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in this week's edition



LUCK O'THE IRISH: Betty Kraft and Jen Smotherman celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some green beverages at the Clarkston Union. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin* 

## Superintendent gets 3 extra years

#### Debate, accusations, behind-the-scenes look mark meeting

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The superintendent of Clarkston schools has a new three-year contract after a contentious school board meeting.

Board President Rosalie Lieblang kicked off discussion at the March 10 meeting by reading a June memorandum calling for Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock to resign his position.

"This letter has been a complete distraction from the day I saw it – I for one am tired of dealing with it," Lieblang said. "When people say they support the superintendent but plan to force him to resign, it has bearing on what contract we'd like to have."

The president said she received the document, which details a 14-day process to replace the superintendent (see page 14) from Cheryl McGinnis, trustee and former board president, this past June as they switched office.

The memorandum was a working document and reflected discussion with board members at the time, McGinnis said.

"It's unfortunate Mrs. Lieblang has gone this route," McGinnis said. "Those were my private notes given to her in confidence. This shows she's not worthy of confidence."

The trustee said she fully supports the superintendent.

"In my many workings with Dr. Rock, I have seen tremendous improvement in his ability as superintendent," McGinnis said.

Vice President Susan Boatman, Treasurer Joan Patterson and Trustee Elizabeth Egan said they had nothing to do with the memo.

Trustee Steve Hyer said the document was immaterial to the discussion at hand.

"I don't see the relevance of that to us dealing with the contract today," Hyer said.

"I support the superintendent – I don't understand why you're playing games."

Lieblang said the release was important for full transparency, given recent rumors she has heard about firing the superintendent.

"I felt it was time to be completely open, honest, and transparent," she said.



The contract was not on the agenda as drafted by the board president. Hyer's request to place it on the agenda was approved 6-1, with board Secretary Craig Hamilton voting "no."

Following revelation of the memorandum, Hamilton made a motion to table discussion, which passed 5-2. Hamilton, Patterson, Boatman, McGinnis, and Lieblang voting to table, and Egan and Hyer voted "no."

A motion by McGinnis to take it off the table failed 4-3, with Boatman, Hamilton, Patterson, and Lieblang voting "no." Voting "yes" were Hyer, McGinnis, and Egan.

Later in the meeting, Hyer moved to extend the contract by four years, four months

"What I'm asking for is open dialogue at this point," Hyer said.

Hyer and Egan asked Rock what he wanted regarding his contract.

Please see Contract on page 14

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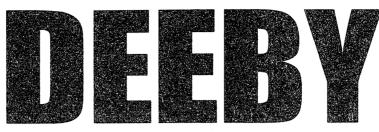
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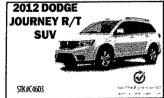
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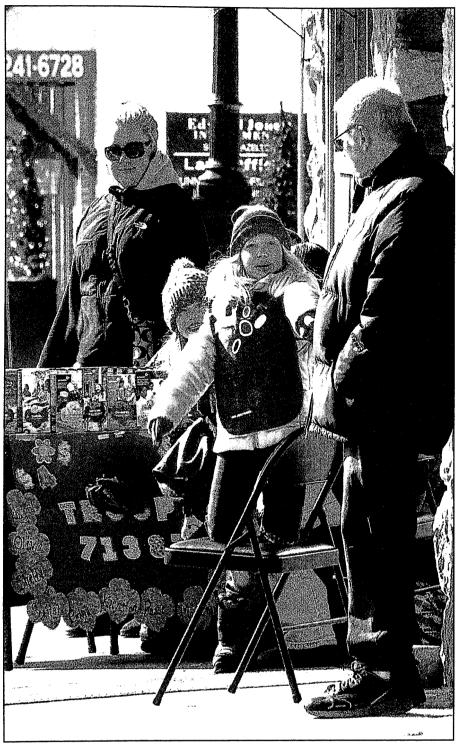
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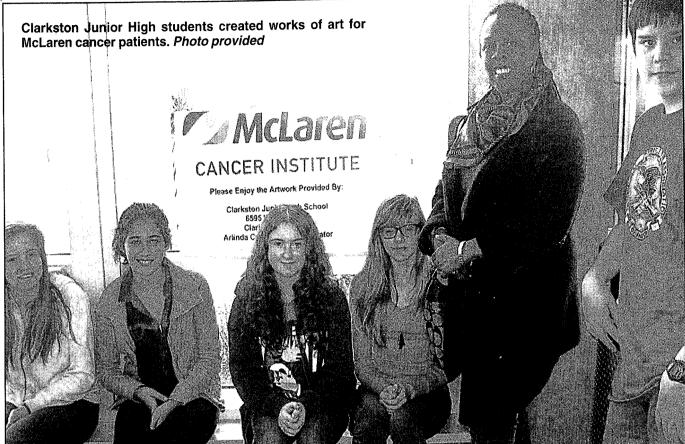
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## Heartfelt art from students

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Artwork displayed at McLaren Cancer Institute and McLaren Breast Center sparks hope, strength, courage, faith and love for the patients.

It was the focus for Clarkston Junior High School students in Arlinda Crossland's Art 82 class.

Each student created a piece to to encourage patients as they go through treatment.

"I was very excited to have this group of students to work with because I have worked with them in the past," said Crossland. "They all have tremendous potential and they exceeded my expectations with the project."

Kylie Kalinowski hopes her piece "Angel of Hope" helps the patients. She used acrylic paint for her picture of an angel with the word hope with the pink breast cancer ribbon used as the "o."

Her inspiration came from the "Angel of Hope" her grandmother received the second time she had breast cancer.

"She conquered breast cancer twice," Kalinowski added. "She keeps it on her mantel. It is what the drawing is based off of because of hope and how it was looking over her while she had cancer. It helped my Busha get through it so maybe it will help others.

Jenise Morales's inspiration came from one of her favorite characters - Sonic the Hedgehog.

"It is something I am into but I put my own spin on it," she added.

She used acrylic gold paint to make it shine and stand out more and had Sonic hold one of the cancer ribbons on his fin-

While thinking about the project, she considered how patients would feel when they saw it.

Lauren Pitylak drew two horses with charcoal onto white paper and chose horses to signify strength and courage.

"It signifies what people are going through and what they need to get through their cancer," she added. "It's nice because other people get to see it and it can effect them while they are waiting."

August Allen wanted her art piece to bring happiness when people people looked at it so created an arcylic collage in shape of a heart.

She added it was nice to have it there because a family member had been at McLaren for cancer treatment.

"It is nice to share it," she said.

Caelen Kramer and Max Anderson used tape with their painting to create an interesting design along with the word hope mixed into it.

"I wanted to make something looking

cool and interesting so people would look at it and think about it," said Anderson. "It makes me feel good to think I impacted someone."

Alex Touchstone created two pieces to display at McLaren and thinks it is good all the artwork is on display.

"It makes everyone happy to know someone is there for them," she smiled.

"They really worked hard to make positive statements and do their best," Crossland added. "I was very proud of their growth and development with this project. They did a great job. They had a lot of freedom because I let them pick whatever medium they wanted to work in. they were really self-motivated. It showed higher thinking because they had the theme and they had to think of how they wanted to represent it. I had to force them to make decisions."

Crossland had the idea after seeing an article about students in her community doing it for Beaumont. She called McLaren and they said yes.

"The results are impressive. McLaren is a lovely facility," Crossland added. "It is a great thing the people in community to see what the kids are producing. I think we should have more opportunities to show off everything the kids produce in the community. They are awesome."

McLaren is off of Sashabaw Road.

## **Briefly**

#### Watch out for coyotes

Clarkston Schools warned of coyotes in the Hubbard Road and Allen Road areas of Independence Township.

"We received two reports this afternoon," said Heidi McClain, schools administrative assistant, Monday. "One parent reported the sheriff's department was contacted to put down a deer that had been attacked but was still alive."

A sheriff's deputy on duty, Monday, said coyotes generally don't bother people, but be careful anyway.

"Please be aware and make sure you and your children are cautious," McClain said.

#### Library millage

Library supporters are going back to voters for a 1.25 millage proposal, Aug. 5.

The proposal, to fund the Clarkston Independence District Library, would be a 0.551 mill increase, said Julie Meredith, library director.

"It would cost an average homeowner \$125. a \$56 per year increase," Meredith said. "It's replacement funding – we still need to secure funding."

The district library agreement allows two opportunities to ask the public. A millage proposal in 2012 lost by 28 votes.

"It was a very close election," the library director said. "From the feedback we received, many people said they didn't realize it was on the ballot. We'll ask again, see if the public really feels that way."

## Highest honors for Team RUSH

Clarkston High School CSMTech Team RUSH won the Industrial Design award, the highest judged award for a robot, at the recent regional tournament in Duluth, Minn.

This award is based on the design of the robot, manufacturing, ability for students to present to the judges, and overall performance.

Team RUSH also won the Chairman's Award, the highest award in FIRST, which secures their spot for the World Championships in April.

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City Manager Carol Eberhardt points to an area needing repair last December. File photo

## Delayed repair could be costly

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Delaying a repair could wind up costing the Clarkston more taxpayer funds.

In December 2013, City Manager Carol Eberhardt and DPW Forman Jason Miller told city council a manhole needed to be installed in the Mills Race, a creek that runs behind the Clarkston Mills Mails.

berhardt said. Monday, the reason the work was a delayed was because the city could not find a contractor to do the work.

The city manager told council the city is contractually obligated to fix any erosion problems with the Mill's Race. She added if the problem was not fixed soon, erosion would grow, leading to a larger and more costly repair.

Eberhardt and Miller told council the city engineer. Gary Tressel of Hubbell. Roth & Clark, recommended the manhole be installed in winter when the ground is frozen because it would have less of an effect on the surrounding banks and be an easier fix.

Several calls placed to Tressel were unreturned.

Miller said he had some concerns with the fix, including what would happen with the ice when the water level was lowered for repair.

The sooner the city could do the repair, the better, he said, but he also needed to consult with City Attorney Tom Ryan to find out what can or can't be done because of a previous lawsuit.

Miller said he would rent an excavator to install the manhole and make another repair on a bridge in Depot Park. He indicated he wanted city council to approve a budget for repairs, which he estimated would cost between \$4,000-\$5,000.

Councilman Mike Sabol asked how the work would be funded.

"I don't know," said Eberhardt. "Stay tuned."

Tammie Heazlit, a Clarkston resident educated in storm water management, said she previously warned the city the way the pipe was installed would cause future problems because the pipe drops down a steep slope and would cause excess sediment buildup and erosion.

"You can't just put a plain outlet there," said Heazlit.

No city official mentioned her concerns or ideas.

"I figured, why waste my time if they just gnore me." she said.

Heazlit also disagrees with the present proposed fix, installing a structured manhole.

"It's 20-year-old thinking, and there are much better options available including using some 'green' methods that includes installing plants that would help filter sediments before they reach the drain." she said.

City Attorney Tom Ryan said he couldn't understand why a structured manhole was not installed in 2009, after the city was sued.

"I don't know why when the lawsuit was resolved, why the manhole was not put in then," said Ryan.

In 2009, former city resident Norm Cristea's house was damaged after 20 feet of sewer pipe collapsed, causing a sinkhole on his property.

Cristea originally approached the city council in 2003 after he noticed cracks in the foundation of his home and asked that a sewer pipe be rerouted.

In 2003, the city council took no action after Tressel said there was no structural problems with Cristea's house.

Ryan also said the pipe pre-dated Cristea's home so it had the legal right to be there.

Cristea said the issue should have been resolved when he first brought up the issue in 2003.

The sewer pipe was relocated after the city paid just over \$4,000 for two easements to install the pipe.

Former City manager Dennis Ritter said the larger sewer pipe, relocated in 2009, would ease flooding in several areas of the city and minimize sediment from entering the Mill Pond and eventually the Mills Race.

Heazlit said she recently offered to teach an educational course to city officials, so they could better understand the issue.

"I would still be happy to work with the city council," she said.

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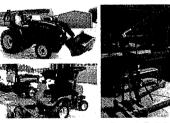
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#### Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

#### Yay spring!

The first day of spring is Thursday and I can hardly wait.

This winter has been tough on one who recently acquired a taste for running outdoors on sidewalks not covered in banks of snow several feet

I remember last year, heading out in the middle of February with no problem besides my spectacularly poor physical

condition. The track at Clarkston High School was cold and windy, but free of the white stuff. I've forgotten what that thing looks like, it's been covered in snow for so



Snowy sidewalks and tracks are less of an

excuse than I thought, though. I happened to mention it to Kathy Noble at the school board meeting and she was unimpressed. That doesn't wash, she in essence said, giving me a face her students are probably familiar with when they try something similar in her classroom at Bailey Lake.

I could have run at Indian Springs park, apparently. I'll keep that in mind for later in the year, when the snow returns.

Anyway, my running career has recommenced after a two-and-a-half month break. Lots of backtracking, with snow blocking Waldon Road from Main Street, White Lake Road in front of the Cemetery, Miller Road, Clarkston Road, and many other places.

My pace isn't too bad, despite the occasional snowshoeing.

There shouldn't be anymore of that starting this week, with temperatures warming into the 40s and 50s lately. The snowbanks and piles seemed so permanent, but I will be happy to see

So training can begin for this year's races.I'm still in decent shape, working out with weights and stuff at home almost every day.

I'm looking at the Angel Place Race in Clarkston later this spring, the Crim 10miler in Flint in August. I'm looking forward to that one. If all goes well, it would be the first time I would complete it at a running pace the whole way

Then it's back to Clarkston for the second annual Back Roads Half Marathon. I checked, they already have it scheduled. It's set for Nov. 9.

## Info access should be goal for all of us

If you've been watching what goes on in Washington and some statehouses across the country, you might wonder if there's any issue that everyone should be able to agree on whether they are conservative or liberal or libertarian, Democrat or Republican, prothis or anti-that.

There is: It's the need for transparency in all levels of government.

As we observe Sunshine Week in Michigan and around the country to encourage openness in government, the Michigan Coalition for Open Government (MiCOG) is urging citizens

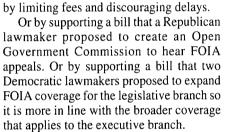
Guest

viewpoint

by Charles Hill

and public officials to seek transparency in the operations of their local and state governments, their schools and universities, their federal government and their courts.

You can do this by Michigan supporting legislation that would amend the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to make government information more accessible



MiCOG — a non-profit, tax-exempt organization open to citizens, journalists and associations concerned with open government and freedom of information urges passage of that pending legislation.

You also can make a difference by letting your local officials — from the mayor to school board members - know that it's important to you to know how your tax dollars are being spent and how they are making decisions about classrooms or parks or roads or snow removal or trash collection.

It's important for you to know this so you can independently judge the soundness of those decisions, so you can suggest your ideas for improvements in programs or government actions, so you can evaluate government officials' performance, and so you can guard against corruption and conflicts of interest.

You can help by asking questions of your government officials and by encouraging openness.

Politicians and government officials are more likely to take the trouble to create open systems and practices if they know it is important to their constituents.

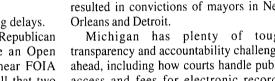
Tell them that your assessment of their performance includes their record on open government.

Let them know this should not be a partisan issue, and that you want information regardless of which party or group is in power. If you're in New Jersey, you don't have to be a Democrat to want to know more about a big bridge closure in that state. In Michigan and Louisiana, you don't have to be a Republican to want information surrounding the corruption charges that resulted in convictions of mayors in New

Michigan has plenty of tough transparency and accountability challenges ahead, including how courts handle public access and fees for electronic records, whether juvenile criminal records should be public or secret, and how much secrecy should be allowed in new mental health courts, including convict records and data

Remember that you have a stake in Michigan's freedom of information laws. How much you are permitted to know about your government directly affects the quality of your government, your schools, your courts, your job, your freedom and your life.

Charles Hill is a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Coalition for Open Government, www.miopengov.org, and a former Michigan bureau chief for The



# revealing rates of recidivism for the program.

#### Associated Press. More watch dogs needed in community

Dear Editor.

In response to: "One man can bring down the government!?" Don't Rush Me, March 5, page 7, great commentary, Don. Unfortunately, indeed, there are not enough folks that stand like a rock. We as a society continue to cede control of our own destiny out of ignorance and complacency. People choose to ignore the issues of the day and are content with that fact.

They are too busy to be bothered, too scattered to care, too willing to write a blank check. I know, because I am one of them far too often! We need people like you. We need

more watch dogs. More folks that care and question the leaders of policy. I wish that elections to government seats ran more like a jury pool. Serving your community should be a duty and privilege....not a career!

I trust no one that makes it a occupation. No matter the noblest of intentions, special interests and personal greed almost always rise to the top. It is time as a community, a state, and a country that we look to what our forefathers envisioned and scrap the path that we are now on. It is a trail that leads to nowhere and we're getting there fast!

Mike Shea

#### Please see page 33 for more letters to the editor

#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

#### 15 years ago - 1999

"Teen finds man stranded in area lake" Thirteen-year-old Cameron Banworth noticed a man stranded in the icy waters of Walters Lake. The man had been chasing a fire pit cover and fell through the ice. According to Independence Township firefighters, Banworth saved the man's life.

"Police puzzle over rash of downtown break-ins" A rash of downtown break-ins left Clarkston police baffled - mainly because nothing appeared to be taken. Three downtown Clarkston buildings were broken into early morning on the same day and there was evidence the perpertrators had rummaged through contents at all three businesses.

"Council members clash over retail presence in Clarkston" The possibility of a downtown building being leased for office use instead of retail sparked more disagreement. Clarkston City Councilmen Walt Gamble and David Savage disagreed over the way the city should go about filling vacant buildings downtown. Savage believed in doing everything possible to get a retail establishment into downtown while Gamble said the current business cycle dictates there was a greater demand for office space in downtown.

#### 25 years ago - 1989

"Rabies case discovered" A raccoon found on Gibbs Road in Springfield Township tested positive for rabies. Residents were warned to take extra caution with their pets and should stay away from wildlife.

"Storm causes 3,300 to lose power" Luck was not with the Irish on St. Patrick's Day for those traveling any distance during the ice storm. The ice storm blanketed the area with layers of ice and caused power outages for 3,300 Detroit Edison customers in Independence and Springfield townships.

"Three honored" Three Clarkston area teachers were recognized for their outstanding efforts in a contest sponsored by WDIV-TV and Newsweek - Ron Santavicca, an auto service teacher at Clarkston High School; Barb Glover, a sixth grade teacher at Clarkston Junior High School; and Cindy Omans, a kindergarten teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary.

#### 50 years ago - 1964

"John Gordy scores in new position" Thousands turned out for the grand opening of Detroit Lions offensive guard John Gordy's Lionburger, off of Dixie Highway, which sported Lions players waiting on customers.

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## A box of cereal doesn't need a sprig of parsley

Why do all the hour-long news shows feel they have to have a segment on cooking? Maybe only the Fox News Channel does it, but all the other channels are liberal, and I ain't so sure maybe they aren't (doing cooking shows).

But I do have opinions about cooking shows, and here are a couple of them.

These shows concentrate on numbers and colors.

By the time the show is over enough ingredients have been added to cancel the various spices deemed vital to the cook.

Then there's the vital need for color.

Ya' gotta' have two or three colors to make it eye appealing. Spices for the nose appeal, color for our eyes.

Personally, I think many cooks have cravings to accommodate all our senses except our taste buds and stomachs. A box of cereal doesn't need a sprig of parsley color

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• For every person with a spark of genius there's a hundred with an ignition problem.

• Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who as merely **Jim's** laid an egg will cackle as if Jottings she had laid an asteroid.

 Fools and wise men are equally harmless. It is the half-fool and half-wise who are dangerous. . - - - 0 - - -

I really wanted to write more about cooking this

My favorite food during A column by Jim the depression days of the Sherman, Sr. 1930's was chicken. Not just any cut of chicken, no, no, no. My favorite parts were the feet.

We lived on farms back then, and Dad loved raising pigs and chickens. He kept an incubator nearby, and he hatched his own eggs so we always had chickens.

Plucking them brought their feet into my life.

We always saved cleaning them until last. They were fun.

When properly scalded the skin above the feet slides off slicker'n a banana peel. Once this is done, you skin each toe separately.

When you get to the nail, you snap it backward with a flick of the wrist, and the nail pops off. Getting a loud pop from the nail was the challenge.

Of course, we cut off the nail before Mother cooked the legs with feet. She usually boiled the feet then put them in the gravy.

When possible I'd get to the bowl of gravy first and fish out all the feet.

Eating well-cooked feet is a little like eating watermelon. You put the whole foot in your mouth, and manipulate your tongue to separate the meat from those little bones in each toe, and spit them out like watermelon

My Hazel never cooked chicken feet for me. ---0---

• Another observation from this cook always pour some sauce on any concoction you prepare for guests. Then watch their faces as they try to look satisfied.

 I wonder if Snowden, the technical genius, could give me just one winning Lotto number in advance of a drawing?

A charity roast of Jim Sherman, Sr., is Saturday April 12, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$70 each or \$130 a couple. Seating is limited to 250 and includes your choice of three meal options, prime rib, bone-in pork loin or salmon filet. Cash bar at 6; dinner at 7

The roast is at Boulder Pointe Conference Center, 1 Champions Circle in Oxford. You are encouraged to mail checks and dinner choices to the Rotary Club of Oxford, PO Box 347, Oxford, MI 48371.

## It may be cold, but dangit, it's Sunshine week

Despite the still colder than normal temperatures, this week you may see journalists across this far and wide land dancing jigs in the streets and in front of governmental buildings (kilts are optional). This seemingly pointless jubilation can only mean one thing:

A. Free drinks at the pub down the street.

- B. Free lunch at the diner across the street.
- C. Free access to government records.
- D. All of the above.

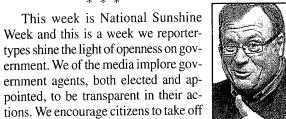
Take your pick, but the answer is Don't C -- though D would work just fine.

their rose-colored glasses and look at

their government in nonpartisan ways.

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Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Both Democrat and Republican leaders have taken their constituents quite literally to the bank. Neither party has dominion over virtue. Both have produced some corrupt individuals.

If you have watched the shenanigans in Washington, DC., Detroit, and even here, locally you know "The People" need more transparent government. Not less openness. This goes for school boards, too.

I've been to many a public meeting in the past 30 years and the single, biggest change which upset me came first from local schools . . . at their meetings (to make them shorter) they started approving "consent agenda items." These are items everybody on the board knows about and in an open meeting they all vote "yes" to approve. Most folks in the audience are left to guess

what is in the consent agendas.

It didn't take long before every elected board started using them. I hate consent agenda items -- there may be nothing in there controversial or sneaky. I just don't like them on principle.

And, speaking of principle . . .

I know all our elected boards employ, or have on retainer, attorneys to guide them away from potential lawsuits and to make sure the letter of the laws are followed, but I always wondered, "Do attorneys and electeds only follow the letter of the law, or do they also act in the spirit of the law?'

There's been an effort afoot to "save" local governments money by allowing them to publish public notices on the internet instead of in a print newspaper. What a bad idea and here's why.

Things "on-line" can change or disappear real easylike and nobody would be the wiser. This type of nefarious action can be taken not only by government-types but also by hackers.

Think about it. If the Defense Department can be hacked, so can The City of the Village of Clarkston! On the other hand, newspapers provide citizens with an independent, authentic and permanent record of legal actions taken by government and prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that taxpayer rights are protected.

Luckily for everybody in the mitten state, public notices are still to be placed in print newspapers. Public notices are published on-line only if there is not a newspaper of general circulation to use.

Public notices help residents keep tab on their local government's actions. Did you know they are 'sposed to publish any changes made to any ordinance (law)? Yep,

When public notices are published in one newspaper, like the one you're reading, residents can go there and

research what their government officials have done. From the immediate past, all the way back to our first issues we have copies of public notices. When local governments bounce their notices from one publication to the other because they "don't like that paper anymore," it makes it real difficult for folks to research what their officials do. In effect, it makes government less transparent. Folks, it's not about cost. Is freedom

Back when I was on the beat, I never had to invoke the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If I had a question, I'd ask and then be given the information. If I ever had to use it, I would automatically suspect somebody was trying to hide something. What is the Michigan Freedom of Information Act?

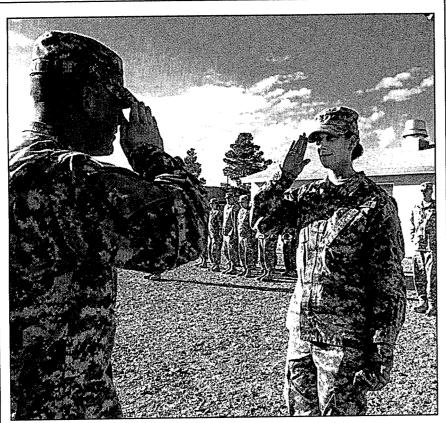
In the spirit of Sunshine week, here is the Michigan law in regards to public records"

"... a person may inspect or receive copies of public documents maintained by a public body unless specifically exempted from disclosure by law.

"However, prisoners may not use the Act to obtain information. A public body may charge a fee for providing copies of records (which means they may not charge, also)

"Requests for records must be made in writing and a response must be given within five business days unless there are circumstances that make it difficult to obtain the record. In those circumstances, an additional 10 business days are allowed. The public body must respond to the request by either granting it or issuing a written notice explaining the reasons for denial."

What do you think of transparency locally? Can your government be more open? What have been your experiences? Let me know!



First Lieutenant Lindsay Shababy receives her promotion.

## In our country's service...

Keith and Marlene Stone of Clarkston, would like to announce the promotion of their daughter Lindsay Shababy (nee Stone) to First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army

She is also being deployed overseas for nine months. Her home Army post is Fort Sill, OK, where her husband, First Lieutenant Dominic Shababy, will patiently remain. Lindsay is a graduate of Clarkston High School (2008), and a Michigan State University graduate.

Air Force Airman Darion Siira graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio. Siira is a 2010 graduate of Clarkston High School. He is the son of Daryl Siira of



Siira

Clarkston and Mandy Urguhart of Stockbridge.

Navy Seaman Recruit Devon A. Williams, son of John and Shonda Williams of Clarkston, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Williams completed a variety of training on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, shipboard and aircraft safety, and physical fitness. Williams is a 2012 graduate of Clarkston High

# Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

#### Sale scam

An Independence Township resident put an air hockey table up for sale for \$300, and received a response from someone in California, March 6. The buyer said he accidentally send a check for more than \$300, and asked the seller to send back the overage. The seller checked with Oakland County Sheriff's deputies, who said it sounded like a scam and the check would probably been a forgery.

