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In today's edition...

Making Progress

In this week's edition of your community newspaper, *The Clarkston News*, is the culmination of two months' work. Our annual Progress Edition, *Trends 2011*, showcases the vitality of our local business community.

Over 40 area businesses participated this year and we are appreciative of their continued support, without which we could not keep the community informed and entertained (which are only two of the things we do). What else does your community newspaper do? Is it even relevant in this, the 21st Century? We think so.

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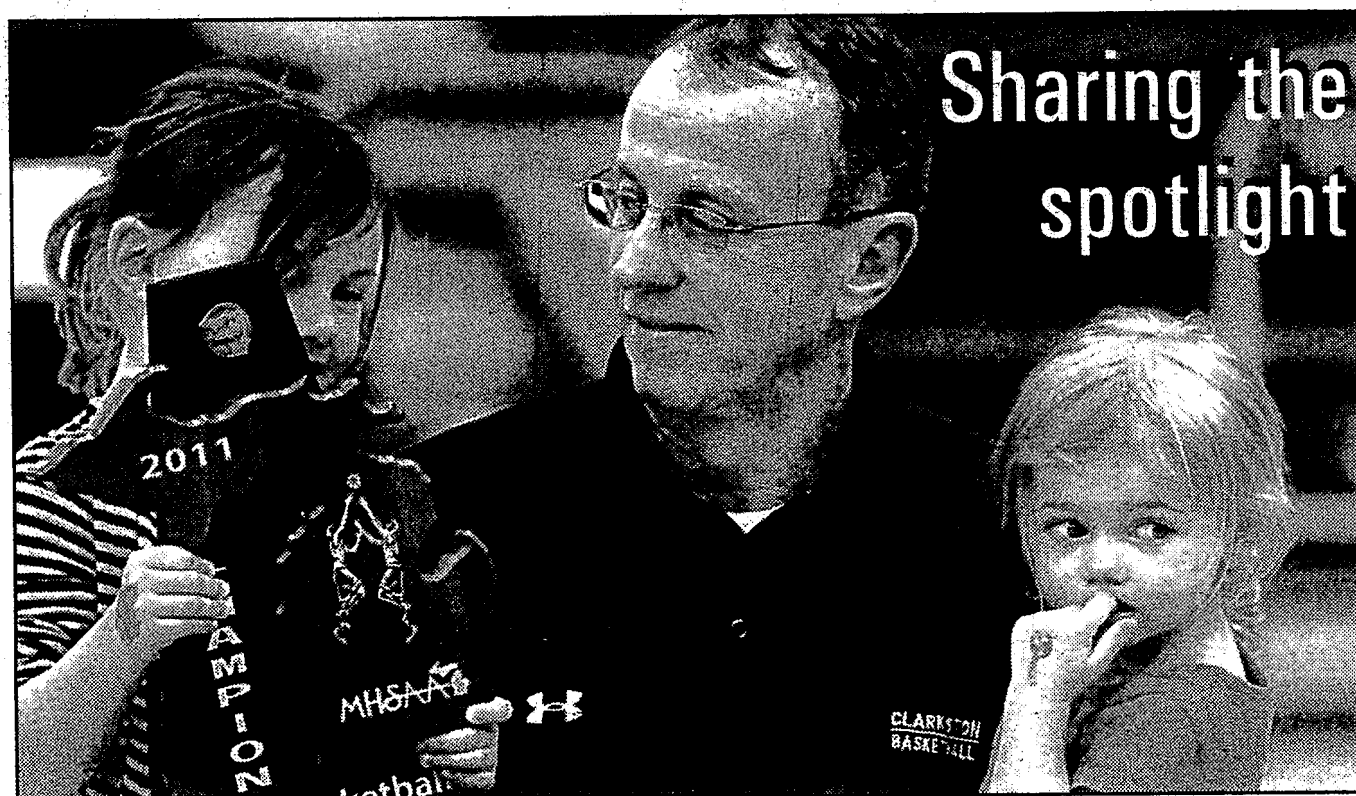
The Clarkston News is always looking for ways to make connections; eight years ago we launched our first webpage, www.ClarkstonNews.com. In 2010, we flipped the switch for www.ClarkstonTV.com, our second website.

This year we have already put the *Penny Stretcher* on-line (www.OurPennyStretcher.com) and our newest publication, the full color, glossy *Big Deal* couponer (www.BigDeal2011).

We have completed our first year of bringing local business owners together with our weekly Coffee Club meetings and are looking forward to a good year with our new initiative, Jim's List.

Please read more about what's new with your community newspaper and the other fine businesses that make up and support our community!

-- Don Rush, asst. publisher



Dan Fife, Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach, shares a moment with the Wolves' 18th consecutive MHSAA District trophy with granddaughters Ellie and Addison. Photo by Larry Wright

Commissioner's 'tone' strikes resident as elitist

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Historic District Commissioner Kay Robertson stands behind the commission's decision last year to oppose renovation efforts to 164 N. Main by owners Jim and Debbie Cousens.

"I'm sorry, I love this town. The village and the historical area look beautiful, but I'd like it to stay that way and I'm talking about the whole image," Robertson said at a March 8 commission meeting. "It's still obvious you

don't belong."

That comment contributed to a "tone" of the meeting resident Steve Wylie found "disturbing."

"I heard a little hint of something, a little vague impression that a citizen with a longstanding citizenship in Clarkston has more rights than somebody who's moved in," Wylie said. "I heard that tone and I do not like it, I do not appreciate it and as a citizen I don't want to hear that at anymore public meetings. Every citizen has equal rights in this village."

Last October, the Cousens successfully appealed the commission's rejection of a permit to tear down and rebuild a barn-like garage on the property to the state. Both the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, and State Historic Preservation Review Board ruled in their favor.

The March 8 meeting was an "informal discussion" with the Cousens to "figure out the loose ends that still exist," said Cara Catallo, interim chair.

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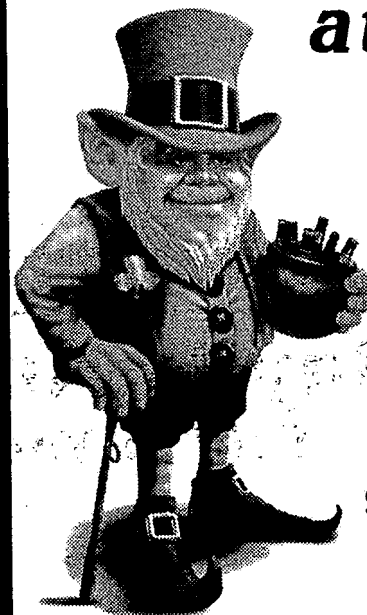
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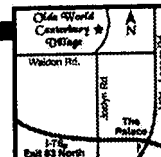
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Briefly

Parade up for grabs

After decades of hosting the Fourth of July Parade, Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk said the fire department wants out of the parade business.

"Some of it is what we've evolved into, this is more of a business than it's been in the last 40 years," Ronk said. "Some of it's just the risk of having an incident go down. We're just not strong enough to handle what we need to do and I don't want to have to explain to somebody why somebody died because we were running a parade. I don't think they're going to appreciate that one."

A meeting for any organization or group interested in taking over Fourth of July Parade responsibilities is set for Sunday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at Fire Station 1 meeting hall, 6500 Citation Drive.

"It's just a juggling act I don't want to do anymore," Ronk said. "Somebody's got to take this thing."

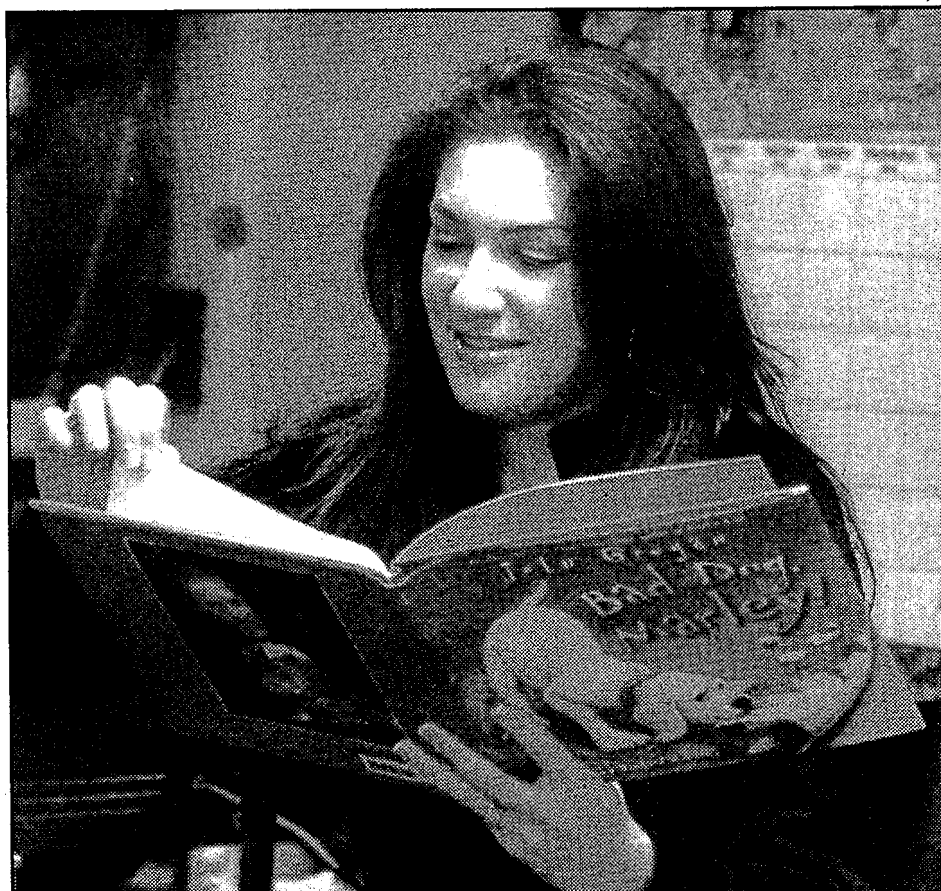
Help S.O.C.K.S.

Independence Elementary students are gearing up for the Eighth Annual S.O.C.K.S. day.

They are collecting donations of travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, wipes, as well as toothpaste, liquid body wash, razors, small hair brushes, washcloths and clean gently-used toys for Grace Centers of Hope. Items can be dropped off until March 21.

The S.O.C.K.S. program is a school-wide Academic Service Learning Project. It gives all Independence Elementary students, from Kindergarten to fifth grade, an opportunity to reach out and make a difference in the community.

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Danielle Car reads to fifth graders. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Reading with radio DJ

Fifth graders at Bailey Lake Elementary had a special visitor on Thursday with a important message for March is Reading Month.

Radio personality Danielle Car, from Fresh 100.3, said reading was important especially for her job. She doesn't just announce the songs playing on the radio, she has to read liners, which are promotional spots.

"Reading is going to be important no matter what you do," she shared with Mrs. Patterson-Brown's class.

To show just how important it is, she had students read outloud a few liners she reads on the air. She also added it wasn't just about reading it but adding personality behind it. By giving the words more emphasis, pitch or

tone it sounds more like conversation and not just monotone reading.

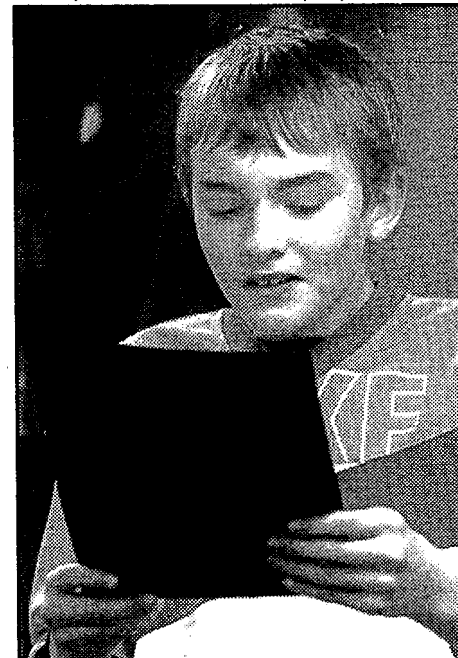
She also admitted she didn't want to read when she was in elementary and said assigned books didn't make it fun to read for her.

Once she made the discovery there were books out there for different interests, she was hooked.

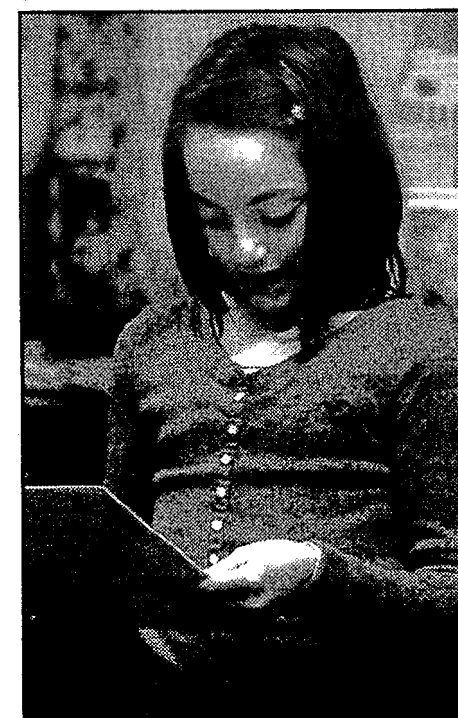
"No matter if you are into music, motorcycles, football, dance, vampires or something else there are books out there for everyone," Car added.

Before she left she read the class *Bad Dog Marley* by Josh Grogan.

~Staff Writer Wendi Reardon



Classroom personality Josh Kelley gives a contest promo pep.



Jordyn Rumbold reads from one of the radio promotions.

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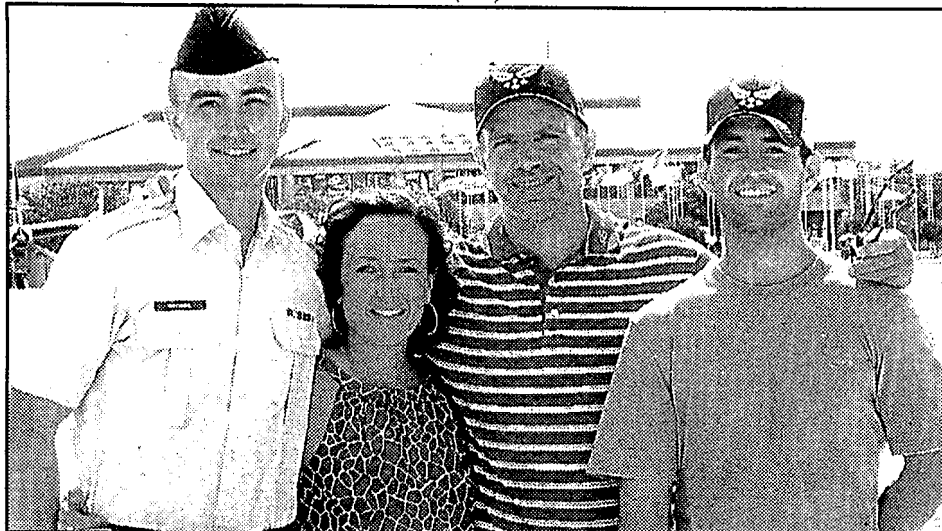


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From left, Alexander Navarre celebrates his graduation from U.S. Air Force basic training with his parents, Vicki and Michael Navarre, and brother, Michael, Jr.



Michael Navarre Jr., second from right, smiles for the camera during the Airman's Run at his graduation from basic. Photos provided

Clarkston family's next generation called to serve

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

When Douglas and Brenda Alexander of Clarkston attended their grandson Michael Navarre, Jr.'s graduation from Air Force basic training, Oct. 29, they knew what to expect.

They were just at one, attending another grandson's graduation this past June, for Alexander Navarre.

"These two events were unforgettable – very emotional and very patriotic," Brenda said.

And they're planning another trip in May, this time for grandson Nickolas Johnson's graduation from Marine Boot Camp.

"We'll go to Parris Island when he graduates," she said. "It means so much to me to have my boys serving my country and protecting us."

All three grandsons were born and raised in Clarkston, she said.

"All graduated from Clarkston High School, as did their

parents and maternal grandparents," Brenda said.

Michael graduated from Clarkston High in 2005, and Grand Valley State University in April 2010. Alex, Michael's brother, graduated from CHS in 2009. Johnson, their cousin, graduated in 2006.



Nickolas Johnson is training to be a Marine.

Alex was the first to enlist, leaving for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, this past April. He graduated as Airman First Class after eight weeks of basic training, then attended Tech School at Shepherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, for two months.

He received his orders for McChord Air Force Base in Seattle, Wash. His assignment is air crew flight equipment, working on the flight line.

Michael Jr. graduated from basic in

October as an Honor Graduate. He then was assigned to Goodfellow Air Force Base Intel Tech School in San Angelo, Texas.

After the six-month school, he will be classified as an intel analyst and report to Beale Air Force in Sacramento, Calif. He plans on applying to Officers Candidate School after six months of service.

Johnson, the Alexanders' second oldest grandson, enlisted in the Marines and left for basic training at Marine Corps Depot, Parris Island, S.C., last month.

"I received two letters from him so far," Brenda said. "He says things are tough and he's finding it challenging, but he's ready for it."

He plans to become an aviation mechanic.

"We are looking forward to attending Nickolas's graduation from the Marine Corps in May," Brenda said. "They all three have chosen to serve and protect our nation as well as continuing their education. We are so proud of our grandsons."



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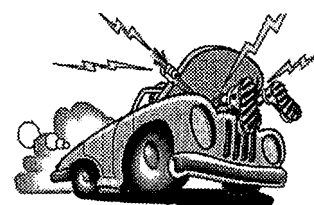
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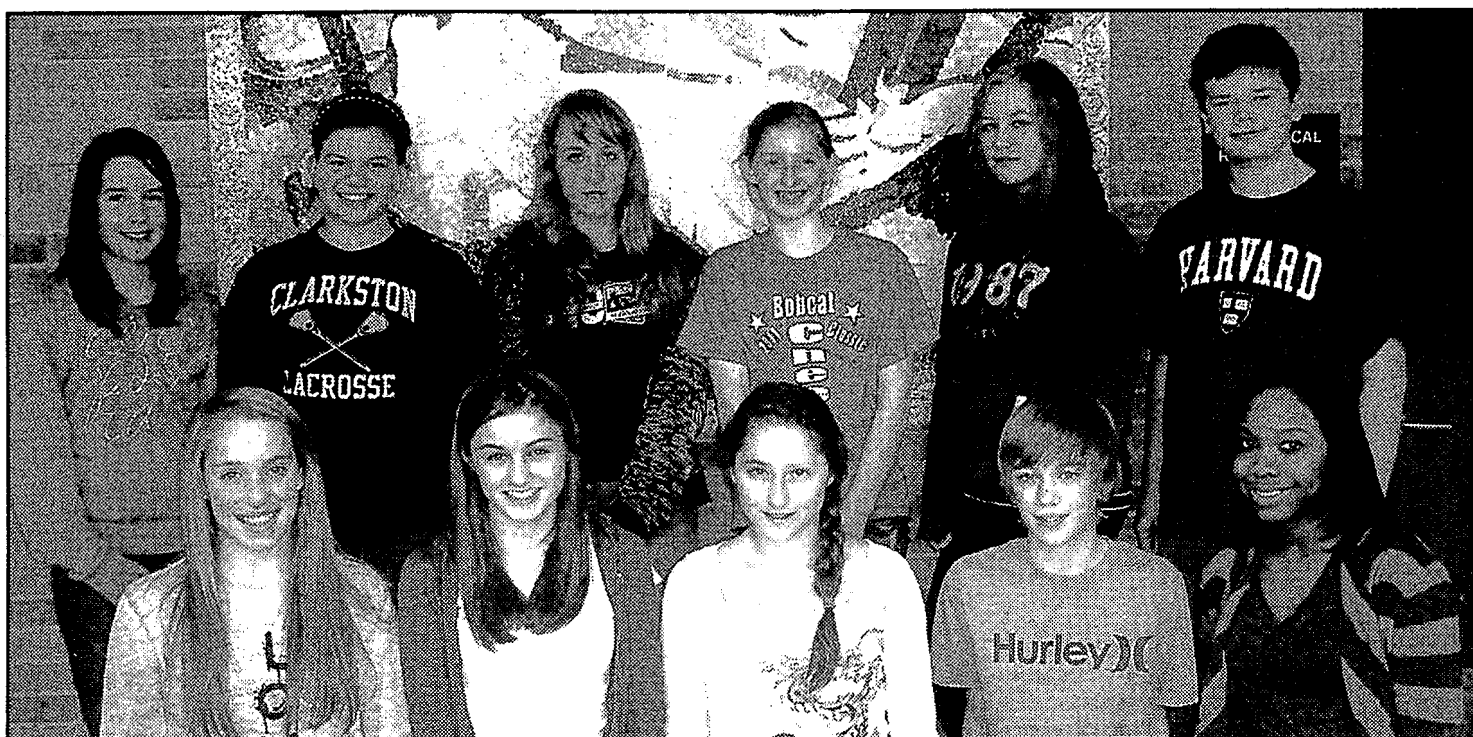
Four artists from Clarkston Junior High School received awards for their artwork pieces for the 2011 Southeastern Michigan Region of Scholastic Art Awards.

Janine Roemer and Nicholas Tozer each received a Silver Key award. Sarah Chandler and Alexandra Lies each won a Certificate of Merit. Each submitted a drawing to show off their artistic skills.

Thirteen pieces from Clarkston Junior High School students were entered in the annual contest including pieces from Sarah Gillay, Daniel Mattise, Sharon Patterson, Lindsay Runft, Callie Spytman, Sydney Thon and Erica Yeloushan.

Over 4,000 individual pieces were entered from Oakland County and Wayne County.

"I am so very proud of all the students who entered and know the artistic talent coming out of CJHS is strong," said art teacher Laura Wilson. "I had the pleasure of handing the awards to the students who were able to attend the awards ceremony. It truly is an honor to have the students recognized for their artwork."



Clarkston Junior High School artists, left to right; back row, Sarah Chandler, Erica Yeloushan, Sarah Gillay, Alexandra Lies, Janine Roemer, Daniel Mattise; front row, Sydney Thon, Lindsay Runft, Callie Spytman, Nick Tozer and Sharon Patterson. Photo submitted

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Anyone who knows my father is aware of his love for babies. To this day he makes his daily rounds on our primary care side to "troll" for newborns. As soon as he finds one he quickly whisks the child away from their parents and his face lights up like a little kid on Christmas morning. In fact, he is the only person I know who can safely fall asleep while holding a baby and I have dozens of pictures from over the years showing my father sleeping with a baby gently cradled in his arms. To that end I share this winning story.

~ Dr. Timothy O'Neill



Dr. James O'Neill
with Sophia Werner

For many years Dr. O'Neill tended our family of seven. I fondly remember the purple medicine almost cured everything. As the years went on, our children also visited Dr. O'Neill for baby and child care. He took care of us no matter our age, if baby was ill and Mom too... we received two scripts.

One particular incident we all just recalled was a Thanksgiving back in early 1980's. After a wonderful meal the mom's were cleaning up, the kids went out to play in the new snow. A short while later we were hearing screams out back that one child was dying.

The little girls were running as fast as they could to report that Angelo had fallen down a hill and hurt himself bad and he told them he was dying. We knew Angelo was a story

teller; we didn't take it to heart even though the little girls were crying and so believing that their brother and cousin was dying. We could hear Angelo in the distant crying out - "I'm dying, I'm dying". I walked out to see what was really happening, saw blood and called Angelo's Mom to come help me. She passed out seeing the blood.

We got Angelo in the house and called Dr. O'Neill. He said bring him to the clinic and I will meet you there. I had to call my other sister to help me because her twin would look at the blood and faint! We got Angelo up to Dr. O'Neill's and he stitched him up. Guess while the kids were sliding down the hill there must have been some glass; sliced his leg from the ankle to the knee. It was very deep. We chuckle today over that episode... Angelo's

scar was a perfect zigzag up his leg. But the most important part was Dr. O'Neill never turned us away. He was always available and took care of us. He loved our children as his own. I'll never forget bringing my own tiny baby in, she was so ill. I remember Dr. O'Neill holding her and taking her around in the office showing her off and saying "Isn't this the cutest baby you've ever saw?" Kissing her and tenderly comforting my crying baby.

She had double hernia's at 6 weeks old. He showed me what to do till she could have the required surgery to correct it. As a little girl she was so proud telling every one she had hernies...kids, what they don't say!

Thank You, Dr. O'Neill for your steadfast dedication! The Harding Family Thanks You!

COMMUNITY HEALTH WATCH

Currently we're seeing a GI bug that lasts 2-3 days in most people and usually resolves with rest and fluids but can cause severe dehydration in some people. Make sure those affected can keep fluids down and maintain a simple diet while sick. We're also seeing quite a few flu cases and it's still not too late to get your flu shot.

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Wing Nut

Growing up in the cold state of Michigan it's not uncommon to put on a pair of ice skates in the winter time and maybe grab a stick, a puck, and a couple of friends and find yourself enjoying some "good old hockey."

Ever since I was a kid I have loved the game of hockey. Though I never played much ice hockey because it didn't seem to get quite cold enough for some of those live spring ponds to freeze hard enough to skate on. I did play a lot of neighborhood roller hockey and one year on an actual team.

Well, being a fan of the sport and living in the state of Michigan, it's near impossible to not love and be a fan of the Detroit Red Wings, an "original six" team that offers such great history with names like Gordie Howe, Terry Sawchuk, Bob Probert, Darren McCarty, Brendan Shanahan, Nick Lindstrom, Steve Yzerman (my all-time favorite), Pavel Datsyuk, and Henrik Zetterberg.

All these names offer you a different time in Red Wing History and I have been fortunate to witness four of eleven Stanley Cup championship wins starting in 1997 when I was 14 years old.

Growing up a "Wing Nut," my best friend Josh also happen to be a "Wing Nut." I still remember us playing one-on-one on his pond when it actually got cold enough for it to freeze.

Josh and I have talked about going to a Wings game since at before high school, but we never made it to a game. Perhaps it was the cost for tickets, anyone who's bought tickets for the Wings knows they don't come cheap. Or maybe it was because Josh moved to Missouri.

This season I was sick and tired of talking about going to a game and it was time to actually GO. So for a mini vacation I took a weekend trip down to St. Louis and spent some "guy time" with my best friend as the wings beat the St. Louis Blues, 5-3.

We were amazed to see so many Wings fans. Even though we were the away team, it was fun to feel the excitement of the crowd, the "chill in the air" and to see the great names you have only seen on your television screen "up close and personal."

The Wings currently sit second in the Western Conference and third in the overall league. As playoffs are just around the corner remember to "fear the beard" because DETROIT IS HOCKEYTOWN!



Big classes way back when

Dear Editor,

In response to the complaint about cutting teachers and having 34 students in a fourth grade class, I have attached a picture of my 1951 fourth grade class at St. David School in Detroit.

There are 51 students - count them. Mrs. Jacques didn't have any trouble dealing with that many students. We all learned the material and most of us were in the 1960 graduating class.

Bob Klemmer
Springfield Township



Resident finds city irresponsible

Dear Editor,

Since Trevor Keiser and I both recorded the meeting, I was wondering if *The Clarkston News* was going to report on the tone, if not the details, of what happened.

