

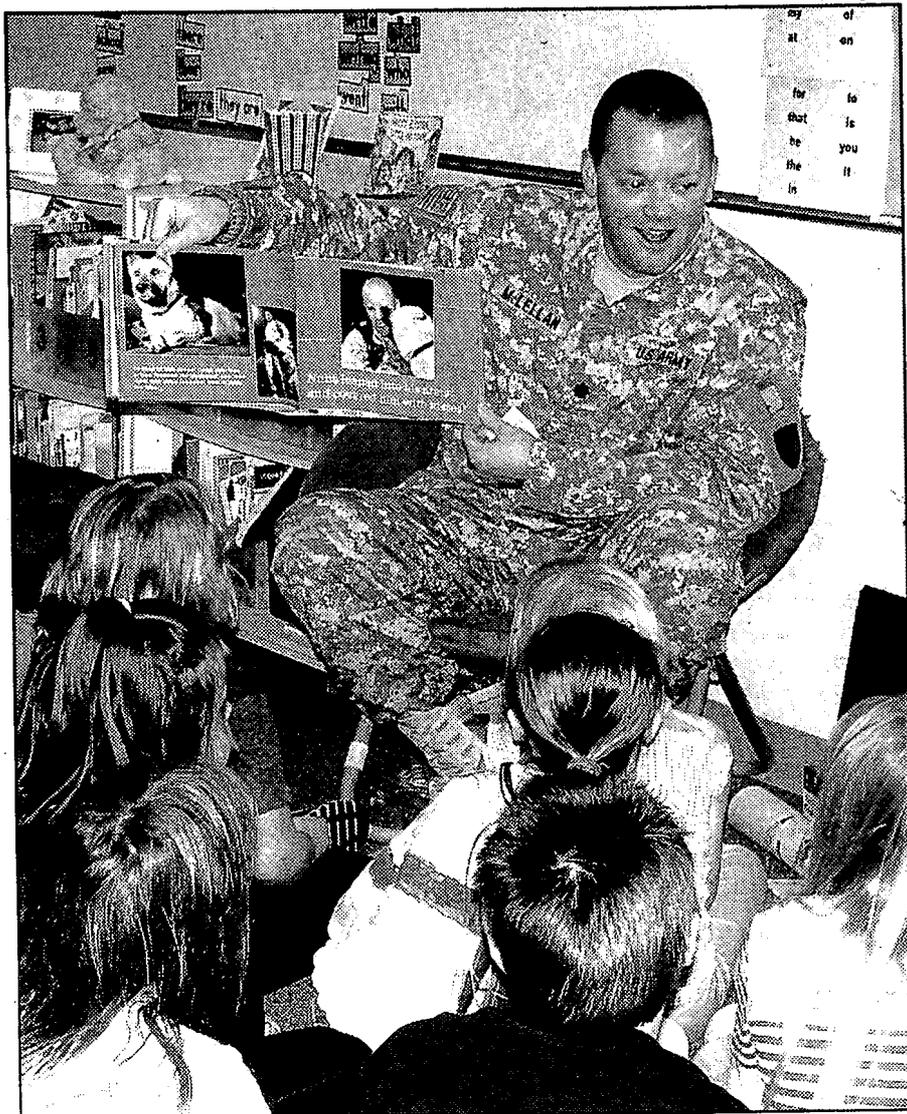
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## Reading up on recent history

Celebrity reader Don McLellan, lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, reads a story about a military dog in the Middle East to students at Bailey Lake Elementary, March 8. Please see page 4A for more pictures from the annual reading event. Photo by Phil Custodio

## What's up with local business?

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Wow, what a difference a year makes!

In this week's edition of your community newspaper, *The Clarkston News*, is the culmination of two months' work. Our 41st annual Progress Edition, *Trends 2012*, showcases the vitality of our local business community. And, vitality is a fitting word.

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We are appreciative of local businesses' continued support, without which we could not keep the community informed and entertained.

This *Clarkston News* in your hands today is 120 pages! A massive undertaking from our entire staff, all of whom we need to thank! We also thank local photographer Mark Kelly for helping us take pictures of our business partners (his ad is on Page B16 in the Progress section).

Inside you'll read how local businesses are excited about their futures. You'll find over 50 coupons inside with great savings and percentages off . . . over \$1,100 in accumulative savings.

You'll notice a returned presence of downtown Clarkston businesses (there's a \$49 "tune-up" special coupon from Kinetic System's Bicycles), food discounts, dentist discounts, furniture discounts, oil

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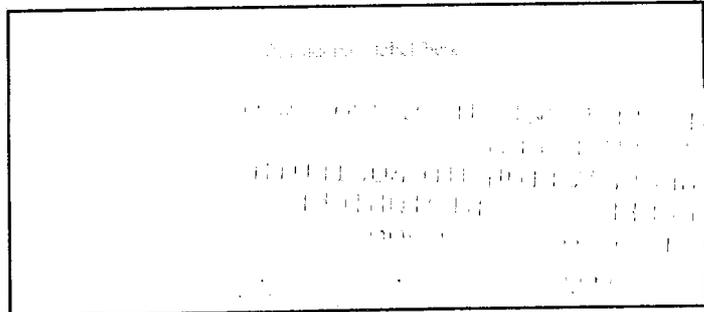
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*The Clarkston News* is always looking for ways to make connections; nine years ago we launched our first webpage, [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com).

In 2010, we flipped the switch for [www.ClarkstonTV.com](http://www.ClarkstonTV.com), our second website. We have also completed our first year of bringing local business owners together with our weekly Coffee Club networking meetings.

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



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Spring break volunteers are needed this year at the Clarkston Community Garden. Photo provided

# Spring break activities here in town

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students looking to spend spring break serving the community have several opportunities here at home.

Independence Township is planning a Clarkston Community Garden project, April 2-5.

"We hope families will sign up to volunteer a day together. Or, this is a perfect opportunity for students who need to complete community service hours for school," said Kelly Hyer, recreation supervisor for the township.

Volunteers will help finish a permanent fence, placing poles and mesh to keep deer and small animals out of 80 share gardens and two large community garden beds. Volunteers will also clear a space for bee hives.

"With the mild winter, we are anticipating perfect weather to work outside in during the break. Every volunteer will receive a t-shirt and complimentary lunch," said Hyer. "Any Spring Break volunteers will be giving us a 'jump start' for this summer's projects and it is a great way to connect as a community."

Volunteers are needed Monday-Thursday, April 2-5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 248-625-

8223 or download a form at [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org).

Volunteers can work one day or all four at the garden, northeast corner of Stickney and Pine Knob roads.

Clarkston Coalition for Youth is also offering "Spring Break Clarkston Style."

"Encouraging kids to stay home gives them the opportunity to give back to their community, develop themselves as individuals, understand what it means to be a healthy youth and better themselves as opposed to drinking and partying. That's not going to help their future," said Tonya Cunningham, community organizer for the coalition. "It gives them the opportunity to communicate and meet other individuals they wouldn't have met had they not participated in the event."

The coalition is reaching out to businesses, restaurants and organizations that will provide activities and discounts the week of Spring Break, April 2-6. After receiving 87 responses in on a survey sent out to residents, top activities included going to the movie theater, bowling alley, library, zoo and museums. Ninety-eight percent said they would go out for dinner during spring break week if they had a coupon.

Currently planned is a movie day at the

Independence Township Library, a camp at Stars and Stripes Kids Activity Center, discounted teen and adult yoga classes at Yoga Oasis, discounted meals at Stir Crazy and a "packing day" for overseas troops hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary.

"This is all based off of what our mission is," said Colition President Rebecca McGovern. "Our mission is to 'increase positive youth development through community partnerships, providing every youth with the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.'"

Businesses interested organizing an activity or offering a discount can contact the Clarkston Coalition for Youth to Tonya Cunningham at [info@clarkstonyouth.org](mailto:info@clarkstonyouth.org).

For more information on Spring Break, go to [www.clarkstonyouth.org](http://www.clarkstonyouth.org).

"The Clarkston Coalition for Youth is looking forward to rolling out Spring Break-Clarkston Style. This will be a great opportunity for our local youth and parents to participate in fun, safe activities here in Clarkston," said McGovern. "The Coalition is dedicated to making this an annual initiative; with great thanks to our local partnerships, we will be able to make Spring Break-Clarkston Style an ongoing success."

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## Student writers honored by Optimists

From left are Clarkston Optimist Essay Contest winners Alyssa Setting, first place; Rebecca Turner, third place; and Andrea Vedrody, second place. The Optimists presented medals, gift certificates to Best Buy, and breakfast at their March 7 meeting to the Clarkston High School students. The topic this year was "How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community." Setting's essay advances to the district level in the Optimists' national contest. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Increases coming for water and sewer rates

**BY TREVOR KEISER**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township residents will pay more for water and sewer this year.

Township Board approved a 3.6 percent increase in sewer rates and a 5 percent in water rates on a 4-0 vote, March 6. Trustees Larry Rosso and Mark Petterson, and Supervisor David Wagner were absent.

The 3.6 percent equates to \$2.79 per REU (Residential Equivalent Unit) increase quarterly or \$11.12 per REU yearly. Sewer rates are currently \$77.21 quarterly or \$308.84 yearly. The new rates will be \$79.99 quarterly and \$319.96

Water rate payers currently pay \$1.89 per 100 cubic feet of water the five percent increase equates to 9 cents. The new rate is \$1.98 per 100 cubic feet of water.

"We budgeted in 2012 five percent increase in water and four percent increase in sewer," said Linda Richardson, director of Independence Township Department of Public Works.

Trustee David Lohmeier said the board spent a lot of time working with Richardson, Finance Director Susan Hendricks and Budget Analyst Rick Yeager to walk through expectations over the coming years.

"I would expect over the next few years, based on what we looked at, there will be increases on a regular basis," Lohmeier said. "But I think we got a good plan to keep

them in a modest tempered level and actually eating into our fund balances a bit over the next couple years in order to start building them up on a smooth basis rather than try to fix for all the sins of the past all at once."

Audience member and City of the Village of Clarkston resident Cory Johnston asked why the increase was happening when there is no inflation and people's pay is staying the same and home values are dropping.

Trustee Neil Wallace said part of the increase was due to past boards skipping rate increases "particularly in election years."

"They could do that in part because they relied on the growth of this community and the tap in fees that resulted," he said. "They used, what I believe, should have been capital money because you're buying into the system like joining a club."

Wallace also said it had to do with "deferred maintenance."

"We actually have a formula Plante & Moran (township auditors) developed for us that consists of how much money we need to put into operations, our maintenance, and to have on hand for emergencies," added Wallace. "It's a real straight formula; we're just following it now."

Wallace also noted the \$2.7 million the

prior board borrowed from water and sewer to pay for the current township hall. However, Lohmeier said the board had made a "conscience effort" to offset that added cost internally without it being a burden on rate payers.

"We are affected by inflation because we have labor cost and personnel costs burdened by these," he said. "To a greater degree we're also burdened by how much maintenance needs to be done on the infrastructure, how much improvement needs to be done and how much have been deferred in the past, that's just as important in this factor as just pure inflation."

Richardson noted part of the increases are due to increases received from the City of Detroit and Oakland County to discharge for sewer. The rate was raised 7.2 percent last year and 10 percent the year before. She said the 10 percent was never passed along to the locals. Nor did they raise the rates in 2006 to cover the \$22 million in bonds for water improvements, she said.

"We're still trying to pay \$1.2 million in bond payments, we don't have the revenue coming in, and so it's coming out of the reserves of the water," added Richardson. "We're just trying to level everything out and get to where we should be."

Sewer currently has 5.2 million in reserves and water has \$3685,000. The new rates will go into effect March 15.

## Briefly

### Awards for youth

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is accepting nominations for Youth Recognition of outstanding contributions in volunteerism, behavior, academic achievement, and citizenship.

Examples include students who always help clean up after functions, befriend new students, made significant academic or behavioral improvement, and helps senior citizens in the neighborhood.

All deserving youth nominated will be recognized for their contributions at the Youth Recognition Ceremony and Dessert Reception, 7 p.m., April 25, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

Nominees must reside within the Clarkston School District, and nominators must be adults. Deadline is March 26.

For information and nomination forms, call Youth Assistance at 248-623-4313.

### Swan for Life up for foundation award

Clarkston's Swan for Life Cancer Foundation was selected as a candidate for the LIVESTRONG Community Impact Project.

Finalists will be determined through online voting through March 23 at [vote.livestrong.org](http://vote.livestrong.org). Applicants with the top votes per region will receive a financial award to support families fighting cancer. Finalists will also receive tools and resources from the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Swan for Life Cancer Foundation will be considered as a recipient for its Creative Center - Hospital Artist-in-Residence Program.

For more information about Swan for Life Cancer Foundation visit [www.swanforlife.org](http://www.swanforlife.org).

### April Fool's Run

Clarkston Community Church hosts the Seventh Annual April Fool's Run, March 31.

They have a 10K and 5K timed run as well as a 5K walk for \$25. A timed one-mile run is \$10. All proceeds go to the Youth's Homeless Mission Work.

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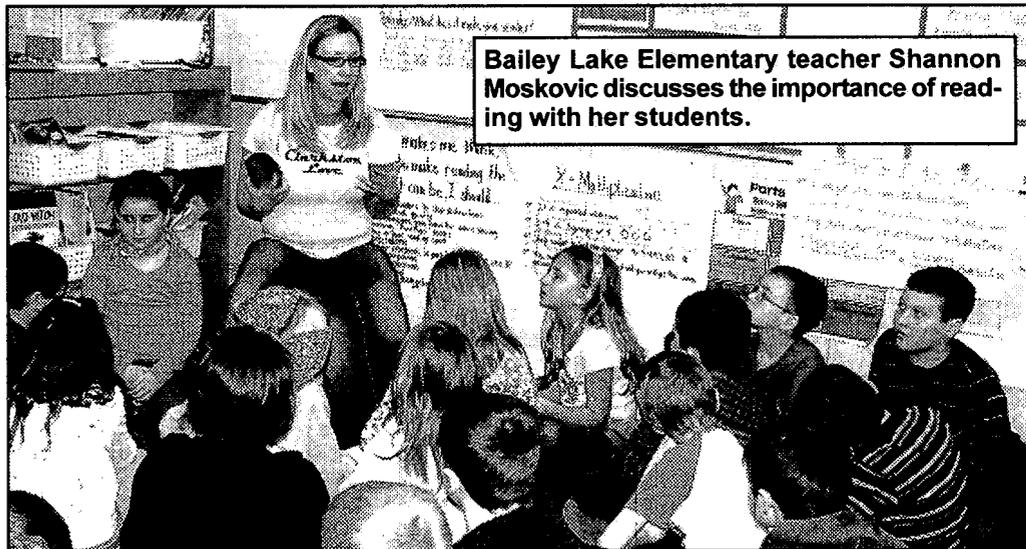
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Celebrity reader Jan VanOss reads to students.



Bailey Lake Elementary teacher Shannon Moskovic discusses the importance of reading with her students.

## A special day to read

Students at Bailey Lake Elementary celebrated March is Reading Month, March 8, by hosting guest readers throughout the day.

The celebrity readers talked about what they do, answered questions, and read some of the students' favorite books.

Photos by Phil Custodio

# Township looks into city dissolution

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With "a lot of chatter" around town and in the media concerning the possible dissolution of the City of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township Trustee Neil Wallace was concerned.

"There is some possibility this could not only have a significant impact on the township, but we may actually play a role," he said. "We may have to take a vote about whether the city should be able to dissolve."

Wallace recommended the board have Township Attorney Steve Joppich look into it and report back with the basic framework at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 so the board is not "caught flatfooted if the city does move forward."

The vote passed 3-1. Treasurer Curt

Carson voted "no."

Trustee David Lohmeier said he "hates to spend money unnecessarily" but also sees it as an "investment."

"Do we want to spend money on the potential we might be faced with this question or do we want to wait until it has traction and then react, in which case we might be caught off guard," Lohmeier asked.

Clerk Barbara Pallotta asked what the status of the petition was. City resident Cory Johnston, spearheading the dissolution, said he had not started yet and was waiting for warmer weather.

"I think there will be a lot of discussion," Johnston said. "I rather do it when it's warmer than colder."

Pallotta said she was in favor of having Joppich look into it because the board will

probably get a lot questions from the public. She felt it was important for the board to have a "basic knowledge" of what they needed to do if things "came to fruition."

"If this should happen, how it will impact us as a community? We need to be prepared for those kinds of questions," she said. "I'm looking at it as educational value more than anything."

Carson felt it was too early to be spending money on "what if?"

"The process is probably a relatively lengthy one and I agree that if we hear there is some sort of traction to this, we can potentially take this up down the road," Carson said. "I don't see where we should be spending the township taxpayers' dollars at this point until we know there is something we should be taking up."



Guest speaker Terry Foster asks the boys what they should write about (Xbox was the popular choice). Photos by Wendi Reardon

## Learning some skills

Curious boys at Springfield Plains Elementary used skills they just learned from author Terry Foster as they began adding questions.

Foster, writer for *The Detroit News* and radio host on 97.1 FM, taught the students in grades 3-5 how to use questions to gather information and other skills, March 1.

The boys asked what was his favorite Detroit Lions' story.

"Oh, no," Foster shook his head. "I always get in trouble when I write about the Lions."

But he finally surrendered his answer to the eager boys and said it was about when Matt Millen was

coming to Detroit.

His visit was to build interest in the students about writing by giving them tips on how to get started, how to build onto their writing with details and how to battle writer's block.

"We all have writer's block," he admitted.

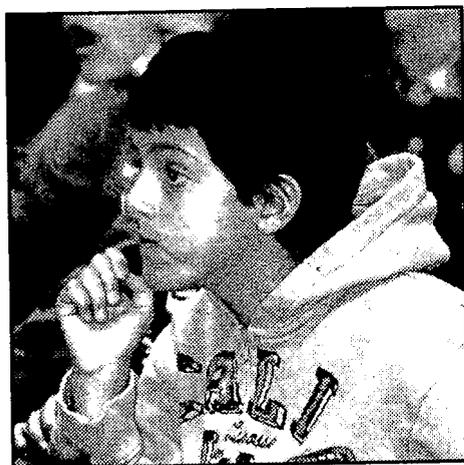
Foster also visited for March is Reading Month and shared how writing and reading go together.

"He fell in love with writing," Lars Covintree, physical education teacher at Springfield Plains, said to the eager audience. "We hope you get a passion for it, too."

~Wendi Reardon



Jack Anderson and Jack Bean learn writing skills.



Trenton Church listens to writing tips.

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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Spring is here!

That groundhog didn't know what he was talking about. Spring is here, along with warmer temperatures, sun, and plenty of good, life-giving rain to make things green (hopefully it's not snowing as this goes to print).

I opened my windows at home after many months and the cats were filled with joy.

Here at the *Clarkston News*, the new year doesn't really start for me until about now. Close on the heels of the holiday season is Progress season - assignments start to flow for our annual business review, followed by interviews, writing, and back-and-forth proofing with clients, along with regular production of the paper.

This year's Progress section was much bigger than last year's, a good and welcome sign. The 70 businesses featured in the special section all have stories to tell.

Of the ones I wrote, Allied Construction sticks out. They've been in business for more than 30 years, building all over the Clarkston area.

They weathered the economic slump of the past decade and are actually expanding, hiring about 20 new employees and building an addition to their building in Springfield Township.

Spring also means Clarkston community activities go into overdrive.

Clarkston Farmers Market is busy getting ready for their new location, on the lawn of Clarkston schools' Community Education Building on Waldon Road.

Concerts in the Park season is set in Depot Park, kicking off on June 15 with Gemini's family tunes; then Stardusters Big Band and swing, June 22; Bugs Beddow playing classic rock, June 29; Magic Bus taking on the 70's, July 6; Legend the Band's 50's and 60's hits, July 13; and Orquesta Ritmo, heating up the park with their Latin Salsa songs, July 20.

Also green is this Saturday - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Percolating through the Internet, on Google, Youtube, and whatnot, is a video from the old Muppet Show featuring the Swedish Chef, Beaker, and Animal singing "Oh Danny Boy."

Sure, they're not the most coherent characters in the bunch and they don't know the words, but they put their little furry hearts and souls into that song.



# The Clarkston News Viewpoints

## A call to stop using 'the kids' in campaign

Dear Editor,

In the upcoming Clarkston Schools Tax Increase Special Election, voters in the Clarkston School District should send a clear message to the Administration and their four supporters on the School Board. By voting NO on May 8, 2012 (or before via absentee

ballot) voters will be demanding that Clarkston School District officials need to learn how to live within their means - just like the taxpayers of this community.

I am tired of children being used as political pawns to get voters to pay higher taxes "for the kids" instead of properly spending the per student State allocation and the \$138 million in outstanding debt that we already approved in this school district. The proposed \$20 million of new debt, if approved, exceeds certain finance levels so that "non-qualified bonds" will have to be issued with taxpayers having to pay a higher interest rate since the bonds are viewed as more risky investments.

If education funds are so tight, why are we wasting \$35,000 on a special election on May 8, 2012 when this upcoming vote on a proposed tax increase could have been added at no additional cost to the election scheduled for August 7, 2012?

Sadly, the answer speaks volumes about the win at any (taxpayer) cost attitude of School Superintendent Dr. Rock and his backup group of four Board members (The Rockettes?) who dance to every tune he requests.

The May Special Election is a blatant at-

tempt to stack the vote in favor of adding \$20 million of debt to the outstanding \$138 million that is still owed. In May, schools are still in session and likely Yes For The Tax Increase Voters are more easily accessible than in August. Last week's Clarkston News had an article conveniently listing several PTA meetings where voters were encouraged to come and hear one-sided presentations supporting the tax increase.

What kind of lessons in American government and good citizenship are we teaching "the kids" when special elections are purposely scheduled to reduce the likelihood of voting by senior citizens and residents without children attending Clarkston Schools? I do not need a soon to be outdated iPad to remember that a critical slogan of our American Revolution for Independence was: "No Taxation Without Representation."

If the arguments are so compelling in favor of this tax increase for technology product purchases and for the multiple facility earmarks at every Clarkston School to secure yes votes, then why the need for a special election to help screen out potential no votes?

For the betterment of the entire community which includes not only "the kids" and their parents but also senior citizens and people without K-12 students, please vote NO in the upcoming, unneeded Special May Election.

Henry S. Woloson  
Independence Township

## Reader supports board with one exception

Dear Editor,

Once again, I find myself wondering where the musings of Trustee Mark Petterson truly come from.

His anger over every issue he disagrees with is just childish. Treasurer Curt Carson often disagrees with the rest of the board. However, his opinion is always thoughtful and well voiced.

Mr. Peterson, if you want to continue to be the voice of our township, please spend some time educating yourself on the issues and also take a communication course. I am

truly looking forward to the primary vote in August.

I hope to see the majority of this board re-elected, trustees Neil Wallace and David Lohmeier, Clerk Barbara Pellota, and Carson, and I wish Trustee Larry Rosso would come back. But since he wishes to retire, bless him and all his years of service to our community. Let's see come gracious, intelligent hard working folks step up and give us a choice.

Susan Stillman  
Independence Township

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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1997

"Arkwright resigns" After years on various boards, Clarkston City Councilman Steve Arkwright sadly gave up his seat due to a promotion and transfer to Texas for his job at Paine Webber.

"Cost of school proposal up" The cost of delaying school construction approval from December to June was tabulated - the proposal going in front of voters would be \$57.6 million, up from \$52.5 million in December.

"Writing can be fun, author says" Children's author Steven Kroll visited several elementary schools as part of Reading Month. He shared with students his stories of good and bad of being a writer along with adventures he has gone on.

### 25 years ago - 1987

"Thousands protest certification law" Dr. Paul Vanaman, principal of Springfield Christian Academy and pastor of Dixie Baptist Church, was one of 8,000 people in Lansing protesting the state law requiring teacher certification in non-public schools.

"Winning isn't easy" Jeff Cumberworth, a second grader at Pine Knob Elementary, took first place in his age group at the Tri-Star Contest sponsored by the Clarkston Optimist Club.

"Emerson wants to be king of the hill" Rick Emerson's skiing career had grown by leaps and bounds since he was a youngster learning the ropes at Pine Knob. He was ready to take the next step as he was getting prepared for a chance to qualify for the United States 1988 Olympic freestyle ski team.

### 50 years ago - 1962

"Clarkston sees record turnout" Eighty-nine percent of the registered voters in the village of Clarkston made their appearance at the polls - making the record turnout. Out of 394 registered voters 304 went to the polls.

"Bonnie's portrait wins prize" Mrs. Lawrence Olliffe, a senior at Central Michigan University, took second and third places in Human Interest and Portraits, during a recent photograph contest at the college.

"Davisburg local" Mr. and Mrs. William Matthieu, proprietors of the Confectionary Store in Davisburg, started selling coffee at their store.

# Great ending to a lifetime of golfing

I swear I came out of my mother's womb swinging a golf club, and I've been working on that swing every since. (It's a writers privilege to exaggerate to make a point.)

The point being that I was born into golf. My daddy helped build a golf course in Kalamazoo in the early 20s. My first backyard golf swings were with his old wood-shafted clubs.

When I grew strong enough to carry a full golf bag, I got a job caddying at Owosso Country Club -- that was in 1939.

Now, after watching Tommy Gillis finish second in the Honda Classic two weeks ago at Palm Beach, I feel complete.

I've had a hole-in-one, shot an under par round, met Arnold Palmer, played golf in Scotland and accepted unwelcome advice and criticism from ne-er-do-wells in half a dozen golf leagues.

That's my legacy. Now the climax. Over 20 years ago we had a membership at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion when Tommy Gillis was learning the game and caddying.

For about the same 20 years his daddy, Charlie, was working at Oxford Hills Golf and Country Club. I never teed off there without hearing Charlie shout, "Nice shot,

Alice!"

We kept track of Tommy as he went through the European Tour, Mini-tour, his getting his card and making the first cut with the named pros and playing in 120 tournaments.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Now he's in the Honda Classic. He's leading after two rounds. His putter is on fire, sinking several 30-foot putts for pars.

On the last day of the tourney, he's paired with the leader by one shot, Rory McIlroy of Scotland. He's 22, Gillis is 43.

The cameras follow closely. Coming up behind those two is Tiger Woods, getting hotter and hotter with his woods, irons and putter. Rory stayed steady, and so did Tommy, though they could hear

the Tiger worshipping crowd whooping and hollering loudly.

When Tiger finished he was 1-up on Tommy and 2-up on Rory. That put Tommy in third. Still great for our boy.

Then on the final hole Rory and Tommy birdied, putting Tommy and Tiger tied for second place.

As Tommy walked off the green his smile widened and our hearts joyed for him and his family.

He had met the pressure, and won. Gone were the thoughts of injuries that had sidelined him, in came feelings of determination. He said in an interview later, "I feel I can do it."

His satisfying smile was so warming to all his followers of all those years.

I'm sure it was also warming to Tommy that his second place finish brought him a half-mil in prize money.

He's taking a week off then playing the Transition tourney at Innisbrook in Florida.

Now, back to my Daddy and his 1920s golf clubs. Like so many things, packaging for one reason or another causes makers to want to change things.

In this case, golf clubs names were dropped in favor of numbers. So here are some club names and their number replacements, as per Merriam-Webster.

- Brassie- 2 wood.
- Spoon- 3 wood.
- Cleek - 5 wood.
- Mashie- 5 iron.
- Niblick- 9 iron.
- Wedge- 8 iron.

## Note to political party toadies . . .

Okay. So it's been what, three, four week's worth of Tuesdays since folks cast their votes in the Presidential Primary election? (Trust me, it has.) I don't know about you, but I am glad it's over.

I was getting pretty agitated by the amount of robo calls I was getting on my cell phone telling me to vote for this person or the next (usually by saying the other person sucked). I know robo calls must be effective and mean to produce, but I hate them. And, by that fateful Tuesday in February I was standing at the phone when ever I picked up another call. But, as the new and improved version I was quick to forgive when the doors closed. Peace, love, harmony. And, I was right with the world.

Until this past mackin' frackin' week-end.

My phone rang Saturday morning. I picked up the phone, looked to see if it was a local call (per, local area code). I answered the call. "Hello."

"Hello," a prerecorded woman replied after a second or so. "The Presidential election is over. Congratulations!"

"Thank you," I said and every one of my friends said, "GRRRRR!"

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over the kitchen, thusly relieving the Rush boys from having to clean said room. No, these days when I feel the robo call angst building up inside, I picture cute, cuddly mutt puppies of varying colors running on their short little legs, chasing butterflies, across a lush green lawn over the yellow daffodils. I then count backwards from 10 down to one and go to that "special" place in my mind where there are no phones, bureaucrats or political party toadies.

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

How come I get robo calls on my cell phone when my number is on every "Do-Not-Call" list known to modern man? Is this an example of laws that are made for the little people, but ignored, abused and in general not applied to government officials?

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The only thing I know I can do is this . . .

- Dear Governor Snyder,
- Dear Oakland County Exec. LBrooks Patterson,
- Dear State Representative Brad Jacobsen,
- Dear State Representative Eileen Kowal,
- Dear new State Representative Joe Graves,

Please be advised I do not want to receive phone calls from you or your staff or anybody politically connected to you 12 times out of 10 if that person intends to sway my vote.

From this moment on I will vote for the person whose bootlickers robo call me the least. I may even vote to retain the person in the White House if your party continues to harass me via my cell phone.

Peace-out, and with all sincerity  
Don Rush

I was at a Community Papers of Michigan Board of Directors meeting recently. The topic of political advertising came up and this comment was heard by all in the room. "While we were in Chicago talking to representatives of the Republican Party, we were told that they were going to spend \$100 million on advertising in Michigan. That's a lot of money. We're going to have to be ready for that."

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in newspapers." No, these political yes-people pay for robo calls and smear campaigns for broadcast media.

This got me thinking. Who votes the most? What demographic takes the time to know who and why they are voting, and what demographic doesn't. By in large, those who read newspapers like this one, vote. Those who have no time to read newspapers also tend not to vote.

So, why do the political party minions spend all that money on broadcast campaigns and not where their message can hit their desired target?

It is interesting, too. These same party underlings tell the party faithful to write letters to the editors of their local newspapers in support of their candidate, but they won't pay up and buy ads.

These party toadies also call us when their candidate comes to town for photo opps. I think it would be way cool for all editors to not attend these political sessions and merely mention said candidate visited town with a one-buried-deer on our pages.

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Yoga Oasis

## Found with marijuana

A deputy stopped a vehicle for an unlit license plate, 8:40 p.m., Feb. 23, at Maybee and Sashabaw roads. Smelling strongly of marijuana, the car's passenger, a 22-year-old Independence Township man, was found with a baggie of marijuana in his pocket. He also had a marijuana pipe and medications with no prescription. He was cited for possession of marijuana.

## Assault over money

A 19-year-old Brandon Township woman was cited with assault and battery after confronting a 24-year-old Waterford man at a business in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 7 p.m., Feb. 24. He owed her money. He said he would pay her after work, but she said she wanted it now and punched him in the eye.

## Driving with drugs

Deputies responded to a call reporting two people smoking marijuana in a car in the parking lot in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, 7:22 p.m., Feb. 25. The driver, a 19-year-old Waterford man, was arrested and jailed for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs.

## Van keyed

A work van was keyed while parked in a South Main Street parking lot in Clarkston, 3:21 p.m., Feb. 29.

# Public Safety

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

## Locker cleaned out

A skier lost his locker key at Pine Knob, 3:30 p.m., Feb. 25. He looked for it for half an hour before notifying management. When they opened the locker for him, he found his backpack, wallet, and other items gone.

## Domestic assault

A 34-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for domestic assault, 9:26 p.m., Feb. 26, in the 6000 block of Lake Waldon Drive. His wife said he pushed and choked her, and she locked herself in the bathroom.

## Too much smoke

A deputy stopped a 22-year-old Pontiac woman for excessive exhaust smoke at Sashabaw and Waldon roads, 8:50 p.m., March 3. She was found with a suspended license and prescription medication without paperwork. She was cited for expired plates and equipment violation. The case is open pending crime lab results.

## Marijuana smoker

A 53-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for excessively loud exhaust, 9:49 p.m., March 5, at Maybee and Sashabaw roads. He said he was on his way to pick up his daughter from church, and had drunk a couple shots of liquor a couple hours before and smoked a marijuana cigarette more recently. He was cited for possession of marijuana, cracked windshield, and loud exhaust.

## Jars of marijuana

Patrolling the Park and Ride at M-15 and I-75, 9:35 p.m., March 6, a deputy checked a vehicle with three teenagers in it. The men, a 19-year-old Springfield Township man, 18-year-old Davisburg man, and 18-year-old Independence Township man, were found with several mason jars filled with marijuana, and a large smoking pipe in the trunk. The were all cited for possession of marijuana, and the 18-year-olds were also cited with possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Return of drunk driver

Employees at a Dixie Highway restaurant called deputies when a diner with five young children passed out in his booth, March 6. Deputies got a cab for them, and told employees to call if he came back for his vehicle, a mobile home. The man came back at about 9:30 p.m. and tried to drive away in the RV, hitting a retaining wall before employees could get him to stop. With a preliminary breath test of .162, he was arrested for drunk driving.

## Reckless driver

Drivers reported a reckless driver on I-75 heading into Independence Township. Deputies caught up to the driver, a 22-year-old Independence Township man, at M-15, 4:28 p.m., March 5, but he didn't stop until he got to Lancaster Hill. He was found with an open bottle of spiced rum under his seat, and his preliminary breath test result was .199. He was arrested and jailed for drunk driving.

## Distracted and drunk driver

A 47-year-old Ortonville man was arrested for drunk driving over .17, 4:17 p.m., March 7, at Sashabaw and Maybee roads. He said he was looking at his cell phone and hit a motorcycle, injuring the motorcyclist. He had four empty bottles of beer in his pickup, and a preliminary breath test result of .181.

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# Heartbreak finish

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Wolves' quest for their 19th consecutive district crown ended after two overtime periods last Friday in Swartz Creek.

Fenton's Eric Readman aimed his throw with only seconds to go in the game before his 3-point throw ended the game in favor of the Tigers, 68-66.

"It was a tremendous game," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for the Wolves' Boys Varsity Basketball team. "It was tough to lost that game. Our kids fought back so hard to come back. It seemed inevitable we were on the losing end and we fought back to tie it."

The Wolves trailed by five points in the beginning of the fourth quarter after Fenton opened two shots made at the free throw line.

Senior Matt Dellinger closed the gap after ducking a Tiger guard and coming back up with an opportunity to score.

After Fenton's Dylan Hickoff scored at the free throw line with two points, senior Mitch Baenziger added two more points for the Wolves keeping them within one point.

Chance Huth followed it up with his own basket to put the boys into the lead 50-49 with less than six minutes to go in the game.

With a few more baskets from Fenton and Baenziger, the score was tied at 56-56 with a minute to go. Senior Nick Tatu tried one last attempt from midcourt as the last second ran out on the clock.

"No one could get a lead," Fife added



Matt Dellinger focuses on the basket behind Fenton guards. Photo by Larry Wright

about the game. "They were playing almost the same offense as us and neither one of us could guard our offenses is what it looked like. They had so many kids that hurt us. It was hard to defend. We seemed to fight harder for our shots."

Fenton opened the first overtime period gaining a six point lead. Tatu scored on a 3-pointer with 90 seconds to go to cut the lead down.

Dellinger was next after he grabbed a loose ball to gain control and headed to the basket to score. A foul against him sent him to the line for one more point and tie the game, 62-62.

Fenton's Cory Cox scored with 33 seconds left in the overtime period and Dasuqi made an attempt to tie the game. But he had another chance after a foul against him sent him to the line for two points with 2.9 seconds to go.

Dasuqi's first throw bounced around the rim before going in and receiving cheers from Clarkston fans. His second shot went straight in to tie the game.

Baenziger caught Fenton's pass and made one last attempt as the ball hit the rim on the buzzer.

Clarkston gained the lead in the second overtime period with 1:28 left off a basket from Dasuqi from a pass from senior Zach Collins, putting the score 66-64.

