closed.

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Oxford Schools emerges as growing, global pioneer

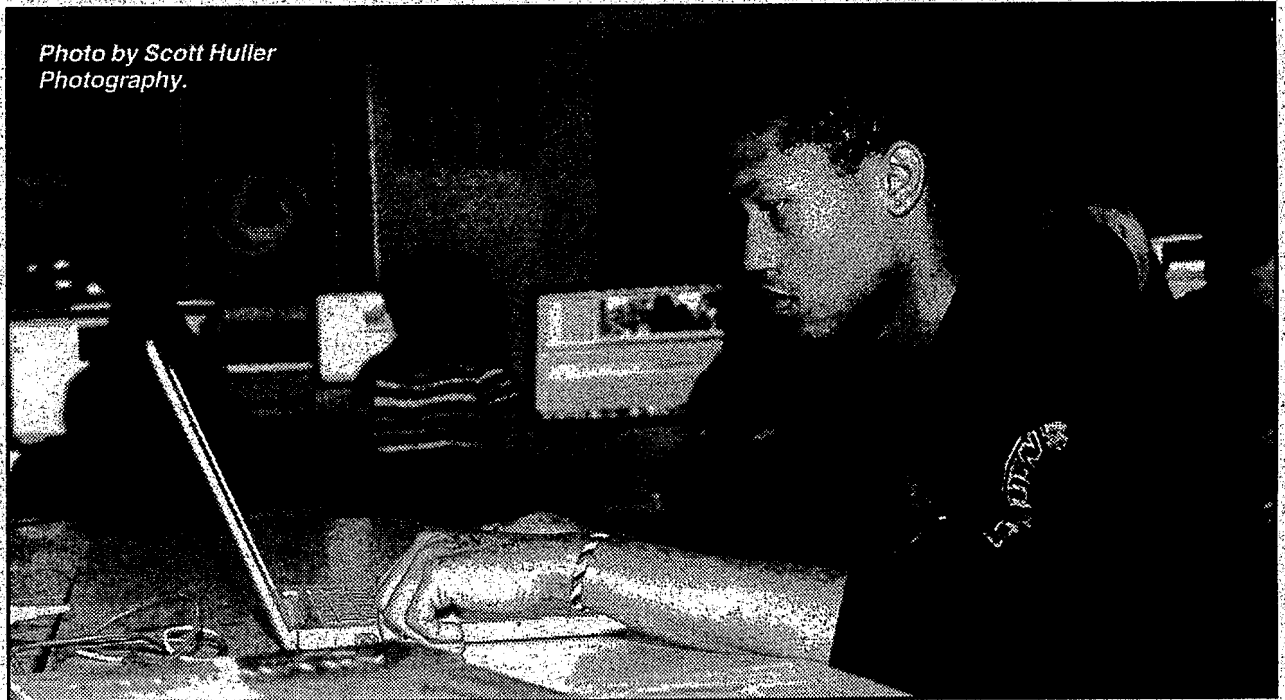
Our waning economy has had an enormous impact on school districts, and many have been forced to make significant cuts to educational programs. Now more than ever, parents are taking a hard look at where they choose to enroll their children in school. While facing many of the same challenges, the past three years has seen Oxford Community Schools increase enrollment, add student programs and staff, and build on global initiatives. Incoming students can look forward to equally balanced and unparalleled opportunities in all three As: Academics, Arts, and Athletics.

Staying focused on its vision to prepare students to compete in a global world that is changing 24/7, Oxford Schools launched an innovative Fifth Core™ world language program that assures students are fluent in Spanish or Chinese by 8th grade. Other groundbreaking programs such as Music Maestros™, 4D Assessment™, OxfordNET™, and The Oxford Plan™ are more fully expressed in the district's Project ReImagine Proposal, featured in the curriculum section of its website.

The Michigan Department of Education selected Oxford's proposal and school system for its Project ReImagine initiative that will lead education reform efforts in Michigan. In its role as a model global school system, Oxford will continue to design and direct curriculum and instruction that ensures the global fluency of all students. The district is working toward International Baccalaureate world accreditation for all of its schools by the 2012-13 school year.