#### Suspended license

A deputy stopped a car driven by a 24vear-old Waterford woman for a burnt-out headlight, 12:33 a.m., March 7, on Andersonville Road at White Lake Road. She was cited with driving with a suspended license and defective equipment.

#### Fire and ice

An Independence Township man tried to melt an ice dam off the roof of his parents' home in the 6000 block of Paramus with a torch and set it on fire, 3:36 p.m., March 7. Independence Township firefighters put it

#### Warrant arrest

A deputy stopped a 28-year-old Independence Township man because of a burnt-out license plate light, 10:40 p.m., March 8, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. The driver had a misdemeanor warrant out of White Lake for failure to appear on a shoplifting charge. He was arrested and held for pickup by White Lake Police.

#### Work dispute

A 30-year-old Bloomfield Hills man said his arm was scratched by a 40-year-old Independence Township woman when she charged him during a workplace dispute, 3:13 p.m., March 10, in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway.

#### Unsafe driver

Independence Township firefighters were putting out a car fire on I-75 at Sashabaw Road, 12:58 p.m., March 8, when a pickup truck drove by at a high rate of speed in the near lane, forcing a firefighter and sheriff's deputy to jump out of the way. The deputy jumped in his cruiser and chased down the pickup, stopping it at Baldwin Road. The driver, a 65-year-old Independence Township man, said he couldn't change lanes or slow down due to the high rate of speed of drivers behind him. The deputy pointed out, however, he could see the emergency lights from far away and had plenty of time to slow down and change lanes. The driver was cited with failure to use due caution around emergency responders.

#### Call for help

Four deputies searched the area after residents in Brandon and Independence townships called to report a woman banging on doors asking for help, 1:11 a.m., March 9. They located the woman, a 19-year-old Ortonville resident, in the 10000 block of Durham Road. She said her parents wouldn't let her out to see her boyfriend. With no visible injuries, she was released to her mother.

#### No evidence of theft

A deputy investigating an alleged theft ("Customer complaint," page 9, March 12). reviewed security video and no evidence anything was taken. A customer at a store in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road had accused an employee of taking money from a wallet the employee returned to him after the customer dropped it. The customer was also inconsistent in the amount allegedly taken. The case was closed.

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# Sporting News

#### Who is the next AOW?

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## Close battle ends season

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves finished their winter season last Thursday in the MHSAA Regional final after their third loss to Bloomfield Hills, 53-52.

"We lost a heartbreaker," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "We just couldn't finish it off. The fourth quarter was back and forth both ways. They just made some big baskets at crucial times and we missed some big baskets at crucial times."

One big shot from the Wolves was from senior Mike Nicholson ending the game with a 3-pointer with four seconds left.

Prior to his throw, Bloomfield Hills' Armand Cartwright scored with 15.3 seconds left with two shots from the free throw line to put the score 53-49.

The Wolves were up by three points with four minutes to go in the game after a 8-point run against the Blackhawks. But Bloomfield responded back with their own 8-point run to take the lead, 51-46.

Sophomore Tabin Throgmorton closed in on the board with a 3-pointer to close it by two points.

Both teams went into the second half tied at 26 points. The Wolves had finished the first quarter just seven points behind the Blackhawks but closed in and took the lead after a 11-0 run in the second quarter, 24-23.

Fife added the boys played much better

against the Blackhawks then they had in the previous two games and credited defense.

"We played very well against them," he said. "It was a good game. It was a game we could have won. It wasn't for lack of effort. Sometimes you make the baskets, sometimes you miss them. We just missed them. Every play was crucial during the entire game."

Tabin Throgmorton led the team with 16 points with two field goals. Nicholson scored 15 points while Nick Owens added 11 to the board

The Wolves beat Troy Athens in the regional semifinals on March 10, 70-36.

The Redhawks took the lead with a 7-0 run in the first quarter to take the lead but two free throws from Throgmorton and two baskets from junior Andrew Myers put the Wolves into the lead with less than a minute to go, 12-11.

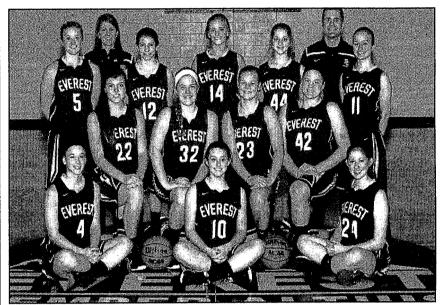
With eight seconds to go Redhawk Zak Spryszak scored two points to push Athens back into the lead. But it was short lived as junior Jonah Newblatt hit a three-pointer at the buzzer, 15-13.

His basket kick started a 29-0 run which continued for the Wolves as senior Andrew Swanson opened the next quarter with five points with a field goal and a basket.

"Nicholson changes a lot of shots," Fife added about Clarkston's defense in the second quarter. "It is hard to drive because he takes up a lot of space. If they can't get to Please see Win on page 13



## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clarkston Everest Collegiate High School Varsity Girls Basketball team. Photo provided

## Making Everest history

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Cagers at Clarkston Everest Collegiate High School made their entry in the history books as they became the first team to win a regional title.

They beat Plymouth Christian in the MHSAA Girls Basketball Class D regional final, 49-41. But it was more than just the score - they finished on a 24-2 run to come back from a 14-point deficit to win the game.

It was in the fourth quarter the Lady Mountaineers took over the scoreboard beginning with a 8-0 run in the first three minutes, cutting their deficit to 39-34.

Junior Claire Lasceski scored on a 3-pointer before Plymouth Christian scored on two points on the free throw line with 1:29 remaining in the game.

Senior Mary Jo Allen tied the score with two points 31 seconds later and senior Lucia Westrick scored three points to give Everest the lead. Westrick led the team with 18 points and 11 rebounds as senior Angela Mastromatteo scored 15 points and Lasceski added nine points to the score.

They beat Novi Franklin Road Christian 75-56 in the regional semifinals before beating Plymouth Christian for the title.

The Lady Mountaineers advanced to the Elite 8 and lost to Marine City Cardinal Mooney on March 11 in the quarterfinal game, 43-36.

They outscored Marine City 15-to-11 to take the lead with one point with less than two minutes in the third quarter. Marine City came back with a 4-point run.

Westrick led the team with 15 points and Allen added 10 points.

Erin Van Wagoner, head coach, added she was extremely proud of the team for not giving up and for not only winning the regional title but for their long list of accomplishments since the program started four years ago.

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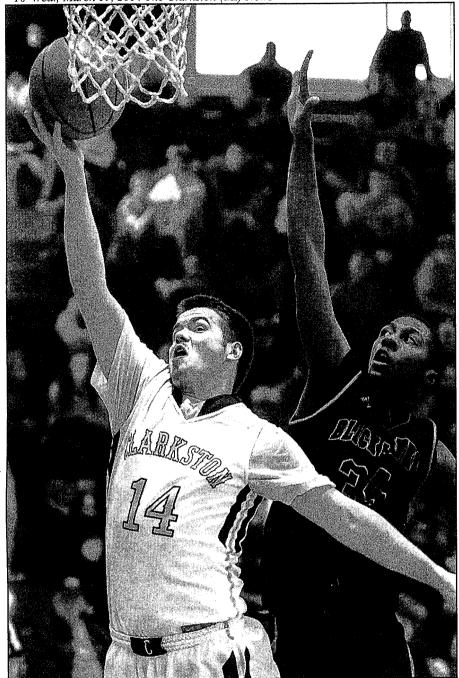
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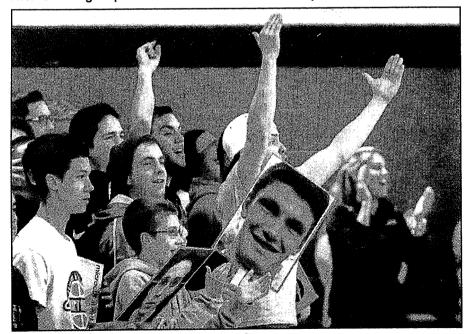
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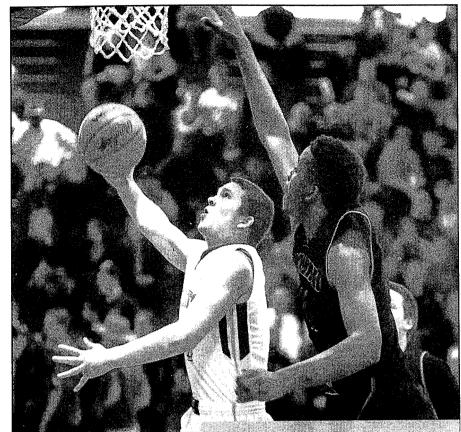
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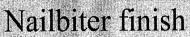
Nick Owens gets past Bloomfield Hills for an attempt to score.



Clarkston fans cheer for their favorite players.



Andrew Myers reaches to score.

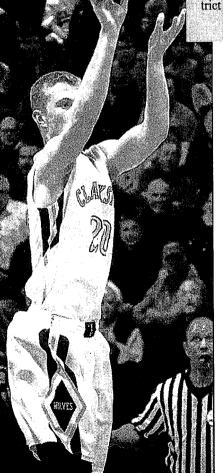


The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team finished their season last Thursday in the MHSAA Regional finals against Bloomfield Hills, 53-52.

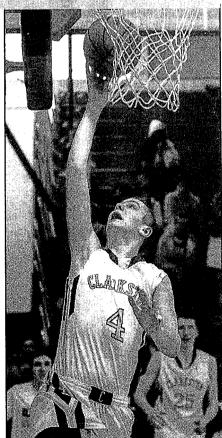
They ended the season as OAA Red and district champions

trict champions.





Merrick Canada shoots.



Alex McCarty goes underneath to score.



Grapplers celebrate winning the tournament. Photo submitted

## Tourney win for Wolves

Wrestlers from Clarkston Junior High School and Sashabaw Middle School took first place.

The combination team from both schools won the trophy at the Waterford Team Tournament by beating Oxford, 60-34, on March 1.

They began the day by wrestling Abbott, Waterford Pierce, and Oak Valley and ended the day wrestling the Wildcats for first place.

The eight graders head to Oxford on Thursday for a meet against the Wildcats and Oakview Middle School.

## **Lady Cagers set tone for program**

Continued from page 9

The Lady Mountaineers have won the league title three times in 2011, 2012 and 2013; played for a Catholic League Championship at University of Detroit Mercy at Calihan Hall in 2014; and won back-to-back district titles in 2013 and 2014.

The Lady Mountaineers are freshman Sarah Stafford; sophomores Rebecca Luttinen, Clare Bates, Haley Ross, Isabella Ebbert; juniors Ashley Lowney, Claire Lasceski; seniors Shannon DiSalle, Angelina

Mastromatteo, Mary Jo Allen, Kersten Engle and Lucia Westrick.

"I am proud of the three seniors who have been here all four years," Van Wagoner said. "They set the bar for our program."

They are coached by head coach Van Wagoner and assistant coaches Marc Lasceski and Jake Card.

Everest Collegiate High School opened their doors in 2008 to their first freshman class. They offer 17 varsity sports to their high school students.









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## City debates public notices

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston officials are considering publishing public notices in an out-of-town news-

City Manager Carol Eberhardt told city council, March 10, The Oakland Press was interested in publishing legal notices for the

"I will tell you they want our business and are preparing a contract for us," she said.

Eberhardt said The Oakland Press has a wider circulation than The Clarkston News and the city could shorten public notices to a few sentences to help curb costs.

According to City Charter, public notices must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. Michigan law also states that information relating to city council meetings and other legal notices must be published in a newspaper of the city.

A yearly subscription to The Clarkston News is \$32 while a subscription to The Oakland Press is \$340. In addition, over half of all households in the city subscribe to CNews. Residents can also buy a copy at many local businesses or come into the down-

town office and buy one. Eberhardt said the city had to use The Oakland Press to publish notice for a Board of Review hearing, which is required to be published 10 days before it happens. The city published another notice in The Oak-

land Press. Council woman Sharon Cattallo said using The Oakland Press in a pinch is nothing

unusual and makes sense. She added having two publications, The Clarkston News and The Oakland Press, available to publish legal notices was decided on long ago because one is a weekly and the

other, a daily. Sometimes when the city is faced with a time constraint issue they must be able to publish a notice quickly, she pointed out.

Councilwoman Peg Roth said she wanted to make sure the city was not ceasing to use The Clarkston News as the main source to publish notices.

'We should favor local businesses over larger publication," said Roth, adding The Clarkston News is a local business.

## Spring is here!

(At least according to the calendar Thursday, March 20 makes it official). Send us your spring photos to clarkstonnews@gmail.com

## Wolfpack Update

Dalton Pokley finished as All-State after the MHSAA Bovs Swim and Dive State Finals.

Pokley finished at 51.65 in the 100yard butterfly event for sixth place. He also finished in sixth place during the pre-

He placed in tenth in the 50-yard freestyle event in 21.70. He qualified during preliminaries after placing in 11th.

Matt Culver competed in the 500-yard freestyle event and finished in 27th place during the preliminaries, 4:53.95.

The Wolves sent two relay teams to the finals for the 200-yard medley relay event. During the preliminaries Pokley, Ryan Geisler, Christian Keer and Isaac Keer swam. They finished in 28th place at 1:42.62.

Jacob Kersten and Eric Wagner made it to the top 16 in the MHSAA Singles Bowling Finals.

During the round of 16, Kersten defeated Wayne Memorial's Kody Wojewski, 474-450 (269-205, 229-221). Wagner lost to Chris Ireland from Utica Eisenhower, 480-400 (267-213, 213-187).

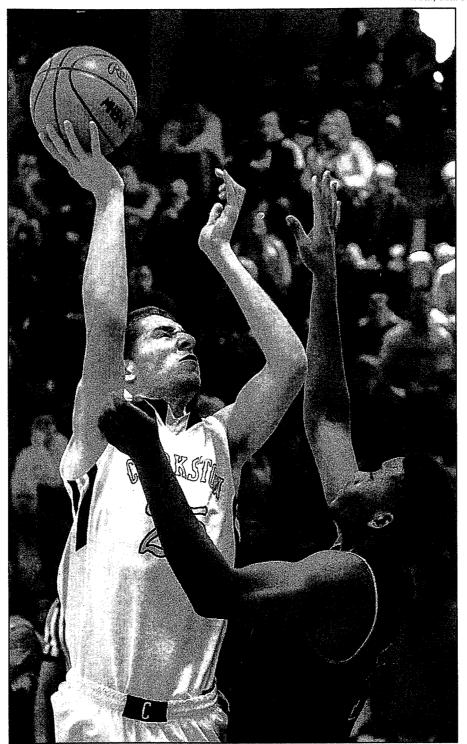
Kersten lost in the quarterfinals to Grandville's Josh Kukla, 560-533 (300-205-55, 290-215-28).

Kersten qualified fifth with 1,421 pins and Wagner qualified in 15th with 1,320

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team finished in the quarterfinals after losing to Howell, 1386-1329 (179-203-1004, 151-253-925).

They qualified in first with 1,146 pins. The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team finished the season qualifying in 12th place at the finals with 3,305 pins.

Victoria Wolfgang finished in 35th place during the qualifying block with ,146 pins.



Mike Nicholson uses his long arms to get past Bloomfield Hills. Photo by

## Win over Athens in regional play

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the buckets, we can contain them. It turned out to be good for us. We did a good job defensively because that team is a good

The run ended in the third quarter with four minutes to go when Spryszak made it past the Wolves' defense with a 3-point shot to put the score 41-16.

"Defensively we were good," Fife added. "They didn't get a lot of second shots because we had good rebounding from everybody. Our guards came in and rebounded."

Nicholson led the team with 11 points while Myers scored nine points and senior Nick Owens scored eight points with two field goals. Fourteen of Clarkston's 15 players scored during the game.

"All along I have been saying our subs have been getting better and better," Fife added. "Swanson comes right in the second quarter and hits a three. They play against our kids every day and they are getting better. They are young as varsity players but they are growing and maturing."

Clarkston bids farewell to six seniors Press Kampe, Alex McCarty, Michael Nicholson, Nick Owens, Andrew Swanson and Alex Trim.

"They won a league championship and won the districts," Fife said about the legacy the six leave. "Like I always say once you start getting into regionals everything's got to go. Luck starts to prevail."

He added this season will help the returners and future players during the off

"It puts us back up where we should be and getting to the ultimate goal is not out of our reach," Fife said. "To get through districts is a start because it is when the season starts over and if you lose you are done. It is understanding the pressures and understanding the pressure of the season to win a league. In our league that is good accomplishment."

The Wolves finish with a 20-5 record.

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#### Strategic plan calls for long-term technology

Part3 on Clarkston Community Schools' five year Strategic Plan addresses the second of six Focus Areas, Technology.

#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Community Schools Strategic Plan, which was approved unanimously without discussion on March 10, calls for the school board to integrate technology to engage students and staff, and includes developing short- and long-term network and wireless infrastructure plans for hardware, software, and support.

"I think curriculum drives our technical needs technology is just a tool," said board Vice President Sue Boatman.

Board Treasurer Joan Patterson agreed.

"If a tool will allow the student to have clearer and deeper understanding of the topic or concept, it's worth consideration," Patterson said. "But the mix of tools can't be a random selection from what's available. We have to make sure we are training the student's brain and not their fingers. It must also be affordable and sustainable."

The plan provides a structure to evaluate priorities when deciding on spending proposals, she said.

"The strategic plan is just a framework," she said. "The board must be consistent in its application of those priorities going forward."

Technology in itself doesn't help students learn critical thinking or increase test scores, Boatman said.

"It's a skill set students can learn through every day use," she said. "Administration will perform analysis of technology purchase proposals, and we'll see if it fits financially and in the strategic plan."

"Properly used, technology provides the opportunity to expand the bandwidth of our instructional staff and provide effective help for segments of the student population requiring additional attention," Patterson

Next week, Focus Area III, Operations.

## Many motions to approve contract

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"I trust the board of education to do the best they can for the community, school district, and children," Rock said, adding he requested no changes to his contract.

Lieblang said previous discussions with the superintendent included adding funding for Project Zero conference work and elimination of a termination-withoutcause clause.

'We haven't had the opportunity to clearly put these issues to rest - the process has not been concluded," she said. "I'm not in favor of voting on the contract when there are still some issues to discuss."

She wanted a more balanced contract with protection for the superintendent.

"I don't want to have action forced when the majority of board desires not have action " she said

Rock said they discussed changes, but didn't want them to stand in the way of contract renewal.

"If the board feels I deserve a three or four year contract,

I'll respect your decision," he said. "If you decide to let me go, you don't owe me anything. I don't need reassurance."

Patterson and Boatman favored two-year contracts with more protection for the superintendent.

Speaking during public comment, several teachers attending the meeting expressed dismay at the discussion. Jill Santola, teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary, said she felt "disappointed and concerned."

"Dr. Rock is a visionary leader – the way he been treated has been terrible," Santola said.

After discussion and public comment, Hyer proposed amending his motion back to three years, three months., which passed 5-2, Patterson and Hamilton voting "no." Then, his motion to add the item back to the agenda for action passed 4-3, with Egan, McGinnis, Hyer, and Lieblang voting "yes." Hamilton, Boatman, and Patterson voted "no.'

Finally, Hyer's motion to approve the contract until 2017 was approved 5-2. McGinnis, Hyer, Egan, Boatman, and Lieblang voted "yes." Hamilton and Patterson voted "no."

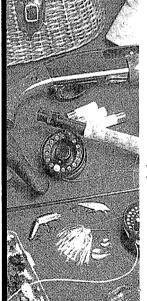
#### School board notes, shared at the March 10 school board meeting

It is time to look for another job.

- You have 14 days to turn a transition timeline in to the president
- This transition plan will be your idea to move on and find another job
- This plan will be 100% confidential with only the exceptions outlines below
- Each of us will be 100% supportive and will give you a positive recommendation as you find another job
- We appreciate what you have done educationally for this district, but we are not where we need to be operationally.
- $\bullet$  We will not act on your contract in June and if asked why, both of us will say that we are planning to act on it in January to revamp the approval an evaluation timeline as we have previously discussed,
- We want to preview and have the president approve any communication from you to any staff members regarding your future plans and any transition activities
- We would like to talk to Shawn and alert him of what our plan is.
- We would like you to talk to Matt and ask him what his current plans are relative to finding a new job and report back to the board on those plans. See if he would stay on to support a transition to the new SIS, while continuing to look for a new position. We do not want to give him an annual contract.

- We may have you bring SIS back for approval
- Ask Mary Beth to put \$50K into professional services in the Board/Supt Budget for next year. Do not tell her what this is for, but we will allocate this as we need it for the transition.
- Please see how long Scott is able to stay on with us and report back to the hoard on this.
- What is the current status of outsourcing communications?
- Please make no attempt to hire an HR person, technology director, or communications person. Administrators will not be doing furlough days (unpaid days off work). Reduce their salary if those reductions are necessary.
- Board members: options for transition once Rod gives us his notice: hire Dave Reschke as interim superintendent; hire Shawn Ryan as interim superintendent; hire a known entity
- MASB supt search services, notify them after Rod gives us his notice
- Communications · Once notice is given, immediately engage our interim and work on a communication plan to the staff and community. We send Rod out
- What pending agreement do you have? OCC/OU, OLOL, OLSM, LO schools, Independence Township - cable, library, etc.





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**PART-TIME BUS DRIVER** DATE OF POSTING: March 11, 2014 LAST DAY OF POSTING: Open Until Filled **UNION AFFILIATION: None** 

#### FLSA STATUS: Non-Exempt

The Charter Township of Independence, an equal opportunity employer, is seeking qualified applicants, without regard to race or other protected status, for the position of Temporary Part-Time Bus Driver.

#### Summary:

This position transports senior citizens and disabled adults door-to-door to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, work and other locations as necessary. Drivers must follow a daily schedule Monday through Friday and transport residents of Independence Township, Springfield, and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

#### Responsibilities and Tasks:

- Work and interact with the public
- Push people in wheelchairs up to four-hundred (400) pounds.
- Assist people on and off vehicle when needed. Lift bags of groceries or boxes of food for citi-
- Work no more than 110 hours per month.
- Communicate regularly with dispatcher/front of-
- fice regarding daily schedule (i.e. changes and cancellations). Inspect vehicle that is assigned including tires,
- van fluid levels and overall safety. Observe and report any concerns about general maintenance
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- Attend transportation meetings at center.
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- Escort day trips when needed. 12) Submits daily report and rider fees for deposit.13) Assists with Senior Center projects.
- 14) Other duties as assigned.

#### Education/Experience:

High school diploma or equivalent, 1 - 2 years experience driving large vans and/or mini-bus and excellent driving record required.

#### Licensing/Certification:

#### Chauffeur's license required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Ability to work and interact with senior citizens and disabled people.
- Able to push people in wheelchair up to four-hundred (400) pounds
- Judgment and decision-making.
- Seeking guidance and direction as necessary for performance of duties.
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- and personnel information. Maintaining cooperative working relationships with su-
- pervisors and other staff. Demonstrating the ability to tactfully handle difficult situations.
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- Making the best use of time during shift.
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NOTE: Charter Township of Independence applications for employment are available on the Township's website at www.twp.independence.mi.us or by contacting the Human Resources office. Publish: 3/19, 2//26/14

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO: 2014-355, 506-DE

#### **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING**

In the matter of Robin L. Buckholz, deceased.
TO ALL INTERESED PERSONS including: "Sonya G. English and Rachel M. Buckholz whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred of affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on April 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Daniel A.

O'Brien for the following purpose:

Petition for Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative and

to admit last will and testament.

6480 Citation Drive Clarkston, MI 48346 March 13, 2014 313/820-5477

#### INDEPENDENCE TWP. **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING**

**AGENDA** DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. LOCATION: Independence Township Hall 6483 Waldon Center Drive,

Clarkston, MI 48346

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
- REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions
- require a majority vote of Board Members presen PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- NEW BUSINESS:
  - Case #14-002, James Kesteloot, Petitioner, Requesting: A variance from Section 12.04(A)(5), to construct a roof sign, 6565 Dixie Highway, Parcel #08-32-276-022, C-3 Highway Commer-
- Case #14-003, Anthony Palazzola, Petitioner, Requesting: 5 variances total, 1) A variance from Section 5.03(B) to construct a 1,300 lineal foot private road for purposes of splitting 20.15 acres of land into 6 parcels, 2) A variance from Section 4.09(D), a 34 foot front setback variance. 3) A variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2, a 13 foot front setback variance, 4) A variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2, a 36.6 front yard setback variance and, 5) A variance from Section 5.06(A)(1) to permit an existing accessory structure without a primary structure for a period not to exceed 2 years, 6371 Oakhill Road, Parcel #08-04-100-006, 08-04-100-007, R-1R Rural Residential.
- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2014
- DISCUSSION:

#### ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE: The above requests may be examined at the Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the attention of the Planning Commission; c/o Charter Township of Independence - Building Department; 6483 Waldon Center Drive -Clarkston, Michigan 48346 prior to the Meeting / Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111. Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk



## Volunteer help for bridge

resident Steve Wylie volunteered to chair a group to raise money to replace a recently repaired bridge in Depot Park.

Eberhardt told the council she decided to educate herself on the bridge American with Disabilities Act requirements - nearly three months after repairs were made to the bridge.

She said there has been a lot of talk regarding the ADA requirements of the bridge, and she recently discussed the issue with Mike Donnellon, facilities manager of Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

She was informed requirements were dif-

City Manager Carol Eberhardt said local ferent based on length of the bridge and waterway it crosses.

Eberhardt said the bridge only has to be three feet wide, but will most likely be wider.

'We don't have to put the Mackinac Bridge across the stream," she said.

She will connect Wylie with city engineer Gary Tressel.

Council member Mike Sabol commended Wylie and said he will thank him personally.

"This is the type of active thing residents can do for the city instead of being negative through The Clarkston News," said Sabol.

- Andrea Beaudoin

#### Decision needed soon on bridge fix

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

The wooden bridge spanning a stream through Depot Park has been a source of conflict between City Manager Carol Eberhardt and watchdog resident Cory Johnston.

Johnston, who is a structural engineer, claimed the bridge was more rebuilt than repaired and should meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Johnston, who submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for documents regarding the repair, said there was not enough documentation the bridge was professionally analyzed by a qualified engineer and could wind up causing a lawsuit.

Calls for comment from the city's engineer, Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, went unreturned.

The Clarkston News recently submitted a FOIA request for documents relating to the bridge to see if a qualified engineer provided specifications for the work. The City provided information from the Dec. 9, 2013 and Jan. 13, 2014 council meetings, along with a letter from Tressel, dated Dec. 10, 2013.

In his letter, Tressel said temporary repairs needed to be made to the bridge.