While it was obvious that Mr. Cousens was trying to illicit certain responses and actions from the commission. I was surprised they almost willingly did.

The city manager thought he had hand delivered a critical document to Mr. Cousens but was not sure when and apparently had no notes or other verification that he did.

No one other than Mr. Cousens seemed to have any information on how his Permit to Build was granted or what if any restrictions were part of the permit, something that is a matter of law and for which there are clearly defined requirements.

There must have been meeting minutes for the commission that set the alleged restrictions but no one mentioned that and without a properly scheduled public meeting, quorum of the members present, and approved minutes, no decision could have been made or be defensible. Mr. Cousens offered to re-apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness but the city manager wasn't sure when

he would be able to find the application even when a city council member offered to pick it up and deliver it.

And then there is the one member of the commission who stated Mr. Cousens is not the kind of person that we want living here. If Mr. Cousens had been anything other than a middle-aged, white guy, this would have been an instant multi-million dollar discrimination law suit in the Federal Courts.

In the end, it seemed they wanted the resident to be responsible for correcting the city's mistakes and lack of information.

The commission wants the homeowner to reapply and provide all supporting information for a building that is already built, apparently with the permission and permit from the city. If the commission really wants to know what was built and if it is appropriate, all they would have to do is walk down the street and look.

It seems Clarkston is doing its best to compete with the antics of our neighboring government. Since we charge higher taxes, I guess we have the obligation of being even more inept than they are.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston

Thanks for cracking the case

Dear Editor,

The Friends of the Springfield Township Library had a free raffle to celebrate "Love Your Library Week" in February.

Unfortunately someone stole the adult prize package from the library before it could be awarded. Due to the exceptional police work of Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Peters, with assistance from Meijer's, a suspect has been identified and the case will con-

tinue to be investigated and prosecuted.

We are fortunate to have such a capable and professional officer working in our community.

The Friends of the Springfield Township Library are so grateful to Deputy Peters for his hard work. We are also thankful to our patrons for their kind words and donations to replace the prize package.

Friends of Springfield Township Library

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Prisoner takes cop car for a ride" A double-jointed Alger woman resisted arrest in her own way by managing, Houdini-like, to free herself from handcuffs, steal a Clarkston Police car and lead officers in hot pursuit down I-75. They caught her 10 minutes later after she lost control of the vehicle.

"The pyramids? Been there, done that" Seven-year-old Patrick McIlrath described for his classmates at Clarkston Elementary School his three-week trip with his grandparents to Greece, Egypt, and Israel. He kept a journal and read it to his second grade class.

"Two good citizens honored" High school students Kelly Arcello of Clarkston and Lisa Strelchuk of Davisburg were honored with Good Citizens awards from Daughters of the American Revolution.

25 years ago - 1986

"Election" Sharron Catallo was elected president of the Village of Clarkston in the biggest election to hit town in eight years. Residents cast 123 ballots. Also elected were Clerk Norma Goyette, Treasurer Art Pappas, and trustees William Bassinger, Eric Haven, and Frank Millard.

"Village protection Catallo's goal" Sharron Catallo, newly elected Village of Clarkston president, said her goals included pedestrian lighting and trees along Main Street, a gazebo in village park, and historical preservation.

"Career tips for students" Dawn Jackson, A.J. Townsend, Shannon Crutchfield, and classmates at Pine Knob Elementary learned about Mary Lou Kolodziejzak's career as a test driver for General Motors.

50 years ago - 1961

"Work begun on overpass" Contractor S.D. Solomon of Lansing started work on a \$175,522 grade separation to carry Waldon Road over Interstate 75. The overpass was part of a \$4 million interstate project from Pontiac to Clarkston.

"Local girls make history" Girl Scouts Jacqueline Leonard, Jennifer Pike, Suzen Hampshire, Thea Robinson, Kris Smith, and Elaine Keely worked more than a year to earn the Religious Award, the first awarded in Michigan.

"Clarkston locals" Mrs. Roy Bradford of Rochelle, Ill., spent the month with her friend, Mrs. Mable Maytag, in Clarkston.

'All adults = role model' and more (I think?)

In the left pocket of all my dress shirts, I carry an *Amazing Spider-Man* spiral notepad. Ever the student of Stan Lee and just like Peter Parker, I try to always be prepared for when my "Spidey" senses start to tingle.

No, that does not mean I have indigestion. And, I do not don tight, superhero pandex outfits and fight crime. When my "Spidey" sense starts to tingle, it usually means I have an idea, and if I have an idea I gotta' jot it down quick or it will disappear into nothingness.

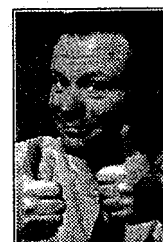
If that means taking my eyes off the road as I am driving when the idea hits, so be it. (As far as I know writing in note-pads, unlike texting, is still legal while operating a moving vehicle.) I have trained myself scribble notes -- pronto-like -- regardless of the time or location.

Okay, I'm getting old and that steel-trap of a mind I used to have is fast rusting. I write stuff down so I don't forget.

Unfortunately, I then usually forget that I wrote something down, only to discover it later. Case in point: this weekend I started to flip through said note-pad and was able to

decipher the following message from the hieroglyphics that is my chicken scratch (No Rosetta Stone was needed):

**Don't
Rush Me**



**A column by
Don Rush**

*"All adults = role model
Cabrera
Sheen
Society
No responsibility."*

The message obviously wasn't ancient and not Egyptian. It was for me to write a column about two weeks ago -- but, as previously stated, I forgot.

I think what I was thinking is something along these lines -- today we always hear celebrities gone wild state, "I am not a role model, that's what parents are for."

And from that, I reckon I was gonna' extrapolate something pithy, timely and most relevant by using Detroit Tiger first baseman Miguel Cabrera's recent alcohol-induced and actor Charlie Sheen's cocaine-induced problems as the crutch of society's ills.

I think.

I seem to recall listening to 97.1 on my FM dial, whilst en route to home one evening. 97.1 is a Detroit-based sports-talk radio station. And, a number of callers who called said things like, "Miggy's just here to hit home runs. What he does off the field is his business."

And, then folks were laughing at the bizarre comments of Sheen after his TV show (*Two and A Half Men*) was put on hiatus because of the actor's offstage antics.

So, I recollect thinking that all of that verbiage, in my humble estimation, was poppycock (balderdash for those of you with sensitive sensibilities).

It is my contention (based on the cryptic notes I discovered in my pocket *Amazing Spider-Man* spiral notepad), that our society is crapping out, because we have bought into celebrities saying only parents are role models. Nobody wants to take responsibility for well, anything.

In our eagerness to appease everything and everybody we have limited individuals' roles in society. There was a time when *all* adults were role models simply because they

survived youth and were older than the young cubs. Role models were parents, teachers, policemen, even old coots in the neighborhood were to be looked up to.

Remember being taught this, "Respect your elders" or reading this, "Honor thy father and mother"?

It has been going on for years and now we have a generation of adults who act as if they are the center of the universe (a phase most kids used to grow out of by the time they graduated from high school).

As society narrowed down the pool of who should be a role model to just a child's parents, it opened up tidal wave of moronic and destructive personal behavior.

("Your Honor, I give you *The Peoples' evidence, Exhibits A and B, Cabrera and Sheen, and we rest our case.*")

Adults do not have, nor do they want, to be responsible to anyone other than their own flesh and blood and how a family raises its own is their business and nobody else's -- in other words, anything goes.

Anyway, I think that is what I was gonna write.

Some 'cheese and whine' about school budget

Cheese:

My youngest daughter's name is Chelsey. She's 13 years old, has medium length, brownish hair, which she wears in a pony tail (often off to the right side, opposite of her bangs). She likes basketball and works hard at school, which comes fairly easily to her.

She can entertain herself for hours on the computer, with toys and games (last week, she folded hundreds of paper boats for a class project), and she is quiet, yet confident. Her former basketball coach calls her Cheese, another coach calls her Rock, her older sister's friends call her Little Rock, and I call her Fired Up. I love her very much and feel blessed to know her.

The other day, after basketball practice (AAU), she was tired and frustrated. I asked her if she wanted to not play anymore, with so much going on in her life (e.g., band, church, school, family time). She said, "Once I start something, I don't quit."

Whine:

The State Board of Education recently moved to change the passing scores of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP, given in grades 3-9) and Michigan Merit Exam (MME, given in grade 11 and including the ACT).

The board made this recommendation due to a study that shows that many of Michigan's high school graduates aren't college ready (e.g., hit certain targets on the ACT, which correlate with grades in college classes).

Currently, about 95% of Michigan's third grade students score at the highest level on the MEAP math test and about 90% of Michigan's third grade students score at the highest level on the MEAP reading test.

If the proposed changes go into effect (the legislature

must approve the State Board's recommendation), it is predicted that about 30% of Michigan's fourth grade students will perform at the highest levels in math and reading. This is a one-year reduction of 60%.

Without question, college readiness and academic achievement are vitally important. In fact, we're currently conducting our own investigation to find out the percentage of Clarkston graduates who start and complete college.

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

The issue is that MEAP and MME scores determine a school and a school district's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status, which in turn determine a school's accreditation. If a school or district does not make consistent improvement from year to year, the school and district face consequences.

Not only does the AYP equation include the achievement of all students in a grade level, it also is broken down according to subgroups, including gender, socioeconomic status, English language proficiency, special education, race, ethnicity, graduation rate, and percentage of students tested. If a school or district does not make AYP within one of these subgroups, the school or district suffers consequences.

If the school or district does not make AYP for two

consecutive years or more, additional consequences follow (e.g., notifying the public, giving students the option of attending a school that does make AYP, replacing the principal, closing the school, at etc.).

It's clear that these measures were put in place for chronically failing schools. Each of us would argue that all students deserve an excellent education and that low achievement is unacceptable.

Some of us might argue that a one-size-fits-all system that is punitive in nature is not in the best interest of all schools. Just like we need to differentiate teaching and assessing according to students' individual needs (Chelsey, Cheese, Rock, Little Rock, Fired Up), an accreditation system should also differentiate according to a school or district's needs.

When Kent County superintendents criticized these proposed scoring changes, Dr. Mike Flanagan, Michigan's State Superintendent of Instruction, stated, "As usual, they're whining."

Money:

Last month, Governor Snyder put forth a budget proposal that is painful for most governmental agencies, including municipalities, colleges and universities, the road commission, counties, retirees, and school districts.

The governor proposed to remove about \$300 million from the school aid fund and give it to community colleges. This is clearly a questionable application of Proposal A as stated in Article 9, Section 11 of Michigan's Constitution.

At the same time, the governor's proposal includes \$470 per pupil reduction for public schools. For Clarkston, this amounts to about \$3.8 million (\$470 * 8,200 students =

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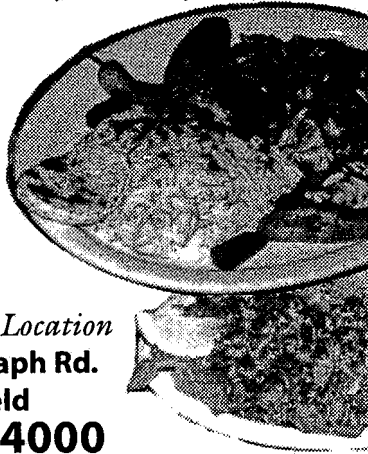
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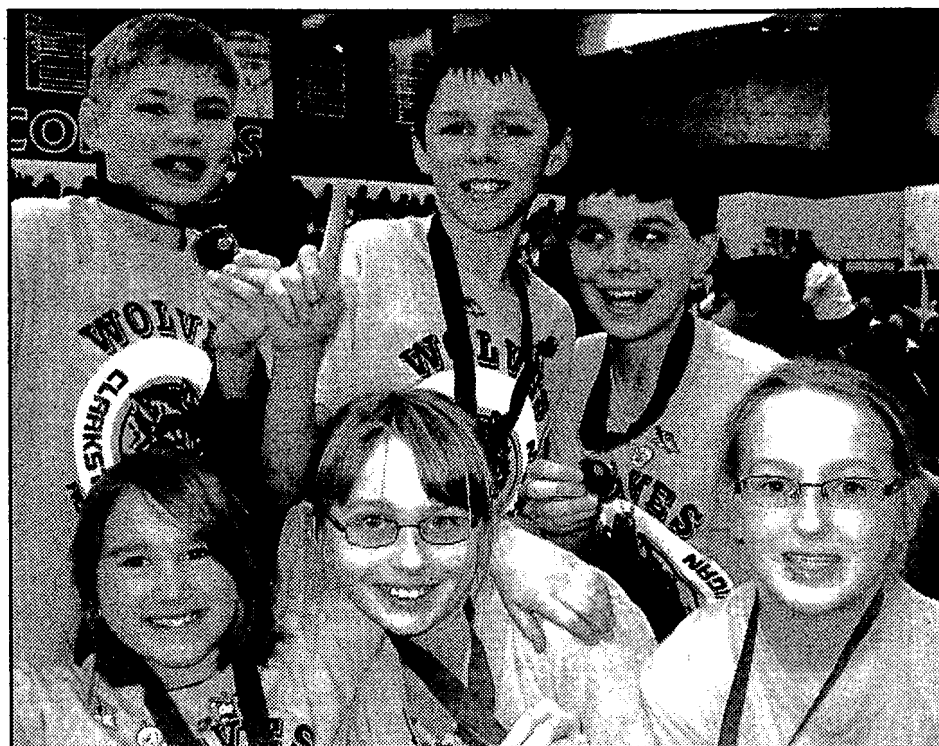
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Destination Imagination team members Caroline Dargay, Anne-Marie Dargay, Kalei McLennan, Mitchell Page, Alex Pouttu, and Andrew Ross celebrate their victory. Photo provided

Team shows imagination in win

Sashabaw Middle School's Destination Imagination team put their creative ideas and ability to think on the spot to the test, Feb. 26, tying for first place in regional competition.

This is the second year the team, Caroline Dargay, Anne-Marie Dargay, Kalei McLennan, Mitchell Page, Alex Pouttu, and Andrew Ross, placed first. Last year they made it to the Global Finals Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn.

They competed against six other teams in an improvisational challenge titled, "Mythology Mission." From October to February, they researched 12 countries, their cultures and a different mythological creature associated with each country.

At the competition, they had five minutes to create an improvisational skit about a mission involving one of the mythical crea-

tures.

During their skit, they had to include three souvenirs that reflected the country. The souvenirs had to be fashioned out of randomly selected household items such as yarn, a metal pan, or socks.

Each team also encountered an "unexpected problem" while performing their skit, solved through improvisation.

One last task was to combine the three individual souvenirs into one master prop.

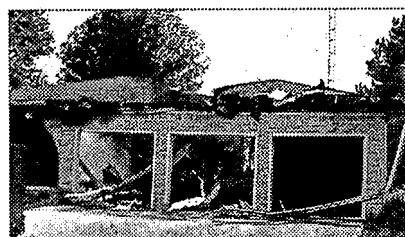
The skits called for understanding cultures, mythology, improvisational acting, story development, theater arts and team work.

Team managers are parents Ruth Dargay and Dawn McLennan.

They head to the state Destination Imagination competition on April 16 in Holt, Mich.

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Public Safety

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Trash fire

Firefighters put out a blaze caused when a resident tried to burn trash in a trash can, 1:37 p.m., March 4, in the 9000 block of Ortonville Road. Made of plastic, the can ignited and caused damage to nearby home siding.

Stealing gasoline

Someone siphoned 4-5 gallons of gas from a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Lingor Drive, March 4.

Losing his identity

Someone took a bag from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 2000 block of Mann Road, March 5. He told police nothing of value was in the car, just all his identification, including his driver's license, Social Security card, birth certificate, and medical papers

Driver drugged

A 23-year-old Clarkston man told deputies he was napping behind the wheel, after driving into a parked car on Joy Street, 7:14 p.m., March 6. He was dazed and told police he didn't know how he got there, then said someone put him in the vehicle. He was arrested, with warrant request for driving while intoxicated, and possession of marijuana, other controlled substances, and a concealed weapon - a set of brass knuckles.

Almost a drunk driver

A deputy stopped a car for making an illegal U-turn at Dixie and Maybee, 3 a.m., March 7. The driver, a 24-year-old Addison Township man, said he had four beers at a Pistons game, but tested .07 preliminary breath test. An open bottle of whiskey was on the floor next to his passenger, a 19-year-old Davison woman, so she was cited for minor in possession. The driver was cited with open intoxicants and providing alcohol to a minor.

Felonious assault

A 45-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for felonious assault after reportedly hitting his daughter in the head with a cane during an argument over his car, 4:20 p.m., March 7, in the 5000 block of Bow Pointe Drive.

Protecting the kids

Concerned his ex-wife might be driving drunk with their children after a youth function in the 4000 block of White Lake Road, 6:26 p.m., March 7, an Independence Township man called police. She smelled strongly of alcohol but declined a preliminary breath test. The children went with their father and deputies gave her a ride home.

Fatal house fire

Investigation continues into a March 7 house fire in Springfield Township in which a resident was fatally injured.

Springfield Township firefighters responded to a residential structure fire in the 17000 block of Julie Drive, 6:41 p.m., March 7. Donald Austin Jr., 48, of Davisburg was taken to Genesys Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 8:10 p.m.

According to Mr. Austin's obituary, he is survived by his father, Donald Austin; and brother, Ronald Austin of Grand Blanc, Mich. A private memorial service will be held in the summer.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. An Oakland County Sheriff's fire investigator has been assigned to the case.

Thefts from cars

A purse was taken from a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, March 9. A business' security video showed a man going from car to car.

The back passenger window was broken out of a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, March 9, and duffle bag and purse taken.

Wasn't scrap yet

An old water heater sitting in the driveway in the 4000 block of Jerome Road was taken, March 10.

Businesses smashed in

Someone broke the glass front door of a Sashabaw Road business, March 10. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Police were looking for a suspect in connection with a smashed glass door in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, March 10. He is described as a white man, 5-foot-6-inches to 5-foot-8-inches in height, shiny bald head, blue jeans, blue jean jacket, camo hat, and glasses.

Burglary

Deputies responded to a commercial alarm in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 1:04 a.m., March 14, finding a door slightly ajar but with no sign of force. No one was found inside, but someone had gone through a petty cash box. A K-9 unit tracked a suspect to a next door parking lot where they lost the scent.

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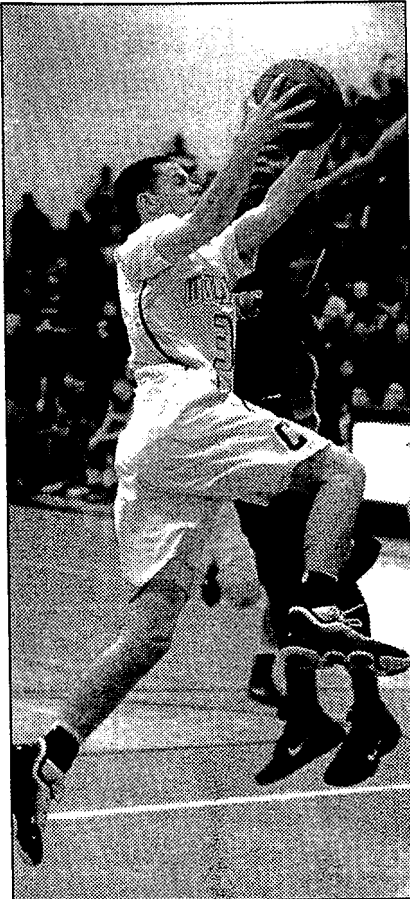
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Wolves set for intense regional battle



Alan Kamieniecki jumps past defenders. Photos by Larry Wright

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers won their 18th consecutive MHSAA District Championship on Friday night.

"I am extremely happy for our kids, for Clarkston and for our program," said Dan Fife, head coach for the Boys Varsity Basketball team. "It feels good to win another district championship. They are always special."

When Fife played for Clarkston he recalled winning the district crown once. When he began his head coach career for the team in 1982, it was his goal to lead the boys to a district title and the team did it in his first season.

Each one is just as special and important as the previous.

"When I was in high school I knew how difficult it was," he said. "Eighteen is a pretty big number. It gets humbling and overwhelming."

To take the title, they beat Grand Blanc, 64-45.

"It was a different kind of game but our kids withstood it," said Fife about Friday's game. "Our kids handled it extremely well mentally which you are always worried about."

The boys took the lead from the moment they touched the ball and scored on the Bobcats 16-7 in the first quarter and headed into halftime with a 28-14 lead.

Nick Tatu led the boys with 18 points. Mitch Baenziger and Matt Dellinger added 14 points each.

En route for the title, the Wolves also beat Fenton, 68-42, in the district semifinals on March 9, continuing their winning streak from January.

The boys' season had a slow 2-4 start, but they continued to grow and stand up to the challenge brought by opponents.

"Most of the players grew up in Clarkston, watching us play and seeing us play in the league," Fife said. "They know the quality of the teams we play. They know there is a standard and an expectation, not only from me but the school district and the community. The kids find a way and embrace it."

The Wolves beat Flint Northwestern on Monday, 54-40. It was another quick night when the boys took the lead 13-4 in the first quarter. They raked in 18 more points before both teams went to the locker rooms for half time and kept the Wildcats to 12 points.

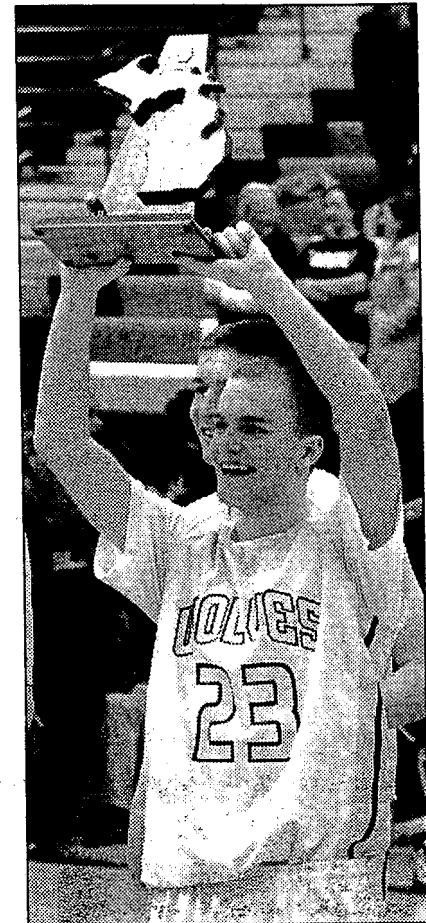
"Everything has to fall into place," Fife said, about what Clarkston and competing teams have to do to keep the season alive, going into the next round of playoffs.

"If you have a bad night you are done," he continued. "Everything becomes more crucial and important. You can't go in there with coulda, woulda, shoulda because there are no tomorrows. It starts that way with districts but each level, it gets more intense because of the pressure the kids feel and the excitement of it all."

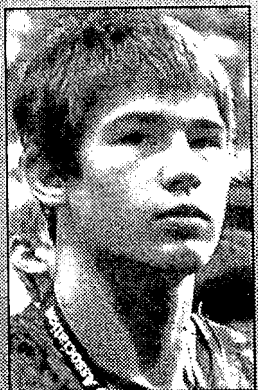
The MHSAA Regional final is Wednesday at Bay City Western against the host team, 7 p.m.

The winner moves on to Quarterfinals next Tuesday at Davison, 7 p.m.

"You have to play hard and you have to play smart," said Fife.



Nick Tatu holds up the trophy.



Mike Henige



Scott Devos



Matt Vandermeer



Jeff Sloney



Nick Vandermeer

Athletes of the Week Champions of the mat

Five grapplers stepped onto the podium under the bright lights of the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 5.

Each accepted a medal for their All-State finish in the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals.

Leading the pack was senior Matt Vandermeer, finishing his last year as state champion in the 171-pound weight class after going 4-0 for the tournament. He finished 53-4 for the season.

Senior Jeff Sloney ended his third consecutive visit at the finals in second place with a 3-1 record for the day, 46-8 for the

season in the 130-pound weight class.

Senior Mike Henige ended his visit to the finals in fifth place for 160 pounds after going 3-2 for the three days, ending with a 48-12 record.

Junior Scott Devos took fourth place in his first visit to the Palace after winning four matches and losing two. He ended the season in his 285-pound weight class with a 44-15 record for the season.

Sophomore Nick Vandermeer stood on the last step of the podium for his eighth place finish, the youngest in the 135-pound weight class. He ended the season 41-21.

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Lady Wolves' road to Breslin ends

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Lindsey Reppuhn stepped off the basketball court and teammate Anna Manilla greeted her with a hug as the Lady Wolves finished the last 18 seconds of the season.

The girls lost in the Regional finals against Midland, 40-24.

The first half was scoreless for Clarkston despite their many efforts as Midland led going into halftime 17-0.

"I give credit to Midland's defense," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for the girls varsity basketball team. "They were long and did a nice job in their zone. We shot the ball but for whatever reason couldn't make the run. I don't think it was nerves. It just wasn't the night for us to shoot the ball."

Manilla opened the third quarter with a basket and the climb on the boards began.

Midland's Aleigha Wylie added her own basket to bring the score up 19-2.

Delaney Kenny and Manilla responded adding two points each before Megan Hastings closed in with her 3-pointer.

The Lady Wolves finished the quarter halfway to Midland's 28-14 lead. The girls put up defensive blocks until the game ended with a loss.

"We came back but we couldn't survive and couldn't make the run," said Wasilk.

Hastings was the leading scorer with eight points, going 2-2 at the line and putting two 3-pointers on the board. Manilla scored six points.

The girls beat Flint Northwestern on March 8 in overtime, 44-41. With both teams going into the extra period with 35 points, Clarkston grabbed the lead right away with four points.

"We put a half court trap on them," Wasilk explained.

Reppuhn nailed six of the nine points from her free throw shots. She led the team scoring a total of 12 points for the entire game. Manilla added 11 points. Kenny and Hastings scored eight points each.

