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## Closed session unlawful, says councilman

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A controversial closed session, attorney communication and water pollution issues surround development of 148 N. Main.

At a March 9 Clarkston City Council meeting, city attorney Tom Ryan cited attorney-client privilege when calling for a closed session regarding talks on the property. Councilman Richard Bisio said attorney-client privilege did not apply in this case.

"It is a letter from the city engineer discussing two alternatives for dealing with stormwater runoff. This document doesn't contain any legal advice and it is not transformed from non-privileged to privileged by attaching the city attorney's two-sentence memo that purports to make it privileged," said Bisio.

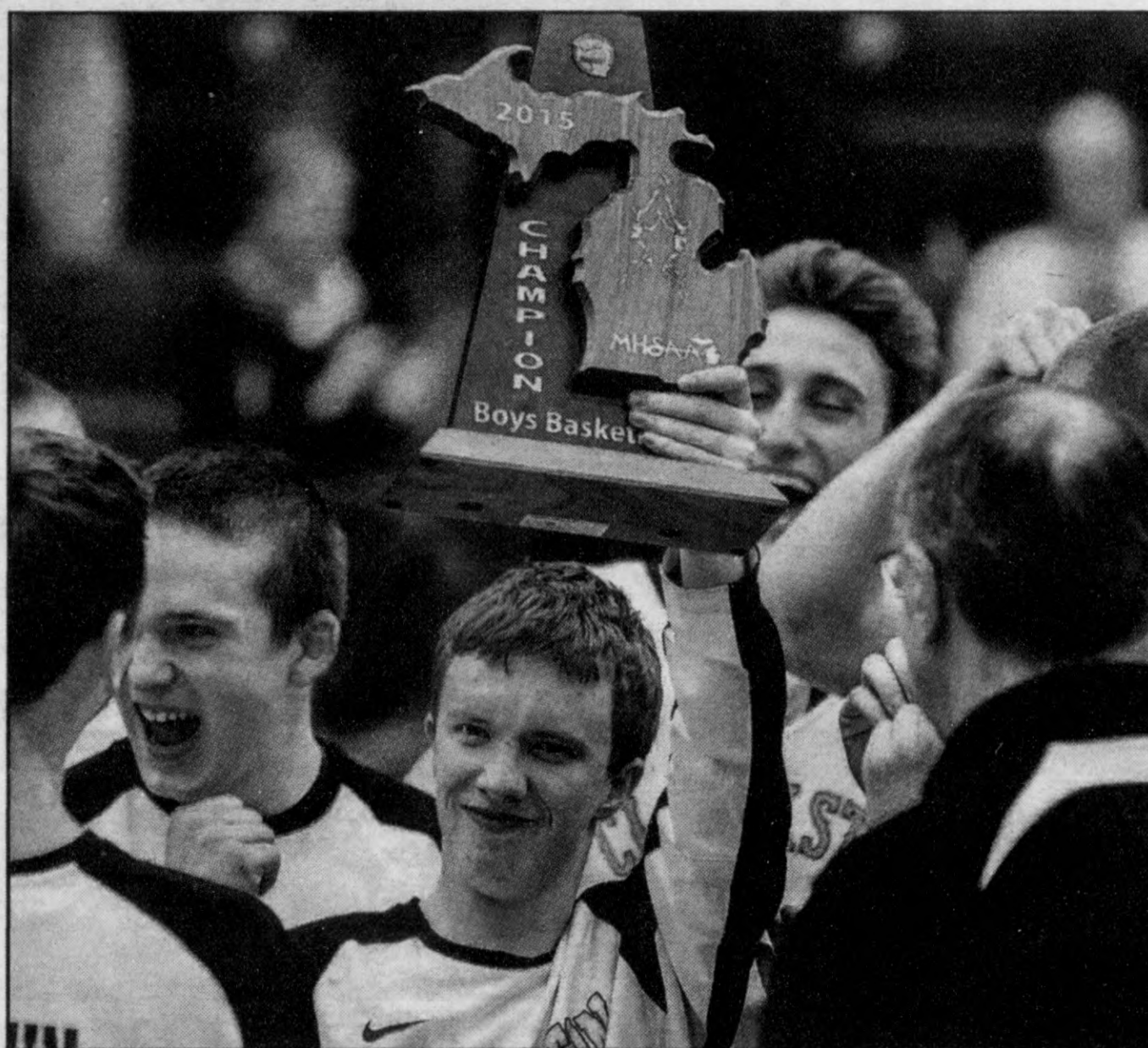
Mayor Joseph Luginski, and council members Eric Haven, Thomas Hunter, and Mike Sabol voted to enter closed session.

Council member Sharron Catallo recused herself due to conflict of interest and Council member David Marsh was absent.

Bisio voted not to enter the closed session, but participated in the meeting.

"I stayed because I believe my constituents and the public is entitled to know what occurred at this meeting," he said.

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Alex Ward hoists the MHSAA District trophy after the Wolves win last Friday.  
Photo by Larry Wright

## Cagers sink Highlanders for title

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Two nights made a difference for the Wolves as their intensity fueled them for their third showdown against Rochester Adams in the season - this time for the MHSAA Basketball District finals last Friday night.