"This should not be considered something you want to live with for more than a short term of approximately 6-9 months," the letter stated.

It also outlined two possible long-term solutions, including removing the bridge and securing new I-beams, and adding new decking and handrails; the other solution was eliminating the bridge and the pathway all

When repairs were originally discussed in 2013, city officials agreed the bridge needed to meet ADA standards. In November 2013, DWP Manager Jason Miller submitted a letter to city council saying he had inspected the bridge and discovered the plank boards were cracking and screws were coming out.

Last year, Eberhardt told the council she met with Tressel to discuss the bridge.

The council should understand this is only temporary," added Eberhardt. "The bridge



The bridge in Depot Park. File photo

needs to be replaced this spring. If the council decides to replace it, it must be ADA compliant.'

Eberhardt said in order to be ADA compliant, the bridge would need to be 12-feet wide and the grade of the slope from a lift station down to the bridge would also need to be brought into compliance.

In a letter to the editor of The Clarkston News, former Councilman Richard Bisio said a Dec. 25 article in CNews did not examine Johnston's implicit accusation that Tressel is not "a qualified engineer regarding what needed to be done to the bridge." Johnston said he was looking for specifications from a qualified engineer to ensure the work was done accurately. The article noted the city consulted with Tressel.

When Johnston submitted the first FOIA, the only documents he was given was a letter from Tressel stating the bridge should be removed and slung to the shore before a telephone pole was used to replace the center beam. The letter also stated the bridge needed to be brought into ADA compliance and outlined long-term repairs. It did not state any specifications to perform the work.

Johnston, wondering where the documents where outlining specifications from an engineer, submitted a second FOIA request asking for additional information.

The response he received stated there was no more information regarding the bridge.

"Someone with qualifications or certifications should have reviewed what was done to make sure it was safe," Johnston said.

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## City to explore costs of snow shoveling

With complaints from residents about sidewalks block by snow this past winter, Clarkston City Council is looking into enforcing sidewalk shoveling after snowstorms.

City Manager Carol Eberhardt asked the city council for direction during the March 10 meeting.

Eberhardt said she and Mayor Joe Luginski discussed issuing tickets, but were hesitant to issue fines.

She hand delivered "Be kind to your neighbor" letters to residents, and also reminded residents to keep sidewalks clear when she sent winter tax bills.

Throughout the winter, city DPW workers shoveled sidewalks for residents who cannot do it themselves, which includes some senior citizens.

Eberhardt said she is looking into programs that may help residents who cannot do the work themselves.

City resident Ann Clifton said she shovels her sidewalk, but plow trucks pile more snow on it.

"There have been times I have had to shovel the sidewalk three times," she said.

Catallo said residents need to let the city know if they cannot take care of their sidewalks, and she would also like to know what it would cost for the city to clear all sidewalks.

Eberhardt said she is in the process of coming up with costs.

Current ordinance calls for sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours. Offenders who do not clear sidewalks will be given a warning and could be billed if the DPW is forced to shovel the sidewalk.

-Staff Writer Andrea Beaudoin



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## How did you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?



"I'm going to Matchan Nutrition Center, a soup kitchen in Pontiac, to get things ready for a big meal tomorrow. Tonight I will make corn beef and cabbage at home."

– Robin Wilkinson



"I'm making and serving corn beef and cabbage."

— Ann Berishaj
"I will be making some green cookies with my kids

– Dawn Gross



"I'm going to go home and put something green on so I don't get pinched."

- Kevin Tol



"I just had some great corn beef and cabbage." — **Cathy Tol** 

"I'm going to watch my wife make com beef and cabbage."

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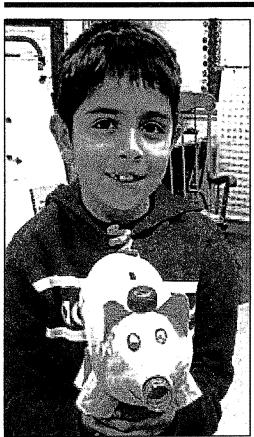
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#### Recycle fair

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They learned about reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling items into other things.

For the fair, they created a an item based on recycled materials that served some sort of purpose.

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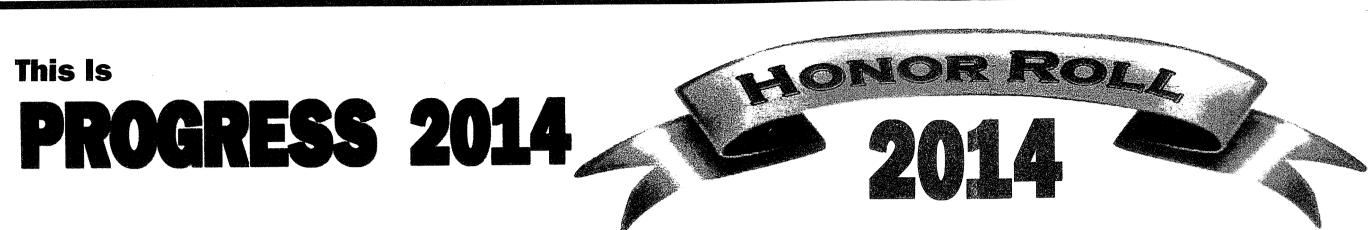
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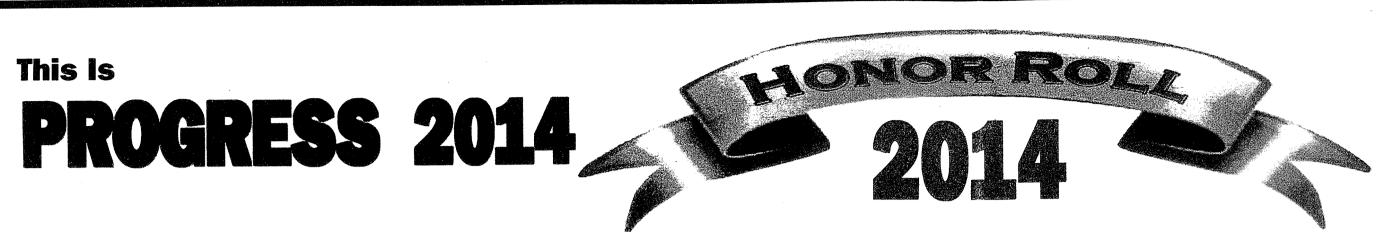
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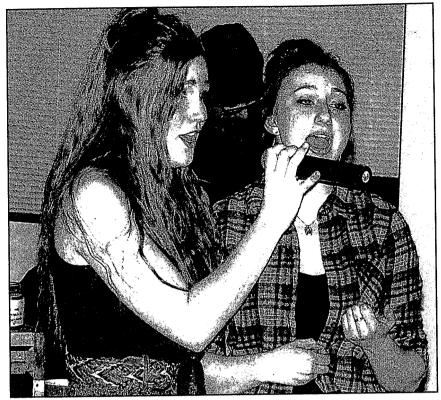
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# Religion Events Preaching

## Crosses you carry, good and bad

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Pastor

Whether you are religious or not, there is in every life challenges and burdens we carry that weigh heavy on us.

Some of those are what I call holy crosses. They are the burdens we bear because they are the right thing to do.

They can include but are not limited to carrying for aging parents, fully engaging in the highs

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and lows of marriage, parenting and all significant relationships.

Holy crosses can be the work we do to improve our community such as volunteering. All of these take work and on some days are joy-filled and on other days feel draining.

What makes moments like Richard Dake

these holy is that we do not give up on them.
We keep recommitting our lives to these efforts because the results are not best measured on any given day. They are better evaluated over the long course of time.

The blessing of marriage and family as well as the efforts in improving community are greatest after a life of carrying those

There are unholy crosses. These are the burdens we carry that diminish life. They are the crosses of attitudes and behaviors that over a period of time make spirits brittle and drive away hope.

These can include but are not limited to guilt, shame, inability to give or receive forgiveness, living with fear, apathy or hate. Unholy crosses kill the soul, destroy community and instill cynicism and despair.

The inability to forgive and be forgiven, for example, freezes us into a cycle of hostility and dysfunction.

When there are wrongs committed between people, it is natural to feel pain. Lashing out and retreating are natural human responses.

However this behavior only creates more brokenness and makes justice and reconciliation impossible to achieve.

In a chapter on Forgiveness, I recently wrote there are three critical truths that can help us lay down the unhealthy cross of withheld forgiveness. They are:

- Forgiveness that heals hearts and relationships begins before transgressions occur. Forgiveness is a decision of the character that determines who we will be. It is not about what was done to us. It is more about what kind of person are you.
- The offering of forgiveness and its acceptance determines whether we will live tomorrow imprisoned or free. The person affected by our gift of receiving or giving forgiveness more than anyone is us. How do you want to live?
- Real forgiveness is the courage to let go so something better can emerge. When we hold on to wrongs done to us or the guilt we carry for our mistakes, we remove the chance to hold on to new blessings and possibilities.

This season of Lent, our congregation is focused on the Crosses We Carry. For all, perhaps now is the time to reflect on the emotional, spiritual and relational crosses you are carrying. It is a great time to recommit to the holy ones and lay down the ones do not bring new life.

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

## In our local churches...

**3D Vision Youth Group** for grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m., North Oaks Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. 248-922-3515.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. www.calvaryinfo.org

**DivorceCare** 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. 248-625-4644.

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## Obituaries Obituaries

#### John T. Chad, 92

John T. Chad of Clarkston passed away March 12, 2014, at age 92.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary. He was the father of Catherine (Frank) Omilian, John (Barbara) Chad, Uranna Greene, James Chad, Paul Chad and Linda (Jeff) Johnson; grandfather of and great nine grandfather of five. John



was a Marine and served in World War II.

Funeral Mass was at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Timothy J. Daly, 59

Timothy James Daly of Waterford passed away March 14, 2014, at age 59.

He was the husband of Terissa for 39 years; father of Nichole Daly and Thomas (Kellie) Daly; papa of Shea, Max and Andrew; brother of Mike (Cheryl) Daly, Patrick (Dana) Daly, Nena (Mike) Collier and Dan (Deanna) Daly; brother in law of Greg (Anne) Buliga.

employed at XO was Tim Communications, Southfield. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and especially loved spending time with his grandsons.

Celebration of life memorial service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, with visiting beginning at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Diabetes Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Fredreck Fuller, Sr., 84

Mr. Fredreck "Jim" James Fuller, Sr., 84, of Lewiston, Mich., went to be with the Lord on Feb. 17, 2014 surrounded by his loving family at the Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, Mich.

He was born on July 22, 1929, to the late Harry James and Grace Elizabeth (McNaughton) Fuller in Pontiac, Mich. He married his wife, Mary (Miller) Fuller on Feb.

1, 1950 in Pontiac, and together they celebrated 64 years of marriage before his passing. Jim has lived in Lewiston for the last 25+ years, formerly of Clarkston.



Jim retired from Ford Tractor as a mechanic after 16 years. He was

the owner and operator of Fuller's Standard Service in Clarkston for 13 years as well. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing and hunting. He was a great story teller and loved to tell old stories. He was quite the historian, especially concerning the Clarkston area. Above everything, Jim enjoyed spending time with his wife and children and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Fuller of Lewiston; children, Gary (Barb) Fuller of Lapeer; Chris (Cindy) Fuller of North Branch; Diane (Martin) Dewey of Waterford; Jane (Doug) Chalmers of Lewiston; Jim (Danielle) Fuller, Jr of Holly; Gerry (Dee) Fuller of Otter Lake; 15 grandchildren and 26 greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Grace Fuller and greatgranddaughter, Ashley Nicole Baragar.

As were his wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial and celebration of his life took place on Feb. 20, 2014.

## Photo provided

Seasonal spring weight restrictions are in effect on non-all-weather roads as of Wednesday, March 19.

The Road Commission for Oakland County restrictions limit the amount of weight trucks can carry on the roads and are intended to minimize damage to the roads while the ground under the roads is thawing.

The restrictions do not affect passenger vehicles, but apply to commercial trucks.

Roads requiring 35 percent reduction in load in Independence Township include Allen, Baldwin, Clarkston east of the city, Clement, Clintonville, Cranberry Lake, Dartmouth, Deer Lake west of Clarkston, Easton, Ellis, Foster, Hadley, Holcomb north of Clarkston, Hubbard, Indianwood, Mann, Maybee, Oak Hill, Pelton, Perry Lake, Pine Knob, Rattalee Lake, Reese, Rohr, Shappie, Stickney, Waldon east of Clarkston, Walters, Waterford, Whipple Lake, and White Lake, and, in Springfield Township, Big Lake, Bigelow, Bridge Lake, Clark, Clement, Crosby Lake east of Hillsboro and west of Andersonville, Davisburg east of Dixie to Bridge Lake, Dilley, Eagle, Eaton, Edgar, Ellis south of Oakhill to Rattalee Lake and north of Holcomb, Enterprise southeast of E Holly to Dixie, Farley, Foster, Gibbs, Hall, Hillsboro, Hogback Lake, Holcomb, E Holly, Kier, Knox, Neal, Oakhill, Ormond, Parker, Rattalee Lake, Ridgewood, Scott, Shaffer, Tindall, Tucker, Weber, and Woodland Trail.

Roads with 25 percent weight restriction in Independence Township include Andersonville west to Springfield Township and Sashabaw from I-75 to Brandon Township, and in Springfield Township, Andersonville from Davisburg Road to Independence Township, Davisburg from Rose Township to Dixie, and White Lake Road from White Lake Township north to Andersonville Road.

Call RCOC's weight restrictions hotline at 248-858-4765 for more information.

#### **Around Town** -

Continued from page 20 odist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

#### Saturday

Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m. -12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free, 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3435. Service With Love, RSVP of Oakland Country. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.

## Fund-raiser ball for Helping Hearts group

Helping Hearts Helping Hands, founded by Erica Cale of Clarkston to help orphan girls in Honduras, presents The Onyx Ball, 5 p.m.-1 a.m., April 26, at Deer Lake Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Road.

Tickets are \$80/adult before April 19, \$90 at the door; \$35/under 21 before April 19, \$45

at the door; \$20 after 11 p.m.

The event includes appetizers, dinner, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, music, and dancing.

For for information, contact Nancy or Erica HelpingHeartsHelping at Hands@hotmail.com, or call 248-980-5090.



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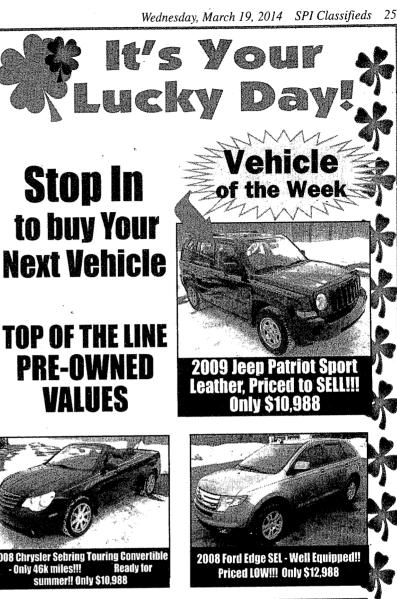
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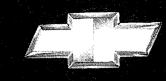


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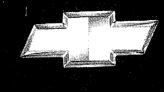
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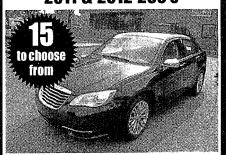
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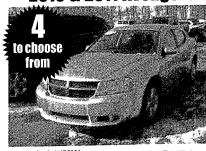
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## More Letters To The Editor . . .

#### Thanks to patrol, EMS

#### Dear Editor,

I want to extend a huge thank you to the Pine Knob Ski Patrol for their excellent, immediate response when my son was injured while skiing, March 9.

Their expert knowledge with handling his injury and emotional trauma was incredible. They also went above and beyond to comfort his brother who was with him, as well as mom and dad!

Additionally, we are so grateful to the Independence Township EMS for their quick response in handling his pain and advising us of the best hospital to go to for his injury so no further transfers were needed. We are so blessed to have been taken such good care of. Thank you!

#### Kim Hardtke Independence Township

Kim said her son is getting better but still in pain due to his broken femur, and will be in a wheel chair for 4-6 weeks.

#### Rights in jeopardy

#### Dear Editor,

This is an alert to all Independence Township waterfront property owners.

Tuesday, March 4, 2014, the Township Board listened to attorney Steve Joppich try to explain extensive changes to ordinances covering Wetlands and Watercourses. The stated goal of township Supervisor Pat Kittle is to bring ordinances in harmony with state law.

Dozens and dozens of interested individuals, many owners of waterfront property listened, then questioned the wisdom of proposed changes. I congratulate those who came and spoke for their diligence on such short notice.

The supervisor, having seen and heard the large concerned crowd, floated the idea of a volunteer citizens panel to make suggestions. People were encouraged to sign up, and meet with building department officials to guide changes. Their first discussions will have already happened by the time you read this

This is a dodge.

If the township wanted to become harmonious with state statute they merely could 'cut and paste' verbiage from state law and leave jurisdiction to the alphabet soup of state and county regulators, DNR,DEQ, WRC, RCOC, rather than spend taxpayer money on rewrites that deny rights to riparian property owners.

To see this meeting at home, fire up that computer, go to the township website (www.twp.independence.mi.us), click on departments, click on Independence Television,

go to the small beige box on the right, and click on 'on demand' viewing to watch the meeting.

Your waterfront property rights are in jeopardy. Proposed ordinance changes would make removing debris from your culvert or weeds from your beach a ticket-able offense. The number of boats, docks, rafts, jet skis, and hoists and how you can use them will be dictated by township building officials.

Contact your township officials and trustees after watching the meeting, and become involved now. Ice out is just a few weeks away.

> Rob Namowicz Independence Township

#### No to ramp proposal

#### Dear Editor

It's surprising to see the Independence township officials who are in support of the proposed McClaren hospital on Sashabaw Road has failed to get a certificate of need from the state three times in a row are now complaining about congestion problems on the Sashabaw - I-75 corridor, exactly where the proposed hospital would be located ("Pressure Valve," March 12, page 19).

The "fix" to the congestion problem of the township's making is even more surprising – a proposal for a 1-75 entrance ramp on Clintonville Road at Maybee Road.

The ramp being proposed is for the expressed purpose of shifting Sashabaw roads "congestion problems" into a residential area who's residents thought they were successful keeping the I-75 ramps out of their residential neighborhood. Yet, here we are again!

If there's a congestion problem now, just imagine the traffic problems there will be if a major hospital is put on Sashabaw Road.

The "pressure valve" I-75 ramp being proposed on Clintonville Rd. at Maybee Road would shift that congestion into residential neighborhoods that have already said no to the I-75 ramps long before the Sashabaw corridor businesses were even in place.

Township residents should be aware the proposed I-75 Clintonville entrance ramp is on property now being "conserved" by the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conser-

It will be very interesting to see if the NOHLC fights to "conserve" a green space they are entrusted to conserve, or if they sell this green space to relieve congestion so a hospital can be built on another green space.

Independence Township officials want to know what you think about this idea. By all means call them at 248-625-5111 and email them Pressurevalve@Indetwp.com. Let them know what you think about their Clintonville Road - I-75 "pressure valve" ramp proposal for your residential neighborhood. Tell them to keep their "Sashabaw Corridor" congestion problems in their own neighborhood and not visit those problems onto your neighborhood. No still means NO!

Michael Powell Independence Township

#### Yes to library millage

#### Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2014, Independence Township and Clarkston voters will decide if our district library will be funded.

The issue on the August ballot is a survival millage. Without approval, the district library, which is no longer funded by township budgets, could be forced to close. How attractive will our community be to current and potential residents if we lack something as fundamental as a public library?

As a newly formed district library serving residents of both Independence Township and City of the Village of Clarkston, the millage on the August ballot will provide virtually all funds needed to operate the building.

The district library is an important community center. In addition to providing access to books and electronic media for all age groups, our district library hosts a wide range of informative programs at little or no cost to residents.

It is far more cost effective for us to maintain and improve our existing library than to lose it due to lack of funding and then try to replace it in the future.

We need your help and your support. Please vote YES on the district library millage on Aug. 5.

Henry S. Woloson Independence Township

#### Library part of community

#### Dear Editor,

In the next couple of months, you will have the opportunity to vote for a library millage.

I strongly encourage you to vote in favor of this proposal. Whether you use the library a lot or a little, a good library is a cornerstone of any community.

The significance of our spiritual values is reflected in our many magnificent churches. The many wonderful national and state parks reflect our love of nature and our intention to preserve nature and the importance of physical fitness.

The statues in Washington D.C., Mt. Rushmore, and Stone Mountain, Ga., reflect our love and admiration for our nation's founding fathers.

Our libraries keep under one roof and available 3,000 years of learning.

Libraries indicate our interest in lifelong learning.

A library is much more than a building that stores books. A library represents how far we have come out of the cave and out of the tall grasses. A failure of the library millage would be a step bck into the cave and tall grasses.

Gerald McNally, retired judge Independence Township

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

#### Negative coverage

#### Dear Editor,

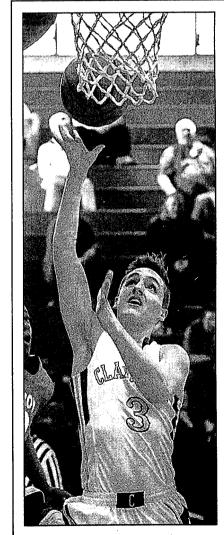
I served on the Clarkston Board of Education from 1973-1981, and learned firsthand it's very easy to stand outside and complain, even tear down, and it's very hard to have a public position and work to encourage and build up in the face of the criticism. During those years, the late Jean Saile, then editor of *The Clarkston News*, was very positive in her editorial leadership, building up the community.

In recent years, the *News* seems to me to have given special place to carping and even mean-spirited and very personal criticism, highlighted by the present kerfuffle. In fact, the *News* has even become a party in the negative exchanges. The March 5 edition did run former city councilman Richard Bisio's informed and constructive opinions, but also printed the usual ranting on the front page with the largest headline, along with other negative and defensive editorial commentary.

I long for healthy editorial perspective, constructive criticism, and efforts to build up our community instead of tearing it down.

In concern,

Bob Walters Clarkston



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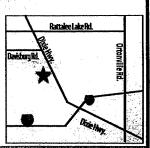
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Staff at the Old Village Café are always ready to serve up good food with a smile.

# Old Village Café serves the best in town

The Old Village Café in downtown Clarkston is known for the best breakfast and friendliest service in town.

That's what *The Clarkston News* readers said when they cast votes for *Best of the Best*. In 2013 and previous years, the café has won the prestigious honor of Best Breakfast in Clarkston and Best Family Diner.

"We are always so honored and thankful to be voted the best by Clarkston," said Pete Berishaj, owner of the diner with his wife, Ann.

They have been impressing the community with their great food since 1993.

Customers can always expect a smiling face to bring them breakfast or lunch. Most often the staff will know you by name.

Ann and Pete admit their customers has it—anyway you want it.

are the best.

"We have the best customers any business could ever ask for," smiled Ann. Anytime you visit the café, you can

always expect a great deal.

Specials change daily and include stuffed cabbage, meatloaf and numerous other breakfast and lunch specials.

French toast is a specialty at the café. Customers can enjoy their own special creations by adding a variety of ingredients like cranberries, pumpkin, blueberries and much more.

Scrumptious creations like specialty burritos and daily soup specials are also favorites of customers. Awesome salads include all sorts of ingredients from tuna and chicken to fruit.

No matter what sounds good, the café has it—anyway you want it.

"You can have anything you want. Even if you want pork chops or a burger for breakfast—you got it," promised Pete.

Pete has been in recovery since June when another driver hit him as he was pulled over on the side of the road fixing his trailer.

Thanks to a warning from a good Samaritan who stopped to help, Pete escaped with his life. However, his leg was severely shattered and he has had to endure several surgeries and therapy.

Both Pete and Ann were amazed by the response of customers and the well wishes he received after the accident.

One set of customers, Elizabeth and Dick Eagan, signed Pete up for a subscription to *The New York Times*. So many others also showed their support

for Pete after the accident.

"I can't even express how appreciative I am to my awesome customers who have showed how much they care," Pete said.

Customers may even be able to catch Pete on the weekend when he comes in to visit customers.

Pete said seeing customers everyday is what he misses the most.

Both Pete and Ann said customers can count on them to be in Clarkston for a long time.

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Clarkston Auto Body & Towing will go the extra mile for their customers, including not only locally picking up and delivering the vehicles but the customers, too.

One of their customers had a doctor's appointment she made in advance and could not reschedule.

"I sent someone to pick her up at home, drop her off at the doctor," Verhey explained. "We gave the receptionist our number for when she was done so we could pick her up and take her home."

Part of putting customers first also includes keeping them informed on their automobile insurance.

"Most people don't understand if they damage their car and make an insurance claim, they have the right to take the vehicle wherever they want," Verhey said. "It is their car. It is the law. They can go anyplace they want to get it repaired. The industry is changing there is a lot of pressure from insurance companies for their clients to take a car where the insurance company says and you don't have to do that.

"A lot of times I tell customers you need me to watch out for you and your best interests. It is fact. It goes right back to I work for you and I watch out for you."

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They offer full towing services for all size vehicles from motorcycles to semi-tractor trailers. They also have specialty towing available. Commercial transport and heavy haul services are available through Assured Carriers, their sister company.

While your vehicle is being repaired at Clarkston Auto Body & Towing, they will arrange for a rental. They also have auto detailing including hand washing, window cleaning and vacuuming.

They have free estimates and they can be done within 10-30 minutes during their business hours without an appointment.

Verhey and his employees, who have been with him for over 25 years, are excited for 2014 and beyond because of the Clarkston community.

"The people in the Clarkston area are very good to deal with," he said. "I talk to competitors around the state and we have good people in Clarkston. They are good customers. I do enjoy working with them."

They give back by donating trucks as the main stages for Fourth of July parades and also set them up and decorate them. Clarkston Auto Body & Towing also sponsors the senior volleyball and softball teams in Independence Township.

Clarkston Auto Body & Towing, located at 6470 Sashabaw Road, is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call 248-625-0080 for more information or for the 24-hour dispatcher when your vehicle isn't drivable. Also, visit www.clarkstonautobody.com or Facebook - Clarkston Auto Body & Towing.

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Ryeson added a massage gets the person in a state of relaxation where the body can best start to repair itself.

"It's a stress reliever," she said. "It is well known that there is a strong correlation between stress and diseases. Who doesn't have room to improve on how they care for themselves? I am finding that people don't want to be on medication to help with the 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."

Other benefits include help in alleviating 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 post-operative 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 or overwhelmed, come in and get a massage. It really does help. It is personally rewarding to see the relief on our clients' faces after they have received a mas-



Andrea Ryeson and massage therapist Sarah Skipinski.

sage.