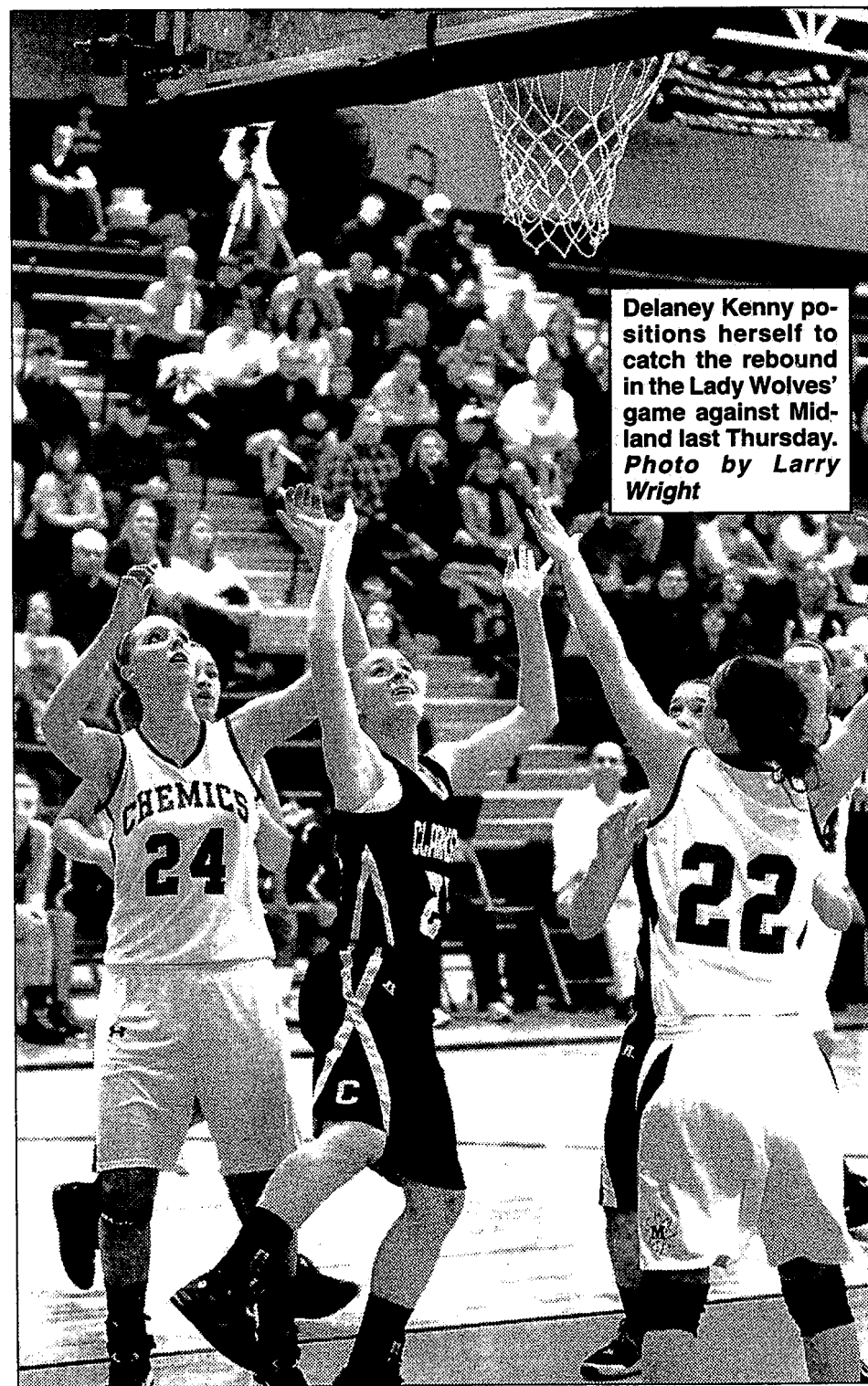
The season ended 18-6 and as District Champs. Wasilk felt proud of the journey the team took this season, improving from last year's 6-15 finish.

"Not a lot of people thought we would be in this spot," said Wasilk. "Our girls believed. We won a lot of close games and played with a lot of toughness. I couldn't ask for a better group to coach."

He added the girls did everything they asked them to including heading into the weight room and honing their skills during the off season.

They continued training and getting better as they used their Christmas break playing on the basketball court.

"We came back and had a couple of wins right off the bat and our confidence just got



Delaney Kenny positions herself to catch the rebound in the Lady Wolves' game against Midland last Thursday. Photo by Larry Wright

better," Wasilk explained. "We have the experience. It's not like these girls are first year players. They have been on the battleground. They know what it feels like to lose and I think they were sick of losing that is why we found toughness to win in so many close game."

The Lady Wolves return next year minus one player, Reppuhn who graduates in June.

"She will be missed," said Wasilk. "She brought leadership. She is a clutch player."

She is a smart player, a great kid, a great student and a pleasure to be around. I am proud of her and what she has accomplished in her two years with us."

Wasilk is excited about next year and the years to come, explaining the JV team went 18-2 this season and they have great players from eighth grade.

"I don't know what kind of run we will make but to have done it before will help us mentally," Wasilk added.

Boys Swim

Senior Ken Stelpflug won four medals during the MHSAA Boys Swim Finals during the weekend.

He received All-State honors for finishing eighth in the 200-yard freestyle and ninth in the 500-yard free style.

Junior Zach Rabideau finished in 14th in the 100-yard butterfly to receive his medal.

Stelpflug and Rabideau won two more medals from two relays. They placed 14th with junior Steven Nelson and Eric Misteravich in the 200-yard medley relay.

With Nelson and senior Kramer Kamp they took 16th in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The team placed in 19th - the highest finish for the boys program. Stelpflug is the first Clarkston swimmer to win a medal in four events.

Team placed 19th. This is the highest finish ever for the Boys Team.

Hockey

The Wolves lost to Novi in the MHSAA Hockey Quarterfinals last Wednesday, 9-1.

Senior Dillon Drayer put the boys on the board with 5:48 left in the second period on a power play. Junior Brad Pizzey assisted in putting the boys at 6-1.

Freshman Jack Viazanko had 15 saves and the Wolves made seven shots on the net.

The boys finished the season with a 16-10-2.



Dillon Drayer leads the puck towards the net. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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- Dwight Phillips

"It makes me very sad. I just had to bite the bullet and buy some gas - it's painful."



- Kim Davanzo

"There are a lot of political issues in it - drilling, speculators, oil market, the Middle East. Oil's the most productive and efficient form of energy we have."



- Mark Schroeder

"It's too high - it's ridiculous. It's like the bank and credit problems. There's nothing we can do, it's all in the hands of people with money."



- Shiela Strang

By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Family flick from local filmmaker

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Independence Township filmmaker Scott Cummins premieres his newest movie, "Summer School," 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, Waterford Kettering High School Auditorium, 2800 Kettering Drive.

"It's a great night to bring the family out - good message for kids and it's entertaining," said Cummins, 39.

The movie's cast includes his wife, Jill, and their children, Spencer, Sidney, and Cooper.

It's not his first movie with his children.

"When my son was a third grader a couple years ago, he would see me making movies, so he wrote one. It was one

page long and took a day. We had a good time making it," Scott said. "A couple years later, I asked what he thought about a full length movie. He was geeked about it."

"Summer School," a full-length, 90-minute film, tells the story of Christopher, falling behind in school after his father died. His friends try to help, but their efforts to get him into summer school fail due to an evil principal.

Their answer: start their own summer school.

"They teach each other whatever they're good at," Scott said. "It turned out a pretty solid movie."

This is his fifth feature film for

his Squawking Parrot Productions.

"About nine years ago, I was on the computer and I noticed it had a program to make movies," he said. "I wrote novels, so I wanted to see if I could make a movie."

Casting his friends, he made the movie "Dexter Murphy's Expiration Date," a comedy.

"It was fun - won some awards," he said. "It was a blast, and the product turned out OK."

For his second film, "Take Me Away," a drama, he held auditions and hired a film crew.

"That was extremely popular," he said. "All of them are so different."

Movies are his hobby - he makes a liv-

ing as a professional poker player, and owns a screen-printing business as well as a charity poker club in Lake Orion, Parrot Poker.

"I'm a big Jimmy Buffet fan, a Parrothead," he said.

Plans include more movies, as well as episodes of his cable TV program "Poker Show."

"I do this because I love to do this," he said. "It's a blast to do. I love every part of it."

"Summer School" also features Clarkston residents Jacob Phillips, Cathe Feneley, and Lars Coventry, as well as Lizi and Toria Breitzman, Hunter and Logan Watson, Christopher Grenke, Gianni Figueroa,

Steven Valentini, Julie Dowgiallo, and Kimberly Cruchon Brooks.

Admission is \$1, all proceeds to benefit Waterford Schools. Doors

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For more information, check www.squawkingparrotproductions.com.

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Relay for Life of Clarkston Planning Committee, 5:45-6:45 p.m., March 16, April 13, May 4, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Relay, May 21-22. 248-625-9182.

Mind & Body: Cardio Boxing demo, sample class, 7-8 p.m., March 16, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Learn health benefits for all ages with local fitness professional Kakan Garcia. Registration required. 248-625-2212.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., March 17, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Speaker: Susan Stencil, Clarkston Hot Yoga - wear comfortable clothes for demo. 248-762-3800.

ADHD: Where do we go from here, seminar by EnGedi Counseling, March 21 and 25, Winship Building, 7183 N. Main Street, Suite L. Topics: parenting child with ADHD, what about medications, coping skills. \$10/person, \$15/couple. RSVP required, 248-425-9138.

Bethany North Oakland, 7:15-10:15 p.m., March 24, Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. Dancing and music with Brian Alexander. 248-625-8686.

Return from Coma, community awareness program on early warning of brain bleed and stroke, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., March 26, Christ the King Church Family Life Center, 1550 W. Drahner Road, Oxford. Greta Emling shares the story of Phyllis Klenk's vivid experiences in a coma. 248-628-6896.

Rummage Sale, 12-5 p.m., April 7; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., April 8; 9 a.m.-12 p.m., April 9, First Congregational Church, 5549 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

Youth Recognition Ceremony, 7 p.m., April 27, Clarkston United Methodist Church. Nominate any school-aged youth making a positive difference for others through volunteering or simple acts of kindness, nomination deadline March 31. 248-623-4313.

Around Town

A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do



Weekly meetings

Monday

Free Colorectal Screening Kits, through March 31, Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 50 or older. 866-696-GLCI.

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. 248-507-4839.

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.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly, beginning and intermediate techniques, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., \$7 per session. Bring mat. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

Afternoon Line Dancing, Mondays, 1:30-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Spanish salsa, rock and roll, cha cha, with Rosemary Hall. \$3 drop in.

Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. April 18: Ed Barry, SCORE counselor, and Matt Sherwood, VETBIZ counselor. 248-625-4580.

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session.

\$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445.

Tuesday

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.

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.

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.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

Got Beads, share love of beads and beading, second, fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. March 15 speaker: Sheila Wintle, Wintle Quilt Works. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

Wednesday

Clarkston Relay for Life Team Captain Meetings, 7 p.m., Wednesdays, March 16, April

13, May 4, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-663-3476

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

Thursday

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.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$5 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Guests always welcome. 248-620-3255.

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

Saturday

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., April 12, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Topic: "Spring Cleaning." Led by a bereavement counselor from Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

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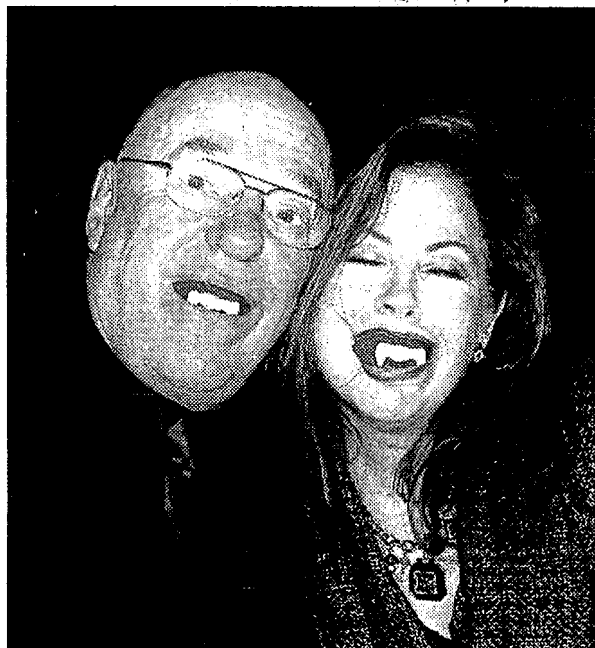
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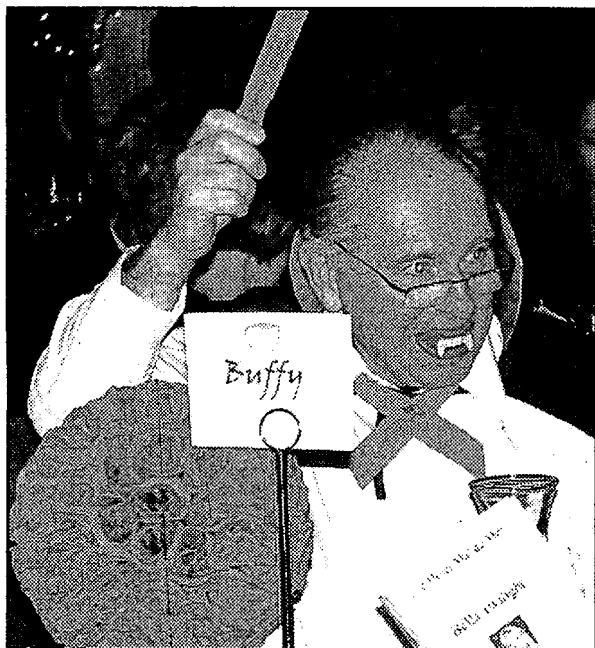
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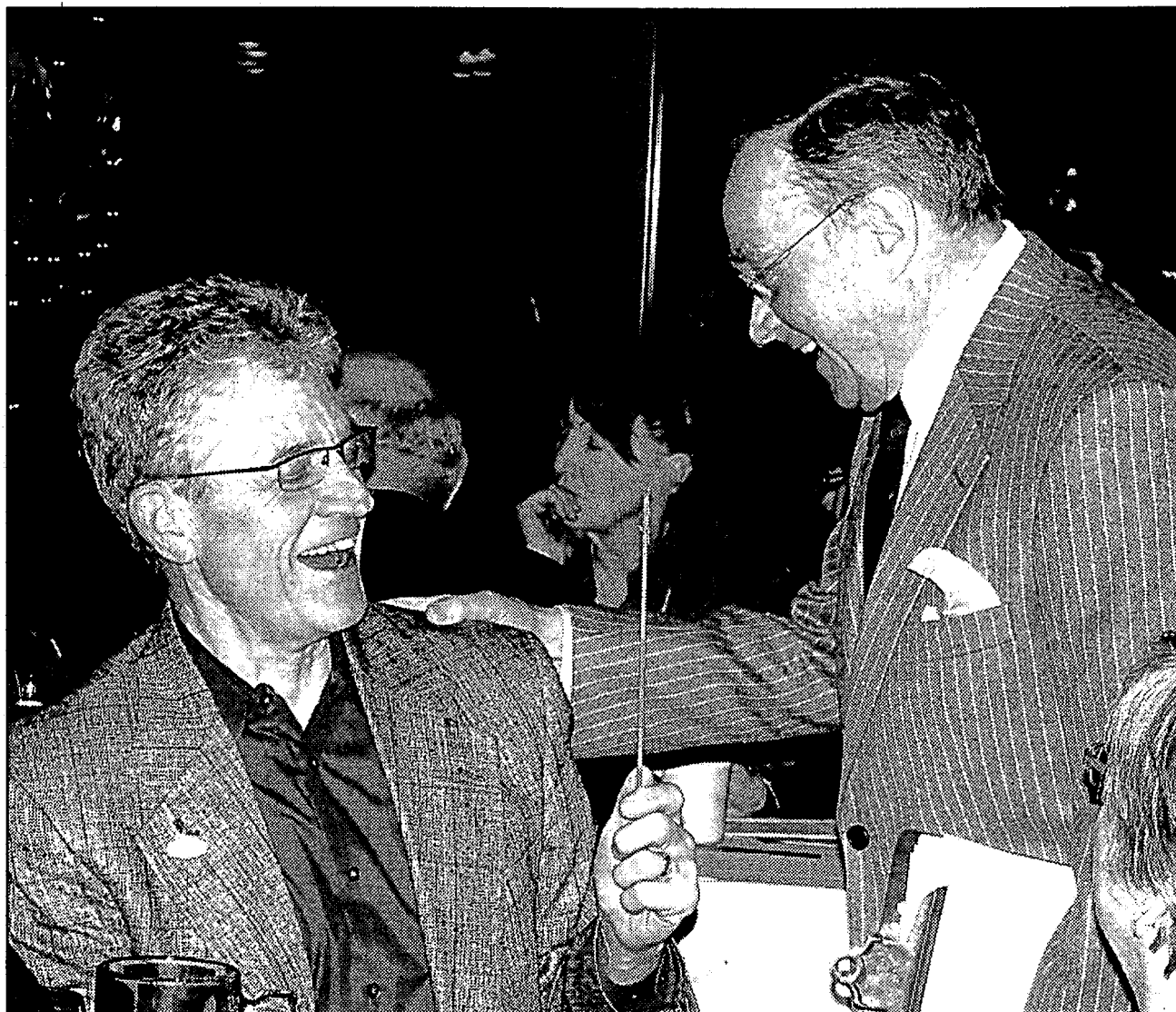
The fangs are wax but the fun is real for Carl and Mary Jane Limberg.



Jerry Schmidt, in his best vampire, signals a cast member.



Randy and Leslie Vaughn show off their toothy grins.



Paul VanKlaveren questions cast member Jim Gotch for clues.

Audience sinks its teeth into mystery play

Mystery fans filled Paint Creek Golf Club for Clarkston Area Optimist Club "Murder Twice Bitten" mystery dinner theater, March 12.

They enjoyed a fine steak and chicken dinner, bid on silent auction items, and enjoyed the antics of the cast, performing

the original play written by Patience Beer.

Audience members got to guess who they thought the "murderer" was, based on interviews with cast members.

Proceeds benefit local Optimist youth program throughout the year.



Cast members take their bows at the end of the show. Photos by Phil Custodio

Players present 'A Streetcar Named Desire'

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In honor of Playwright Tennessee Williams, who would have been 100 years old this year, Clarkston Village Players perform William's play "A Streetcar named Desire" starting this weekend.

While going through many hardships, Blanche Dubois, played by Susan Craves, lives a life of delusions. In order to escape both her past and present she flees to her sister Stella and brother-in-law Stanley's house. Her past however, does catch up to her, which she is forced to face.

"I love Blanche," Craves said. "I love her vulnerability, her desire to always make things better than what they are. I think she's a survivor although a very unsuccessful survivor and weak. She just has a childlike wonder."

Dan Genre, who plays the part of Stanley, said he didn't really like much about his character because he was a jerk, but liked the play overall.

"I like the play because I think all the characters have very unique roles in situations," he said. "And the characters themselves, just their personalities on stage really make the show."

Jenna Kellie Pitman agrees the characters



Blanche, played by Susan Craves, and her sister Stella, played by Jenna Kellie Pitman, share a heartfelt scene. Photo by Trevor Keiser

have a lot of depth, which is why she likes the part of Stella.

"Stella is torn between the love to her sister and the loyalty to her sister from her past, and the loyalty and the love for her husband in her present," Pitman said. "The entire time she feels like she is pulled in two directions and it's just kind of going on the ride of her figuring out where her loyalty lies."

Brandon Cassidy, who plays the part of Stanley's buddy Mitch, says his character is very similar to himself in a lot of ways.

"Mitch is sort of the one character in the play who isn't insane, so it makes it kind of fun being the straight guy looking at all these people going crazy around me," Cassidy said. "He is a character with a good heart, but also desperate for affection, which is what draws him to Blanche and of course she's

drawn to him because she is looking for a way out."

He said Mitch is a character that many people can relate to as far as entering a relationship not based on love but as a means of trying to escape something.

"It's a complex role and there are a lot of layers to it, but Susan's been incredible to work with," he said. "It's been a great cast and a lot of fun."

Other cast members include Jennifer Gentry, James Hoxsey, Sean Harbert, and David Kramer.

"A Streetcar Named Desire" runs March 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. For tickets, call 248-573-4104. For more information, visit www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

"There are a lot of tender moments in this show. It's about the relationships between man and a woman, and sisters," said Karen McClellan, who helped direct the play. "There are so many relationships that it deals with in this show and Tennessee Williams does a really good job with all the dynamics of a family you have to go through. It's just a really good show and it's been nice working with everybody."

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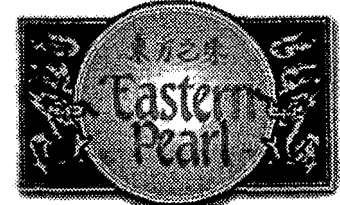
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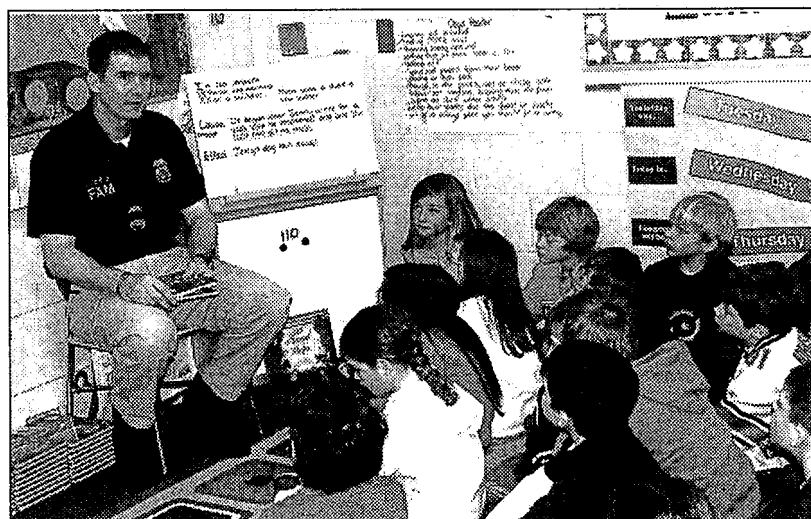
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Cary Exline gets to the halfway point of the book's adventure.



Parent Matt Muzzy answers questions from the students.



Parent Edwina Patterson captivates her audience. Photos provided



Elizabeth Hawthorne, Miss Oakland County, introduces herself to the attentive class.

Story time

Springfield Plains Elementary students ventured through various stories on March 9, in the comfort of their classroom.

Celebrity readers stopped by throughout the day to share their favorite children's book.

The annual event is part of March is Reading Month. The students fill the month with fun activities and enjoyable reading.

Religion

Today's choices have lasting consequences

Over one hundred years ago, a church raised funds to have stain glass windows installed in the sanctuary.

Families could dedicate the windows they paid for in honor or memory of a loved one. The campaign was successful and the windows are still there today.

However, those windows tell a painful story. The largest of the windows are in a prominent place in the sanctuary and the names of a family are listed in memory.

In the back of the sanctuary, around the corner and hidden on the side of a rarely used stairway is a small stained glass window. The names of that family are rarely seen.

The back story is two of the families of the church at that time were in conflict with each other. One of the families had a member who was chair of the stain glass window campaign committee. It was this person who decided where windows would be placed.

The chair made sure their family window was prominent in the sanctuary and the window of the family they were in conflict with was placed in the obscure stair well.

Our inability to get along and forgive has lasting consequences. Our pride often leads us to believe we are justified in our unforgiving behavior to those who have wronged us.

What we miss is our unwillingness to forgive comes from the same arrogance others have when they think they have or had the right to hurt us.

We have all made mistakes. We have all hurt others and been hurt.

Sometimes those actions are unintended and we are unaware of those we have hurt.

Sometimes we have acted out of a desire to cause others pain.

Jesus taught his disciples must humble themselves. It is what Jesus did when we was willing to take the hurts and sins of the world.

Humility comes from the power of love. It is that same love that builds the foundation

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Richard Dake

for forgiveness and reconciliation.

Who in your life still needs your forgiveness? Whose forgiveness do you still seek?

In a world of hate filled rhetoric causing isolation and distrust, you can always find those who will encourage condemnation over forgiveness.

Look where such attitude is taking us?

The Lord's Prayer calls us to say, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Seeking forgiveness is directly tied to forgiving others. Every time I pray that prayer, I am find myself on either end of the equation. Usually I need to be forgiven and forgive at the same time.

It is time for us all to hear two very clear truths. We are forgiven. If no one else will tell you this, God does.

The other truth that must come from our hearts is the forgiveness we give others. When we share this, freedom and real joy is made possible for all.

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

In our churches...

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.

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, safe, fun place where children ages 5-12 learn to understand their feelings, express emotions appropriately, feel better about themselves, and make friends with other kids who understand what it feels like when parents get divorced. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 12-week session starts Jan. 11. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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Church Directory

SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"Little Church with a BIG Heart"
5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston
Worship: 11:00 am
Nursery Provided
Phone (248) 673-3101

ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston
(W. of M-15, S. of I-75)
625-4580
Rev. Christopher Maus
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am
Religious Education: 625-1750
Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
(248) 394-0200
Fax: (248) 394-2142
Rev. Doctor Martin Hall
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
Dream Keepers Youth Group
Bible Study
Wednesday 7:00 pm
Youth Groups 6-12
Wednesday 6:30 pm
www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
Pastor: Rev. Cynthia A. Garman
Sunday 8 am & 10 am
Holy Eucharist
Sunday School 9:55 am
Nursery Provided
www.clarkstonepiscopal.org
248-625-2325

ST. TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
"Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod"
Pastor: Rev. Kendall Schaeffer
7925 Sashabaw Road
(1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater)
Clarkston, MI 48348
(248) 625-4644
www.sainttrinitylutheran.com
e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net
Broadcast Worship - Clarkston
CIV-10/20 Sun: 2:00 pm; Thurs: 9:00 pm
Broadcast Worship - Waterford
CATV-10 Tues. 2:30 pm
Worship:
Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am
Sat: 6:00 pm
Sunday School 9:45 am
Preschool: 3-4 years old
Preschool: 620-6154

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston
248-625-1611
Website: clarkstonumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:15 am
& 6:11 pm
Nursery available for all services

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH
8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-2311
website: www.dixiebaptist.org
Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
11:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA
7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study
Nursery available for all services.

CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH
5482 Winell-Clarkston
(corner of Maybee & Winell)
248-623-1224
Service 9:00 - 10:30
www.ClarkstonFMC.org
Wednesday 7 pm
Youth & Adult Ministry

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON
5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-3380
Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E. of M-15)
Pastor: Russell Reemtsma
Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Service
Wed: 6:15 pm Awana Club
6:30 pm Teen Ministry
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

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248-625-5192
Peace Unity Church
8080 Ortonville Rd.
Clarkston, MI 48348
www.peaceunitychurch.org

OAKLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Wayne Uppendahl
Services held at Mount Zion Center
4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI
Sunday School at 9:15 am
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 am
Bible Study Wed. Eve., 6:30 pm at Church Offices - Yellow House
7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI
Phone (248) 858-2577
Fax (248) 858-7706

BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH
6765 Rattalee Lake Road
Clarkston, 48348
(248) 625-1344
Services:
Sunday 9:00 am & 10:45 am
Morning Worship Service
Exploration Station - Children's Ministry
Wed. 6:45 pm Fit For Life - Adult Life Ministry
c.r.a.v.e. - Student Life Ministry
Ozone - Children's Life Ministry
Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services
A Church For Life
www.bridgewoodchurch.com

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston
(W. of M-15, just S. of I-75)
248-625-3288
Pastor Jonathan Heleman
Sunday Worship:
8:15 am (traditional), 9:30 & 11:00 am
Also at both 9:30 & 11:00:
Nursery, Children & Youth Programming
Wednesday Evenings:
6:00-8:30 pm
Dinner, worship, small groups
Nursery, Children & Youth Programming
www.calvaryinfo.org

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston
(248) 625-1323
Home of Oakland Christian School
Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuhne, Dan Whiting, Geoff Black
Sunday: Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am
Nursery Care at all services
Wednesday: Children's Ministries 6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm
www.clarkstoncommunity.com

Owners to reapply

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The property owners never applied for a Certificate of Approval, required for reconstruction in the Clarkston Historic District, Robertson said.