A jump to the lead in the first quarter for the boys kept them charged as they won their 37th district title, 63-46.

Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball, added the

boys didn't play aggressively in their win over Oxford to get to the district finals or in their win against Adams, March 5.

"We didn't play like this - that's how Clarkston plays," he said. "That's how Clarkston has to play. If we don't we are average. So many more things come more with intensity."

The Highlanders started the scoring with the first basket by Corey Beale 47 seconds into the game. But a foul called against them

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Check out how businesses are

*Moving Forward*

in this week's edition

## Public notice act up for vote

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

A vote is expected this week on a state bill revamping public notice requirements.

State Rep. Jim Tedder (R-Clarkston) said he is considering both sides when determining how he will vote on HB 4183, which would create a tiered system for notices regarding meetings, assessments, zoning, elections, ordinances, and other issues.

The law would phase out publication in newspapers in favor of notices on government websites within 10 years. Currently, local municipalities are required to publish notices in local newspapers at varying costs to local units.

"I want to seek a balance between cost to local government and people's ability to access the information they need," Tedder said. "Government is full of well-intended men and women striving to do what is right by their constituents, but it's incumbent on citizens to keep government honest. One way is public disclosure through legal notices, along with the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act."

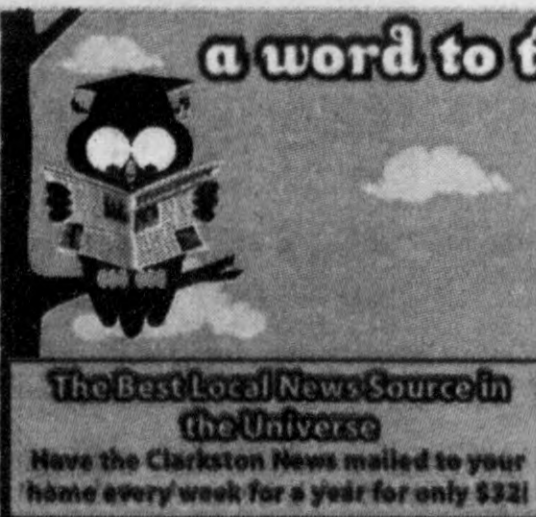
The state representative has reached out to newspapers, governments, and other stakeholders in the community. Local township clerks support the bill, he said.

"We're moving into the electronic age," said Independence Township Clerk Barb Pallotta. "This would be another way to get information out there."

People would still have access to the information they need, and the township

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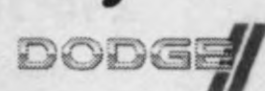
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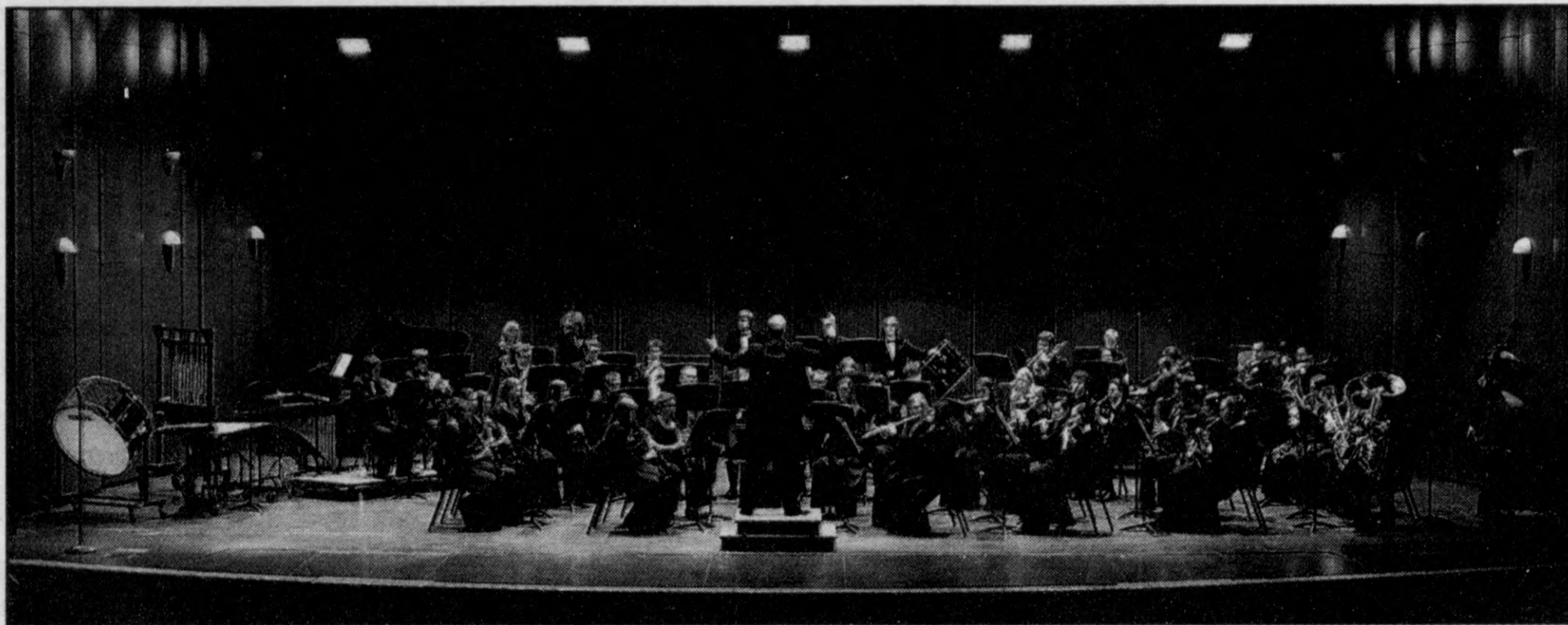
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The Clarkston High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed in New York City this week. Photo provided