How does Oxford continue to grow and realize the outcomes set forth in its Strategic Plan? The district monitors leading indicators of change and practices strategic intent. There is a very clear, concise purpose at work that everyone understands. As norms and expectations change nationwide, Oxford adapts its core curriculum to close the global achievement gap. It is this forethought and flexibility that has kept Oxford Schools in the enviable position it enjoys today. The

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district is united in the belief that everything matters when it comes to shaping the 21st century's selfless, global leaders.

Oxford Community Schools is pleased to welcome new schools of choice students in grades kindergarten through 11. When you contact the district, you'll find knowledgeable staff that can help guide you through the enrollment process. There's a cooperative spirit in Oxford made evident by

extremely active PTO's, committed volunteers, and a caring community. There are eight schools that comprise the district, including five elementary schools, one middle school, one high school and Crossroads for Youth. Visit oxfordschools.org for a complete overview of the district, or call (248) 969-5000 for additional information. Oxford Community Schools, where the globe is our campus!

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- Technology-enhanced classrooms
- Master teachers that help children discover and develop their own unique strengths in a caring, nurturing environment
- Childcare options

I want to know more! What's the first step?

- Attend kindergarten round-up at your child's elementary school (March 25, 7:00 PM)
- Meet the principal, ask questions, enroll your child
- What to bring: your child's birth certificate, proof of residency (2 pieces), immunization and vision screening records
- If you are unable to attend, parents/guardians may register during the school year at the school their children will attend, or at the Board of Education Offices during summer months when schools are closed
- Students must be age 5 by December 1, 2010

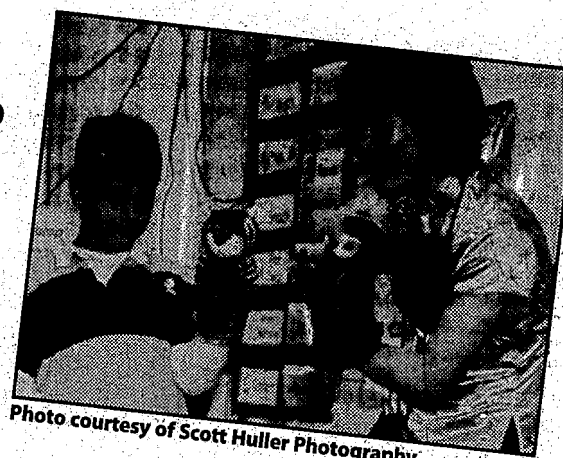


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What is unique about Oxford Community Schools?

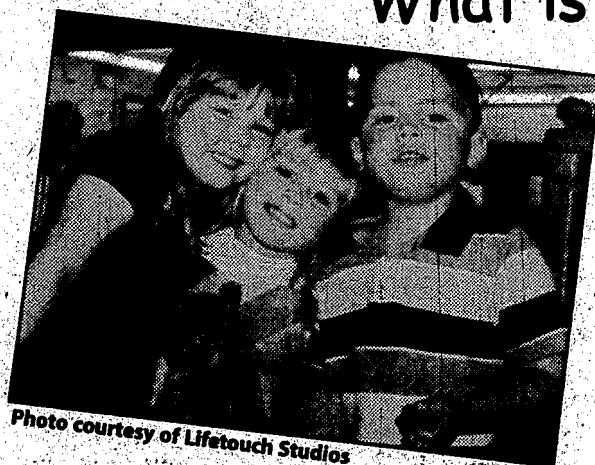
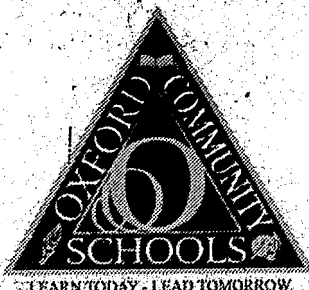


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- Equal emphasis on academics, athletics, and the arts
- **FREE** admission to athletic and fine arts events for all Oxford students and preschoolers accompanied by a parent
- No pay-to-play; **FREE** participation in athletics and clubs
- Accepting applications for K-11 Schools of Choice
- A Michigan Model Global School District
(One of 13 districts state-wide and the only Oakland County district selected by the Michigan Department of Education for its Project Reimagine Initiative to lead education reform efforts in Michigan)
- International Baccalaureate (IB) applications pending for all district schools
- Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary Schools
- Michigan Green and Emerald Green Schools
- Featured in Channel 7's Best Schools in Michigan Program (April 2009)
- Projected to be the only growing school district in Oakland County from 2005 to 2015 (Source: 2009 SEMCOG 3035 Forecast)



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Excellence develops individuals for a productive future and for making a difference in our world. Cedar Crest pays attention to the individual capabilities and social development of our children:

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Early childhood education through adolescence is the foundation for successful and inspired learners.