"I have sat on this commission for many years. We have worked with many, many people and to my knowledge nobody has gone ahead and done anything without a Certificate of Approval," she said.

Commission member David Bihl said they should start fresh, with the Cousens submitted new applications.

"Is there a need to go down and sort facts? If we do that, we're going to end up arguing a lot," he said. "If it has to happen let it happen, but I can't figure out a reason why we would act as the determiners of truth of the history of this problem we have before us. I would like to get to problem solving as soon as we can."

Clarkston's building director and city manager issued permits to build the barn, but there was no official approval given by the commission, which regulates the Historic District, Bihl said.

The commission asked Cousens to reapply and will discuss the application at its next meeting, April 12.

"Come back and see if we can problem solve and get it done," Bihl said. "There is nobody sitting in the room that doesn't want to get this done."



Student Citizen of the Month

Clarkston Area Optimists Club President Jeff Reed, left, and Clarkston Junior High School Principal Adam Kern present eighth-grader Taylor Mullins with the February Optimist Student Citizen of the Month award.



Michael Gapczynski is an Eagle Scout. Photo courtesy of Trumbo Photography

Eagle Scout

Michael Gapczynski, of Boy Scout Troop 189 in Clarkston, recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in scouting.

Gapczynski's Eagle project involved removing the invasive species Oriental Bittersweet from a large area in Independence Oaks County Park with a group of 20 Scouts and volunteers.

As a member of Troop 189, he served as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and Historian. He earned 28 merit badges during his time in the troop and participated in many community service projects with other Scouts. Outings and High Adventure Trips during his Scouting career include a week long backpacking trip to Isle Royale National Park and two trips to Old Kia Kima Scout Camp in Arkansas, which was established in 1916.

He is a senior at Clarkston High School, member of the National Honor Society and a member of the FIRST Robotics team, Team RUSH 27. He plans to study Aerospace Engineering in college. He is the son of Allison and Brad Gapczynski and has a sister, Megan, a senior at Oakland University.

Riverdaws run

Clarkston Riverdaws host Spring Training 5K Run/Walk, 10 a.m., April 16, at Independence Oaks County Park.

First 150 runners get a race bag with free long sleeve t-shirt, Qdoba gift card, coupon for a free scoop of Culvers ice cream, and other items.

Activities also include silent auction with donations from local businesses. Proceeds benefit Riverdaws' players, teams, and community.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., or register online at www.riverdawg.run.org.

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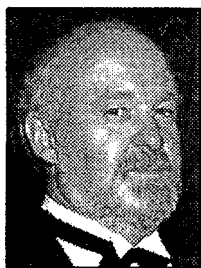
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James N. Barron, 72

James N. Barron, "Jim," of Rose Township passed away March 8, 2011, at age 72.

He was the husband of Dorothea; father of Debbie Thompson and Denise Dean; preceded in death by his daughter Chris (Jerry) Ross; also survived by seven grandchildren and one great grandson; brother of Barbara (Richard) Winneur.



Mr. Barron retired from General Motors. Funeral service was March 11 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Dolores Galeana, 76

Dolores M. Galeana, "Toni," of Clarkston, formerly of Detroit, passed away March 10, 2011, at age 76.

She was the mother of Cindy (Jim) Fortin and Greg "Rusty" (Ann) Moats; "DeeDee" of Rael (Jason Osborne) Galeana and Carl Galeana; niece of John LaGina; best friend of Joanie Leavy; preceded in death by her parents George and Mildred Glaser and sister Margaret Cooper.

Memorial Mass, Saturday, March 26 at 11 a.m. at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society or American Cancer Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Shirley I. Johnson, 75

Shirley I. Johnson (Grice) of Auburn Hills went to be with the Lord March 8, 2011, at age 75.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ardis and Harold Grice, her sister Barb (Lucion) Herron and her brother Don (late Linda) Grice. She was the loving sister of Shelva (Lupe) Gonzales, Sharron Clevenger, Ardiith (Ron) Hall, Harold (Barb) Grice, Gary Grice and Roger (Jan) Grice; also survived by many nieces and nephews.



Service was March 11 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Harvestland Ministries. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

Raymond Koskela, 91 David Lawrence, 73

Raymond J. Koskela of Clarkston passed away March 8, 2011, at age 91.

He was the loving husband of Jean for 67 years; beloved father of Diane (Gary) Koskela, Kurt (Sharon) Koskela, Robert (Janice) Koskela and Mark Koskela; proud grandfather of Matthew, Marie, Anna, Courtney, Trevor, Jamie and Amanda; great grandfather of Madeline, Ryan and Nicholas; preceded in death by his son John.



He served in the Army National Guard and the U.S. Navy. Mr. Koskela retired from General Motors. He was a past Master of the Clarkston Masonic Cedar Lodge #60 and also a member of the Shriners of North America.

Raymond along with his wife, were longtime members of the Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Memorial visitation was March 10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorial service was March 11 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mary Rose Luis, 98

Mary Rose Luis of Clarkston, formerly of Warren, passed away March 10, 2011, at 98 years of age.

She was the wife of the late Teofil Grabowski and Jose Luis; loving mother of Lorraine Capitan of Lake Orion and Elaine (James) McCracken of Clarkston; beloved sister of Lillian Nowicki and Alphonse Peters; cherished grandmother of Michael Capitan, Christopher (Leslie) Capitan, Jeffrey Capitan, Noel (Robert) Moore, Colleen (Joe) Pascoe, Shaun (Monica) McCracken and the late Katherine Capitan; also survived by eight great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter.



A funeral mass was held at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston on March 11. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Arrangements entrusted **Coats Funeral Home**, Waterford. Memorial donations may be made to Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346. To send a private condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

David L. Lawrence of Waterford and Interlochen passed away March 4, 2011, at age 73.

Born in Topeka, Kansas, he was the husband of Hazel for over 50 years; father of Gregory (Michelle), Mark (Teresa) Lawrence and Sandra (William) Ballew; grandpa of Matthew, Scott, Nichole and Andrew Lawrence and William and Mitchell Ballew; brother-in-law of Nancy (Lee) Dickenson.



Mr. Lawrence was a graduate of Dartmouth College and George Williams College, earning a Master's Degree in Group Work Administration. He worked for many years as the General Secretary for YMCAs in Pennsylvania and Michigan, and later as Executive Director of Senior Residential facilities.

He enjoyed summer vacations camping with his family, sailing his boat and attending concerts at Interlochen. He enthusiastically supported U-M football and singing in his church choirs.

His family would like to extend gratitude to the caregivers at Autumn Ridge, Clarkston and Odyssey Hospice for their special care during his illness.

Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Program. Celebration of Life service was March 12 at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Perry Sr., 76

Kenneth E. Perry Sr., "Ken," of Holly passed away March 10, 2011, at age 76.

He was the loving husband of Janet for 47 years; beloved father of Kenneth (Debbie) Perry Jr. of Oxford and Cathy (Todd) Pilgrim of Utah; proud grandpa of Nathan, Eric, Justin and Cody.

Funeral service was March 12 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Harriett Waite, 90

Harriett Waite (Garvin) of Rochester Hills, formerly of Clarkston, passed away March 12, 2011, at age 90.

She was the loving mother of Tom (Diane) Waite of Clarkston and Fame Waite of Royal Oak; grandma of Jeff (Jen), Scott (Sara), and David (Jeannie); great grandma of Brent, Andrew, Billy, Lucas, Addison, Nolan, Houston, Dallas.



Funeral Service was March 15 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to In House Hospice or a charity of your choice.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

In our churches

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Wednesday Evening FEAST, dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15- 8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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.

P.A.T.H. - Pray And Things Happen: Spiritual Tools for Enhancing Life and Living. Thursdays, 7 p.m., Peace Unity, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Celebrate Recovery ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

Helping Hearts ball

Helping Hearts Helping Hands hosts its fourth annual Pearl Ball dinner dance fund raiser, 5 p.m.-12 a.m., March 26, at Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road.

The evening includes dinner, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, music, and dancing. DJ Music and Live Entertainment by Ben Mackie.

All proceeds go to the group's orphanage in Honduras.

Tickets are \$55 before March 22, \$65 at the door; under 21, \$35 before March 22, \$45 at the door; \$20 for entrance after 10 p.m.

Call 248-625-8686 for more information.

Superintendent calls for public input on state budget

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\$3,854,000).

In a previous *Clarkston News* column, I shared with you that Clarkston Community Schools, in order to balance our budget over the next two years, must reduce our expenditures by \$6.3 million. This is a result of declining revenues from property taxes, special education funding, federal funding (ARRA), and state funding. Additionally, Clarkston Community Schools in 2009-2010 reduced spending by about \$6.2 million.

This three year reduction, including the Governor's proposed reduction of \$3.8 million, amounts to \$16.3 million, which is almost \$2,000 per pupil, 20% of our 2009-2010 revenue (\$82 million), and drops us back below our 2002-2003 revenue (\$68 million). To top it off, when a school district's fund balance drops below 10%, banks hesitate to loan district money, which is necessary in maintaining cash flow due to the State's gap in payments to school districts. Hence, school districts have to borrow money at a higher interest rate, which costs more money to pay back, further reducing available funds for teaching and learning. This is really a *Catch-22*. Clarkston's fund balance is expected to drop to approximately \$7.1 million this year, which is 8.8% of our 2010-2011 budget.

Considering the Governor's proposed reductions and those required to balance our budget over the next two years (\$3.8 million + \$6.3 million = \$10.1 million), Clarkston Community Schools would have to reduce our teaching staff by 155 teachers (\$10.1 million / \$65,000 per teacher = 155.38 teachers) to balance the budget. This amounts to 14 teachers per building (11 buildings - 7 elementary and 4 secondary).

Can you imagine the devastating effect of such cuts?

Please:

I've commented many times to you that we must move education forward. The world is changing fast - Watson won on Jeopardy, Egypt is in the process of a peaceful social revolution, China's middle class is growing every day, gas prices continue to rise, and our children must develop creative minds to compete in a global society.

When we think about Egypt and China, we think about numbers, voices on the radio, or faces on television. We do not know these people by name, what they care about, how they're smart, their hopes or dreams for the future, the state of their health, or the kindness in their hearts.

Similarly, when our State Department of Education thinks about raising passing scores on tests and our Governor proposes huge reductions in educational funding, they do not consider our children by name, what they care about, how they're smart, their hopes or dreams for the future, the state of

their health, or the kindness in their hearts.

They don't know Chelsey (Cheese, Rock, Little Rock, or Fired Up), how she wears her hair, what she likes or dislikes, how she learns, the names of her friends, how she spends her time, or that she won't quit - no matter how hard it is. Instead, they refer to us as whiners when we mention the names of our children, suggest the impact of arbitrarily changing passing scores on tests that determine punishments for schools, or talk about the effects on children of a reduction of 155 teachers - can you imagine?

Does it make sense to you to substantially cut funding for schools as the world evolves and other countries invest in their children's future?

Can Clarkston Community Schools delay the purchase of computers, put off professionally learning for teachers, cut programs, lay off support staff, and increase class sizes? Is this the very best we can do for our kids? Is this what you want for your child - Chelsey, Cheese, Rock, Little Rock, or Fired Up?

As I listen to our state representatives and senators talk about the governor's proposed budget, I hear them saying that this is a done deal. They say that everyone must share the pain and that such cuts will lead to creative solutions, consolidation, and sharing across districts. No where in their comments do I hear them talk about investing in our children's future.

Yes, we can improve our efficiency, and we're working to do so. Yes, we can share services with other school districts, and we are working to do so (we already share our Building and Grounds director with Lake Orion). Yes, we can reduce redundancy, and we're working to do so.

I feel for other agencies. I sense the pain of communities that must reduce fire and police services, the stress of the road commission as they struggle to deice the roads and fix potholes with fewer resources. I understand the stress felt by our colleagues at Oakland University as they contemplate another reduction from the state.

Yet, I'm a public school educator. I represent and advocate for 8,200 students, each

of whom has a name, cares deeply about something, is uniquely smart, has dreams and hopes for the future, has health needs, and is kind hearted. I represent over 500 teachers, each of whom wants the very best for every student. I serve over 600 support personnel, each of whom plays a vital role in educating every child, every day.

Therefore, I implore my elected representatives to fight for the rights and the futures of each child we serve. Don't accept this. Don't tell me there's nothing we can do. Stand up. Shout. Clap your hands. Refuse to quit - no matter how hard it is. Nothing less will do.

So, if these numbers bother you and if you're as passionate as I am about creating the best educational experience for every Clarkston student, please contact your state Senator and Representative, every day, and let him or her know how you feel. Send a letter to our Governor, and let him know the name of your child or grandchild, what he/she cares about, how she/he's smart, his/her dreams or hopes for the future, the state of her/his health, and the kindness in his/her heart.

Recommend an alternative, such as a fair reduction according to the amount of money a school district receives, a phased in reduction process, or taxes on services.

No matter what happens with budgets and test scores, I'm deeply committed to moving education forward for every Clarkston child. I will not recommend or allow for the reduction of 155 teachers (this is not even plausible).

I'm investing my time and energy in a strategic thinking and planning process focusing on the areas of buildings and grounds; teaching, learning and data; partnerships; and technology. Next month, I will report to you on our progress.

On Another Note:

I extend my congratulations to our boys' and girls' basketball teams, the Sashabaw Middle School Destination Imagination team, our bowling teams, our boys' swim team, our

wrestlers, our hockey team, our ski teams, our cheerleaders, our dance teams, Team RUSH, the coaches and the volunteers on excellent achievements this winter. In every case, these students represent Clarkston with the utmost character and sportsmanship. Go Wolves!

As always, please contact me at rdrock@clarkston.k12.mi.us if you have questions, suggestions or feedback.

Check online at Clarkstonnews.com for full version of Dr. Rock's column, with links to articles and sources cited.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.
- At specified agencies of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Health and the Department of Career Development.

By Mail:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:
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A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Robert T. Halcrow, Deceased. Date of birth: 11/5/1923
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert T. Halcrow, who lived at 5650 Harrell Drive, Waterford Township, Michigan died November 9, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ronald Halcrow, 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.

Stuart B. Cooney
6480 Citation Drive
Clarkston, Michigan 48346
248-625-0600

Ronald Halcrow
7078 Williams Lake Road
Waterford Michigan 48329
248-623-6398

AFFIDAVIT OF FACT

State of Michigan)

ss.

County of Oakland)

Linda Lea Wakefield, hereinafter your "Affiant" being first duly sworn,

deposes and says that:

All facts stated herein are true, correct and certain, to the best of my knowledge;

STATEMENT OF FACT

I, Linda Lea Wakefield, am Executrix to the Estate Name LINDA LEA WAKEFIELD, from Michigan birth certificate file #121-0178519, Estate as Witnessed by my Sole Ability to Personally Obtain a CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH and Do Hereby Give Legal, Lawful, Public and Actual Notice of The Same - Hereby and Herein.

By: Executrix Linda Lea Wakefield
Executrix Office
Nation - Michigan
General Post-Office
County Oakland
Lancaster Way - 16118
Holly, Wakefield Province
United States Minor, Outlying Islands,
Near, [48442-9998]

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 14th day of February 2011
Ralph Leo Dalgie
Notary Public

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

Case #11-0003 Hambrick, Eric and Stephanie, Petitioners
APPLICANTS REQUEST VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-840 TO LIVE IN EXISTING HOME WHILE CONSTRUCTING NEW HOME ON SAME PARCEL
7231 Deer Lake Ct., R-1B
Deer Lake Farms No. 2, Lot 81
08-19-178-004

Case #11-0004 Kroger Co., Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-849 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS (TOTAL OF 60 DAYS) OF OUTDOOR FLOWER SALES
5990 Sashabaw Rd., C-2
Regency Independence Center, Condominium Unit 1
Kroger Co.
08-27-400-032

Case #11-0005 Hardy, David, Hardy & Son Sign Service, Inc., Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838 TO ALLOW SIGN WITH LED ILLUMINATION (FOR DISPLAY OF GAS PRICES)
7251 Main St. N., MS
Auto City Service - BP Station
Clarkston Median Sub No 1, Lot 1 and Part of Lot 2
09-20-126-019

Case #11-0006 Crane, JT Stephen for Pine Knob Tavern and P'Fino Market, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838 FOR ADDITIONAL WALL SIGN SQUARE FOOTAGE. (P'FINO GOURMET MARKET REQUIRES 40 SQ FT VARIANCE AND PINE KNOB TAVERN REQUIRES 4.4 SQ FT VARIANCE) PLUS ADDITIONAL INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR SIGNAGE (SQUARE FOOTAGE TO BE CONSIDERED)
5736 and 5748 Clarkston Rd., C-1
Pine Knob Tavern and P'Fino Gourmet Market
08-15-401-010

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

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Lake Orion, MI 48362
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AUCTION
Sat. March 26, 2011, 4:00pm
Stow-Away Storage
3080 Adventure Ln., Oxford
Unit #252 Vicki LaLone- House- hold. Unit #'s 121, 122 Dominic Parini- Miscellaneous. Unit #'s 293, 294 Kevin Prime Jr.- Household. Unit #'s 88, 89, 91 Nava Sisson- Miscellaneous.
"CASH SALE"
\$100 Deposit. Refundable when unit is cleaned out.

L142

110 GARAGE SALE

7840 FOSTER, CLARKSTON. March 18-19, 9am-3pm. Building Supplies and Tools, Baby/ Toddler clothes and Toys, Household items. IIL151

HAVING A GARAGE Sale? We offer free appraisals on jewelry, watches, coins & bank notes, electric trains & military items. 810-338-3635. IIL152

MOM2MOM SALE. Saturday, April 16th, 9am-1pm. Clarkston Community Church, 8300 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston. Reserve space now to sell your gently used kids clothes, toys and gear. 8x8 space with table, \$20. Contact Mindy 248-820-4864 or MindyHiggins@Me.com IIC354

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MOM2MOM SALE. March 19. 8-9am: \$2. 9am-12noon: \$1. Christ the King, 1550 W. Drahnner, Oxford. Tables \$20. Benefits MOPS. Nicole 248-860-8123 or oxfordorionmops@yahoo.com IIL151

120 CRAFT SHOWS

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170 GENERAL

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GUN- MILITARY SHOW. Oxford American Legion. 130 East Drahnner. March 26, 9am-3pm. Admission \$5. Tables \$10. Info, 248-693-2444. IIL152

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200 PETS

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2005 PONTIAC GRAND Prix, charcoal gray, 130,000 miles. \$8,800. 248-875-9905. IIL142

2009 PONTIAC G-6. Excellent condition. Low mileage. \$17,050. 248-202-6984. IILZ148

260 VANS

2003 FORD E-150 Econoline cargo van. Contractor shelving, security racks/locks. 4.1 V-8, AC, 176,000 miles. Fresh brakes, shocks/struts. Very good condition. No rust. \$4,200. 248-880-8832. IILZ124

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ON LAKE ORION- Unfurnished one bedroom apartment. Newly decorated. 248-693-8083. IIL151

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Studio Apt. First Month Free
\$450 per month, 3rd Floor
1 bedroom Apt. \$520 per month

Gated parking/ Sorry no pets
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LZ152
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OXFORD NICE 1 BEDROOM Apartment. Stove, refrigerator & utilities included. \$480. monthly. 586-915-7079. IIL154

NEWLY DECORATED small home on all sports lake, Orion Twp., no pets, \$600 monthly, plus utilities. 248-431-2181 IIL134

LAKEFRONT LAKE ORION, Lovely 1 bedroom apartment. Appliances plus washer/ dryer included. \$725. per month plus utilities. 586-915-7079 IIL134

ORTONVILLE MUST SEE! 2 bedroom apartment, appliances, super clean, move in today! \$550/ month. New carpet. 248-686-6049. IICZ352

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WATERFORD CONDO, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, garage. \$950. 248-693-2527. IIL144

IMMACULATE KEATINGTON ranch condo, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage. All appliances, lake privileges. Section 8 accepted. \$750. monthly. 248-977-9366. IIL142

ORION TWP

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248-693-2503

RZ134

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One Month Rent FREE
1 & 2 Bedroom
As low as \$470/ Month
Quiet location by Library & Powell Lake Park
Pets allowed

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L148



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- Clarkston News
- Oxford Leader
- Lake Orion Review
- Penny Stretcher
- Saturday in The Citizen



METAMORA AREA, share home. Utilities/ wireless internet included. No pets. Good for 1 person. \$345. 810-358-2494. IILZ142

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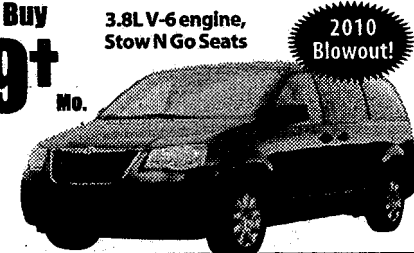
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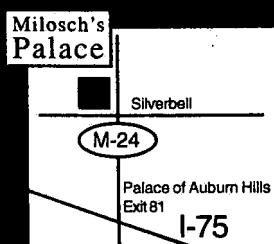
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Friday Fish Fry always reels in crowd at OCSC

Friday Night Fish Fry fans fill Oakland County Sportsmen's Club every week where fresh, flavorful food is a priority.

"We get 250-300 pounds of wild-caught, North Atlantic cod delivered every week from Boston," said Dan Stiff, the OCSC Club Manager. "We go through 4-6 cases of chicken every week, fresh, never frozen. Three hundred people eat a lot of food."

The fish is pressure fried so each piece is perfect.

"The first piece to the last piece, it comes out the same," Stiff said. "It's an old recipe, from long before me. It works well so we stick with it."

To serve the 300 plus diners every week, they also cook and serve about four 30-pound cases of fries, 3-4 gallons of tartar sauce, and three cases of cabbage.

"We make our own coleslaw out of fresh cabbage, using our own recipe," he said.

The Fish Fry is 5:30-8 p.m. every Friday, excluding holiday weekends. They serve fried and baked cod, fried chicken, French fries, coleslaw, a hot vegetable, dinner rolls, corn bread, and coffee. A full-service bar is available. Pricing is \$8/adults, \$7.50/seniors (62 years and over), \$6/kids 5-10 years, under the age of five are free.

"The price is very reasonable and the fish is very good - that's a proven fact," Stiff said. "Look at how many come in, tracking through the snow."

During the week, 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 burgers, chicken fingers, poppers, fries, nachos and other menu items.



Friday Night Fish Fry fans fill Oakland County Sportsmen's Club every week.

"It's all excellent," Stiff said. "We have a \$5 special - beer or pop, burger or two coneys, and fries."

"We have a relaxed, laid back atmosphere, with a full service bar," said Phil Weber, an OCSC member. "It's one of very few clubs where a person can have a beer and not be a club member."

They make their own hamburger patties from fresh ground beef.

"They're not bought pre-made," Stiff said. "The quality is a lot better than a pre-formed, frozen piece of meat. Eat one, and it'll make you want to come back and have another."

The club's beautiful rustic banquet facility is located on more than 200 acres in a woodland setting about a quarter mile off Dixie Highway. The 275-seat rental facility is perfect for wedding receptions, class reunions, memorial luncheons, holi-

day parties, graduation parties and other events and select dates are still available for 2011. Its many features include a full time catering staff, bar services and a fully screened 120-by-40-foot patio area which is ideal for on-site ceremonies.

Custom catering service, voted Best Catering in 2010 by area readers, starts at \$12 per person and they offer a special Memorial Luncheon menu at \$9 per person.

When the club does not have a rental on Saturday, they on occasion will have a Steak Fry, which is open to the public.

"You select your steak, a one-pound strip, three-quarter inch thick, and cook it on an oak wood fire to your liking," Stiff said. "We've been doing this for about eight years. For \$12, you can't beat it."

"They're always good, tender steaks, marbled good, all locally grown," Weber said.

The Steak Fry dinner includes baked potato, mushrooms, roll, grilled onions, and other fixings.

Serving the Clarkston community for over 65 years, the club's amenities for their members include indoor and outdoor ranges for rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzleloader, and archery.

They also have access to Townsend Lake and the Clinton River. Waterford Hills Road Racing, Inc. (WHRR) and the Michigan Midget Racing Association (MMRA) both race on the two race tracks on the club grounds.

OCSC is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 membership year and they have a Club Tour every Saturday at 11 a.m. (excluding holiday weekends).

For further information, either stop by or call the Club Office, 248-623-0444, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or check out their website, ocscub.org. Be a part of "Oakland County's Best Kept Secret!"



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Jewels Yoga and Fitness offers classes, massages, and personalized sessions every day of the week, morning through evening. The classes are for all levels of students, from beginners to the most advanced practitioner, including teacher training.

They offer group classes, with the average size from 4 to 10 students.

"Because classes are fairly small you get individualized attention," said Jules.

Individual sessions are also available and are tailored to the specific individual needs.

Students can pay for walk-ins or class cards, which are available for convenience and never expire.

"To deepen their experience a lot of our students attend a group class or individual session and then stay after for a massage," said Jules.

Massage sessions are offered in a quaint cottage room. This compliments the yoga and fitness sessions, giving the individual 90 minutes to unwind. A breeze on a sunny day in the intimate room adds to the spa feel.

"I absolutely love massages. I believe strongly in their benefits," said Jules. "Hence I feel providing them adds to the students' mind/body experience."

Jules has a staff of four teachers all registered with Yoga Alliance.

The teachers include herself, Anne Mancour, Rene Felix and Una Hepburn. Nancy Wilkie and Beth Montanez complete the staff, helping with marketing and the website.

"Anne is one of the most humble, beautiful teachers in the area. She always teaches from a beginner's frame of mind." Jules bragged about her teachers. "Rene is always smiling, always bubbly and brings a fun spirit. Una is very real and has an eclectic style and a soft heart."

"Nancy and Beth are simply divine," she continued. "The studio wouldn't be functioning without them."

Jules began her own journey into yoga 16

years ago.

"I personally got into yoga for the spiritual aspect. I found yoga physically beneficial as well," she said. "It changed my life. I needed to open my mind. I spent so many years in the gym as a body builder and realized something was missing."

After finding the missing piece she felt it was her calling and duty to help others align themselves and experience balance in their lives.

"Yoga teaches us to turn the waves in our lives into ripples, by changing the mind we can live in the world without being affected by it," Jules said.

Jules is an experienced yoga teacher, E-RYT, ACE certified, a CMT and has an exercise science degree and holds various certificates in the health field. She has helped students with a variety of conditions ranging from Parkinson's disease to obesity and works with sports teams for conditioning.

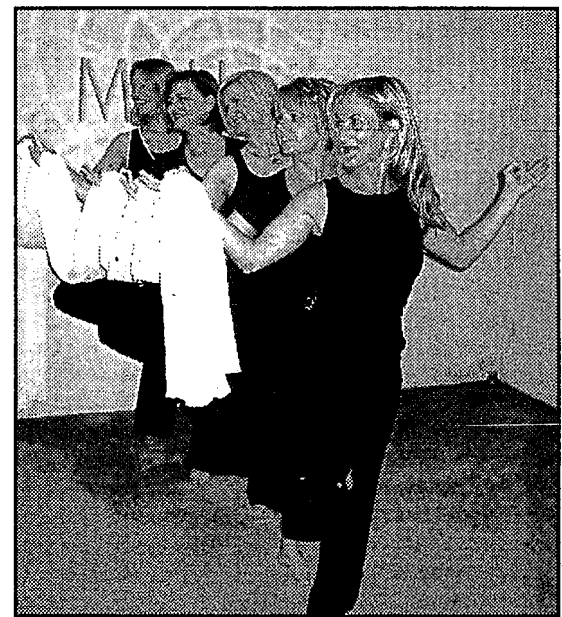
In addition Jules is adding a new business, Divini3 Design. It works to align heart, mind, home and workspace on a functioning and spiritual level.