LaVida Massage offers different types of massages including deep tissue massage, Swedish massage, couples massage, cranial sacral, reiki, reflexology and many other modalities. The LaVida Massage 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 20 massage therapists, all continue their education to gain more experience to give their clients the best treatment.

"We have one of the best staffs we have ever had," Ryeson added.

She is excited about the future because 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. "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 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 other alternatives out there."

LaVida offers high quality massages for affordable rates for the whole family. They also have "The Life" - a benefit program for clients with no long term contract. The benefits include one 60-minute massage or facial per month, and an even deeper savings on additional sessions each month and 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," said Ryeson. "We wanted to make it affordable so our clients can come in more on a regular basis and afford 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 see clients from 6-years-old and 90. 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. Gift cards are also available and make great gifts.

LaVida Massage, located at 5880 Sashabaw Road, is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information, call 248-625-7300 or visit www.clarkston.mi.lavidamassage.com.



Laura Breakie and staff offer top quality child care at The Breakie Bunch Learning Center.

### Breakie Bunch offers fun, learning

High-quality care at an affordable price is what you get with The Breakie Bunch Learning Center. With room to grow, the center presently cares for about 35 children, ages six months to 12-years-old.

Owner Laura Breakie opened the Waterford location after running a successful home day care for several years. Programs are available for infants, toddlers and preschool age children. In the summer programs, on breaks or when schools close, childcare is offered to students up to age

A smaller setting allows the staff to provide a flexible family atmosphere. Parents can relax knowing their children are in a safe, secure and clean environment.

Security is top priority at the center.

In addition to 24-hour camera surveillance, each family member of a child is fingerprinted upon enrollment. Once a person enters the lobby, they cannot get into the rest of the building without having been previously registered in the fingerprinting system.

Good nutrition is important too, and the center provides breakfast, a morning snack, lunch and an afternoon snack at no additional charge.

Laura and all lead staff have earned at least an associates degree, or a bachelor's degree, in Early Childhood Development. Assistant teachers at the center are in the process of working towards similar degrees, and all teachers must complete a minimum of 15 annual clock hours of continuing education relating to the childcare field.

"I have created an atmosphere here that I feel is good enough for my own child," she said.

Staff are always encouraging students to explore, take chances and have fun.

In addition to lots of playtime, students at The Breakie Bunch learn age appropriate skills and educational lessons, as well as Spanish and sign language.

Sign language instruction can begin when children are just six-weeks-old.

"Studies suggest teaching children sign language accelerates their verbal development and also increases IQ.

For toddler age children, the staff focuses on social and language development. "By the time they start our preschool program, we like them to be able to use their words to communicate their needs," she said. Lessons also include sharing, recognizing letters, numbers, shapes and colors.

Even at a young age, students can learn skills in science when they mix paint colors before creating a special project.

"At a very young age connections in the brain are being made," said Laura.

Even culinary arts are on the agenda at the center, as students create crafty projects.

"When we make things like chocolate chip cookies or any other food, the kids are learning skills like measuring and following directions."

Lessons are often taught during playtime and teachers keep programs fresh so kids stay engaged.

"We learn through playing and feeling," she said. "We even sing and act."

For more information, call 248-674-9543. Breakie Bunch is located at 4440 Walton Blvd. in Waterford.

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Donna Butora with the Gregg's Gourmet Cafe staff.

### Great cuisine at Gregg's

Gregg's Gourmet Cafe has a new look but the same favorites that made them the Best of the Best six years in a row. The pizza shop has brand new seating and lighting, and photos depicting their hometown Clarkston fill the walls, with more renovations to come.

"We'll have a new, self-serve pop machine, which will make the line during lunch move a lot faster," said Manager Donna Butora.

Gregg's menu is filled with new selections, including hand-tossed, gourmet pizzas like the Capresse, topped with homemade red sauce, mozzarella and muenster cheeses, tomatoes, and basil; Greek, with herb oil, mozzarella and feta cheeses, black olives, red onions, tomatoes, and mild peppers; Chicken Alfredo, with creamy alfredo sauce, diced chicken, smoked bacon, and red onion; and Four cheese, topped with creamy alfredo sauce, mozzarella, muenster, romano, and parmesan cheeses.

New salads include Blackened Chicken, with assorted greens, sliced blackened chicken, tomato, red onion, cheddar and mozzarella cheese, and cucumber; and Traverse Bay, with sundried cranberries, pecan pieces, bleu cheese, and red onions in assorted greens.

For subs, try out the Po Boy, filled with pulled pork, cole slaw, and Swiss cheese; and Beef and Cheddar sandwiches.

"And we still have everybody's favorite, best-loved sandwiches and salads. We've just added to it, changed it up a little bit, to give everybody more things to try," Butora said.

Traditional favorites like breadsticks, pepperoni pizza slices, and chicken wings are also available. For dessert, savor the brownie voted "best" at the Taste of Clarkston.

Their customers say one thing never changes: the quality of the food.

"It's always good," Butora said.

Toppings are prepared daily and lettuce

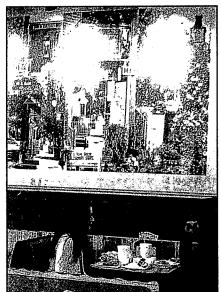
is cut fresh every morning, so the flavor can't be beat. Gregg's fun family-friendly atmosphere and excellent service also earned them six Best of the Best Caterer awards in a

"We give 200 people the same quality food as a small birthday party," said Butora.

Gregg's has experience catering weddings, open houses, and other events of all sizes. Gregg's Gourmet Café flexible catering service will work to suit your needs. They can have servers available at the event, deliver the food and set it up, or you can pick up the food and do it yourself.

From pasta alfredo to pasta primavera with or without chicken, those who attend your party catered by Gregg's will remember the quality food along with the memories you make during the festivities.

Stop in to Gregg's Gourmet Cafe, 5914 S. Main Street, Monday and Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., or Sunday 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 248-625-6612 or check out www.greggsgourmetcafe.com for more information.



# Your community newspaper, the ever-loving *Clarkston News*

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This year, 2014, 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?"

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

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We touch everybody in our community with our print products and the entire world with our online products.

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We're 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. Upwards to 100 people a week attend 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. We have extended *The BD*'s reach to include all of Orion, Oxford and Addison townships, too. BAM!

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We are relevant because we have created a local TV-like station, online at www.ClarkstonTV.com. We produce weekly shows like *Phil in The Blank*, with *Clarkston News* editor Phil Custodio and *Don't Rush Me -- The Sho-wo-ow-ow!* with assistant publisher and columnist, Don Rush. We tape Clarkston school sports and more! The local school district and local cable access group can also put up programming (free). *And*, local businesses can tape shows and infomericals 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!

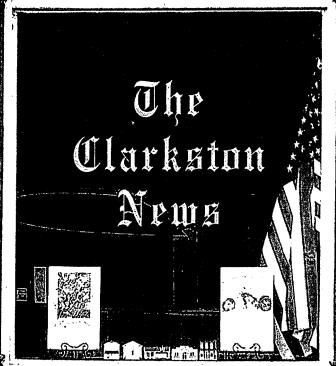
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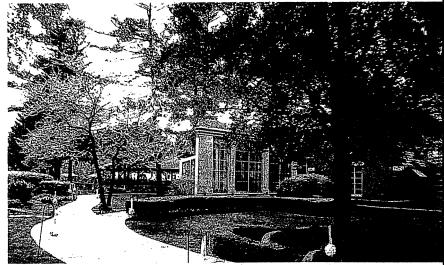
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Staff at both the Mansion and Carriage House make wedding wishes a reality, corporate parties a success and special gatherings unforgettable.

Clients are offered a variety of options to plan the perfect party. From place settings to the type of foods available for catered events, the options to create a perfect event are plentiful

The Mansion, a 19-room English manor, features gardens, fountains, gazebo, stained glass windows, and a perfectly manicured green scape.

In a nook of the Mansion stands a man of armor to greet guests and oversee special moments occurring in the manor, including ceremonies held in an open room with stained glass large arched windows.

Some feel the presence of Helen, a friendly spirit, who roams the mansion.

"We have a happy presence, a happy vibe here," said Office Manager Sandi Watson about Helen.

Once a home for the Mansion's caretaker, the Carriage House now serves as a large venue featuring large windows over looking the scenic beauty of the grounds.

Landscapes at both the Mansion and Carriage House feature grounds filled with beautiful flowering plants.

Throughout the year, exquisite brunches feature full spreads of meats, cheese, pastries, desserts and anything else delicious you can imagine. Offered at a bargain, brunches include Mother's Day, Easter and a special event at Christmastime to enjoy a meal with Santa.

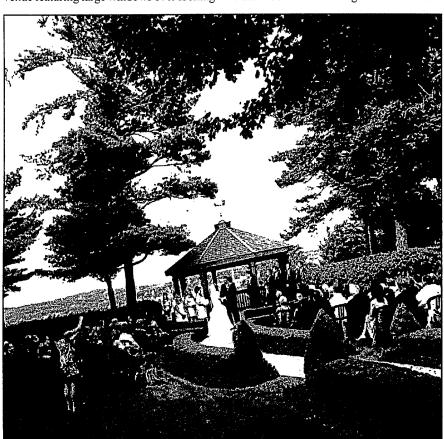
Of course, there is 27-hole open to the public Pine Knob Golf Course. Full of its rolling green landscape and golf holes at various elevations, the property is surrounded by Flemings Lake and designed by former PGA pro Dan Pohl.

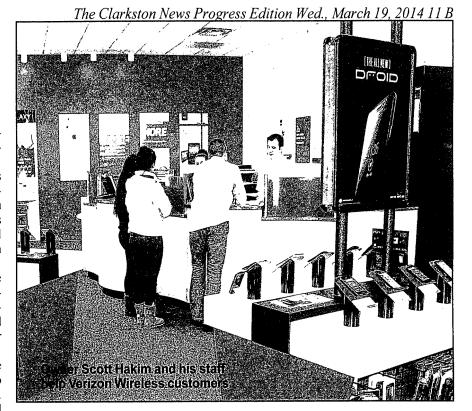
The course boasts many amenities to make all golf events incredible no matter if you go solo or need to plan a league or outing. A driving range, clubhouse with a bar and lounge, beverage carts, a halfway house and a fully stocked Pro Shop are just a handful of the amenities offered to guests.

Golf outings and banquets are part of the package after golfing on rolling greens of varying elevations.

For more information on Pine Knob Mansion or Carriage House, or the championship Pine Knob Golf Course visit 5580 Waldon Road or call 248.625.0700. Visit their Web site at www.pineknobmansion.com

Or friend them on Facebook, "PineKnobMansionCarriageandGolfCourse."





### Keep in touch with Cellular Connection

For over three years, Cellular Connection, located on Dixie Highway near Davisburg Road, has provided customers with the latest technology and services from Verizon Wireless.

But it is the personal touch Manager Scott Hakim and his crew provide for customers which makes them different.

"We do everything for you," he said. "Going online or calling over the phone for phone services isn't the same as visiting our location. We activate your phone. We transfer your contacts. We teach you how to use it."

Hakim added the excited looks on customers' faces when they receive their new cell phone or even their first cell phone is rewarding.

"The 12- or 13-year-olds, when they get their first phone and the look on their face," he smiled. "Even some of the baby boomers when they are getting new phones. Some are so new to the technology - being able to get email on their phone, use video conferencing to others in another country. When we are able to show those features we offer and for them to be able to do that is rewarding."

Cellular Connection carries all of the Verizon Wireless products including smart phones, tablets, mobile hot spots, home phone services, home WiFi services and accessories. They also provide technical support and cellular repair.

"We offer the latest and greatest in handsets and cellular technology plus we make it more affordable for you to be able to achieve that goal," Hakim said. "We offer government discounts and corporate discounts."

Hakim added they have recently rolled out a new program called Verizon Edge.

"It allows customers to get a new phone

every 30 days if they want to," he said.

With the program, Verizon customers can enjoy the latest technology when you upgrade your phone; an upgrade without additional fees or finance charges; and purchase a new phone with a low monthly payment.

Visiting Cellular Connection also helps the community as they use part of their revenue to give back.

Hakim said as a local business they help out in the community in a variety of ways from donating merchandise for auctions, donating to sports programs in the local schools, as well as donating school supplies to local churches.

Hakim also has an extensive cellular background and has been in the industry since

"Things have changed," he said. "The industry is very dynamic. It is always changing - to me that is exciting. There are so many different phones. Android is always coming out with a new phone and iPhone is always coming out with a new phone every year."

He added what hasn't changed is his dedication to customers.

"I can put customers in the best scenario, whether it is helping them with their bill, getting their phone fixed, or getting new equipment or a new phone," he noted.

Cellular Connection is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday; and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, and is located in front of Kroger on Dixie Highway, south of Davisburg Road.

For more information call 248-625-4500 or email TccofClarkston@yahoo.com.

"Verizon Wireless' network is superior to anyone else's signal," he added. "Our network and customer service are number one in our industry."



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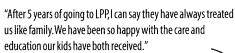
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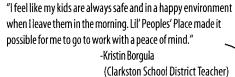
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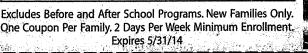
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The sound of excited children fills the rooms at Lil' Peoples' Place, as they learn in a fun environment. With the excitement, there is an acclaimed curriculum and experienced and loving staff. Lil' Peoples' Place was voted Best of the Best Daycare by *The Clarkston News*' readers in 2012 and 2013, and it is apparent why; by the fun the children are having.

Lil' Peoples' Place has served the Clarkston community since 1998 and has become a name the community trusts in child care. The center is privately owned by co-owners Sharlene Butler and Adli Dasuqi, and has an experienced and loving staff available with Erin Wolford, director; Nancy Morgan, assistant director; and Becky Miller, business manager.

"These three are the real backbone of my management staff," Butler added. "They are rock solid."

Many of the children have grown up with the staff since most of the employees have worked there for at least five years. Some employees have worked for Lil' Peoples' Place as many for as 12 years. Miller contributes the small staff turnover to how they treat their staff and parents with respect.

"It is a family atmosphere," she added.
"We listen to their ideas and make sure they feel they are active participants in our pro-



Children at Lil' People's Place enjoy a story.

gram."

The highly acclaimed curriculum focuses on enhancing each child's socialization, creativity, language, and decision-making skills, while building self-esteem and self-worth.

LPP also has a Summer Camp Program for school-aged children, whom parents and children love, said Butler.

They have yet another exciting summer planned for 2014 with new educational and fun activities for the children to do.

Parents can feel secure leaving their children at Lil' Peoples' Place because safety is top priority.

"It is our goal to provide security and peace of mind to parents by offering a con-

sistent and loving atmosphere."

They have a state-of-the-art entry into the building, limiting access into the center. The building has webcams, which are secured and have restricted internet access. Parents can view the day's activities from their home or work computers.

The facility is located in a safe, residential neighborhood near I-75 but away from the busy streets and intersections.

Children receive nutritious snacks, breakfast and lunch every day at Lil' Peoples' Place.

"We have the best chef," Butler smiled. "We offer a hot and nutritious breakfast and lunch. Our chef has added a ton of healthy and fun options for our children."

Lil' Peoples' Place also supports community events and activities and has sponsored Independence Township Parks & Recreation baseball teams in the summer.

"We look forward to supporting different community events," says Butler. They also offer specials and incentives for their current parents for their referrals.

"Our high enrollment is based mainly on parent referrals and we feel our families are why we are #1," Wolford adds.

Lil' Peoples' Place is located at 6475 Waldon Center Drive.

For more information, call 248-620-8600 or visit www.lilpeoplesplace.com.

## Enjoy Up North fun, food right here in Clarkston

Folks driving down Waterford Road know when it's Friday night. That's when they get a delicious whiff of the Friday Night Fish Fry at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, voted Best of the Best four consecutive years by *The Clarkston News*' readers.

The dinner is just \$8 and includes fried or baked North Atlantic Cod, fried chicken, fries, hot vegetable, cole slaw, cornbread, and rolls – all prepared Friday morning.

"We serve the best quality fish fry in southeast Michigan," said Dan Stiff, OCSC manager. "Everything is made with the best ingredients and the freshest quality possible. The fish is fresh, never frozen, and wild caught, not farm raised. That makes a big difference, it guarantees quality."

The club serves from 5:30-8 p.m. Carry out dinners and nine-piece bucket of chicken are available.

"It is a big draw for when you don't want to cook," Stiff 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 p.m.-11 p.m., and on Sunday 1-9 p.m. The bar kitchen is open Tuesday through Thursday, 5-10 p.m., and Sunday, 1-6 p.m.

6 p.m.

"We're the only place in town to do that," Stiff said. "We make our own burger patties from fresh ground beef, never frozen."

Also, Sunday is Burrito Day with giant beef and bean burritos for \$6.

"It's well worth the trip down Waterford Road," Stiff smiled.



Fans fill Oakland County Sportsmen's Club to enjoy their Best of the Best Fish Fry every Friday.

The club also does a breakfast once a month on the second Sunday.

The main building and bar is also perfect for wedding receptions and private parties, with a full-time catering staff and pricing for any budget. The large space includes a stage for a DJ or band, and a large screened porch with beautiful picturesque outdoor scenery.

While visiting Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, find out why members enjoy the opportunities offered at the facility.

"It's 245 acres of Up North, surrounded by suburbia, a good place to be," Stiff said.

Club members are outdoorsmen, hunters, target and competition shooters, anglers, midget-car racers, and more.

"And we have members who don't partake in any of that. They just like the place," Stiff said. "People enjoy the camaraderie of the club."

They have a 25-, 50-, and 100-yard outdoor rifle range, indoor pistol range, outdoor and indoor archery ranges, shotgun skeet and trap, camping area, and 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 who enjoys shooting go—archery, rifle, pistol, muzzle loader," Stiff 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 \$255 for the first year with a \$225 annual membership renewal."

The OCSC membership term starts this month. It's a family affair, including member, spouse and children under the age of 18. The OCSC also offers training sessions for youth.

"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," he added.

The club offers a Junior Rifle program, instructional archery, JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development Program), and their annual Junior Sportsmen's Adventure Day in May. OCSC is located at 4770 Waterford Road. For more information, please call 248-623-0444; visit www.ocsclub.org or email ocsclub@sbcglobal.net.



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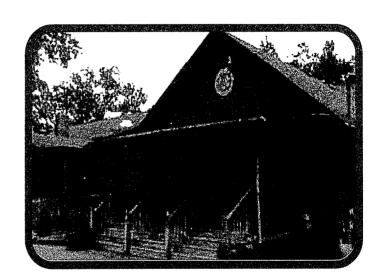
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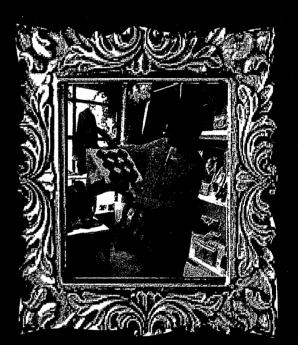




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Christina Calka, owner of Village Fashion Boutique.

# One-stop shopping in style at Village Fashion Boutique

The place for fun, fashion and shopping is Village Fashion Boutique, conveniently located at 6 North Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Christina Calka, owner, is excited for 2014 after returning from merchandise shows all over. She can't wait to share all the fun new clothing and accessories she found.

"There are a lot of fun options for the season – tons of colors and looks. It was hard to narrow them down," she said.

Village Fashion Boutique offers trendy and traditional clothes, jewelry, and purses in a range of fun, medium, and high-end options, including Tribal, Neon Buddha, Pure Sweaters, NYDJ, Chalet, Brighton, My Flat in London, Jimmy Crystal, Anne Koplik, Simply Whisper and other quality lines – many made in Michigan and/or the United States.

Stop in if you're out shopping with your girlfriends, looking for the perfect outfit, need an accessory update, or just to look! It is also a popular spot for men looking for something special for a special someone. Assistance is always provided.

"We offer service like you can't get at the mall," said Pat Easterday, employee. "You get extra attention, and things like maintaining a wish list so your significant other will know what you want, gift wrapping and special orders. We make it easy for them – one-stop shopping."

"Customers like unique items they will not see everywhere else," Calka added. "It's a fun place to come visit."

At Village Fashion Boutique, customers can feel at ease because they offer a relaxed atmosphere.

"No pressure," she explained. "We want your experience with us to be enjoyable so the next time you're in town you'll come back."

They're also happy to personally help customers pick out clothing and jewelry.

"Are you shopping for yourself, or a gift for someone else? Looking for fun vacation wear, or something for college? I try to put together what I think you would like, and give you ideas," Easterday said.

Combinations are important, incorporating new items into your wardrobe, changing the look with different colors, jewelry pieces, and accessories to look great in different seasons, occasions, and events – that gives you the best value.

"I think it's huge for me to be here every day and build relationships with my customers," Calka added. "If you're honest and not pushy, people will love what they buy from you and come back the next time they need something. We send out emails to notify customers about upcoming promotions, new arrivals, sales and retail events but only if you want to be."

She also stays on top of all her customers' fashion desires and handpicks every item in the store. Village Fashion Boutique also has gift certificates and offers gift wrapping for that extra special touch. They are open Monday, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 12-3 p.m.

"And you can always call, we'll stay open for you," Easterday said.

For more information, please call 248-241-6901 and find them on Facebook – Village Fashion Boutique.

# All Saint's Cemetery, The Preserve Green Cemetery, keepers of family tradition for more than 170 years

All Saints Cemetery in Waterford is nestled on the shores of Maceday/Lotus Lakes on the border of Clarkston. It sits upon 128 acres of property filled with serene settings and is adjacent to wildlife and bird sanctuaries

"The property is quiet and inspirational, which provides a tranquil environment for meditation, contemplation and prayer to remember a loved one," said Director Russ Burns of All Saint's and The Preserve cemeteries.

As part of the Mt. Elliot Cemetery Association, which has been serving Southeastern Michigan since 1841, All Saint's Cemetery offers a wide variety of options from traditional burial, mausoleum and cremation entombment, and two grave monument lots, to a special new type of "green burial" for the environmentally conscious.

Located in a portion of the cemetery known as "The Preserve," the natural burials prohibit the use of grave liners, embalming, and all non-biodegradable materials for those laid to rest in an untouched landscape.

As the only certified cemetery in southeastern Michigan offering green burials, this unique final resting place provides a natural setting with a peaceful stream, rolling landscapes, and protected marshland.

Views at All Saints include a large limestone carved statue of Jesus, surrounded by gardens and beautiful scenic landscapes full of flowering trees, bushes and lovely laid beds of flowering perennials.

Phase 2 of the Garden of the Apostles Mausoleum will feature 168 crypts and 420 cremation niches for above ground entombment. Special sections have been reserved as family areas where generations will remember you and your loved ones.

All Saints is now offering a pre-construction pricing on mausoleum and cremation niche selections.

#### Pre-planning is a thoughtful action

The value of pre-planning a final resting

place should never be underestimated.

Pre-planning makes a grief-filled time in life much easier on families and saves a great deal of money.

"Pre-planning makes it easier especially when a loved one passes suddenly," said Burns. "You just can't think clearly when it happens."

Pre-planning also ensures your final wishes are fulfilled.

"You want to make sure you have your wishes taken care of," said Burns. "So many different aspects go into planning a memorial, more than most people realize—more than 59 things to consider."

When everything is pre-planned, your family is able to celebrate life rather than worry about how to finance funeral plans, he said.

Ensuring final resting plans are in place should be considered another type of insurance, like a 401K or retirement plan. Prices double every 8-10 years and you can save considerable money if you pre-plan at age 55 and live another 30-40 years. Payment plans are available.

#### Special ceremonies at All Saint's

All Saint's welcomes visitors to partake in memorials held throughout the year to remember those who have passed.

- Memorial Day All Saints welcomes visitors to a full Mass followed by a ceremony in the veterans' section of the cemetery to pay tribute to heroes, both fallen and living, who have served their country.
- Deck the Trees held the first Saturday in December visitors are welcome to decorate natural ornaments to be hung on trees to feed wildlife. An annual tradition at All Saints, the event includes fellowship, music and refreshments as loved ones are remembered.

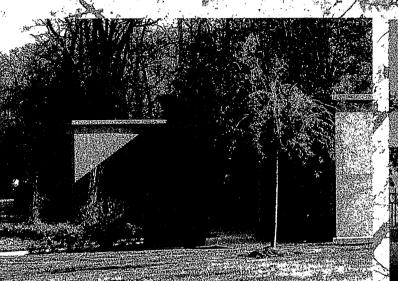
For more information about All Saints Cemetery, visit www.mtelliot.com/allsaints, or call 248-623-9633.

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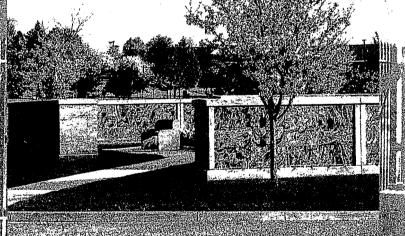
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# Fresh new look, tastes at Andiamo Trattoria

Food enthusiasts are discovering the difference at Andiamo Trattoria, 7228 N. Main Street, since it opened in mid-January.

General Manager Tony Vitale describes what is new at the location in one word, "everything," as Mesquite Creek changed to Andiamo Trattoria and Andiamo celebrates their 25th anniversary.

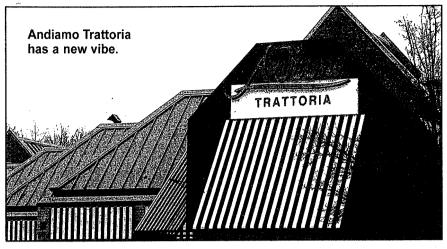
"Twenty-five years ago the first Andiamo opened with the principles of making excellent food and doing things right," Vitale said. "Here we are 25 years later in a time where restaurants are known for cutting corners and cutting everything back to save. We are doing everything we can to stay true to our original roots, concentrate on the basics and do food and service like nobody else does.

"Customers are looking for more and we are the place that can absolutely deliver," he added.

They offer the community fantastic food with Andiamo quality, excellent service, and a smiling face of management anytime you

"From when you come in, it is the colors, the feeling, the vibe. We have an open feeling to the restaurant," Vitale added. "It has a fun family feel - Trattoria means a family gathering place in Italian."

He added, as the newest restaurant in Clarkston, it is their responsibility to deliver the Andiamo's staples to the community.



"I believe those things are excellent food, excellent service and when you translate that, it is a full excellent dining experience whether it's lunch, dinner, carry-out or an outside catered event," Vitale said.

They also reach out into the community by sponsoring events and donating food to local events.