Young children acquire communication and negotiation skills with articulate educators and a second language of Spanish, French, Japanese, or Chinese. Learning to use one's voice to connect, cooperate, and influence others is the foundation for social leadership. Learning to risk and negotiate challenge builds confidence in all learners.

The construction of buildings, vehicles, and robots develops spatial perception for the study of mathematics and science. Correlating pictures, characters, letters, story, and sounds for early word recognition is playful and challenging. Making education fun and purposeful is the mission of Cedar Crest Early Childhood Center.

Grades 1 through 3 can read, spell, and compute to challenge their optimal zone of development. Mastery of the primary skills in reading, spelling, math computation, and



scientific experimentation yields opportunities for challenging studies and world competitive mathematics. Creative writing lets loose the expression and voice of the young author.

The artisan life of children explored in civics, biology, and literature gives life to content learning and appreciates the beauty of art, music, movement, and sport. Self-com-

petence is self-confidence.

Adolescents and pre-teens must generate questions, solutions, and creativity with their mastery of skills. This is the only curriculum that can challenge and inspire capable learners of this age.

The goal is to use adolescents' emerging talents and interests to build intrinsic motivation for continuous learning and making a

difference.

We love to pay attention to the maturing curiosities of young people for sustaining interests in academics, the arts, and sport.

A course in chemistry, geometry, or collegiate level composition can be your opportunity at Cedar Crest Academy. Travel and relationships in the United States, France, or Spain are the ultimate immersion and appreciation experiences. Oh, the places you might go...

Twenty-five years ago, "A Nation at Risk" warned our country that students in the United States lacked the skills to be globally competitive.

Those results are very apparent today and the answers to meeting this challenge are known. Skills that challenge the curious minds of current day children and experiences for thinking and creativity will generate the thought needed by our world and utilize our human variation.

This two-fold approach develops and affirms the capabilities of a critical mass of learners: all of our children.

Admission opportunities may be explored at Cedar Crest Academy & Early Childhood Center, 8970 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, 248-625-7270. Bette D. Moen, Director, at bmoen@cedarcrestacademy.com, invites your questions and discovery.



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Cedar Crest Early Childhood Center offers preschool classes to enhance the natural curiosity of the youngest learner. Ancillary teachers instruct preschoolers in art, music, Spanish, Chinese and physical education alongside our early childhood educators.

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Have you ever marveled at the curiosity of a young child and pondered how to preserve that uninhibited awe and wonder? Students learn best when lessons are purposeful and exciting. At Cedar Crest Academy, challenge meets inspiration: learn geometry and chemistry as a middle school student, experiment with fractions and draw the structures of a plant cell as a third grader, and travel to France! These opportunities are just a beginning.

Students can focus on knowledge acquisition when they develop meaningful relationships with peers and teachers. These interactions last for years beyond CCA and mobilize all for the common good. A Cedar Crest education is a commitment to develop self and others.

Creativity, innovation, and self-expression are the foundation for developing our society. Hundreds of these experiences in a day generate inspiration and confidence. Self Competence= Self Confidence.

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Gott family marks three decades serving Clarkston area

Gott's Auto Service marks their 30th anniversary in the Clarkston community in June.

Throughout the years, the technology has changed but the quality of their service with their customers and the cars has never wavered.

"We have always satisfied our customers to make them happy," said Owner Robert Gott, Sr.

"Our knowledge, our integrity and our honesty is what keeps our customers coming back," he continued. "People like coming to us because they trust us. We value their trust and keep up the work they expect from us."

The community has appreciated the hard work Gott and his technicians put into each vehicle and showed their loyalty by naming Gott's Best of the Best for Best Mechanic in 2009, an honor Robert, Sr. attributes to their tradition of quality repairs.

Gott's interest in auto mechanics surfaced when he was in high school. After he graduated he worked at a car repair shop in Detroit.

Gott's Auto Service was born when the owner retired and Gott took over the business in 1963.