"It is basically an all encompassing approach to design; a combination of yoga

teachings and Feng Shui," Jules explained. "Helping clients to design their homes and businesses, guiding them spiritually thru the process."

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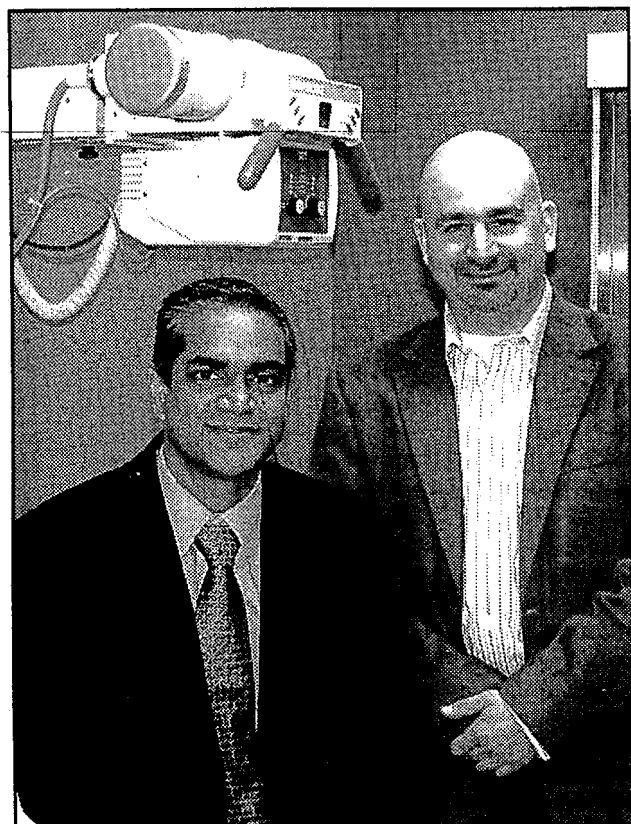
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"Non-surgical options are always considered first, but when surgery is required, we have the ability to do it," Dr. Lis said.

They moved to the new Clarkston Medical Building at 5701 Bow Pointe Drive, Suite 300 about a year ago.

"This is a more modern, easily accessible location," said Dr. Lis. "We can diagnose and treat patients all in one convenient location."

When needed, they refer patients to imaging and diagnostic specialists within the Clarkston Medical Building, instead of off site as they did previously.

"We get a lot done in the same building," said Dr. Nallamothe. "We take X-rays in the office, but when we have to send patients out for MRI or CT scans, we used to have to give the patients the address and they would Mapquest them. Now, it's right downstairs."

Dr. Lis agreed.

"Patients did a lot of driving before for services we now have here in the building," he said.

That convenience helps patients schedule all their appointments in one day. And for Dr. Nallamothe and Lis, that ap-

pointment usually means the same day, or soon thereafter.

"In a lot of other practices, it takes three weeks - we see almost everyone within 48 hours, usually in the same day," Dr. Lis said. "We see a couple extra patients, it's not a big deal to us, but it is to the patient who requires treatment."

"We sometimes work during lunch - that's OK," Dr. Nallamothe said. "Patients know we care about what happens to them. You're not a number. We treat you with respect, and we're respectful of your time. People appreciate that."

Some outpatient procedures are performed in the Clarkston Surgery Center, in the medical building, but they continue to perform other surgeries at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, and POH Regional Medical Center and St. Joseph Mercy in Pontiac.

With more than 15 years in orthopedics, the doctors have seen injuries and treatments change with the times.

"Patients like our small-practice atmosphere," Dr. Nallamothe said. "There are only two of us here. When I get an interesting case or something new comes out, I'll show it to Ed - we bounce things off of each other and respect each others' opinions."

The doctors are both Clarkston residents and very much involved in the community.

"Our patients are our neighbors and friends," Dr. Nallamothe said. "We see them at the Union, Clarkston Cafe, parades. They call us by our first names."

"We run into patients everywhere," said Dr. Lis. "It's important to be part of the community - it's where we live and work."

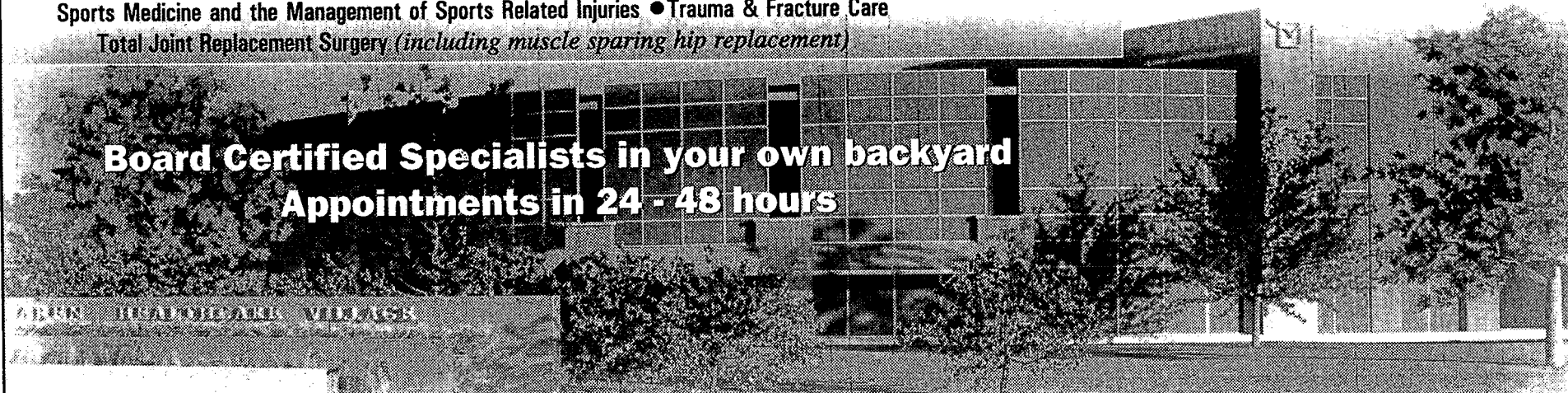
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Village Fashion Boutique offers fashion tips

According to Christina Calka, owner of Village Fashion Boutique, the key to fashion is "to work with what you have and accessorize."

"It's nice to add something to your outfit that you can totally change the look of it without the cost of an entirely new wardrobe," she said. "People are doing a lot more with that."

Current fashion trends, she said, include "chunkier pieces," like big rings or brooches that can go on necklaces, purses, clothes, in the hair. Also popular are necklaces and earrings that are reversible.

Calka's store carries a wide variety of brands for both jewelry and clothing including Brighton Collectables, Anne Koplik, Not Your Daughter's Jeans, Chalet, Abbie Mags, Madison Hill, Big Buddha, Produce, and Tres Chic.

She also carries local jewelry artist Debbie Antoniolle, who designs and creates every unique piece of jewelry in her collection "Earth and Gem Creations," which includes Exotic Gemstones, Genu-

ine Turquoise, Borosilicate Glass Beads, and Swarovski Crystals.

"We carry unique items you won't see everywhere," she said.

"They're not basic pieces in trends, but pieces that are colorful that will work with your classic garments."

Calka said they've also spent a lot of time to make the boutique a "fun place to shop."

"If people are looking for something, we try to find it for them. It's not just what we offer in the store, it's what we offer for an entire service," she said. "I'll ship it to somebody, I'll gift wrap it, write a card, send flowers along, whatever they want."

Village Fashion Boutique also makes sure the companies stand behind their products.

"Brighton offers a warranty with a purchase of their product, which is very comforting for people because if something breaks, you can replace it or you have a credit, no questions asked," she said. "We always will fix or give them a credit or something



Christina Calka and Debbie Antoniolle show off Debbie's homemade jewelry.

regardless of the company."

At Village Fashion Boutique, Calka said they want the "small town familiarity" with their custom-

ers.

"Not like when you go to the mall and everything's about sales," she said. "Here we really

want our customer to love what they buy."

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Serving local community with pride at Independence Pool and Spa

Independence Pool and Spa owner John Bokor is excited for another Michigan summer, and the community is as well.

Each summer he makes it exciting to visit Independence Pool and Spa to purchase pool and spa supplies instead of an unwanted task of getting chemicals for a problem they have in their backyard.

"I like it to be fun," he said. "I like to keep it light and fun. It's not

'buy this' or 'buy that.' It's more of a friendship and a relationship."

Going into Independence Pool and Spa's fourth summer, John is excited to have another employee with a CPO license.

"Education is huge for me," he added. "You have to stay on top of the new products, the innovative products and what is going on in the industry."

In the past, he 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 at fore-closed 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. 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, including the water noodles made by a Michigan-based company.

"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 keep informed on the latest information and special events.

"It's important to be involved with the community," he continued, adding he does as much as he can including sponsorship in the Clarkston High School yearbook

and with Team RUSH, the robotics team at the high school.

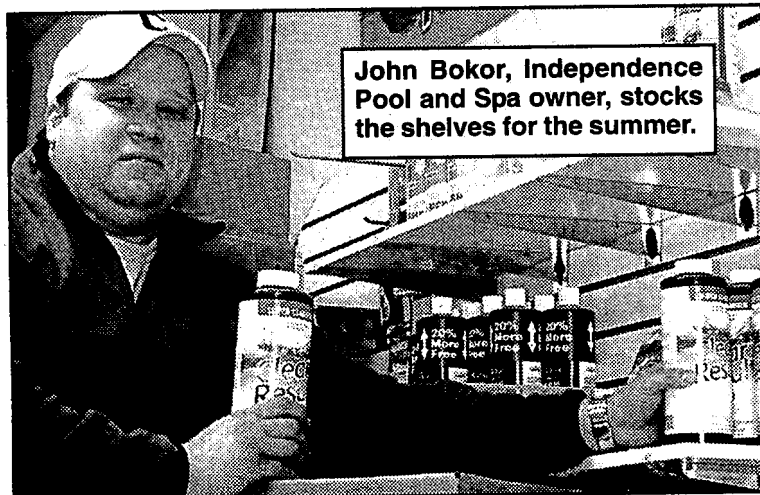
As a 1990 Clarkston grad, John is proud to sponsor a hole for the Clarkston Wolves Football Golf Outing every year.

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!"

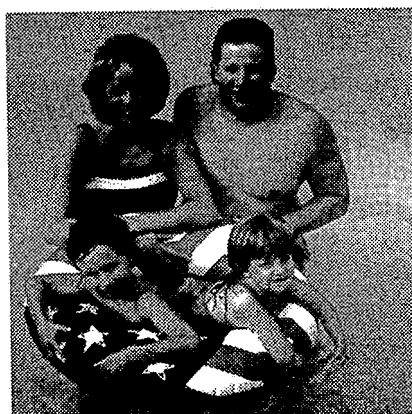
Independence Pool and Spa is located at 6473 Sashabaw Road, in Independence Town Square, at the corner of Sashabaw Road and Waldon Road.

For more information call John and Kyle at 248-922-9910 or email John at independencepoolandspa@comcast.net.

"We want to make sure our customers are satisfied with their pool needs," said John.



John Bokor, Independence Pool and Spa owner, stocks the shelves for the summer.



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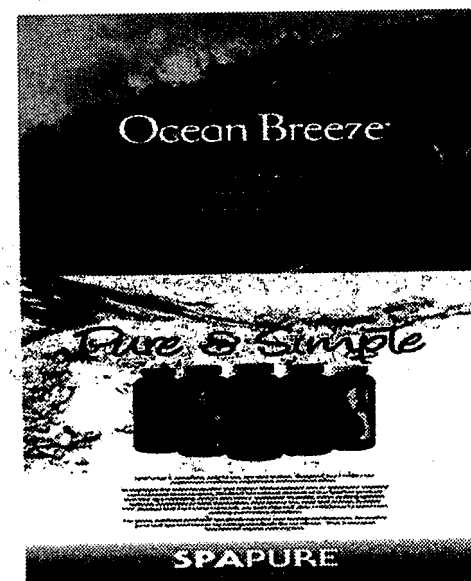


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In a sour economy, Belle Visage Laser Medical Spa makes life a little sweeter.

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Belle Visage offers a variety of procedures, products, and services to help people relax and rejuvenate while looking good and feeling better – everything from laser procedures and Botox injections to manicures and massages, just to name a few.

"We would like to fulfill your every desire and take you out of the hustle and bustle of everyday life," Tracey said. "We even host children and teen birthday parties with manicures/pedicures, chocolate facials and mini massages. I'm not sure who has more fun, the kids or our talented staff who perform the services."

Belle Visage's state-of-the-art lasers repair and restore damage caused by aging. The Fraxel re:store laser removes wrinkles, brown spots, melasma, and scars, while others take care of spider veins and broken capillaries, as well as permanent hair removal.

"There is no down time and it takes years off one's face," she said.

Dr. Wright, a board certified physician, takes care of Belle Visage's medical procedures, administering Botox, Juvederm, Restylane, Perlane and other treat-

ments.

Also, permanent make-up artist Laura Alexander specializes in eyebrows, eyeliner, lip liner and scars.

Belle Visage specializes in luxury, with the peaceful sounds of a waterfall greeting customers as they walk in the door. Staff members invite customers into the beautifully furnished lounge and offer a foot soak, along with a cup of hot tea, wine, or lemon water before taking them back for their appointments. The spa offers detoxifying body wraps, pedicure/manicures, Vichy sugar scrub, prenatal massage and facials, and many other soothing services.

Packages for those who want to make the day or night extra special include a delicious breakfast or lunch, chocolate and/or champagne, and limo services.

Belle Visage also offers spa parties for weddings, offices, employee of the month, birthday, anniversary, and any other occasion you wish to celebrate.

The spa staff's attention to detail, friendly manner, and personalized services have earned the appreciation of customers, voting them number one spa four years in a row by Oakland County residents.

"Tom and I truly enjoy owning the spa. We love meeting all the people and seeing them accomplish their goals, whether to look younger or feel better. That's what we are all about," Tracey said.

Dr. Wright, an obstetric and gynecologist specialist,



Dr. Tom and Tracey Wright.

also owns Women's Integrated Health.

He knows patients don't always look forward to visiting him. That gave Tracey the idea for the spa.

"I thought it would be wonderful if women could leave feeling great," she said.

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Gott's Auto Service: quality service is tradition

Gott's Auto Service marks their 31st anniversary in the Clarkston community in June.

Throughout the years, the vehicles have changed but their tradition of integrity and the quality of service with customers has never wavered.

"We have always satisfied our customers and we make them happy to the best of our ability," 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 can trust us. We value their trust and keep up the work ethic they expect from us."

The community appreciates the hard work Mr. Gott and his technicians put into each vehicle and have shown their loyalty with return visits and also by referring others to Gott's services.

"We are now seeing second and even some third generations of families coming to us for their own vehicle repairs," Mr. Gott said.

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.



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.

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 from one of his restaurant employees.

"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, the building has grown as well as his staff to better serve the area. Sons Kevin and Bob, Jr. both joined the family business when they were 14-years-old for part-time work and now add the vast knowledge they have acquired to Gott's Auto Service.

It is that knowledge and experience that helps customers understand what the problem is with their vehicle no matter if it is one that is only a couple of years old or more

than 40 years old.

"We continue to grow with today's technological advances," said Robert, Sr. "Vehicles have evolved and changed so much in the last 30 years. When I came in to the business we were working with ignition points and condensers. The technology now is a lot more involved and complicated."

Also part of the family are Brian McClure, Vinnie Ventimiglia and Rick Verscheure on the service team and Michelle Thomas, office manager.

"We have a really good group of technicians on our staff," said Robert, Sr. "They work hard on everything from a routine oil change to tracing electrical and computer system malfunctions."

"We always do our best to solve the problems with the vehicles even if it's an intermittent issue," he continued. "We are proud of our quality repairs, honesty 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.

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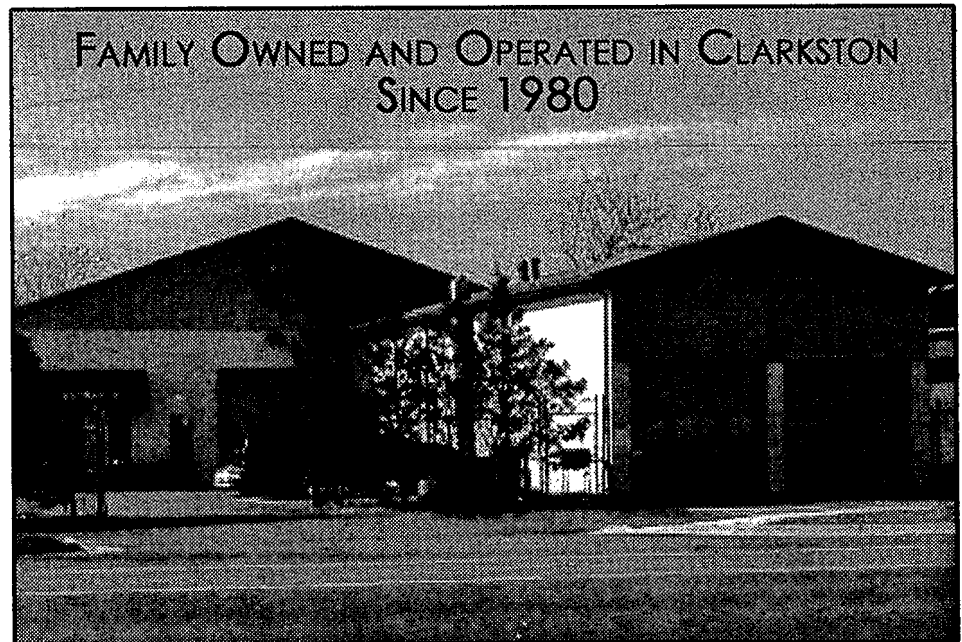


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Marketti Academy continues to grow during recession

Recession? Not at Marketti Academy of Cosmetology, now in its fourth year of business, which has continued to grow and expand since opening its doors in March of 2007.

Marketti Academy is currently expanding its senior clinic floor, adding room for 15 more stylist stations, to keep up with its thriving admission rate. Co-Owner Allison Murphy explained that each senior student has their own station on the clinic floor much like a stylist would have in a salon.

"We want the transition from school to salon to be seamless for our students and that means providing them the right learning environment," Murphy said.

The clinic floor, which is open to the public, offers a full salon service menu at discounted prices. New services continue to be added to the Marketti Academy service menu including the recently released Shellac™ Manicure.

The Manicure lasts for up to 14 days with no chipping, no peeling, and no smudges.

Tawny Marketti-Pearson said, "Educating our students on the newest techniques is important, but giving them the opportunity to perform those services as well is critical to their future success in the salon industry."

To recognize and thank clients for

returning to Marketti Academy for salon services, Murphy and Marketti-Pearson created a frequent client punch card. Any purchase of at least \$5 gets the client a punch. After 10 punches the client is eligible for \$10 off of any service valued at \$10 or greater.

"Our clients have been so supportive of our students, we wanted to do something to say 'thanks,'" Marketti-Pearson said.

Admissions also continue to increase due in part to the National Accreditation Marketti Academy received last year. With National Accreditation the Academy offers financial aid, like the Federal Pell Grant, to students who qualify. Interested students can apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and enter the Marketti Academy school code (041593).

Marketti Academy offers classes in cosmetology, manicuring, esthetics, and instructor training. The Academy's State Board passing rates for each program is very high in both theory and practical applications.

"We set high standards for our students because we know they can reach them," Murphy said.

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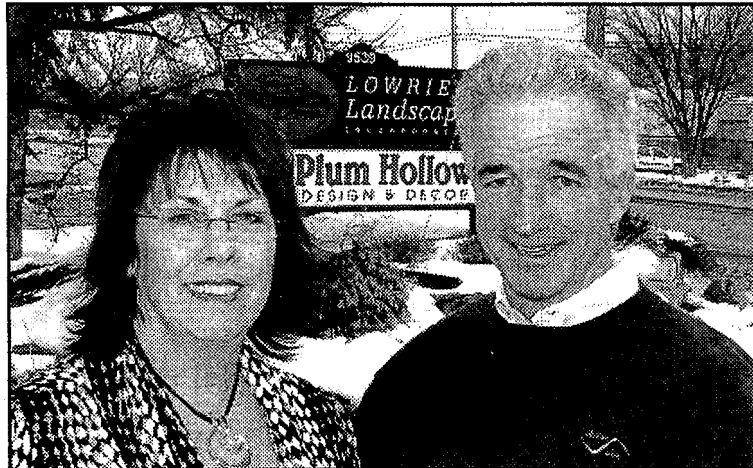
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The historic Dixie Highway house showcases Plum Hollow's room arrangement and design components, with the surrounding area dedicated to Lowrie's award-winning landscape designs, seamless landscape installations, ponds and cascading waterfalls, brick patios

and walkways, retaining walls, and bulk landscape supplies.

Recognizing their similar clientele, Lowrie's Landscape and Plum Hollow teamed up last year.

"It's a one-stop shop to update your home, interior and exterior," said Suzie Bennett, owner of Plum Hollow Design Studio.

"We help each other," said Tom Lowrie, owner of Lowrie's Landscape. "We share ideas - I have

good ideas for her business, she has good ideas for my business."

Each and every room inside the house has been beautified by Plum Hollow Design Studio with window treatments, wall coverings and decor, fine rugs, custom bedding, bathroom tile, kitchen cabinets and appliances, all at very competitive prices for retail, as well as wholesale to independent designers.

"This place is gorgeous, right out of *Better Homes and Gardens*," Lowrie said.

Both are longtime Clarkston business owners, Lowrie for 32 years and Bennett, 19 years.

For many people, the home is their biggest asset, especially in today's economy, Lowrie said.

"If you can't sell, you can at least update it and make it marketable for when the time comes," he said. "You have to keep things up. A house can lose a lot of value if you let it go."

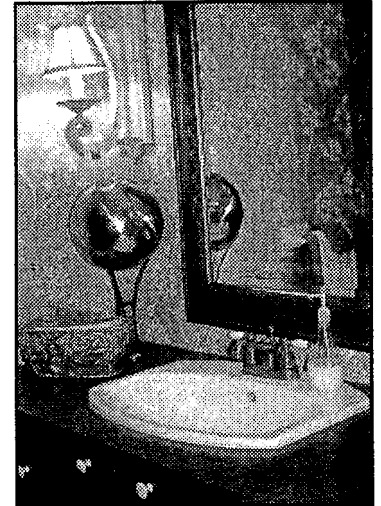
Lowrie's backyard terrace with tent, seating for up to a 100, granite top kitchen, artificial-turf putting green, and play structure, is available for community groups and

clubs, bridal shows, graduation parties, sports teams, and other gatherings.

Voted Best Landscaper in Oakland County by both *Clarkston News* and *Oakland Press* readers, Lowrie's Landscape has earned 36 Gold Awards, 24 Silver Awards and 17 Bronze Awards by the Michigan Green Industry Association.

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NovaCare Rehabilitation: physical therapy solution for spring's aches, pains

Despite the heavy snowfall this winter, this month gives us hope - Spring is coming!

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 injuries to the back, neck, knee, shoulder and ankle.

In addition, NovaCare Clarkston has a staff of individuals qualified to treat clients after surgery, patients suffering with TMJ, hand injuries, headaches and injuries associated with work or auto accidents.

Center Manager Jodi Hines is proud to be a part of this community-based clinic.

"Our relationships with our patients are

what makes us successful," said Ms. Hines. "Our patients come in 2-3 times a week, every week. It is an involved process. We build relationships when they walk in the door because who has the time for physical therapy

three times a week - nobody. We make it special for them to come."

The special service and great experience is remembered and NovaCare Rehabilitation often has former patients refer family members and friends.

"They know their family will be in good hands, too," Ms. Hines added.

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 of the clinic's Physical Therapists,

Natalie Karpovich, MPT, CHT is a Certified Hand Therapist, specializing in treatment of the hands, wrists, elbows and shoulders. Her advanced training, which gives her more expertise and background in the unique specialty, adds to the already in-

credible staff.

Ryan Bean, OMPT, is specialized in Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy. These advanced manual evaluation and treatment skills also set the NovaCare Clarkston staff above the rest.

Having a pool is another uniqueness they

have, offering aquatic therapy. They also offer 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.

NovaCare Rehabilitation also helps stop the injuries before they occur by offering education to the community free of charge. Tips include injury prevention when biking, skiing, gardening and shoveling along with preventing heat exhaustion and backpack tips for the children.

"The big part of physical therapy is educating so injuries don't occur in the first place," said Ms. Hines. "We already have community outreach but we are excited to do more and extend the programs."

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!

NovaCare Clarkston is located at 6770 Dixie Highway, suite 104. Business hours are Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays as needed. For more information, please call 248-625-5998.



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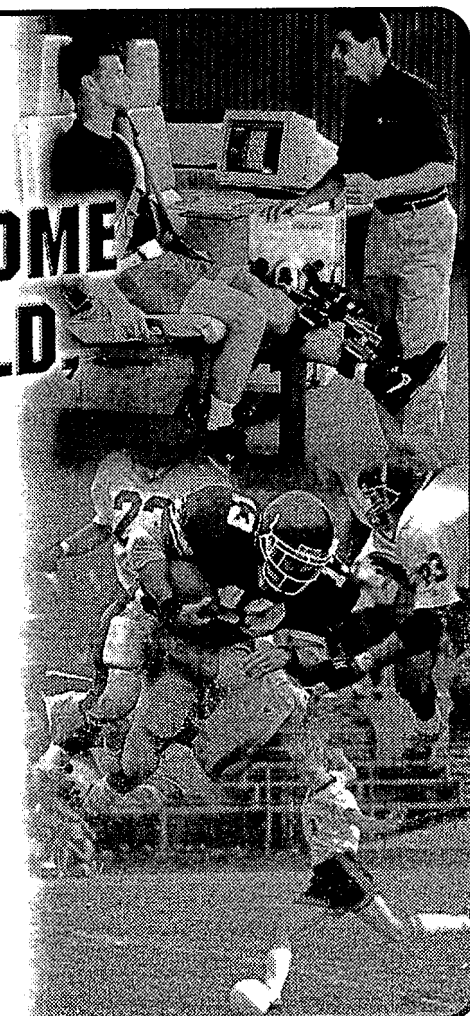
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"The biggest draw for us, besides being a staple since 1993, is a place for friends and family to hang out and get great food," said Tony Vitale, general manager.

"What we are focusing on now more than ever is service. If we can reach the goal of being known as having the best service around, we believe our business will skyrocket over the next few years," he continued.

Mesquite Creek service has shown through to their guests — they were named Best Restaurant in *The Clarkston News* for three consecutive years, since 2008.

"What's on the entire staff's mind is the pursuit of excellence," said Vitale. "We want to be the best at service and we are collective on it."

Another bonus to dining at Mesquite Creek is the banquet room and being able to seat parties with 20 to 30 people — perfect for getting together with family and friends.