## Practice gets Clarkston kids to Carnegie Hall

Clarkston High School music students were in the Big Apple this week, performing with musicians from across the county.

The CHS Symphonic Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Michael Lewis, performed at the 11th annual National

Youth Concert at Carnegie Hall, March 16.

Joining the ensemble on stage were associate directors Justin Harris and Shelley Schwaderer Roland.

Bands, orchestras, and choirs were selected by audition to perform at the spring series of concerts. Ensembles

and their soloists come from as far away as California, Texas, and Florida to perform.

The 80 Clarkston students visited many NYC highlights including the Statue of Liberty and 9-11 Memorial, and attended a musical on their four-day trip.

## Schools look into new way to make the grade

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The ABCs of elementary students' report cards may be a thing of the past this fall, as Clarkston Schools look to revamp its assessment system.

"We are currently having these discussions relative to Kindergarten through fifth grade students, replacing A, B, C, D, and E ratings with a different, more specific focus on learning, and identifying the non-cognitive skills upon which we also wish to give feedback," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

Administrators presented an Elementary Assessment and Reporting Update to Clarkston Board of Education, March 9.

Teachers and administrators have been meeting since last fall to discuss the purpose of grading and how to communicate students' learning progress with their parents.

They developed the "System of Assessment and Reporting," SOAR, which includes learning feedback documents (report cards), as well as gradebooks, newsletters, teacher websites, phone calls, emails, open houses and conferences, projects, portfolios, and assignments, notes, journals, reading logs, and other documents.

"We are in the process of deciding what kinds of feedback are most valuable to parents and students regarding students' learning," Rock said. "We wish to give

feedback that shows exactly what kids are learning and how their learning grows over time."

"It set goals for kids and gives feedback – not about comparing one student with another," said Kim Fletcher, teacher trainer and data consultant.

The new markings would include Secure, "student consistently and independently demonstrates understanding of the concept or skill"; Developing, "student needs occasional support from others in order to demonstrate understanding of the concept or skill"; and Beginning, "student is not yet able to demonstrate understanding of the concept or skill without considerable support from others."

Learning feedback documents would provide feedback on essential understandings, Fletcher said.

"These are big ideas that have lasting value beyond the classroom and align with our mission to cultivate thinkers, learners, and positive contributors to a global society," she said. "These understandings form the basis of what we want students to know, understand and do."

They're based on the Michigan Academic Standards in Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies and Life Skills, she said.

"This is very exciting," she said. "It reflects what we're doing and what we value."

Board Treasurer Joan Patterson said "mastery" of concepts is important, not just

"understanding."

"I don't see 'mastery,' here," Patterson said. "My concern is in courses like junior high and high school chemistry and biology, they have to master them to take it to the next step."

Board Vice President Susan Boatman asked about the terminology used in the update.

"To me, 'big ideas' mean things like how to cure cancer – that's how I see using it," Boatman said. "I'm not sure what 'secure' would mean to people – people might find that word foreign."

"Big ideas" refers to overarching concepts like perseverance and making connections, Fletcher said.

Trustee Kelli Horst said she supported the system.

"It's no longer just the report card you get at the end of the semester," Horst said.

Administration will meet with staff, parents, and the community in the spring to communicate the plan, with implementation in the fall.

"The feedback system is in process and is not complete," Rock said. "We will provide updates to the board and community as we move forward. Community members are welcome to offer suggestions or feedback to the superintendent throughout the process."

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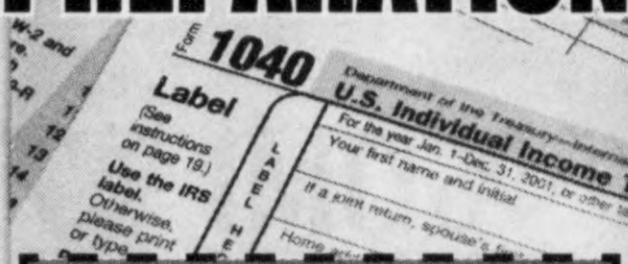
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## Cemetery damaged

A disturbing sight greeted visitors at Ottawa Park and Oak Hill Cemetery off Maybee Road in Independence Township.