In the seventies, he traveled between Detroit and Ortonville after opening a restaurant. But being a restaurant owner wasn't for him.

"I found I liked the auto repair service better," he said.

He came to Clarkston after receiving a tip one of his restaurant employees gave him.

"She was in real estate and said she knew a guy who wanted to retire," Gott explained.

He took a look at the shop and knew it was where he wanted to bring Gott's Auto Service to the area. Since 1980,



Kevin Gott, Brian McClure, Rick Verscheure, Bob Gott, Michelle Thomas, Robert Gott, Sr., and Vinnie Ventimiglia keep the family tradition of great service alive in Clarkston.

the building has grown as well as his staff to better serve the area. Sons Kevin and Bob joined the family business when they were 14-years-old for part-time work and now add the vast knowledge they know to Gott's Auto Service.

"We have grown with technology," said Robert, Sr. "We have witnessed the technology in cars evolve and change in the last 30 years. When I came into the business we were working with ignition points and condensers. The technology has come a long way."

Gott's vast knowledge helps their customers with cars only a few years old to more than 40 years old.

Also, part of the family is Brian McClure, Vinnie Ventimiglia, and Rick Verscheure on the service team.

"We have really good technicians on staff," said Robert. "They really work hard with electrical and computer systems."

Michelle Thomas, office manager, works the front desk and with a friendly smile greets all walking through the door.

"We always do our best to solve the problems with the cars, even intermittent," he said. "We are proud of our quality, honest repairs and our customer service and satisfaction."

Gott's Auto Service is a certified Napa Auto Care Center, working on all domestic and select foreign vehicles.

Gott's Auto Service is located at 5709 Maybee Road, open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 248-623-0119 or visit www.gottsauto.com.

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Clarkston Chiefs - traditions are built here

The Clarkston Chiefs have a 40-year history of youth football and cheerleading in our community.

In early 1970, Fred Dyke and Dick Heath had sons playing football for another community's youth football team and decided it was time to start a program in Clarkston.

Other parents agreed and their dream of a youth football and cheerleading program in Clarkston began with a handful of families throwing \$10 each into a pot.

In November 1970, they received approval

from the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education to use school facilities for practices and games.

The Pontiac youth football organization donated their old jerseys and the team chose a name, the Clarkston Chiefs, named after the Pontiac Central Chiefs.

The Chiefs began their first season with 44 boys and 12 girls.

Forty years later, the Clarkston Chiefs have become a premier youth sports organization.

"We have provided thousands of kids with not only great memories, but also lessons in fair play, good sportsmanship, self-discipline and personal responsibility," said Scott Bailey, Clarkston Chiefs president.

"The organization also fosters an environment for building long-lasting friendships among teammates and families."

Many of the Chiefs' youth have gone on to play football and be cheerleaders for Clarkston High School. Some have even played at the collegiate

level.

Last year, the Clarkston Chiefs had over 350 kids participating on eight football squads as well as eight cheerleading squads.

The Chiefs form teams at three different age levels: Freshman division is for 7-9 year olds; Junior Varsity is for 10-11 year olds; Varsity is for 12-14 year olds.

The Chiefs are entirely a volunteer organization. Its success is credited to the dedication of hundreds of parent volunteers. Even the coaches are volunteers and parents - teaching the next generation what they know about football and team spirit.

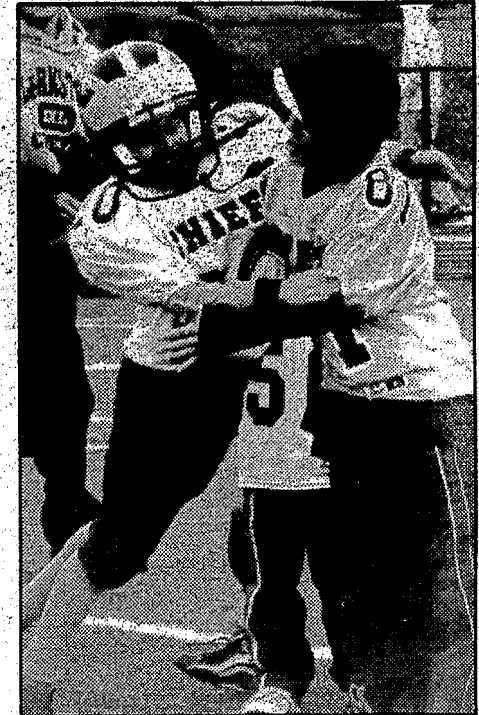
The program still utilizes school district facilities, renting the Clarkston High School stadium for home games and other district facilities for practices and other Chiefs events.