The boys kept Fenton from tying the game but a foul against Dasuqi with 26 seconds left sent Readman to the line for two. He missed the first shot but made the second try in and cut Clarkston's lead to one point.

"It was a great game to be part of," Fife smiled. "To watch that game had to be exciting for everybody. Hats off to Fenton. They played their ends off and won a big game. I wish them the best."

Baenziger led with 21 points. Dasuqi had 19 and Tatu added 17 to the board.

The boys beat Holly 73-19 on March 7 to add to their 20-3 record.

"I think they are the most talented team I have had," Fife said. "They played with as much heart as any team I have had. When it is all said and done that makes them successful in life because of the effort they put into things. Going 20-3 with these kids is incredible. I am proud to be a part of that."

The Wolves bid farewell to eight seniors: Mitch Baenziger, Zach Collins, Nick Dahl, Matt Dellinger, Alan Kamieniecki, Travis Smith, Nick Tatu and Mark Tynan.

"They are a great group of kids," said Fife. "I couldn't ask for any more from those kids. It is tough to live up to those kids."

Clarkston has nine returners coming back for next year and Fife added they need to remember the game against Fenton.

"This moment," he said. "Handling the loss, dealing with it and being able to play in these kind of surroundings."

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Junior High Eighth Grade Cheer team is: Meagan Boyd, Brianna Callahan, Bailey Carter, Jennifer Checkowsky, Sarah Frank, Nichole Gould, Mollie Gram, Sierra Koleber, Kailey Levely, Taylor McKay, Rebecca Milano, Alexandra Ottman, Caylee Price, Alyse Richards, Kayla Saplala, Lauren Scott, McKenna Seibert, Elizabeth Sheill, Julie Smail, Halley Sosnowski, Sydney Steger, Abby Wilson and Hannah Wilson. Photo submitted

## Cheering into first

Hard work paid off for the eighth grade cheerleaders at Clarkston Junior High School.

The Lady Wolves participated in four competitions this season and took place in all of them.

It was not the first time for the team. They also had success as seventh graders at Sashabaw Middle School. They participated in three competitions and took first place in all three.

The team can be found cheering from the sidelines for the football team during the fall season and the basketball team during the winter season.

They work on their skills year-round in not only cheers but their tumbling and stunting as well.

Fans of the team have added they will be a force to be reckoned with

when they are in high school competitions.

The season is over for the Lady Wolves but they will be back in the fall as they head into ninth grade at the junior high school.

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# Season ends at semis

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves ended their season last week but not without putting up a fight against Saginaw Arthur Hill in the MHSAA Class A Regional Semifinals, March 6.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team led going into the fourth quarter, 34-33, but lost it through turnovers and missed free throws.

"We didn't make too many shots down the stretch," said Tim Wasilk, head coach, about the 54-46 loss. "I think that was the difference. We were playing catch up in the fourth quarter."

The Lady Lumberjacks led the first quarter by three points, 9-6. The Lady Wolves made up the three points and more by putting a total of 15 points on the board before the half ended. They kept Arthur Hill to only eight points.

Junior Delaney Kenny led, scoring a game high of 23 points. Senior Megan Hastings and freshman Erika Davenport added seven points each to the board. Senior Anna Manilla had six points.

"I don't think it was the lack of effort," Wasilk added. "We ran into a really good team. Saginaw Arthur Hill had quick guards and a very good forward who was hard to contain."

The Lady Wolves finished the season with a 21-3 record and as OAA Red league champions.

"I am very proud of the girls," Wasilk added. "We went 12-2 in the league which is a huge accomplishment. It was a good group of kids. There were fun to coach."

Out of the roster of 15 players, the team loses six to graduation this year.

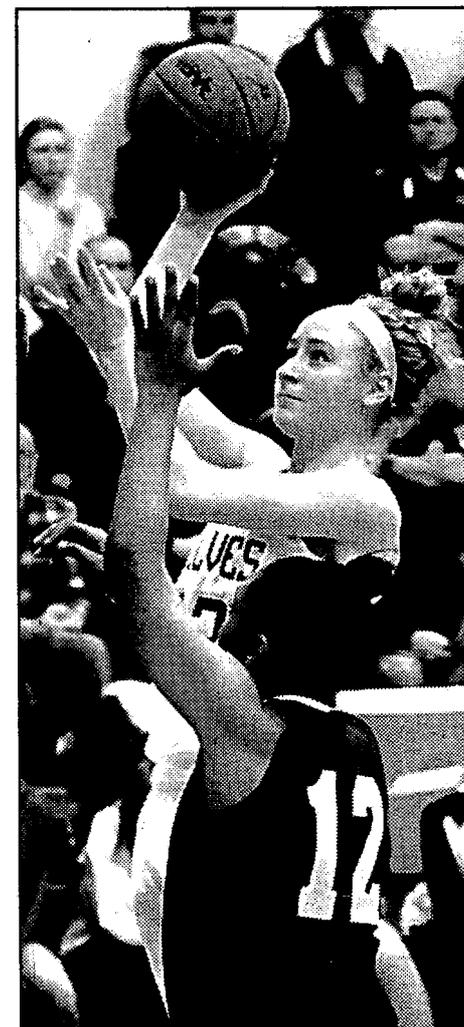
"We had six very talented and hard working seniors that showed a great deal of leadership," Wasilk said. "They definitely helped to put our program back on the map."

He added the team loses 18 years of varsity playing experience - including four years from both Hastings and Manilla, both have played on the team since their freshman year.

They also lose Breanca Cantrell, Chris-

tina Jokisch, Jessica Ming and Tori Trimmer.

"They were a great group to coach," Wasilk said. "They had fun. The biggest thing they pass on is how to come to work every day and practice every day - to come with a focused effort and not take days off. I was proud of what they accomplished this year. They taught the younger kids how to be competitive and how to win. Hopefully that will carry on."



Delaney Kenny shoots past Arthur Hill defenders. Photo by Larry Wright



The 2012 Clarkston High School State Swimmers and Diver: back row from left, Eric Misteravich, Kyle Inch, Diver Joe Zendejas, Zach Rabideau; front row, from left, Landon Holloway, Patrick Bemis, Steven Nelson and Isaac Young. Photo submitted

## Two league champion swimmers

Swimmers finished the season during the MHSAA Division 1 State Finals during the weekend.

The Clarkston Boys Swim and Dive team was represented by seven swimmers and one diver. The boys finished the season in preliminaries.

The relay teams placed as follows: 200-yard medley relay team of Steven Nelson, Isaac Young, Zach Rabideau and Eric Misteravich, 24th place at 1:40.54; 200-yard freestyle relay team of Nelson, Rabideau, Misteravich and Patrick Bemis, 18th at 1:29.33; and in the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Nelson, Rabideau, Misteravich and Kyle Inch in 24th at 3:18.96.

In individual events, for the 50-yard freestyle, Nelson finished in 17th, 22.31

and Misteravich finished in 43rd, 22.93; the 100-yard butterfly, Rabideau in 34th, 54.76; the 500-yard freestyle, Inch in 22nd, 4:51.61; the 100-yard backstroke, Landon Holloway in 27th, 56.88; the 100-yard breaststroke, Young in 32nd, 1:03.01 and Joe Zendejas tied for 30th with West Bloomfield in the 1-meter diving event.

The team had their last meet, Feb. 23-25, at Lake Orion for the OAA Red league competition.

They finished with two league champions - Nelson in the 50-yard freestyle event, 22.22; and Zendejas in 1-meter diving with 403.15 points.

The Wolves finished in sixth place with 216 points at the meet and finished sixth place overall in the league with a 1-6 record.

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# Mountaineers make history with titles

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Mountaineers have written the history books at Everest Collegiate High School not once - but twice in their third season.

First, they claimed the title of the Catholic High School League Intersectional Division last month. Then, they added one more achievement to their climb to the top by winning their first district title last Friday.

"They are feeling pretty good," said Ann Lowney, coach for the varsity boys team and also Coach of the Year.

"It was wonderful," Lowney added. "It was just a pure game of fun basketball. It is what high school basketball is all about - two teams with good boys battling until the end. The fans were great. Both sides had great cheering sections. It is a memory they will have for years to come."

The win came after the game finished after four quarters with a 39-39 tie against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

The Mountaineers had already gone head to head against the Lakers twice during the season and lost both times.

"The first time they beat us pretty good," Lowney said. "The second time it could have been anybody's game. The boys felt like if they took care of the little things and took care of what we needed to do on the court that is was a game we could win."

The Mountaineers continued what they had started in the first four quarters of the game and outscored the Lakers 4-2 to win the game, 43-41.

"They were bigger, faster and stronger," Lowney said about the Lakers. "Our boys did a great job executing the offense, executing the defense and eliminating their op-



The Everest Collegiate High School Boys Varsity Basketball team celebrates their first MHSAA District title. Photo provided

portunities - all the little things."

Senior Don Allen scored 13 points during the game and had 18 rebounds while junior Dave Smith scored 11 points and had two 3-pointers.

Lowney added the team, school and fans owe a lot to their three seniors - the first class to graduate from Everest Collegiate High School.

"Without them we wouldn't have a high school right now," she said. "When their parents chose for them to come to Everest, I don't think anyone thought we could accomplish athletically what we have done in such a short time. It is nice they will have these memories. I told the boys at the be-

ginning of the season we are going to hang a number on the banner up there so when they bring their sons and their daughters they can point to it and say 'that's what I did.' And to point to two banners on there - the league championship and the district championship - those are memories they will have forever."

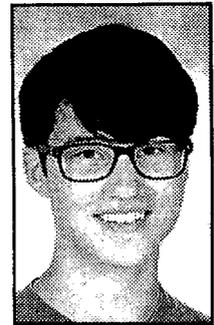
Everest continued their road to the finals on Monday, taking on Southfield Christian. They lost the game, 64-42.

"It will be a tough game," Lowney admitted before going into the match. "But at this point anyone can beat anybody."

The boys finished the season with a 18-6 record and 8-2 in the league.

## Interlochen performer

Blake Lieder of Clarkston will perform in the Interlochen Arts Academy's 50th Anniversary Tour concert in Detroit's Orchestra Hall, Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m.



Lieder

Lieder is a 10th grader in his first year at the fine arts school, where he is a Music major and Vocal Music minor.

## Bowlers at state contest

Stephanie Lively finished the MHSAA Singles Bowling Finals in 39th place on March 3 at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek. She bowled a total of 997 and had a high game of 202.

The top 16 bowlers continued to the final rounds.

The boys varsity bowling team finished their season on March 2 at the MHSAA Team Bowling Finals after taking 12th place during the qualifying block at the finals. They scored a total of 3,118 points. They missed the cut by 52 pins.

"It was a great accomplishment to even qualify for the state championship," said assistant coach Alan Pittman.

The top eight teams continued on to battle for the state championship.

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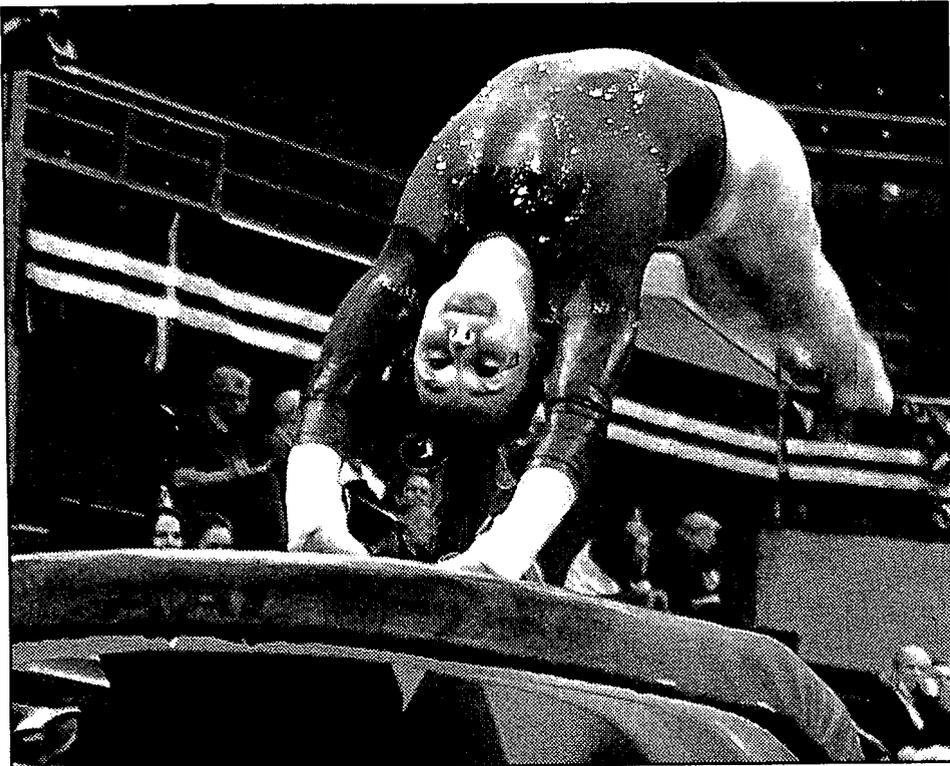
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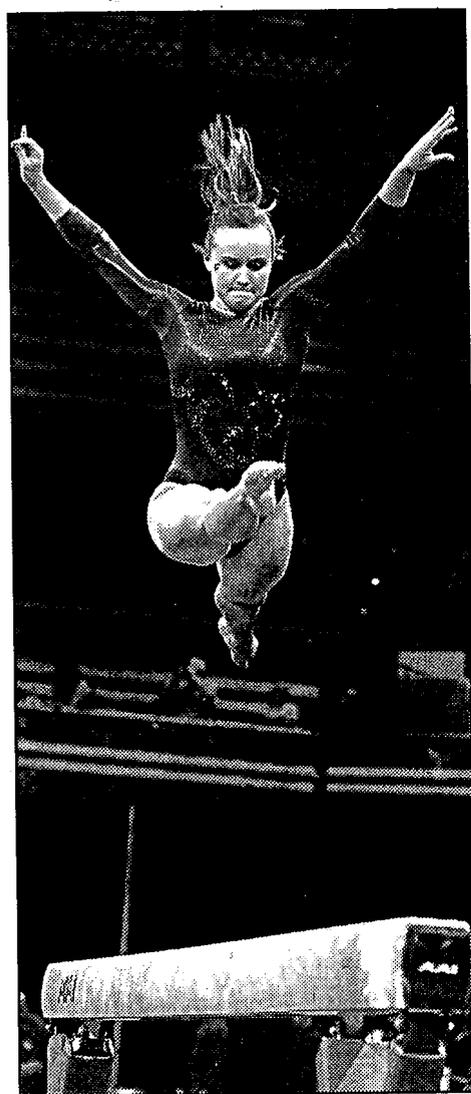
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Halle Moraw competes in the vault at the University of Washington in Seattle on Friday. Photos by James Gibowski



Moraw, now a freshman at Central Michigan University, competes on the balance beam.

## Vault to victory

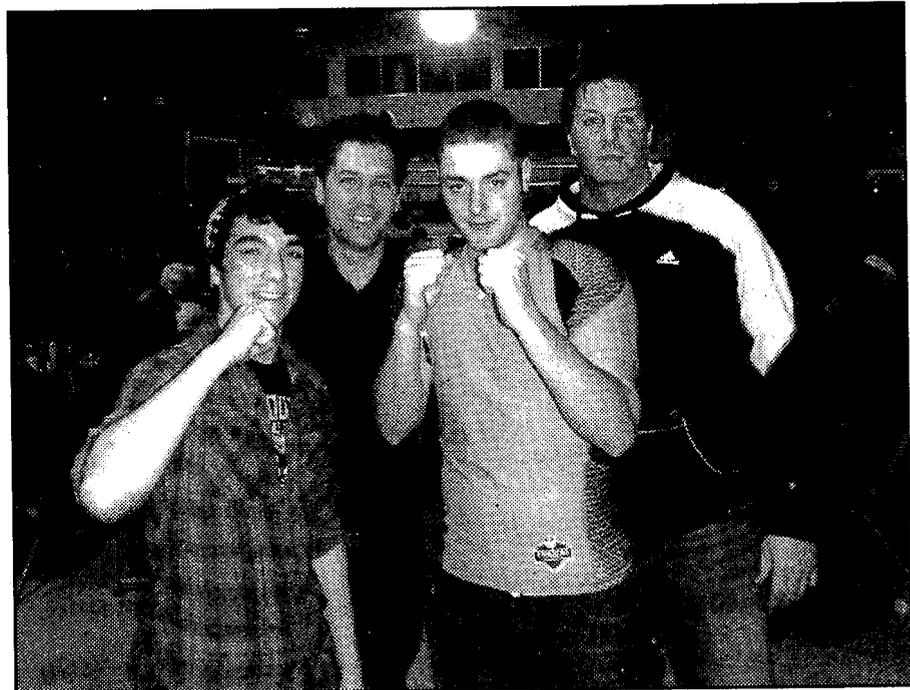
Halle Moraw, a 2011 Clarkston High School graduate, helped Central Michigan University's gymnastics team score a season-high 195.300 in a tri-meet hosted by the University of Washington in Seattle, Feb. 24.

The Huskies finished first with a 196.35 and San Jose State University placed third at 194.225.

Moraw tied for fourth on the balance beam (9.800) and also tied for fourth in the vault (9.825). The freshman was also impressive in the all-around results, finishing in sixth with a 38.300.

The 12-4 Chippewas, coached by Jerry Reighard and Christine MacDonald, are in good position to win their third straight Mid-American Conference championship and possible post-season advancement into the regionals.

— James Gibowski



From left are Calem Heady, Ron Heady, Jordan Robak, and Tom Robak.

## Winning in the ring

Clarkston High School juniors Calem Heady and Jordan Robak put their boxing skills to the test in the Eastern Michigan Golden Gloves Regional Tournament, Feb. 24-25.

They are members of the Azteca Boxing team located in Pontiac and have been boxing for around two years. They entered the tournament in the Novice Division.

Heady went up against Vince Poulos of Pontiac Unity in 123 pound weight class.

Poulos came out fast in his seventh career bout. Heady weathered the flurry of punches and began to build his offense, by ducking and countering. Poulos won the decision, and ended up winning the tournament the following night by stopping his next opponent early in the third round. The Poulos bout was Heady's second career match and his first in the Golden Gloves, for boxers 17-34 years of age.

Heady is also a varsity wrestler for Clarkston High School.

Robak competed at 201 pounds. His first opponent was Michael Clark of Waterford. Clark was physically imposing, but Robak kept the pressure on him and was able to drop Clark in the second round with a series of body shots followed by a right to the head.

Robak won on an "RSC" referee stops contest. He lost the next night's bout and now has a 2-2 record. Robak also plays varsity football and baseball for Clarkston High School.

Both of their fathers are coaches for Azteca and boxed as amateurs in their teens as well.

Robak and Heady plan to move forward with their boxing careers and enjoy the challenge of the sport.

— Ron Heady

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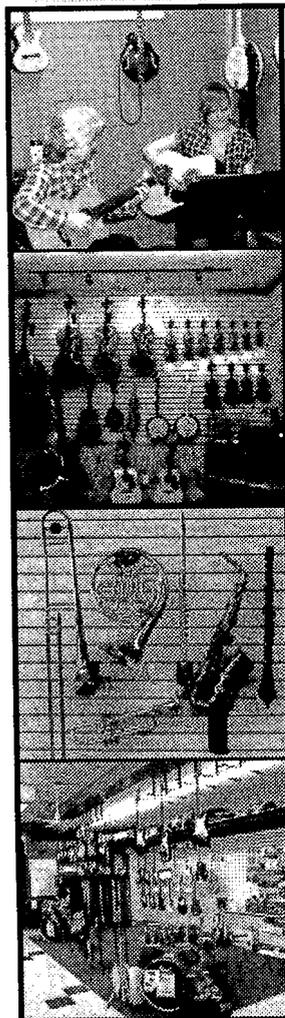
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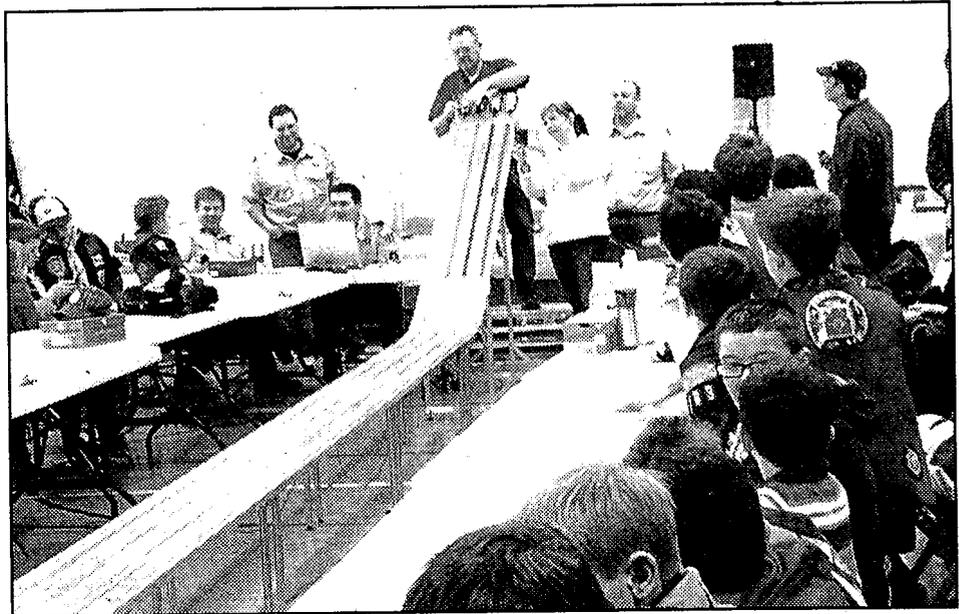
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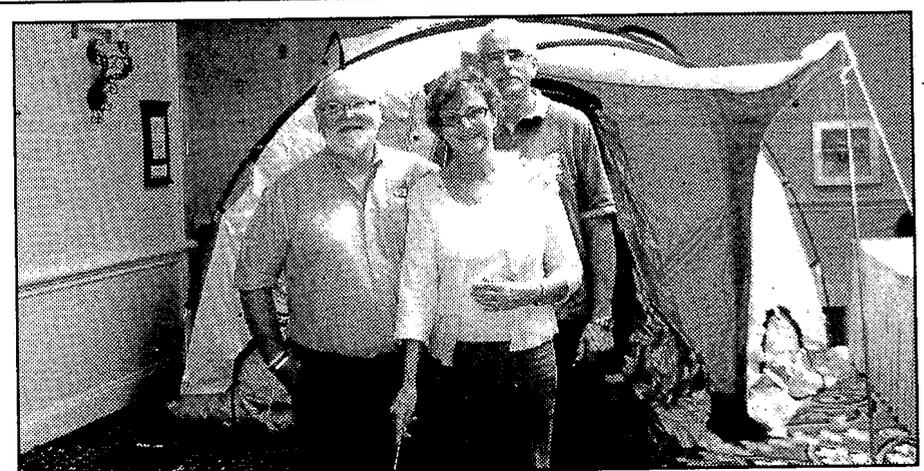
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## Pinewood Derby with Cub pack

Clarkston Pack 163 Cub Scouts test their construction and physics skills at their Pinewood Derby, March 3 at First Congregational Church in Clarkston. They raced their seven-inch wooden cars down the track as scouts, siblings, and parents enjoyed pizza, cheers, and lemonade. *Photo provided*



From left are ShelterBox founder Tom Henderson, and Clarkston Rotarians Mary Lichy-Sloan and Jeff Lichy.

## Rotarians help with ShelterBox

As ShelterBox Ambassadors, Clarkston Rotarians Mary Sloan and Jeff Lichy attended the ShelterBoxUSA Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla. ShelterBox is a disaster relief organization which provides emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies for families around the world, including those in Louisiana and Arkansas, who are affected by natural and man-made disasters. ShelterBox gets life-saving shelter to these devastated areas at the time when it is needed most, usually within 48 hours of the disaster.

As part of the three-day conference, Mary and Jeff participated in an energizing teambuilding experience at the University of Central Florida. They went through a ShelterBox-themed challenge course and

got a flavor of the training model used by ShelterBox Response Team members when they train for delivery of the ShelterBoxes in the field.

In one activity, Jeff was one of the blind-folded team members receiving instructions from a "sighted" member as to how to put up the ShelterBox tent. The activity simulated people working in countries where not everyone speaks the same language while working to provide shelter for those in need.

Mary and Jeff donate their time to raise awareness of and funding for the ShelterBoxUSA organization. If you would like a presentation for your school or Scout, church or civic group, please contact Mary at [marymsloan@comcast.net](mailto:marymsloan@comcast.net).



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- Roxann Rodriguez



"Everything starts growing like the grass and flowers. There is excitement in the air."

- Renee Aleman



"Flowers growing and everything starts coming back to life."

- Noel Linsey

By Trevor Keiser

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Charity runner heads to Boston

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Leah McLean faces a long road in her efforts to help cancer patients – 26.2 miles through Boston, Mass.

"I'm running the Boston Marathon on April 16," said McLean. "I'm running it as a charity runner, meaning that I have to raise money for a given charity in order to gain entry into the race."

She applied to The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge last September, and was selected for the team.

"I'm honored to be a part of the team," she said. "I wanted to have an impact on something. They do very good work. It's a great program."

Boston Marathon is iconic, she said.

"The energy is amazing – people line the streets the whole way," she said. "They close Boston for the marathon."

The charity also reflects her work as an oncology social worker with Swan for Life Cancer Foundation in Independence Township.

"I meet many courageous people battling cancer," she said. "They share their story and I do my small part to help make their journey less scary by offering them support and resources along the way. This marathon is my chance to continue to make a difference, on a larger scale."

Her goal is to raise \$6,000 for Dana-Farber.

"I have had tremendous support from my family and friends, already raising close to \$2,800," she said. "My professional passion is working with cancer patients and families, making a

positive impact on their cancer journey. My personal interest is running. This is an opportunity for me to pair the two."

This is her second marathon, after running in the Bay Shore Marathon in Traverse City last year.

"My husband is a huge runner. He competes in marathons, Iron Man triathlons – he's a huge inspiration," she said. "This is to teach my children to live out their dreams, small and big, and to aspire to achieve them."

She didn't always love running, though.

"I viewed it as good exercise, but I've had a conversion," she said. "Now I love it. I love the peace. It's kind of a form of meditation for me, a time to process my thoughts, and I feel good after."

She runs at least three times a week, including a long, 15-20 mile run from her home in Springfield Township through downtown Clarkston.

"I try to run the hills around Deer Lake – Boston is a hilly course," she said.

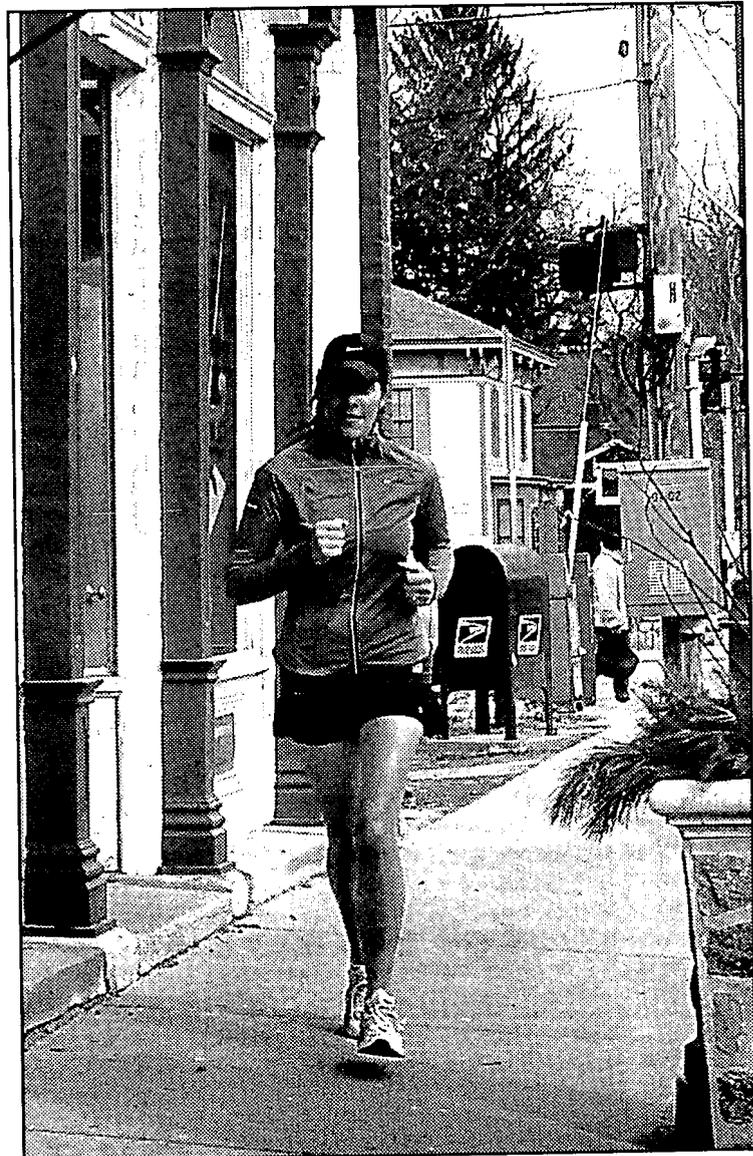
She also cycles 2-3 times a week to give her body a break while still working the legs and heart.

"It's a type of cross training," she said.

She has lived in Springfield Township for 13 years with her husband, Steve McLean, and their children Sam, Emma, Lily, and Elijah.

"My husband and I thought Clarkston was a great place to raise a family," she said. "We love the community."

For more information, visit [www.runDFMC.org/2012/leahm](http://www.runDFMC.org/2012/leahm).



Leah McLean's marathon training often takes her through downtown Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

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**Ladies Night Out**, 7-9 p.m., March 15, Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. Specialty vendors, drink specials, Coach purse raffle, live music. Benefits Lend a Helping Hand. 248-620-4960.

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**Protecting Your Memory**, Health, Wealth, and Life to the Fullest series, 4-5:30 p.m., March 18, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. With Dr. Nathan Chase, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Internal Medicine. 248-625-3288.

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**Genealogy Workshop**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 17, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Free, but register at 248-625-2212.

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**Anyone Can Paint**, 9-11 a.m., March 19, step by step instruction. \$23, \$25 for non-members. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Clinton River Watershed Council** presentation, Little Things You Can Do To Keep Our Water Clean presentation, 7:30-8:30 p.m., April 11, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. 248-601-0606.

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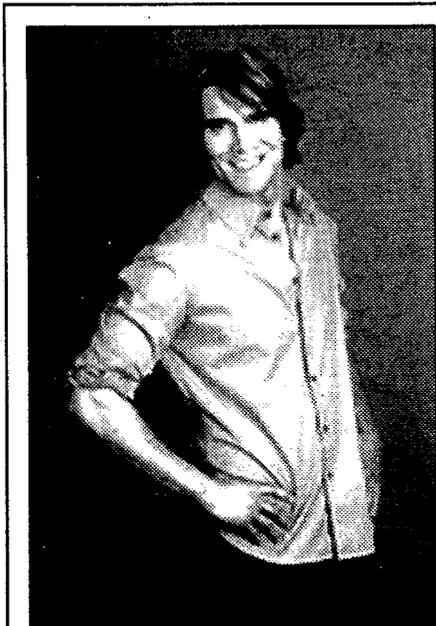
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# Around Town



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



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**Friendship Tea**, Garden Theme, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., May 5, \$25, 6600 Waldon Road. Benefits ESTHERS Children. 248-890-4876 or 248-625-8240.

## Weekly meetings

### Monday

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**Mothers & More**, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

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

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

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

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**Basic Yoga** with Noreen Daly, 5:45 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays. Beginning, intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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**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.

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**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. 248-625-4580.

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**Creative Writing Workshop**, Mondays, April 2 - May 7, 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$15, \$20 for non-members. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**50+ Line Dancing**, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Dance to country, salsa, cha-cha and rock and roll rhythms with Rosemary Hall to exercise your body and mind! Ongoing @ \$3.00 pp. drop in fee.

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

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

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

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

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

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**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.

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**Town Hall Quilt Guild**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

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**Zumba**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101.

## Wednesday

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

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**Tell Us About Your Travels**, third Wednesday through October, 6-7:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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**Women's Cancer Support Group**, second Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

## Thursday

**Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60**, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

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**Lunches for 50+**, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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**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.

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**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. March 15: Barbara Rollin and Mary Melega from Independence Township Senior Center. Refreshments served. All welcome. 248-625-1326

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# Renewal happens with spiritual leading

Spring: the warm sunny days, the snow is melted, daffodils, crocus, and hyacinths are popping out of the ground; the earth is coming back to life after its long winters nap.

The Equinox is near where the days will once again be longer than the nights; animals come out of hibernation, migratory birds return to the north, and the golf courses reopen.

Renewal, rebirth, resurrection and recreation are common themes along the mystical path.

Osiris, Ra & Benu in Egypt, Mithra and Zarathustra in Persia, Adonis of Syria, the Grecian Phoenix, the Chinese Businiaio, the Russian Firebird and a variety of other ancient scriptures, myths and legends from most every culture recount this mystery of death and rebirth, of loss and rediscovery.

The religious aspirant who is seeking a mystical union with the divine routinely participates in rituals reenacting the experience of death and rebirth.

Ritual purification, baptism, fasting, meditation, aligning ourselves with the di-

vine assist us in finding meaning in life through death and rebirth.

Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection and ascension epitomize this mystical process of renewal in mind, body and spirit.

Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating on Easter are the Christian aspirants traditional time of ritual opportunity to participate in this mystical process.

The reward is the kingdom. The cross is the mystical path. "...take up the cross and follow me..." (Mt. 10:38) taken in context means to let go of the beliefs, behaviors and ties to the past that are blocking your awareness of the kingdom and enter into the reality of its presence here and now.

We cross out the negativity represented by the earth and regain the possibilities representative of heaven.

The ever present reality of the kingdom is a dominate message of Jesus in the Gospels. He places it within our reach "at hand" (Mt. 4:17) here and now.

He compares it to practices that we can participate in here and now such as sowing good seed, leavening bread, finding buried treasure, and casting our nets.

The key to entering the kingdom is to "change and become as children" (Mt. 18:3.) Children are naturally open, receptive and responsive to the leadings of spirit.

They have no defined rules of behavior, regulations of proper conduct, earthly laws to govern their expression except those that are imposed upon them by us adults.

When we are guided by spirit we naturally do the right things, love and honor each other as expressions of the divine, and desire to do only good.

Some native cultures have a practice of seasonally setting aside time to observe their children and emulate their play and activities. This way they reconnect with life anew and experience a rebirth in mind and body.

This is a conscious process. We all feel the urgings of spirit to be more truly authentic, truly who we are as expressions of the divine, children of God.

It is by consciously participating in the process that we realize the kingdom: expressing peace, wholeness and abundance anew in this now moment.

Where ever you are on your spiritual journey, I invite you to make the choice to be renewed, reborn, resurrected and recreated, you can rediscover your divine purpose and path, and enter into an awareness of the kingdom here and now.

Blessings of peace, joy & love  
Matthew E. Long is senior minister at Peace Unity Church & Holistic Center.