Deep, muddy ruts marred the landscape, Monday and Tuesday, and several headstones were out of place.

Cemetery worker Pablo Cruz said the damage was accidental, caused when crews had trouble digging a new grave.

Cruz said some headstones had to be moved in order to avoid damaging them. He heard a rumor on a news station that there was a body on site near where the work was being done, but that is not true.

"There are no bodies," he said. "We had to call the family and let them know we would have to store their family member's body until we can get up to the plot later in the spring."

As Cruz spoke, a woman could be seen in her car with a distressed look on her face, staring at the displaced stones on the hill.

Asked if she had a loved one buried in the work area, Kim Charters said several family members are laid to rest in the work area.

She said Cruz assured her everything will be fixed.



Workers moved headstones when having trouble digging a grave in Ottawa Park and Oak Hill Cemetery, off Maybee Road. Photos provided



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## Law would phase in over decade

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information they need, and the township wouldn't be vulnerable to mistakes made by a separate entity like a newspaper, Pallotta said.

"If there's a mistake, I'd be the one who made it," she said. "I'm a big supporter of newspapers - we support the *Clarkston News* in other ways, like the *Independence Township Times*."

The Michigan Township Association also supports the bill, saying it would streamline the public notice process and help

townships save money.

The Michigan Press Association opposes the bill, saying public notices cost townships little and protects taxpayers' rights.

"Having a permanent and publicly-circulated record of government actions proves beyond a shadow of a doubt what formal action government did or didn't take. Websites can be hacked - New Jersey, the Defense Department, NASDAQ and the federal court system are recent examples," according to MPA.

If passed, public notices would fall into one of three categories, with Tier A requiring the longest publication period. These would include notices affecting issues such as property, taxes and finances.

By Jan. 1, 2025, electronic notices would be allowed on township websites for 14 to 30 days, depending on the type of notice. An amendment was added by committee to require notices be mailed or emailed to newspapers for notification purposes.

Townships would also be required to keep a printed copy of the notice at the township office for public inspection. If 10 percent of the unit's electors sign a petition, the local unit would have to submit a ballot question that would require public notices be published in a newspaper for five years.

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## Rezoning request tabled by council

BY ANDREAM M. BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

City Council tabled a request to rezone 59 S. Main from multi-residential to village commercial.

Discussion at the March 9 meeting included downtown residential housing and zoning issues.

Mayor Joe Luiginski asked developer Larry Barnett from CBC about plans for the building.

"If there is no prospective purchaser, why are you concerned about rezoning," he asked.

Barnett said there are no present plans to change the building.

"We don't want to add or subtract or destroy the building," he said. "We have preserved it through the years and consulted with the historic society."

Cara Catallo, who spoke on behalf of the Clarkston Historic District Commission, questioned the rush to rezone and said it would "splinter" the downtown.

The best use for the building is residential, and the historic commission should be consulted in whatever happens with the building, said Catallo, whose brother Curt Catallo owns the Clarkston Union restaurant across the street.

Council member Sharron Catallo also said she would like further consideration on the issue.

City attorney Tom Ryan added the request should be referred back to the planning commission for conditional rezoning, because otherwise it could be used for numerous types of businesses.

City planner Dick Carlisle also recommended the conditional rezoning.

Mike Sabol, councilman and member of the Planning Commission, opposed conditional rezoning.

"We held our public hearing and made our recommendation," Sabol said. "We did not think there was a need for conditional rezoning."

The issue was thoroughly discussed by the planning commission and the issue should be a done deal, he said.

Councilman Richard Bisio said the property owner proposes conditions for rezoning, and conditional would restrict use of the property to be used only for a restaurant, in this case.

Barnett said the only planned use would be a restaurant, and agreed conditional rezoning should be examined more. He admitted was not familiar with conditional rezoning laws.

Built in 1903, the Sutherland building at 59 S. Main, was previously zoned commercial and was a restaurant and bar before CBC purchased the building, restored it, and made it into five residential units.

## Main Street property at issue

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Other council members had no comment on the closed session.

"As counsel advised before we went into the session, any explanation might result in divulging confidential information," Sabol said.

Bisio said the closed session included Ryan telling council about stormwater detention and retention discussions held with a local property developer, and a request for guidance.

According to the state Open Meetings Act, closed session is permitted to discuss personnel matters such as evaluation and discipline, collective bargaining, property purchase negotiation, and discussion of employment applications. Closed session is permitted to discuss lawsuit strategy with the city attorney only if an open meeting would have a "detrimental financial effect" on the city's position.

The council can go into closed session to discuss material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law, but "a board is not permitted to go into closed session to discuss an attorney's oral opinion, as opposed to a written legal memorandum."

Bisio, an attorney, said the meeting didn't meet that criteria, and came to the council meeting with a copy of OMA laws.

"This would seem to be good public policy since closed meetings deny the public's right to know," he said.

At the meeting, Bisio questioned Ryan and said he believed issues given for the hearing were not valid. After Bisio's questioning, Ryan rescinded his request to enter closed session, but the council voted to do so anyway.