"Either it is a private party of 40 people in my back room during the week or a group of

people coming in during the weekend, they are here," Vitale said. "It's hard at most places to fit 20 people."

Vitale focuses on service as Chef Heinz Menguser continues to make sure the quality of food remains fantastic since he joined in April 2009.

The wine and beer dinners continue to be a huge success and are packed during each event. Chef goes off the menu and gets creative with the five courses served.

"Each plate is something we have never had but comes from his repertoire," Vitale said. "The food is delicious and the dinners are intimate and fun."

For those on the go and want to take food home, Mesquite Creek Carry-Out continues to offer gourmet, handmade pizzas.

"We hand make the dough," Vitale described. "The sauces are from scratch. The cheese is real. The ingredients are fresh."

The newest addition to the To-Go menu is the Super Nacho, and is only available to go.

It comes in a pizza box overflowing in a deliciousness of cheese, meat, beans, chips and more goodness feeding 4-6 people.

"It's huge," Vitale smiled. "It's nachotacular."

Vitale said he had something similar in another state and liked it, bringing the idea back



with him.

"We create a lot of menu items because they are things that we, the staff, want," said Vitale. "If I am going to a tailgate or watching a football game I want nachos and pizza. This is a serious nacho. I am happy with it and impressed enough to put it on the menu."

Mesquite Creek will turn their back room into a comedy club on March 31 when they host comedian Jeff Pirrami. Tickets are \$10. People can order drinks and appetizers from a limited menu.

"We have done comedy cooking classes with him in the past," said Vitale. "He has done a lot with Andiamo and called to say he wanted to throw a comedy night with us."

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.

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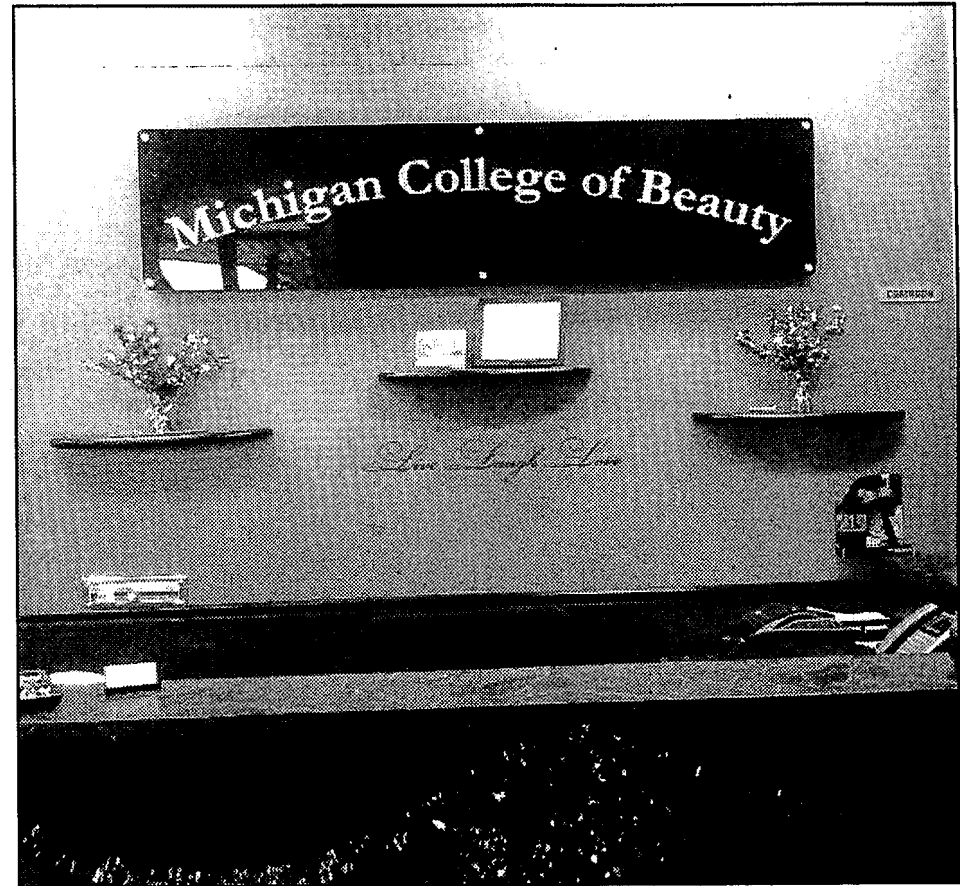
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We often ask local business owners, "what are you doing to excite and inform customers?" So, it was only fair, that we asked ourselves the same questions. Here's what we came up with.

Why We Are Relevant

Our award-winning newspaper, on a weekly basis, connects individuals in the community, to other individuals, groups and businesses in the community. We accomplish this with award-winning writing and photography. We do this by attending and reporting on local school and government meetings.

We go to sporting events; service club events; and local business events. We read local police reports. We publish public notices (notices local governments use to inform the citizenry of law changes, tax increases and the

like). We publish church news, club news, and business news -- a smorgasbord of local events. Free of charge, we run engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements.

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We are relevant not only because we praise the wonderfulness of our community, but because we point out our warts, too. Our newspaper is not a rah-rah, happy-happy, chamber-of-commerce-nothing-is-wrong-with-us cheerleader. No, we are merely a leader, connecting and informing our community.

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Our newspaper and other print publications are delivered to nearly 99-percent of every address delivered by the local post office. There is no reason any local business person should ever hear, "I never knew you even existed."

We touch everybody in our community with our print products and the entire world with our online products. Between our newspaper website (www.ClarkstonNews.com) and our "convergent" media site (www.ClarkstonTV.com) we receive over 6,000 visits a day! How's that for relevant?

We are also relevant because we offer local small businesses a means of connecting and networking with other local small business owners through our weekly Coffee Clubs. We have meeting upwards to 100 people a week at these networking events. If you are a business owner and have not made it to a Coffee Club, you are doing yourself (and your business) a disservice. It costs you nothing but your time. Watch the paper for times and locations.

We have also expanded our reach with the monthly, four-color couponer magazine, *The Big Deal* (www.BigDeal2011.com). *The Big Deal* is a beautifully printed magazine, jam-packed with local coupons. What's cool about *The Big Deal* is the monthly contest readers can enter.

We are relevant because we connect the local guy looking to buy a used car to the local guy selling a used car. In our newspapers and shoppers (ourPennyStretcher.com and ourAdVertiser.com) want ads have kept bargain hunters and treasure sellers in touch since 1960!

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Who is Jim? He is our publisher, Jim Sherman, Jr. Jim is the guy who okays donations to local organizations, school events and programs. He lets us print school newspapers for free. He's the guy who pays local taxes and hires local workers.

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Expanding Clarkston Flower Shoppe includes boutique

What is the mystery within the construction addition connected to the Clarkston Flower Shoppe and The Birdfeeder? Bonnie & Clyde is the boutique that will fill the addition on Main Street many curiously drive by.

"We wanted a name that you would remember. A name that made you think 'fun, different, edgy,' and it had to represent men and women," said Clarkston Flower Shoppe and Boutique owner Shari Schulz. "Our objective is to carry items that are different and bring a taste of the city to downtown Clarkston."

The Birdfeeder is celebrating 19 years this March, and the Flower Shoppe will be 15 this year.

Clarkston Flower Shoppe has morphed into a boutique the last couple of years, and grown in popularity and success so much that more room was needed. After the two previous, successful fashion show fundraisers, last year benefiting SCAMP, a third annual fall fashion show is in the works, but not without first having an exciting re-grand opening, this time with the boutique having it's own space and own title.

"Our family business is one that we're proud of, but also excited for," Schulz said. "We feel like this is a new beginning, and we have a sense of a 'second wind.'"

Bonnie & Clyde targets Clarkston as a whole, versus one specific target market, meaning no matter your age, size, or how much you're willing to spend, they have something for you.

"We carry women's and men's clothing, and have started a small collection of fun children's items. The atmosphere is one we feel is comfortable, one you look forward to being in, can't get enough of, and is a getaway for you. Our vibe is current, positive, and contagious," Schulz said. "Our location is prime, and being physically attached to The Birdfeeder and Clarkston Flower Shoppe, we're excited for locals to be able to have a sense of 'one stop shopping.'"

She said they specialize in locating items people can't find elsewhere, but their "basics are terrific."

"We pride ourselves on the searching we do for U.S. made apparel," Schulz said. "We have Michigan and Clarkston designers as well, not to mention Kid Rock's 'Made in Detroit.'"

Schulz also noted she is proud all the work done on the addition was hired to local talent.

"We believe in keeping this community strong and working with the other Clarkston businesses in creating Clarkston as a destination," she said. "We continue to be



Clarkston Flower Shoppe owner Shari Schulz shows off the new Bonnie & Clyde boutique addition.

involved in countless charities and fundraisers within the Clarkston community, including our schools, churches, and SCAMP."

They also keep up with current and upcoming trends by taking seasonal trips to Atlanta, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York, and more.

"When we return from these trips, we're psyched to share our finds with the

community and it's even more rewarding getting the amazing responses we do," Schulz said. "Please stay tuned for information regarding our re-grand opening in the coming months, we look forward to spoiling you soon."

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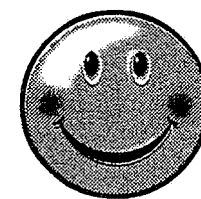
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"The golf course is second to none, but once people are here, the social aspects keep them as members," said Swetich. "The people here are a very social and unpretentious crowd, and I think that's one of the reasons that even during the economic upheaval, we have maintained membership levels other clubs could only hope for."

The private country club offers not only golf, but a top notch fitness center, Junior Olympic size pool and tennis courts.

For those simply looking to relax, casual and upscale dining is available in the main dining room which features a beautiful vista of the golf course. Add to this the year-round activities for all ages like

sledding, cross country skiing, and ice skating, and members can always be sure to have a good time.

Besides the activities, a range of social events await any who join Paint Creek, including wine tasting, comedy night, holiday themed parties, and traditional special events for Mother's Day, Easter, Father's Day, Halloween, Christmas, and New Year's Eve. Friday night Happy Hours are always popular with the members too. The club also offers non-members the opportunity to host golf outings, banquets, showers, weddings and more.

Says Steve Vickery, General Manager, "We offer an opportunity for those looking at Private Country Club membership to achieve that experience at an affordable price. Our Junior Golf Program is one of the best in Oakland County, with over 85 kids, aged 7 to 17 participating last year."

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Modern interior, services at Coats Funeral Home, Clarkston

Coats Funeral Home in Clarkston has been open for nearly a year and the staff is pleased with the array of services available to area families.

The funeral home, located on Dixie Highway, a quarter of a mile north of I-75, is managed by Clarkston resident Tim Nye. Nye has been assisting families since 1993 and also has the high standards that are the well-known reputation of the Coats Family.

With three, earth-tone colored viewing rooms (the largest with a fireplace), the funeral home can host services for 300 people or work with other facilities based on your needs. Cremation services of various kinds also are available from the simplest with no visitation to a public viewing and service.

Amenities include a 52" television screen for video memorials or optional and free webcasting services.

"In our global society, webcasting is a way for families to connect across the miles or even continents," explains Nye. "Those in the military or even hospitalized have taken advantage of the technology that can bring the family entirely



together when they need each other the most."

Videotaping and DVD copies also are available on request. A kitchenette with a full-sized refrigerator, microwave and

coffee service is available, plus a children's corner with art table and DVD player. The facility also can accommodate an on-site, catered luncheon for up to 60 people.

Coats also launched a new obituary subscription service.

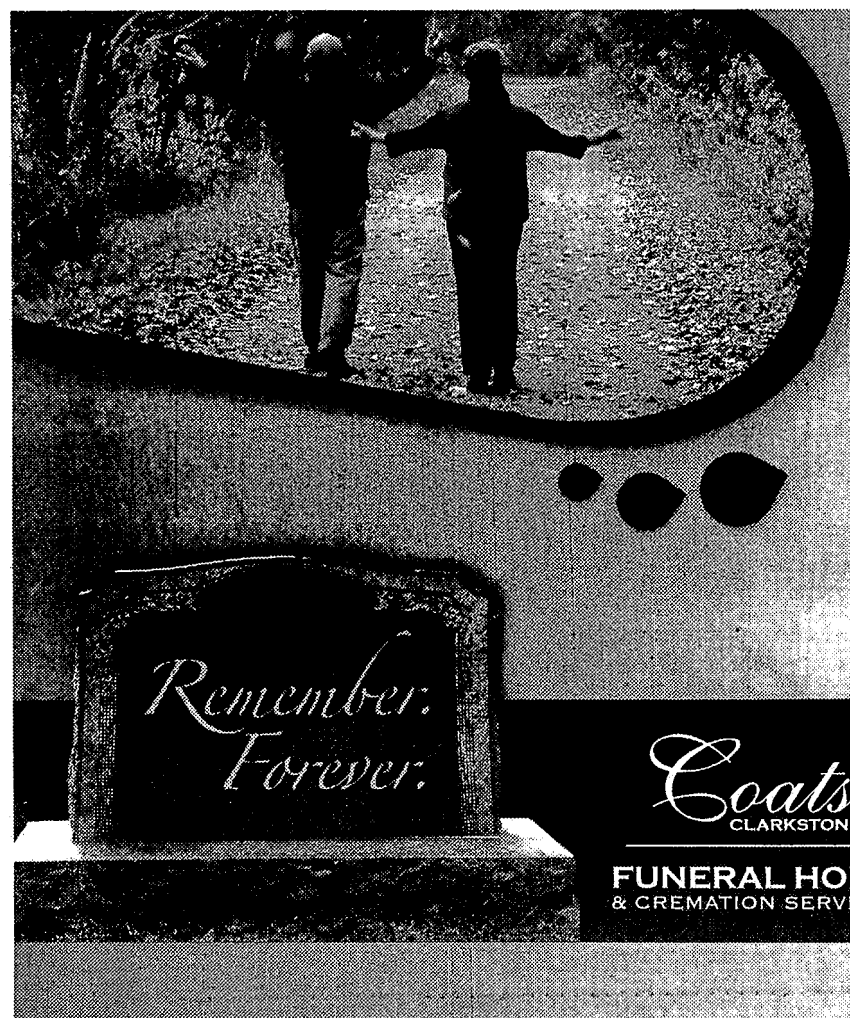
Individuals subscribe by logging onto www.coatsfuneralhome.com, click "Subscribe to Obituaries" in the upper right hand corner of the home page and then click the box next to Clarkston on the next screen.

When the funeral home posts a new obituary, it immediately is sent to your designated inbox. NEVER will the funeral home sell your email address to anyone.

"We want this service to provide more support to our grieving families," explains Nye. "They will have the ability to hear from many more people during a time when they need as much support as possible."

Once subscribers are on the website, they can view the entire obituary and also send private condolences.

For veterans, the United States Department of Veteran Affairs' Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly is less than 20 minutes from this location. A free limousine also is provided to veteran families served.



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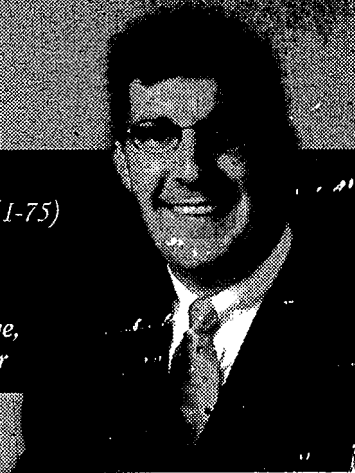
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"There are many new things in women's health," said Dr. Thomas C. Wright. "Years ago, women with unusually heavy menstrual flow had limited choices – they could choose a hysterectomy or they could suffer in silence. Now, different treatments are available."

Dr. Wright uses the latest in hysteroscope and sonohysterogram technology to diagnose patients. Treatments include new, in-office procedures such as endometrial ablation, an alternative to hysterectomy.

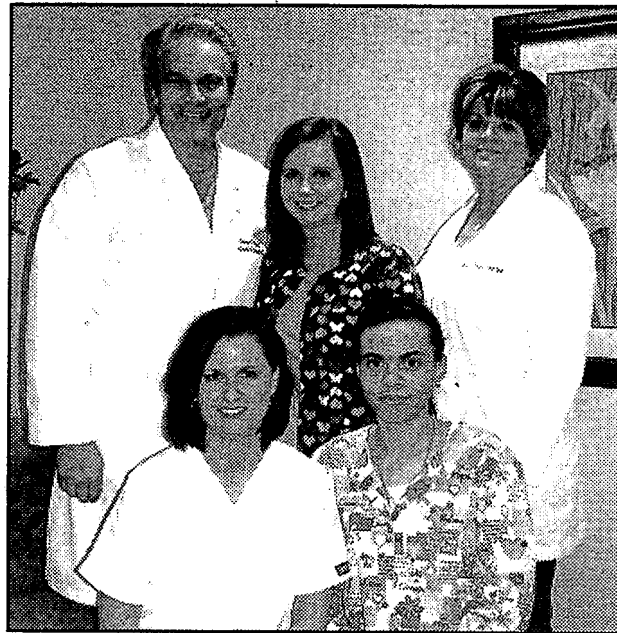
"It reduces bleeding by up to 80 percent," Wright said.

If needed, he performs hysterectomies at Genesys in Grand Blanc, using minimally invasive laproscopic techniques to significantly reduce hospital stay.

"Technological advances, training, and new techniques benefit patients by reducing risk and downtime while being just as effective – in today's economy, patients need to get back to work quickly," 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 stress incontinence, all in-office and taking minutes or even seconds to complete.

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Dr. Thomas C. Wright of Women's Integrated Healthcare, with staff members, standing from right, Karen Taylor and Christie Satkowiak, and, sitting from right, Christina Vaughn and Lisa Fisher.

work.

"When both parents work, it's important to minimize time lost for treatment," he said. "Anything we can do to help

with costs and be more effective, we'll do."

Women's Integrated Health Care's Clarkston location, 5900 Waldon Road, Ste. D, just west of Sashabaw Road, serves all north Oakland County.

They also have locations in Grand Blanc, Davison, Fenton, Sandusky, and Lapeer.

"Accessibility drives the healthcare market in the area," said Dr. Wright. "We're convenient to all areas so patients don't have to go far from home."

The Clarkston location provides a nice alternative to hospitals north in Grand Blanc or south in Pontiac, he said.

"This is a nice area in between," he said. "People on a fixed budget are looking for less expensive procedures that are the most effective. We provide that, in-office and 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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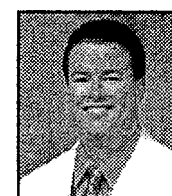
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Country Oaks Landscape Supply: Buy Michigan and save

Mark Cherry, president of Country Oaks Landscape Supply, 5904 Dixie Highway in Independence Township, has a lifetime of experience in the industry.

He started at 14 years old working for his father at Country Oaks, loading supplies in customers' cars and helping maintain the yard.

As he got older, he learned to operate loaders and other yard equipment. He also gained knowledge about landscaping products, how they work, and how to sell them.

"These experiences helped me gain knowledge about the industry such as how to purchase supplies, how to treat customers and how to conduct business with vendors," Cherry said.

He learned that to be successful, always go the extra mile.

"Stay open later, don't close early," he said. "If someone shows up after closing time, we will open back up. We would never tell a customer we are closed, we appreciate every customer that stops in."

He graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1999 with a business degree, learning about marketing, accounting, and other skills. He put them to the test in 2001, when he purchased Country Oaks Land-



Mark Cherry, president of Country Oak Landscape Supply.

scape Supply.

"It was a heck of an opportunity and a lot of responsibility – a huge learning curve," he said.

When his uncle retired in 2003, Cherry bought Country Oaks II, located at the corner of Seymour Lake Road and Sashabaw. "People stay here because they're dedi-

cated to the area," he said. "I'm dedicated to the area too. I was born and raised here. I fully support the area. I want it to thrive and prosper."

"A lot of our stone and aggregate is mined here locally, it also saves on freight," he said. "That's why so many of my products are made in Michigan."

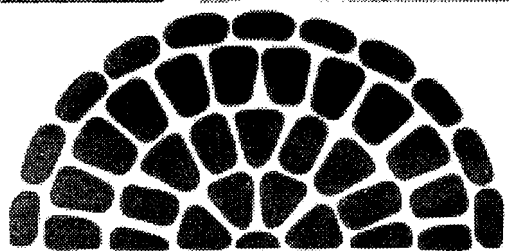
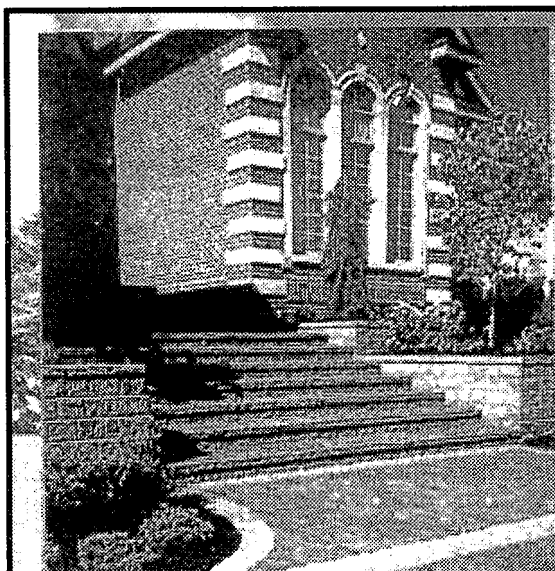
As a landscaping supply business, they work with contractors and do-it-yourselfers.

"Many contractors do business with me because we don't compete with them," he said. "We'd rather supply. It's what we do best. We can help any do-it-yourselfer from start to finish on any type of project. We help homeowners by offering referrals by the best local contractors."

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'Country Doctor' now part of McLaren Medical Group

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Dr. Christine Sypitkowski is happy to announce she is now part of McLaren Medical Group, a McLaren Health Service.

"This allows us to be part of an integrated health care delivery system that provides increased access and quality health care services in a cost effective manner."

The office now accepts more insurances, including a number of HMO's including Blue Care Network among others.

Upon arrival, patients are welcomed by the friendly Lisa Hanson. She is a certified medical assistant and is attending college part-time to obtain a registered nursing degree.

"The office has a warm, personal atmosphere," said Hanson. "There's no hustle and bustle, and it's quiet. Everybody is greeted when they walk in the door."

Dr. Sypitkowski takes an old-fashioned approach and spends more time listening to what is happening in patients' lives instead of simply writing prescriptions and ordering tests. Her emphasis is on health, happiness and wellness - especially in these trying times.

"It's not just what disease you have, but how it affects your life," she said. "It's about how your life affects your health."

The doctor's facility is anything but old-fashioned. She's been utilizing top health care technology for years, which means patients don't have to make separate trips for blood work or heart or lung tests.

Her family practice covers physicals, well baby and child exams, pap and gyn exams, sick visits, minor injuries, treatment of hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, other chronic medical conditions, as well as preventative care.

Dr. Sypitkowski has been practicing medicine for 20 years, the last eight in Lake Orion.

"It's not a big practice. Patients will always see the same doctor," said Sypitkowski.

Often the doctor sees three generations of the same family. She says more and more people are taking care of their elderly parents.

"Proper medical treatment for the elderly and their caregivers requires more time," she said. "It take more than 10 minutes to address the effects some medical conditions have on relationships and family dynamics."

Dr. Sypitkowski lives locally and has served on the Addison Township Board of Trustees.

The "country doctor" shares her home with her mother, horses, barn cat, and her dog - Ulee. Her dog often goes to work with her and is content under her desk in her private office.

She is on staff at POH and Crittenton Hospitals and graduated from medical school at Michigan State University. She is board certified in Family Medicine.

The Country Doctor McLaren Medical Group is located at 720 N. Lapeer Road, Suite 101, Lake Orion, in the Long Lake Professional Building. All ages are welcome. Same day and weekend appointments are available. Their phone number is 248-693-4500.



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The reasons to visit Nuview Nutrition are endless but the result is the same – a healthier, better you.

Crandell begins by assessing the symptoms to get down to the cause of the problem. She uses this assessment to prioritize her client's care.

"If you treat the cause, you are able to address the problem," she said. "For people struggling with weight loss, a lot of times it can be a hidden food allergy that is making them hold the weight. Once I find the food allergy, remove it from the diet, the weight starts coming off."

The latest trend she has seen is people are becoming health conscious. It relates to health insurance, they either lost it or have

limited coverage.

"They are taking more personal accountability at illness prevention then waiting to get sick and have the insurance companies pay for it," she added.

People also don't want to stay on medication for the rest of their lives.



Crandell

"They are being more proactive to have a choice," Crandell said, adding she works with her clients' doctors to get them off the medication and find more natural ways to get better.

The economy has contributed to a trend with digestive issues, especially those coming from stress.

"Whenever people have increased stress, it automatically increases blood sugar levels, decreases digestion enzymes," she said. "The good news is it can be dealt with. I can help in that area. Stress also leads to sleep issues and weight gain."

With the changing economy, more men are staying at home and cooking. Crandell said 60 percent of her female clients came to Nuview Nutrition because of weight gain that

developed when their husbands started doing the shopping and cooking.

"They are not always making the wisest decision," said Crandell. "They are making a lot of creamy, saucy casserole dishes and a lot of pastas. There are ways to make the dishes healthier and less fattening."

Crandell has individual and group sessions. Her next group session starts March 24. Each person has a meal plan individualized for their specific needs as the group learns together how to eat healthier, develop dining-out strategies, manage stress, develop relaxation techniques, incorporate daily exercise and much more.

Clients learn skills to organize and navigate their way through a grocery store, read labels, the difference between organic and non-organic products, and find nutrient-rich foods.

"People are really surprised at new choices they discover," Crandell said. "A lot of people get stuck in the same habits. This breaks them out of it and also encourages them to try new foods."

She added a few clients stick to only a few food choices because of their health problems. Through their newly found education, they can have more variety and pick healthy choices.

She also holds several sessions throughout the year including detox for the body.

"I usually have a session in the spring because you spring clean your house, spring clean your body," she said. "A detox is good to do twice a year."

Another one is a college survival workshop to help students from gaining the infamous "Freshman 15."

Crandell gives students the tools needed to understand what happens, what to put in their backpack for the busy school day, what food to pick for meals or quick grabs, and what food to have in their dorm.

"I went to a college graduation and noticed 95 percent were overweight," she said. "I was amazed and it was scary. They are setting themselves up for a lifetime of health problems."

Crandell is the only private practice Nutritionist with a background as a Registered Nurse who is also First Line Therapy Certified.

"I have the nutrition and disease-state knowledge – I can tie the nutrition in as well as wellness," she added.

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Children learn and play everyday at Planet Kids Premier Academy

The name is changing to Planet Kids Premier Academy – it is the same children's center with a greater emphasis on academics. The new focus will ensure that all children are more prepared for elementary school.

Planet Kids will again offer its full day kindergarten program this fall taught by Kimberly Davis. Mrs. Davis is a certified teacher with a degree in Education and a Master's degree in Reading and Language Arts.

She said that students from Planet Kids leave her program with a strong foundation in reading. The program is very language arts based and is designed on a balanced literacy curriculum.

"Play is a supportive way to get children to learn and we wanted to enrich it with academics," she added.

"The curriculum is planned for children ages six months to six years and is offered in such a way that it feels like play. We will also provide an enhanced health and nutrition component."