## Spiritual Matters



Pastor Matthew Long

## In our churches...

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

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**DC4K**, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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

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

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**Discover the Power Within You** book study, meditation, Thursdays, 7 p.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Like to join in Spiritual Matters?  
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www.sainttrinitylutheran.com  
e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net  
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Broadcast Worship - Waterford  
CATV-10 Tues. 2:30 pm  
Worship:  
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(248) 625-3380  
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Wed: 7:00 pm Awana Club  
6:30 pm Teen Ministry  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

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248-623-1224  
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www.ClarkstonFMC.org  
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**ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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625-4580  
Rev. Christopher Maus  
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Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Religious Education: 625-1750  
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**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
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Fax: (248) 394-2142  
Interim: Rev. William Lange  
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Wednesday 7:00 pm  
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www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

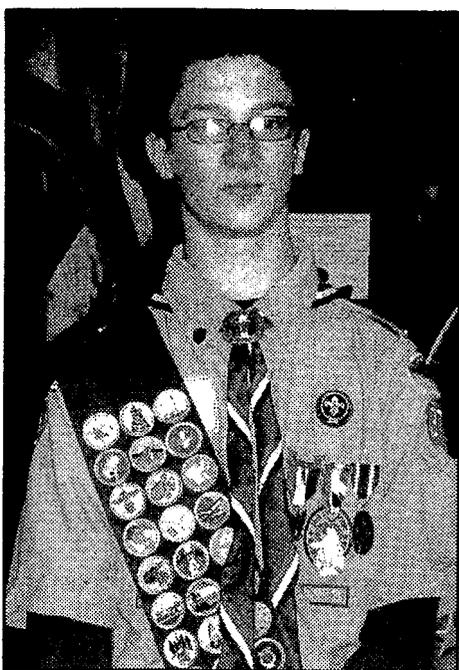
**DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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(248) 625-2311  
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Wednesday: Children's Ministries 6:00-8:00 pm  
Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm  
www.clarkstoncommunity.com



Mark Timm

## Eagle Scout

Mark Timm, son of Barb and Mike Timm of Independence Twp, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout Dec 14, 2011.

His Court of Honor was Feb 26 at the American Legion Hall on Mary Sue in Clarkston.

Mark is part of Troop 377, and is a junior at Clarkston High School. His Eagle project was construction of a recycling center for the camping section of Groveland Oaks County Park.

## Business news

Melissa Martin of Clarkston was hired as senior talent acquisition specialist at OpTech, a Troy-based information technology and engineering staffing and solutions provider.

As senior talent acquisition specialist, Martin will be responsible for recruiting top engineering talent, including electrical, mechanical, sales and product engineers, for OpTech's automotive clients.

"Melissa has a keen eye for talent, and is dedicated to serving both the needs of our clients and those of the talented professionals we recruit," said Ronia Kruse, president and CEO of OpTech. "She is a perfect fit for our team."

Martin has over 25 years of experience in the staffing, engineering and automotive industries. She currently resides in Clarkston, Michigan. She earned a bachelor's degree from Ferris State University.

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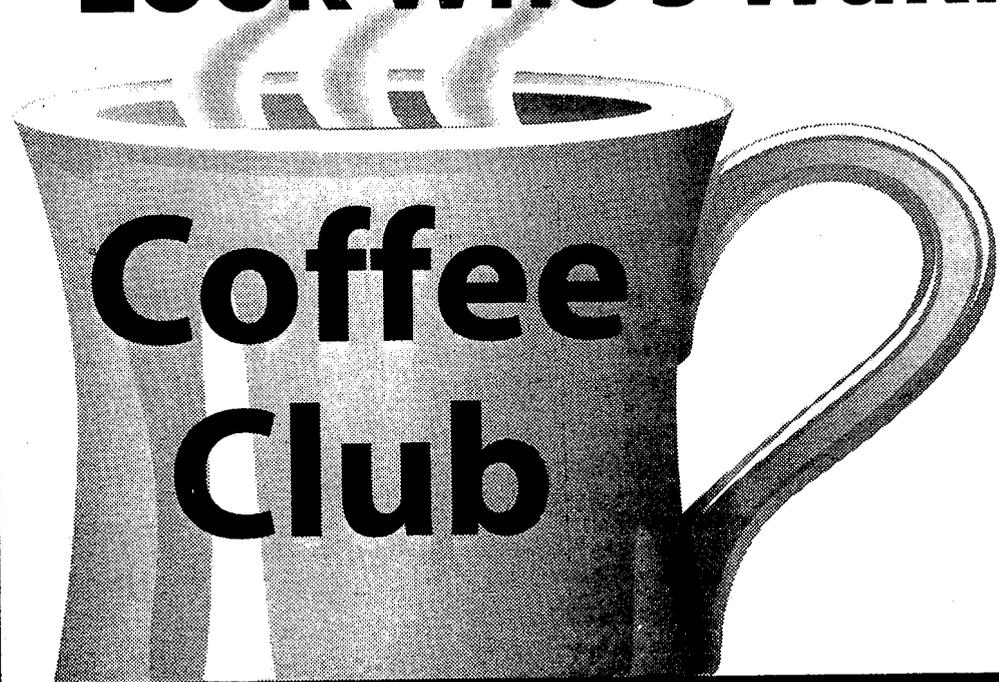
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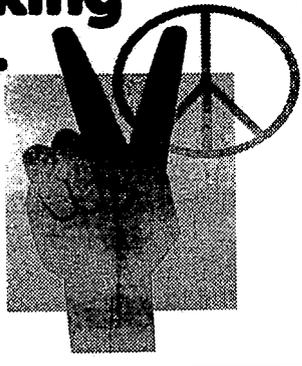
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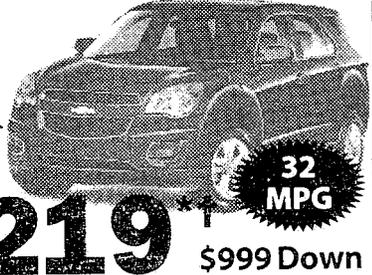
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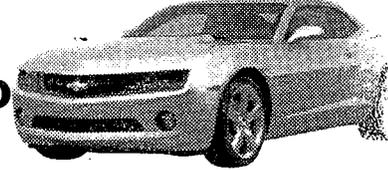


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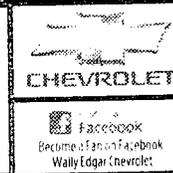
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## 039 WANTED

**WANTED: OCTOBER 24, 2001** edition of The Oxford Leader. Call 248-628-4801 or drop off at Leader office. !1L43tf

**CASH FOR UNWANTED** vehicles. Top Dollar Paid. Free towing. 810-969-2415. !1ZX314

**LOOKING FOR GOOD** quality late model jet ski and jet ski lift. 734-674-2223. !1L152

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**FIREWOOD DIMENSIONS:** a full cord is 4'x4'x8" and 4'x2'x8" is half cord; A face cord is 4x8x16 and is 1/3 of a full cord. !1L34fdh **SPRING SPECIAL- SEASONED** Firewood, all hardwood. \$55 a face cord; 2 face cord for \$100. All wood stored inside barn. Nice & dry, ready to burn. Free delivery Oxford only. 248-421-7941 !1LZ152

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**AUCTION** Sat. March 24th, 2012, 4:00pm Stow-Away Storage 3060 Adventure Ln., Oxford Unit #252 Vicki Lalone- Household. "CASH SALE" \$100 Deposit. Refundable When Unit Is Cleaned Out. L151

**SPORTSMAN AUCTION-** Guns, Archery, Taxidermy, Knives, etc. Saturday, March 17th, 11am. 7285 S. State, Goodrich. 248-622-1516. !1ZX302

## 110 GARAGE SALE

### GUN SHOW

Saturday, March 24th 9:00AM - 3:00PM Tables \$10. Admission \$5. BUY • SELL • TRADE Oxford American Legion 130 East Drahnner Rd. 248-693-2444 L152

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**MOM2MOM SALE SATURDAY,** April 21st, 9am-1pm. 8:30 early bird. Good Shepherd Church, 1950 S. Baldwin, Lake Orion. Reserve space now to sell your gently used kids' clothes, toys & gear. 10'x10' space with table \$20, 10'x10' without table \$15. Contact Catherine, 248-628-9849 or ctwaymaster@att.net. !1L142

## 120 CRAFT SHOWS

**CRAFT SHOWS-** Davison H.S. April 14. Canterbury Village (Lake Orion)- May 20, June 22-24. For Space: 810-658-0440, 810-658-8080 or visit smetankacraftshows.com !1ZX314

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## 140 COMPUTERS

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**COMPUTER PROBLEMS?** Remove unwanted software, spyware, viruses. Is your computer as fast & stable as mine? Onsite at your convenience. Vista to 7 Upgrade packages available. Refurbished laptops & desktops for sale. Free follow-up tech support. Scotty 248-245-9411. !1LZ144

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## 150 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

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2006 FORD 500. 82K miles. Car has been well maintained. New tires, brakes, battery and belt. \$9,000 obo. 248-904-6485. !!LZ68

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**280 REC. VEHICLES**

2006 PW-800 YAMAHA dirt bike, blue & white. Great condition. \$600 obo. 248-249-1572. !!LZ312

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TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE MARCH 6, 2012

- A. A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Wallace  
Absent: Petterson, Rosso, Wagner  
There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation and Seniors Director; Susan Hendricks, Finance Director; Julie Meredith, Library Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Kristen Sieloff, Assessor; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.; Derk W. Beckerleg, Secrest / Wardle; Greg Oviatt, Munder Capital  
Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Amended
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None Requested
- M. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- G. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- 1. Fourth Quarter Investment Report (Curt Carson, Treasurer)
- 2. Superintendent's Report (Bart Clark, Superintendent)

- I. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- J. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Request to Accept Treasurer's Quarterly Report- Approved
- 2. Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes-January 12, 2012- Approved

Request to Approve DPW Repair Bill over \$5,000.00 - Approved

- K. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

- L. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Request for Part-time Cleaning Services-Library & CPAC - Approved
- 2. Request to Promote Operations Captain - Approved
- 3. Appointment of District Library Agreement Committee Members - Approved
- 4. Request to Approve 2012 Cemetery Rates - Removed
- 5. Request to Approve 2012 Water-Sewer Rates - Approved  
Public Comment: Cory Johnston
- 7. Request to Accept 2012 Fertilizer contract - Approved
- 8. Request to Award Bid for 2012 Portable Toilets - Approved
- 9. Request to Approve Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$283,475.79 - Approved

- M. PUBLIC COMMENT: Moved to front of Agenda
- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics

- O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

- 1. REPORT: January 2012 Building Department report
- 2. REPORT: December 2011 Oakland County Sheriff's Office Noted and Filed
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Clerk

Published: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

**Obituaries**  
**Cynthia A. Bell, 56**

Cynthia A. Bell, "Cyndie," of Waterford passed away March 7, 2012, at age 56.

She was the loving daughter of Eileen and Jerry Rance; beloved sister of Mark Rance, Karen Plaza and Denise Martin; proud aunt of Mallory (Jason Hunt) Martin, Ally Martin and Lindsay Rance; great aunt of Rylee Hunt. Cyndie was employed with Michael B. Serling PC.

Memorial visitation and Scripture/Rosary Service was March 11 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance.

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

Obituaries posted daily at  
[Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)

**Around Town**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginiski followed by the pledge of allegiance.  
Roll: Present - Mayor Luginiski, Bisio, Hunter, Hargis, Roth and Haven

Others Present - City Manager Ritter  
Moved by Roth, supported by Hunter, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.  
Moved by Hargis, support by Hunter to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Bisio voting No.  
Moved by Haven, supported by Hargis to approve forming a joint committee with Independence Township to develop a District Library agreement with the City Council appointing to the Committee one member of the Council, the City Manager and two other committee members selected by the City Council; and to make the appointments to the committee at the Council's March 12, 2012 meeting.

Motion Carried.  
Moved by Bisio, supported by Roth to postpone the Job Descriptions to the next schedule meeting of March 12, 2012.

Motion Carried.  
Resolved by Hunter, supported by Bisio to adopt the City of the Village of Clarkston Investment Policy

Motion Carried.  
Moved by Roth, support by Hargis to adjourn at 8:10 PM

Motion Carried  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Richter, Clerk

**Dorothy B. Koop, 88**

Dorothy B. Koop (Rouse) of Clarkston passed away suddenly, March 10, 2012, at age 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband Winfield "Windy." She was the mother of Robert (Bobbie) and Gary (Rene); grandma of Wendi (Bob) Halabicky, Brian Koop and Carrie (Chris) Ouellette; also survived by six great grandchildren; sister of Clark (Gerry) Rouse; sister in law of J.D. Powell and Val Rouse.



Mrs. Koop was a 1941 graduate of Clarkston High School. Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Funeral, Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the funeral home. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society. Online guestbook .

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

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**DivorceCare** facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

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**General Support Group** for anyone with a cancer diagnosis, fourth Thursday, 2-3 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Eugene J. Scypinski, Deceased. Date of birth: 8/25/1930  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Eugene J. Scypinski, Deceased, died December 9, 2011.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Alice Scypinski, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
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2745 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, Michigan 48328 (248) 682-8800  
Alice Scypinski West Bloomfield, MI 48324 (248) 762-0043

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Estate of Marshall L. Wethy, Deceased. Date of birth: 10/28/1929.  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marshall L. Wethy, Deceased died January 3, 2012  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William L. Wethy, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
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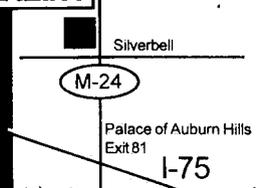
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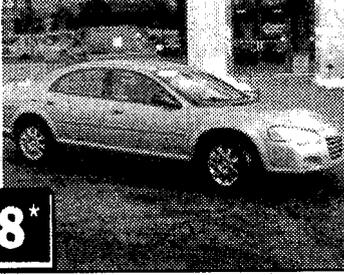
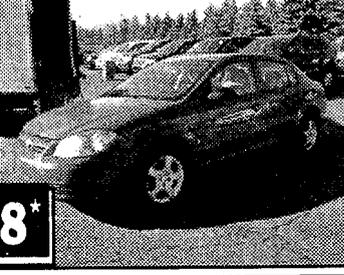
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Clarkston State Bank takes an active role in the community by being involved with numerous local organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Optimist clubs, as well as the school systems.

"We think it's important to be involved in the community," he said. "The community benefits through our involvement and the bank benefits from those community relationships."

The bank stays relevant by not only being involved in the community, but staying updated with the latest technology.

"Clarkston State Bank is known for its personal service, however we're constantly looking for ways to invest in technology to offer competitive products to our customers," Smith noted.

Smith is proud to be a part of the Clarkston State Bank team, as the bank weathered the financial crisis storm without any federal bailout money. He credits their success to board of directors, management team, and the staff itself.

"Failing was never an option for us," he said. "We put together a plan, we executed that plan and it didn't always go the way we wanted it to, so we had to make adjustments as we went along."

Some tell him that is why they became new Clarkston State Bank customers.

"It's comforting to hear people say, 'I appreciate the fact you're a local institution, with local ownership who has worked extremely hard to survive this crisis — just like a lot of people and other businesses have had to do,'" Smith said. "It's



**Bank President Grant Smith on the steps of Clarkston State Bank in downtown Clarkston.**

something we're extremely proud of."

CSB is the only bank Smith knows of in southeast Michigan (if not the whole state) that was removed from a consent order by the FDIC and the state of Michigan in the last three or four years.

"We still have a lot of heavy lifting to do," he said. "We still have some problems we're working through, but we're optimistic as things move forward."

It's that optimistic spirit that will carry them into the future. Smith said they're definitely seeing an improvement in the business climate.

"We are seeing more loan opportunities with people buying facilities and buildings as a result of the continuing low interest rates," Smith said. "We're feeling much better about where the local economy is heading, where the market growth is forecasted and the team we've built here internally."

Clarkston State Bank is located at 15 S. Main Street. Hours are Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. - noon. They also have two branches in Independence Township and one in Waterford.

For more information check out [www.ClarkstonStateBank.com](http://www.ClarkstonStateBank.com) or see their Facebook page, or call the Clarkston office at 248-625-8585 or fax 248-625-3320.

## Car service in comfort at Gerry's Auto Care

Gerry Ward follows the Golden Rule in his business, Gerry's Auto Care.

"How I want to be treated, that's the way my customers are to be treated," he said. "There's such a big trust issue in auto repair. People worry when they take their vehicles in, they feel they can be taken advantage of. We want to help alleviate those issues."

Gary and one of the technicians are certified Master Mechanics, and all the technicians are ASE certified and trained in the latest technology. And, No one works on commission.

"So we have no reason to sell what's not needed or up-sell," he said.

Ward and his wife, Pam Rieger, run the Gerry's Auto Center -- a NAPA auto service center -- as a team. He handles the shop and she handles accounting and other administrative aspects of the business.

"We're local. We're honest. We have fair pricing," Ward, a Springfield Township resident, said.

The shop is clean and friendly. It is decorated with quilts and stained glass art. It doesn't smell like a shop and with coffee and tea the atmosphere is downright homey.

"I wanted an auto shop welcome to everyone, women and families included," he said. "Bringing your vehicle in to be worked on is a stressful experience. We want to take the stress out of it."

"I wanted it to be homey, a nice comfy area," Pam said. "People love it. Guys are comfy anywhere, but I wanted women and families to be comfortable, too."

The couple is excited about their planned spring car care clinic. The free clinic, for women, will help de-mystify the world of auto maintenance.

"We want to acquaint people with the shop and make them feel comfortable with their cars," Gerry said.

"That way, they can come in and tell us in logical terms what's up with their cars," Pam added.

Gerry's Auto Care provides free shuttle service and Wifi, and \$25/day car rental with unlimited mileage. "We are interested in making our customers satisfied with the repair and maintenance on their vehicle so that they will become return customers -- we want to be their auto shop," Ward said.

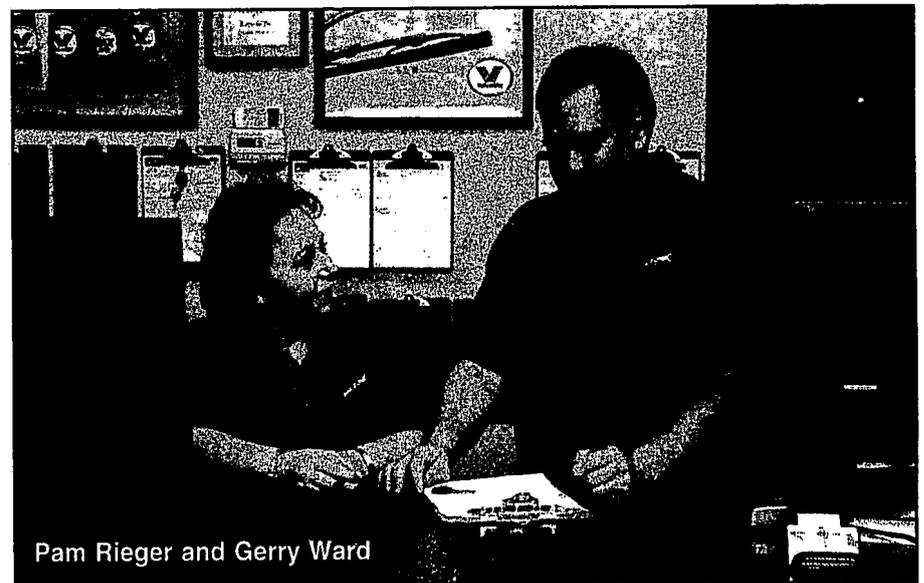
Ward is new home builder, too. When the new housing market tanked, he wanted to run another business.

"My other love has always been car repair. I've always done this as a hobby. I turned my hobby into a business," he said. Ward has an Associate's Degree in Automotive Service from Ferris State University.

Within three months of opening in 2010, the business won the Beautification Award from Waterford Township and Keep Michigan Beautiful award for outstanding beautification.

Both Gerry and Pam curing car care woes in the area of their home. Their children graduated from Clarkston High School and currently attend Michigan State University.

Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Gerry's Auto Care, is located at 5700 Dixie Highway, just south of Andersonville Road. Call them at 248-461-6265 or check their website at [www.GerrysAutoCare.com](http://www.GerrysAutoCare.com). They also are on Facebook and Twitter (Gerry's Auto Care). Their blog is updated with weekly specials by NAPA.



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Johnny Vegas doesn't gamble when it comes to giving grooming experiences fit for a king.

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Johnny Vegas, located at 6525 Dixie Highway, provides men and boys with not only hair care but a relaxing sports-orientated mancave.

It is complete with personal flat-screen television at each of their six over-sized barber chairs, recliners and three large flat-screen televisions in the lobby and slot machines for a chance at Las Vegas luck.

"It is a cut above what men are offered," Karen added. "It is going to be a great experience for them. Johnny Vegas is a place they feel special at. Women like to go to a salon and get pampered, same for men."

Both grew up in the Clarkston and wanted to open something in their hometown and cater to the area.

"There isn't anything like it in the area," John added. "It seems to be a growing business segment in the hair care industry to focus on men and boys."

Before they opened on Feb. 14, John and Karen heard excited buzz about them coming to the area.

"The name is everything," said Karen, adding the atmosphere also added some intrigue.

The name naturally came to them from when they started dating.

"We went to Somerset and John tried on these shoes and they were \$750 shoes," she

said. "Women buy expensive shoes all the time and I didn't know guys did. He put the shoes on and I said 'those are Johnny Vegas shoes.' It stuck. When it was time to name the salon we said *Johnny Vegas*."

The theme grew around the name adding a mix of sports memorabilia and gambling motif.

While they don't know what the future will bring, John and Karen are excited for what lies ahead especially being active in the community and a member of the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

"We will grow within the area," John added.

Johnny Vegas has six experienced stylists ready to give a great haircut experience to the men and boys walking through the door.

Another growing trend is manicures and pedicures - both offered at Johnny Vegas.

A standard haircut is \$15 and includes a shampoo, head-rush, hot lather neck shave, a hot towel massage and a shampoo. Without a haircut they are \$10 each.

Also offered are color and highlights, beard trim and a complete line of hair products.

"Men don't like to make appointment," John added. "They just like to show up. Walk-ins are always welcome at Johnny Vegas."

Johnny Vegas, located at 6525 Dixie Highway next door to Arizona Saddlery, is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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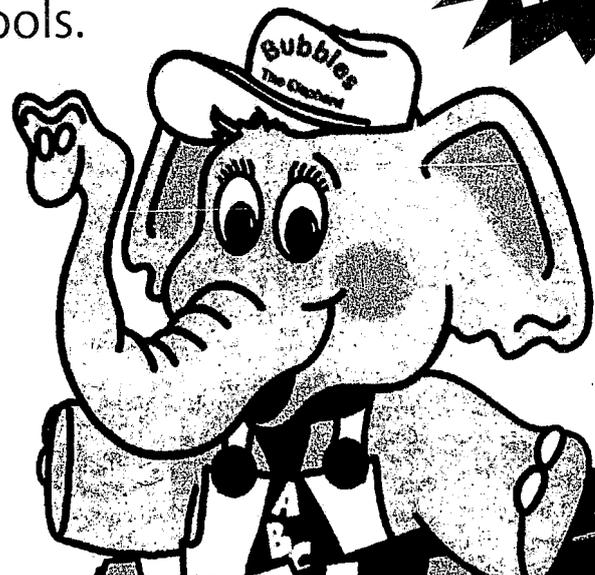
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With the L.E.A.P. curriculum they also have themes for the month such as community helpers was at the beginning of the year.

"We had discussions about community helpers," Ms. Pam said. "We had a police officer, a doctor, a dentist, a fireman and so many more visit. It was nice because it was all of our parents."

Children at The Learning Experience also learn through solid, core curriculums such as Fun with Phonics, Suddenly Science while also learning Spanish and technology.

"It is actually learning the hardware and software like Microsoft Word," Ms. Pam said, adding as technology grows they prepare the students for the future. "They learn how to use a CD player and a digital camera. It encompasses a very large spectrum."

Ms. Pam said the children don't just receive a few minutes of time for each curriculum but a significant amount of focus time on each one and works one-on-one with a teacher.

Children at The Learning Experience also enjoy the library as well as the outside playground and the Make Believe Boulevard inside the facility.

Ms. Pam smiled and described the Make Believe Boulevard and the fun children have at the perfectly sized house, store, garage, fire station and slide leading to the ball pit.

They also have a lot of extracurricular activities. They have Parents Night Out every

six weeks.

"Our girls come in and babysit your child while you can have a date night," Ms. Pam added. "We have a pajama party, pizza, sundaes and movies and crafts. We provide for all ages and they aren't in one classroom. We have three different classrooms open - infants, toddlers and preschoolers are all separate."

They also hold a large Christmas program every year - which gets bigger and bigger each holiday. Over 600 attended their 2011 program.

"We also have a graduation ceremony with caps and gowns," Ms. Pam said. "The kids sing and receive diplomas."

In addition, they have Bubbles, their elephant, stop in and talk to the kids.

"They all love Bubbles," said Ms. Pam. "They all talk about Bubbles. It is funny when Bubbles arrives. It is like a celebrity arriving."

Bubbles can also be seen at community events with his fire truck like the downtown Clarkston Light Parade and various activities with the Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

"We are very supportive of the community," Ms. Pam said. "We fully support the parks and recreation system in all way with sponsorships and events. I live here. My business is here. My son went to school here so for us it is about the community."

Looking ahead for the future, Ms. Pam and the staff are excited.

"I am always excited about kids," she said. "For me, it is meeting our new kids, their families and seeing our kids every day. I have a passion for kids. We have a wonderful staff that I handpicked. We look for people who feel like I do. We hold our kids, we love our kids. When I walk into a classroom they hug me. They feel the love that's here."

The Learning Experience is located at 7210 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. For more information visit [www.independence.tlechildcare.com](http://www.independence.tlechildcare.com) or call 248-625-5285.

The one place you need to make your home beautiful inside and out is at 9539 Dixie Highway, home of Lowrie's Landscape and Plum Hollow Design Studio,

"She's interior and I'm exterior," said Tom Lowrie, owner of Lowrie's Landscape. "We have a lot in common, and share a similar clientele."

Lowrie, in business for 32 years, offers great value in landscape design and supplies, walkways, pools, ponds, waterfalls, lighting, and outdoor kitchens and living rooms.

"We stand behind our work," he said. Plum Hollow Design Studio is an interior design and home decor shop offering award-winning interior design skills and knowledge.

"We respect our clients and do a good job," said Suzie Bennett, owner of Plum Hollow Design Studio for the past 19 years. "Come in here and see what's on display. Our fabric, wallpaper, furnishings, are second to none in the area."

Landscaping and home decoration is easy to get into but difficult to achieve long-term success. Lowrie's and Plum Hollow, which combined two years ago, have it figured out.

"I'd rather make a little on a lot of jobs than try to make a lot on a few jobs," Lowrie said. "People are spending more time at home and are interested in swim-

ming pools, outdoor kitchens, fireplaces. It's not just a patio anymore, they make an outdoor living room."

Meeting clients' needs is priority one for both. "Every client is different. We'll meet anyone's needs and do any look," Bennett said. "We have a lot of repeat business. Clients come back for the customer service and products we provide."

When hiring, Lowrie looks for integrity and family values in potential employees. That's paid off - his employees have been with him an average of 15 years.

"I treat them fairly and they do good work," he said. "Their good moral integrity reflects on the business."

They offer a fully equipped outdoor venue for local community groups, churches, wedding showers, and other gatherings.

"My daughter is getting married in July, and she'll have the shower right here," Lowrie said. "It has a kitchen, fire pit, putting green, people love it. It's beautiful and peaceful."

Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Sunday. For more information, call Lowrie's Landscape and Plum Hollow Design Studio, 9539 Dixie Highway, at 248-620-9000. Online, go to [lowrieslandscape.com](http://lowrieslandscape.com) and [plumhollowdesignstudio.com](http://plumhollowdesignstudio.com).



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The Sunday Brunch is served in the Great Hall, one of the most impressive rooms in the mansion. With cathedral ceilings, stained glass, and ceiling-to-floor arched windows there are magnificent views of the grounds. In the summer, weather permitting, you can also dine alfresco on the patio.

The sumptuous buffet offers a mixture of tempting breakfast and lunch dishes. The menu varies each week, but a typical brunch could include a waffle, omelet or 1-2 meat carving stations, fish, potatoes, vegetables, salads, crab legs, muffins, scrambled eggs, bacon, and a dessert bar with cakes, pies, and build-your-own

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Sunday brunch is \$19.95 for adults and \$12.95 for children ages 4-11. There is no charge for children under three.

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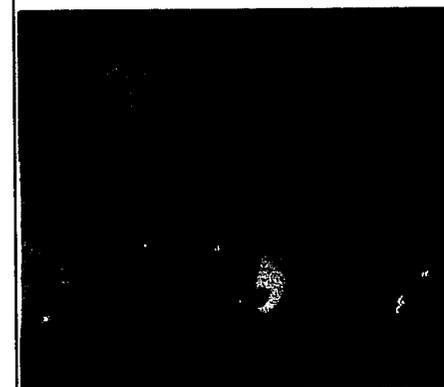
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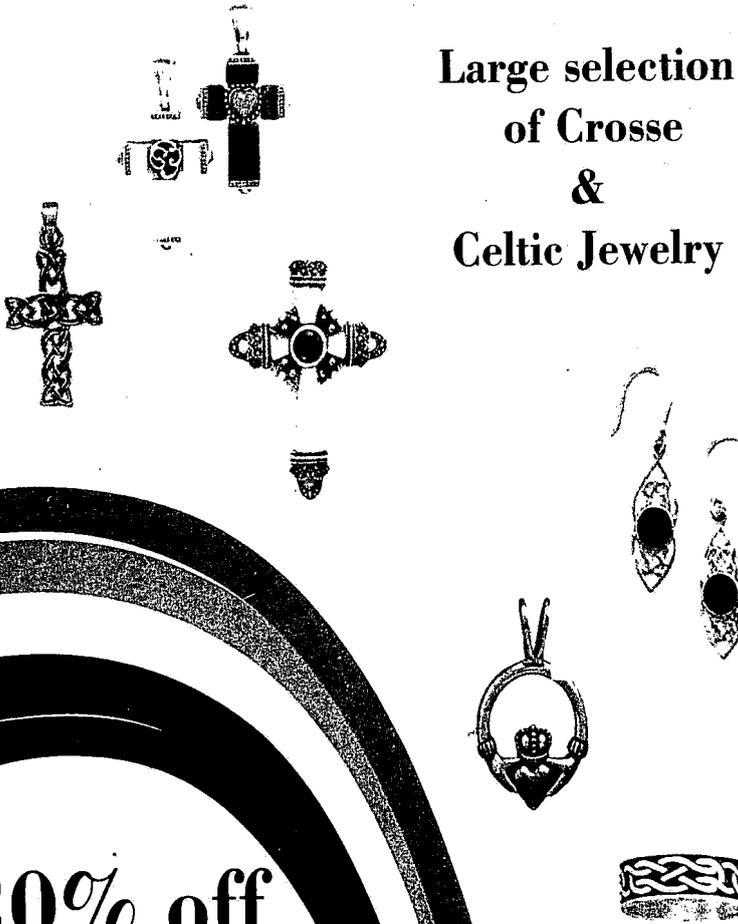
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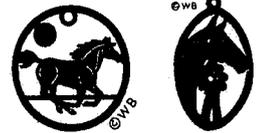
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## SilverKiss Jewelry in downtown is a new business with an old twist

Buck Kopietz knows the story behind the jewelry sold at his store, SilverKiss Jewelry Boutique in beautiful downtown Clarkston.

"Their stories add relevance to each piece. I've been in the business for a long time -- 37 years in Clarkston -- and I have developed connections with people in the jewelry and gem business around the world."

If the name Buck Kopietz sounds familiar, but SilverKiss Jewelry doesn't you may be scratching your head. Hmm?

Until 2011, Kopietz owned and operated Tierra Arts and Design. To meet the community's demands and reach a new generation of customers, this past October, he changed the businesses name and expanded its scope.

Customers now have the opportunity to join an e-mail club with special offers to publicized to the general public. Kopietz is also communicating through social media (FaceBook) and with a new website. And, while the new opportunities for Kopietz and his customers are numerous, what has kept him in business and set him apart is his knowledge and connections.

He once hosted treasure hunter Andy Matroci, showcasing items recovered from the 1622 galleon shipwreck Atocha.

A broker Kopietz knows has specialized in Afghanistan jewels for 30 years. "He used to have to sneak the stuff in," Kopietz said. "Now he's consulting with the Afghan government on gem development."

SilverKiss Jewelry Boutique offers custom work and fine jewelry, including a large selection of inexpensive, quality sterling silver. "It's fashionable and more affordable," he said.

Kopietz started his business with sterling silver, 36 pieces of handmade jewelry made by his wife, Joan. "Now we're back into sterling silver, so it's not a big leap for us."

They have something for all customers, longtime to new. SilverKiss stocks dia-

monds for weddings, engagements, and other special occasions; custom design gold rings, and a wide variety of semiprecious stones and beads in sterling silver for under \$100. The vast majority of items are \$40-\$150.

Selection also includes earrings in hundreds of styles, turquoise, semiprecious and precious sapphire, religious-theme jewelry, and items with equestrian and other animal themes.

Jewelry can be customized with corporate logos and designs. Also popular is affordable jewelry for children. "There have been more calls for inexpensive but quality jewelry for children, mostly little girls, rings and necklaces with hearts and animals," he said.

New this year is a line of men's jewelry by Guy Fieri.

"Bold, heavy, stainless steel bracelets, necklaces, and cuff links," Kopietz said.

They also offer gift items including hand blown art glass made with Mt. St. Helens ash, scented oil lamps, a full line of Louie-award-winning gift cards, and the Jewel Collection of Xan Confections, chocolate gems filled with chocolate caramel, espresso almond, coconut pecan caramel, butter-scotch caramel, and ancho chili caramel.

Both Buck and his wife Joan, longtime Clarkston residents feel fortunate to have withstood the test of time.

"Customers are happy to see us still here, and we have a lot of new customers too," he said. "The are all wonderful, very much appreciated. In an era where there's not a lot of loyalty in retail, I have customers who are very loyal, who go back 35 years with us."

For more information, call SilverKiss, 64 South Main, at 248-625-2511, or check [www.SilverKissjewelry.com](http://www.SilverKissjewelry.com), "SilverKiss Jewelry Boutique" on Facebook, or Twitter, @silverkissjewel. Hours are Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Jeff Noftz and Louise Kasl still have fun in their shop of 33 years.

## Kinetic Systems Bicycles is the hometown bike shop

Times have changed since Kinetic Systems Bicycles joined the Clarkston community 33 years ago. But for owners, Louise Kasl and Jeff Noftz, the quality customer service and their involvement in the community hasn't.

"We are family and treat our customers like family," Noftz added. "I always tell people when you are going shopping, either with us or anybody, if you have a good feeling and a good sense somebody is talking like a real person. If they are enthusiastic and having fun - this is where you go shopping. Everyone does everything on-line. You can shop on-line on the computer but you won't get the same personal touch. We still believe in that old-school customer service."

Their store offers an impressive array of bicycles, parts, accessories, outfits and safety equipment.

Kinetic Systems opened their current location, 60 S. Main Street, downtown Clarkston in 1986. "We have become the hometown bike store," Noftz said.

And, more.

They are involved in the Clarkston Farmers Market and allow farmers to drop off produce at their store to be picked up. They ride their bikes in the Clarkston parades and support local businesses and organizations, such as Helping Hand and the Downtown Retailers Group, whose motto is My Clarkston, Buy Clarkston.

"The way I think about us is the same way I think about other local businesses. I go to Morgan's Service because he is local," Noftz said.

Kinetics is the main sponsor of the Flying Rhinos Cycling Club with over 300

members. During the riding season, you can see their purple and yellow jerseys on members pedaling around the community. Kinetic and the Rhinos help they youth riding clubs from Clarkston schools set up and maintain biking trails.

"It is nice to get the kids outside, get them riding and get them to do something," Noftz said with a smile.

Cycling is not just a trend or fad with the youth, Noftz and Kasl agree, they see entire families involved. "Bikes have become more mainstream and the improvements are great," Noftz added. "More people are aware of the health aspects of using them. When I first started, young people bought and used bikes, older people didn't. I can't tell you how many people my age are coming in and buying bikes now. They want to get out there and exercise. It's supportive on the knees especially if you have problems walking or running."

Kinetics also sponsors bike maintenance classes, training sessions, gravel road rides and road races for all skill levels and abilities. "We have different events to pull people in and put back into the community," Noftz said. "It keeps us out there, active and in the forefront of peoples' mind.."

Kinetic Systems is open seven days a week, Monday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 12-4 p.m.

For more information, call 248-625-7000, visit their FaceBook page, Kinetics System Bicycles, or their website, [www.KineticSystemsBicycles.com](http://www.KineticSystemsBicycles.com).