Michigan Press Association attorney Robin Luce Herrmann said city council and attorney actions are "extremely disturbing."

"The requirements for entering into a closed session are clearly set forth in the Open Meetings Act. It is also very clear that a public body may not meet in closed session simply to receive an oral report from their attorney. It is extremely disturbing both that an attorney for a public body apparently did not properly advise the public body on compliance with the Open Meetings Act and that a public body is apparently unconcerned with whether their actions are in compliance with the law," she said.

Public officials charged with violating the law, a misdemeanor, could be held personally liable for actual and exemplary damages of not more than \$500 for a single meeting, if found guilty. A government body's decision could also be invalidated by a court if made in violation of the law.

A lawsuit would be required to bring action, Bisio said.

"I considered suing the city for an injunction against holding such improperly closed meetings in the future, but decided against it for several reasons," the council member said.

It would cost the city's taxpayers money to defend against the lawsuit and any other fees if successfully sued, he explained.

"City residents are entitled to know what their government is doing. There should not be meetings behind closed doors to set city policy. It engenders suspicion and disrespect for city government," said Bisio.

"I pointed out that Michigan Supreme Court precedent holds that it is a violation of the Open Meetings Act to go into a closed session to discuss an attorney's oral opinion or advice. The city attorney said he had planned to draft a written memo on the subject, which could conceivably have been something that was protected by attorney-client privilege would justify a closed session. But he didn't have time to do it, having just received the city engineer's letter that afternoon," he added.

Located on the north east side of Clarkston and Main Street, the business is currently a muffler and brake shop. The building has been automotive related, and once a gas station, since 1929.

City council approved a site plan and conditional rezoning of the property, proposed by Curt Catallo's "Union Joints" to be a coffee and deli shop, in June 2014. Part of a rezoning and site plan approval agreement addressed storm water issues at the location.

Pollution and storm water trouble has plagued the property for years. Heavy traffic is also an issue at the bustling corner.

Memos from 2003 address residents concerns over the stormwater issues in the area to protect property and water resources in Clarkston.

Stormwater is discharged in local waters. The city bid the jobs to extend the water main and other work in the area. Contractors estimated the project to cost between \$2.9 million and \$4 million.

Terri Golla of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality said the property is still not in compliance with the law. Golla added the property is contaminated with petroleum-based contaminants and any type of digging taking place on the site could stir up contamination.

In 2014, Golla said a baseline environmental assessment is required within 45 days of purchase in order to not be held liable for contamination issue. Neil Wallace, attorney for Catallo, said phase one and phase two of an environmental baseline were completed.

City Engineering Firm Hubbel, Roth and Clark proposed a stormwater and detention system to deal with the contamination.

Retention work will require a waiver to protect the city and engineers from any movement that occurs from the plume of contamination. Another option is constructing a storm outlet. Currently an open ditch and culvert runs from the property and into the Mill Pond. No waiver is required for the action. Constructing a storm outlet would not impact groundwater or the contamination plume.

## Briefly

### Spring cleaning

Safe Harbor Recycling hosts a spring cleaning collection from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at the Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road.

They will accept computers, electronics, cell phones, scrap metal, appliances, exercise equipment, tools, and virtually anything with a plug except TVs and monitors with a picture tube.

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### Volunteer needed

The City of the Village of Clarkston is looking for a volunteer for the Planning Commission.

For information, contact Commission Chairman Councilman Mike Sabol at [sabolm@villageofclarkston.org](mailto:sabolm@villageofclarkston.org) or Clarkston City Hall at 248-625-1559.

### Contest for students

State Rep. Jim Tedder (R-Clarkston) is holding a contest for area high school students to submit their ideas for outdated criminal laws that should be repealed. The winners will spend the day at the state Capitol with the representative.

"This workgroup is a great opportunity to get high school students involved in their state government," Tedder said. "Their input is valuable and I am excited about the prospect of sparking some interest in our state's government."

The competition is open to high school students in Clarkston and Independence Township, as well as Lake Angelus and Waterford Township.

Send submissions listing the law and why it should be repealed to [JimTedder@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimTedder@house.mi.gov) with the subject line "ought to not be a law." They can also be submitted to the workgroup at [gophouse.org/clr](http://gophouse.org/clr). Submissions are due by April 6. One winner from Clarkston and one from Waterford will be chosen by Tedder and his staff.

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## Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

### Consequences needed

This continuous behavior by Clarkston city officials is exhausting.

When you question how they behave, they respond as if your questions are meaningless.

Attorney Tom Ryan, who represents many other communities, led the council into an illegal closed session. Has to make you wonder if he is leading other communities he represents to break laws also.



Its like no big deal to any of them either. Its like "Oh we broke the law again." What happens when they keep breaking rules. Nothing. absolutely nothing. So why would they stop their behavior?

Sure they get bad press. Another round of "negative" articles in *The Clarkston News* but that's about it.

Laws we have in America were created for a reason. They were created to keep out communities free from corruption. I would imagine if you ran for a seat on city council, somewhere in your spirit you appreciate legal processes that occurs in the United States.

City officials are always preaching positivity, but it is their very behavior that leads us down a continuous road to negativity.