The Clarkston Chiefs also believe in supporting their community businesses by utilizing them for spirit wear clothing, team equipment, printed materials, advertisements and other items.

The 2010 season is sure to be another exciting year of youth football and cheerleading in Clarkston.

Check out the Chiefs' website www.clarkstonchiefs.org for the latest registration, team and game information.

The Chiefs would like to thank the entire

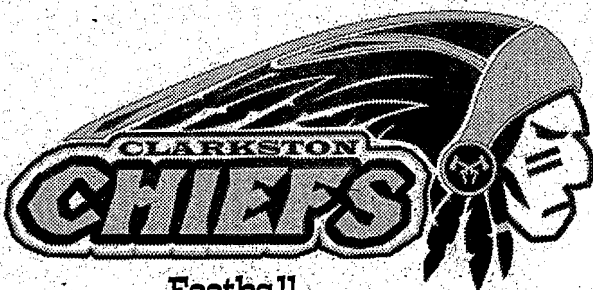


Players celebrate after a win.

Clarkston community for supporting the Clarkston Chiefs for the last 40 years and the years to come!



Cheerleading is another part of the Chiefs tradition.



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TEAM LEVELS/AGE GROUPS

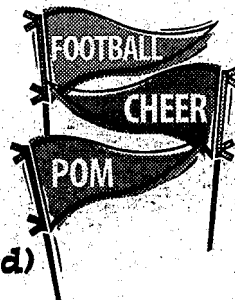
Freshman (8 & 9 years old)

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Junior Varsity (10 & 11 years old)

Varsity (12, 13 & 14 years old)

(There are weight limits for all levels)



Traditions Are Built Here!

NEW PLAYER INFORMATION SESSION

Parents and kids are welcome to come and learn about the Clarkston Chiefs program and ask those questions you have been wondering about. Several Chiefs representatives will be onsite.

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6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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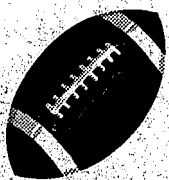
OPEN REGISTRATION

Tuesday • April 13th, 2010

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5:00 pm for Returning Players Check-in

6:00 pm for First-Time Chiefs Athletes



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Three decades of glass expertise at Clarkston Glass

If it's made of glass, Clarkston Glass can make it, fix it, or replace it—they've been doing so for the past 30 years.

"We're a family-owned business since 1979," said Eric Yankee, owner for the past six years.

"I bought the company from my uncle, Jim Beebe, in 2004," said Yankee, who was previously in the automotive industry. "The country was moving from manufacturing to a service economy, and it seemed a good fit."

Several employees have worked with Clarkston Glass for decades. Installer Wally Baran has been with the company for 10 years, Scott Perry, for 20 years, and Office Manager Connie McIntyre, 30 years. Butch Snelling has been with the company for five years, and Melissa Thorpe, three years.

"I like working here," McIntyre said. "I enjoy the community. It's my hometown—I'm raising my kids here. It's a pleasure to serve everyone in the Clarkston community."

"We have a small-town, friendly atmosphere," said Yankee, who lives in Oxford with his wife, Cari, and their five daughters, Lauren, Lilly, Lexie, and twins Parker and Avery. "We have customers who have come here for 30 years. We treat people right and we're fair on prices."

Named Best of the Best in glass service by *Oakland Press* readers in 2007 and 2009, Clarkston Glass offers excellent customer ser-

vice.

"We're working hard to expand the business and get the name out," Yankee said.

Clarkston Glass replaces all home windows. Expert designers fit glass to window frames, and also install security bars in windows to match existing glass.

"We meet with customers in their home and custom design each project, no charge," Yankee said. "We also offer custom mirrors for bathrooms, frames, walls, and a variety of other needs."

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Clarkston Glass also repairs and replaces frames and screens in standard fiberglass and metal, charcoal or aluminum colors, or to match existing colors and style. Their glass deck railing systems are made with durable 3/8 thick tempered glass, with many options and styles to choose from.