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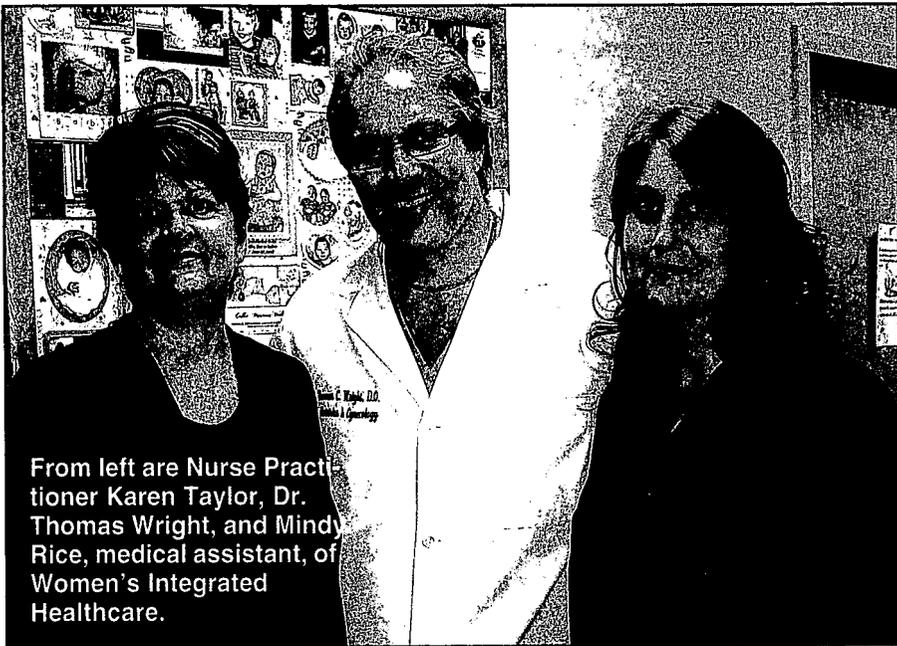
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Owner of Pita-Way Brandon Bahoura stands at attention while the sizzling goodness takes place on the grill.

## Pita-Way keeps growing

Brandon Bahoura, owner of Pita-Way off Sashabaw Road said "word of mouth" is his best form of advertising.

"My main goal is whenever a customer tries my food, they have the best experience and they tell other people," he said. "Our business consists of offering quality, fresh tasting, fast and delicious Middle Eastern cuisine to customers that are in need of something new."

Two years into the business and it's working, Bahoura noted.

"The first year was a little shaky, the second year showed a great improvement and I'm only looking to grow and grow more within the community," he said. "When I first opened I only had 14 chairs, now I have almost 30. During lunchtime we get a packed house."

Bahoura said he is at the restaurant about 90 percent of the time and 70 percent, of his customers, if not more know him on a first name basis. He worked with a designer to create an inside that made people "feel comfortable." Part of his design was to create an open kitchen, so customers can see and smell the food, while it's being prepared right in front of them. Bahoura who is of Chaldean descent also noted all the food is homemade from scratch.

"I keep my business relative by always coming up with new ideas, new recipes, and new menu items," he said.

Customers he said can also change up how they eat their wrap.

"They can always come in and eat one wrap one way," Bahoura said. "Then get the same wrap the next day and have it totally different by adding or subtracting whatever items you want on it."

"If someone is not familiar with Middle Eastern food they can come in and sample across the bar until they find something they like," he said.

Catering is also a specialty he offers.

"My catering has been doing well as of late, a lot of doctor's offices do catering with us," he said. "We also do birthday parties, graduation parties, and anniversaries."

He also tries to support high school activities anytime he's given the opportunity.

As far as the future goes, Bahoura said he's excited.

"The future just brings more opportunity for Pita Way to keep growing," he said. "I'm always interested in meeting new people and getting new customers."

Pita Way is located at 6315 Sashabaw Road. Hours of operation are Mon-Thurs. 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. Fri and Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sun. Noon-8 p.m.

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"Imported items aren't as well made, and I like being able to pick up the phone and talk to the owner," Fortinberry said. "You can't do that with importers." She loves the store's downtown location in the Clarkston Mills, 20 W. Washington Street Suite 9.

"Overlooking Mill Pond - it's so beautiful," she said. "This is always where I wanted to be, it's so fun. It's a better

shopping environment, with lots of walk-ins."

Downtown shops and restaurants make Clarkston a fun destination spot, she said.

"I'm proud to be a part of that," she said. "We're starting to see a little uptake in the economy. People are buying furnishings and other things for their homes. It's definitely up from last year. We're excited about that."

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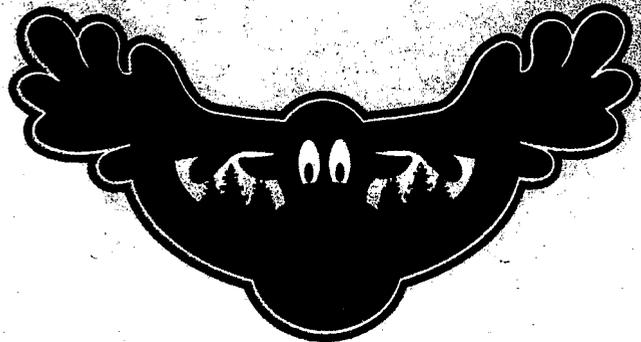
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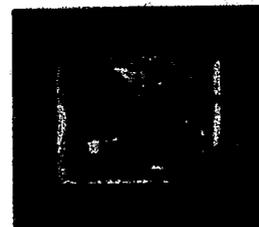
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"It's not only preserving memories, but also preserving nature," Burns said. "It's nice to have that to offer for people wanting to go back to nature and not leave any kind of impact on the environment. This is their last ecological act they can perform to help keep Mother Earth clean."

In *The Preserve* visitation grave sites are memorialized with field stones from the property. And, for those wishing for interment in a prairie area, All Saints memorialize loved ones on a field stone cenotaph wall.

A trend Burns notices in the cemetery industry is the increase in cremations, which is up to almost 50 percent in Michigan. Along with the cremation niches, they also offer cremates to be memorialized by being buried in the ground.

"In the future, I am going to have some benches here where they can have a private family bench on the ground," he said. "I want to put some down by the lake, so they can actually sit or visit at the lake and contemplate while they're viewing their loved ones."

All Saints is nonprofit, which has its advantages, Burns noted. They don't run into the funding complications like many

municipal and state run cemeteries do.

"We have an endowed care fund that's for the purpose of cemetery care in perpetuity, the principal in that is never touched," he said.

All Saints hosts pre-planning seminars at cemetery's office, churches or organizations. They hold special masses on Memorial Day, and on All Souls Day, which is the first Sunday in November. A Veterans' service is also on Nov. 11. The community is always invited to their annual "Trim the Trees" event on Dec. 1, where people can use materials to create natural ornaments to decorate the trees as well as feed the wildlife at the cemetery proper and *The Preserve*.

The staff at All Saints Cemetery believes in being active in the community -- and are active in both the Clarkston and Waterford chambers of commerce, appearing at expos and contributing sponsors for local events and church activities.

Some people will notice another change at All Saints Cemetery. After 17 years as cemetery director, Bill Burr decided it was time to retire and the reigns were handed to Burns.

Burns has been employed with the Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association, which All Saints is part of for over 30 years. He was director of Mt. Elliot Cemetery from 2002, until coming here to All Saints last 2011.

Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association has served and cared for Detroit and Southeastern Michigan for 170 years. All Saints opened in April of 1979 and services all Christian Faiths.

All Saints is located at 4401 Nelsey Road in Waterford. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri. and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sat. They are closed Sundays and most holidays. Ground hours are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (7 a.m.-7 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time). Visit their website at [www.MtElliott.com](http://www.MtElliott.com) or friend them on Facebook. Call 248-625-933. You can also view videos about them at [www.youtube.com/mtelliottcemeteries](http://www.youtube.com/mtelliottcemeteries).



**Back: Ground keepers Rocco Papisidero and William Failer. Front: Joy VanderWheel, Susan Springer, and Russell Burns.**

# Green, natural services now at Coats Funeral Home

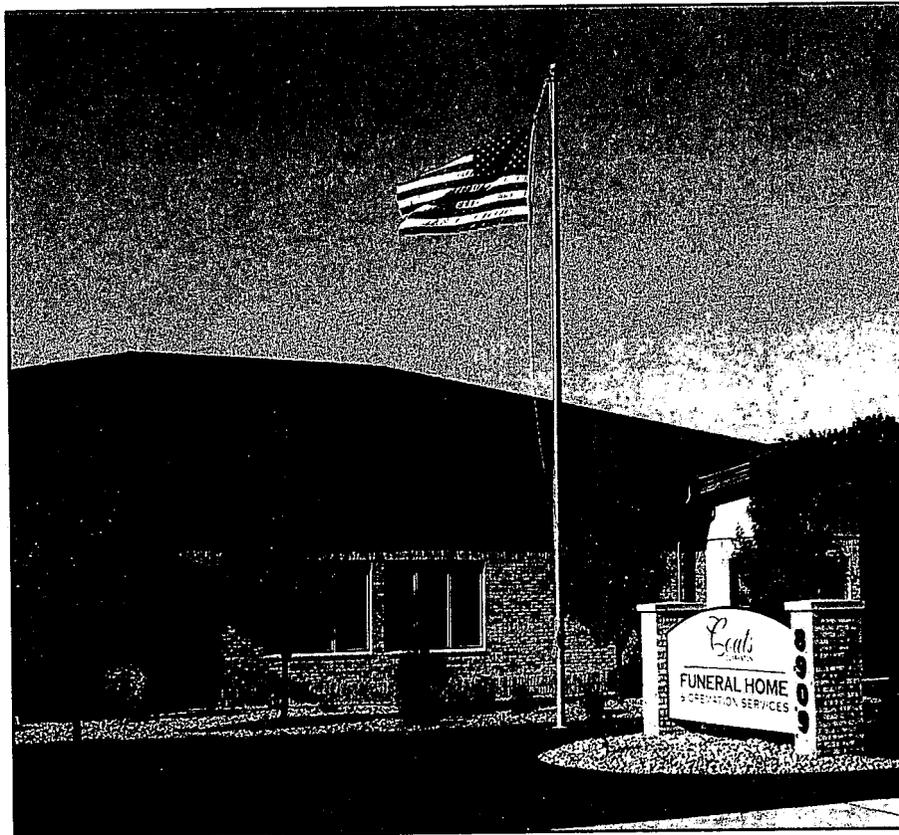
Two years since its opening, Coats Funeral Home, Clarkston continues to provide traditional services and cremations, yet caters to families who want to develop a highly-personalized tribute.

"We like to work with families so their memorial tribute is personalized and intimately reflective of their loved one's life," says Tim Nye, a Clarkston resident and managing director. There are several unique services that meet the ever-changing needs of families.

"Families don't always feel the best way to honor their loved one is with a traditional service and burial," explains Nye. "We are a very mobile society now and aren't truly tied to a certain community or its ground. So, that mentality may require a different avenue to honor someone."

A new service being offered is green or natural burials. "It's an option for the individual or family who is concerned about their environmental impact," explains Nye. "No chemicals are used and burial occurs in a biodegradable casket. It is an option many families are interested in today."

Hi-tech webcasting has been available since the property's 2010 opening.



It is a free service which allows a family member from any location in the world to view the service via the Internet. "We

found it absolutely necessary to provide this free service," says Nye. "Many families today are geographically discon-

nected, so for those who cannot attend a service in person – due to distance, illness, or finances– webcasting becomes an invaluable service to our families near and far."

Lastly, pet tributes and memorials are available for even the smallest member of the family. "We treat pets just as any other member of your family," explains Nye. For many individuals, their pets are family members and the services we provide reflect that everlasting relationship between owners and their pets."

Nye also wants the funeral home and its staff to become an invaluable servant of the Clarkston community. "The Coats Family's tradition is that our relationship with a community begins long before a death occurs and continues for as long as you need the support," explains Nye. "That's what this business is bringing to Clarkston. We want to be a resource for the local business community, the area's non-profit organizations and for the people."

To learn more about the Coats Family tradition, log onto

[www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com) or contact Tim Nye at (248) 620-4142 to ask any questions about funeral needs.



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"We want our customers to be informed and part of the process so they feel like they are making the right decisions," said Drew Cook, general manager. "It is helping the community in regards they know they are getting a good deal without having to guess."

The Serra Superstore, offering premier previously owned vehicles, follow four core principles in how they do business. These core values are High quality, Low cost, Great service and Great selection.

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"You have a 3 day guarantee," Cook added. "If you don't like it bring it back - no questions asked."

Nissan of Clarkston and the Serra Superstore also have a high value and low cost objective. They search the market and find what the best overall price is for a vehicle, then pass this price on to the customer.

"It makes for an easy buying process," Cook said. "We took all the negatives and positives of the car buying process and molded it into a process that customers truly enjoy."

The negative was the back and forth negotiation process but at Nissan and Serra Superstore you receive the lowest price.

They also make the process quick and efficient and everyone is guaranteed finance ap-

proval at their store.

They offer free appraisals on used cars and no purchase is necessary, Cook said, adding they will give cash value to the customer no purchase necessary.

"A good accolade is the Google reviews we have received," Cook added. "They highlight and validate our concept and how it has been received in Clarkston and surrounding communities."

The savings continue after purchasing a vehicle from Nissan of Clarkston and Serra Superstore. The service department follows the same concept with low prices and takes care of all makes and models for a reasonable price. They also offer an oil change and filter change for \$12.95.

Nissan of Clarkston and the Serra Superstore offer another incentive to customers - A One to One Rewards program.

As a One to One Reward member, customers earn points for every dollar they spend at the store for service. The points can be used for a service visit, accessories or towards a purchase of a new or pre-owned vehicle.

"It has had a tremendous response," Cook said. "It also gives them service dollars for money spent online with different vendors."

Nissan of Clarkston and Serra Superstore is located at 8400 Dixie Highway. Sale hours are Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, closed.

The service department is open Monday and Thursday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Sunday, closed.

For more information, call Nissan at 866-496-6511 or visit them online, [www.nissanofclarkston.com](http://www.nissanofclarkston.com) or [www.serrasuperstore.com](http://www.serrasuperstore.com).

It was five years ago when Mesquite Creek reopened its doors after renovations, new management and new ownership.

"We have a lot of neat things we are working on for the next year starting with the five year anniversary menu," said Tony Vitale, general manager.

The anniversary menu includes some Mesquite Creek favorites like the fajitas, Chicken Durango, Shrimp Brochette, Mesquite's "Fall off the Bone" Ribs, Chicken Pot Pie and Shrimp Tetonka.

"We have scaled down and rearranged the menu," Vitale added. "This way we could bring back some of the favorite items people have been asking for over the last five years they are craving from the old Mesquite Creek menu."

A delicious addition to the anniversary menu Vitale, the staff and guests are excited about is the return of the legendary Super Baked Potato - a potato larger than an adult hand.

"I can't tell how many times I have been asked what happened to the huge baked potato over the last few years," Vitale added. "The people have spoken and the potato is back for a limited time."

Another addition to the menu include a Light Appetite section for guests not as hungry. The menu includes the MC Cheese Burger, Spicy Fish Tacos, Chicken Quesadilla, Hot Hungarian Peppers and Sausage and a new sandwich Belle Melange, which means "beautiful mess."

Mesquite Creek has also addressed guests requests for gluten free item which they have identified on the menu.

"It is now easier for our guests that need to eat gluten free to find items on the menu to enjoy," said Vitale.

Chef Heinz will continue to introduce new items to the guests through daily specials. If

the dishes are popular they will be added to the menu.

"Everyone is a part of it," Vitale explained. "We are giving Chef Heinz the opportunity to be creative and introduce new things. Plus, a lot of our guests like to be involved and it gives them an additional outlet to be involved."

Vitale added the menu may change in years to come, but what will not change is how the Mesquite Creek staff makes their guests feel as they walk into the restaurant.

"We hope when people come to our restaurant they don't just have a menu, they have an experience," he said. "We are a team who really cares about what we do and we are committed to doing an excellent job. This is our home. We are welcoming people into our home everyday. It is an experience we want to share with guests every single day."

Vitale is also excited about the future because the economy is starting to turn around and he has seen an increase in the interest in Clarkston.

"There is so much going on here and so many reasons for people to find out what is going on in Clarkston," he added. "It is an opportunity for us to shine and do what we do well. All of us in Clarkston have a lot of reasons to be excited. It is a time of growth and to grow together."

Stop by today to check out the special 5-year anniversary menu or visit at [mesquitecreek.com](http://mesquitecreek.com). While online go to Mesquite Creek's Facebook page for special offers.

Mesquite Creek is located at 7228 N. Main Street in Clarkston. They are open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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Planet Kids Premier Academy, family owned and operated, continues to grow since they opened 13 years ago.

Their most recent addition is a mobile gymnastics bus, part of their health and wellness program, provides more to the physical fitness programming.

"In addition to academics we want to see kids more active," said Chris Collins, vice-president of operations. "We need to create a good foundation for them."

Besides the gymnastics bus, which has received raving reviews from the children, Planet Kids has plenty of space not only indoors but outdoors for the students to ride bicycles and play sports.

Students also learn science, math, social studies and language arts.

"The curriculum is planned for children ages six weeks to six years and is offered in such a way that it feels like play," said Collins. "We genuinely care about building the right foundation for the children we care for. We have more to offer than any other child care center around."

The pre-school 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.

Providing the junior kindergarten children with their own lockers, helps prepare them for elementary school. Small class sizes of 12 students to one teacher allow for more one on one interaction. A small class size has a tremendous impact on learning and allows them to move past the regular Michigan State Standard Benchmarks. They leave the program with a strong foundation in reading. The program is very language arts based and is designed on a balanced literacy curriculum.

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

Planet Kids hires lead teachers possessing a CDA or a degree in Early Childhood, as well as certified elementary education teachers.

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

Junior Summer Camp is designed for children in pre-school and junior kindergarten.

Parents may choose the weeks and days that their children will attend.

This April 2 - 6, Planet Kids is offering Spring Break Camp. This sample version of summer camp is offered each day and has a different theme and either an onsite or offsite field trip.

Planet Kids Premier Academy is very 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 anytime. 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.

Parent Nights Out is held the first and third Saturdays of every month, 6 - 11 p.m. 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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We offer a complimentary fitness consultation for each member where they receive an assessment of their physical condition along with recommendations for a workout that will best help them reach their fitness goals. We also offer several membership options as well as a free trial membership for 14 days," vonKnipper said. "We know that once someone experiences our club and realizes the savings in health care costs due to maintaining an active lifestyle, this small investment of their finances will yield big dividends."

Anytime Fitness not only offers the community a 24 hour wellness facility, but also knowledgeable personal trainers, group fitness classes and a host of fitness options.

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Members can also access workout

programs, meal plans/recipes, exercise logs and motivational videos through the website [www.anytimehealth.com](http://www.anytimehealth.com). vonKnipper said they also follow up with members frequently via e-mail and phone to listen to their requests.

"We have added Zumba and Yoga classes due to member requests, and Boot Camp will be coming in the spring," he said. "We strive to give our club members a caring atmosphere with lots of variety to keep their workouts fresh and their time spent in the club a fun and meaningful experience."

They also believe in giving back to the community as well as participating in local community functions. Recently they helped serve dinner at a fundraiser for a local senior center and for the month of Feb. they spread the "sharing and caring" message of Valentine's Day by hosting a canned food drive.

"We also frequently run sales and special membership offers unique to Anytime Fitness," vonKnipper said.

He also said customers are excited about their product.

"It has been said, 'your memories should never be bigger than your dreams,' vonKnipper added. "Our members are excited that we can help them get in the best shape ever and make their dreams come true."

Anytime Fitness is located at 9685 Dixie Highway. Staffed hours are Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information call 248-625-3002 or visit [www.anytimefitness.com](http://www.anytimefitness.com)



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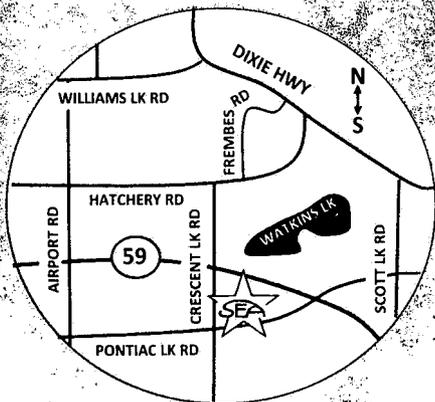


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"We work on Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Jaguar, Land Rover, Volkswagen, Saab, Subaru, and Volvo," he said. "We provide a quality product, stay accessible to our customers and we are there when they need us."

Fowler has been in business since 1983 and said he is excited about the future. "Now that my oldest son, Jordan, is involved in the business, the future

looks very bright. Jordan loves cars and is as passionate and committed to the industry as I am."

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Students at Marketti Academy of Cosmetology learn the latest in salon services.

## Market looks good for Marketti Academy grads

Marketti Academy of Cosmetology celebrates five years of providing quality education, affordable salon services, and industry-ready graduates. At a time when unemployment levels have reached an all time high, the beauty industry shows nothing but growth for the years ahead.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment in the beauty industry will continue to grow faster than the national average through the year 2018. Employment trends show an estimated increase of 20 percent for hairstylists and cosmetologists, 38 percent for skin care specialists and estheticians, and 19 percent for manicurists.

Admissions Director Allison Murphy said, "we receive phone calls from salon owners monthly wanting to know when we will have students graduating. We have a great reputation for having knowledgeable, experienced graduates."

Marketti Academy cosmetology and manicuring graduates have gained employment in salons and spas, while the esthetics graduates have been employed in salons, spas, and doctors' offices.

It isn't uncommon for Marketti students to have a job lined up prior to graduating. Director of Education Tawny Pearson explained that students can job shadow in a salon that they are interested in working for. "So far, every student that has participated in a salon job shadow has gone on to work in that salon after graduating and becoming licensed," Pearson said.

To prepare students for their state board exam and for their future job, Marketti Acad-

emy has a full service clinic floor. Senior students, under instructor supervision, perform salon services including haircuts, haircolor, facials, manicures, pedicures, and body waxing. These salon services are offered at discounted prices to the public. Marketti Academy also offers monthly specials on more popular services such as haircuts for just \$5.

"It's a lot of fun here," said senior student Kayla Ray. "The instructors are really good at showing us how to do things and preparing us for what it will be like in a salon."

To increase clientele, students are able to send coupons to family, friends, and current clients for their next salon service.

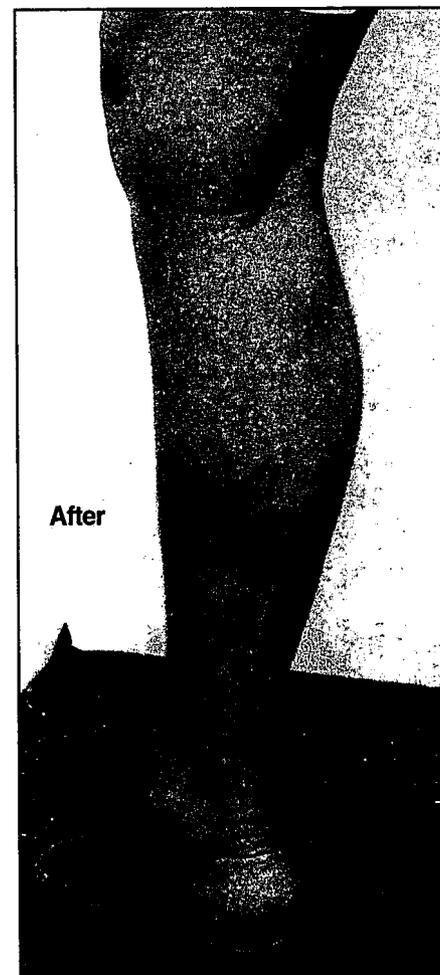
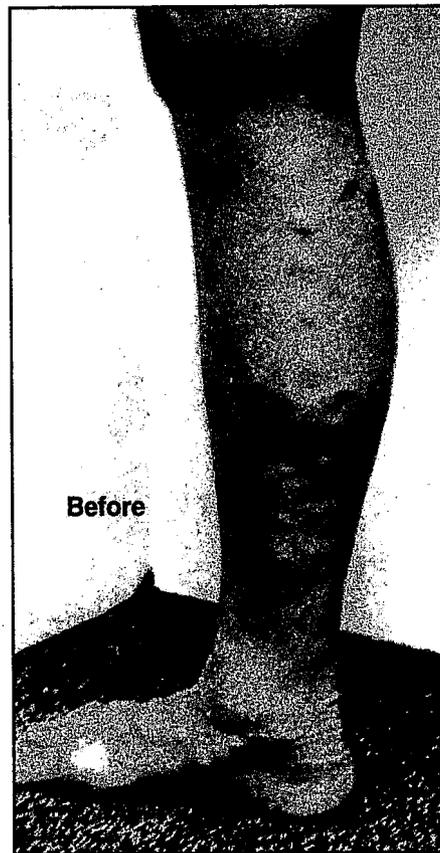
"We give great services and it's such a compliment when we have clients come back because they know we do a good job," Ray explained.

Marketti Academy of Cosmetology offers classes in cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring, and instructor training. Financial aid is available to those students who qualify. Students interested in applying for financial aid can go to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) website at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or call the admissions department at Marketti Academy at (248) 618-6394. The Marketti Academy school code is 041593.

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VeinSolutions of Clarkston is proud to offer the community an office that is staffed by not only board certified vascular surgeons but also a caring, friendly staff made up of highly qualified nurses, medical assistants and receptionists.

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Hawkins said many patients come to us for treatment of varicose and or spider veins not realizing that the daily leg pain, achiness and tiredness are also caused by a vein problem.

"What they also don't realize is that this is a medical problem; called Venous Insufficiency and that it can be fixed by performing a simple in office procedure with little or no down time," she said. "The most surprising part about all of this for the patient is that the diagnosis and the procedure (Venous Ablation) is a covered benefit with most insurance companies."

VeinSolutions is willing to help patients obtain all the necessary insurance information prior to make any decisions on treatments.

"In fact our physicians offer a free screening," added Hawkins. "At this appointment, which usually takes less than fifteen minutes, you are able to discuss your concerns, and the physician is able to evaluate your legs and offer his recommendations."

Another way to maintain and provide the highest level of quality care to their patients they recently went through an accreditation process with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

"Through this process which included onsite reviews we were found to meet their rigorous standards," Hawkins noted. "This is a very important milestone in the continuing growth and success of our health care organization, and we are all very proud of this accomplishment."

As for 2012 and beyond, the doctors at VeinSolutions will continue to search and study the latest, safest and most effective treatments of vein problems and bring these to their patients. VeinSolutions first opened in 2003 in Flint and then opened the Clarkston location in 2009.

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## Quality Service

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"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."

Their community appreciates the hard work Mr. Gott and his technicians put in to 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 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.

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 auto repair service better," he said.

He came to Clarkston after receiving a tip one of his restaurant employees gave him.

"She was in real estate and 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.

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 and what needs to be done to repair it.

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 continue to grow with today's technological advances," he continued. "Vehicles have evolved so much in the last 30 years. When I came in to the business we were working with ignition points and condensers. Now it's a lot more involved and complicated with the integration of so many computerized components."

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Gott's Auto Service is located at 5709 Maybee Road, open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 248-623-0119 or visit [www.gottsauto.com](http://www.gottsauto.com).

# Sportsmens Great Northern Grill gives great food for a good price

What makes Sportsmens Great Northern Grill the best burger place in town? Owner Tom Kurko will tell you it's the product itself.

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He also said their product is never frozen, and they also stuff the ingredients inside the burger, so customers can get "The Firehouse," "Black & Blue," "Swiss & Mushroom," or the "Southwestern" burger plus fries all for \$6.95.

"We have a high end product we're selling at a reasonable price," Kurko said.

Kurko said the grill has been a family business for 50 years and the building itself, originally a stagecoach stop, has been in continual operation for 120 years.

"My grandfather was here, my mother and father were here, I'm here and I have two daughters," he said. "Hopefully that

will be the next generation."

Another key to successful business is "having long term employees that are dedicated."

We have double digit employees that have been here for years and years and years as well as generations, children of the employees that are working here too," he said.

Kurko's never worked in another industry but the food business.

"What I love about the food business is it's a people's business. Whether it's entertainment, food, relaxation whatever their needs are," he said. "They come in with needs and hopefully I can fulfill them."

Sportsmens Great Northern Grill is located at 5864 Dixie Highway and open 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sun-Sat. For more information call 248-623-1122 or visit [www.sportsmens.comcast.biz.net](http://www.sportsmens.comcast.biz.net)



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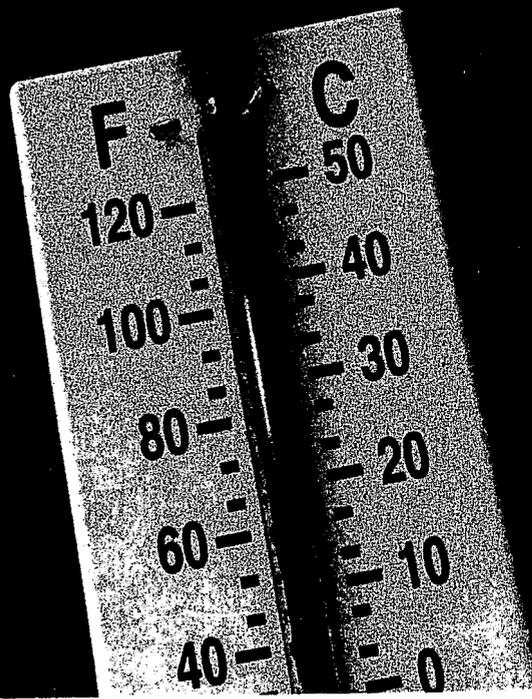
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## Sportsmen's Club is Oakland County's best kept secret is in Clarkston

A delicious smell delights those traveling down Waterford Road every Friday night. The smell is the Friday Night Fish Fry at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, voted Best of the Best three consecutive years by *The Clarkston News'* readers.

The dinner is just \$8 and includes fried or baked wild caught North Atlantic Cod, fried chicken, fries, a hot vegetable, cole slaw, cornbread, and rolls - all prepared Friday morning. "Everything is made with the best ingredients and the freshest quality possible," said Salli Petherbridge, the OCSC office manager.

The club serves from 5:30 until 8:00pm. Carry out dinners and a nine piece "bucket" of chicken are also available.

"It is a big draw for when you don't want to cook," Petherbridge added. "Plus, the fried chicken is great for graduation parties and the summertime."

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club has a full service bar which is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 4:30 to 11 pm, and on Sunday 1 to 9 pm. The bar kitchen is open Tuesday through Thursday, 5 to 10 pm and Sunday, 1 until 6 pm. They offer \$5 specials and Sunday is Burrito Day with ground beef & bean burritos for \$6.

"It is well worth the trip down Waterford Road," Petherbridge smiled. "It's yummy."

The club also hosts a breakfast on the second Sunday of each month.

The main building and the bar is also used for wedding receptions and private parties. They have a full-time catering staff and pricing perfect for any budget. The large space includes a stage for a DJ or band and a large screened porch with picturesque scenery of the outdoors.

While visiting Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, find out why members enjoy more than 200 acres and opportunities offered at the facility. They have a 25,

50, and 100 yard outdoor rifle ranges, an indoor pistol range, outdoor archery ranges, an indoor state-of-the-art archery range, shotgun skeet and trap ranges, a camping area for their members, and lake access to Townsend Lake. They are also home of the Waterford Hills Road Racing, Inc. and the Michigan Midget Racing Association.

"Where in Oakland County can someone go that enjoys shooting, archery, rifle, pistol, muzzle loader," Petherbridge asked? "Where can they shoot archery 24 hours a day or shoot pistol in an air conditioned range? Not one place does everything. Plus the membership dues are only \$230 for the first year with a \$200 annual membership renewal."

Membership terms are from March to March. And it's a family membership: the member, spouse and children under 18 years.

The club offers a Junior Rifle program, instructional archery, JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development Program), and their annual Junior Sportsmen's Adventure Day. This event will be held on May 5, 9 am to 5: pm for only \$25.

"Children are our future and we try to do as much as we can to promote the shooting sports. If we don't, it will become a lost art," Petherbridge said.

They have several events during the year. "Terror in Townsend Forest," is a haunted forest every Friday and Saturday night in October. St. Patrick's Day Warm-up Party is on the Thursday before St. Patty's Day. The "Sportsman Swap Meet" is March 25; and the club hosts Miracle Box packing parties for Desert Angel, Inc. - the next one on April 12.

OCSC is located at 4770 Waterford Road. For more information, please call 248-623-0444, visit [www.occlub.org](http://www.occlub.org) or email [occlub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:occlub@sbcglobal.net).



Every person in this photo helps Randy Hosler Buick GMC to be the premier auto dealership in town.

## World-class here in Clarkston: Randy Hosler Buick GMC

World-class. State of the art. Home.

Randy Hosler Buick GMC, Clarkston's premier auto dealership for over 30 years is all about the above statements and more. Randy Hosler's longevity can be traced back to the man himself and how he treats people, his employees and customers.

"People come to work here and they don't want to leave," says Hosler Finance Director Laura Findley. "For me it's about our owner, Mr. Hosler. He's down-to-earth. He sees his each of his 45 employees' faces. He genuinely takes an interest in the individuals here. He interested in your family and your kids - that's why people want to stay here and do their best for him."

Treating his employees well has translated into employees treating their customers well. "Our service rating index is very high," Findley admits.

In the age when anybody can shop and compare for the "best" prices from the privacy of their own kitchen table or office desk, there is something else that separates Randy Hosler Buick GMC from the rest of the pack. From the office personnel, to the guys in the shop and parts department, to the men and women of the sales department, all of the employees are out to make an impression on their customers.

"We have second and third generations of families who come from miles away for their cars and service because of how they have been treated here," Findley says, listing exceptional examples of employee loyalty - Terry Pauline in parts and technician Steve Sweetman have both been with the dealership for 18 years; Dave Jackson has been with Mr. Hosler for 26 years as a new

car salesman; painter Todd Tillman has made cars look like new for 28 years and detail specialist Guy Zueck and bodyman Ed Roberts have been with Mr. Hosler, "since the beginning," for almost 32 years!

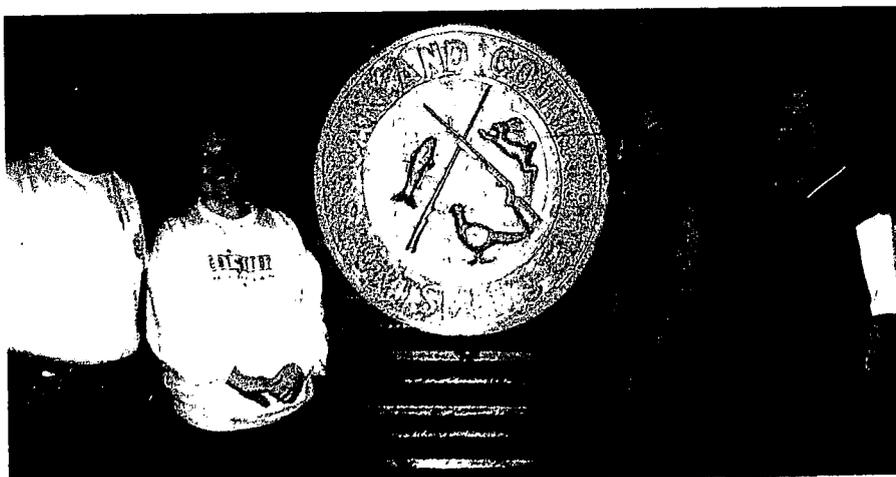
Yes, they sell cars, it's what they do - but the entire staff at Randy Hosler Buick GMC knows the reason they not only survived the economy, but thrived is the each and every one of their customers.

Randy Hosler GMC has continued to invest in this community since opening the dealership in 1980. In 2002 the company moved a few miles north into a brand-spankin' new, 34,000 square-foot facility, housing state-of-the-art technologies in both the service and paint shops.

Last year, Randy Hosler GMC sold over 1,100 new and used cars. "2011 was a good year," Findley says, "And, we have gotten off to a great start for 2012."