It seems city attorney Tom Ryan and the group he "leads" could care less about our American way of doing things. They just do what they want, when they want and then move on as if nothing happened.

We must not forget Mayor Joe Luginski's statement, "we are just a group of volunteers." You may be just a group of volunteers, but you are a group of volunteers leading a community, collecting and spending their money.

If there was a class on what not to do in government, someone could create a section called City of the Village of Clarkston, "Here is what they do that your should not."

If you are going to lead the community at least make sure you do it right.

Perhaps legal council should be re-evaluated too. After all you have an attorney who knowingly led the group into closed session after being informed it was illegal. We have a council who could care less about following the rules, and attorney who could care less about the law.

I tell you one thing for sure, Independence Township officials would never behave this way.

# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Keep 'public' in public notices

As the state legislature considers HB 4181 to allow local governments to post public notices on their own websites in 10 years, we can point to our local city council to illustrate why this is a bad idea.

Clarkston City Council reportedly went into closed session without justification, as told in today's front page story, "Closed session unlawful, says councilman."

This, along with the city's history regarding Freedom of Information requests ("Johnston's still searching for

apology," May 21, 2014), construction of a new bridge ("Depot Park bridge fixed, but questions remain," Dec. 25, 2013), and communication with the *Clarkston News* ("City manager breaks contact with News," Feb 14, 2014), shows the need for an independent public notice system.

Now is not the time for the state to grant local entities more control over the flow of information. We urge the state house to vote down HB 4181.

-PMC

## Reader finds flaw in Sashabaw plan

Dear Editor,

Looking at the Independence Township plans for changes to Sashabaw Road, I note that after all is done the one really dangerous turn situation will not be improved!

The left turn from northbound Sashabaw will not be change; we will still have to turn

left against south bound traffic coming over the hill.

So what has \$3 million or \$4 million really bought us? Seems that our planners need to consider threats to traffic rather than better access to Sashabaw!

Jim Reed

Independence Township

## Salary increases too high for reader

Dear Editor,

I can't believe the proposed increases in salaries for these two positions ("Raises for school admin," March 5).

With wage growth nonexistent over the past six years and inflation below one percent, how can you possibly justify raises of eight percent and 24 percent respectively?

tively?

I guess when you're the one who decides if you should get a raise then it's pretty easy to justify? The problem with spending other people's money is eventually you run out (Margaret Thatcher).

Todd Tarantino

Independence Township

## Thanks for help at chocolate contest

Dear Editor,

The Board of the Friends of the Clarkston Independence Library would like to thank the community for their participation in our recent Chocolate Celebration at the library. We especially appreciate those who made chocolate items for the contest!

It was a delicious event and there were

many positive comments about the items submitted for the contest.

We also would like to recognize and thank Bordine's for their support with this event. The flowers added a beautiful touch to the festivities.

Janet Coffing

Independence Township

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## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 2000

**"Proposed middle school starting time change gets mixed review"** A draft proposal to change school start times for elementary and middle schools to later times in the fall was met with opposition from parents and students. A few problems included elementary students would be home before middle schoolers and middle school students might miss the bus with parents already at work.

**"Story time with Michigan Attorney General"** Fourth graders at Andersonville Elementary received a special visit from Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, who shared trivia on Michigan government and read her favorite book, "The Empty Pot" by Demi, to the students.

**"Wild game makes for wonderful meal"** Clarkston resident Jack Leech loves the outdoors and he also loves the indoors, mainly his own kitchen. He discussed being an outdoor enthusiast as well as his pride in cooking his wild game - from elk and pheasant to rabbit and duck.

### 25 years ago - 1990

**"Village officials all re-elected"** There was no upset in the Village of Clarkston election as all incumbent council members retained their seats despite three write-in candidates.

**"Supervisor uncovers elusive tooth"** Bailey Lake Elementary student Matt Crigger was running and slid on the icy playground when he fell over another boy and broke his tooth. Other children helped to find his tooth and Playground Supervisor Ellen Muday found it so Crigger's dentist Micheal Prudhomme could bind the original tooth to the existing piece.

**"Wolves win title with 3-pointer"** With the game scored at 57 points with Grand Blanc and 26 seconds remaining, Reggie Reed sank a 3-pointer in the district championship game for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. The game ended 60-57 with the Wolves winning their second consecutive Class A district title against the Bobcats.

### 50 years ago - 1965

**"Housing uptrend continues for third year"** The number of residential units authorized in the Detroit region during 1964 was the highest since 1957 - this also included Independence Township which issued 198 permits for new houses.

**"Local pastor and wife to visit Holy Land"** Reverend and Mrs. Paul Vanaman left for their 22-day trip to the Holy Land.



# Calls from over/or under seas

Got another unwelcome call from a man with a foreign, to me, tongue wanting to talk to me about the expired warranty on my 10-year old Ford. At first I thought it good he found a calling job in America, but he might have been living off shore.

Then, my mind wandered: Did Ford give him my number? Had he crept into my electronics? Should I reload one of my guns, call Sam, or just wonder if I was being hornswaggled?