"We have so many more resources," he said. "It will allow us to do everything better including really supporting the local commu-

The feedback they have received from the community within the first few weeks have been positive. One of the most frequent things people have said how affordable everything is on the menu and the variety of options from appetizers to entrees.

"They get excited about it," Vitale smiled. He added the interesting aspect of the menu is Andiamo Trattoria has taken the favorites of Andiamo over the years and put it on the family friendly menu.

"They have created a menu with families in mind," he said. "This is a very fun and casual version Andiamo."

Whether you are craving a sandwich like a Meatball Sandwich with house-made meatballs, tomato sauce, three cheese blend on a toasted baguette, or leaning towards being

healthier with a salad like the Mediterranean Kale with grilled chicken, shaved carrots, red onion, dried cranberries and toasted almonds in raspberry vinaigrette, or maybe you are craving a pasta dish from Chef Alda's Pasta Specialties menu with a variety of options, you will find something to make your taste buds zing to life.

"We have the traditional items," Vitale said. "We have lasagna that just melts in your mouth with the homemade noodles, the sausage and the handmade sauce. On the appetizer menu we have an Andiamo Giant Meatball with veal, pork, and stuffed with ricotta cheese."

He added it isn't just the menu items but ingredients they use like herbs and vegetables and attention to detail.

Happy Hour is Monday through Friday, 4 6 p.m. in the bar area with \$3 specials on domestic beer, \$4 house wine and \$5 martinis with a special small plates menu. Reverse Happy Hour is Thursday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to close in the bar area.

Andiamo Trattoria is open for lunch from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Mondays through Saturday and 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sundays. They are open for dinner 4 - 10 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; 4 - 11 p.m., Thursday through Saturday; and 3 - 9 p.m. on Sunday. Please visit www.andiamoitalia.com or call 248-620-9300 for more information.

### Keep indoors comfortable with service by Aire Serv

"Aire Serv is excited to be a fast growing company and looks to take a larger market share in North Oakland County," said owner Ryan Pence of his Clarkston location.

Offering customers top-notch customer service for anything heating and air conditioning related, Pence said great customer service stems from being locally owned and operated, which guarantees comprehensive services.

Before opening Air Serv four years ago, Pence worked at Pence Mechanical.

Aire Serv's location in Clarkston is one of 170 locations in the United States and Canada.

In addition to repair and installation services, an Aire Serv maintenance plan saves customers money by ensuring their heating and air conditioning units are always in good condition.

Crews also work on designing new home comfort systems to maximizing heating and air conditioning equipment for home or business. Additional services in Clarkston include air duct cleaning and ensuring indoor air quality with air cleaners and humidification's sys-

Technicians repair all brands of heating and air conditioning equipment and always treat a customer's home with respect.

Aire Serv is open 24 hours a day, seven



Aire Serv Heating and Air Conditioning technicians offer top-notch service.

days a week so customers can get a technician to their home immediately.

Since Aire Serv is open 24-7, Pence said customers are never charged overtime rates. "Customers never pay an overtime fee," he said. "We also make sure our customers have all the options so they know the price before we start the job."

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In addition to free estimates on replacements of equipment, Aire Serv offers flexible financing options so customers can choose a payment plan to fits their needs.

Dominick H., a customer in Ortonville, said he credits the hard work and honesty of Aire Serv technicians for his commitment to be a customer for life. "Great company," he said.

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# Hit the road and cycle with Kinetic Systems

When Louise Kasl and Jeff Noftz opened Kinetic Systems in Clarkston 35 years ago, cycling was mostly marketed to children, but not anymore.

"It's definitely now recognized as a true sport," Kasl said.

Kinetic Systems carries the specialized equipment riders need for mountain biking, cyclocross, road and recreational cycling, along with the experience and enthusiasm needed to keep cyclists on the road.

"Cycling is a great way to get through traffic, with long term health benefits. It's a great way to unwind after work, and when you get to work, feel energized with a higher level of energy."

Kinetic Systems offers a wide assortment of bicycles, accessories, parts, and services for all aspects of the cycling world. Customer service is second to none.

Among the latest in cycling is fat bikes, designed for Iditarod bikes races in Alaska and equipped with super wide tires that work great in the snow and sand.

"They're really stable bikes," Kasl said. "It's a whole new category – it's hard to get one of the newest. They'll roll over anything, and it's not hard to ride. I'm always surprised by how well they roll."

The cycling community is also taking off, starting in big cities with programs to borrow or rent bikes. Manufacturers are designing bikes and equipment specifically for commuters, built for rough roads with a trailer or rack for laptops and other items needed for work.

"People keep a suit in the closet at work," said Kasl, who cycle commutes herself. "There are all sorts of bags and gear for bike commuters."

Kinetic Systems opened in 1979 on Dixie Highway, and moved to 60 S. Main Street in 1986.

"The local stores carried low end bikes for kids. Jeff and I were bike riders, and we wanted nicer, high quality bikes," Kasl said. "It was the right time. It was growing, with a surge in interest in bicycle trips and racing in the United States."

They were the only shop in the area and became known quickly.

"We started a cycling club, went to races, and sold T-shirts around the state," she said.

Their Flying Rhino logo, designed by an artist friend, was with them from the beginning.

"It started as a lizard, but morphed into a rhino. It was cool, different," she said.

Kinetic 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.

They also offer indoor classes, training rides, and classes, including sessions just for women. Topics include basic rules of the road, hands-on bike maintenance, as well as yoga, stretches, and exercises for the rider. Store hours are Mondays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sundays, 12-4 p.m. For more information, call Kinetic Systems, 60 S. Main Street, at 248-625-7000.



Jeff Noftz, here at the shop, and Louise Kasl keep Clarkston riding with Kinetic Systems.

### Latest in laser therapy beats swelling, pain at Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery

When Sharon Kozlowski, 72, of Waterford had surgery on her left knee, post-operative recovery was a problem.

"There was a lot of swelling and I was in a lot of pain – I couldn't get around," Kozlowski said.

Fortunately, Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery in Clarkston had a way to help – MLS Laser Therapy.

MLS Laser Therapy is a state-of-the-art breakthrough in restoring patient mobility. It uses specific wavelengths of light with a strong anti-inflammatory, anti-edema effect on tissues exposed to the laser. Painful conditions accompanied by swelling or inflammation benefit from this technology.

She read a brochure about the laser treatment and asked her physical therapist about it.

"I thought, why not try it," she said.

"The center is proud to be on the medical technological forefront by offering MLS Laser Therapy," said Dr. Shivajee V. Nallamothu D.O., F.A.O.A.O., of Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery. "We have invested in the very best technology as a key component of our continuing quest to offer you the finest in health care."

Photons of laser energy penetrate deeply into tissue and accelerate cellular reproduction and growth. As a result of exposure to the MLS Laser, the cells of tendons ligaments and muscles repair themselves faster. As inflammation is reduced, pain subsides very quickly. In simple terms, laser energy kickstarts the healing process, thereby speeding recovery.

Unlike some pharmacological solutions, there are no known negative side effects. Laser therapy is cleared by the FDA and is safe and effective.

Like most patients, Kozlowski reports no sensation at all while receiving laser therapy.

"You don't feel any heat at all, you don't feel anything," she



Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery Tech Brenda McIsaac demonstrates the MLS Laser Therapy.

said. "The staff is very professional."

Treatments average eight minutes. MLS Laser Therapy is fast acting, and many patients in high levels of acute pain experience relief after the first or second treatment.

"After the third treatment, I noticed the swelling decreasing and it hasn't come back," said Kozlowski, who received five treatments. "It's like it was before — my knee's fine now. It helped a lot. I'd recommend it to anybody. It worked for me."

Over 90 percent of patients experience positive results after the third treatment, with the average course of treatment being 7-10 sessions. In many cases, by the third or fourth treatment, swelling is greatly reduced and there is a rapid relief of pain. The effects of MLS Laser Therapy are cumulative; therefore, expect to see improvement as you proceed through your Treatment Plan. Chronic conditions can be controlled with regular treatments. Acute conditions usually subside quickly, typically within one phase of treatments.

It is critical that once you start, you complete the course of treatments recommended by your doctor or symptoms are likely to reoccur.

MLS Laser Therapy effectively treats tendon and ligament injuries; soft tissue injuries; muscle strains and tears; sore muscles and joints; degenerative joint conditions; neurological pain; chronic non-healing wounds; general pain; musculoskeletal disorders; pre and post-surgical treatment; anti-inflammation applications; and specific neurological conditions.

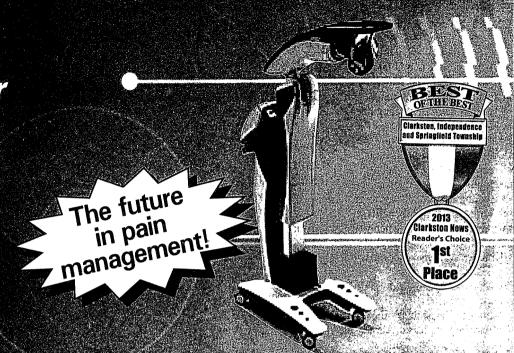
Benefits of MLS Laser Therapy include rapid relief of pain; strong anti-inflammatory effect; timely healing of sprains and strains; rapid recovery of the structural integrity of injured region; rapid resolution of swollen areas; immediate improvement of local blood circulation; and rapid repair of superficial injuries, such as wounds and ulcers.

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For more information, call Dr. Nallamothu and Dr. Edward J. Lis, D.O., F.A.O.A.O., at the Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery, 5701 Bow Pointe Drive, Suite 300, at 248-620-2325 or email www.mcfos.com.

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"Dr. Lis recommended the MLS Laser Therapy for my chronic neck pain, but I was skeptical," admits Ron Swift. "After about 6 treatments I began to feel a change. My trigger point and scapular pain is gone and has not returned. With the MLS laser, treatments are quick painless and effective. I recommend it to anyone suffering from chronic pain".

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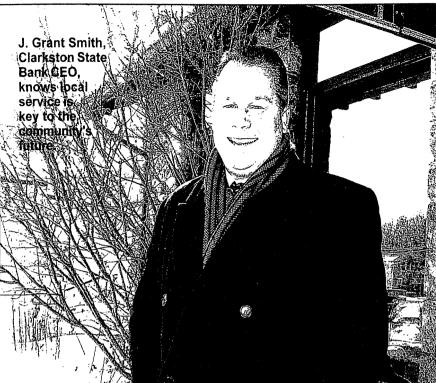








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## Clarkston State Bank serves local community

At a time when most banks are doing better this year than years ago. The headquartered out of state, Clarkstonites continue to have a local option - Clarkston

Ever since its founding in 1911 and with 15 years on Main Street in downtown Clarkston, the financial institution has at its core been a community bank.

"Being local means working with people you know," said J. Grant Smith, CEO. "When our customers come in, we greet them by name. When somebody calls on the phone, they talk to a person, not a recorded voice. If they have a concern, they can come in and sit down with us and we'll work it out."

Being local also means continuous involvement in the community. Bank managers and tellers volunteer for SCAMP, Clarkston Foundation, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and many other Clarkston groups and organizations.

"It takes a lot of time and effort to make a community go. The best way to do that is to get involved, and it's something we like to do," Smith said.

He and the bank's directors have strong feelings about community banking. They believe a community with its own bank has an economic leg up on those who do not. Community banks help build and grow communities.

The bank is doing great. We've had a really strong 2013, strong profitability, a good year on the lending side," he said. "I'm optimistic about 2014. Business is definitely housing market is improving. The economy is healing, and people are doing better."

CSB offers customers the same services of much larger banks. Smith said a large part of their customer base is comprised of small

They offer electronic banking, payroll, and collection services and on-line management. He also asks the local business community to check into CSB's commercial lending

For personal banking, CSB offers classic checking, interest bearing checking accounts, money market account and standard savings accounts. Their CD options are at competitive market rates. There is a term and CD for every customer.

Also, new online products and mobile apps for smartphones offer more options and features for electronic banking.

While bigger banks accepted Federal bailouts, Smith takes pride that CSB was able to weather the economic storm on their own.

"The board had a clear vision and strong business plan that we were able to carry out, he said. "We are now in our first full year of recovery and I am very appreciative of the board, our staff and the community who stood with us when things got tight.'

To find out more about Clarkston State Bank, call 248-625-8585, go online at www.ClarkstonStateBank.com, or stop by one of their four branches for a cup of coffee and talk to a branch manager.

believe the body was made to move and workouts should be a 'want to' rather than a 'have

As soon as you walk in the door at Mueva Fitness, the uplifting vibe in the atmosphere immediately hits you.

Clarkston natives Jen Breen, Lindsay Green and Teressa Farough came together to open the fitness studio in 2012 because they share health-minded spirits and believe an active lifestyle is the key to health and hap-

The studio is diverse. While doing yoga, the atmosphere is one of peace and calm. Green said the yoga room was expanded in 2014. "We built a separate yoga room that has turned into a sanctuary to lead folks into a restorative state of calm," she said.

When it's time to get moving, the studio is transformed into an energetic space harnessing energy and motivation.

Mueva staff encourage their clients to motivation in their many classes including Zumba, Pilates, kickboxing, Bootcamp and Bokwa. They have also fused classes such as yoga and pilates, to appeal to a wider range of fitness needs. Beginner classes are also offered.

"It's our passion to bring you to the healthiest version of yourself," the gals agree.

"Not to mention it's fun to get in shape and eat healthy," Green said. "Exercising and good nutrition increases energy, lifts the spirit and promotes longevity.'

We strive to make workouts fresh, energizing and refreshing," said Farough.

Green also serves as a Certified Holistic Nutrition Coach and offers workshops and individualized coaching sessions, group seminars and workshops at the studio.

an important aspect of the business.

"People continue to walk through our doors not only for the fitness, but for the connection they feel and the confidence they acquire through trust and realizing their own potential," said Breen. "We gain a great deal of knowledge by making connections and friendships with our participants."

Recognizing each client is different, the gals work to customize plans for each client's fitness and nutrition needs.

Mueva also believes in connecting with the community by participating in tons of community events that work for good causes.

"It's the community that built these walls," the ladies agree, expressing appreciation to the Clarkston community.

In 2013, the studio teamed up with "Stand up to Cancer" by bringing a grassroots fundraising effort to Clarkston via outdoor yoga classes for all levels of skill, through a partnership with First Congressional Church in Clarkston. The staff along with 100 "yogis" raised \$8,554 for Clarkston Moves to a

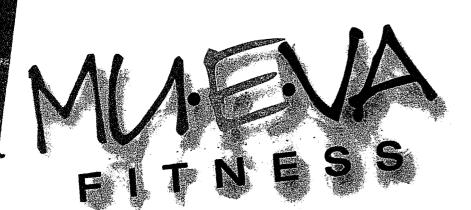
For parents, the gals teamed up with Erin Wolford, director of Lil' People's Place in Clarkston, to provide childcare during classes. Child care is offered in all morning classes and most evening classes.

Breen and Green, both former elementary schools teachers, are launching a Mueva Kids Yoga and Zumba program that will run in 6 week sessions, starting Tuesday, March 11,

Mueva Fitness is located at 6465 Dixie Highway. For more information visit their web site at www.muevafitness.com or friend them on Facebook at facebook.com/muevafitness, email at info@muevafitness.com.

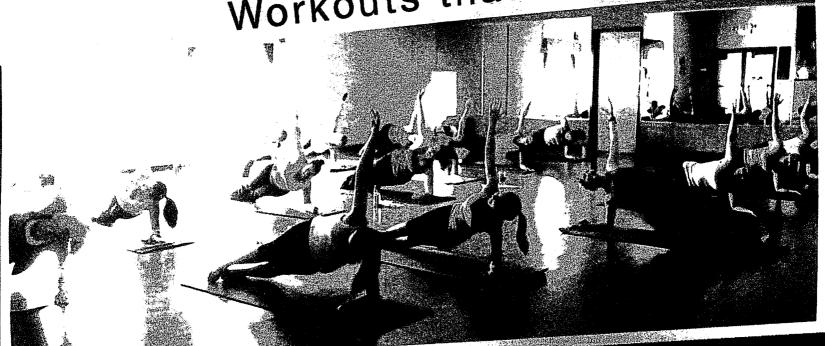


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Waterford's Our Lady of the Lakes educates students grades Pre K-12.

# Our Lady of the Lakes, a little school with a big footprint

Waterford's Our Lady of the Takes, a Catholic school, welcomes students grades Pre K-12, and offers families an atmosphere built around teaching faith and values along with a core educational curriculum.

Founded in 1956, the school has grown tremendously, now educating nearly 600 students in all grades on one site. Uniformed students at OLL are educated with peers from families that share common values and faith.

Many may think education at the private school would be expensive, but it's actually very affordable by Oakland County standards, said longtime President Carl Uberti, who is noted by staff as being a very handson approachable leader.

For the past two years, OLL has piloted an innovative shared service program with Clarkston Community Schools. CCS counts OLL students in their pupil count and in return provides funding to pay for non-core curriculum teachers at OLL.

"The program allows us to offer more advanced placement and online courses," said Uberti, expressing deep appreciation to CCS administration, especially program Director Billie Pambid.

Much different than public school, the core of education at OLL is focused on quality education as well as religious values.

OLL is a traditional Catholic school emphasizing faith by having students attend religion class and Mass once a week. A smaller setting also allows staff to provide increased individualized instruction to students.

Principal Kathy Lewis said staff at OLL knows every single student.

OLL has long been recognized for their academic achievements with a large percentage of students accepted into prestigious universities.

"We are able to send out students to all the best universities," Uberti said. "We really have a long record of accomplishments and our students also get opportunities for full scholarships based on their achievements in sports."

The school's success in sports is apparent when you enter the gymnasium filled with banners from championship wins through the years.

Education, faith, values, family, sports, and giving back to your community, are all important for a well-rounded student.

Beginning in middle school, the students must fulfill a certain number of community service hours each year.

"We require our students to participate in outreach opportunities through a variety of projects focused on helping others," he said.

Parent of four students at OLL, Chris Mersino said he believes the school is tops.

"At OLL, you are surrounded by parents and students who like you are focused on fundamentals of values and education," said Mersino.

"We are a little school with a big footprint in the community," Uberti said. "What makes us successful is that our kids grow up to be good people. We are only successful if Lakers make their community better."

For more information on OLL visit www.ollonline.org or visit them at 5495 Dixie Highway in Waterford.

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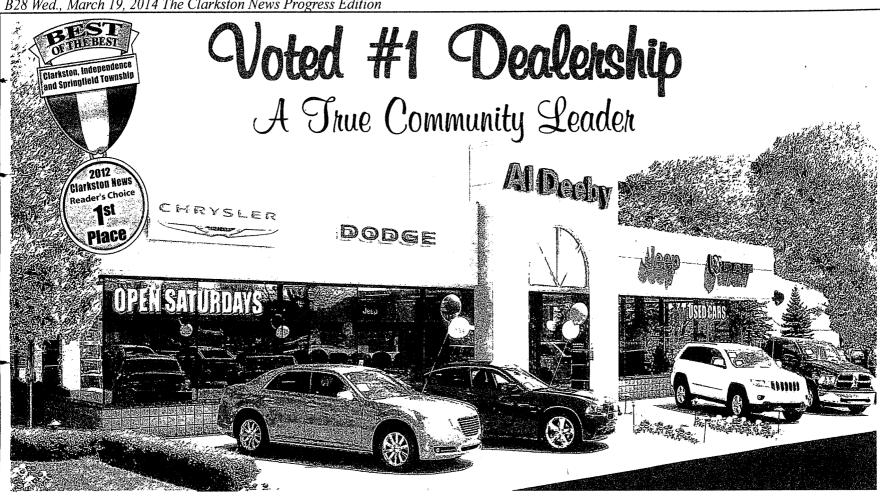
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Store Director John Schmidt, Assistant Store Director Therese Cooper, and the rest of the crew serve the community at Neiman's Family Market.

### Neiman's means community

Throughout history, an integral part of every small community has been the local market. For Clarkston, that's Neiman's Family Market.

"It's one of those places they can call their own," said John Schmidt, store director. "People here in Clarkston are very proud of the area. They like to shop locally, at businesses right here."

Neiman's Family Market is equally committed to their hometown.

"We're proud to be a part of the Clarkston community," Schmidt said. "It's part of what Neiman's Family Market is all about, being in the community and staying involved with the community."

Employees at the Dixie Highway market participate in downtown parades and events, and the store sponsors the fireworks at the Fourth of July Festival in Clintonwood Park, and supports Clarkston football, dance, basketball, and many other groups.

"Employees marching in parades and at other community events, they're all volunteers. It builds them up," he said.

At Taste of Clarkston, Neiman's spread the word of the new market with cookies and bagels.

"It's a great event, with an impressive crowd. We look forward to being involved next year," Schmidt said. "It was a great way to get our face out there and let people know we're here." They're also very active with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, working with local businesses to help SCAMP, Clarkston Foundation, Easter Seals, Gleaners, Lighthouse, Blessings in a Backpack, Clarkston schools' Stuff a Bus, and other charity projects.

"Shoppers filled a moving van out front with food for families in need last Thanksgiving – this area collected the most food of four locations," Schmidt said.

They work all year for Lighthouse food bank, with shopping bags at the front of the store. Customers fill them with donations and Lighthouse picks them up.

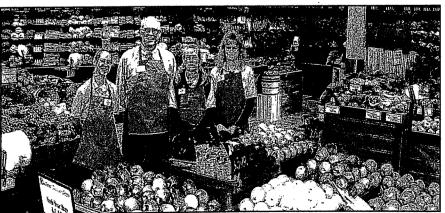
"It's an ongoing thing – there's a lot of need in the area," he said.

They're also working with fellow businesses to continue to build up the area.

"We're here with the idea of being here for the long term," he said. "The Neiman family set it up that way, for the long term, to continue to grow with the community."

The area has a lot of great restaurants, health facilities, everything the community needs to prosper.

"Our big goal is to continue to work on doing a better job every day we're here, continue to strengthen staff and associate base, and be a business Clarkston can be proud of," he said. Hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. all week. Call Neiman's Family Market, 7121 Dixie Highway, at 248-625-6460.



## Full service nutrition stop

Over the last three years Nuview Nutrition has seen a growing trend as people's perceptions on health has grown and changed.

"People are becoming more proactive to stay healthy instead of waiting to be sick and then taking action, said Cindy Crandell, R.N., C.N., owner and founder.

"They want to prevent it. They see their family members who have struggled with diabetes, heart disease and strokes. They don't want to follow in the same path."

Nuview Nutrition uses a functional medicine approach and specializes in reversing and delaying chronic illness through customized nutrition.

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They teach people how to develop skills to manage stress. Patients learn healthy lifestyle techniques for a lifetime.

They have recently added one more to the staff, Terri Caunt, R.N. and Lifestyle Educator.

"We are really excited about having her as part of the team and helping with the client load," Crandell smiled.

Terri has been in the nursing profession for over a decade and graduated with high honors from Lake Superior State University. Her past experience includes educating clients about health and wellness, disease prevention, and nutrition for maintaining a well-balanced lifestyle.

One of the popular nutrition programs clients can try is SHAPE ReClaimed, which was introduced last year.

It is a weight loss and detoxification program where clients can lose half a pound to a pound a day and reset their baseline metabolic rate.

"It's a safe weight loss program," Crandell explained. "You do not lose any muscle. It is very simple to follow. It is a step approach to a lifestyle plan."

Crandell has patients who use it for other reasons besides losing weight. It can reduce inflammation because it is an anti-inflammatory diet approach. Inflammation is the underlying issue in many disease states.

Nuview is teaming up with Frank J. Granett, R.ph., author of *Over Medicating Our Youth*.

"We are teaming up with him to help children and parents find alternative means through diet and behavioral modification for the first step in their treatment for ADHD," said Crandell..

She added a lot of times with ADHD there are underlining issues with candida, parasites and heavy metal toxicity and subluxations. Children can also be sensitive to gluten, dairy, food preservatives and food coloring.

"Once these things can be removed, often times we can see the symptoms improve," Crandell said. "We clean up their diet and get them off to a healthier start."

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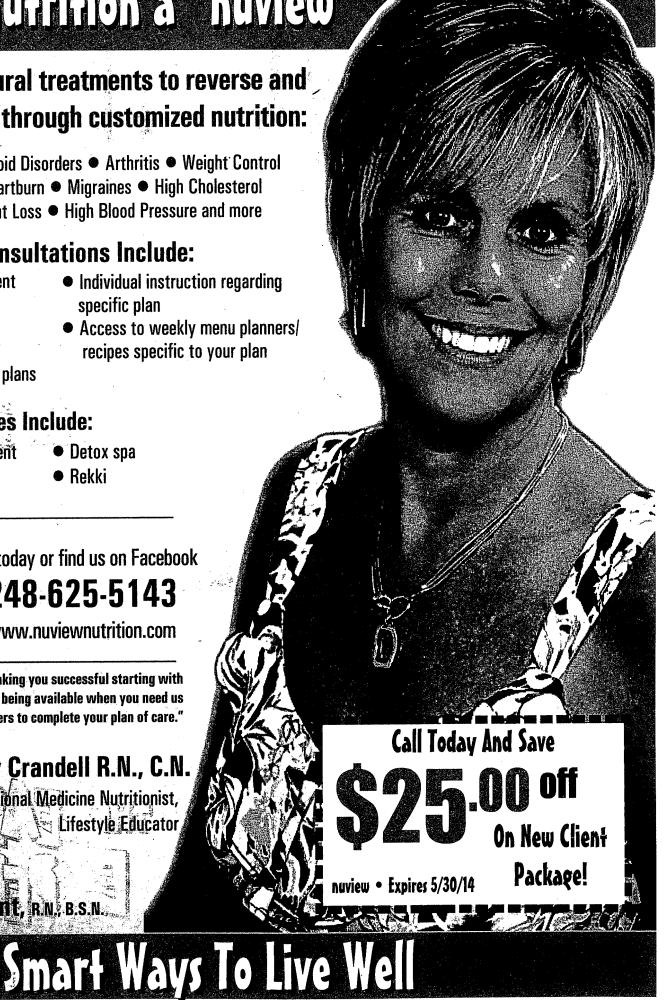
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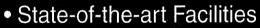
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As Pam Rush walks the halls of The Learning Experience, little hands and smiling faces are eager to hug her.

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Creative projects crafted by kids, thankyou notes from parents and awards of recognition from numerous community service projects decorate the walls of the colorful

Infants, Toddlers, Twaddlers, Preppers, Preschool and PreK students are cared for, each learning skills relative to their age.

The 11,000-square-foot building is always clean and packed full of smiling faces eager to learn in a fun-filled environment. Staff ensure safety is a priority.