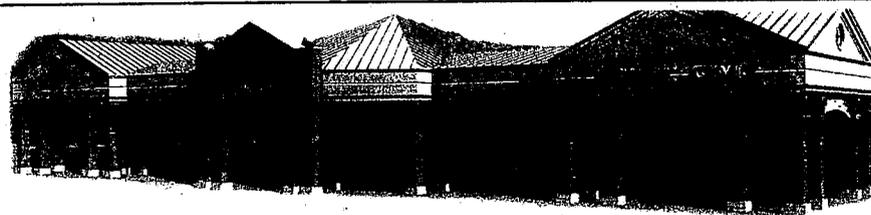
The future is exciting, she says, noting both Buick and GMC have some new looks on the horizon. Locally, she says Randy Hosler Buick GMC will continue to invest and build its presence in the community, supporting Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce events, local groups like 4-H and other local charities.

Findley invites old and new customers to check out their inventory of new and used vehicles at [www.HoslerOnline.com](http://www.HoslerOnline.com) and then to find out the real difference in dealerships by visiting. They are located a couple miles north of I-75, on Dixie Highway (across from the old Whoopee Bowl property). For more information call 248-625-5500.



Dan Stiff, club manager, Salli Petherbridge, office manager, Tracy Haslip, bartender, and Terry Ondusky, club president

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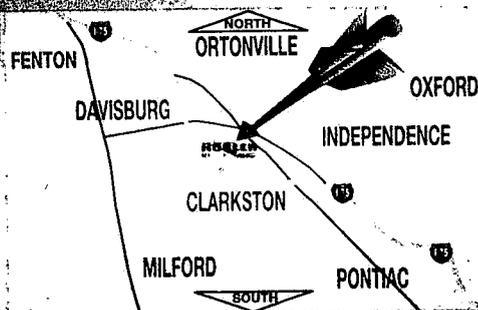
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Crandell offers several different ways to help either for private sessions, groups or corporate settings. For each individual she creates a personalized nutrition plan focusing on weight loss as well as reversing and delaying chronic illness.

"It is based on what you need for your body," she explained. "Often times the underlying issue is not resolved and that is why you can't lose weight or have decreased energy. I address the underlying condition instead of just treating symptoms."

Crandell added once your body is in balance you begin to lose weight.

"Usually weight loss is a side effect of good health," she said. "When doing a program you will experience decreased pain, increased energy and less foggy brain."

Nuview Nutrition offers a 12-week group session. Each person receives a meal plan based on their specific needs. The group learns together how to eat healthier, develop dining out strategies, manage stress, and develop relaxation techniques, incorporate daily exercise and more. They 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."

New for this year is holding the group session for corporations as a 10-week series. "It helps reduce absenteeism at work and reduces the overall health cost for the company," she explained, adding chronic disease accounts for 60 percent of medical costs and 70 percent of all deaths. "They are the most preventative of all health problems."

A change for 2012 and the future comes from health insurance.

"Doctors are paid through performance," she explained. "If they can get their patient's cholesterol or their diabetes better controlled than it benefits both the patient and the doctor. I can help the patients get it under control without any medication needed. It makes the patient and the doctor both happy."

Crandell added before doctors put their patients on medication, for example for stomach problems or to lower cholesterol,



the patients are supposed to try dietary change first. "Insurance companies don't want patients on medication because cost goes up," she said.

Nuview Nutrition also offers blood testing for food allergies and Micronutrient testing for nutrient deficiencies. "It is looking at 34 different minerals, vitamins and antioxidants at a cellular level for deficiencies. Often times when people are on different medications it creates deficiencies to occur. This test is also great for people who are losing hair, have high blood pressure or are suffering from migraine headaches all of these things can be from nutrient deficiencies."

For stress reduction and mediation sessions Crandell uses a BioMat which uses a combination of far infrared rays, negative ion effects and the conductive properties of amethyst channels. "It is great for stress reduction, fatigue; boosts the immune system, decreases hyper activity and relieves pain," Crandell said.

Crandell has upcoming events include a two-part series called Nutrition for Cancer Survival, at Independence Township Library, April 10 and 12 at 7 p.m. She will present how nutrition can improve the outcome of cancer treatment and how food can boost the immune system.

She is also on staff at the Swan for Life Cancer Foundation and has a free four-part series for a nutrition-based workshop along with a free lunch and learn session every third Wednesday of the month. Crandell is the only private practice Nutritionist with a background as a Registered Nurse who is also First Line Therapy Certified.

Call 248-766-2210, or visit their website, [www.NuviewNutrition.com](http://www.NuviewNutrition.com). "Like" their Facebook site - Nuview Nutrition. They are located at 3 E. Washington Street in downtown Clarkston.

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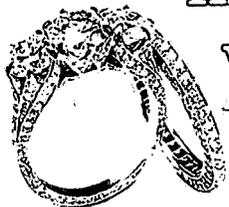
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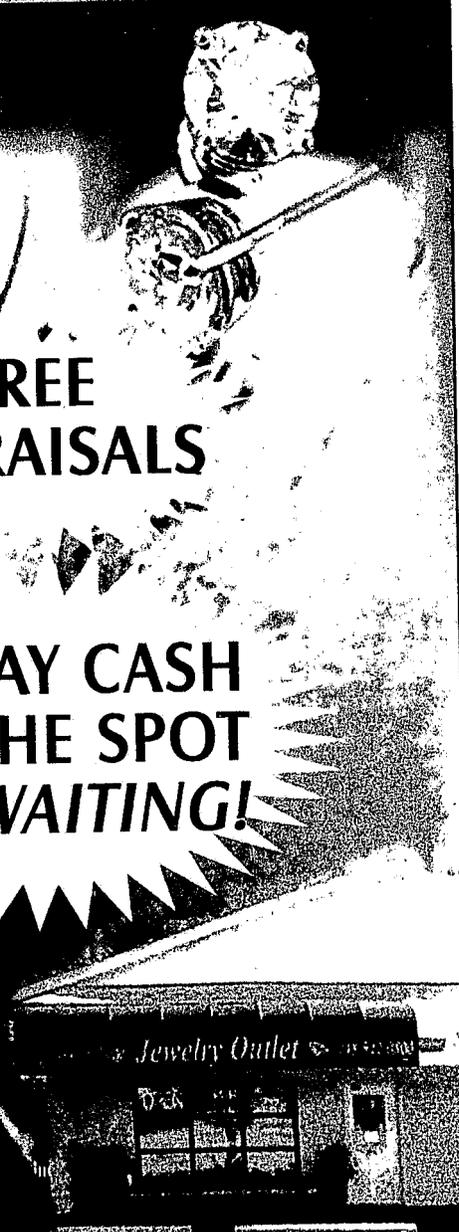
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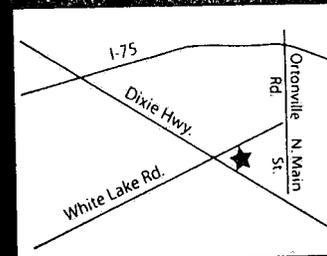
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A route manager checks all new clients and randomly checks all others.

"With so many people working so many hours in this economy, they should spend their free time with their children and spouses instead of cleaning," she said. "We can help. We're flexible, and affordable for everyone."

They offer basic to premium services, move-in and move-out packages, and add-on services for a thorough cleaning either from top to bottom or a portion at a time.

Daily staff meetings at their Dixie Highway headquarters focus on core values of accountability, efficiency, excellence, integrity, passion, and respect. Employees learn customer-relations skills including public speaking.

"They stand up and talk about a core value – that's important," Raffler said. "Teams meet clients face-to-face so they feel comfortable with us in their home."

Clarkston Cleaning Services is fully bonded and insured. New employees are trained in a four-step process Raffler developed herself – bathroom, kitchen, dusting, and overall – using all non-toxic chemicals.

"It's based on what I learned when I started cleaning houses. I developed my

own system," she said. "We're careful about who we hire – I look for maturity."

She attends conventions and training to keep up-to-date on the latest products and techniques. Her daughter, Amber, is also seeking national certification in the cleaning industry. During the five-day program this April in Florida, she will learn about chemistry, how cleaners react to stone, lime, other surfaces, business administration, human resources, and other skills.

"She'll be the first to be certified in Michigan," Dawn said. Once certified, she'll be able to train employees in what she learned. "We're really excited about it," she said.

They are also active in the community, helping out those in need. They offer free cleaning services for cancer patients in treatment

"They love it. While they're going through treatment, they should focus on treatment rather than on the house," Raffler said.

In business for 11 years, they serve Clarkston, Independence Township, Davisburg, Lake Orion, Oakland Township, Oxford, Rochester and Waterford.

With 24 staff members, they clean almost 500 houses a month for more than 200 clients and are ready for more. They're expanding into West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, and the Birmingham area.

For more information, call Clarkston Cleaning Service, 5880 Dixie Highway, at 248-620-9410 or check out their website [ClarkstonCleaning.com](http://ClarkstonCleaning.com).



Dan and Tracy Chiappelli, owners of Clarkston Jewelry Outlet.

## Go for gold at Clarkston Jewelry Outlet

The future is golden for Dan and Tracy Chiappelli, owners of Clarkston Jewelry Outlet.

"It's awesome – I'm moving a lot of gold and silver in bouillon and coins," Dan said. "I pay more and sell for less, a lot less than what you see on TV. I don't have the overhead they do."

The market is an all time high, and it's starting to move up again.

"You can make 30 percent if you get in now," he said. "There's nothing too small and nothing too big. We pay higher for gold, and can beat any other offer."

Clarkston Jewelry Outlet is a full service, repair, and custom jewelry shop located at 7012 Dixie Highway.

"I'm an honest, hometown jeweler, family run since 1987," Dan said. "Customers come here for the service and prices – it's half of what they'll find in the big box store. And I make repairs quickly at the right price."

In display cases are hundreds of antique pieces, coins, rings of all sorts, earrings, bracelets, and other jewelry in gold, turquoise, silver, and other precious metals.

"Silver is really popular and affordable," he said. "We can handle anyone's budget, we have pieces from \$10-\$25,000."

Dan graduated from Gem City College in 1987 and served an apprenticeship for a couple years.

"It takes years to get good at it," he said. "It's not something you can do right out of school. It takes on-the-job training to really learn the ins and outs. I love dealing with people. The look on a lady's face when she tries on an engagement ring she'll wear for the rest of her life – when they first see it, that's always nice."

He also specializes in custom work, on location.

"We do all of our own work," he said. "If you have a stone handed down to you, bring it in and I'll make it into something for you. If you don't have something to hold the stone, I'll fit it into existing jewelry, or make something."

He also owns White Lake Jewelry and Loans.

"If you have an emergency, you can get money from me," he said.

The White Lake shop offers loans at three percent interest for 90 days.

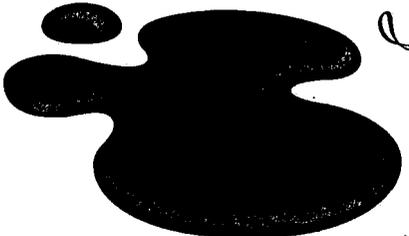
"That's a cheap loan," he said.

Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday; and closed Sunday. For more information, call Clarkston Jewelry Outlet, 7012 Dixie Highway, at 248-922-0800, or email [clarkstonjewelry@att.net](mailto:clarkstonjewelry@att.net).



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"That is why we have been in business for over 30 years," said General Manager Donna Butora. "We don't just have a set menu. We customize orders to a person's needs. You can get your salad and pizzas the way you want them."

While they may be known for their Daily Lunch Special of "Giant slice of pizza with a half order of bread sticks." They also serve specialty salads, ribs, chicken, and subs stuffed with meat.

"Other places put a little bit of meat and a lot of vegetables," noted Butora. "We put on lots of meat and a little bit of the other stuff like vegetables."

"If it is not on the menu and you want it - we will make it" attitude also carried over into the catering side as well.

"We have people call up who want scallop potatoes when we are doing their catering," Butora said. "We don't have scallop potatoes on the menu. But we have potatoes, so we can make scallop potatoes. We will try to get whatever you want."

Not only are they willing to work with their customers on the food and the menu, but they are willing to work with

the customer's time schedule as well and what is best for them.

"We also try not to oversell," she said. "We like to get an idea of what they need so we can give them the right amount, so they don't end up paying for extra stuff they really don't need."

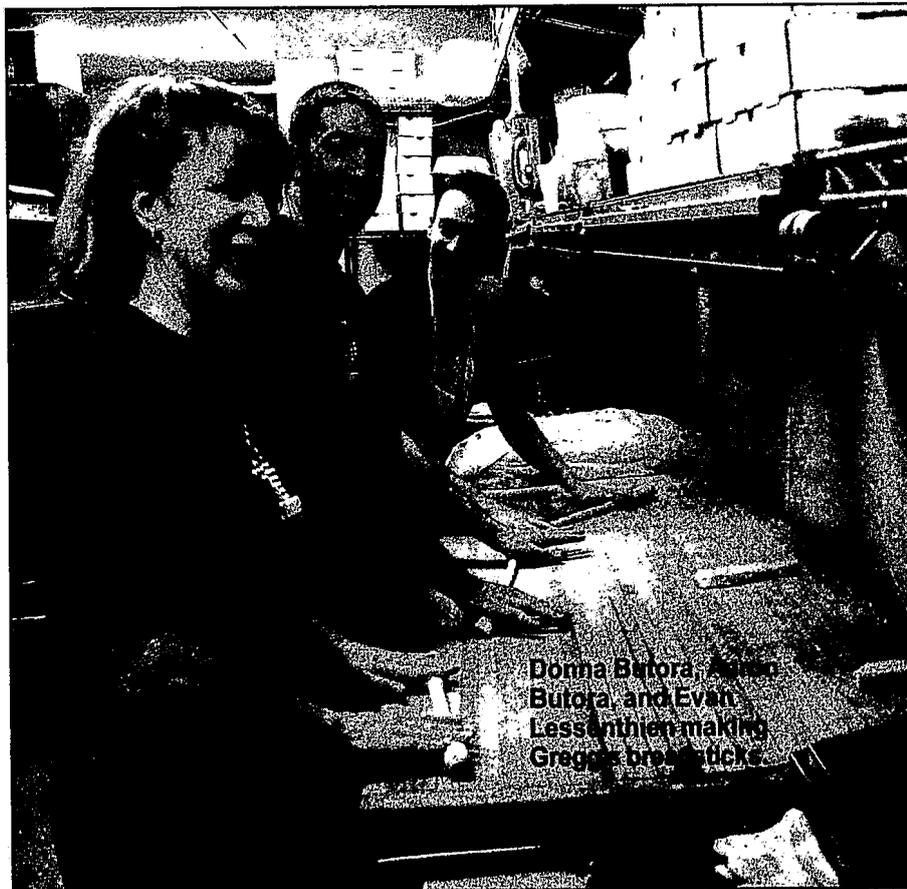
Butora is looking forward to the new menu they will be putting out in restaurant, which will offer some different pizzas as well as some items off their catering menu like their alfredo pasta which can be ordered with or without chicken.

Gregg's not only keeps their business on the forefront of customers' minds by advertising in the *Clarkston News*, but taking an active role in the community.

"We give a discount to the schools, boy scouts, churches and different organizations," Butora said. "We try to stay on the top of everyone's list."

Gregg's Gourmet Café, located at 5914 Ortonville Road, is open Monday and Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

For more information, call 248-625-6612, check out and order from their [www.greggsgourmetcafe.com](http://www.greggsgourmetcafe.com), or visit them on Facebook - Gregg's Gourmet Café.



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### Heather Pines creates family atmosphere

Heather Pines Home, which is part of Adult Care of Independence Township Inc. prides itself in the care they offer senior citizens and disabled persons 52 years plus.

"People need nice places to go where they know they're going to get good care," said Heather Pines Founder Jenette Reichner. "We're known for good quality care and that's exciting to me."

Richtner first started in a group home off Whipple Lake Road prior to her and her partners Judy Stafford, and Jill Dixon, who is also getting approval to open up Heather Pines in 1994.

"In the 1940's this place was a Hunt Club and later became the Sunny View neighborhood beach house," noted Reichner. "We've been operating here for 17 years."

The home has a more than 700 square-foot living room, eight bathrooms and 18 bedrooms. Sixteen of the rooms are private and two are semi-private.

"When you see a place like this you don't feel scared," Stafford said. "There are happy alternatives to getting old and not being able to take care of yourself and not having to rely on family members to have to do it."

Dixon agreed.

"It's not institutional looking, it's homey and it's clean," she said. "Those are three biggies for people."

Barbara Runnels' husband Jim "Tex" Runnels, has been at the home for almost seven years.

"He gets really good care here and the people love him," she said. "They are wonderful and he wouldn't be here if they weren't."

Jim, 65 has had Parkinsons disease for almost 23 years. He was a Vietnam Veteran and worked for General Motors.

"That's the joy of the establishment is knowing all the families, all the residents

and their background," Dixon said. "Everybody knows everybody and we're just a big family."

In helping create the family atmosphere they also have summer picnics, Christmas parties, birthday parties, and celebrate Mother's and Father's Day. Staff also comes in and does group exercise with residents three times a week.

"We have a lot of functions," Reichner said.

In addition to being a permanent home care facility they also offer respite care, home care, and day care. They have a pharmacy that delivers meds regularly as well as visiting doctors once a month or as needed. They are licensed by Michigan Department of Human Services Adult Foster Care and are Medicaid approved as well as Long-Term care.

"We've done everything we could to make it easier for people to get reimbursement either through public assistance or through long-term care insurance," Reichner said.

Heather Pines also stays relevant through continuing education and certification of CPR and First Aide for the administration and staff. As well as having the home inspected by the Fire Department every year and risk assessment and Department of Health every two years.

"With the 'Baby Boom Generation' getting older, demographics show more and more people will need this kind of care," Reichner said. "That's why I want to keep on doing this is because I know the integrity of the people that are taking care of people here and I rather it be people I know than some big corporation. It's just not the same."

Heather Pines Home is located at 8541 North Easton Road and is open 24 hours a day - seven days a week. For more information call 248-394-0734 or visit [www.heatherpinesadultcare.com](http://www.heatherpinesadultcare.com)

LaVida Massage is growing as more people discover the benefits pampering themselves and the therapeutic benefits of regular massage.

"Not only is it a special treat," said Andrea Ryeson, owner. "It helps as a preventative therapy." Ryeson added a massage gets the person in a state of relaxation where the body can best start to repair itself.

"It is a stress reliever," she said. "It's well known there is a strong correlation between stress and diseases. Who doesn't have room to improve on how they care of themselves? I am finding people don't want to be on medication to help with stress, aches and pains --especially when you take into consideration the long list of possible damaging side effects. Massage can help decrease anxiety and soothes sore muscles without any of those negative side effects."

LaVida therapies also help alleviate emotional stress, enhancing sleep quality, improving circulation and flexibility, relieving tension related headaches, improving posture, lowering blood pressure, improving pain management, lessening discomfort during pregnancy, strengthening immune system, and enhancing postoperative rehabilitation.

"It can also help the body to detox and with lymphatic drainage" she added. "If you wake up with pain in your neck and back or feeling stressed and overwhelmed come in and get a massage. It really does help. It's so personally rewarding to see the relief on our clients' faces after receiving a massage."

LaVida offers different types of massages, including deep tissue, Swedish, couples massage, cranial sacral, Reiki, reflexology and many other modalities. The LaVida therapists can incorporate hot stone, hot towel, thermal packs, sugar scrubs and aromatherapy into your massage. In addition to massage they also offer a full service menu with facials and waxing.

They have 18 massage therapists, all with unique talents and they all have completed required training and received certifications.

Ryeson is excited about the future because more and more people are discovering the benefits of having a massage and the increased benefits of having them on a regular basis.

"The interest, knowledge and demand for organics, holistics and natural therapies are growing at a tremendous rate," she said. "The industry is really taking off in Michigan because people are looking for something that is going to work, without side effects or just putting a band-aid on the problem. Medications and pain killers tend



Andrea Ryeson invites you to pampering and relaxation at LaVida Massage.

to mask the problem. Massages don't have side effects and they can help assist the body in the healing process.

"My passion is helping people in a natural way that's not going to harm them in another way," said Ryeson. "It is highly motivating for me to see people beginning to experience and know there are alternatives out there."

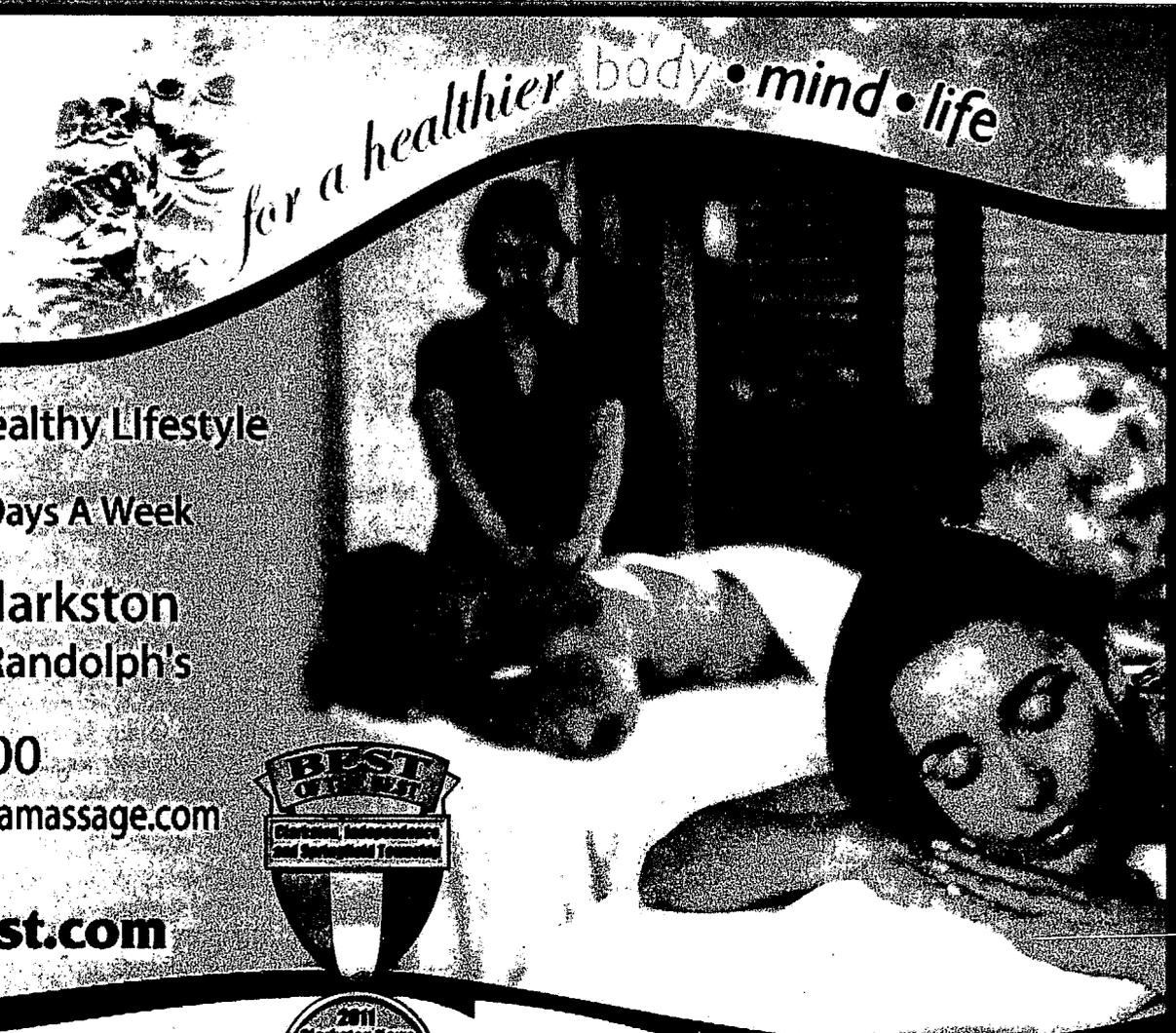
LaVida offers high quality massages for affordable rates for the whole family, too. "The Life" is a benefit program for clients with no long-term contract. The benefits include one 60-minute massage or facial per month. The Life package offers even deeper savings on additional sessions each month plus the ability to share the benefits of the program with a family member.

"Our customers know they are going to get world class massage but at a price anyone can afford," Ryeson said. "We wanted to make it affordable so our clients can come in on a more regular basis. It affords them the opportunity to take care of themselves. We really do care about our clients. It isn't about business here. Many times it all just starts with one family member and we end up treating the whole family and their friends. We have seen clients from six to 90 years old. Many young athletes are noticing the benefits as well."

The first visit for new customers is only \$39.95 for a 60-minute massage session.

LaVida Massage, located at 5880 Sashabaw Road, is open Monday-Friday, 9 to 9; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. Call 248-625-7300 or visit [www.clarkston.mi.lavidamassage.com](http://www.clarkston.mi.lavidamassage.com).

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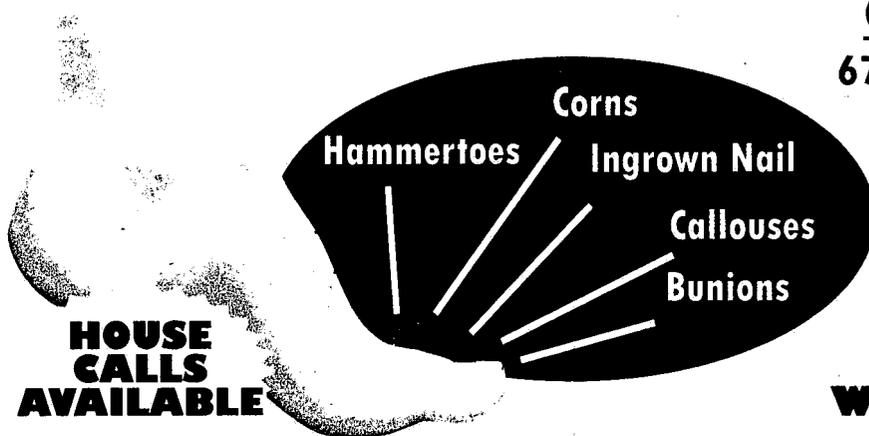
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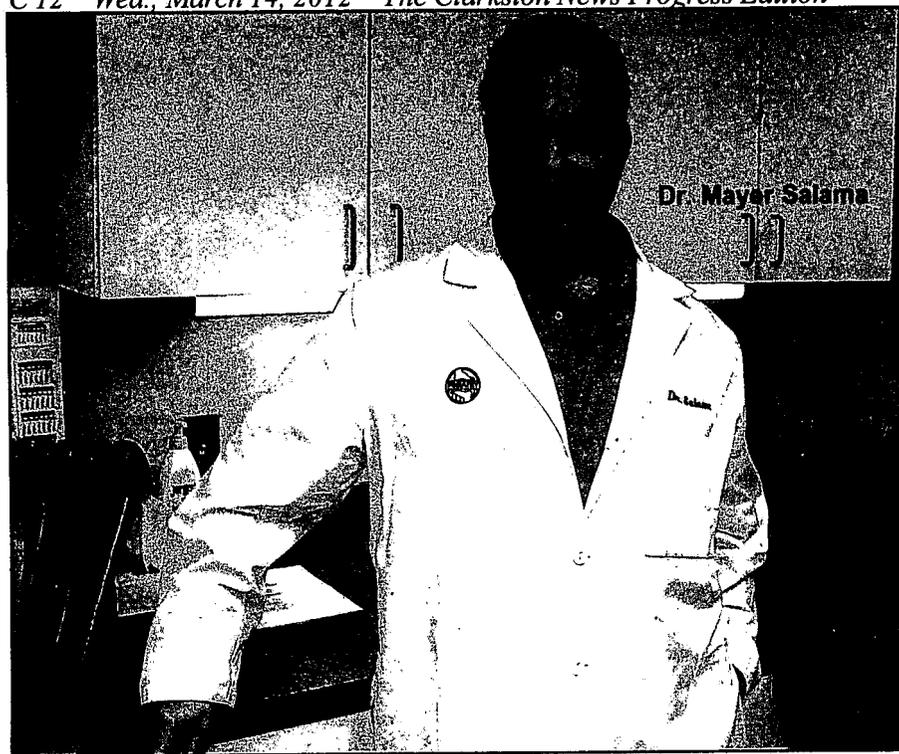
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“The latest thing is vascular care to restore blood flow to the feet and treat chronic wounds,” Dr. Salama said. “Within five years, we hope to have new technology to treat vascular disease of the feet.” Foot problems for adults are caused by too much weight, diabetes, wounds, and fungal and orthopedic conditions.

“They’re the common things to treat as we age,” he said.

For children, problems include flat feet, warts, and ingrown nails. He also teaches and trains staff in several hospitals.

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Dr. Daniel Salama earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree at Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He served his podiatric surgical residency at Oakwood Springwells Medical Center, and started his practice in Clarkston in 1984.

“The community was growing, and it’s continuing to grow here and in the surrounding areas,” he said. He is board certified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and American Council of Certified Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons.

Practice locations are 6770 Dixie Highway Suite 101, Clarkston, 248-625-1110; 24333 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, 248-474-0040; 2200 Monroe Blvd., Dearborn, 313-274-0990; Trenton, 3700 West Road, Trenton, 734-675-2440.

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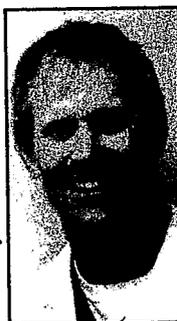


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When visiting Dr. Santarossa's modern office on M-15, just south of I-75 at 7210 N. Main Street, Suite 104 (next to Mesquite Creek restaurant) everyone is greeted by a friendly staff member and tons of pictures of smiling children -- all with healthy smiles from Dr. Santarossa.

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# Davison Country Club

For half of a century, the Davison Country Club has become an icon of tradition and excellence in the community.

In 1959, the Minto Brothers, Davison area builders, purchased a rocky 200-acre parcel of rolling countryside near Lippincott Boulevard and M-15. The land, which includes a section of Kearsley Creek, was owned by Vessie, Bill, and Ven McAra. Construction began on March 17, 1961 and the front nine were officially opened on May 30, 1962 and a second nine opened in 1965.

"The first year 1,400 members joined the Davison Country Club," said DCC manager and PGA Professional Mike Minto.

Plenty has changed over the last 50 years. Today Davison Country Club is a full service club in Genesee County, including golf, athletic center, child care, swimming pool, full service restaurant, and two bars.

DCC provides plenty of amenities not found at public courses.

"You don't have to wait for a tee time," he said. "The greens and fairways are not torn up. There's no six hours to get a round of golf in. If you feel like hitting the ball come on out.

The course will provide different challenges to different golfers - it's challenging yet won't beat you up.

The course truly will reward a good shot. The golf staff at the DCC work to provide tournament level conditions along with a standard of excellence and challenge for players of all skill levels.

"DCC is a family club, where casual is just right. There's a good mix of members, a melting pot," he said. Minto welcomes golfers to check out just how friendly a private golf club can be with a trial membership.

To help celebrate the club's 50th anniversary, "For just \$700 golfers can play unlimited between April 1 through Sept.30. See what we're all about for a summer," he said. "The club ideal for all ages and is family friendly-no matter your handicap."

The club offers affordable day care for couples or stay at home mom or dads who need some time out. For those just starting out the club offers the Junior Golf program for 8-16 year olds, running June-August. The club also hosts several events during the



Bob, Ed, Gab and Oren Minto discuss plans for the Davison Country Club in 1970.

## Celebrating 50 years of excellence

year including the Spring Scramble, Invitational Tournament, Past Presidents Tournament, Couples Championship, Octoberfest and the Davison Atlas Challenge. Over the years the club has gained prestige hosting the Michigan P.G.A. Championship for over a dozen years, and The Dan Hunter Children's Tournament, contributing \$31,000.

"The DCC can be just the place if you're celebrating an anniversary, wedding, a family reunion, rehearsal dinner or business function", said Minto.

"Many of our members host graduation open houses at the club," he said.

"We're able to accommodate up to 500 guests and even host weddings out on the terrace. All the food is prepared by a complete professional culinary staff."

DCC social events include Wild Game Dinner, Mother's Day Brunch and Independence Day Cookout.

"Come join us at the Davison Country Club," added Minto. Play one of the premier golf courses in Michigan right at the corner of Lippincott and M-15 in Genesee County."

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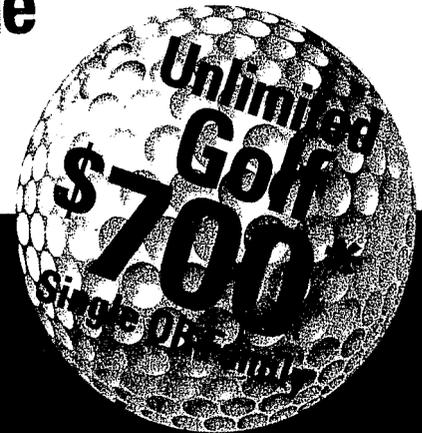
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## Top-of-the-line pizza, catering at Guido's

Del Yeoman brings his 13 years of chef experience to Guido's Pizza, taking pride in quality and freshness.

"Everything is made daily," said Yeoman, owner of the pizza place at 5960 Sashabaw Road for the last eight year. "I go to the Pizza Expo every year in Las Vegas to find out the new things coming out. Last year was boneless chicken wings. It helps us keep a step ahead of those who don't attend."

They offer three different sauces, Chunky Tomato, Spicy Fire Roasted, and Guido's Original Recipe.

"Our blend is above the rest," he said. "We are the savory sauce boss. Fire roasted sauce is made with medium salsa, then we kick it up a little bit with hot sauce. It's just delicious."

People also love their thin and crispy crust, and veggie toppings like artichoke and spinach. "It's all at the request of the customer. That's why we're here. Our customers are our number one asset," he said.

New this year is pepperoni pizza slices for lunch, ready to eat from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. "It's really taken off. A lot of people want to grab and go," said Brian Miller, Guido's employee who was promoted to general manager.

The management team at Guido's also include Donny Sams, assistant manager.

"They're doing a fantastic job," Yeoman said.

"We've very thrilled to be here to serve the community and we continue to strive to do that."

Catering is a big part of his business. They cater to graduation parties, weddings, baby showers, and other big events, including music acts and crews performing at DTE Energy Music Theater.

"They come into town and we feed them," Yeoman said. "Stevie Wonder likes subs and salad. Aerosmith likes deep dish."

The Guido's crew put in the same quality and care for everyone, at any time.

"We'll come in and get it done," he said. "If you need 22 party subs, dozens of pizzas, it'll be on time and taste great."

Guido's Pizza has earned the *Clarkston News'* Best of the Best Award four years in a row, 2008-2011.

"Business is very good," Yeoman said. "We get customers from throughout the Clarkston area, Waterford, Ortonville, Springfield Township. People drive down here."

They offer delivery within a six-mile radius. "Our delivery business has increased - we use a mapping program to streamline it," Miller said.

For more information, call Guido's Pizza, 5960 Sashabaw Road, at 248-620-9999 or check [www.guidospizza.com](http://www.guidospizza.com) and "Guido's Premium Pizza" on Facebook.



Front row from left: Nikki, Gerry, Donna Bullard, Michael and Jonathan. Back row: Kara, Suzanne, Sherri, Patty, Kathy, Jennifer, and Crystal.

## Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union is state of the art

Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union (CBCCU) has been meeting the financial needs of members and their families since 1957. Membership is available to everyone who lives or works in the geographic boundaries of the Clarkston and Brandon School Districts, as well as all family members and individuals living in the same household. CBCCU currently serves more than 9,000 members and their families, and has two offices - one on Ortonville Road in Clarkston and the branch office is located on South Street in Ortonville.

CBCCU is a state-of-the-art financial institution offering low-rate loans including mortgage and equity loans, a wide range of savings and checking products, and 24/7 electronic services such as online banking, e-statements, bill pay, online loan applications, and the availability of more than 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs nationwide. CBCCU also participates in shared branching, which allows members to transact CBCCU business at other credit unions throughout Michigan and the U.S.

"We've made a commitment to stay in step with changing technology in order to provide the highest level of convenience to our members," said CBCCU's CEO Donna Bullard.