So, I started writing this column not knowing where it would take me. This question came to me recently: Do women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mentioned it?

I've made just one really good in-

vestment in my life. It was for a marriage license, and it's been paying dividends since day one.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

### Headlines gleaned by Mrs CGS.

- Statistics show teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.
- Federal agents raid gun shop; find weapons.
- Worker suffers leg pain after crane drops 800 pound ball on his head.
- Man accused of killing lawyer receives new attorney.

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## Laugh! Damn it!

A father buys a lie detector robot that slaps people when they lie. He decides to test it out at dinner one night. The father asks his son what he did that afternoon. The son says, "I did school-work." The robot slaps the son. The son says, "OK, OK. I was at a friend's house watching movies."

Dad asks, "What movie did you watch?" The son says, "Toy Story." The robot slaps the son. The son said, "Ok, Ok. We were watching porn."

Dad says, "What? At your age I didn't even know what porn was."

The robot slaps the father. Mom laughs and says, "Well, he certainly is your son."

The robot slaps the mother.

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Sign in NFL locker rooms: "Defeat, but don't kill!"

Nike sign in PGA locker room, "Tiger Woods plays with own balls."

Sign in a congressional office: "Marijuana issue sent to joint committee."

## A couple quickies:

1. Medical researchers can't realistically expect to find a cure quicker than Mom kissing the place that hurts.

2. Maybe a man does love his wife as much as his dog, but have you ever heard a man whistling around his neighborhood at night trying to get her to come home?

# Family, magic and politics

I went to A Bean To Go in downtown Lake Orion the other morning for a cup of coffee. The coffee is awesome; the atmosphere everything you'd want for a coffee shop -- old brick walls, wooden floors, big windows, and lots of space. The owner/roast master Kirk Walker, was his friendly self.

Everything was honkydory . . .

But, what grabbed my attention wasn't the coffee, atmosphere or the owner. It was something he said, something he's trying out. Get this, every Monday is Family Game Night. And, what this really means is it is a time where cell phones, tablets and other portable computer things are discouraged.

"I just thought, wouldn't it be nice to have a time where families can come out, be together and not be distracted by gadgets," he said.

Folks can talk, read or play board games. They can play the games there, or bring in their own. What a concept!

Good job, Kirk. Well played

\* \* \*

I read in a book that children are magical. They transform those who care for them. Children make their caretakers more understanding, more patient more loving. The magic of children is they make us better.

I agree . . . oh, and do you really want to know the book? It might take away from the propheticness of the concept. I suppose it might not, too. Okay, it's a science fiction/fantasy type book by Jim Butcher, called *Proven Guilty*. This book is part of a series of books in the Dresden Files -- about Chicago's only wizard in the phone book, Harry Blackstone Copperfield Dresden.

Presto-magico! I feel the magic of the previous sentiment, slowly going, "poof!"

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This week members of the Michigan House of Representatives are getting set to vote for HB 4183. A bill I strongly oppose.

In an effort to take away accountability and transparency in government, some members of the Michigan Legislature are moving to end requiring local governments placing public notices in newspapers. House Bill 4183 is veiling the transparency issue as a "cost" savings to local governments, by letting government officials to place notices on their websites.

We know of a half dozen local governments who do not have websites? How many more throughout the state are with out websites. It is also estimated that 25% of the population does not have the internet in their home.

The bill fails to show a cost of implementing and maintaining local government websites.

The cost to our local governments to post notices in our pages is very small. But the issue really isn't about saving the tax payers a few thousand dollars a year. It is really about keeping the public informed by an independent third party. Do you trust everyone in government to always do the right thing? Would you like the United States Constitution to only be a digital copy. It's really easy to change digital content.

The House is expected to vote on this bill this Thursday (March 19) and I encourage everybody to contact their legislator to vote against.

Let's face it folks, government at every level struggles with transparency, with projecting an image of integrity and of trust. The publication of legal notices helps it do just that, it's an indication of a board's intent to be open with the public it serves.

Currently, newspapers are required to print, verify

and keep on file all notices published in our newspapers. House Bill 4183, sponsored by Amanda Price (R-Holland), will create the "Local Government Public Notice Act" to phase-in, by January 2025, new legal protocols. When the bill is fully implemented, the act will allow government to handle legal notices by electronic dissemination and archival protocols via the Internet on government-run websites with little or no oversight as we have today.

The bill would allow those public notices to be placed on websites run by municipalities, out-of-sight, out-of-mind, and out-of-the-way communication for many citizens I think would become detrimental to taxpayers. With so many more serious issues facing our state at this time, I question why this unnecessary bill is topping the list of legislative actions.

Publisher Fred Jacobs wrote . . . On the surface, the issue may not seem serious to most, but to those of us who have dedicated their professional lives to the publishing business it is an obvious reduction in government transparency. It reminds me of something that a former township supervisor once told me.

"I wish you wouldn't publish so much information about what were doing," said this government leader, "it makes it hard to govern."