"We do just about anything with glass," Yankee said. "We stand behind our work. Our goal is to provide top quality service at unbeatable prices."

For more information, call Clarkston Glass, 6577 Dixie Highway, at 248-625-5911, or check www.clarkstonglass.net.



Clarkston Glass owner Eric Yankee displays a selection of glass doors.

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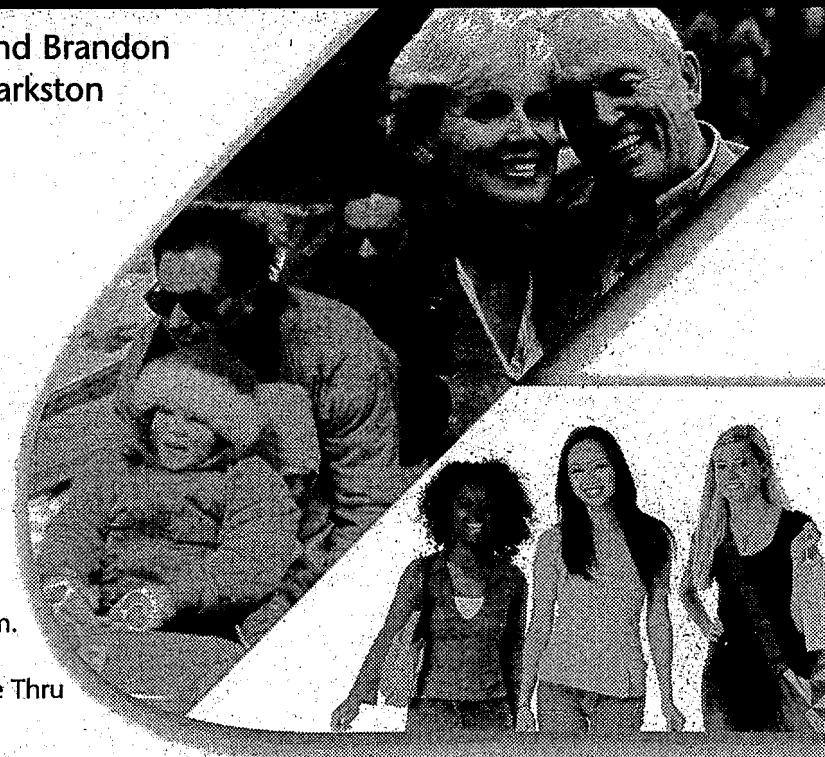


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Train your brain with Attuned Mind

Being a former teacher, a stay-at-home mom as well as working with a foundation to give out grants and scholarships, Sherri Grant has always had a desire to help people.

After receiving help from a new technology called "Brain State Conditioning T.M.," she decided to "pay it forward" and help others with this new-found technology, which is why she decided to open Attuned Mind with her partner Julie Lamphier.

Originally, Attuned Mind was based in Lake Orion, but after needing a larger space, they came to Clarkston in November.

Grant, who went through a divorce five years ago, did what many people do. She sought traditional and experiential therapy, which she said had great success for about three years, but she still wasn't completely her normal self.

"I found myself just stuck," Grant said. "I was still not feeling 100 percent, still not sleeping great and still dealing with a lot of anxiety."

Her therapist and life coach Ted Klontz recommended she check out brain training, which was founded in 2001 by Lee Gerdes of Brain State Technologies in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"Immediately I started doing due diligence. That was about a six-month period of time where I researched the company, researched the technology," she said.

After brain training, Grant said she was

completely relieved of her anxiety.

"Any anxiety or anxious feelings were totally normal, no longer were they crippling, no longer did they cause me to procrastinate, no longer did they cause me to go take naps and avoid things, they were just gone," she said. "I slept through the night and depression symptoms were also gone, no medication, no insomnia drugs, nothing."

How does brain training work?

Grant said they used a patented proprietary software and process called "Brain State Conditioning T.M.," which uses real time balancing. They start with a brain assessment and gather information by measuring brain activity, similar to a EEG.

"From that we produce a brain map," she said. "On that brain map, numerically we can see imbalances in the brain."

With the software, they are able to mathematically transform the brainwaves to sound waves, so a person can hear their brain. She described it as a "loop."