Clarkston's TLE is among 125 centers across the United States focused on delivering a state-of-the-art curriculum to give students a head start in education.

"Our state-of-the-art education is what draws parents to us," said Ms. Pam. "We have the best curriculum and cutting edge technology combined with in class experi-

One educational tool at TLE is the Learning Experience Academy Program or L.E.A.P, which educates students using a web-based, interactive whiteboard and other educational materials, activities and social interactions.



Make Believe Boulevard is just a piece of the fun at The Learning Experience in Clarkston.

Programs like Fun with Phonics engage students in language focused lessons.

Sign language and Spanish are taught early. "The younger the better," smiled Ms.

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"We make believe every day," smiled Ms. Pam. A big part of make believe takes place in a mock town called Make Believe Boulevard.

Like the fantasy-filled fun play town, TLE's Mascot Bubbles is everyone's favorite too.

A happy mascot, Bubbles intrigues kids as they learn about colors, shapes or man-

Ms. Pam said a large interactive whiteboard allows Bubbles, and other lessons, to come to life.

Of course the staff make all the magic come to life too. Ms. Pam said she hires staff with a nurturing spirit and caring heart.

"That type of person is good for the soul,"

Before opening TLE in 2009, Ms. Pam had her own home daycare for more than 30 years.

The TLE franchise had built the Clarkston center and it was vacant until Ms. Pam took the reins.

"It was just waiting for someone," she said. "I knew from the get go Clarkston parents only wanted the best for their children!"

For more information visit thelearningexperience.com or find them on Facebook at The Learning Experience. TLE is located at 7210 Sashabaw Road 248.625.

# Heavenly hamburgers at Clarkston's Halo Burger

March is Customer Appreciation Month at Halo Burger of Clarkston - enjoy a QP Combo with burger, fries, and drink for \$5.

"You can feed your family of four for \$20, a good sized meal with great flavor at a great value," said Polly Dortch-Conlan, marketing

"Everything is delicious and amazingly fresh," said Brianna Shaver, store manager. "The food is great, with awesome burgers, hand-dipped shakes, and delicious fries."

The hand-pressed hamburgers are 100 percent fresh premium beef, never frozen, with ketchup, mustard, pickles, onions, lettuce, tomato and mayo, unless you prefer them another way.

"And we always serve a generous amount of toppings," Dortch-Conlan said. "On a QP burger with olives, our signature burger, you'll get a whole bunch of green olives with lots of condiments, all on a great tasting, juicy burger made to order."

Treats include family favorites like the Boston Cooler, made with Vernors and vanilla ice cream, and Otis Spunkmeyer cookies, baked fresh every day.

Halo Burger was founded in 1923 in Flint, Mich., by Sam Blair, selling his famous delux burgers with the flat bottom bun, mayo, lettuce, and tomato from a boxcar style wagon.



Brianna Shaver, store manager, serves the famous QP burgers and other favorites at Halo Burger in Clarkston.

Continued by Bill Thomas and family, Halo Burger introduced their now famous 1/2 pound Supreme hamburger in 1974, and opened locations throughout the Flint area, Birch Run, Saginaw, Troy, friendly service and great seating," Dortch- www.haloburger.com. \*

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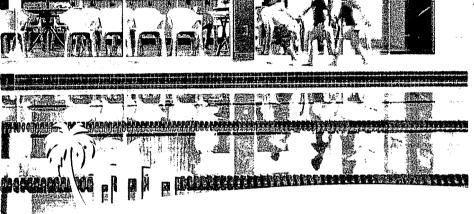


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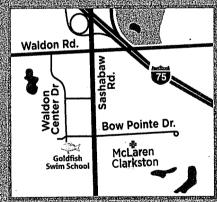
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### Start lifetime of swimming at Goldfish Swim School

Owner Mike Mast understands what families are looking for in a learn-to-swim program when they walk into Goldfish Swim School, located at 6340 Waldon Center Drive.

Several years ago, while searching for the right learn-toswim program for his own children. Mast tried a number of session-based programs that just didn't fit his family's needs. What he found instead were programs with little structure in many cases, schedules and facilities that were not conducive to teaching kids to swim, and pool and ambient temperatures in the chilly 60s and 70s.

A visit to the original Goldfish Swim School location in Birmingham changed that for Mast and his children.

"After just a short time at Goldfish, our kids were competent swimmers, and the experience for myself, my wife and my children was second to none," said Mast. "It was at that time I recognized what a great program Goldfish offers and what made me want to become an owner myself. I am so pleased to be able to offer the same experience to other families in Clarkston and the surrounding communities."

Goldfish Swim School offers curriculum based, perpetual swim classes for kids from four months to 12-years-old in a kid friendly atmosphere.

"Our focus is on water safety first and stroke competence as students move through the program, which finishes at the Rec Swim Team level," Mast said. "We offer students a place to swim, designed and dedicated to their success."

He added the average teacher to student ratio is 4-to-1 to give swimmers the personalized attention they need while helping young swimmers learn and work on their skills.

Goldfish also has a 90-degree water temperature, with an ambient temperature to match making it far more inviting to



The professional staff at Goldfish Swim School.

young swimmers. Families of students can watch from a comfortable glass walled, "tropical style" viewing area.

The curriculum-based program at Goldfish is broken into five groups: Mini, Junior, Beginner, Glider/Star/Pro and Recreational Swim team.

As a general rule, there are four Mini classes for swimmers ranging from 4-35 months, some of which include adult participation. Junior classes are for toddlers from 3-4 years of age while Beginner classes are for children 5 years old and up. The Glider/Star/Pro classes are advanced classes for children 4 years old and up.

The Recreational Swim Team sessions are for graduates from the pro level and offer young competent swimmers an entry level experience in Swim Team.

Goldfish will offer Jump Start Clinics as the summer months

get closer, Mast added. The clinics are five consecutive days of swim lessons.

"It is to help kids to quickly acclimate to swimming and give them a great start to their swimming experience," he

Goldfish also offers weekend birthday parties and open swim times for families. Family Swim Times are offered weekly throughout the year to everyone in the community, not just their enrolled customers.

Mast and the rest of the staff at the Clarkston location are excited for 2014 and the future.

"Being a relatively new store, we continue to root ourselves in the community," Mast said. "We look forward to more opportunities to do so. Clarkston is a great place to be and we look forward to providing the kids in the area a valuable life skill for years to come.'

He added families should be excited about Goldfish for the same reasons they are.

"Here at Goldfish we have a passion for teaching kids to swim in a safe, kid friendly environment," he smiled. "Our track record in Southeast Michigan and the Midwest reflects that, and we look forward to continuing to be a leader in the learn-to-swim industry for years to come."

Goldfish Swim School is located at 6340 Waldon Center Drive, off of Sashabaw Road. The office is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Sunday. Please visit their website for additional hours for lessons, Family Swim, Recreation Teams and parties.

For more information about classes and programs, please call 248-795-2252 or visit www.goldfishswimschool.com.

### Type 2 diabetes beaten with metabolic surgery at McLaren Bariatric & Metabolic Institute

For Megan Wentz of Waterford, life got better at 40. A multitude of health problems had plagued her throughout her twenties and thirties, the greatest of which was Type 2 diabetes. Megan knew many of these health problems stemmed from her lifelong struggle with obesity, yet poor health and extra weight left her with little energy.

"I knew I needed to be more physically active," stated Wentz. "But by the time I finished work, I was in a lot of pain and my legs were so swollen.'

For most of her adult life Megan struggled with her health, conditions including obesity, asthma, sleep apnea, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, polycystic ovarian syndrome, water retention and joint pain were all taking a harmful toll on her body and quality of life. She worried about her health and feared what lay ahead.

One day, Megan went to the McLaren Wound Care Clinic, for treatment of a non-healing wound, a common complication of

brochure for the McLaren Bariatric & Metabolic Institute, a program offering surgical solutions for obesity and Type 2 diabetes. At over 350 pounds, she knew she had a serious weight problem and wanted a solution. She scheduled an appointment with Michael Kia, DO, one of the Institute's surgeons.

"During my consultation, Dr. Kia stated that for the results I wanted, the best option for me was gastric bypass surgery."

Gastric bypass surgery, also known as Roux-en-Y, is one of three surgical procedures available through McLaren to treat obesity and the most successful at resolving Type 2 diabetes because of the metabolic change that occurs as a result of the procedure.

Three months before turning 40, Megan received gastric bypass surgery at McLaren Flint. The medical center has a specially equipped surgical recovery floor and staff trained to care for the specific needs of bariatric

diabetes. Here she picked up a patients. After two nights in the hospital, Megan went home without being attached to an insulin pump.

> "I actually held on to my insulin pump and supplies for a long time, not quite believing I wouldn't need them anymore. Since my surgery, my doctors have been astounded at how well I am now. I've now lost 184 pounds and am no longer considered a diabetic. I feel great!"

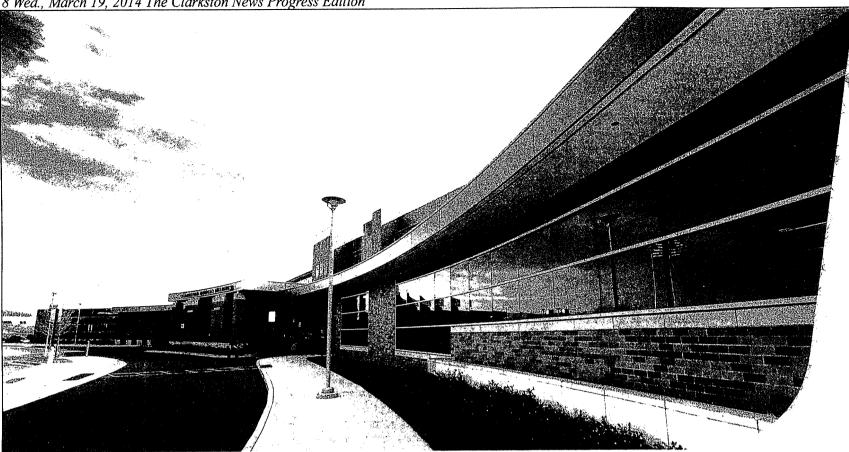
> She noticed a dramatic increase in her energy level as well. Megan is now able to do things she was afraid to do before or not able to do, like riding her new Harley Davidson motorcycle. She attends the bariatric support group meetings monthly and has joined a gym.

> "I now have a second chance at life and am not going back," Megan says.

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#### Achieve the American dream with MBA Real Estate Services

Christopher Mersino at MBA Real Estate Services relocated his office to Clarkston last July after recognizing the promising area markets.

Mersino said Clarkston is an especially promising area, not only for its location in the heart of Oakland County, but the awesome area growth and market statistics.

Within his 20 years of experience, Mersino worked for national brokerage firms before branching out on his own and opening MBA Real Estate.

Knowing how franchises work, MBA strives to be more in touch with clients he represents for any service, real estate related.

MBA offers its clients full residential and commercial real estate brokerage services.

MBA promises a quick turn round on sales of home listings with his staff's top-notch marketing skills.

"No one markets a home listing more than MBA does," said Mersino. "We represent the interests and rights of buyers and landlords."

MBA utilizes several marketing tools and employs a full-time leading edge marketing director Carrie Mersino.

Profound at internet marketing, Mersino said MBA agents utilize the latest, most cutting edge tools such as social media, dedicated websites for listings, YouTube and a plethora of other sites.

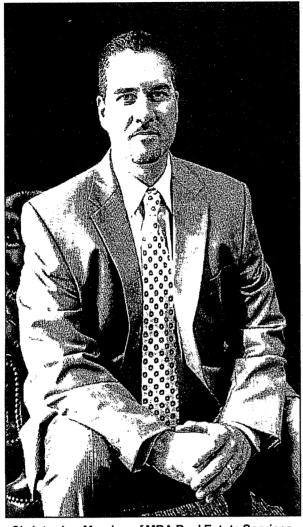
"We have a quick turn around on our home listings and we are very aggressive in our marketing," he said.

Marketing agreements and partnerships with area lenders make purchasing a piece of the American dream more successful from the start.

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MBA offers "turnkey" home building packages, which means buyers obtain just



Christopher Mersino of MBA Real Estate Services.

one loan to finance a home from start to

In addition to outstanding customer service, a great staff is the key to success for MBA.

MBA is always on the lookout for good agents who are driven to succeed. Mersino said unlike working at big franchises, his agents are offered a very generous commission structure - one that he likely couldn't offer being associated with a fran-

"We are always looking for agents who are passionate about their careers and willing to work hard," he said. "It's our passion to help our agents grow their business. We supply an open door, friendly work environment as well as providing marketing assistance to agents.'

As the work force continues to grow, Mersino said MBA continues to work towards solidifying a client base and fostering growth.

MBA is located at 5631 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston.

For more information call 248-620-8660.



Front from left, Mike, Donna Bullard, president/CEO, Gerry and Alisa. Back from left, Kara, Ashley, Kelly, Nikki, Patty, Kathy, Crystal and Jackie.

#### **Clarkston Brandon Community** Credit Union makes a difference

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 counties of Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, Lapeer and Livingston, as well as all family members and individuals living in the same household. The credit union is excited to have been able to expand membership to a five county wide area.

CBCCU currently serves more than 8,000 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 are looking to open a new ATM site on Sashabaw Road later this year to give members access to a Credit Union ATM on that side of town, CBCCU is a stateof-the-art financial institution offering lowrate 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,

Clarkston Brandon Community Credit 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."

> At CBCCU, staff doesn'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."

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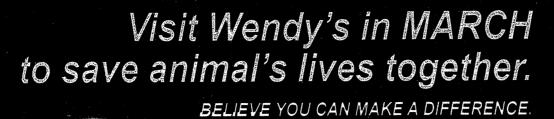
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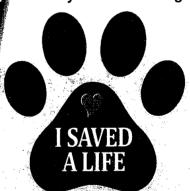
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**Meet Dorothy...** At first, the MHS team thought she had been hit by a car, Upon further examination by veterin clear that she had been shot in the face and

Dorothy required delicate surgeries and months of recovery time before she found a



Dine in customers can purchase a "paw" for \$1 to write their name or their pet's name as a symbol of their support.



Weet Lify Bear ... The MHS Rescue Team found Lify Bear in Detroit with her head stuck in

found Lily Bear in Detroit with her head stuck if a metal grate. It is not known how she became stuck but luckily, once back at the shelter, the grate was removed and Lily Bear was free.

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# Save A Life DONALL \$1, GET \$1 BACK

Lori Geiger, Clarkston Wendy's General Manager.

#### Animal rescue work with Wendy's

Wendy's restaurants, owned by Clarkston residents Howard and Lisa O'Brien, partner with Michigan Humane Society (MHS) to save animal's lives.

When you visit one of the 39 participating Wendy's locations during the month of March, a \$1 donation to MHS will get you a dollar off any full-sized combo meal or full-sized salad on your

The dollar off coupon is in the form of a "trading card" that features real heartwarming Detroit animal rescue stories showcasing MHS's amazing work to find forever homes for the many animals in need. There are 16 "trading card" versions showcasing 16 wonderful animal rescue stories.

Furthermore, dine in customers are offered a "paw" in which they write their name or their pet's name and we in turn post the paw in the restaurant as a symbol of their donation.

'We are animal people at Wendy's, and I have personally adopted two pups who were abandoned in Detroit. The Michigan Humane Society is the reason our pups and thousands of other abused and abandoned animals are alive today. We are thrilled to partner with MHS to raise critical funds, while sharing stories that highlight the wonderful work they do for

animals," said Lisa O'Brien.

"Clarkston is such a giving community," said Lori Geiger, Clarkston Wendy's General Manager. "Our customers are so loyal, kind and have great compassion for animals, together we can make a difference."

According to MHS, on average \$156 will transform the life of one animal. They are an open-admission organization so no animal is turned away and there is also no time limit for adoption.

In 2013, between 8,000-9,000 animals were adopted from MHS and 709 lost pets were reunited with their owners. Also in 2013, MHS took in 12,000 stray animals of which 6,000 came from the city of Detroit and 1,000 came from Cruelty and Rescue

MHS is the largest and oldest animal welfare organization in the state. MHS works to end companion animal homelessness, provide the highest quality service and compassion to the animals entrusted to our care, and to be a leader in promoting humane values. For more information, visit www.michiganhumane.org

Participating restaurants are located, between Mt. Pleasant and Detroit. For a list of the 39 participating Wendy's locations, visit www.wendys1.com.

#### Poolmart & Spas celebrates 34 years in Clarkston

It's time to make summertime a blast, and the March Madness sale at Poolmart will get you there fast!

Walking through the doors of Clarkston's Poolmart and Spas is like walking straight into summer. Above ground pools, hot tubs, chemicals, summertime toys, games and accessories fill this fun store.

Poolmart is always looking for new products their customers want. They added Polywood All Weather Furniture this year; Adirondack chairs, lounges, tables, stools and more. Polywood is maintenance free. beautifully crafted and colorful. "Polywood can handle any type of weather," said owner Jim Bishop, "Rain, snow, or sun, the furniture is beautiful and durable."

Polywood is made in the USA from recycled materials and comes with a 20 year warranty. Polywood offers a huge selection of all-weather furniture available in a variety of styles and colors.

Poolmart is Clarkston's Original Doughboy Dealer. The highly renowned quality built Doughboy Pools come in 19 different sizes from 12' round all the way up to 41' x 21', seven-foot-deep oval pools. Customers can also choose from a variety of styles and models.

Above-ground pools offer everything you could ever dream of and can even be made to appear underground.

"Pools make everything summertime should be," Bishop laughed. "Pools just add to family time and promote relaxation and stress relief."

Ahhh...the soothing feeling of sinking into a relaxing hot tub in the cold of winter or warmth of summer. Poolmart handles everything related to hot tubs.

A full line of hot tubs from Dimension One Spas are offered complete with the best warranties in the industry. Poolmart is the oldest Dimension One dealer in the Midwest.

Poolmart spa technicians service everything they sell and repair most makes and models of their competitors.

Interest free financing is available on all pools and hot tubs. Now thru March 31st get 0% financing up to 36 months on any Dimension One Spa purchase.

Serving the area since 1980, Bishop, who took ownership in 2007, said a major focus at Poolmart is excellent customer service. "We're in the business of taking care of our customers," he said.

Buying local means you come right into the store if you experience any issues with your pool or spa, rather than calling a 1-8<del>6</del>0 number for service.

"We are honest and stand behind what we sell," said Manager Shannon Crane.

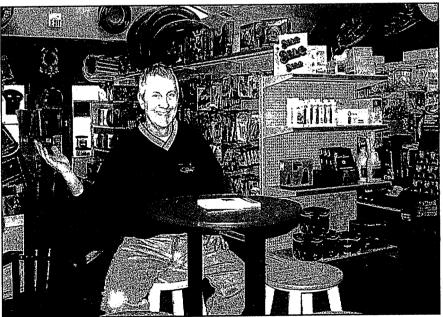
Each year Poolmart offers customers free educational training at "Pool School," teaching customers everything imaginable about pools. Sign up today for the May 1 event.

Poolmart also offers free water analysis of pool and hot tub water to keep your water clean, balanced and healthy. The staff takes pride in helping and resolving customer's pool water problems.

Open year round—visit the professionals at Poolmart for a taste of summer. The March Madness Sale ends March 31.

Located at 5738 S. Main Street in Clarkston, for more information stop by or call 248-625-0729.

Visit their Web site www.poolmartspas.com or find them on Facebook at facebook/poolmartandspas.



Celebrating 34 years, the staff at Poolmart welcome you to come visit for a taste of summer.

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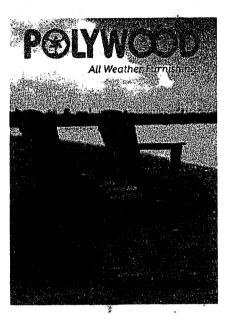
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The staff of The Royal Diner, including, from left, Jioree Zimmer, Sarah Traynor, Elizabeth Foglesong, Kristy Sanders, Renee Parsons, and Tomiann Montney, are ready to serve you 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### Royal Diner, perfect for dining in, catering

Bring your whole family to enjoy the friendly atmosphere at The Royal Diner on Dixie Highway.

"We're a family here," said Manager Elizabeth Foglesong, who enjoys the personal relationships she's developed with staff and customers over the years.

The Royal Diner's sense of community goes beyond their restaurant. They regularly support Clarkston Schools with gift certificates for raffles and fundraisers. From the ski club to the bowling team, The Royal Diner reaches out to help the Clarkston community

As soon as you walk through the Roval Diner's door, a friendly face is there to greet you. Many of the servers even know their customers by name. They happily answer questions and make sure to respond to every need.

The great service isn't the only part of The Royal Diner customers love, however. They also keep coming back for the scrumptious food, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, served 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For breakfast, have some eggs with corned beef hash, biscuits and gravy, country fried steak, pigs in a blanket made with sausage links, or cinnamon raisin French toast with your hot coffee or juice.

Their breakfast sandwiches, Belgian waffles, Royal Omelette, and crepes can't be beat. Don't forget senior citizens receive special discounts. "You get the bang for your buck," said Foglesong.

For lunch or dinner, try their popular Italian dishes like chicken parmesan, mostaccioli, and spaghetti. They also offer traditional favorites such as their Royal Corned Beef sandwich on Jewish Rye bread and Monterey Chicken dinner. Get a Royal Burger, gyro platter, meatloaf or chicken strips.

For seafood lovers, Royal Diner offers pan fried lake perch, a 21 piece shrimp basket, and hand battered fish and chips. Enjoy a loaded baked potato or coleslaw on the side.

Royal Diner uses top quality Black Angus beef, so don't forget to try a New York strip steak or chopped sirloin steak. If steak's not your style, get some southern style pork chops straight from the butcher shop.

End your meal with delicious desserts like the Blondie Deluxe, a hot cookie brownie covered with vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, caramel, and topped with whipped cream and chocolate chips.

With so many menu items to choose from, The Royal Diner is sure to satisfy anyone's taste buds. Their large variety of foods made with fresh ingredients makes them the perfect source to cater your event.

From graduations, funerals, to weddings, Royal Diner is ready to cater an event of any size. Their catering menu offers veggie, fruit, or cheese trays. Treat your guests to a deli or sub platter or let Royal Diner serve pasta salad, spare ribs, marinated chicken breasts, lasagna, oven roasted turkey, or roast pork tenderloin.

Their roast sirloin with mushroom gravy, honey glazed ham, baked herb chicken, and breaded pork chops are catering favorites. Enjoy them with a side of red skin parsley or Saint Anne's potatoes.

From their excellent serving staff to their delicious food, it's no surprise The Royal Diner has been voted "Best of the Best" in both The Clarkston News and The Oakland

Call The Royal Diner, 6450 Dixie Highway, at 248-620-3333 to plan your catering event or view their menu on www.therovaldiner.com. Like them on Facebook too.



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Bob Gott, Jr., Kevin Gott, Michelle Thomas, Brian McClure, Vinnie Ventimiglia, Aaron Gott, Bob Goode, and Bob Gott, Sr., keep the family tradition of great auto service alive in Clarkston.

#### Celebrating over 50 Years of Quality Service at Gott's Auto

Gott's Auto Service marks their 51st year in business this spring, the last 34 of those years located in the Clarkston community.

Throughout the years, the vehicles have changed but their tradition of integrity and quality of service to customers has never wa-

"We have always satisfied our customers and we make them happy to the best of our ability," said owner Robert Gott, Sr.

"Our knowledge, our integrity and our honesty is what keeps our customers coming back," he continued. "People like coming to us because they can trust us. We value their trust and keep up the work ethic they expect from us."

The community appreciates the hard work Mr. Gott and his technicians put 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 De-

Gott's Auto Service was born when the owner retired and Gott took over the business in 1963.

In the 1970's, he traveled between Detroit and Ortonville after opening a restaurant. But being a restaurant owner wasn't

"I found I liked auto repair service better,"

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

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. Recently joining the family business are grandson Aaron Gott and Bob Goode.

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 and Vinnie Ventimiglia 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.

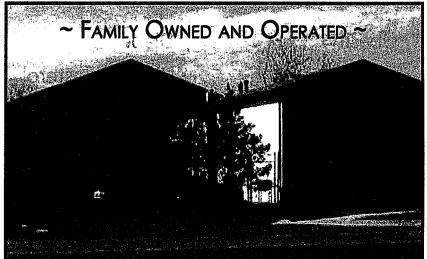
"We continue to grow with today's technological advances," he continued. "Vehicles have evolved so much in the last 30 years. When I came in to the business, we were working with ignition points and condensers. Now it's a lot more involved and complicated with the integration of so many computerized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

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

Gott's Auto Service is a certified Napa Auto Care Center, working on all domestic and select foreign vehicles.

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

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Dr. Jorge A. Prada has dedicated his medical career to helping patients develop good nutrition and meet health related goals at Clarkston's Nutrition Emphasis Center.

State of the art nutritional evaluation and education are offered through personalized nutritional evaluations, consultation and treatment plans.

From getting physically fit to recovering from an illness or just striving to stay healthy-good nutrition is a universal need.

With his original practice in Rochester, Prada opened a new location in Clarkston after noticing the market in Clarkston is hungry for good nutrition.

Prada said his approach to medicine is focused on good nutrition, an area Prada has spent his career studying.

"Every single organ in your body requires the necessary vitamins and minerals to function properly," said Prada. "We can do things like control body weight, hypertension and many conditions with good nutrition and without prescribing toxic medications. We educate, prevent and reverse."

During the first visit, a body composition analysis is completed using a high-tech machine to gather detailed information on body fat and water content.

"We can tell how much of the body is fat, water and muscle," said Prada.

Gathering personal data assists Prada and staff in calibrating a nutritional program tailored to a patient's needs.

The importance of good nutrition to prevent and treat disease must never be underestimated

Scientifically based, the counseling at Nutrition Emphasis includes proper use of vitamins, amino acids, proteins, minerals and monitoring calorie intake.

Controlling sodium intake, eliminating processed foods and overseeing a patient's micro-nutrients are also part of the plan.

"We create a plan to reduce nutritional deficiencies and eliminate excess intake of harmful ingredients," he said.

To ensure patients meet goals, dietary instructions are complete with personalized shopping lists, cooking instructions and portion control.

After an initial assessment, patients usually come to the clinic once a month for a complete analysis of their progress.

For those facing illness or a disease, focusing on good nutrition is a key to regaining health and strength. For patients with severe illness like cancer—a plan would infclude a diet rich in antioxidants.

With good nutrition, some ailments can be completely cured, Prada said. Type 2 Diabetes is a completely reversible condition.

With more than 20-years experience in clinical research, Prada is an elected fellow of the American College of Nutrition, and a board certified Clinical Nutrition Special-

Throughout his career, Prada has completed clinical trials and educated students through writing material for peer-reviewed publications. He is also a consultant to the National Institute of Health.