Also in the forefront of product development is our commitment to provide members with low-cost and free services, as well as low-rate loans," she added. "In fact, we take a close look at each member's situation when it comes to the kind of high

rates they are paying at other lenders, and we show them how much they can save when they bring those loans to CBCCU. In many cases, we can save members thousands of dollars over the life of their loan," added Bullard.

At CBCCU they don't just concentrate on marketing loans to members, they want to help members improve their overall financial wellbeing. Every member is an individual with unique situations and needs. In addition to saving members money by consolidating high-rate loans, members are given a second chance if they have previously encountered problems with a checking account, rates are determined based on each member's individual credit history, and during troubled times, CBCCU is there to help custom design a program to help members get back on their feet.

CBCCU is also dedicated to serving youth by offering educational programs within the schools, through their Zoogles Savings Club for members age 11 and under, and college scholarships for high school seniors. Plus, CBCCU has designed a College Care Package

to help college students have everything they need whether their college is across town or across the country.

"We are committed to making a difference in the lives of our members everyday and giving back to our communities," said Bullard. "We are a member owned financial institution, providing big benefits to the members we serve now and for the future," added Bullard.



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Independence Urgent Care, conveniently located on N. Main Street, south off I-75, in Clarkston was created with you in mind.

"Here you can get proper care in a timely fashion with a minimal hassle," said Bashar Okka, M.D. from Clarkston Internal Medicine. "We felt the community needed a medical facility that served for acute and emergency needs. It is important to give the community an urgent care to facilitate care in terms of waiting time to be seen and evaluated when it is needed."

Clarkston Internal Medicine joined together with Premiere Pediatrics to create Independence Urgent Care and opened the facility in September 2011.

"We have our pediatric physicians to see children coming to our urgent care," said Dr. Okka. "It is unique to have that and it is a different experience from other urgent cares."

The idea grew when they wanted to offer something more convenient for their patients -- knowing their patients need care after hours, are busy with families and could only visit after work.

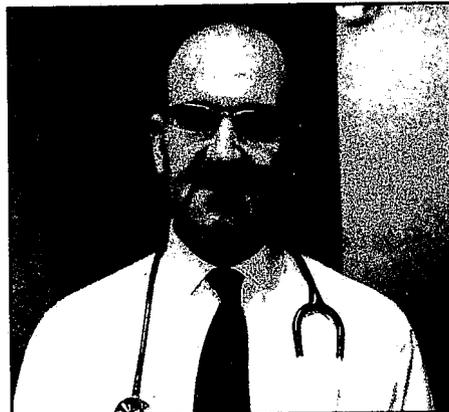
Services include (but not limited to): treatment of illness, lacerations, minor injuries, sports physicals, occupational injuries, basic laboratory tests, x-rays and vaccinations.

"You don't need an appointment," Mark Thomas, M.D. from Premiere Pediatrics, added. "You can just show up."

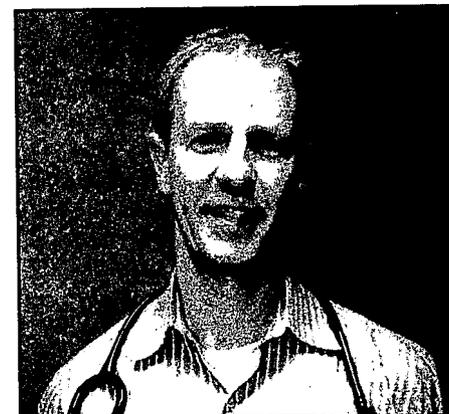
Patients of Independence Urgent Care are excited about the treatment they receive from the physicians.

"They get to meet a physician that belongs to our practices," said Dr. Okka. "We keep in good communication with their doctors in a timely fashion. In addition, they have more time with a doctor than they would have in an emergency room. They have their x-rays and basic testing done on site. They have a preliminary report before they leave the facility."

"Most of our patients coming to our urgent care come from our private prac-



Bashar Okka, M.D.



Mark Thomas, M.D.

tice," added Dr. Thomas. "It is nice to have continuity with care instead of going someplace else. We let our patients know they can visit the urgent care after hours."

Dr. Okka added the wait time is another perk, usually 15 minutes, much shorter than a visit to the emergency room and the visit to Independence Urgent Care costs less.

"A co-pay for urgent care is close to an office visit," he said. "The co-pay for an emergency room visit is much higher. Most insurances nowadays have a high deductible even if the patient isn't admitted during their emergency room visit."

Dr. Thomas said Independence Urgent Care is a great choice for those without a primary physician and helps people not covered by health insurance.

Independence Urgent Care, located at 7192 N. Main Street, is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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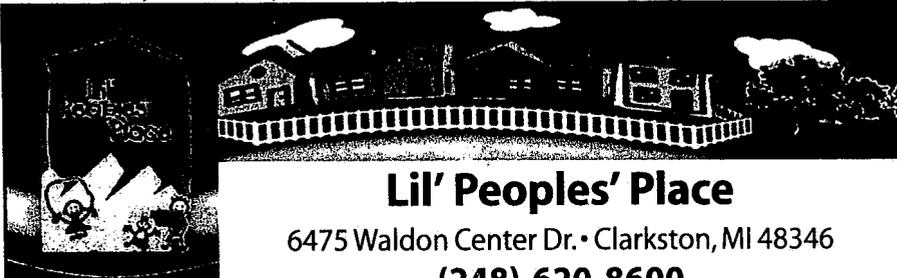
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-Kristin Borgula  
(Clarkston School District Teacher)

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## Lil People's Place offers security and peace of mind to parents'

Having served the Clarkston Community since 1998, Lil' Peoples' Place is a name you can trust in child care, Co-owners Sharlene Butler and Adli Dasuqi agree.

"We are privately owned and have the most experienced and loving staff available," Butler said. "Our Director Erin Wolford, Assistant Director; Nancy Morgan and Business Manager; Becky Miller, have all been with the center for more than 12 years and have lived in the community."

They keep their business relevant by keeping their name in the community offering specials, advertising, and through sponsorship of various community events and activities, as well as offering our current parents incentives for their referrals, Butler noted.

"We continue to offer the greatest quality care with our excellent staff and our fully equipped and modern facility," she said. "Our highly acclaimed curriculum focuses on enhancing your child's socialization, creativity, language and decision-making skills, while building self-esteem and self-worth."

With most of their enrollment based from parent referrals, Butler added "customers should be excited to find a facility that is like a family."

"Our children have grown up with the

staff here. About half of our staff has been employed with us for 5 years or more and some as many as 10 years," she said. "We strive to meet the needs of the individual child. It's our goal to provide security and peace of mind to parents by offering a consistent and loving atmosphere."

They help parents rest assured of their child's safety by having a building that is secure with webcams. Parents can view the day's activities from their home or work computers. The facility is also located in a safe, residential neighborhood near I-75, but away from the busy streets and intersections.

Parents can rest assured of nutritious breakfast, lunch, and all snacks -- included for all children.

Parents and children love Lil' Peoples' Summer Camp Programs, Butler said. Lil' Peoples' Place has seen continual enrollment growth, which is why she and her staff are excited about the future.

"We've had an incredible couple of years and look forward to the continued growth of our business," she said. "We are looking forward to another great year with our families and our dedicated and caring staff."

Lil' Peoples' Place is located at 6475 Waldon Center Drive. For more information call 248-620-8600 or visit [www.lilpeoplesplace.com](http://www.lilpeoplesplace.com)



Children in Karen Wherritt and Nicole Beebe Pre-K class enjoy story time.

# Real training with Virtual Baseball

What happens when you combine batting cages, with technology and professional trainers? You get Virtual Baseball, LLC.

Rather than using a traditional pitching machine where there is a mechanical pitching arm or wheels that deliver the ball," said Dave Yared. "We use a video screen showing a real pitcher on the mound going through the full wind up and at the precise moment his hand comes through for deliver a ball comes out of the screen."

According to Yared, 35 percent or so of the hitting process comes before the ball is thrown. It's watching and paying attention to the movements of the pitcher that get things started.

"When you are looking at a mechanical machine throwing a ball – you lose all that. You can train with that all day long for weeks but once you play against a real pitcher, you lose it," he said. "All those cues you are working from a live pitcher are different."

Yared said the simulators can throw a ball 40 to 100 miles per hour, as well as most of the basic pitches including fastball, curveball, change up and a slider. They also have a simulator just for dedicated just for softball.

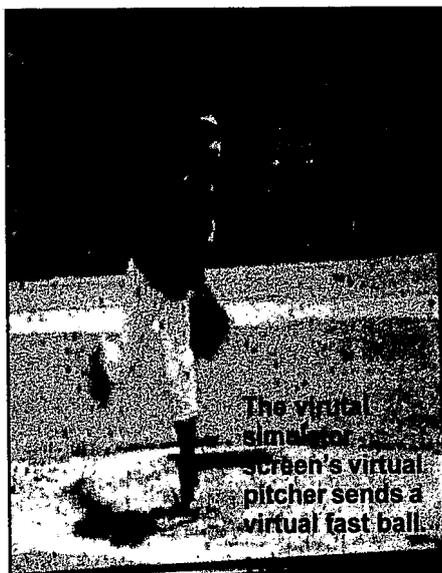
"Some students and kids come in with bad habits and it is retraining the muscle memory from the bad habits to the new techniques," Yared said. "In a few hours time, a student can see as many pitches from the simulator as they might see in a whole season."

He also credited Ed Santangelo, CEO Virtual Baseball for being the visionary behind the idea. According to Santangelo "Virtual Baseball offers high end training for about the same cost as regular training elsewhere, and provides families access to top notch trainers using advanced technology used by many pro teams."

They also have cameras in the batting cages recording the batter, which allows them to use video analysis to break down the hitters swing through a specialized computer program. The program breaks down the batter's swing into 13 steps and allows the batter to view the swing frame by frame.

"The instructors can actually use a character generator tool to draw on the video. This enables him to show the student the angle of the front leg, the relation of the head to the hips, the height of the elbow, all the things they look for," noted Yared. "It becomes a tremendous training tool."

They can also do a side-by-side comparison of the student and a professional ball player and compare the pro hitter's swing step by step to the students in each of the steps in the hitting process. The same video analyses can be used for pitchers too.



Yared said the videos with the character generations and voiceover comments from instructors can be e-mailed to the student, so they can watch their swing, see the character generation and hear the comments the instructor added and be given "homework" drills to work on.

"It is to break the whole process down into smaller elements instead of doing everything at once," he said. "With the video and homework, they will make progress with students faster."

Beyond the batting cages there is an all turf building, where players or teams can work on pitching, hitting, and fielding drills.

Since opening Thanksgiving weekend, Yared said things are progressing well.

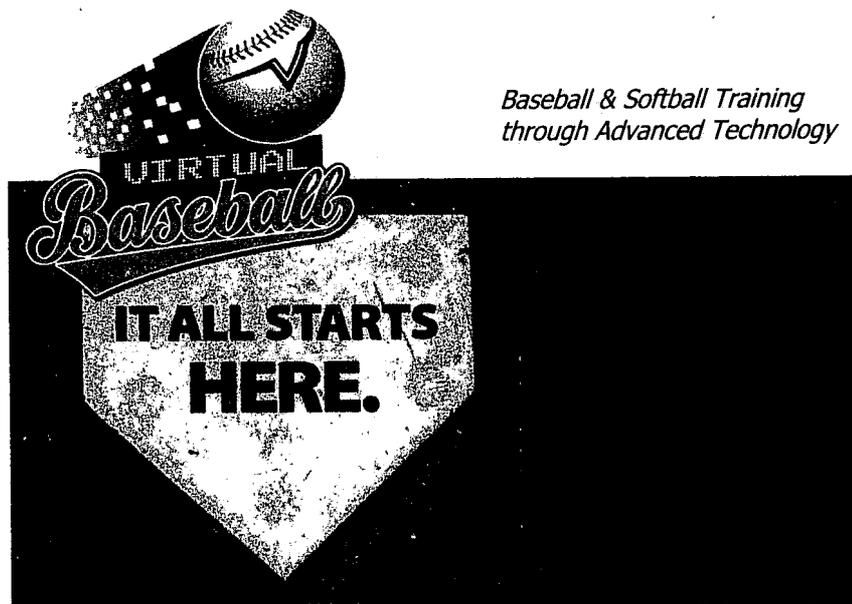
"We are getting a great response not just from individual players but from teams," he said. "We have customers that are multi-team organizations – bringing in a range of different age groups from the same organization."

Through design they also tried to create an environment that spoke to baseball with baseball team banners hanging from the ceiling, pictures of fans in the stands along the walls of the batting cages, and tables and a bar to sit at, similar to that one might see in a sports bar.

"We wanted to create a comfortable place for parents to come in. We do have WiFi so they can bring their laptop and work or check email or whatever," he said. They can also sit at a table or counter to see how their children are doing in the cages."

Virtual Baseball, located at 4667 Dixie Highway in Waterford, is currently open Monday through Friday, 3 – 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For more information, please call 248-599-9550, visit [www.virtualbaseball.net](http://www.virtualbaseball.net), or visit them on Facebook – Virtual Baseball.

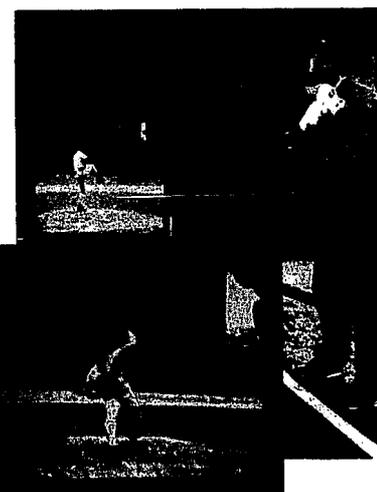


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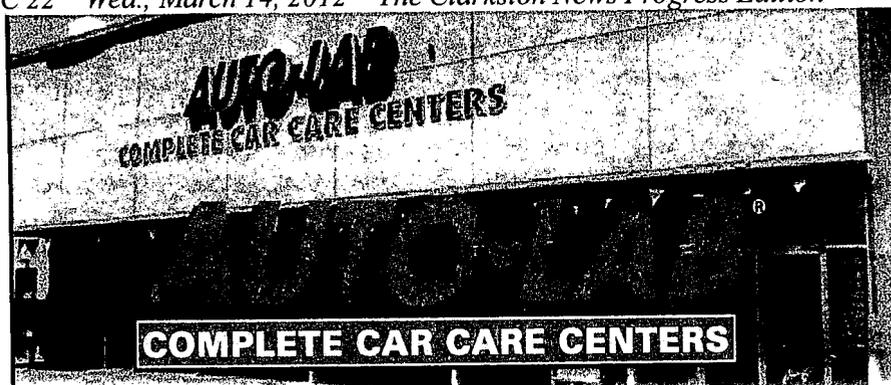
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Auto-Lab Waterford, located in the K-Mart building on Dixie Highway, has kept cars on the road, running smoothly for over 20 years.

"We moved to the K-Mart building for the convenience of our customers. It's easier to find, and plenty of parking," owner Louie Dallo said.

The economy has meant locals are keeping their vehicles longer and part of their maintenance program is taking their vehicle to Auto-Lab Waterford. Dallo said 2011 was a banner year for his business and he expects his business to grow even more in 2012 and beyond.

"Vehicles will always need to be maintained. We do it all, from the smallest detail to something big. We are here for our customers. We make sure they receive the best service."

Dallo said equipment is all state-of-the-art, but the real reason customers come back and refer their friends to Auto-Lab Waterford, is the team of mechanics he employs.

"They know what they are doing and talking about," he said, adding, "They are all ASE Technician certified."

Dallo said Auto-Lab makes a practice of using only genuine A/C Delco and GM parts.

"Vehicles come off the line with original equipment," Dallo explained. "When I replace parts, I like I like to use the original brand. They last longer and the warranty is better."

When work is complete, customers rest assured Dallo stands behind it. Maintenance performed by Auto-Lab comes complete with a 12-month/12,000 miles warranty on parts and labor.

Auto-Lab is equipped to handle every auto need from A-Z, including: Air Conditioning Service, Alignments, All Engine Repairs, Belts and Hoses, Brakes, Chassis and Suspension Service, Computer System Repair Computerized Diagnostic, Engine Exhaust Systems, Engine Replacement, Fuel Injection Service, Oil and Filter Change, Replace Batteries, Service Electrical Repairs, Starters and Alternators, Tire Repair and Replacement, Transmissions and 4x4 Repair.

They perform diagnostics and inspections and also repair windshield chips for free.

Auto-Lab of Waterford is one of over 28 Auto-Lab franchises in Michigan. The company is Michigan-based business with over 41 locations nationwide. If your vehicle needs servicing when you are on the road, somewhere else you can take it to any of the Auto-Lab locations to have the problem solved!

Auto-Lab advertises specials in *The Clarkston News*, on their website and their Facebook page. Dallo said many of his customers enjoy shopping while waiting for work on their vehicle is completed.

They offer discounts to military personnel, senior citizens, high school and college students. For those who need a ride to work, while their vehicle is worked, Dallo offers a free shuttle service and cars to rent.

Auto-Lab, located at 5100 Dixie Highway, is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call 248-623-1400, visit [www.AutoLabWaterford.com](http://www.AutoLabWaterford.com), or visit them on Facebook - Auto-Lab Complete Car Care Center Waterford.

# NovaCare uses teamwork

NovaCare Physical Therapy has provided care for the Clarkston community since 1994.

Caring for thousands of Clarkston residents over the years, NovaCare is the physical and hand therapy practice of choice locally. With excellence in clinical care and customer service provided by a committed staff working as a team, NovaCare is an evidence-based practice. They are internal experts who achieve optimal outcomes.

The 7,000 square foot clinic provides the community with the following services: Certified Hand Therapy, Manual Spinal Therapy, Sports Therapy, Postural Assessments, Joint Protection Programs, General Orthopedic Therapy, TMJ Treatment, Vestibular Issues, and Work Injury Prevention/Treatment & Management.

NovaCare is the only provider in Clarkston that offers Aquatic Therapy.

NovaCare's team of caring clinicians include Ryan Bean DPT, OMPT, Natalie Karpovich MPT, CHT, Brenda Ressler PTA and Rachelle Avery PTA.

The clinical staff works in teams providing patients with consistent care each and every visit. Patient Service Specialist, Heather Hubbard sits at the front desk ready to assist patients in anyway she can. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 6 am until 8

pm. Saturday hours are available as needed for patients.

NovaCare is contracted with all major insurances plans in Michigan and is a Medicare approved provider. As a courtesy, staff verifies benefits for all patients prior to their first appointment.

The clinic also offers an After Care program which allows for the continuation of wellness and focuses on re-injury prevention.

Patient feedback is important to the NovaCare staff. When patients were asked, "What was the most memorable experience that took place during your therapy sessions?" a patient answered, "The receptionist got me in the day I stopped in to get information on the clinic. She called and got my referral and I was seen in 15 minutes from walking in off of the street."

When asked, "Why would you recommend us to others?" a patient responded, "The staff is friendly, caring and patient. The environment is warm and friendly. The treatment recommended improved the quality of my life."

The Staff invites any one to stop by to tour the facility. The clinical staff is available for questions. They are located at 6770 Dixie Highway, Ste. 104. You can call for an appointment at 248-625-5998.



The staff of Nova Care works as a team for consistent care each and every visit.

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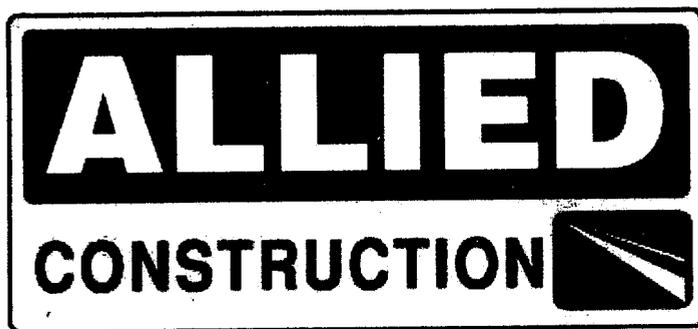
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Several employees have been with the company for more than 30 years, moving up in the ranks.

"I have good people, and reward them when they put the time in," he said.

He also hires local college students for internships. "Honest, hard working kids with common sense," he said. "All of our employees are from the Clarkston and surrounding areas, providing hometown solutions to hometown projects."

His son, Andrew Foster, EIT, resident engineer, joined Allied Construction in 2006.

"He's a civil engineer with a degree from Michigan Technological University (Go Huskies!)," John said. "He's bringing

his past experience providing pavement consultant services to MDOT, MDOT Aviation, INDOT, Air National Guard, and multiple civil engineering companies across Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Ohio to Allied Construction."

John started Allied Construction in 1972 when he was 19 years old, with a pickup truck and a shovel.

"I wanted to do something physical, and I didn't want to work for anyone else," Foster said. "Nothing is more physical than this."

They weathered the economic crisis of the last decade, which hit the construction industry hard, by keeping standards high.

"We didn't cut corners," he said. "We did what we've always done. We did it right, and it's paid off for us."

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## Feel at home at Scenic Hill Manor

Sitting comfortably watching deer grazing in the woods, residents feel at home at Scenic Hill Manor Assisted Living; a newly renovated Adult Foster Care home in Clarkston.

"At Scenic Hill Manor we know family wants their loved ones in a home atmosphere rather than in a facility that has an institutional feel," says Jenny Septer, R.N. BSN, owner and administrator. "That is exactly what you'll get at Scenic Hill Manor. Our location in the middle of a beautiful Clarkston neighborhood adds to the family feel of our home. When family visits they get the feel of visiting their loved one in their own home."

Jenny said Scenic Hill Manor is a state licensed Adult Foster Care facility providing assistance with daily living. Staff is onsite 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

"Our residents receive meals, medication administration, assistance with personal hygiene, and many other services to tend to their needs," Jenny said. "We do personal assessments with all potential residents and their families to draft individualized plans of care."

A full range of services include everything from physician house calls to coordinating with local hairstylists to come in to pamper the residents.

As a Registered Nurse, Jenny oversees the delivery of care for each residents, which sets Scenic Hill Manor apart from many other adult foster care facilities.

"Care for the elderly can often be confusing and overwhelming for many families. I often find that in addition to providing services for our resident's, one of the most important services we provide is helping families understand the healthcare system," she said. "Care for elderly often involves many different providers caus-

ing gaps in communication creating risk that must be watched closely by family members and I'm there to help answer questions and provide suggestions."

Jenny added, "This is even more complicated for family members with dementia."

Scenic Hill Manor can house six residents, both men and women. They offer private and semi-private rooms. Scenic Hill Manor is a barrier-free environment with a wheelchair ramp, step-in showers and an enclosed porch.

"We can accept people with physical limitations and mental limitations," Jenny adds. "In other settings residents might wander and it might be dangerous, at Scenic Hill we have it set up to prevent that."

Scenic Hill Manor is locally owned by Jenny and her husband Ken. They are affiliated with Bolton Brook Manor who has been in the adult foster care business for over 25 years.

"It is nice to have our affiliation with Bolton Brook during our initial months of operation," Jenny said, smiling. "We are excited to open a new business in our hometown. Not only are we providing a needed service to the community of Clarkston we have created several new jobs hiring people from our community."

Since they are locally owned, they make their own choices -- making them more flexible than being owned by some chain care homes or by larger corporations. Jenny and her husband not only live in the community but strongly believes in using local businesses.

For more information, call 248-942-5004 or visit [www.scenichillmanor.com](http://www.scenichillmanor.com) or on Facebook - Scenic Hill Manor LLC Assisted Living.



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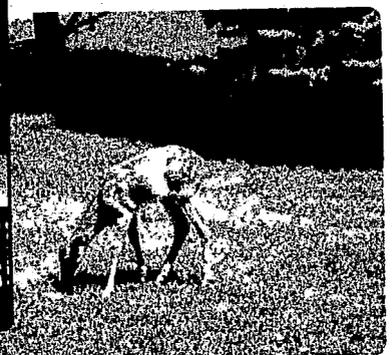
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At right, Louise Bowman, branch manager, and Pat Newberry, assistant branch manager, of Oakland County Credit Union-Clarkston.

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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."

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

"That's nice, seeing parents, then their

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

OCCU believes in the credit-union philosophy where 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.

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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.

For more information, call at 248-922-5608 or go to [www.oaklandcountycu.com](http://www.oaklandcountycu.com).

## Learn to garden with Bordine's Nursery Saturday seminars in March

Want to know how to plant that perfect garden, grow organic vegetables and make your lawn the nicest one in the neighborhood? Then learn from the experts at Bordine's.

"We are the plant people," said Kim Hric, general manager of Bordine's off Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. "The knowledge we have you can't find any place else. If you have a problem or a question you can come here and someone will give you the correct answer."

Bordine's will host a series of seminars gearing up for the spring this month.

"We'll focus on what do we need to do to get it off on the right foot," Hric said. "We'll do everything from the plant aspect of it. Including clean up, pruning, fertilizing, soil amendments, preventative measures for insect and disease control and more."

*Food for thought - Eat your vegetables* is this Saturday, March 17 at 11 a.m.

"There has been a lot more interest with people wanting to grow their own stuff, they know where it comes from and it tastes so much better," Hric said. "We'll talk about basic seed starting all the way through to organic gardening."

Also on March 17, *Simply Ribbon Spring Wreath Workshop* starting at 1 p.m. where designers will walk you through the entire wreath design process.

"It's something we started doing at

Christmas and with huge success. We decided to carry it into spring and add spring colors," Hric said. "Anybody can do it and it looks amazing."

The March 24 seminar is *"Become a Lawn Expert - It's easier than you think"* starting at 11 a.m.

"It's all about having that beautiful, long, thick green lawn and how to make all that happen and the steps you need to take," Hric said.

She hopes the seminars will help some younger generations get into the "green movement" and check out gardening.

"In the 90's our customers were the baby boomers. They are not doing so much gardening anymore; they're on their patios. They're not on their hands and knees digging in the dirt and we understand that," she said. "We are really trying to move with Facebook and with the technology to try and court some of the younger people because they're not gardening, they don't know about it."

In addition to selling plants, flowers and shrubs, Bordine's also has a large selection of lawn and patio furniture and has recently started selling women's accessories such as jewelry and scarves on their retail side.

"We feel Bordine's is one of leaders in the garden industry because we are always looking at not just other garden centers for ideas and future planning but we look at the retail industry in general," Hric said. "Customer service, technology, all those kinds of things we're trying to keep up with the big box stores."

They also offer design services where customers can get someone to design their landscape for them, as well as delivery services.

"We deliver anything you want us to deliver."

As Bordine's looks to the future, Hric said they're excited because the economy is turning around and people are spending more money.

"We saw it at Christmas," she said. "Christmas is that beacon that shows us what direction the economy is going. If people spend money at Christmas, generally there is going to be some money going around in spring."

Bordine's is located at 8600 Dixie Hwy. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call Bordine's at 248.625.9100, visit them at [www.bordines.com](http://www.bordines.com) or check them out on Facebook.



Cody Simpson does some watering in the greenhouse

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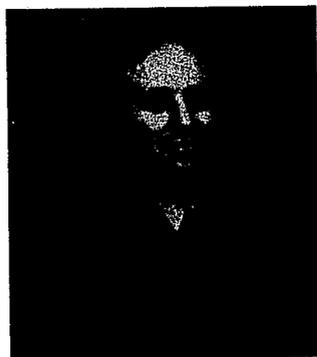
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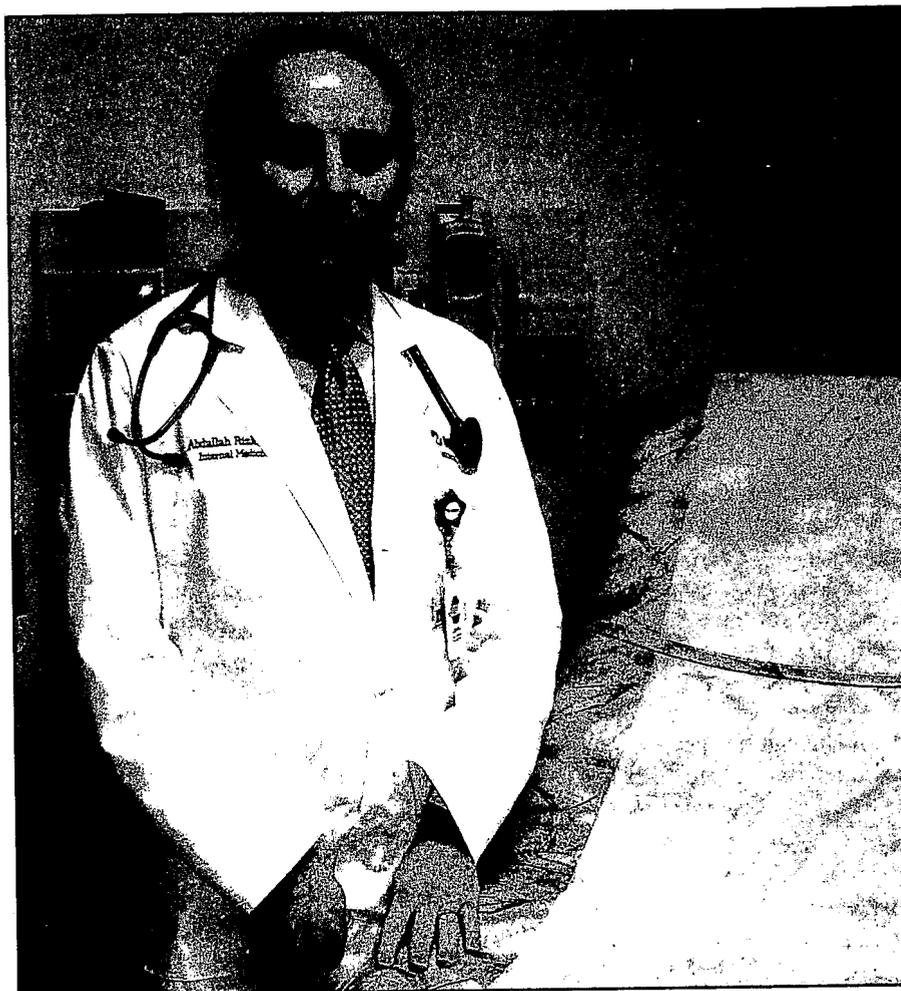
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"There's continuing medical education, journals, textbooks, tons of resources," he said. "I stay up to date, so if there is a challenging case, I know where to get the answers."

He shares information and learns from other doctors. For example, Viagra was developed as a treatment for heart disease, but was found to be an effective treatment for erectile dysfunction. Similar situations happen all the time.

"I'm always reading cases and scenarios so if something similar comes up when treating patients, I know where to go to get the answer," he said.

Communication is also important when treating patients.

"We focus on the problem, the reason for their visit and work to solve it," he said.

With an aging population, cases include

preventative care and treatment of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, cancer, and other geriatric conditions.

"I give patients advice as much as can to make sure they're on a healthy track. It's up to the patient to follow it, but most do. If they make the effort to come here, the thought is they're ready to follow their doctor's advice," said Dr. Rizk.

He served his residency at Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, Md. As an Internal Medicine physician, Dr. Rizk is specially trained to diagnose and treat medical problems in adults. Acute and chronic illnesses are treated in hospital and in outpatient care settings. He also treats conditions such as depression, arthritis and other common and uncommon medical problems, and also performs complete physical exams, gynecologic exams, and routine follow-ups.

For more information, call McLaren Internal Medicine, 6815 Dixie Highway, Suite 1, at 248-625-1011 or go to [McLaren.org](http://McLaren.org).

# Great Lakes Independent offers a wide variety of providers

Great Lakes Independent Insurance takes the guess work and the hassle out of insurance shopping, says agent/manager, Jim Hutton.

The agency – which provides auto, life, homeowners, and commercial insurance – recently moved to Orion Township, December 2008. Though they're the new kids on the block, they have been in business since 1996 formerly located on the East side. The Orion location enables Great Lakes Independent to represent many top rated insurance companies.

Because Lake Orion is less saturated with similar agencies in comparison to other metro-Detroit areas, Great Lakes Independent is attractive to a bigger number of insurance providers. More providers mean more rate shopping and lower rates – a good thing for customers.

"If we were a smaller agency, we would not be able to represent as many quality insurance companies as we do," said Hutton. The agency in turn passes the savings and the convenience of one stop insurance shopping onto its customers.

"We offer a variety of companies," Hutton said. "If one company shifts markets and is not trending well, we're able to shop a rate for our customers."

Though customers could end up with a different insurance provider "they still have



The staff at Great Lakes Independent Insurance are always ready to help and serve with a friendly attitude. Go see them today to see if you can save money on your insurance needs. The same Great Lakes Independent Insurance agent, with the same service," according to Hutton.

"You get to know that person, you build a relationship. No matter which insurance company Great Lakes Independent places you with, you will have the same agent working for you day in and day out, and that's nice," he said.

Hutton comes from a "captive background" in insurance and noted that when rates shifted higher, it was often "painful" for customers.

"Here, we are able to retain customers

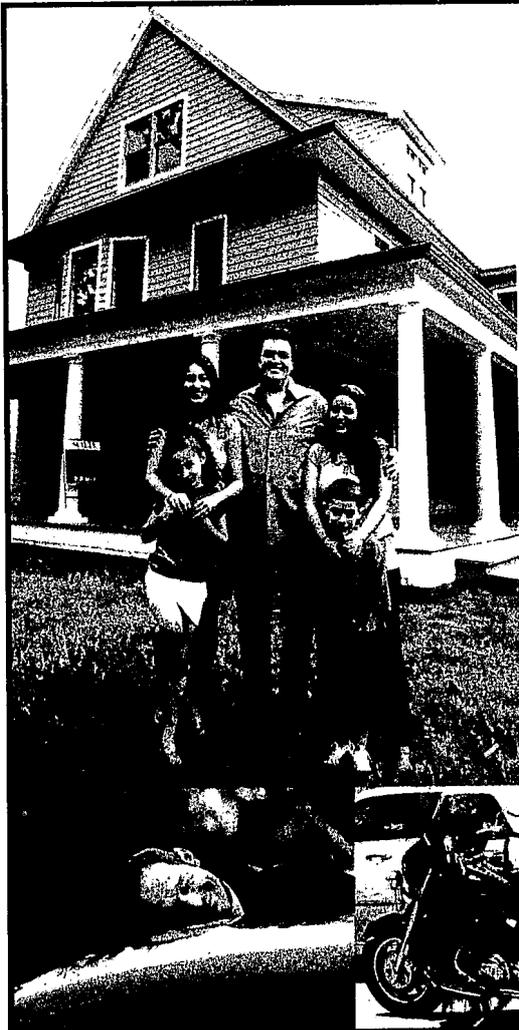
at renewal if their current company has an increase we can shift from one insurance company to another," he said. "That benefits customers because we can shop for them to find a cheaper rate. They can make one phone call instead of five or six."

At Great Lakes Independent's disposal are 16 different insurance providers: Auto Owners, Bristol West, Citizens, Encompass, Foremost, Great lakes Casualty, Haggerty, Hartford, J.M. Wilson, Mercury, Progressive, Safeco, Titan, Travelers, Victoria, and Zurich.

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# Burdick Street welcomes Simplicity line, Toro commercial

The fine folks at Burdick Street Landscape Supply & Equipment are bursting with pride and excitement over a new line of power equipment gracing the showroom of their 43 E. Burdick St. store in Oxford Village.

It's called Simplicity and this line of snow-throwers, tractors and zero-turn riding lawn mowers is made by Briggs & Stratton right here in the good ol' US of A.

"This line really hasn't been in our area before, so I'm really excited to be the first to offer it," said co-owner Koula Christi. "It's just a good, quality, solid product."

Christi noted the Simplicity line is a nice fit, price-wise and quality-wise, between the Scagg and Cub Cadet lines, both of which Burdick Street already carries.

Simplicity also offers things other lines do not. For instance, unlike Toro, Simplicity has tractors. Granted, Cub Cadet offers tractors as well, however, Simplicity can offer upper-end tractors with attachments such as a small front-end loader.

"You don't get that with Cub Cadet," Christi said. "It's a nice, happy medium for people who don't want a massive tractor."