"Out goes the electrical current through the computer, translates it to sound, sound comes in your ears and now you're listening to digital tones that is actually your brain's activities," she said. "It gives it a mirror so it can see itself. When it sees itself it can correct its own imbalances."

Grant said they do sessions based on a personal protocol plan concerning the goals people want to improve, achieve, or reduce.

The optimal is 10 sessions, 70 minutes each. After 10 sessions, there is a three-week integration process in which the person is not allowed to drink alcohol or receive any therapies that manipulate the nervous system such as chiropractic, deep tissue massages, acupuncture, or cranial sacral therapy.

"That's when the brain integrates what has happened, what it's learned, and how it's changed," Grant said. "Then we touch base with our clients and see how it's going after three weeks."

She said around 90 percent of their clients have not returned after the 10 sessions.

"We don't make guarantees to our clients," she said. "We believe everybody's brain is their finger print, everybody is going to respond to training in a different way."

They also work with children as young as five, but they must be able to sit still, while in the chair. Sessions are shorter for children as well.

Grant said they have had great success helping people specifically with things like attention deficit, addiction, depression, sleep issues, anxiety, traumatic brain injuries, post traumatic stress disorder, and troubles with



Sherri Grant performs a brain assessment on Julie Lamphier.

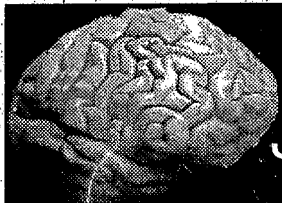
focus and memory. It's also improved neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and victims of a stroke.

"We don't diagnose, we don't cure, we don't treat, we're not in the medical field," she said. "You don't have to talk about your problems, you don't have to analyze your problem, and you don't have to think about your problems or issues or whatever you're dealing with."

However, Grant noted they do have a psychologist, Nancy Phillips on hand, if anyone would like to consult with feelings or issues they're having.

Attuned Mind also offers other services such as massage, foot detox, reflexology, and Reiki therapy.

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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 seven 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 between 2-4 hours. Badour and his crew slice

open the ground in order to thread Hidden Fence across the yard. The grass makes a complete recovery within days of installation.

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

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.

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.



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

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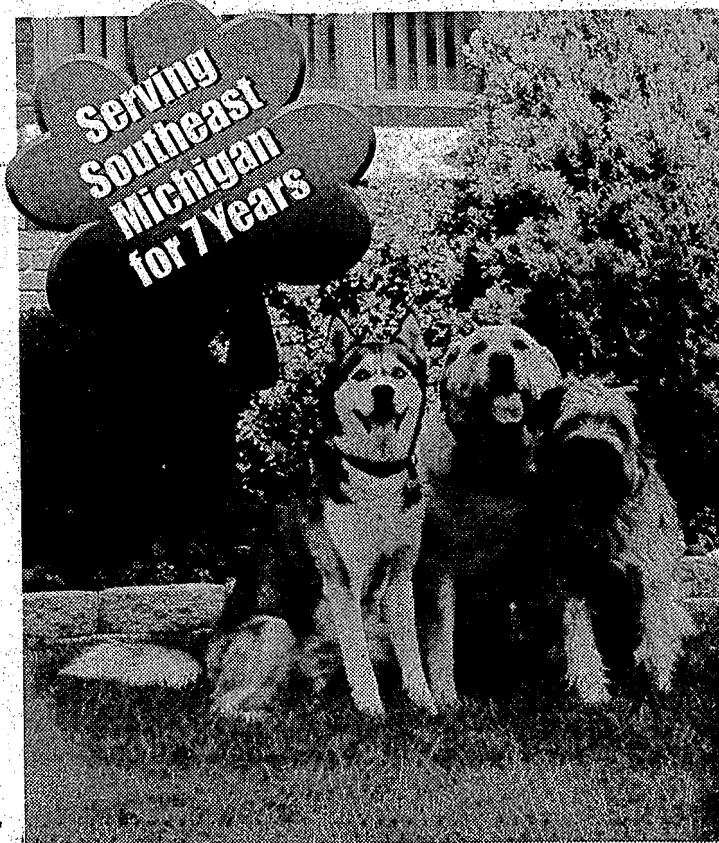
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When customers walk into Great Clips, it's all about them

At Great Clips, it's all about the customer. The sole focus of every hair stylist is to make sure the customers have a pleasant experience in the salon and get the quality haircut they want.