The kindergarten and junior kindergarten classes emphasize science, math, social studies and language arts. Special classes such as physical education, art, music and Spanish will give the children a well-rounded education.

Small class sizes of 12 students to one

teacher allow for more one on one interaction.

Mrs. Davis said the small class size has a tremendous impact on learning and allows them to move past the regular Michigan State Standard Benchmarks.

"Our students leave here reading at various levels, but they do leave reading."

Planet Kids offers three different summer camps. All camps offer weekly themes and on and off-site field trips. Traditional summer camp, called Planet Camp, is offered for children, first through fifth grade.

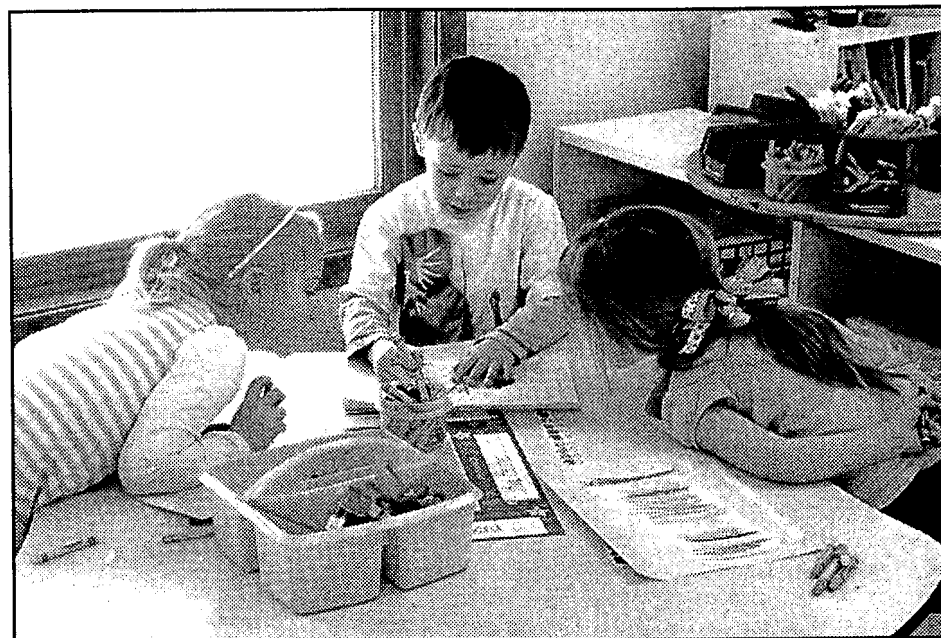
Junior Summer Camp is designed for children going into kindergarten.

Preschool Camp is offered to children through age three. Parents may choose the weeks their children will attend.

This April 4 – 8, Planet Kids is offering Spring Break Camp. This sample version of summer camp is offered at a discounted rate. Each day has a different theme and either an onsite or offsite field trip.

Planet Kids Premier Academy is community-minded. They participate in local events in Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford. They are members of the Clarkston and Lake Orion Chambers.

You will see them throughout the year at various events, every summer at Clarkston's



Concerts in the Park and the third Tuesday of each month at Culver's Restaurant for Kids Night.

Families are encouraged to stop in and tour the facility. Anyone who tours receives a free week of care just to try them out.

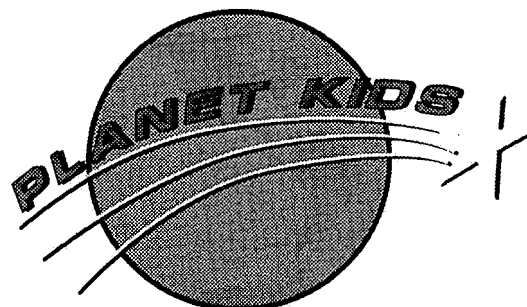
Planet Kids offers extended hours from

5:30 am – 11 pm, Monday through Friday.

Movie Nights are held the third Saturday of every month. They are offered to the public at a nominal price.

For more information, please call 248-620-9032 or visit PlanetKidsClarkston.com. The facility is located at 5520 Clarkston Road.

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Personal service at Oakland County Credit Union

Oakland County Credit Union's Clarkston location, 6580 Dixie Highway, provides an excellent, convenient location with the efficient services of three drive-thru lanes. Opened in 2008, the branch offers a friendly and professional staff to assist its valued members.

"We're doing very well," said Louise Bowman, branch manager. "Clarkston has been very good to us. It's a great fit."

As a credit union, members own the business, not stockholders.

"Any member can sit on the board," Bowman said. "When the stock market fell, many members were concerned. The CEO met with and called them personally to discuss their concerns."

Becoming a member at Oakland County Credit Union is easy. Anyone who works, resides, or worships in Oakland County is eligible to join.

"That gives us a more diversified membership," Bowman said. "It's a plus for us and for all our members."

Over 20,000 members already know there just isn't a better place to trust with your financial needs.

"We work with our neighbors," said Pat Newberry, assistant branch manager. "They're our bosses. It's a very friendly



At right, Louise Bowman, branch manager, and Pat Newberry, assistant branch manager, of Oakland County Credit Union - Clarkston.

place."

Members can also earn money for each family member or friend they refer to sign up for membership.

With the credit union for 25 years, Bowman is on the third generation of several families, all members.

"We see parents, then their kids, then their grandkids here," she said. "It's nice, keeping the continuity."

OCCU believes in the credit-union philosophy that people come before profits. Profit is returned to its members in the form of higher savings rates, lower loan rates and

quality facilities.

OCCU prides itself on almost 60 years of community involvement.

They offer scholarships for Clarkston, Waterford, Oxford, and Lady of the Lakes high school students, march in local parades, and sponsor events, golf leagues, softball teams, and other groups.

Oakland County Credit Union is a full-service financial institution, providing a complete menu of savings and loan products, including mortgages, car loans, Visa cards, online banking, and financial planning.


The credit union also offers a full range of online services, but many members enjoy the personal service of a live teller.

"Members like to do their banking face to face with the same people," said Bowman, who started with OCCU as a teller. "We're lucky to have retained employees — they average about eight years. That builds relationships with members."

Residents can become a member by visiting one of the branch offices or apply online.

Lobby hours are 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday; with extended drive-thru hours, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on Fridays.

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"We cannot say enough positive things about the credit union. The Oxford Branch has been a really nice addition since we live in Oxford, too."
Eric & Julie Mullen, Members since 1997

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Gold City: 'We treat people with dignity'

Mark knows he can't change the lives of anyone who walks through the door at Gold City.

But he does believe he can help make things better.

A retired auto worker, Mark said the business operates from a family-oriented perspective.

"People come to us for many reasons," he said, noting he and his wife Sherrie – a retired school bus driver – opened the business in Auburn Hills last July, and own a second store in Hazel Park, as well. "Extra money for vacations, a shopping trip, or just to pay some bills."

But sometimes, it's a different story.

"Some people who come to us are at a low point," he said. "They've lost their jobs, exhausted their savings and run out of money. We've had people take the wedding bands right off their fingers here at the counter."

It's difficult to watch, and not something Mark takes lightly.

Still, he knows the extra cash will allow them to put food on the table and move toward the future.

"We treat people with dignity," he said. "We're not the stereotypical gold buyers; probably two or three times a day people come in and tell me they were treated rudely in other places. We treat people the way we would want to be treated."

And that includes paying a fair price.

Gold City buys gold, silver, platinum, coins and bullion. Most people bring in unwanted or broken jewelry, and – after a short process to weigh items, deter-

mine karat, etc. – Mark will present an offer.

"We pay more than anyone else around," he said, noting folks are in and out in just a few minutes. "But there's no obligation to sell. We'd like to buy from you, and we'll smile and try to entice you, but there's never any obligation."

Currently, he said, silver is selling at a 30 year high. As long as jewelry and other items are sterling silver, he'll buy.

Not sure? Bring it anyway – a simple, quick test will answer the question in a flash.

There's no need to break out the silver polish, either.

"People might have old tea set just sitting around, but think they should clean it before coming in," he said. "Don't worry about tarnish, or cleaning it. Just bring it in its current condition." No appointments are necessary.

The business, Mark said, has been well-received in the area.

"We're getting a lot of return customers and referrals," he said. "People come in and say their mother or sister or neighbor told them about us. It's nice to hear, and nice to know we can touch people's lives in some small way."

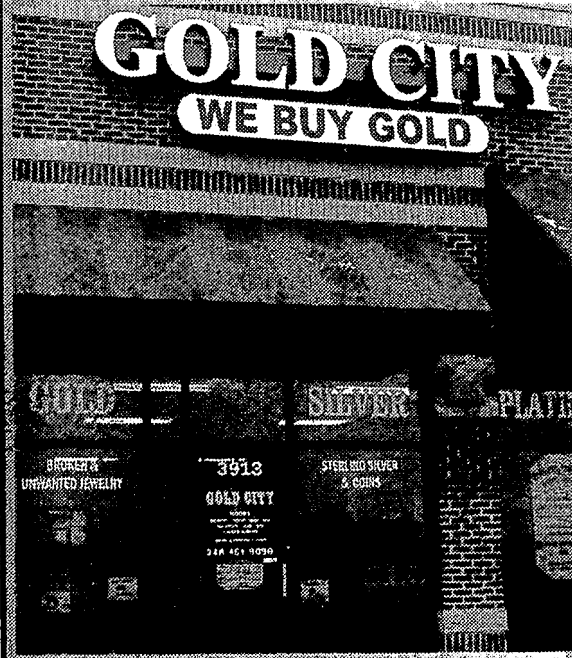
Gold City, located at 3913 Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills, and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 248-451-9090 for more information or visit www.goldcity1.com.



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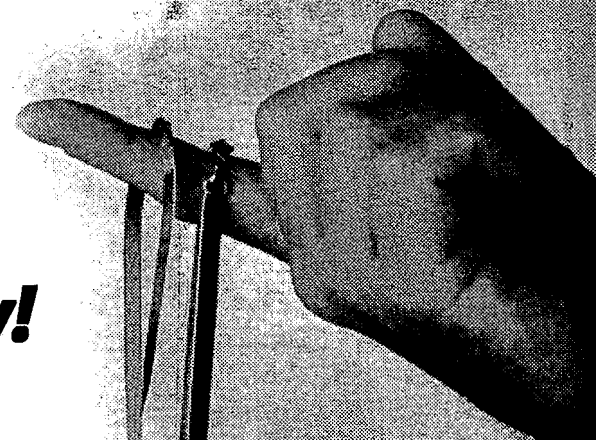


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What Badour's business offers is a safe, economical alternative to chain link fencing. His product, Hidden Fencing, is 99.2 percent effective at training a dog to respect the boundaries of a yard.

Not to mention Hidden Fencing can save pet owners thousands compared to wood or metal fence installation.

"It gives you an inexpensive and humane way of keeping your pet in your yard," Badour said. "There's no guarantee that a chain link fence will work either. Dogs can climb over them or dig under them or someone will make the mistake of leaving the gate open. I've had plenty of calls to go put in an electric fence inside their fence."

With Hidden Fencing, the dog is fit with 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.

Randy Badour, owner of SafeBet Hidden Fencing, and his dog, Bella.



"Depending on the dog, you are talking about two weeks for training. Once they hear that warning tone that is all it takes," said Badour, who uses Hidden Fencing to keep his dogs Bella and Annie, from terrorizing the neighbors.

Hidden Fencing's collar interacts with a boundary of wire installed into the ground. The process of setting up the wire takes between two and four hours.

Badour and his crew slice open the ground in order to thread Hidden Fencing across the yard.

"We're a local business. I think we offer a little more personal touch for the customer. We're available when the customer calls and we're there the same day doing whatever they need, from any problems they have with the system to training their dog," Badour said.

Purchasing Hidden Fencing is also easy,

convenient and hassle free. Prices include installation and are STRAIGHT FORWARD, NO GAMES, GUESSING OR SALES PRES-SURE. All prices and packages are listed on their website so customers know up front what package would best suit their needs and their budget.

All of Badour's packages include up to one acre of Hidden Fencing wiring (larger areas slightly more).

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," Badour said.

The aforementioned devices and others including training equipment for sporting dogs and other remote training collars are available for purchase online.

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The registered nurse and owner of Wellness Enhancement, LLC, has helped to improve the health and well-being of many people.

She has helped people with acute injuries, acute and chronic illnesses and pain, as well as assisted otherwise healthy people with anxiety and stress management.

"Jan Tait brought Healing Touch into my life when I was recovering from cancer, radiation and a serious hospital infection," said Annis Pratt, Ph.D. "When I was feeling physically battered and my spirits were rattled to the core, Healing Touch treatments realigned my body and soothed my soul."

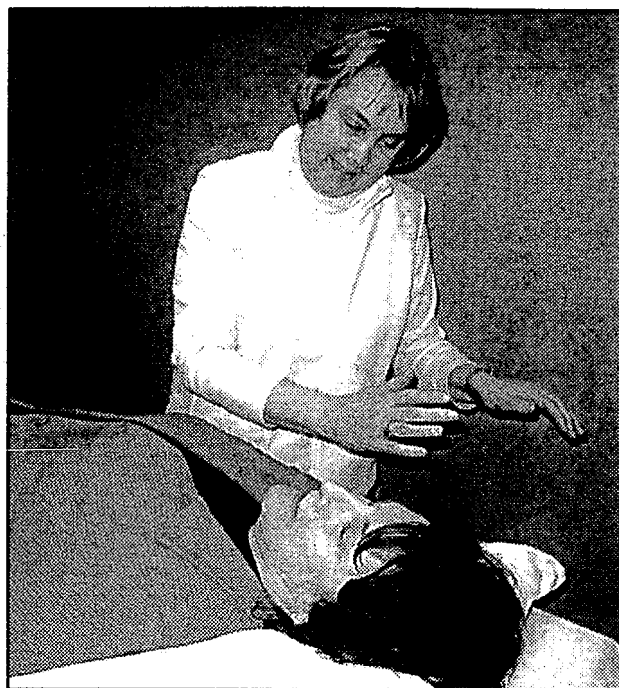
Healing Touch (HT) is a modern adaptation of ancient healing practice. It is an energy-based therapeutic approach to healing used to induce changes in the human energy system affecting physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health and well-being. HT complements traditional medicine by balancing a person's energy field.

"More and more hospitals are integrating Healing Touch into patient care," says Tait, who is a certified Healing Touch Practitioner and Instructor. "I believe it should be the standard of care in hospitals."

She teaches classes at a number of places including the University of Michigan Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland and at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Oxford.

Healing Touch classes are open to everyone and are approved for contact hours for nurses and massage therapists. It is thought that everyone has the ability to do energy work.

Tait explains the theory of HT is that we are energy and that in good health energy flows in, through and out of our energy field which actually extends beyond our skin.



Jan Tait of Wellness Enhancement, LLC.

Whenever there is an illness, an injury or when we are under stress, our energy field is out of balance. Healing Touch is done by touching the person lightly or moving the hands in the energy field.

This helps to rebalance the person's energy, facilitating

healing. The techniques are simple, yet very profound. The client remains clothed.

The person does not have to believe that Healing Touch will work for it to be effective. It works well with people that are skeptical.

Helping the body to heal an acute injury is just one of the uses for Healing Touch. It reduces pain, promotes relaxation and enhances the body's ability to heal itself.

Headaches and backaches often respond well to HT. People with chronic pain, who have not been able to control the pain in other ways have experienced improvements with HT.

Treatments before surgery can prepare the person physically and mentally. After surgery HT can accelerate wound healing. Treatments can promote healing of bones. It is useful reducing the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

Hospice patients often notice an increased sense of peacefulness. Caregivers can be taught to do simple techniques to work with patients.

To review some of the research done on Healing Touch, visit the Healing Touch International website at www.HealingTouchInternational.org.

Tait's office provides a calm, relaxing atmosphere. Sessions are an hour long and are offered by appointments. Hospital and home visits are available. Gift certificates are available.

Wellness Enhancement, LLC is located in the Winship building, 7183 N. Main St., Suite M, Clarkston, 48346. Details: 248-627-2125 or e-mail jtait@jtaitwellness.com or www.jtaitwellness.com

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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 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



Front from left, Nikki Christensen, Michael Lajoice, Donna Bullard, Crystal Minton, Jonathan Daniels, Kara Evans, Shelly Kidd, Kathy Kelly Jody Hurren, Jennifer Adcock and Valerie Peterson. The CBCCU-Clarkston.

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 mem-

bers 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 Share Insurance Fund U.S. Government Agency. IRA accounts are also insured up to \$250,000.

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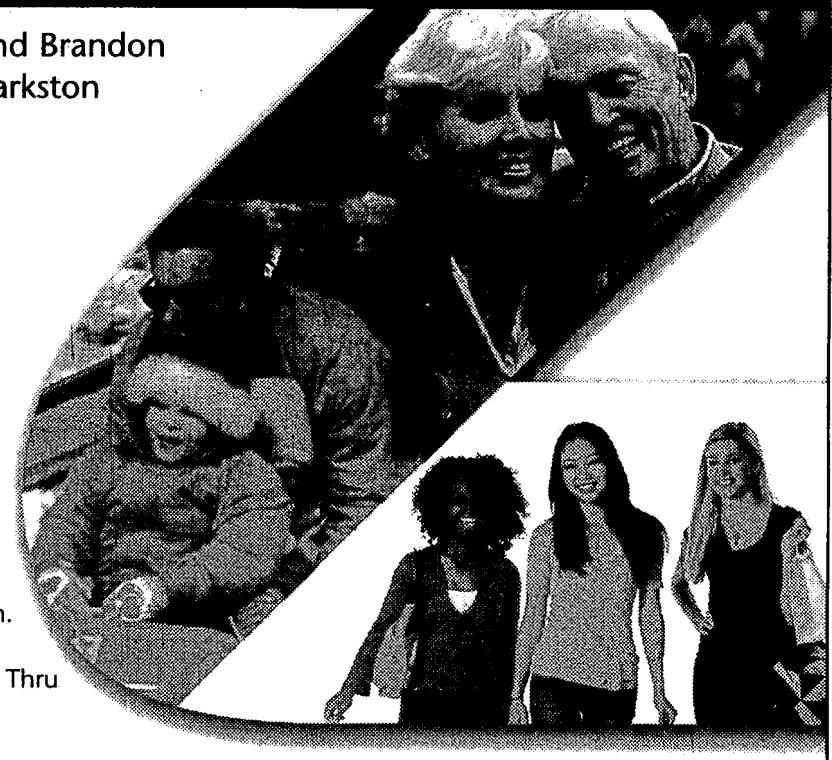


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Dr. David Regiani: Healthy smiles all around for life

So you're brushing your teeth and you notice a little pink on your toothbrush, but it didn't hurt. Big deal - or not? If it's one spot and you just removed a popcorn kernel, your mouth should heal within minutes. Anything else is cause for concern.

Skin doesn't bleed on its own. It's the largest organ in your body and first line of defense to protect you. You'd probably be scared if your fingers bled on their own when you washed your hands. So yes, you should worry when the skin inside your mouth no longer protects you either.

Bleeding gums (also called "gingivitis") are a sign of chronic inflammatory disease. Breathing and swallowing carry this into your lungs and digestive system. To stop the process, you need dental intervention.

In Dr Regiani's office, a small sample of plaque is taken from the area around a tooth and examined under a microscope. Is the culprit bacteria, fungus, viral or what? Once we know, we can help effectively treat the problem, often without surgery.

Some of those same bacteria may be eating away at your teeth, too. Two professional products remineralize very early stages of tooth decay, MI Paste and ICON. Unlike rinses advertised on TV, these really do work, and Dr Regiani offers them both. MI Paste can be used at home to reduce chances of early decay turning into full-blown cavities. Kids whose front teeth showed unsightly white marks after braces were removed are especially happy with the results from ICON.

Of all the new products and technology in recent years, only CEREC 3D® can make most crowns in one visit. Traditionally, once an old filling was removed and decay cleaned, a goopy impression was taken of your mouth. Models were



Front from left: Kristan Spaulding and Mary Schoenherr. Back from left: Vicki Brejnak, Debbie Hoolihan, Beth Boggs, Dr. David Regiani, Sherry Regiani, Anna Short, Laurie May, and Carrie Book. Not pictured: Stephanie Montague. The staff of Dr. David Regiani.

made and sent to a laboratory that made the permanent crown. All this took weeks, while a temporary crown protected the tooth. Now, using CAD technology instead of goopy impressions, patients leave with a permanent lifelike crown in about the same time it took to make a temporary one. No second visit or more numbing, and Dr Regiani has precision

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Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram: Your Hometown Dealer

"We're your Hometown Dealer," General Manager David Ryda said. "Al Deeby's loyalty and hard work have earned his dealership the trust and respect of his community."

He went on to say, "we will continue to do so during these hard economic times. We strive to provide our customers with the same level of quality in both sales and service with affordable prices they have come to know."

A true leader in the community, Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram supports several area organizations: Clarkston SCAMP (a five week summer camp for children and young adults with special needs), Taste of Clarkston, Holiday Lights Parade, Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades as well as several other community events throughout the year.

"We're here to support our community, we're here for the long haul. To us, it's basic stuff. It's caring about people. At Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, we are geared toward customer-focused processes and insist all of our employees are committed and involved," Deeby said.

Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram's dedication shines through every inch of the 27,000 square foot family friendly showroom and service center.

After dropping off a vehicle for the high-

est quality care, customers can relax in the spacious lounge, featuring a plasma television, wireless Internet access, complimentary gourmet coffee and snack bar.

Customers can even borrow a laptop computer to use during their visit. For the little ones, Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram offers a play-zone just for them.

The youngest visitors can enjoy their own plasma television, plenty of toys and books, and all the snacks and drinks mom and dad will allow!

"Our mission statement says that 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 we'd want to be treated ourselves."

This philosophy goes all the way back to December 2000 when Alphonse J. Deeby III

purchased Garrity Dodge in Hamtramck and renamed it in honor of his father, who worked there for over 40 years.

"It all really goes back to my dad, Al Deeby," said Deeby. "You couldn't help but learn the right way to do things and how to take care of people and we're real passionate about it. That Hometown Dealer slogan, it means everything to us. We want to be the store where people just stop by to have a cup of coffee and say hello. When they're ready to make a buying decision or need service, they know we're here for them."

Deeby went on to say, "we have never been more excited about the direction Chrysler is going, the lineup has never been better with 16 all new or significantly refreshed vehicles from the all new Jeep Grand Cherokee and Dodge Durango, to the Chrysler 300 and Chrysler

200 as well as the sporty new Dodge Charger. We are optimistic that the economy will continue to improve, even if at a slower pace than we would all like, and look forward to continuing to grow with this fantastic community."

Ryda said the dealership is increasing its selection of pre-owned vehicles for customers to choose from.

"Not everyone wants a new vehicle. Some people prefer to own a used vehicle and there are some tremendous deals out there," Ryda said.

Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram passes all of its pre-owned vehicles through a 125 point inspection. Al Deeby will beat any price on a new Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram or quality pre-owned vehicle.

Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram is located at 8700 Dixie Highway in Clarkston.

Showroom hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday.

Service center hours are 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Monday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Al Deeby, Jennifer Buckman and David Ryda of Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram.

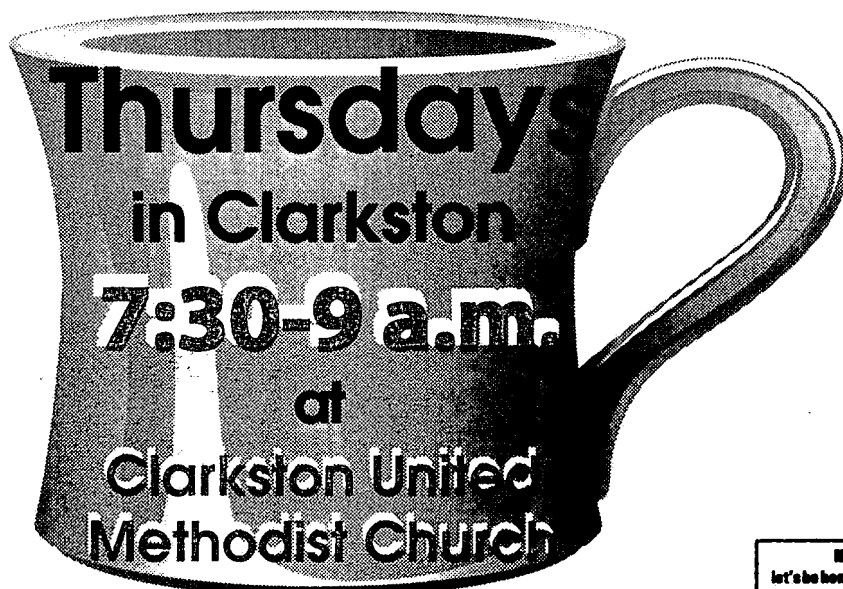
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Clarkston Cleaning celebrates 10 years of service

Celebrating 10 years in the business, Dawn Raffler, owner of Clarkston Cleaning Services, is busier than ever.

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Raffler said they have plans to fit everyone's budget.

"If they only want half of their house cleaned, we have set up quoting where we now can charge per room," she said.

Raffler prides herself in making sure she and the rest of the crew are trained on new techniques and equipment. In order to accommodate training sessions, Clarkston Cleaning Services moved to their new 2,100-square-foot facility located at 5880 Dixie Highway in Clarkston.

"We have a bigger area to actually train our employees and have a daily meeting with them to go over all compliments, complaints and just day to day interface with our employees," Raffler said. "That was a big reason why we moved into a larger facility, so we could train and have better quality assurance."

Clarkston Cleaning Services has also earned the Approved Verified Home Cleaner and Association of Residential Cleaning

Services International's Residential Cleaning Seal of Excellence.

"The Residential Cleaning Seal of Excellence is a program that allows us to demonstrate that we are committed to excellence in our operation and the services we provide to consumers," said Raffler. "The Residential Seal of Excellence provides consumers with a higher level of confidence, and we are proud to be held to those standards."

As far as current trends go, Raffler says people are really into "green cleaning," but she says "green" is not what people think it is.

"They want the green cleaning but they want all their germs killed, you can't have both," she said. "Green cleaning does not kill anything. That's why we've gone to non-toxic, where we don't use bleach or the heavy smelling chemicals."

Raffler said they're also looking to be involved in the community, including sponsoring a baseball team, "Cleaning for a Hero," which is cleaning for disabled veterans, as well as cleaning for cancer patients.

"I believe a company should be involved in the community," she said.

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Dawn Raffler, owner of Clarkston Cleaning Services, at her new location.



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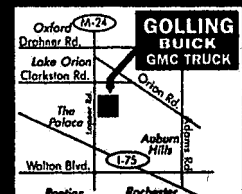
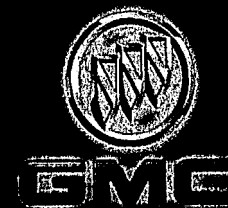
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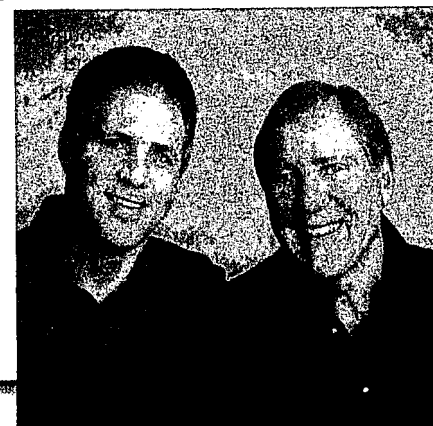
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Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk, both orthodontic specialists, continue to utilize cutting-edge technology to create straight, beautiful, healthy smiles for patients of all ages.