"Simplicity fills a niche," Christi continued. "It's a well-known brand. There's a lot of people out there who will only buy



These lovely ladies want you to purchase a Simplicity tractor.

a Simplicity. It's a very recognizable name."

Speaking of new products, Burdick Street has added the complete line of commercial Toro products including mowers ranging from zero-turn to stand-ons and walk-behinds.

Burdick Street brought in the Toro commercial line to replace the Exmark line.

"Toro and Exmark are actually made by the same company in the same factory," Christi said. "The quality's the same, it's just that Toro has greater name recognition among customers."

Burdick Street is also pleased to offer a variety of power-washers and portable, gasoline generators (up to 10,000 watts), all manufactured by Briggs & Stratton.

"We try to get as much stuff made here in the U.S. as possible," Christi said. "Everything's well-made and built from heavy steel. That's important to us."

Customers are invited to see all the product lines and services that Burdick Street has to offer when the store hosts its annual Spring Open House on Saturday, April 14.

The event will feature food, door prizes, giveaways, kids activities, and plenty of deals such as \$5 blade sharpenings and \$5 chainsaw sharpenings. Manufacturer representatives will be on hand to answer questions and talk about their products.

Well-known chainsaw carver Gary

Elzerman will also be there, doing amazing sculpting demonstrations. Watch him turn large chunks of wood into woodland creatures right before your very eyes.

"Everyone is welcome to attend our Open House," Christi said. "It's more of a party. It's our way of saying thanks to everybody for their support. They could go anywhere, but they choose to come here."

Christi was pleased to report that business at Burdick Street has doubled over the last year. Approximately 80 percent of the store's sales are residential in nature, while the other 20 percent come from commercial contractors. Burdick Street is currently one of the top two Scag dealers in Michigan. The store was also named Stihl Territory Dealer of the Year, which earned Christi and Stoll a trip to Virginia Beach this fall.

Burdick Street earned this top honor through a combination of total Stihl sales and various marketing strategies.

For more information about Burdick Street Landscape Supply & Equipment please call 248-969-2800 or visit on-line at [www.burdickstreet.com](http://www.burdickstreet.com). Don't forget to check them out on Facebook.

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Our home care services are built around your specific needs. We believe that maintaining your independence is an option and Evergreen offers professional, licensed screened staff to come into your home. Home health services were created for the ability of seniors to be able to stay in their own dwelling. We offer a free in home assessment with one of our professional staff. The assessment meeting will help us understand your needs. The more we know about your family needs, the easier it is to recommend specific services that may help with your particular situation. Perhaps a registered nurse to visit weekly, or a physical therapist improving your mobility or an aide to assist with a meal or medication reminder can be all that is needed. When more assistance is needed, we are associated with many community resources and services that can also come to your home. Many of them are offered free to the community, as well as many are covered by your insurances including Medicare.

It can become overwhelming when a

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We are here to serve the community. Our staff provides the personal touch, physically as well as emotionally. We really care about what we do. Evergreen accepts Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and Blue Shield and many Medicare Advantage plans, private health insurance and private pay. We are located at 6510 Town Center Drive, Suite B, off of Sashabaw Road and Waldon Road. The business office is open Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. We have an on call number which is answered 24 hours a day. For more information, please call the toll free number, 866-934-2933. Please support your local business.



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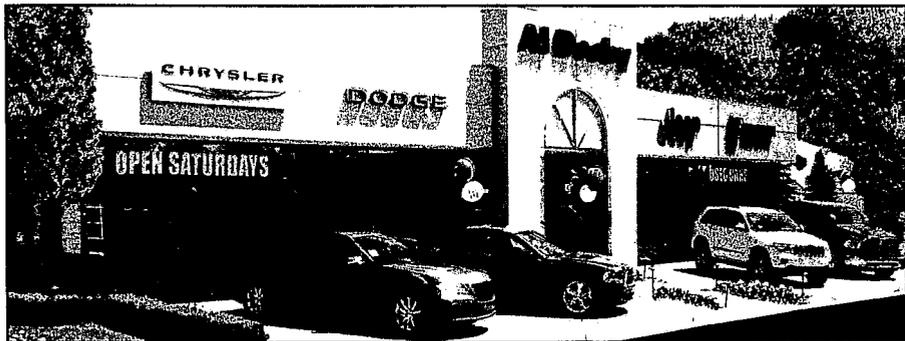
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## Future bright with Al Deeby

Come see Clarkston's 'Best of the Best' auto dealer

Family friendly customer service and dedication to Clarkston is why the community named Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram "Best of the Best - Auto Dealer."

"We're your Hometown Dealer," General Manager Jim White said. "Our hard work and dedication to customer satisfaction has earned us the trust and respect of our community."

He went on to say, "We strive to provide our customers with the same high level of care 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, Angels' Place, Holiday Lights Parade, Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades, the Clarkston area Chamber of Commerce Golf outing as well as many other events in the area.

"We've made Clarkston our home, 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." Said owner Al Deeby. "At Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, we are geared toward customer-focused processes and insist all of our employees are committed and involved."

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 highest quality care, customers can relax in the spacious lounge, featuring a 55" plasma television, wireless Internet access, complimentary gourmet coffee and snack bar. Customers can even borrow a laptop computer or iPad 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 beverages mom and dad will allow!

"Our mission is to 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 Sr.," 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 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."

"The Dealership also has a great selection of pre-owned vehicles. Not everyone wants a new vehicle, some people prefer a pre-owned vehicle and there are some tremendous deals out there." Jim White 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.

For more information please call 248-620-0800 or online at [www.aldeeby.com](http://www.aldeeby.com).



From left, Damien Evans, owner Carol Evans and Archie Munson.

## Smith's Disposal community minded from the start

At Smith's Disposal customer satisfaction is our highest priority.

We understand that our customers have several companies to choose from and feel a responsibility to earn their loyalty.

While promotions and advertising are a great way to spur growth, we focus on what we feel is even more important: customer retention.

We believe very strongly that our customers are more than that, they are our neighbors, and their satisfaction is the driving force behind everything we do.

Another thing that has always been very important to Smith's Disposal is community support. Again, we believe in serving our neighbors.

Every year, we donate thousands of dollars to worthwhile causes such as Relay for Life, Lighthouse of Oakland County, SCAMP, Rainbow Connection, Waterford Coalition for Youth and Open Door Outreach Center, as well as community events including Parks and Rec. programs, youth baseball, Tons of Trucks, and several local parades and festivals.

We believe all of these programs are important to a community and are proud to help out in any way we can.

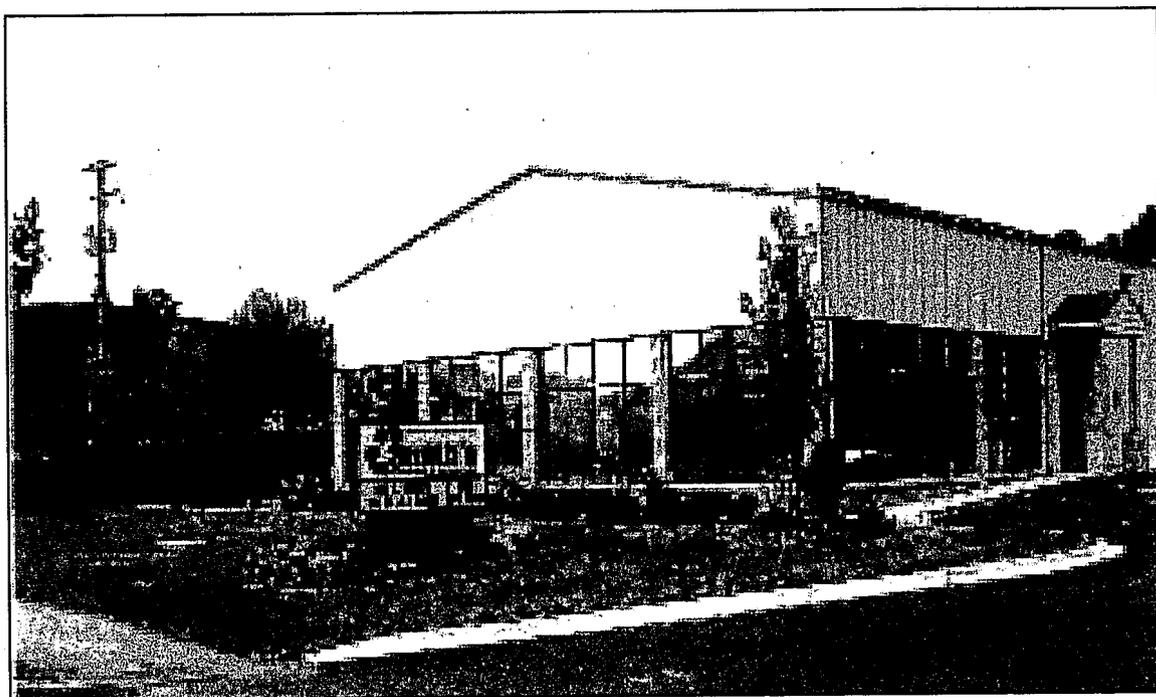
As you may already know, we are in the process of opening a Recycling Center. We have experienced a few delays in getting operational, but are hopeful that we will be able to accommodate public drop-off of recyclable materials in June.





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# Italia Gardens Oxford offers healthy options, gluten-free menu

Italian restaurants are typically thought of as places to go for dinner when you have hours to enjoy a big meal and you want some rich food that isn't exactly diet-friendly.

But Italia Gardens (1076 S. Lapeer Rd.) in Oxford Township is breaking the mold by offering a variety of menu options that allow everyone to enjoy a taste of Italy.

When it's time for lunch, why settle for the same old fast food options that lack flavor and imagination?

Everyday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., Italia Gardens, which is owned by Ed and Monica Klimek, offers a lunch menu that includes pasta, soups, salads and three delicious panini sandwiches (Italian, chicken pesto and vegetarian).

Lunch items range from \$6 to \$8 and are served up quick enough to allow even the most time-pressed diner to enjoy a delightful lunch experience.

For those diners who are trying to enjoy a healthier life-style, or maybe just lose a few pounds, Italia Gardens now offers entrees such as grilled salmon and chicken/broccoli fettucine along with whole wheat pastas.

Italia Gardens has partnered with Powerhouse Gym, Caruso Chiropractic and Lucky's Natural Foods as part of the Get Healthy Michigan program.

On the third Tuesday of each month, the restaurant invites people to come in, enjoy a free meal in its banquet room and listen to a 30-minute presentation about how to live a

healthier life-style through proper diet and exercise.

Just for attending, each diner receives a package of coupons for Italian Gardens, Powerhouse Gym, Lucky's and Caruso Chiropractic.

They also have the opportunity to sign up for a Get Healthy Michigan card that entitles the bearer to a 10 percent discount at participating businesses statewide.

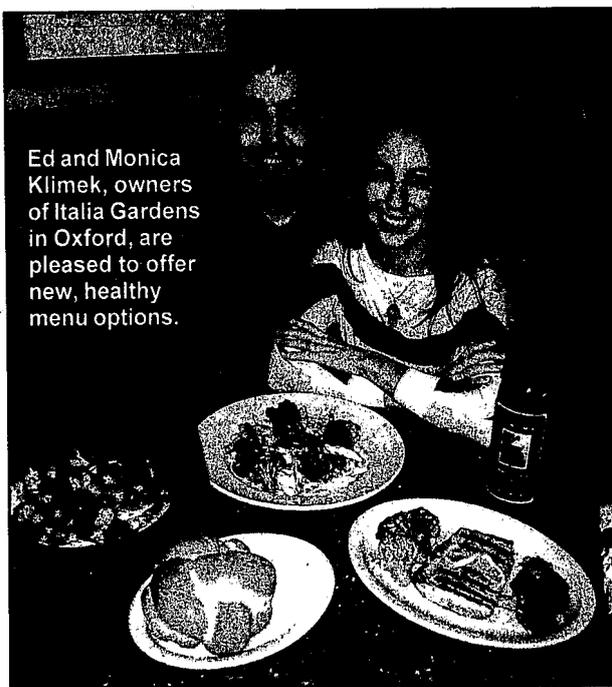
Diners who are allergic to gluten will be happy to learn that Italia Garden offers a gluten-free menu that includes a special gluten-free pasta made right here in Michigan by a company known as Mama Mucci's.

"It's hard to find a good-tasting gluten-free noodle," Ed said. "You can't even tell (Mama Mucci's) is gluten-free. We like it. We eat it even though we don't have to."

Ed said the gluten-free menu has "really taken off" and "a lot of people are glad we're doing it."

Mama Mucci's is just one of the many Michigan companies that Italia Gardens supports by offering their products. From

Traverse City red wine to beers from Atwater Brewery and the Michigan Brewing Company, the restaurant is all about that Made in Michi-



Ed and Monica Klimek, owners of Italia Gardens in Oxford, are pleased to offer new, healthy menu options.

gan label.

Italia Gardens isn't just a place to go for lunch or dinner; it's also a place to celebrate special events or host meetings.

Below the main dining room is a top-notch

banquet facility that can accommodate up to 65 guests for showers, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, business meetings, awards banquets and any other gathering.

"There's still a lot of people who don't even know it's down there," said Ed, noting the restaurant offers a family-style, all-you-can-eat dinner that's perfect for large groups.

This month, Ed and Monica are celebrating the one-year anniversary of their purchase of Italia Gardens. "It was offered to us and we couldn't say no," Monica said.

The Oxford restaurant is still affiliated with the other two locations in Flint and Davison, so the Italia Gardens tradition that began in 1931 continues.

"We share our ideas and we try to make the menus the same," Ed said.

With graduation season right around the corner, why not make your open house a hit by letting Italia Gardens do all the cooking.

"We have a ton of options for graduation parties - pastas, baked chicken, lasagna, salads, bread," Ed said.

Try it out tonight by calling up Italia Gardens and ordering one of their family pans. Starting at \$15 and ready in 15-20 minutes, these pasta dishes can feed a family of five and come complete with salad and bread.

"It's a good option for people on-the-go who just don't have time cook," Ed said.

For more information about Italia Gardens, please call (248) 628-4112 or visit them on the web at [www.italiagardens.com](http://www.italiagardens.com).



## Italia Gardens

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# Saber's Carpet Cleaning: celebrating 40 years, 3 generations

Established in 1972, Saber's Carpet Cleaning has serviced the local community "based out of Clarkston" for the last 40 years. Passing the torch through three generations.

Multiple trucks enable us to cover Oakland and Genesee counties along with large commercial buildings.

Employees are mostly family members some with us more than a decade learning the trade through specialized classes certified in carpet, upholstery, tile cleaning and emergency flood restoration.

With the use of the internet, customers have the ability to research the modern method used today to clean their carpet and upholstery. They soon realize the majority of the high end (and virtually all carpet manufacturers) recommend truck mounted steam cleaning, often the only method recommended to uphold their warranty.

Our cleaning procedure in-

cludes first pre-treat of high traffic areas, all spots and stains with environmentally safe products. The equipment we use heats the water to between 230 to-260 degrees—heat cleans the best. Then the tremendous suction pulls the dirt out of the dirtiest of carpets leaving it soft, fresh and 99 percent dry, lengthening the life of your carpet.

When researching other methods you will find carpet manufacturers aren't big on scrubbers and lots of chemicals to clean, often creating a shorter carpet life.

We're bringing a \$65,000 cleaning plant to your home or place of business. So we can say we have the best of the state of the art equipment in the industry. Ultimately where we have the edge is our employees, they enjoy and are proud of what they do, their goal is to see you in six months to a year from when they saw you last.

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clean your carpet twice, once with a cleaning solution then with our fiber rinse, neutralizing your carpet, removing underlying detergents that could have been left behind such as over the counter spot removers or excessive carpet cleaning, most importantly preventing resurfacing stains commonly referred to as wicking. We offer the 3M Scotch Guard as the final step. Your carpet is a big investment. Protect it. Protecting with 3M Scotch Guard assures you your carpet will last longer, be much easier to keep clean, as your spills will bead up on the surface allowing you to just wipe them up.

Auto detailing: Saber's has also become synonymous with many of your local car dealerships, servicing 10 of the area's finest.

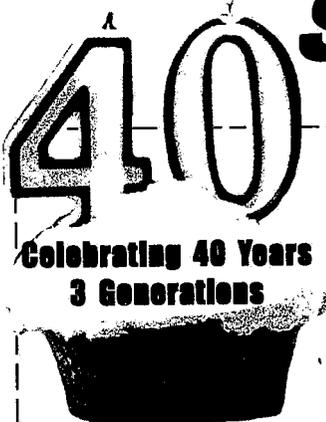
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# Lakes Community Credit Union is part of community

Members of the Lakes Community Credit Union, located at 350 N. Park Blvd in Lake Orion, are often greeted by their first names.

In many cases the credit union's staff, many of whom live locally, know them both as valued customers and as their neighbors.

This small-town connectiveness is what separates Lakes Community Credit Union from other larger financial institutions in the area, according to marketing specialist Jim Boehler.

"We're part of this community," he said. "I think we do an exceptional job at making people feel welcome."

The Lakes Community Credit Union was established in 1937 as Pontiac Telephone Employees Credit Union, in Pontiac. Growth and acquisitions precipitated its name change and move to its current location in the late 1990s. The credit union also operates a similar, full-service branch in Waterford, at the intersection of Williams Lake Road and Dixie Highway, plus a smaller office in Mount Clemens.

Boehler said the credit union has approximately 8,000 members, the majority of whom live in the Lake Orion/Oxford area.

"Banks have customers, while credit unions have members," he said. "When a person opens an account here with a \$5 deposit, he or she becomes one of its owners, enabling them to vote for credit union's Volunteer Board of Directors."

The business lobby of the Lake Orion location is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with the drive-up window staffed starting at 9 a.m.



The staff at Lakes Community Credit Union are ready and willing to offer assistance and advice.

through closing. On Saturday, both the lobby and drive-up window are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The credit union also features a No Fee drive-up ATM machine for members. LCCU also is part of the Co-Op network which offers over 28,000 no surcharge ATMs

Because it is member-owned and operated, and not for profit, Boehler said the credit union typically offers

better rates on home mortgages and auto loans, as well as savings and checking accounts, CDs and other investment products and credit/debit cards. He added that the credit union's fees are very competitive or non-existent.

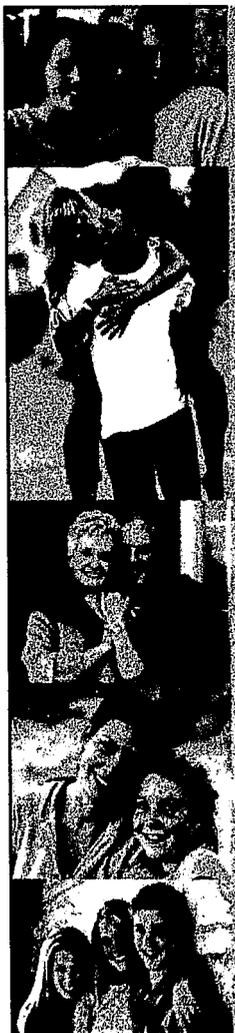
Today, the Lakes Community Credit Union currently is offering auto loans as low as 1.99% APR. Persons locked into a high interest rate and/or vehicle payment are encouraged to visit the credit union and possibly refinance their cars and trucks.

Excellent customer service is the greatest point of pride amongst the credit union's staff.

"When a person calls a bank for help, chances are he or she could be talking to someone in a foreign country," Boehler said. "When when they call us, they're talking to someone who lives and works in Lake Orion or Oxford. There's a connection."

The local credit union also likes to give back to the community, in the form of college scholarships and mini-grants for area teachers. The credit union awards four of each annually, with the scholarships worth \$500 a piece and grants \$250. The teacher mini-grant program just ended, but will commence again this fall. Scholarship applications are being accepted now, available online at [www.lakescommunitycu.org](http://www.lakescommunitycu.org), with money awarded in June.

"We're happy to be part of this community," Boehler said. "Pretty much anything a bank offers, we do too, but at better prices and rates. I welcome the public to come check us out."



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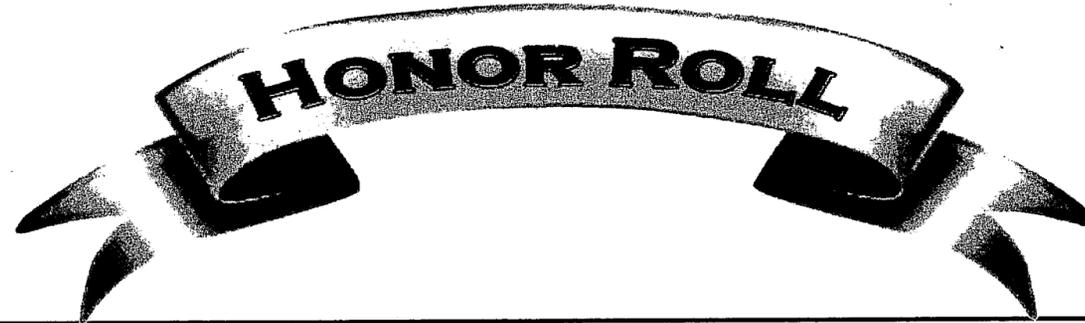
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# Join Mulberry Hills Golf Club for its 50th anniversary

The historic Mulberry Hills Golf Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this upcoming golf season.

Located just east of Oxford at 3530 Noble Rd., Mulberry Hills Golf Club offers 18 demanding risk-reward holes stretching over 6,600 yards nestled amongst thriving Oak forests, rolling meadows and menacing heathers. These natural intricacies of Mulberry Hills are breathtaking and daunting at the same time.

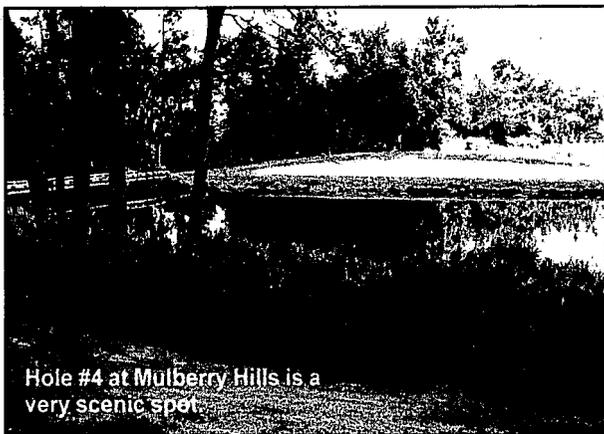
Guests can enjoy a relentless pursuit of perfection with well-maintained grounds, first-class customer service and affordable green fees.

After 50 years of serving area golfers, Mulberry Hills is continually striving to flourish and improve in order to meet and exceed players expectations.

This season, guests will be able to enjoy their time on the course by riding around in brand new fleet of 2012 Yamaha golf carts. All carts are equipped with a 12-volt adapters for players to charge their smart phones and GPS units, something that is unprecedented at a golf course said Director of Golf

Todd Moore. Moore acknowledges, "First and foremost we are in a service industry and we are very fortunate to have a great staff in place both inside the clubhouse and out on the course which makes Mulberry Hills Golf Club what it is today".

In addition, players can book tee-times



Hole #4 at Mulberry Hills is a very scenic spot

online at [www.mulberryhills.com](http://www.mulberryhills.com), have free WiFi, purchase a beverage from the on-course refreshment cart, take to the practice range at their 12 station oriented driving range and relax on their outdoor patio area. According to Moore, guests can enjoy year long specials, which can be found on the courses website, during the 50th anniversary season.

He noted guests who follow Mulberry Hills on Facebook and Twitter will get the chance to win special discounts on golf and other great prizes, such as tickets too see the Detroit Red Wings, Tigers, Pistons and as well as concerts at DTE or the Palace of Auburn Hills throughout the summer. "We've been in business for fifty years and we are looking towards the next fifty, and it is important to embrace the technology and the lay of the land to make it work for our advantage and more importantly our customers advantage," Moore said. He added be sure to check often as the course's social media pages are constantly updated with new specials.

Last season, the course introduced the e-Player card. As an 2012 e-Player, golfers can get discounts on green fees, range balls and drink specials all season. Card holders will be notified via email of available tee times, course conditions pro shop discounts and specials on food and drinks. Cards can be obtained by registering on their website at anytime and are designed for each player to play more while paying less.

Moore noted players with an e-Player card can get a free round of golf after they purchase 10 rounds. Once the round is complete, players can enjoy food and drinks at Hank's Place Bar & Grill, which has been serving customers since 1962. Hank's Place offers guests excellent service, fine ales on tap, free WiFi and a new take-out menu. Moore welcomes players to experience "Mulberryville," a happy hour running

Monday through

Thursday from 3-4 p.m and Friday and Saturday from 3-6 p.m. featuring \$2 hot dogs and \$2 domestic bottles. A new Friday night co-ed league allows players to take advantage of Mulberryville throughout the season while playing golf in a relaxed environment. Guests can also book their work related or social event in one of their two banquet rooms, when combined have seating for up to 175 people. Moore said Mulberry Hills offers adult and youth golf lessons, along with private lesson with golf pro Mark Vagi. Vagi will also teach all junior golf camps offered by Mulberry Hills.

"We are looking to make sure everyone in the community knows...we appreciate their business and their support for the past 50 years and we want to encourage them to come out and share in the celebration with us throughout the season," Moore said. "Our members and league players have been supporting us for many years and hopefully we can recognize and continue to reward them with great golf opportunities and experiences," he added.

For more information about Mulberry Hills Golf Club, call (248) 628-2808, visit them at their website, follow them on Facebook at Mulberry Hills Golf Club or follow them on Twitter at @GolfMulberry.

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# GOB Gymnastics: Building confidence, motivation for youth

Gymnastics training is a springboard to being the best you can be in every sport you participate in.

At GOB Gymnastics, 142 Harbor Pointe Road, a skilled staff will help you excel at gymnastics, and in the process, help you to not only be a great all-around athlete, but develop extraordinary confidence and more, all while having fun.

"This is a sport for your mind and body," said GOB Coach Amanda Frezza, an experienced gymnast who is joined at the family business by her parents, Coaches Paul and Julie Frezza, as well as her brothers, Coaches Paul Jr. and Garrett Frezza, combining over 50 years of gymnastics experience. Other highly qualified GOB coaches include Erica, Micah, Tessa and Matt. "Gymnastics is good for both boys and girls and helps them progress in many other sports."

Several GOB gymnasts of middle school age are currently qualifying for high school varsity teams, including track and volleyball.

GOB is a member of the Amateur Athletic Union and now has students of all ages participating in this competitive league. Students who were formerly rec-



Front row, from left: Lydia Kahler, Kelsey Fisher, Emily Sosnoski, Hope Verville, and Haley Puskar. Back row from left: Coach Erica, Abby Line, Nicole Hanson, Olivia McGeachy, Joan Simlar, Jessica Larson and Coach Amanda.

reational gymnasts have now advanced and are competing in compulsory gymnastics and doing very well in level 4 through level 8.

While GOB gymnasts are in a more advanced league, the gym strives to keep a relaxed atmosphere.

"We make it fun and not stressful," said Amanda. "The gymnasts are still learning life skills, confidence and self-motivation."

GOB has all state-of-the-art equipment, including a brand new set of Speith Anderson extra-wide uneven bars and new spring floor, making it easier to work on higher level skills. Proper equipment is essential for training superior caliber athletes.

Athletes can commit to just one day of training per week and still be eligible for competition. Gymnasts progress at

their own pace at GOB, with focused coaches who nurture the students to become the best they can be, in every area of life.

GOB's participation in the Amateur Athletic Union allows their gymnasts to be eligible for scholarships and grants.

Students at GOB can start as early as preschool. Children as young as 2-and-a-half can hone their motor skills and start building a foundation to be a strong, confident athlete. Check out the mom and tot program. There are no age caps at GOB and programs vary for intensity of commitment.

GOB provides instruction for cheerleaders from various school districts, including Goodrich, Clarkston, Waterford Kettering, Everest Academy, and Our Lady of the Lakes.

"In our gym, we have lot of interaction with the family and we build good relationships," said Amanda. "You can trust us with your child and they will make a lot of new friends at the gym."

GOB Gymnastics, 142 Harbor Pointe, Ortonville. Details: 248-627-6317, gobjgymnastics.com, or search Facebook for GOB Gymnastics & Cheerleading.



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## Hello Moms and Dads,

This is Coach Paul from GOB Gymnastics and Cheerleading. If you don't know who we are just go to the internet, you can find everything you want about GOB Gymnastics on the internet. I am paying for this space and have way too much to tell you to just try to get you to come to classes at our Gymnastics and Cheerleading training center. We have been in business for almost 20 years now. If you have lived and raised your children in the Ortonville area, you have probably heard my story before but there is a whole set of new parents who haven't. When my daughter Amanda age 6 was in 2nd grade, son Garrett age 9 in 4th grade and son Paul Jr. age 11 in 6th grade, the school district deleted gym class and fine arts programs. I was very involved in my young children's school activities, going to the zoo, field trips and just being an all around helper to all the teachers at school. My career at that point was insurance and financial planning, so I could set my own schedule. I was making a great big income but that is all it was. I was not enjoying life; I never saw my kids unless I went to school and volunteered for something. Well, God blessed me more than I could ever imagine. I did not need a "Financial Plan" I needed a "Family Plan". Actually it was the school that helped me create GOB Gymnastics, our family business. With gym class being

deleted, I was able to volunteer to teach cartwheels and handstands at recess to my daughter's class. Pretty soon I was teaching the class across the hall, then another teacher asked for help and within a month I was teaching all the students in Harvey Swanson. I was just a parent volunteer and I now had a reason to wake up each morning. Soon I was teaching all the students in H.T.Burt elementary. With the school year coming to an end we did a district wide show at parent's night with all the students in each classroom performing on stage. It was big hit and the thought of opening my own gymnastic school was born. We handed out flyers and started a club with 65 students. Within a year, we had 400 students. We rented space for a few years and then decided to build our own place.

Let's move ahead to today. GOB's impact on our town and area can be measured by all the increases in high school athletics awards and college athletes that we have helped create and I do mean CREATE. We have had State and National Champions in our gym, but also most of our towns competitive cheerleaders, dance team, pom squad have trained for many years at GOB. We have football players that have gone on to play in college, and even some have gone pro. We have students on the diving team, tennis team and golf team. We have trained wrestling champs. Most recently Amy Szedlak, who trained many years at GOB signed her letter of intent to play college softball. Great job, Amy!

Parents, "Everybody has talent, it just needs to be revealed." One of the best attributes of being a Gymnastics coach is the length of time you get to be involved in the athlete's life. In most coaching or teaching roles, children get a different teacher coach each year. It makes continuity of training very difficult. Gymnastics is a discipline! In order to be a good gymnast, you must train for a long time before you see results. However, to a lot of students, we teach gymnastics as a cross training sport. We can tell by their body shape, size and abilities that this is not their sport, but they like doing it. Guess what gymnastics is a total body sport. It teaches strength, agility, confidence, grace and coordination. Get you children involved in GOB and who knows what that will happen. I do, I know, Great things will happen!

Oh, and by the way, my daughter, Coach Amanda, age 25 is taking our best gymnasts to Painesville, Ohio to compete in the A.A.U. Winter Nationals. I will report how these wonderful athletes did very soon. My son, Coach Garrett, age 29, runs the gymnastic school and son Coach Paul Jr., age 31, works for homeland security and coaches in the evening. Oh, by the way, my wife Coach Julie, age#@%, who is called "Drill Sergeant Julie" has been with us the whole time. Everybody loves Coach Julie.

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## Clarkston Plumbing: quality and cleanliness

Quality is the most important thing, according to Clarkston Plumbing & Boiler owner Chris Heslip.

"We do top notch work and our reputation proceeds us," he said. "Cleanliness is also very important to us.

Heslip said they respect customer's property by always wearing booties in their homes as well as using drop cloths as needed.

"We even put a rug under our tool box if necessary to protect flooring," he said. "We want to leave every property clean when work is completed."

With license trained professionals they have fully stocked service vehicles, warranted work, unformed at all time, are fully insured and use top quality products.

"We are firm believers in using local parts and services. We shop local and refer local services," Heslip said. "Even a lot of the water heaters we install are made in Michigan. We also try to use a lot of made in USA products.

Currently Clarkston Plumbing & Boiler offer boiler repair and replacement, plumbing, certified backflow testing, water heaters, well tanks, CSD-1 testing, sump pumps, sewage pumps, appliance installation, gas lines, humidifiers and more.

As far as the future goes Clarkston



Plumbing is always striving to improve all aspects of business.

"We are in the process of a merger with A1 Indoor Comfort Systems Inc.," he said. "This will allow me to offer not only plumbing and boiler services, but top quality heating and cooling services as well."

Clarkston Plumbing & Boiler offers 24 hour service and accepts all major credit cards including Visa, Master, and Discover. For more information call 248-394-9000 or visit [www.clarkstonboiler.com](http://www.clarkstonboiler.com)

"We look forward to taking great care of you," said Heslip.

## Connecting, building, informing

# Your community newspaper the ever-loving Clarkston News

Is your business relevant? Is your organization relevant? Does the community know your store even exists? Did you hear about the local crime trends or how the school board is gonna' cut spending?

This year, 2012, is a year Sherman Publications, Inc., publishers of this newspaper, is looking inward and outward. We are asking ourselves, "are we relevant?" And, we are challenging our business community, "are you relevant?"

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.

We provide a forum for residents to voice their concerns, or to praise a kindly act.

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.

All this for only \$30 a year subscription!

We are relevant because we offer local small businesses and effective and affordable means of connecting with local individuals.

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 (ClarkstonNews.com) and our "convergent" media site (ClarkstonTV.com) we receive over 4,000 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*. *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 and want ads have kept bargain hunters and treasure sellers in touch since 1960!

It is much easier and safer to sell your stuff with a want ad to a neighbor than it is to invite somebody from 40-miles away into your home.

We are relevant because we have created a local TV-like station, online at [www.ClarkstonTV.com](http://www.ClarkstonTV.com). We have two shows we produce ourselves, *Phil in The Blank*, with *Clarkston News* editor Phil Custodio and *Don't Rush Me -- The Show-ow-ow!* with assistant publisher and columnist, Don Rush.

The local school district and local cable access group can also put up programming (free). And, local businesses can tape shows and infomercials there, too!

There is no reason for you not to feel connected in this community.

We are giving you all the tools, all the vehicles you need to know, support and build this wonderful community. All you got to do, is use them. Support your local newspaper!