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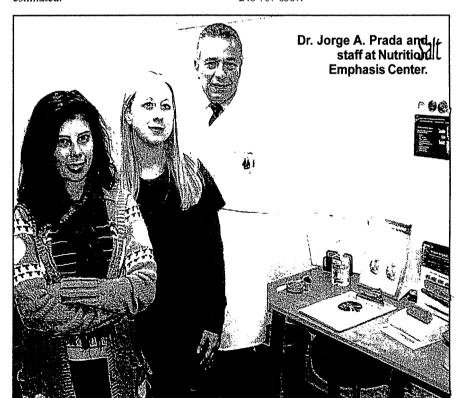
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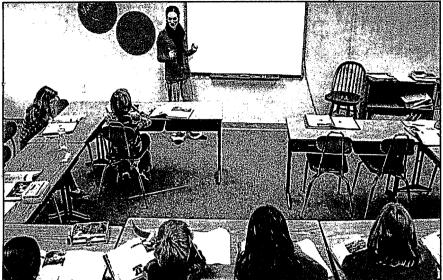
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Enthusiastic students and teachers at Cedar Crest Academy.

# Effort = Outcome at Cedar Crest Academy

"The number one mission in 30 years has always been to educate each child to be a globally competitive lifelong learner," said Bette Moen, director and founder of Cedar Crest Academy & Early Childhood Center. "Our curriculum and achievement are among the best in the United States. Young people are able and enthusiastic to learn complex ideas and thinking. They deserve the opportunity to be world competitive. That is the foundation of a democratic society."

In a natural woodland setting with progressive structures for outdoor, classroom, and studio learning, Cedar Crest Academy offers classes for junior kindergarten through grade eight, with a teacher-pupil ratio of 1:15.

The independent day school emphasizes cognitive learning, with an individualized educational vision for each student. Creative curriculum in the humanities inspires young minds to learn languages, create music and art, be physically fit and integrate creativity into challenging ideas.

"We honor and challenge each student's achievement moment, as well as what they are passionate to learn about. The first thing is to pay attention to how children are thinking and learning new concepts. Attention to a child's developing brain creates efficient and effective learning. Very good educators listen, really listen to young people's interpretations, predictions and questions," Moen said. "We don't wait until high school to start challenging students. To accelerate students' future for global competiveness, one must start accelerating curriculum in third or fourth grade, depending on each child's development. This enables them to matriculate more difficult subjects, in mathematics, science and Iterature in fourth grade through high

school. By the end of middle school, students may complete courses in high school algebra, geometry, statistics, biology, chemistry and/or physics. Often they are able to read and write as well as a college freshman in the United States, with enough French and Spanish for their high school language requirement, along with exposure to Japanese and Chinese languages."

Cedar Crest teachers balance student engagement, reflective thinking and skill development in every moment of the learning day, and thus students are excited about learning. Academic curriculum emphasizes personal acceleration, laboratory activity, literary dialogue, current issues, and social and scientific investigations. Multi-age learning is encouraged for personal challenge and resilient negotiation. Professional educators in music, art, physical education, French, Spanish, Japanese, and Chinese inspire curricular learning and performance.

"We teach students to be mindful of where they are and what they are doing and thinking. That is how students live their lives all day, at school. They experience success and true presence with their mind, body and spirit."

For 30 years, Moen has kept in contact with many former students around the world, working in education, medicine, journalism, business, and countless other professions. "They are all working to make a difference in the world," she said. "They seem to live mindfully with intention and a passion for life. You can go anywhere and do anything with those habits."

For information and to observe **Effort** = **Outcome**, call and visit Cedar Crest Academy, 8970 Dixie Highway, at 248-625-7270 or visit online at www.cedarcrestacademy.com.



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#### Friendly, personal care at NovaCare

physical therapy clinic in Clarkston and has been serving the community since 1998.

This year not only marks 16 years serving the community, but continues to design new programs to help more people.

"We are offering a self manage Osteoarthritis program along with offering Tai Chi classes (endorsed by the Arthritis Foundation) to the community related to the arthritis program," said Jodi Hines, center

Brenda Ressler, a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant at NovaCare, is certified by the Arthritis Foundation to teach Tai Chi. "It is a specific type of Tai Chi," she said, "It is a gentle exercise. It increases flexibility, muscular strength, balance, lung function, mental concentration and relaxation." She noted arthritis is the most common disability in the country right now and there are over 100 types of arthritis and related musculoskeletal conditions. It effects individuals not only physically but psychosocially.

Another program is a cancer-related fatigue syndrome rehabilitation program for patients diagnosed with cancer.

"They are suffering from physical exhaustion which comes with cancer treatments," said Hines. "We help them build back the strength and endurance."

They are also dealing with the psychosocial issues - feeling isolated and depressed," Ressler added. "The exercise will help."

The program is only a few weeks long to get them up and moving. Then, NovaCare gives them a home program.

"They can come in and do our fitness program or our post-therapy program if they choose for six months," Ressler said.

In addition to their new programs, NovaCare continues to help the community with their several rehabilitation programs including aquatics (pool therapy) used for a multitude of injuries including back pain, fibromyalgia, and rheumatoid arthritis to mention a few.

They also offer a work conditioning/work

NovaCare Rehabilitation is the largest hardening program to help employees return to work recovered from their injury or surgery.

We treat all orthopedic diagnosis including pre-/post-surgical rehabilitation, TMJ pain/disorders, vestibular and balance issues, and treatment for all types of sports injuries including running analysis.

The NovaCare staff is committed to providing patients with friendly and personalized skilled care as demonstrated by their national specialty certifications.

Ryan Bean DPT, OMPT, OCS is a boardcertified orthopedic specialist and has an orthopedic manual therapy certification specializing in the treatment of the spine and extremities. He has been with NovaCare for 10 years and works closely with Ressler, who has over 17 years experience.

Natalie Karpovich MPT, CHT is a boardcertified hand therapist with 10 years of clinical experience. In addition to traditional physical therapy, she specializes in treatment of wrist/hand/elbow injuries and surgeries.

When you stop in or call for an appointment, you are greeted by their friendly patient service specialist, Heather H., who has been with NovaCare for 10 years. The NovaCare facility boasts over 7,000 square feet with a scenic-therapeutic view to help patients as they perform their exercises. Once in a while they will even be treated to wild life walking by.

The facility includes exercise equipment, a hands-on treatment area, a swim-extherapeutic pool (at 90 degrees) and men's and women's locker rooms with showers.

They are located in the Mid-Oakland Medical building at 6770 Dixie Highway at the corner of M-15 in Suite 104 and is the largest and one of the longest standing physical therapy clinics serving the Clarkston area.

The staff will be participation in the Mind Body Green Expo at Clarkston High School on April 17 from 5-8 p.m. Join them for the informative seminars given by their experienced staff and other presenters.

For more information call 248-625-5998 or feel free to stop in at their clinic.



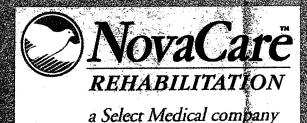
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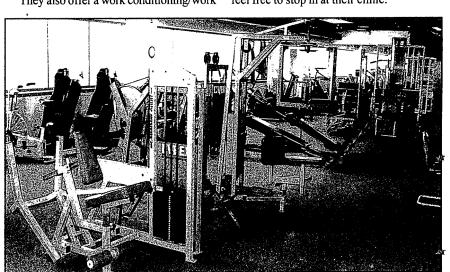


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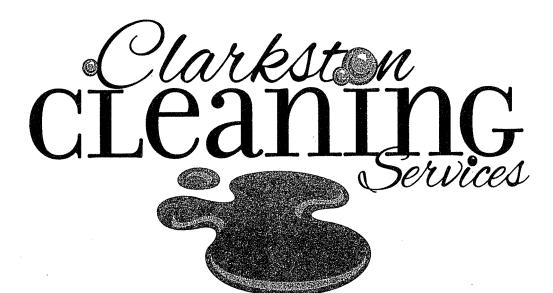
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# Award-winning cleaning with Clarkston Cleaning Services

Learning never stops for Clarkston Cleaning Services.

"More education is very important – there are changes every day," said owner Dawn Raffler.

As a board member with the Association of Residential Cleaning Services International (ARCSI) she meets with colleagues in the cleaning industry several times a year to learn and share ideas.

The association helps members with hiring, firing, goal setting, strategic planning, customer service, cleaning products; latest construction materials used in and around homes and how to clean them without damaging them.

"You would be surprised at what we've seen. People will use something like vinegar on marble counters and totally ruin the area. It's expensive to resurface," Raffler said, adding, "Cleaners with strong perfume smells are out, environmentally friendly products are in."

In business for 13 years, Raffler's award-winning company have given families back time to spend on doing what they want, versus cleaning their homes. They're known as the premier cleaning service not only in the Clarkston area, but from Ortonville to the Bloomfields and from Oxford to Rochester as well.

Despite a soft economy, Clarkston Cleaning's sound business practices and work ethic have allowed them to expand their company fleet with two new vehicles. "We live by example and I believe in giving," Raffler said. "Each month we perform acts of kindness. Our professionals will perform a free five-minute cleaning just because we can and we want our customers to know we appreciate them."

This year the three-person cleaning crews were retrained to specialize in one area of the house, bathroom, kitchen and laundry room,

or dusting. This specialization allows each team to clean one more house per day than before, with the same quality and without increasing prices.

"They're more detailed and efficient, and can clean the house in less time," she said. "That means more openings than before."

Recipients of the ARCSI Residential Cleaning Seal of Excellence as well as Clarkston News' Best of the Best awards, they make sure each client's whole house is cleaned, top to bottom, with quality assurance checks every time.

"We constantly communicate with our clients," she said. "Our objective is to wow the customer."

Team members are professionally trained, bonded, and insured. Services include weekly, bi-weekly, monthly and occasional house cleanings, as well as additional services including refrigerator only, oven, kitchen cabinets, bathroom, and closet cleanings.

Raffler started her home cleaning business in 2001 with herself as the only employee. Now, with 24 employees, they serve more than 250 clients throughout Oakland County.

"We do a deep clean every time, no rotational cleaning," Raffler said. "I was always very picky. This is the way I clean my own house. If I was paying someone to clean my house, that's what I would expect."

Clarkston Cleaning Services offers free, over-the-phone estimates and a satisfaction guarantee.

"We clean everything every time, and we send the same team out to clean your home every time. It just makes sense," she said.

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U.S Bureau of Labor and Statistics project promising careers in beauty related fields, many of which are taught at Marketti Academy of Cosmetology. Come visit Marketti at the Waterford Expo on April 3 at Waterford Mott High where four "Days of Beauty" will be given to four lucky winners.

#### Kickstart your career in style at Marketti Academy of Cosmetology

A full-fledged career can be yours in just months at Marketti Academy of Cosmetology in Waterford.

Students enrolled in one of four programs can earn licenses in cosmetology, manicuring, esthetics or instructor training in the 10,000-square-foot location.

Marketti programs train students for the state board licensing exams in their chosen field.

Day and night-time classes are available. Students taking cosmetology classes in the daytime complete the course in 13 months-24 months at night. Manicuring and esthetics programs are completed in just 4 1/2 months.

High school senior and junior students interested in pursuing a beauty related career can visit Marketti and "job shadow" to get a behind-the-scenes look at the job and decide if it's the career they want to pursue.

And the job prospects look good.

Even in rough economic times, beauty is still a top priority for society, and clients are always willing to spend the money to look beautiful. The U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics have projected beauty related services will experience a higher-than-average national growth rate through 2018.

"Not only is it an excellent career where you can make good money, it's a job that makes you feel good knowing you help others feel good," smiled co-owner and instructor Tawny Marketti-Pearson.

After graduating, students have acquired all the skills needed to jump into a career as a hair stylist, hair color specialist, platform, artist and facial specialist.

Co-owner and admissions Director Allison Murphy said she and Marketti-Pearson value the great reputation they have built with area salons - relationships that help with job placement after graduation.

Financing education is made easy at Marketti.

Financial aid, from grants to loans, are offered at the nationally accredited academy. Scholarships are also awarded.

"When students on a scholarship complete the program, they can get money back," said Murphy.

Education at Marketti is much different than traditional universities. Trade schools also continue to grow in popularity.

Students realize they can save time and money while earning a career by going to a trade school. "It's quicker and more cost efficient," said Murphy. "Our cost is so reasonable.

Not only is the cost of education reasonable for students, the public also gets great deals. The public is welcome to come in and enjoy all the services offered at a full-service beauty parlor.

Deals like Marketti's \$5 haircut is known as the best deal in town and includes a consultation, shampoo and blow dry. All services include a consultation and clients can enjoy getting their hair colored, facials, manicures, pedicures and waxing. Senior students who have clocked over 350 hours of instruction perform services on clients.

Celebrating seven years of providing education and affordable service to the public, Marketti-Pearson and Murphy opened the academy knowing they could offer students a high-quality education.

Marketti Academy of Cosmetology is located at 4390 Dixie Highway. For more information call 248-618-6394.

#### Get fit at Go All Out Fitness

Spring means a new opportunity to get and stay healthy. Go All Out Fitness can

"I want you to go all out, that's how we live here - nothing halfway," said owner Kim Solmen, a certified personal trainer with 28 years of experience. "I started out training in college and loved it. Teaching other people to exercise and feel great makes me feel great. It's very satisfying, a win-win."

Built on 14 acres in Springfield Township, Go All Out Fitness makes full use of the outdoors in its exercise routines, which includes flipping giant tires, slack lines for balance, and all-terrain running, with flats for speed and steep hills for endurance.

"It's way better than a treadmill," Solmen said. "When it's summertime in Michigan, who wants to spend time in a gym?"

Personal Training is \$40/hour. while a group of 4-8 can cut costs down to \$10 per person for the hour.

"Small groups lend themselves great to keep us on the 'personal' side of training," she said. "Four

to eight people is just the right size to give the special attention personal training seeks to provide at a huge cost savings for the participants."

Create your own small group or join a group already in progress. Call for available times if you have a small group you want to train

"Kid groups, friends group, athlete/team members, and families are just an example of people who get together with a like focus we can work with," she said. "Families love it because they can all work out together. It's affordable, quality time together.'

Open Group classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 10. Classes include Speed, Agility and Quickness Training; Strength Training; Core Training; Balance Training; and Cardio Training.

All Group Training will progress through Technique, Stability, Strength of movement, and Power of movement.

"These progressions are greatly important for all athletes to improve performance and reduce the probability of injury," she said.

A screened pavilion provides a shaded spot for strength training.

"We focus on integrated training and total body strength," she said. "Strictly pumping iron is old school. Now, you train groups of muscles and always include core."

Solmen is a Certified Personal Trainer and Youth Exercise Specialist, YES, with the National Academy Of Sports Medicine, and certified in Neuromuscular Stretching and



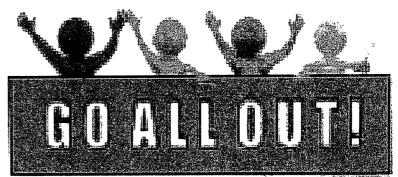




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Call Go All Out Fitness, 10575 Clark Road in Springfield Township, at 248-795-2268 or check www.goalloutfitness.com.

"As we are a personal training facility, our schedules are fluent," she said. "Please call for availability to join a group or create your own. And of course, don't forget we train individuals of all ages."



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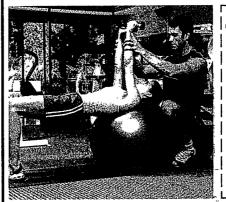
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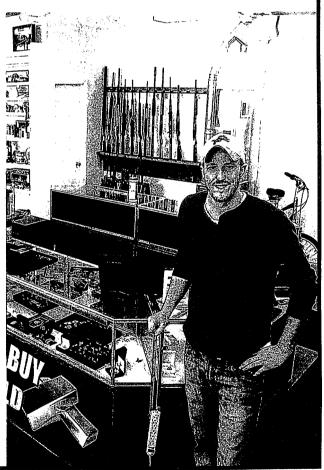
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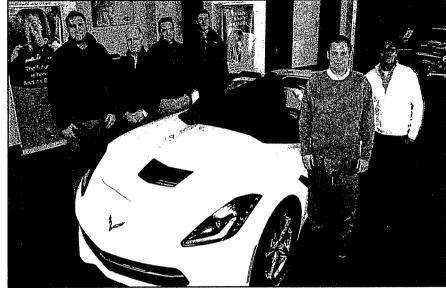
#### Lane Car Company: Ortonville's Hometown Dealer

Looking for a great new pickup truck? Stay with the great selection of preowned vehicles—at Lane Car Company—Ortonville's Hometown Dealer with the friendly, knowledgable staff.

Lane Car Company is a full-service dealership providing outstanding preowned vehicles along with top-notch service. When it comes to price, quality supported by a knowledgable staff look no further than your hometown dealer.

"We are going to serve the public better than ever," said Jim Lane, 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. Stop by and check out the trucks on the lot—from four wheel drive to diesels to crew cabs we have them ready to drive."

The 20,000 square-foot building, the site of a former GM dealership has been transformed into the communities premier pre owned car and truck facility. In addition to a full service shop with the only local professional body and collision repair facility—Lane Car Company offers paint work repairs to scratches, scuffs and dents in addition to fixing damage caused by



From left to back, Leaun, John, Tom and Kyle. From right Matt and Michael.

collisions.

"Our professional sales staffed with state-certified and licensed mechanics can perform all services needed on your vehicle—from \$14.99 oil changes everyday to tune-ups to brakes, tires, and major engine repairs we'll keep your vehicle running smoothly."

Ready to sell or trade in your used ve-

hicle? Drive it on into Lane Car Company for a quote.

"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 also works with banks and credit unions and offers programs to help you purchase and rebuild your credit. If you prefer, you can bring

your own financing option to Lane. Warranties are available. In addition, Lane Car Company has teamed up with CaRite providing financing based on a customers great credit or based on the value of the vehicle up to 90 percent.

The original Lane Car Company building at 2200 S. Ortonville Road—across from Bullfrogs is now known as Lane Budget providing terrific vehicles in a wide range of prices

"We love this community and make this town our home too," said Jim. "There's no need to travel out of the area to buy a car or for service when it's available right here in town. It's simple—our returning business is what got us here, it allowed us to grow and that's what will keep us here in Ortonville. We have a big investment in this community and will continue to give back to the schools, businesses and service groups."

Hours of operation at both locations are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Lane Car Company, 110 S. Ortonville Road, 248-627-8000 and Lane Budget, 2200 S. Ortonville Road, 248-627-LANE (5263).



#### Lake Orion Roofing is your Best of the Best for home improvements

When is the weight of a shingle more important than its price or warranty? How many roofing layers does Michigan allow atop your house? Does your township require your home to have an ice shield? Who is liable if a contractor falls from your roof?

Don't know? That's why families interested in protecting their most important investment ask the experts at Lake Orion Roofing. Whatever your project requires-roofing, siding, gutters, insulation and windows- Lake Orion Roofing is your one -stop contracting choice. By choosing Lake Orion Roofing, homeowners partner with a company with proven problem-solving ability that has been recognized as one of the best in the nation.

For 30 years, Lake Orion Roofing boasts over 100 years of combined roofing experience, a tenure that can only be achieved through customer satisfaction. "Everyone else I dealt with just took the money and led me to believe everything would be done right," said Melissa S. after trial and error brought her to the best contractor—Lake Orion Roofing.

Part of being the best in the business is doing things right and doing them on time. "The materials arrived when they were promised. The workers arrived a day later and almost immediately I knew I had made the correct decision," said David T. "No delays. No problems. Both roofs were completed the same day by the same crew-an outstanding job, and they treated my father --in-law with great respect," said Forrest T.





As these testimonials indicate, much of Lake Orion Roofing's clientele comes to them because of a neighbor's good report. That good report always includes the unhurried education Lake Orion Roofing imparts to each and every prospective customer. Each report entails a detailed 13-page quote and project binder that is complete with satellite images, photos of the roof and decking, licensure affirmation, material options and pricing

Lake Orion Roofing does this because they know that a happy customer is one who understands what their home needs and what will be involved in a home improvement project. "Start to finish, the easiest decision you will ever make," said Lake Orion Roofing owner, Mark Southern.

Lake Orion Roofing makes sure you know what's possible for

your home, what will be done when you hire them and how they stand behind every project they complete. With every roofing install, customers are covered on both ends. Warranties for both materials and labor are standard for every home they

This no-pressure approach and commitment to excellence has garnered thousands of happy customers for Lake Orion Roofing. It's also why shingle manufacturer CertainTeed has certified them as a Select ShingleMaster. In other words, Lake Orion Roofing gives your home the attention of the most knowledgeable roofing installers in the industry.

Industry accolades and technical excellence aside, Lake Orion Roofing has endured for one simple reason: homeowners know Lake Orion Roofing provides the quality materials and expert service required to secure a home for a lifetime.



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#### Fifty years of great service and deals at Skalnek Ford

To be in business for 50 years means you are doing a lot of things right.

Skalnek Ford is celebrating their 50th

year in 2014 and not only is doing very well but enjoyed its top year ever in 2013. In fact, the past three years have been the dealerships best in its 50 years.

Rich Skalnek

has seen Lake Orion blossom from a small community into a thriving region. Skalnek Ford is a fixture in the community and is the oldest auto dealership in Lake Orion. The dealership has anchored the area along S. Lapeer Road for these many years.

"We have been blessed to have been here at this site all these years," Skalnek said.

Rich said there are several reasons why the dealership is thriving. It is currently ranked ninth among 180 dealers

in the Great Lakes Region. Many of the Certified Pre-owned must meet other dealers in the area are much larger than Skalnek..

other automakers.

The other thing that has

helped is Ford's Certified

Pre-Owned program, which

provides buyers with

vehicles that Ford has

certified and provided

warranties. These are

usually vehicles with fairly

low miles, often just off

leases, that are great

The cars sold as

bargains.

Ford's strong product line of new cars has been great and that the company is attracting what are known "conquest" purchases, Skalnke said. These are customers who have switched to Ford products from

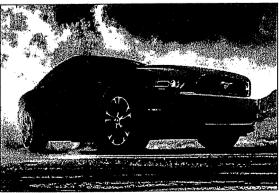
stringent standards and Skalnek makes sure those cars and trucks are in great shape.

One of the best innovations that has helped sales is Skalnek's use of the internet and other sources such as AutoTrader to market its vehicles and attract buyers from outside of the Lake Orion and Oxford areas.

The array of vehicles can be found at www.skalnekford.com

If a customer sees a vehicle





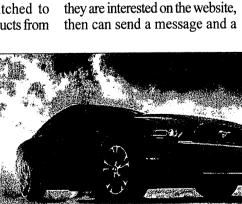
salesperson will take a short video of the vehicle showing all around it and send the personalized video to the customer.

Rich said the dealership will take on a new look in its 50th year.

Ford is planning an upgrade of facilities soon and Skalnek will be a part of it.

There also are plans for expansion due to the increase in sales.

After all, one should never stop growing, even after 50 great years.



#### Dental Care that is warm, relaxing and modern is what patients find at Lake Orion Family Dentistry.

Lake Orion Family Dentistry has been a mainstay of the community since the 1960's—and over the years the practice has earned a reputation for comforting patients and working with those who have a strong fear of "going to the dentist."

The practice has a warm and relaxing atmosphere and cutting edge technology, which allows Dr. Brad Greenfield and Dr. Stefani Strange to offer our community the most advanced

and painless procedures in the industry.

"Our mission is to provide every patient with compassionate and innovative care utilizing the latest technology. We are here to help people take pride in their smiles," Dr Greenfield said.

The practice offers a variety of services including preventative and general dentistry, children's dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, holistic restorative dentistry, CEREC technology, laser dentistry and sedation dentistry. Dr. Greenfield is also a provider of Lumineers®, which is a conservative and non-invasive way to improve your smile.

For those people who have a fear of



injections, Dr. Greenfield has a nurse anesthetist on his team to sedate patients with intravenous sedation. "By offering this service, the nurse can focus on the patients' comfort while I can focus more on the procedure," he said.

Dr. Greenfield takes pride in the modern equipment his office has invested in, his team continually looks for advancements in technology and procedures. Such advancements have made it possible for patients to come in, and in one day leave with a partial or full crown. State-of-the-art digital imaging allows computers to design, mill and finish a perfectly matched crown out

of ceramic. No temporary crowns needed.

Digital imagery is a quantum leap in x-ray technology. There's no film or sensors to set off gag-reflexes and no chemical odor to taint the office air. Digital imagery makes the process easier for patients and for retrieving images in the future. With digital imagery the amount of radiation used has been dramatically decreased.

Technology has also helped improve smiles with the use of lasers, instead of using scalpels. Using lasers to "redesign" smiles provides higher precision, is easier on the soft tissue, and eliminates unwarranted pain.

Dr. Greenfield has also opened the practice

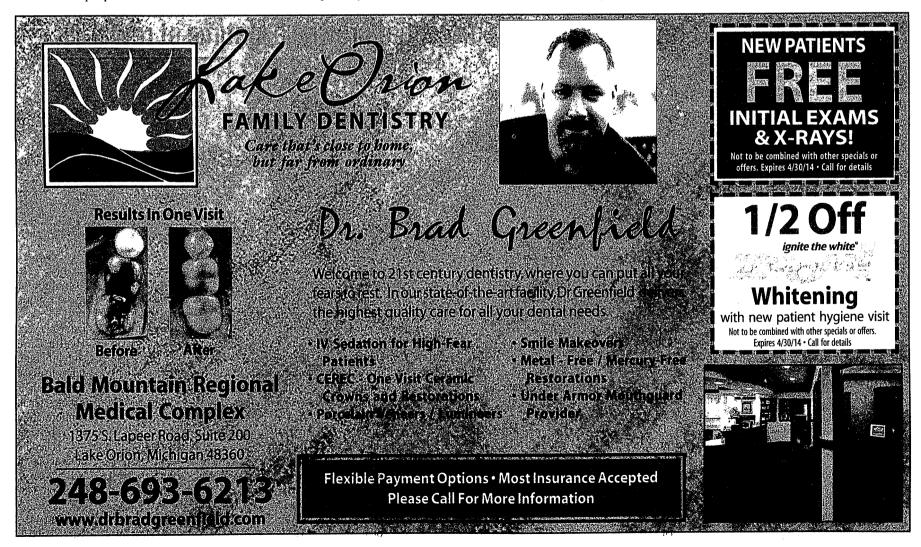
to holistic dentistry — using non-reactive materials like low-fusing ceramics for restorative procedures. He works in conjunction with several holistic practitioners to provide an individualized treatment plan to meet the patients' needs.