Founded in 1982 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Great Clips has expanded to more than 2,800 stores across the United States and Canada. There are currently 49 Great Clips salons in the Greater Detroit area. Franchisees Pankaj and Nanette Dhingra own three Great Clips salons in this market area: one in Lake Orion (on Baldwin and Maybee Rd), Oxford (at Meijer's Plaza on Lapeer & Ray Rd), and Springfield Township (at Kroger's Center on Dixie Hwy and Davisburg Rd).

The Dhingras take pride in their salons being high quality, value salons.

All their stylists are licensed cosmetologists and are required to undergo further training at our Great Clips training center. Nanette explained their value salon concept. "We focus on the service area that most customers want: a really good haircut. We also do styling, conditioning, and perms, but everything starts with a good haircut," she said.

"By focusing on only these services, our stylists really develop the expertise to do high quality haircuts. We keep our prices very affordable to give great value to our customers," she added.

A regular haircut price is currently only \$12, and is further discounted to \$10 for se-

niors and kids (10 years and under).

"By keeping our prices low, we make it easy for our customers to come for the maintenance haircuts that they need to keep their hair looking great and healthy," she explained.

Customer convenience is a primary consideration and their Great Clips salons are open seven days a week, 9-9, Mondays to Fridays, 9-6, Saturdays, and, at least 11-4, every Sundays.

"No need to make an appointment. Customers can just come whenever they're free during our salon hours," she said.

They brought the franchise into the area in April 2005 when they opened their Lake Orion salon and took over the Springfield salon from another franchisee. In May 2007, they opened their third salon in Oxford.

"Our strategy was to try and locate the salons in a cluster so we can ensure proper management and oversight of the salons. Each salon has a manager and assistant manager but we also keep a strong visible presence to show the staff that we care. We always tell our stylists that our job is to take good care of them, so they can take good care of the customers," explained Nanette.

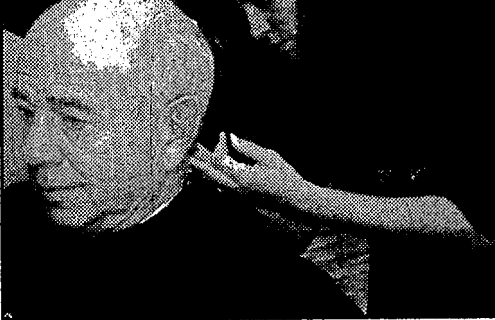
Having very experienced managers at each salon is critical. Liz Garver is the manager of the Lake Orion salon. Beth Rice manages the Oxford salon and Danielle Hardenburg, the Springfield salon.

Each of their salons features eight or nine

stylists who are personally recruited and selected by Nanette.

She stressed the importance of bringing in only the right people to the team. "Our stylists not only have the necessary techni-

Stylist Jessica Day trims a customer's hair.



cal skills, they also have great attitude and people skills. They love what they do and are great team players," said Nanette.

She said she loves being at the salon and seeing her stylists at work.

"They are great with the customers and customers love them. We have a lot of regular customers. We have customers that come and visit us every week or every two weeks. Our salons are a great place to get a haircut because we have great stylists," she beamed.

"Right now we are growing at an incredible pace and it is very exciting for us," said Nanette.

Although Great Clips is relatively new in Michigan, Great Clips is starting to have better name recognition, which has resulted in promotional opportunities for the salons.

Great Clips has developed a marketing partnership with the Detroit Red Wings, which enables them to give away Red Wings tickets on a raffle basis. She added that Great Clips will be giving away free haircut coupons to everyone who attends the Red Wings final home game of the season, on April 7, 2010.

Great Clips will also be the official hair care provider for the Detroit Tigers in 2010. This will allow Great Clips to raffle off tickets to upcoming Tigers home games to their customers. In addition to the Detroit sports teams, Great Clips also have cross marketing arrangements with DTE, Meadowbrook, and the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"In the spring, summer and fall when their concert season starts, we will again be able to give away tickets to our customers on a raffle basis," she noted.

"It's very exciting and we are pleasantly surprised that we have this partnership with some of the big names because with these kinds of shows, we are able to reach out to a big crowd. I think that we have definitely made a lot of progress," she ended.



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