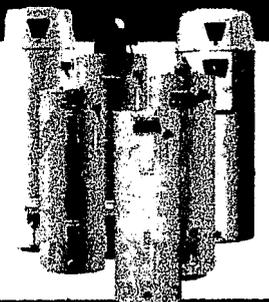
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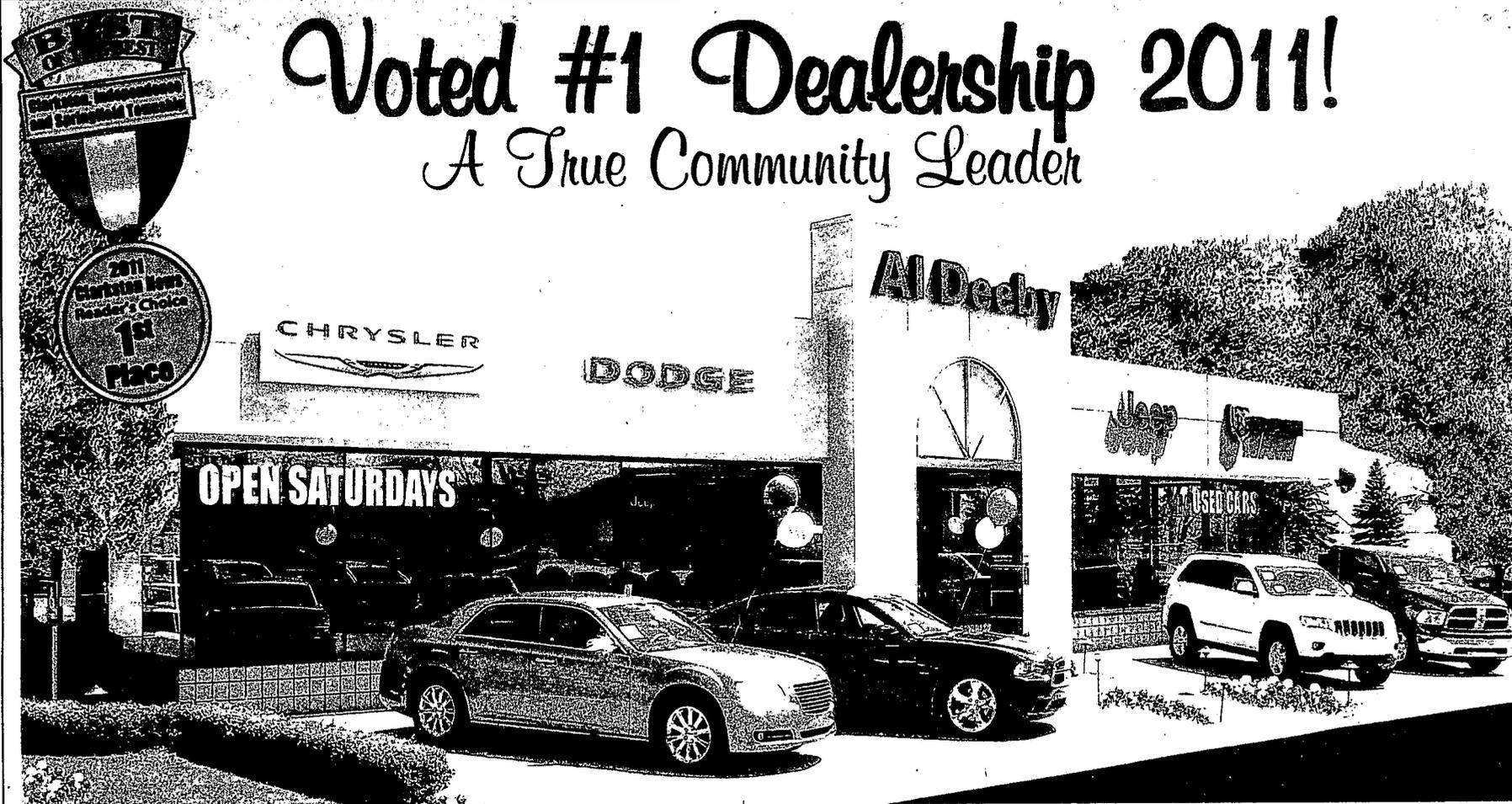
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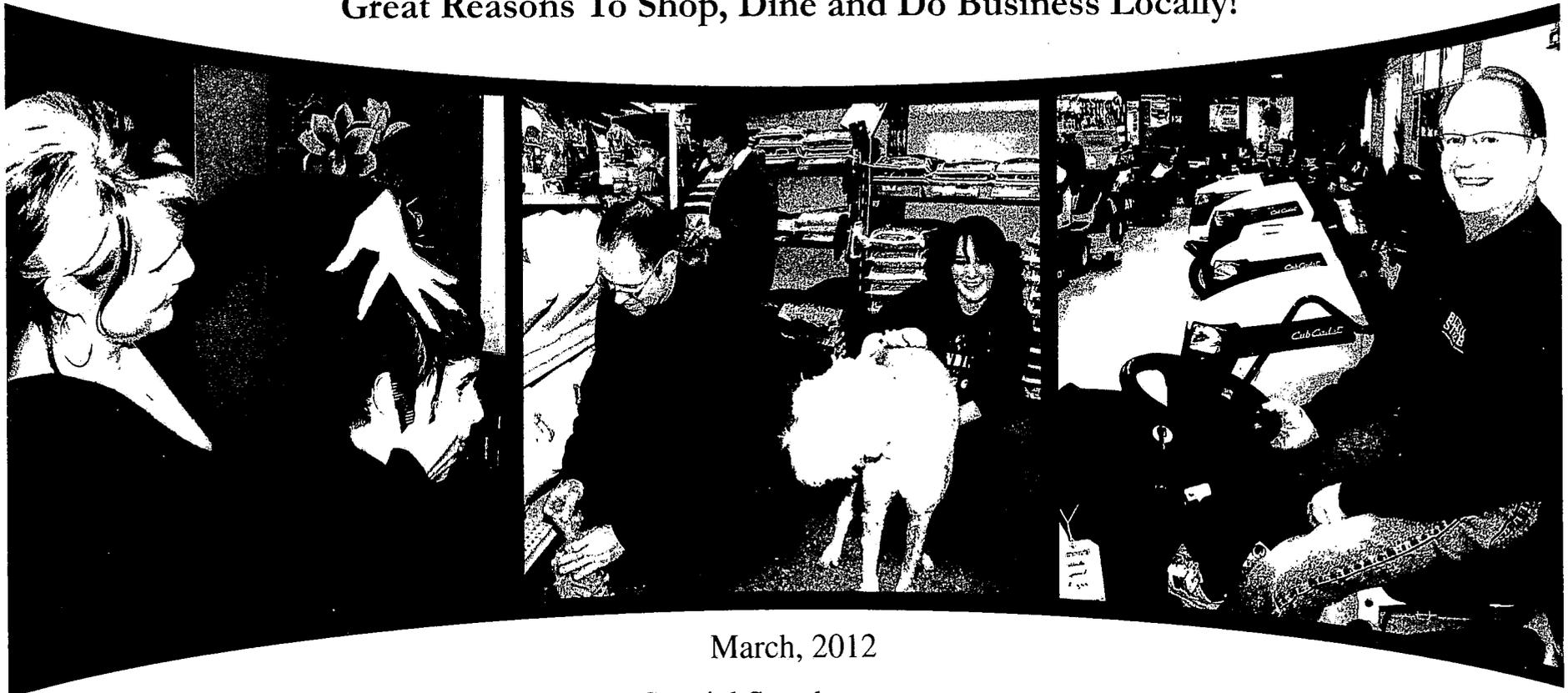
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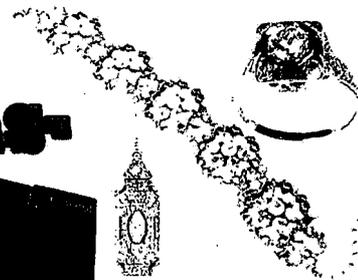
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# Lake Orion Roofing urges education before signing



Ninety percent (90%) of roofing contractors fail within their first five years in business and another eighty percent (80%) will fail the next five years, leaving only about two percent of them lasting beyond ten years. This is a scary statistic when you think about the need for a well-built roof.

A roofing company that has been around for 27 years must be doing something right.

Lake Orion Roofing puts customer satisfaction above all else, a strategy that owner Mark Southern credits for their longevity in the community. He stressed that one of the most important steps in any contracting project is to select the right contractor. Studies also clearly show most customer dissatisfaction stems from simply hiring based on the lowest price.

This just plays into what really sets Lake Orion Roofing apart - their emphasis on "educating the customer." Southern says that having a couple sessions of face time with the customer often comes as a shock to most customers, since it's not normal procedure for most contractors.

"They're used to the normal procedure of having an estimate put in a pamphlet and left on the door," he says. "Most companies will do estimates without the customer even being at home. How can they possibly have a clue if the ventilation system in the attic is even functioning properly without an inspection? It's the same thing as a doctor throwing you up on a slab and doing exploratory surgery without doing an x-ray first."

He warned against the use of untrustworthy contractors and said it wise to reject outright any contractor that didn't have the proper insurance or blows off questions as not being important.

"We let them know there's much more to a professionally installed roof system than just installing shingles," says Southern, who emphasizes on "solving the customers problem" is much more important to them than simply measuring a roof and leaving an estimate. This method does not solve their specific problem.

"It's obviously why we've been around for over 27 years," he adds. "We truly care about

the customer, their problem and doing their project the proper way."

Southern sees the contract as a mutual relationship, with all their satisfied customers referring a contractor to other clients and a satisfied contractor always goes the extra mile for his customers. Contracting is an extremely competitive business and contractors work on extremely thin margins. This is why so many fail.

This is why during progress of a job, contractors will request additional money. The likely reason is they no longer have any room to absorb extra costs - a frequent practice with contractors.

"The most critical factor in a successful contracting project is selecting the right contractor." This critical element is often overlooked due to their main focus - the price. We all as consumers want the Cadillac for the Geo price, but as we all know, you get what you pay for. In this business, it speaks for itself when decisions are based on price alone. What we should be looking for is that 'trust & confidence'

feeling when making large investment decisions, such as a roof to protect the largest investment of our lives... "our home".

Lake Orion Roofing also strictly abides by the customer code of ethics laid out by CCN, which insures the highest standards of professionalism. They mail out to each customer requesting an estimate a brochure titled "How to make a Successful Construction Investment," which helps homeowners walk through the contractor selection process by asking certain questions about insurances, specifications, products & how to make the right decision, which was written by Certified Contractors Network (CCN) for consumer education. You can call them to request this booklet be mailed out to you anytime.

Lake Orion Roofing also has 24-hour emergency service & warranty department.

"If you call at 3 a.m. with a leak in your roof, you'll actually be talking to a live person," Southern says.

Properly insured and properly experienced, Lake Orion Roofing will always give the customer the best possible value on their investment. As the CCN is quick to point out in one of their mottos, "Only the extremely wealthy can afford to make a poor contracting decision because they have the money to do it again and again."

Lake Orion Roofing, Inc. is located at the corner of Brown and Joslyn Roads and is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

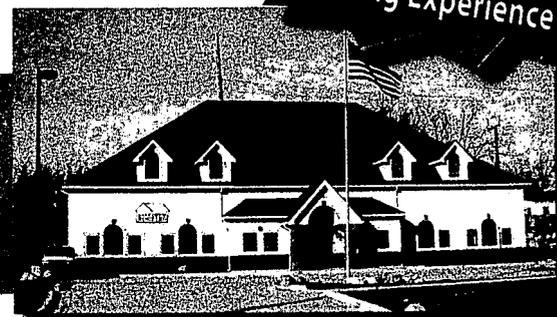
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# Mimi's expands offerings with Naturals hygiene line

Looking for a ring for that special someone or simply want to have an old coin appraised?

Ed Smith and Ryce Akins, along with their pup Mimi are at your service at Mimi's Metals, located at 4315 S. Baldwin Road in Lake Orion. The two offer professional advice on coins and jewelry and have some of the best quality diamonds available for below the wholesale value.

They also offer service with a smile and have garnered repeat customers because of it.

"We have been well received by people in the Orion area due to our honest prices and friendly approach," said Smith. "This enthusiasm by our customers has been a blessing to us."

And they like to give back to the community as well. Mimi's advertises throughout the local community and are now looking to sponsor a little league baseball, hockey team, or other kids' events.

Mimi's Metals works on the belief that having low margins with high turnover enables them to pay more for material traded in while selling merchandise well below the wholesale value. This includes diamonds, where an average priced \$15,000 diamond piece could sell below \$10,000 at Mimi's.

This combination of service and value has led to them being in the same location for nearly a year and half this month.

But metals is no longer all Mimi's offers. The Naturals by Mimi's holistic hygiene line is now available in store

and is made in house using 100% all natural products. All of the containers are made in the USA as well.

"These are high quality, handmade, American, all-natural soups, lotions, oils, balms and salts," said Akins. "We launched the line in November on our 1 year anniversary and the basic idea is that if it doesn't benefit you we won't add it. They help with skin irritations, rashes and lots of other skin conditions."

"As far as how we make it, people always want all-natural and made in the U.S., and we're trying to fulfill that."

Ingredients that are in every soap include goats milk, coconut oil, olive oil, palm oil and safflower oil. Many of the products are specifically aimed at improving skin condition and a number of other companies have already come forward, interested in carrying the product.

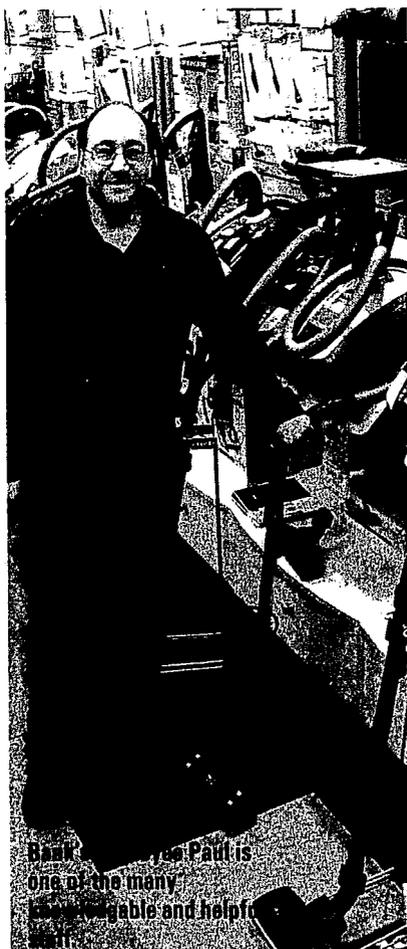
So if you ever find yourself in need of jewelry, coins or even a bar of soap, stop in to see Akins, Smith and Mimi.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon and Thurs and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tues, Wed, Fri, and Saturday. They can be reached at (248) 393-6670, by fax at (248) 393-6671, or online at [mimismetals.com](http://mimismetals.com) or [naturalsbymimis.com](http://naturalsbymimis.com) or on Facebook.

**From left, Ryce Aikins and Ed Smith pose with pup Mimi in front of the new Naturals line - designed and produced in house by Mimi's.**



# Bank's Vacuum offers community quality, history, flexibility



In 2009, dirt and carpet dust got a new enemy in Lake Orion when Bank's Vacuum Superstore re-opened its 9th location at 1180 Lapeer Road.

But this is no ordinary vacuum store. This is where serious cleaning fanatics come for their vacuum needs. Bank's boasts being the World's Largest Vacuum Dealer with nine vacuum superstores selling more vacuum cleaners and floor care products than any other dealer nationwide-including the big box stores. "If you can't find it in our stores or on our website, it simply doesn't exist," said owner Ken Bank.

Bank's Vacuum Superstores stocks every brand of new vacuum on the market-literally over 300 new vacuums in each of their stores. Bank proudly states, "With our factory trained staff of vacuum experts helping along the way, our customers can try and compare every vacuum on the market side by side to help make the purchase decision easier. Most of our competitors carry only one or two lines of vacuums and of course they claim these are the best in the business. We're truly independent because we carry every brand - we simply help our customers make their own decision by pointing out both the positive and negative features of each."

The company is not new to the vacuum business. Bank's grandfather Herman Bank started in 1956 in Dearborn. He used to travel door-to-door with hopes to pick-up, repair and return to his customers their vacuums.

"We still don't mind traveling to our customer's homes to help them with their vacuums" says

Bank. "We've always tried to exceed our customer's service expectations."

In addition to the original Dearborn and Lake Orion, there are Bank's Vacuum Superstores in Livonia, Plymouth, Novi, Grosse Pointe Woods, Shelby Township, Troy and Warren. Third generation Ken Jr. re-opened in Lake Orion three years ago after closing his father's Lake Orion business, Ken's Vacuum, in 1994. "Ken's" was later sold to a new owner who sold two more times and now operates under a different name with a fourth owner. Bank wants the local community to know it was his father's original 1976 Lake Orion store the community knew and trusted. Now back in Orion, Bank's Vacuum Superstores is here to stay.

"We've had a great three years in the new Lake Orion location and would like to thank the community for their overwhelming trust and support," he said. "It's our high level of commitment to our customers that helps assure the positive customer service experience here."

They are the community's only "factory-authorized" repair facility and are factory trained to repair virtually every brand of vacuum cleaner. They even fix Sears/Kenmore, Kirby, Rainbow and other door-to-door brands.

"The manufacturers refer customers to us to perform their service and warranty repairs because they know we know what we are doing and because we stock the country's largest inventory of replacement parts including bags, belts, filters and industry related accessories," he said. "We're also

completely computerized, so if our store or local warehouse does not have it and we need to special order an odd part we can usually have it within 1 or 2 days."

Once in Bank's showrooms, customers can expect far better, more patient and personal service than they would anywhere else. Bank trains the staff himself. "We're all fully-trained technicians and vacuum cleaner experts," he said. "We're not like the clerks at the big-box stores who just point at the box."

Bank's has also been known to toss in a few extra bags and assemble the vacuum free of charge in an effort to differentiate from the less personal big box stores. They are also an environmentally conscious company. When any vacuum dies, Bank's encourages "trade-ins" or "recyclings" so he can process any recyclable parts. Bank's believes there are enough dead vacuum cleaners in landfills.

Finding vacuum cleaners, replacement parts and accessories is also easy and only a click away. "We have the best vacuum cleaner web site on the internet," Bank said. "I hope to continue the company's tradition of personal service and quality by continuing the intense employee training and commitment to detail."

Bank is excited by the future. "Even in this economy, we're a growing company looking for hard working employees that want to grow and expand with us," he said.

Stop into Bank's Vacuum in Lake Orion location today or go to [banksvac.com](http://banksvac.com).

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This patient-focused approach to dental care has helped Dr. Greenfield steadily grow his practice, which is located at 1375 S. Lapeer Road in Lake Orion. This happens primarily through word-of-mouth referrals.



His team is celebrating its two-year anniversary in Lake Orion this month.

Lake Orion Family Dentistry offers a wide range of dental services in his hi-tech treatment rooms, from preventative maintenance, composite (white) fillings, advanced crown work and teeth whitening to name a few. To calm patients, every room has nitrous oxide (laughing gas) available for use and his team can also offer IV anesthesia for those high fear patients. To further put people at ease, every new patient receives a tour of the office and meets members of his team, with the opportunity to ask plenty of questions. "Our goal is to make the environment of the dentist office as relaxed as possible," Dr. Greenfield said. "I have a great team that really cares for our patients. If they are comfortable, our job is that much easier."

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extensive amount of dental work Dr. Greenfield provides them with a treatment presentation. He uses advanced computer technology to visually show a patient what work needs to be completed in their mouth. "I want them to know what is going on and give them the chance to ask any questions they may have," he said. To this end, the entire team believes in open communication with their patients. Dr. Greenfield says he is easy to reach via telephone and e-mail. Persons can also obtain information on his office and its procedures, as well as review and complete forms, via the practice's website, [www.drbradgreenfield.com](http://www.drbradgreenfield.com). "When we meet with a patient, he or she may forget to ask something or they may have another question later on," he said. "I welcome them to follow up with an email and I will respond as quickly as I can."

Nobody will mistake Dr. Greenfield's

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The high-tech atmosphere aside, the life-long resident of northern Oakland County knows it is the care and comfort he and his team provide patients that is the key to soothing their nerves when they visit his dentist office - and prompts them to become loyal patients.

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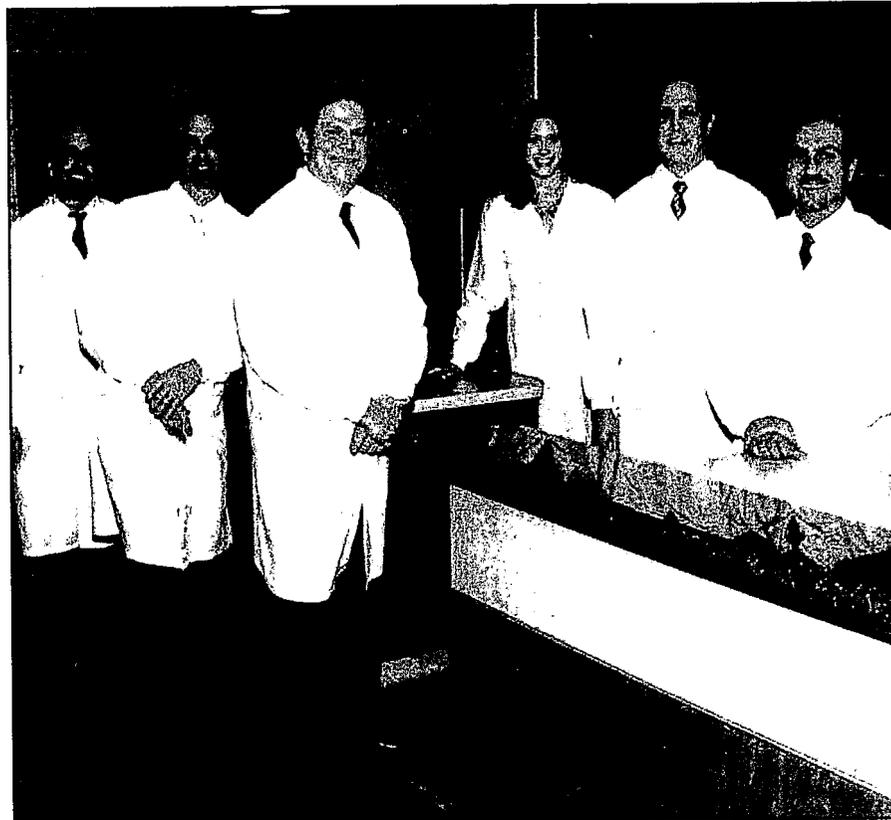
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Doctors Thomas, Hackenberger, Alamat and Kraemer are all board certified, and Orzech and Osguthorpe are board eligible. Their practice trains resident doctors from St. John Health System and is one of the few oral surgery practices in the state of Michigan to be accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

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Summit Oral Doctors from left: Jeffery Osguthorpe, Michael Kraemer, Dr. Gregory Thomas, Leslie Orzech, John Hackenberger and Joe Alamat.

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Genisys also partners with several organizations including AAA of Michigan, AMC Theatre, Cedar Point, Cleary University, FamilyMint, Liberty Mutual, Palace Sports & Entertainment, Sprint 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 310 events. In 2011, 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 was 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 literacy and the importance of saving.

As their Moola Moola, Y&I and Teen Advantage Club youth members get closer to graduation, they can look into applying



Genisys Team Comes Together to Support OLHSA - Walk for Warmth.

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 22.13 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.

Genisys Credit Union is proud to be making a difference in our communities, and we truly believe that Genisys is "where you come first". We are locally owned, locally controlled and continue to receive BauerFinancial's five-star rating for financial safety and soundness. Follow [genisyscu](https://www.facebook.com/genisyscu) on Facebook and Twitter for contests, promotions and other helpful information. A calendar of events can also be found on our website at [www.genisyscu.org](http://www.genisyscu.org)

# Michigan Web Press: Committed to quality printing

Michigan Web Press has been "delivering the news" for more than 30 years.

The commercial web-offset printing company prints for more than 200 different daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and periodicals from throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Located at 10450 Enterprise Dr. in Davisburg, the printing company's clients include The County Press, View Newspapers, C&G Newspapers, The Monroe Evening News, The (MSU) State News, and The (U-M) Michigan Daily.

One of the company's main strengths has been steadily upgrading their equipment and capabilities, including the installation of a state-of-art Goss Magnum web printing press.

The Magnum press can produce a 48-page full color newspaper at 40,000 copies per hour.

In addition to printing, the company also performs preprint inserting, bindery services and direct mail fulfillment.

While the newspaper business has undergone significant change in recent years, Michigan Web Press' clients have persevered.



Cecil Batchelor, Plant Manager at Michigan Web Press, adjusts the controls of the company's state-of-the-art Goss Magnum printing press.

Todd Hagerman, the company's general manager, explains, "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 these types of publications created each year."

The company prides itself on high-quality printing and exceptional customer ser-

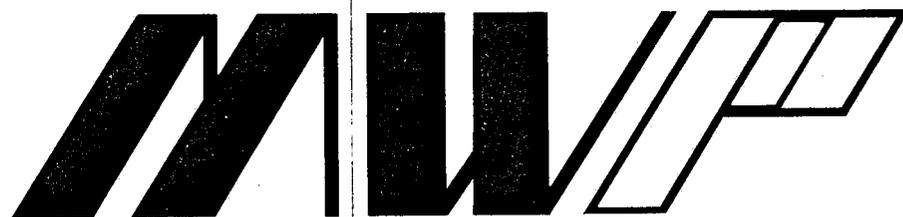
vice.

Hagerman talks about Michigan Web Press' customer focus: "Our responsibility to our customers is two-fold. 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."

Michigan Web Press has a staff of about 50 employees and operates 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week to give their customers the fastest turnaround times.

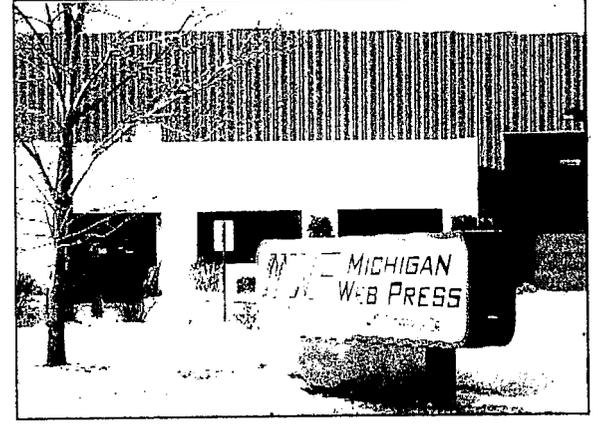
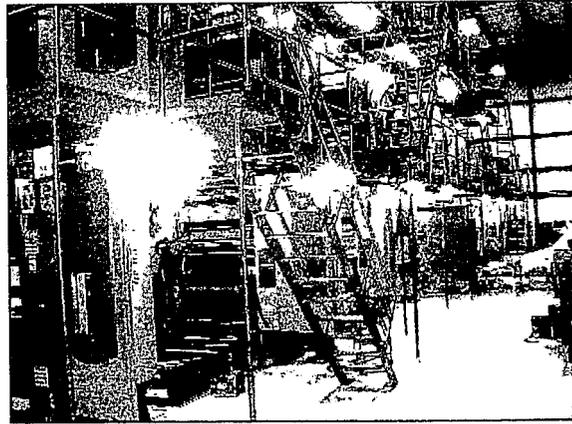
Hagerman is proud of the company's track record when it comes to meeting customers' deadlines. "We rarely miss a delivery deadline. We understand the importance of getting the printed news delivered to our customers' readers on time and we do whatever it takes to make that happen every single day."

For more information about Michigan Web Press, please visit the company online at [www.michiganwebpress.com](http://www.michiganwebpress.com) or call (248) 620-2990.



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# Lourdes Senior Community: "A great place to call home"



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While many solutions exist - consider Lourdes Senior Community.

The unique facility - located on 40-acres of beautiful lakefront property in Waterford - allows residents to maintain their independence while providing excellent support.

Lourdes Senior Community offers independent apartments, assisted living apartments, specialized memory care, long-term in addition to rehabilitation care. The community provides all levels of care regardless of what medical issues may arise. For more than 60 years, Lourdes Senior Community has provided outstanding care desired by seniors and their families. From the governor's quality care award to annual resident and family satisfaction surveys that reflect a 95 percent satisfaction, to four years as best of the best in senior living communities in Oakland

County - Lourdes Senior Community provides the highest quality of care.

A place where a person's life is unique, purposeful and respected, Lourdes Senior Community incorporates care along with a dedicated staff who are committed to care values of dignity, service, spirituality and compassion. That combination makes Lourdes Senior Community "A Great Place To Call Home."

A complete retirement community, Lourdes offers Fox Manor, an independent living option. Fox Manor is the perfect place to move when it may be time to give up the responsibilities of maintaining a home. Fox Manor offers the independence one wants with the freedom one deserves.

Mendelson Home offers assisted living with an atmosphere of independent living and the assurances of personal care. Residents receive care by caregivers selected for their experience, compassion and ability to work with older adults. Individual medical needs are met through our registered nurses and Medical Director. The Activities Staff offers opportunity to join our chimes choir, exercise, and participate in numerous outings and many other opportunities to make new friends and make new memories.

Individuals living with Alzheimers and other forms of dementia will experience an optimal level of living at Clausen Manor and their families will find the peace of mind they need. This award-winning facility provides 24-hour staffing to meet resident's need for personal care and socialization. Through our promotion of independence, residents are able to maintain the highest possible level of physical, cognitive, psychosocial and spiritual well-being possible.

For individuals needing short term rehabilitation, Lourdes Nursing Home offers a complete range of rehabilitation services. Led by a team of highly qualified and caring professionals, residents are provided with physical, occupational and speech therapy as prescribed by attending physicians.

Lourdes Nursing Home is our cornerstone facility, and serves 108 seniors. Surrounded by the beautiful landscaped acres, it is a facility that provides 24-hour care by nurses and certified nursing assistants. Lourdes Nursing Home also provides social work for residents and their families, a full-range of activities and programs that enrich the resident's lives, pastoral care, a registered dietician and much more.

With our reputation of providing the very best care possible, it is no surprise that we are caring for the children of those we first served in the 60's and 70's. When you choose Lourdes as your next home, you won't be disappointed because it is "A great place to call home."



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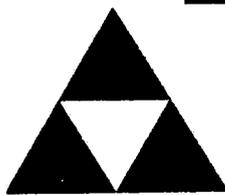
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# Munk Orthodontics work to create exceptional smiles

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The doctors and staff are devoted to providing exceptional, caring service in a fun, family-friendly environment.

This includes movies in the 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.

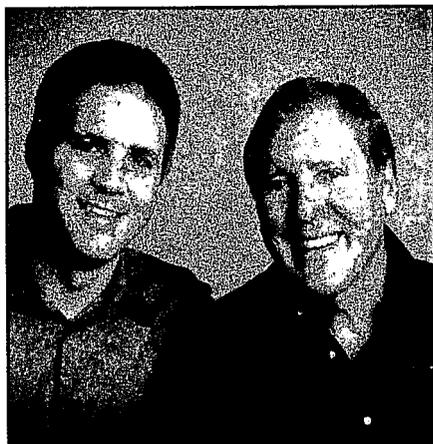
Many people are unaware of the additional training necessary to become an orthodontic specialist. Both Dr. Munks have completed an additional two-year college program beyond dental school.

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®.

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**Dr. Charles W. Munk and Dr. Charles F. Munk of Munk & Associates.**

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Straight teeth and a beautiful smile can enhance self-esteem and self-confidence at any age, plus improve overall oral health. It's never too late to look and feel great!

Free orthodontic evaluations are provided at all three office locations. Convenient day, evening and Saturday appointments are available to accommodate even the busiest patient's schedule.

Payment plans and financing through CareCredit® make treatment fit into any budget. Our office also works with most insurance companies.

"The communities that we work in have shown our offices tremendous support throughout the years," said Dr. Charles F. Munk. "It has been such an honor to be voted Best of the Best 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 and Recreation Department."

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.

Anyone interested in further information about our office can visit our website at [www.munkorthodontics.com](http://www.munkorthodontics.com). To schedule an appointment, please contact us at one of our three convenient locations:

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# Bullfrogs Restaurant, food, fun, great drinks on Lake Louise

The glimmer and glammer of beautiful Lake Louise only highlights the a well known restaurant called Bullfrogs in Ortonville Mi...

There's no need to travel far from home to enjoy the feel of the islands and enjoy some fun and relaxation at our new Tiki Bar. The deck is the place to be in the summer, and people come from all over the Michigan area just to kick back and enjoy the peace and tranquility while enjoying their favorite meal or beverage.

Whether out on the deck or in the dinning room Bullfrogs offers something for everyone. Bring the whole family or just enjoy a date night your spouse or significant other Bullfrogs is sure to please...

Just a HOP, SKIP AND A JUMP 5 miles north of I-75, off exit 91, Bullfrogs Restaurant 2225 Ortonville Road, offers a festive atmosphere with entertainment every night of the week.

"Our Tiki Bar has become an area hot spot," said Kim Hagar, who along with her husband John have own an operated Bullfrog's for the past 14 years. "It's one of the biggest outdoor bars in Oakland County. Even when the evenings get cool, guests can warm up by lounging near their new outdoor fireplace on the deck.

"We make an effort to have something for everyone including a great menu with reasonable pricing, along with all your favorite sporting events on one of two big screens, and 50 inch plazma tvs. "There's never a bad seat in the house to watch your favorite sporting event, Hagar said."

Kim Hagar emphasizes that Bullfrogs continues to support the community by sponsoring local charities, giving



Anthony, Joyce and Jenna at Bullfrogs.

donations, and food to our local schools.

"We realize economic times are tough right now," said Kim. "We do our part and offer a variety of Michigan made beers and products—including Bullfrog Brew on tap.

There are just so many reasons that make Bullfrogs a great place to kick-back and let go of your worries. Awesome service along with wonderful food, keno, Mega-Millions, and pull tabs are here too.

"Many patrons come in for dinner or drinks after a concert at DTE which is just a short drive away," said Kim.

If you're looking for the best pizza after the show stop by Bullfrogs for one of our famous Mexican, Artichoke Spinach or The Nine Yards Pizza. If south of the boarder is fits

your palate check out our enormous wet Burt to,, enchiladas or the infamous humongous nacho's while sipping on our drink specials of the day.

"There's plenty of new items to chose from like our new California Ruben that is mouth watering delicious said one of guests— along with many our our everyday favorites including, Frog Legs, fried pickles ribs, steaks, burgers, stacked sandwiches and appetizers.

Bullfrogs's late night fun continues with DJ dancing and the occasional live band on weekend nights, Texas hold um poker tournaments monday nights along with 'Bike nights' in the summer Wednesday night is always family or kids night as we like to call it with Fumbalina the Clown and lets not forget ladies night every thursday where drinks are discounted for the ladies as well as the gents thanks to our ever popular Powerhour. Bullfrogs also has Hoppy Hour specials 3-6 PM mon- fri if late nights aren't your thing...

Visit our website [bullfrogsbarandgril.com](http://bullfrogsbarandgril.com). or hop in and join our email club to get all the latest discounts and daily happenings at the frog.

You can also check out the back page of the *Citizen* for updates on all the up coming events every week at Bullfrogs. Open Monday-Sunday, 11-2 a.m., and our kitchen is open with our full menu available until 11pm and our full appetizer menu until 2am 7 days a week. Reservations and carry outs are always welcome by calling our pad at 248-627-7755 or hopping in at 2225 Ortonville Rd Ortonville Mi 48462 Remember as the saying goes "We always have something happening at our pad"! Hope to see ya there.

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Lane Car Company, "Ortonville's Hometown Dealer" for the past five years, is thriving and is excited to announce the dealership's expansion to a new, additional location at 110 S. Ortonville Road.

The 20,000 square-foot building sat empty and deserted for two years after Simms Chevrolet vacated the premises following a GM restructuring plan, but Lane Car Company will bring life and vitality to the facility and area, offering vehicles for sale, as well as a full-service shop.

"We are going to serve the public better than ever," said Jim Lane, co-owner of Lane Car Company along with his father, Jim, and Jon Burklow. "We have the ability to offer an even wider array of vehicles."

The original Lane Car Company building at 2200 S. Ortonville Road will now be known as Lane Budget and will continue to offer terrific vehicles in a wide range of



Jim Lane and John Burklow of Lane Car Co.

prices, under the management of Charlie Winters.

The new Lane Car Company at 110 S. Ortonville Road has room for even more vehicles, all makes and models, and all high-quality. Both facilities purchase vehicles from private owners.

"We want to buy your vehicles and will pay top dollar," said Jim. "Come to us—we pay all the money for a nice car."

Lane Car Company is now a full-service dealership, ready to get you into a great vehicle and help you keep it a great vehicle. A completely updated repair and body shop has been staffed with state-certified and licensed mechanics who perform all services needed on your vehicle—from oil changes to tune-ups to brakes, tires, and major engine repairs.

The growth of Lane Car Company has

meant new employment for half a dozen people locally. Salesmen Kyle Kramer and Nick Walsh remain on the sales staff and are ready to assist you in financing a new-to-you vehicle, even if you have poor credit.

Lane Car Company works with 25 banks and credit unions and offers programs to help you purchase and rebuild your credit. Jim Fredl is our finance specialist for both locations specializing in a wide range of credit needs we can get you done! If you prefer, you can bring your own financing option to Lane. Warranties are available.

"We listened to the community and we're here to serve them better than ever," said Jim. "You don't need to travel a million miles to be treated well. We are here because our customers are satisfied and keep coming back. Our returning business is what got us here and what will keep us here."

Hours of operation at both locations are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Lane Car Company, 110 S. Ortonville Road, 248-627-8000 and Lane Budget, 2200 S. Ortonville Road, 248-627-LANE (5263).

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