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This includes movies in the reception area, a gourmet coffee selection for adults, and contests complete with prizes that appeal to everyone. Winners in the patient referral contest have enjoyed a night out on the town including the use of a limousine.

Many people are unaware of the additional training necessary to become an orthodontic specialist. Both Dr. Munks have completed an additional two year college program beyond dental school.

They also continue to attend numerous continuing education courses to keep them current on all of the latest technological advances.

"We continue to research new products and treatment options to provide patients with the very best in orthodontic care," said Dr. Charles W. Munk.

One such advance utilized at Munk & Associates Orthodontics is the Damon® System.

The Damon® System employs a unique

treatment philosophy that goes beyond straight teeth to create broad, beautiful smiles. This system takes into account each patient's face, profile and other factors, anticipating what patients will look like in their 40's, 50's and beyond.

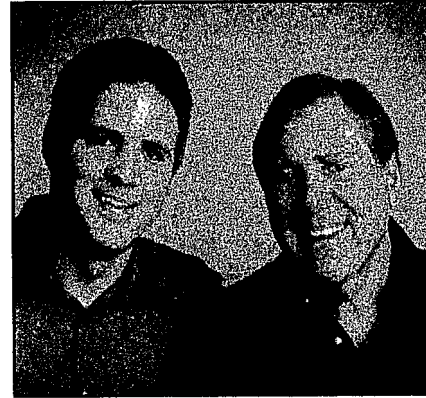
The days of having braces tightened are over. The Damon® System uses tie-less brackets that reduce pressure on teeth allowing them to move more comfortably. This innovative approach to orthodontics ensures greater comfort throughout treatment. These "breakthrough brackets" offer an advanced micro design which makes treatment faster, with fewer appointments, and better hygiene.

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"The communities that we work in have shown our offices tremendous support throughout the years," said Dr. Charles F. Munk. "It has been such an honor to be voted Best of the Best in both Clarkston and Oxford."

"We want our communities to know that we will continue to support many local programs such as SCAMP and the Parks & Recreation Departments." Our entire office team enjoys being involved with these organizations.

Our office is also proud to again this year be a part of the Clarkston Health Care Professionals college scholarship program. This is a very rewarding opportunity to assist a local high school student achieve their dream of becoming a health care professional.

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Golling Buick GMC expands, renovates showroom

Golling Buick GMC in Lake Orion is getting ready to celebrate 31 years in business in May and have big news for the community as they approach that milestone.

Golling Buick GMC is in the midst of a very significant renovation and expansion of their facility at 1491 S. Lapeer Road.

"We will offer a state of the art facility for our customers with expanded hours and more services than ever before", said John Cooper, General Manager of the dealership.

At Golling, this all falls in line with the world around them. As General Motors emerged from bankruptcy and the dealership acquired the Buick franchise, it was fitting that plans were laid out for the renovated facility. Buick and GMC are considered by the automotive community as premium brands and with that in mind, the Golling Team set out to bring the facility up to the standards of the brands offered. Golling is always about putting the customers first and as their customers will see with their own eyes in early April, the facility shouts out to all that Golling is customer friendly and focused.

The service department is evolving and beginning this spring the dealership will open a Tire and Lube Center which will serve the community as never before in a franchised new car dealership.

"We will offer oil change and tire service for ALL makes when this facility opens in early April", said Cooper. He explained that not only is the dealership gearing up to handle all makes in service, but it is going to be first in convenience when it comes to hours of operation.

The dealership Lube and Tire Center will be open late nights and weekends, including Sunday. Seven days-a-week service from a franchised new car dealer might be a first in the market.

It is something the folks at Golling are taking very seriously as they find new and better ways to serve the public. "Seven days-a-week is a huge deal in this market and we intend to offer more and better services as we earn our stripes each and every day."

The other major change at the dealership is the absolutely beautiful new showroom which has almost doubled in size and offers a facility that is second to none for customers who visit the facility for sales or service.

A late spring Grand Re-opening is planned and as always there will be a lot of activity at the dealership. Events include various community fund raising events, classic car shows which will be featured every month starting in May and finishing with the huge

car show in September.

At Golling they feel like the commitment to the community is very important and also feel like sharing their facility with various community groups to benefit those groups in so many ways.

Along with the additions to the building the dealership is also adding 12 to 14 full time jobs in sales and service. The showroom at Golling Buick GMC is open on Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Service, parts, and body shop operations are open at 7 a.m. during the week until 6 p.m. most nights with Monday and Thursday extended hours to 7 p.m. and Saturday service from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The new Lube and Tire Center opens in April with hours expanding into late evenings all nights and all day Saturday plus 5 hours of Sunday service.



John Cooper, General Manager of Golling Buick GMC, is happy to announce the addition of the Tire and Lube center.

Come on out and see the excitement as we are open during this construction with our temporary showroom in the new Lube and Tire Center while we await our completion of the showroom. We are open and having a great time selling and servicing great cars and trucks.

Golling Buick GMC can be reached at 248-693-5900 or their website gollingbg.com.

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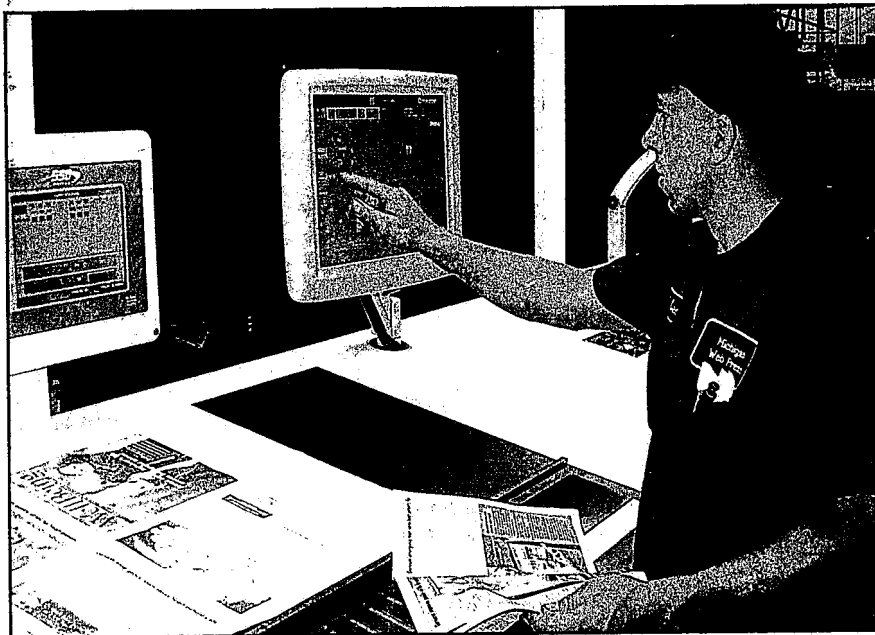
Michigan Web Press has been "delivering the news" for more than 30 years. The commercial web-offset printing company, located in Davisburg, Mich., prints for more than 200 different daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and periodicals. Michigan Web Press contracts its web printing services to the owners and publishers of newspapers from all over Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

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."

The company prides itself on high-quality printing and exceptional customer service.

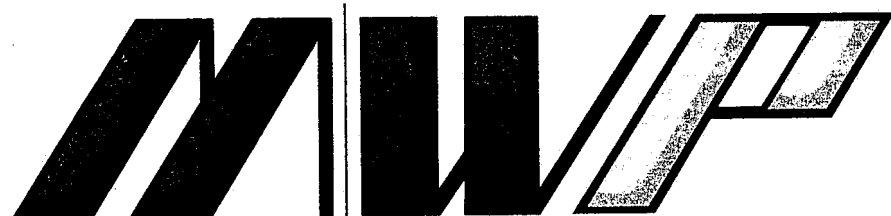
Wes Smith, the company's sales manager, talks about Michigan Web Press' customer focus: "Our responsibility to our customers is twofold. First, we must stay on top of printing technology to deliver the best printed product at the lowest cost to our customers.

Secondly, we must make sure we understand our customers' changing needs and show them how to utilize the technology to their greatest benefit." That includes, says Smith, consulting with publishers on how to maximize press and color capacity and working directly with customers' staffs to keep them 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.

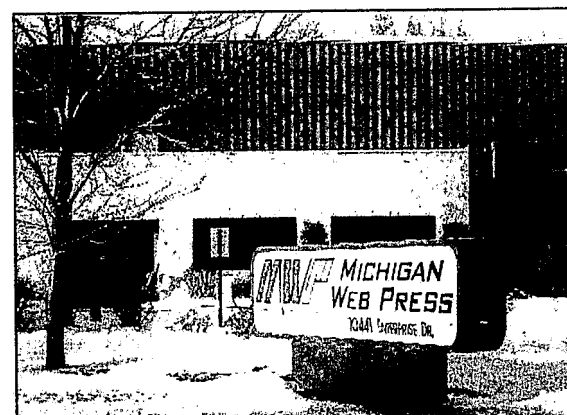
Hagerman is proud of the company's track record when it comes to meeting customers' deadlines. "We rarely miss a delivery deadline. We understand the importance of getting the printed news delivered to our customer's readers on time. If it means Rick, Wes or I have to get on the press or in the truck 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 to keep them in business and we take that responsibility to heart every single day."

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The community can be assured that in over 50 years, this has not changed. What has changed, is the name of the doctor caring for patients and the advancements which help them. This past February, Dr. Brad Greenfield celebrated his first anniversary as the sole proprietor of the practice. He has brought with him an easy, gentle chair-side manner, curiosity and a passion of expanding and improving the experience patients have when seeking dental care.

The practice has a warm and relaxing atmosphere and cutting edge technology, which allows Dr. Greenfield to offer our community the most advanced and painless procedures in the industry.

“Our mission is to provide every patient with compassionate and innovative care utilizing the latest technology. We are here to help people take pride in their smiles,” he said.

The practice offers a variety of services including preventative and general dentistry, children's dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, holistic restorative dentistry, CEREC technology, laser dentistry and sedation dentistry. Dr. Greenfield is also a provider of Lumineers®, which is a conservative and non-invasive way to improve your smile.



Of the manners and training the Lake Orion Family Dentistry team, Dr. Brad Greenfield (center) says, “They are amazing.”

For those people who have a fear of painful shots, Dr. Greenfield has a nurse anesthesiologist on his team to sedate patients with intravenous sedation. “By offering this service, the nurse can focus on the patients' comfort while I can focus more on the procedure,” he said.

Dr. Greenfield takes pride in the modern equipment his office has invested in, adding he and his team continually look for advance-

ments in technology and procedures. Such advancements have made it possible for patients to come in, and in one day leave with a partial or full crown. State-of-the-art digital imaging allows computers to design, mill and finish a perfectly matched crown out of ceramic. No temporary crowns needed.

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the office air. Digital imagery makes the process easier for patients and for retrieving images in the future. With digital imagery the amount of radiation used has been dramatically decreased.

Technology has also helped improve smiles with the use of lasers, instead of using scalpels. Using lasers to “redesign” smiles provides higher precision, is easier on the soft tissue, and eliminates unwarranted pain.

Dr. Greenfield has also opened the practice to holistic dentistry — using non-reactive materials like low-fusing ceramics for restorative procedures. He works in conjunction with several holistic practitioners to provide an individualized treatment plan to meet the patients' needs.

Dr. Greenfield and his team receive hundreds of hours of training a year, and are always finding ways to make their practice more open, approachable, affordable and practical.

The 21st Century has come to dentistry and to our community with Lake Orion Family Dentistry. Check out their updated website, www.drbradgreenfield.com, for innovations in oral health, to ask questions of Dr. Greenfield, print coupons, and read about procedures available. There is also a cool “Kid Zone” section to help kids get comfortable with dentists. You can make appointments and apply for payment credit, as well.

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“Our goal is to provide members with products and services that make their lives easier,” said Jackie Buchanan, CEO. “Being able to manage their Genisys accounts from a mobile phone or a home computer helps them save both time and money.”

Genisys also partners with several organizations including AAA of Michigan, AMC Theatre, Cedar Point, Cleary University, FamilyMint, Liberty Mutual, Members Home Auto, Palace Sports & Entertainment, Sprint



Genisys Credit Union Branch Managers (from left) Hollie Sayles, Elizabeth Meyer, Angela Swain and Kevin Wisely.

and Turbo Tax, which allow them to provide discounts and free programs to their members to help families save money.

Genisys continues to give back to the community, which shows in their sponsorship of over 325 events. In 2010, staff, family and friends volunteered over 4,000 hours of community involvement on behalf of Genisys. The organization's corporate initiatives this year include the Holiday Extravaganza Parade, OLHSA's Walk for Warmth and United Way.

Financial literacy is extremely important at Genisys. They formed a strategic business

alliance with Cleary University to offer tuition grants specifically designated for the members and employees of the credit union.

Two scholarships named in honor of former CEO, Dianne Addington, are also available for Cleary University and Baker College degree-seeking students who serve their communities as leaders and volunteers.

Genisys is the first credit union to take financial responsibility to a new level by partnering with FamilyMint, a free hands-on budgeting tool that provides parents and grandparents with an interactive online resource to teach children about financial

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As their Moola Moola, Y&I and Teen Advantage Club youth members get closer to graduation, they can look into applying for a Credit Union Student Choice Loan through Genisys to help decrease the financial burden of college once their other resources have been exhausted.

Genisys increased its used vehicle loan balances by 37.5 percent last year and continues to have millions to lend. They've partnered with GM in the “Invest In America” program, offering great rates and discounts that could save people thousands when financed through Genisys.

At Genisys, they are committed to giving back to the community and helping people reach their financial goals.

Meeting financial needs “Your Way” is their mission, and they strive to accomplish this through their values of being trustworthy, people focused and providing quality service. They are glad to be part of your community, and truly believe that Genisys is “where you come first.”

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Smith's recycle center

How does a garbage company approaching its 30-year anniversary celebrate? "You start a recycle company," says Carol Evans, owner of Smith's Disposal, a company her father started in May of 1981.

As public, industrial and governmental demand for recycling continues to increase, solid waste haulers are forced to continually adapt and find new and efficient ways to handle the material while still controlling the cost, which General Manager Archie Munson says "is a never ending battle."

"The recycling industry as a whole has been extremely volatile the past two to three years. The larger processing centers came to us as haulers with the Single Stream method of recycling, which means neither the customer nor the hauler had to sort the material, in 2008," Munson said. "Everyone agreed it was a great way to increase recycling by the public because it made it so easy. We bought trucks specifically designed to handle the material."

However, shortly after Smith's bought the trucks and began the program, the larger processing centers began charging them for the service.

"The program had become such an overwhelming success, we couldn't just cancel it. Besides that, we had bought trucks

specific to that process, and they weren't going to take them back," Munson said. "That's when Carol and I began talking about opening our own Recycling Center."

Evans is proud to announce that Smith's Recycling will be opening later this spring. It will be located at the former location of Smith's Disposal in Springfield Township.

"I'd really like to thank Mike Trout (Springfield Township supervisor)," she said. "He was very excited about the idea when I spoke to him and has been very helpful."

Initially, the Recycling Center will service commercial clients only and won't be available as a public drop off center until late summer.

"We'll need some time to get all of our equipment installed and processes implemented. Our first priority is making sure there is no interruption in the curbside recycling service we provide to our customers," Munson said. "Then we will begin putting together our public drop off area."

Evans is glad the recycling is here to stay.

"As a society, everything is geared toward controlling pollution, preserving natural resources and reducing landfills," she said. "As a solid waste hauler, you have to adapt and find ways to provide these



Julie Nitowski, Owner Carol Evans, Damien Evans, Wendy Neideck, Archie Munson, Michelle Michalski

services to your customers. If you don't, you just won't make it."

As for celebrating 30 years in business,

Evans called it "an incredible accomplishment."

"I know my Dad would be so proud."

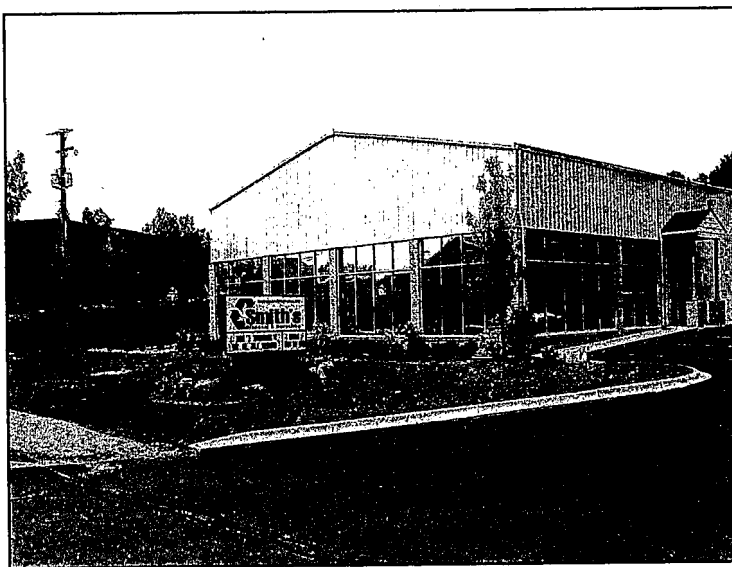


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That's the word from Ed Smith, Ryce Akins and Lynn Harmon, partners at Mimi's Metals in Lake Orion.

"We know if we're honest with people, they're not only going to come back, they're also going to tell their family and friends about us, and that's the best kind of advertising we can get," said Smith, who began collecting coins as a child some 25 years ago.

Established in 2008 and open in its current location since November, Mimi's Metals buys, sells and trades all precious metals, including gold, silver, platinum, and palladium.

For Smith, what started as a hobby soon became a passion. The draw, he explained, was both the artistic value of the different designs, as well as the historical aspect - knowing the pieces were once traded as actual currency.

As he read any information he could find on the topic, Smith began buying precious metals as a mechanism for saving - and recommending others do the same.

"It can be difficult for a lot of people to save money," he said. "By investing in precious metals, you're saving, as well as preserving your wealth against inflation."

With so much interest and knowledge



Mimi's Metals is named for Mimi, a three-year-old Chihuahua who often greets visitors with a friendly hello.

about the topic, it only made sense to set up shop and open a business.

"We got tired of seeing friends taken advantage of by people in this business," said Akins, explaining that a large part of the focus at Mimi's Metals is on education - helping people understand the value of

their coins, jewelry or other possessions, whether they're looking to sell or not.

"We always pay the best price possible," Smith added. "We'll sit down and talk with people, let them know how to test for silver, how to look at a piece and make an accurate judgment of its value, and how

to find items of value."

While jewelry, coins and bullion make up the bulk of merchandise Mimi's Metals deals in, other items come and go, as well.

Silver, especially, is moving fast.

"Anything silver is hot right now," Smith said. "Tea sets, silverware, jewelry, coins - if it's silver, there's someone who will buy it."

Including Mimi's Metals.

"We constantly have people in and out of here. We pay as high as we can and sell as low as we can. Our margins are thinner, but our volume is higher and that keeps us profitable and keeps people coming in."

In addition to the business' buy/sell/trade aspect, they also offer precious metal estate appraisal services, fundraising opportunities for non-profit organizations. Jewelry is available at wholesale prices, as well.

For example, a shopper might come by one day and find a \$10,000 wedding set for \$2,500.

The business is fully insured and meets all requirements of the Michigan Precious Metal and Gem Dealer Act, as required by state law.

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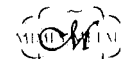
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Hiring good people on their own is probably the thing companies struggle with the most, and yet it's the most important thing they do for their business, according to Doug Scott, general manager of Movement Search & Delivery, a professional executive search firm with global reach.

That's why Scott believes it's important to have professionals do the recruiting and screening properly and find the right candidate for the job.

"The recruiters who work for us are at the top and my job is to provide all the resources possible to make sure they are successful," Scott said. "Not many people can do this business well, and I want to make sure that Movement is always the firm of choice for the best in our industry."

After working 20 years for one of the largest national staffing firms, he was ready for change and in 2010, Scott along with other key members of the firm that he worked with previously decided to step out on their own and Movement was born. In early 2010 Movement opened their doors in Clarkston and is currently the largest tenant in the Clarkston Mills Mall on W. Washington.

"Many of us have worked with other firms throughout the entire region. There was a lot of pressure to move closer to the Troy and

Birmingham areas as it would put us in closer proximity to the entire candidate client population of the region," Scott said.

However, Movement chose downtown Clarkston because of the amenities and character that exist in the village. They wanted a place that provides a unique working environment for their associates.

"I worked in the traditional office settings my entire career; too much concrete," Scott said. "Now we enjoy looking out at the Clinton River, taking a stroll through Depot Park at lunchtime, and our clients don't mind taking the extra few minutes to come to us. Once they're here, they don't want to leave."

Movement's business strategy focuses on filling all the key positions their clients have regardless of specialization, a key differentiator from their competitors.

"Over the years our industry has become increasingly specialized. Most staffing agencies only work to place accountants or information technology professionals, or lawyers, etc." adds Scott. "Movement is different. We may start by filling a key R&D Engineer for a client and then we gain their confidence to let us into all of their departments where they have needs."

Another key to Movement's success is their advanced use of technology and social networking. The firm utilizes internet spider



technology and database tools to surface passive candidates who are open to exploring new opportunities. Additionally, Movement's recruiters have extensive experience in managing human behavior to assure they match the best candidate to their client's openings.

"We do this by mastering the art and science of our business that is required to be

successful," Scott said. "Technology allows recruiters to find just about anyone out there. It's another matter altogether to find the absolute best candidate and get them signed, sealed and delivered to the customer."

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Children learn and play in TLE's fun atmosphere

Music, science, fitness, math, reading, technology, art appreciation – sounds like a pretty busy day for an elementary school student.

However, this is the schedule of a preschooler at The Learning Experience, a child day care center that prides itself on it's award winning, cutting edge curriculum and professional, certified staff members.

Children at The Learning Experience in Clarkston are exposed to a solid core curriculum. The day is structured to include many educational components as well as free time and fun activities. Older children have a curriculum workbook that they use everyday and keep a journal.

"Most 4-year-olds at the center are reading," said owner Pam Rush.

"This is considered a learning center. We have a very strong preschool," she said.

However, playing is still a big part of the center, and each room is filled with toys.

Besides the two large outside playgrounds, The Learning Experience is unique with their own indoor micro-Disneyland called Make Believe Boulevard.

Children love to explore socio-dramatic play and the room is one of the favorites! They adore dressing up and playing in the mock house, store, diner and fire department.



The Learning Experience staff enjoy teaching and helping children develop emotionally, socially and cognitively.

The carpeted upper level allows for some free play and also has a slide that flows into a ball pit.

"At any given time, we'll see kings, queens and princesses playing," Ms. Pam said. "We have a lot of fun here!"

In addition, children participate in enrichment programs such as Fun with Phonics, dance, art, music, math and science. Spanish and sign language are also included.

A bonus that many parents appreciate is that there are no fees for enrichment programs as the tuition is all-inclusive.

The facilities at The Learning Experience are state-of-the-art. From the moment children and parents enter the building they are greeted by a warm and caring atmosphere that is clean and conducive to learning.

Ms. Pam loves working with children and their families and makes sure her staff does,

too. Staff members have to have more than a degree and spotless qualifications. They must genuinely enjoy being around children and interacting with them.

"We are here to love other people's children and keep them happy, safe and educated," she said.

A team of professionals work together to coordinate the day's activities for children. Everyone, from program and state certified lead teachers to the paraprofessionals and on-site cook, have one goal: to build a strong foundation so each child can develop emotionally, socially and cognitively at his or her own pace.

Parents concerned about safety and security can rest easy knowing that they've left their children in good hands. A security system requires that the doors remain locked all day with parents given a key fob for access.

Classrooms contain video monitoring systems so both center administrators and parents can check in on the class regularly. In addition, all staff members undergo an extensive background check.

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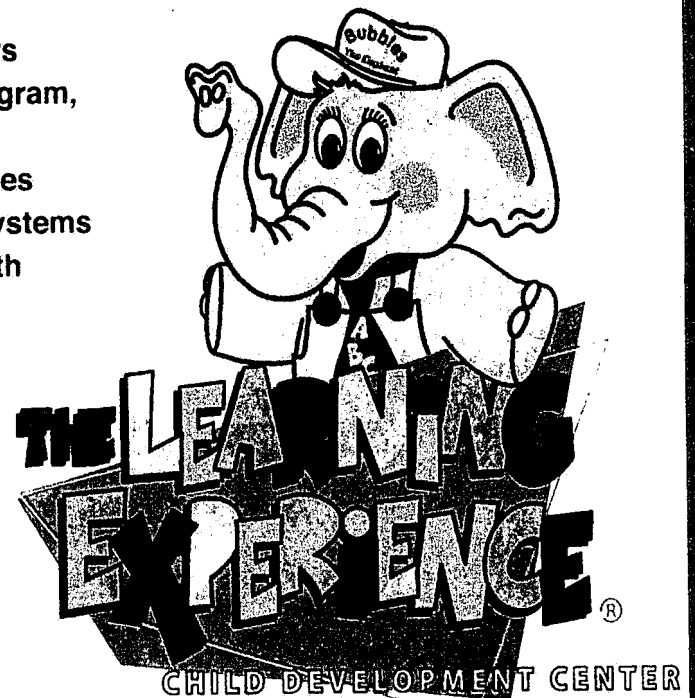
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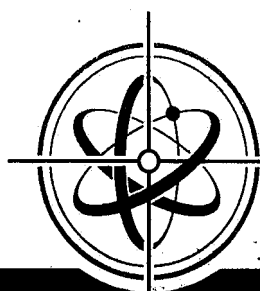
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But there is good news.

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Because you can't prevent what you don't know, discovering your risk factors is important.

Talk to your physician today about your risks and whether or not any screening tests might be appropriate.

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Coronary Calcium Score (Heart Scan)

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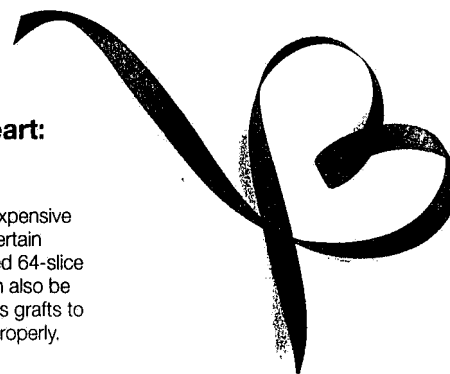
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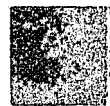
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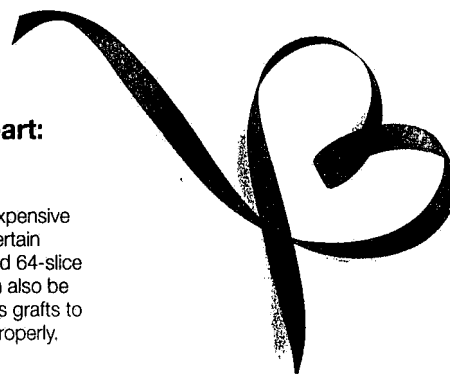


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