Dr. Greenfield and his team receive hundreds of hours of training a year, and are always finding ways to make their practice more open, approachable, affordable and

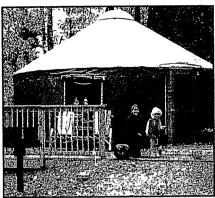
practical.

The 21st Century has come to dentistry and to our community with Lake Orion Family Dentistry. Check out their website, www.drbradgreenfield.com, for innovations in oral health, to ask questions of Dr. Greenfield, print coupons, and read about procedures available. There is also a cool "Kid Zone" section to help kids get comfortable with dentists.

For more information call 248-693-6213. The office is open Mon., Wed., and Thurs, 8-5; Tues., 10-7; Friday by appointment.



#### Oakland County Parks debut yurts at two campgrounds



Campers enjoy the rustic experience of the yurt.

Embark on a new adventure or continue outdoor family traditions at Oakland County Parks campgrounds. Choose Addison Oaks and Groveland Oaks for individual and group modern campsites, cabins and - new for 2014 - yurts. Circular camping structures made of wood and canvas, yurts are a cross between a tent and a cabin.

"Yurts are a fun and easy alternative to pitching a tent, but still allow guests to experience the rustic feel of camping outdoors," Parks Supervisor Boyd Brokenshaw said. "It's what we're all about—trying to stay on trend and bring

new experiences to our visitors."

Hike the trails, fish, swim, paddleboat, bike, play baseball or volleyball and enjoy the playgrounds. Addison Oaks County Park, 9 miles north of Rochester, features a 24-hole disc golf course, 7.5 miles of trails and a 3.6-mile equestrian trail. Groveland Oaks County Park in Holly has a spiraling waterslide, an 18-hole mini golf course, a skate park area and the one-mile paved Thread Creek Trail. An award-winning campground recreation program keeps campers busy and entertained.

Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston offers camping for organized youth groups only. Camp Wilderness features two organized youth group camping areas accommodating 60-100 campers. Enjoy platform tents, heated, modern bathhouse with showers and restrooms, camping amenities and more.

In addition to the swimming beaches at these three parks, Oakland County Parks also offers two waterparks for a hot summer day's retreat.

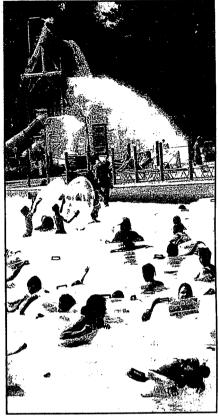
Cool off with family and friends at Red Oaks and Waterford Oaks waterparks featuring wave-action pools, waterslides and interactive water playgrounds, lounge chairs, concessions and picnic areas.

The fun begins at Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights Memorial Day weekend andlasts through Labor Day. Water attractions include Soak Station, a water playground with 68 different features and a Spray and Play area ideal for toddlers. The waterpark also has the River Ride, Triple Turn Water Slide and Terrific Tides wave pool.

Waterford Oaks Waterpark in Waterford opens the second week of June through Labor Day and resembles a tropical oasis complete with palm trees, and features fun for all ages.

The Big Bucket children's water playground features more than 30 interactive activities including a giant tipping bucket, waterfalls and sprays. Ragin' Rapids, a group raft ride starts at a height of three stories; carries riders 515 feet through drops and turns; and ends in a three-foot deep splash-down pool.

Call 248.858.1400 to reserve individual campsites. For more information about the campgrounds and waterparks, visit DestinationOakland.com, find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @DestinationOak.



Swimmers splish splash with the Big Bucket at Waterford Oaks Water Park.

#### Munk Orthodontics create exceptional smiles that provide a lifetime of rewards!

Munk Orthodontics continues to be a leader in their use of cutting edge technology to create straight, beautiful, healthy smiles for patients of all ages. Our Clarkston office is being completely renovated to allow us to even better utilize today's latest technological advances.

The doctors and staff are devoted to providing exceptional, caring treatment in a fun, family-friendly environment.

Patients in our office are seen by the doctor at every appointment to ensure that treatment is on target and progressing exactly as planned.

Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk are both highly trained orthodontic specialists, which means they have completed an additional two-year college program beyond dental school.

Both doctors are licensed in the specialty of orthodontics by the State of Michigan, and are members of the American Association of Orthodontists.

The doctors and staff also attend numerous continuing education courses to keep them current on all of the most advanced techniques in orthodontic treatment.

"We continue to research new products and treatment options to provide patients with the very best in orthodontic care," said Dr. Charles W. Munk.

Insignia™ Advanced Smile Design™ was added to enhance treatment, and provide

another tool to gain a more predictable, more efficient and effective approach to orthodontics.

"With Insignia<sup>TM</sup>, we can utilize a computerized system that combines digital treatment planning with specially made brackets and wires to specifically target each patient's individual dental anatomy," said Dr. Munk. "It allows us to develop and control every tooth movement, every brace and every wire," Dr. Munk explained, adding each aspect is precisely calculated for the most optimal tooth movement.

In 2013, Insignia<sup>™</sup> Advanced Smile Design<sup>™</sup> won an American Technology Award in the Health & Medical Technologies category. This award is presented annually to the top product or service that exemplifies innovation and improves the delivery of health services.

Munk Orthodontics has also added the Lythos<sup>TM</sup> Digital Impression System. Instead of having to have an impression taken, we can easily and comfortably scan and store a patient's dental image.

Damon® brackets continue to be used to provide patients with more than just straight teeth. The Damon® Smile System helps us create broad, beautiful smiles that will not only look great when treatment is complete, but for a lifetime.

Wilckodontics®, commonly referred to as "fast ortho" is another exciting treatment

option available at Munk Orthodontics. Patients opting for "fast ortho" treatment can be in and out of braces in just 3-8 months! Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk are two of the very few orthodontists in Michigan licensed to provide the Wilckodontics® procedure.

Invisalign® continues to be a wonderful treatment option for both teens and adults. In fact, Munk Orthodontics is a Preferred Provider of Invisalign®.

Invisalign® uses invisible, removable aligners that are created using the latest medical imaging technology. Each aligner is worn for several weeks, and can be removed to eat, brush, and floss.

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!

Munk Orthodontics has three office locations to provide convenient day, evening and Saturday appointments. Initial orthodontic evaluations are always provided at no cost.

Payment plans and financing through CareCredit® make treatment fit into any budget. Our office also works with most insurance companies.

"It is wonderful to have received so much support from the community over the years," said Dr. Charles F. Munk. "We have been so honored to be voted Best of the Best in both



Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk.

Clarkston and Oxford."

Our office enjoys supporting local programs such as SCAMP, Lighthouse, Festival of Fun & Fireworks, youth sports teams, and many others.

We are also proud to once again this year be 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. To schedule an appointment, please contact us at one of our three offices:

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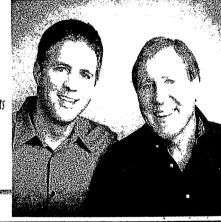
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#### Great Lakes Independent Insurance meets all insurance needs

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 has been in Orion since December 2008.

Though they have been here five year, they have been in business since 1996 and were formerly east of Orion. 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."



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Though customers could end up with a different insurance provider "they still have 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.

Great Lakes Independent can also help identify the right insurance company for particular groups, like people fifty years and older, or families with young drivers.

Great Lakes Independent Insurance Agency is looking forward to meeting you and proud to be a member of the community.

If your schedule does not permit time for a stop in quote, they will be happy to quote you by phone, and Great Lakes Independent Insurance Agency would liked to say thanks for the opportunity to quote your insurance needs.

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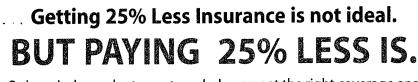


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#### Brandon School District: Pride, opportunity, success

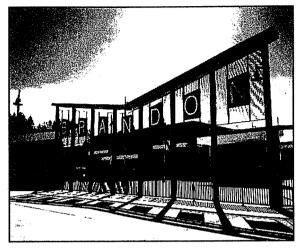
In the Brandon School District, we take pride in the many outstanding accomplishments of our students. With another wonderful group of seniors in the Class of 2014 set to cross the stage at Meadowbrook in June, it's important to remember it doesn't matter when you get here—we have great programs ready for you whenever you enroll.

Brothers Matthew and Steven Jones have attended Brandon schools since their kindergarten days at Harvey-Swanson. When they exit the stage as co-valedictorians in June, they will close a legacy of academic and athletic achievement started by their older brother, Colin, and sister, Kristine.

Katelyn Craghead came to Brandon in third grade, and the senior from Auburn Hills has made the most of her decision. She is currently the president of the Business Professionals of America and competes on the high school's Truck Town Thunder robotics team.

Nathan Zimmerman came to Brandon High School as a freshman from a private school in Waterford. He quickly made himself at home as a member of the soccer and track teams. As a senior, he is currently vice-president of the National Honor Society, and he is looking forward to majoring in engineering with an emphasis in computer science at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor starting next fall.

"In my time at Brandon I have been able to accomplish so much that in other places I definitely would not



have," said Craghead, who will attend Northern Michigan University in the fall. "Between the amazing teachers and staff, I can't imagine spending so many hours anywhere else."

The Brandon School District is proud to welcome students who move here or live in a neighboring community and want to take advantage of the renowned programs and facilities we offer.

This year, the Brandon Virtual School exceeded our projected enrollment. Students jumped at the chance to take Advance Placement (AP) courses, honors-level science classes, and foreign languages such as German, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, and Italian. Our dedi-

cated lab provides students a consistent, comfortable place to take their classes.

Our varsity sports programs had a dominant winter season. The poms team took first place in the Mid American Pompon State Championship, while our wrestling and cheerleading teams captured Flint Metro League titles.

Academically, Brandon continues to develop programs for all students. While interventionists and support personnel are in place for struggling students, a renewed emphasis has been placed on challenging our more advanced students.

At the elementary schools, reading and math workshops allow students to get help that matches where they are, not where everyone else is. The intermediate school has begun advanced math, and the middle school continues to offer honors options.

At the high school, the S.T.E.M. program continues to see record enrollment every year, and the English department has brought back its honors program starting in ninth grade. The high school offers more AP courses than ever, with students now able to take over 20 classes for potential college credit.

Contact one of our schools today to see what kind of plan we can design for your child. As we've seen from the Class of 2014, it doesn't matter when you get here—it just matters that you're here.

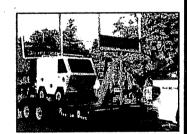
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#### Lourdes Senior Community: activities for all seasons



Winter cannot go on forever, and it warms the hearts of everyone at Lourdes Senior Community in Waterford that numerous outdoor activities are ahead for residents and staff at Fox Manor on the Lake, Mendelson Home, the Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center and Clausen Manor.

Each building has an activities director who ensures there is plenty to do in any season – Tammy Keeley at Fox Manor independent living, Deana Wiegand at Mendelson assisted living, Jacqui Baker at the Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center and Melissa Sexton at Clausen memory care.

Scott Lake lends itself to numerous outdoor activities. Lourdes has a pontoon boat on which residents can take rides or bring a pole for fishing. There also is a lakeside dock for fishing, and a nearby gazebo provides an excellent vantage point overlooking the lake.

Wooded areas fea-

The beauty of 33

acres on the shores of

Wooded areas feature paths for walking where the trees are pretty in spring, summer and fall – even in winter with snow covering the branches. And there's always the

chance a walker may see a deer.

For those who are uncomfortable walking or who simply want to take a leisurely ride, there are bicycles available, or a person could hop aboard a golf cart. Residents with green thumbs can enjoy gardening,

and there is an annual g a r d e n show that attracts residents, fami-

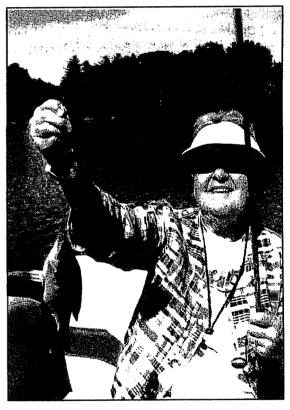


lies and neighbors.

Of course, Lourdes also features several indoor activities: Painting, jewelry making, crafting, cooking and baking, vocal and chime choirs, music and art therapy, computer lessons, entertainment, games such as Wii Bowling, family events, ethnic meals, fun times with elementary and high school students and much more.

In every Lourdes activity, Jacqui Baker summed up well the philosophy shared by herself and her colleagues: "Enhancing everyone's quality of life; that's what activities are all about."

Lourdes Senior Community is home to more than 250 seniors. Sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, it has been serving seniors since 1948 with four core values, Dignity, Service, Compassion and Spirituality, regardless of race, color, creed or religion. The Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center has been named one of the nation's best by U.S. News & World Report and the overall community selected Best of the Best for senior living six years in a row by readers of The Oakland Press.





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While other tree companies have come and gone-Metropolitan Tree Inc. has continued to serve the area for more than 47 years. There must be a reason.

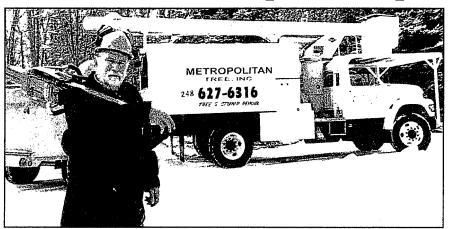
In addtion to an office in Ortonville—Metropolitan Tree also has a location in Clarkston.

"We have worked all over Michigan," said Ron Pepera, owner and community member since 1960. "I'd personally like to thank all our loyal customers that have supported us over the past years. We strive to maintain a high level of service and provide the highest quality work for a reasonable price."

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

Metropolitan Tree has all the skilled man power, climbers, cranes, aerial lift trucks, chippers, stump grinders, heavy brush mowers and equipment to remove large and hazardous trees and stumps. From small jobs to land clearing, residential and commercial, Metropolitan Tree takes pride in providing personal service to all their customers.

Owner Pepera, with more than 47 years experience, personally supervises all jobs to make sure they are properly completed



Metropolitan Tree works full-time, year-round, and stands out from other tree companies demonstrated by the high ratings and awards received from various organizations.

and meet each customer's expectations.

mind," said Pepera. "Same full service at discount prices."

When you call during business hours, you can talk to Bonnie and not a machine, 98 percent of the time. Special arrangements can be made for unexpected tree work.

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

Pepera reminds customers that liability and "We are fully insured for your peace of workman's compensation insurance is needed prior to tree cutting or you will be liable for injuries or damages.

In addtion to qualified removal and disposal of diseased or infested trees, Metropolitan Tree also does contract work for counties, local municipalities, building contractors, commerical and residential custom-

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

"While the tree may be standing—the roots rot first underground. If a tree is dead for three years or more it's ready to go over," he

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

"Customers should feel confident with Metropolitian Tree and it shows by the great number of referrals from our satisfied customers. Thank you to all the previous and current customers that have used our service over the years—we appreciate your business. We are honored to help enhance your property values and keep the community safe from hazardous trees."

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Normal office hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., but customers can call as early as 7 a.m. or as late as 9 p.m. if necessary or anytime emergency service if needed.



#### Michigan Web Press continues its 35-year 'commitment to print'

Michigan Web Press has been "Committed to Print" for 35 years.

The commercial web-offset printing company prints more than 150 different daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and periodicals from throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana

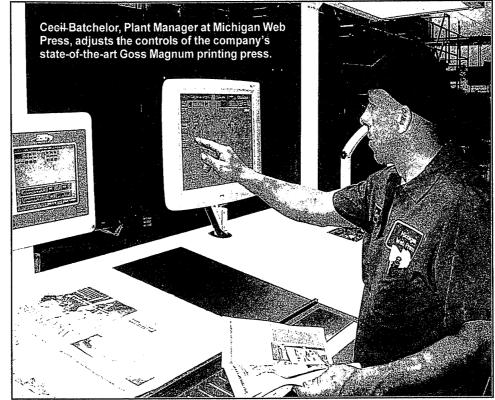
The company's clients include The County Press, View Newspapers, C&G Newspapers, The Monroe Evening News, The (MSU) State News, and The (UM) Michigan Daily.

In addition to printing, the company also performs preprint inserting, bindery services and direct mail fulfillment.

Michigan Web Press' commitment to serve its customers begins with its commitment to reinvest in equipment and technology. A primary example is the company's state-of-theart Goss Magnum printing press capable of producing a 48-page full-color newspaper at 40,000 copies per hour.

Last fall the company installed its third newspaper inserting machine, a Muller Martini SLS-2000. "The new machine doubles our inserting capacity," said Michigan Web Press General Manager Todd Hagerman. "That means we can turn around orders even faster for our customers."

While the newspaper business has undergone significant change in recent years, Michigan Web Press' clients have perse-



vered

"Michigan alone has more than 300 newspapers publishing over 9 million printed copies a week. Print remains a viable medium.

Community newspapers, like those we print, continue to serve a vital role for their readers and advertisers," Hagerman explains.

The company prides itself on high-qual-

ity printing and exceptional customer service.

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 printing technology to their greatest benefit."

Michigan Web Press with its staff of more than 80 employees operates 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week to give their customers fast turnaround times.

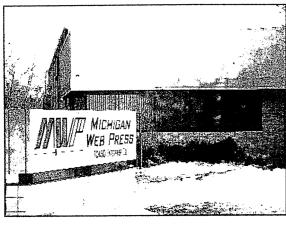
Hagerman is proud of the company's track record when it comes to meeting customers' deadlines.

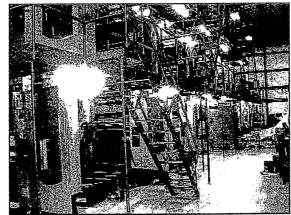
"We rarely miss a delivery deadline. We understand the importance of getting the printed news delivered to our customers' readers on time and we do whatever it takes to make that happen every single day."

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Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville: growing with the community

Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville is committed to the community.

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After opening a new 20,000 square foot state of the art showroom and service area last year—Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville's selection of new and pre-owned vehicles continues to grow.

"With the investment in the new building last year we are looking forward to being a part of the community for many years," said Joe Greene, manager. "Randy Wise Ford is committed to providing the Brandon and Groveland township area with the finest in Ford products and a first class service facility to back that up. Ford Motor Company continues to set high standards for its vehicles."

Ford's impressive line-up of new cars provide what customers want most: fuel economy, technology, safety and outstanding performance. The innovative design, includes dramatic interiors and stunning exteriors. Above all, Ford cars are driven by innovation.

"From the eco-friendliness of the C-Max gasoline-electric hybrid models providing 47 mpg, to the F-150 America's best selling truck to the powerful performance



From left, Jeff Harold, Rob Warren, Shawn Hale, Ian Seaford, John Durand, Joe Dixon, Dave Swanson and Kevin Wilkinson.

of the Mustang—Ford Motor Company continues to set the standards in the automotive industry," said Greene. "Our hybrid versions—like the Fusion—providing up to 37 hwy mpg – 47 combined mpg provides the economy and value in today's world."

"Regardless of the Ford model that's right for you, customers can be certain that Randy

Wise Ford will be here to provide not only the best selection, but also service long after the vehicle is purchased," he added.

"This fall Ford will roll out the first big pickup made of aluminum as Ford drops 700 pounds from a typical F-150 in the drive to save fuel," he said. "In January, the F-150 was displayed at the North American

Auto Show in Detroit and is another example of the great advances in engineering that keeps Ford a leader in the automobile industry."

Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville makes it easy to buy a car in a number of price ranges.

"We also have a variety of certified preowned vehicles to choose from," said Greene.

Randy Wise Ford continues to give back to the community through the school system. Twice a year community members are invited to test-drive a variety of new Ford vehicles for the Drive One 4 UR School event. Ford Motor Company and Randy Wise Ford of Ortonville will donate \$20 to Brandon High School for each person who takes a test-drive in a new Ford. In total, as much as \$6,000 could be earned for the Brandon Blackhawks or the Goodrich Martians.

Randy Wise, which includes five locations in southeast Michigan, purchased the Ortonville location from Arrant Ford in 2004. Randy Wise owns five area dealerships offering Buick, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Ford, GMC, Hyundai, Jeep, Lincoln and Ram vehicles.



#### Customers & community first with Smith's Disposal

satisfaction is the highest priority. They've continues to offer the same great service. recently added email notifications.

"With the snow storms this winter, we had to close down for a couple of days," Owner Carol Evans explained.

Customers can sign up for email blasts on Smith's Disposal's website and receive notifications including holiday reminders and pick-up updates due to weather.

Smith's understands their customers have several companies to choose from, and they feel a responsibility to earn their loyalty.

"We have been doing this for a long time," said Archie Munson. "We have been a small hauler since 1981 and been able to compete against the larger haulers, and we have been able to expand. It speaks about our customer service and value."

To offer more convenience, Smith's Disposal has invested in a new software they are," Munson said. program designed specifically for haulers.

It offers customers the option of automated bill pay and allows them to view their account online. The web-based program allows Smith's Disposal to be more streamlined and control costs.

They also recently added larger recycle bins to fulfill customers' needs for more recycling. The 35-gallon bin also includes a lid and is on wheels so it is easier to roll.

"Recycling has gotten more popular," said Evans.

Although they have expanded and

At Smith's Disposal, customer strengthened their operations, Smith's Disposal

Smith's hauls household garbage and has a weekly curbside recycling service for paper, plastics, and glass. They'll assist you in disposing of large items and compost. Their staff is proud of the friendly and helpful hand they reach out to customers.

Their haulers are often ready with dog treats for customers' pets. They regularly take trash cans back up to seniors' houses, and they offer a discount to senior citizens.

Smith's Disposal believes very strongly that their customers are more like neighbors, and their satisfaction is the driving force behind everything they do.

Another thing that's always been very important to Smith's Disposal is community support. Smith's believes in serving their neighbors.

"We are just invested in the community as

"Carol does a fantastic job of keeping us involved in the community event, whether it be parades or Fourth of July events as well as sponsorships for baseball teams and Senior Night," he added. "All the things she does to make sure the community knows we are there with them."

Every year, the family-owned company donates 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.

They also support community events including Parks and Recreation programs,

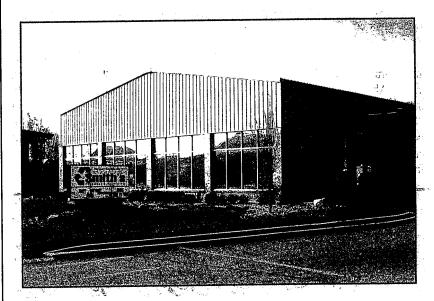


From left, Damien Evans, Owner Carol Evans and Archie Munson.

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The expanded charter includes all 68 counties in the lower peninsula of Michigan, six counties in Minnesota and one county in Pennsylvania.

"Genisys Credit Union prides itself on giving back to the community," said Jackie Buchanan, President/CEO.

In 2013, Genisys Credit Union sponsored a total of 443 community events, including several events in Lake Orion: Orion Concerts in the Park, Dragon Dash, Summer Sizzle, Big Rig Gig, Barn Daze; and events in Oxford including: Celebrate Lone Ranger (formally Celebrate Oxford), Holiday Soup & Stroll, Oxford Restaurant Week, and Seymour Celebra-

In 2013, Genisys employees logged a total of nearly 4,000 volunteer hours and raised over \$30,000 for Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's (OLHSA) Walk for Warmth.

In addition, they donated over \$39,000 through their United Way campaign and were able to provide \$10,500 in donations to local organizations through their Employee Casual Day Fund.

"Community involvement is very important to Genisys," said Buchanan.

Genisys provides all of the traditional fi-

nancial services to anyone who lives or works in the Lower Peninsula including home loans, auto loans, small business lending, merchant processing, and additional retail and business financial services.

Genisys is one of the few financial institutions who offer a debit card with a rewards program.

Last year, members redeemed over 87 million reward points for free gift cards, travel reimbursements and merchandise.

Additionally, the free iPhone and Android mobile banking apps offer check deposit, bill pay, transaction history, account transfers, branch locations via GPS and much more.

Genisvs also has the ability to instant issue debit cards in the branch when a member opens an account, and hosts a very robust online banking system, which includes budgeting tools.

'Genisys Credit Union puts our 96 percent member satisfaction rat- vided by Archie Neil Jr. Photography. ing," said Buchanan. "We offer products and services to meet everyone's financial needs. The number of members we have is growing daily and loan growth has reached a record high."

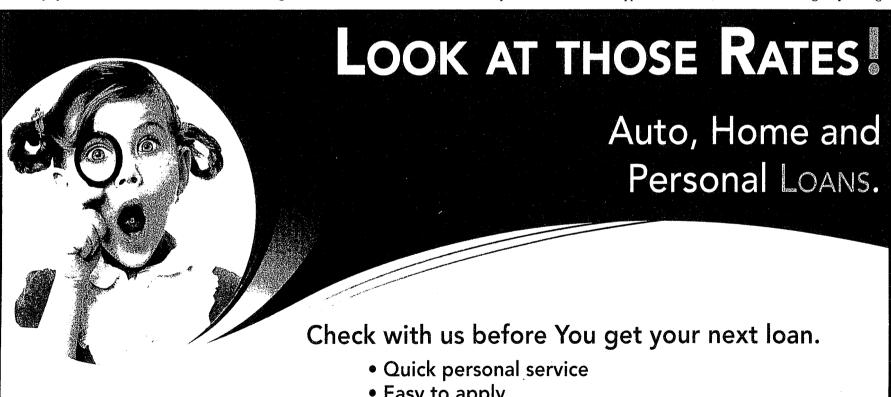


members first, as evidenced by our Staff members volunteered for OLHSA's Walk for Warmth at Great Lakes Crossing. Photo pro-

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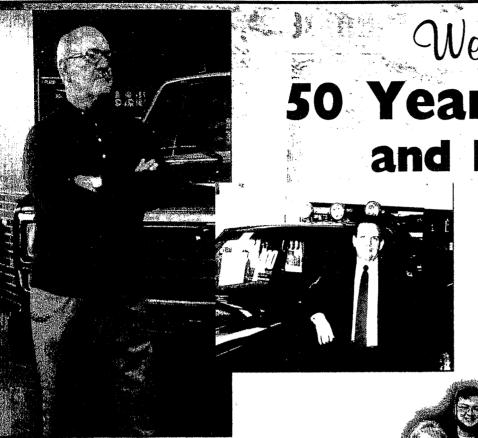
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Waterford Oaks Waterpark features a tropical wave pool with palm trees near the "shore." The Big Bucket children's water playground has more than 30 interactive activities including a giant tipping bucket, waterfalls and sprays. Ragin' Rapids, a group raft ride starts at a height of three stories; carries riders 515 feet through drops and turns; and ends in a three-foot deep splash-down pool.



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