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Here are local representatives and their contact information:

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**Brad Jacobsen** (District 46): call 517-373-1798 or email, BradJacobsen@house.mi.gov

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A column by  
Don Rush





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# Public Safety

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## Shots heard

A recess monitor reported hearing a gun shot in the back of the playground at Bailey Lake Elementary, 1:03 p.m., March 6. Monitors brought the children in from recess and cancelled all recess for the rest of the day, and two deputies checked the area. No gunshots were heard. The district sent an e-blast email to parents about the situation.

## Sports card stolen

A resident in the 6000 block of Shappie Road checked his mail on March 7 and found a padded envelope for him was torn open. The contents, a certified 2004 Jerry Rice Raiders football card purchased on eBay, was gone.

## Lost walker calls for help

A 61-year-old Independence Township woman called police after getting lost while walking in the woods in Independence Oaks County Park. The search included sheriff's deputies K9 unit, and Independence Township firefighters. Deputies and firefighters found her east of Perry Lake Road near the sports fields, 7:13 p.m., March 7. She was wet and cold but otherwise uninjured. A sheriff's helicopter was called but cancelled just before arriving on scene.

## Investigation in shooting

Deputies responded to an address in the 6100 block of Hillsboro on a reported shooting, 4:43 a.m., March 7. The caller said he was having a party and the subject, a 36-year-old Brandon Township man, was threatening to shoot everyone at the party, or himself, with a handgun. Deputies and Springfield Township paramedics found the man with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Detectives and the OCSO Forensic Lab responded for further investigation, and the deceased was released to the Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

## Collisions at resort

A 35-year-old Royal Oak man and 12-year-old Sharon Township boy collided on the slope at Pine Knob Ski Resort, 4:18 p.m., March 8. A witness said neither looked uphill when crossing from one side of the slope to the other. The Royal Oak man, who was not wearing a helmet, was taken to McLaren Clarkston, and the boy was taken to Royal Oak Beaumont.

A 61-year-old Royal Oak man skiing at Pine Knob Ski Resort hit a skier who had stopped on the hill, 7:36 p.m., March 10. He was taken to Royal Oak Beaumont for possible broken ribs.



**Firefighters pay their final respects to Neil J. Ashley at Wint & Son Funeral Home, March 11. Ashley, who passed away March 6, served for 26 years with the Independence Township Fire Department as assistant chief and fire marshall, retiring in 1996.**

## Theft from vehicle

Someone took change and hand tools from an unlocked SUV and unlocked car in the 2000 block of Mann Road, March 7.

## Car trouble

When a carpooler started his car in the Park and Ride lot on Ortonville Road at I-75, 4:05 p.m., March 10, he heard a loud noise coming from the exhaust pipe. He found someone took his catalytic converter. Both sections of exhaust pipe were cut clean.

## Student found in Waterford

A 15-year-old Independence Township girl reported missing on March 5 has been located. The Clarkston Junior High School student was found at her 19-year-old boyfriend's home in Waterford Township, March 13. Law enforcement described the incident as a "runaway" situation.

## Missing resident found

Sharyn Marie McDonnell of Independence Township was laid to rest, March 14. She was the subject of more than a month-long search after being reported missing, Feb. 1. Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department were dispatched to the 6600 block of Andersonville Road, 6:44 p.m., March 10. The caller said McDonnell was found face down in the snow and appeared to have frozen to death. Her clothing matched what she was wearing when she was last seen in January. More than a dozen volunteers gathered, Feb. 21, to search for her. A Memorial Service was March 14 at Faith Church in Waterford. Memorials may be made to Faith Church.



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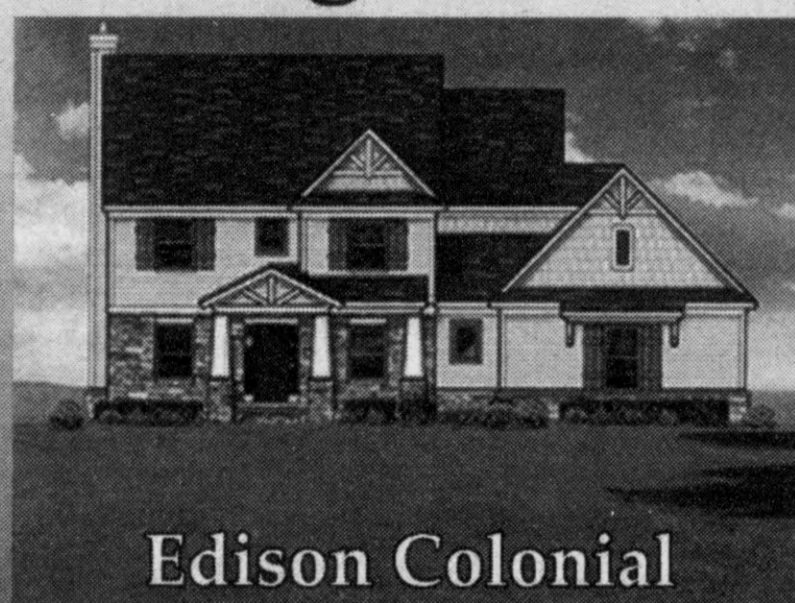
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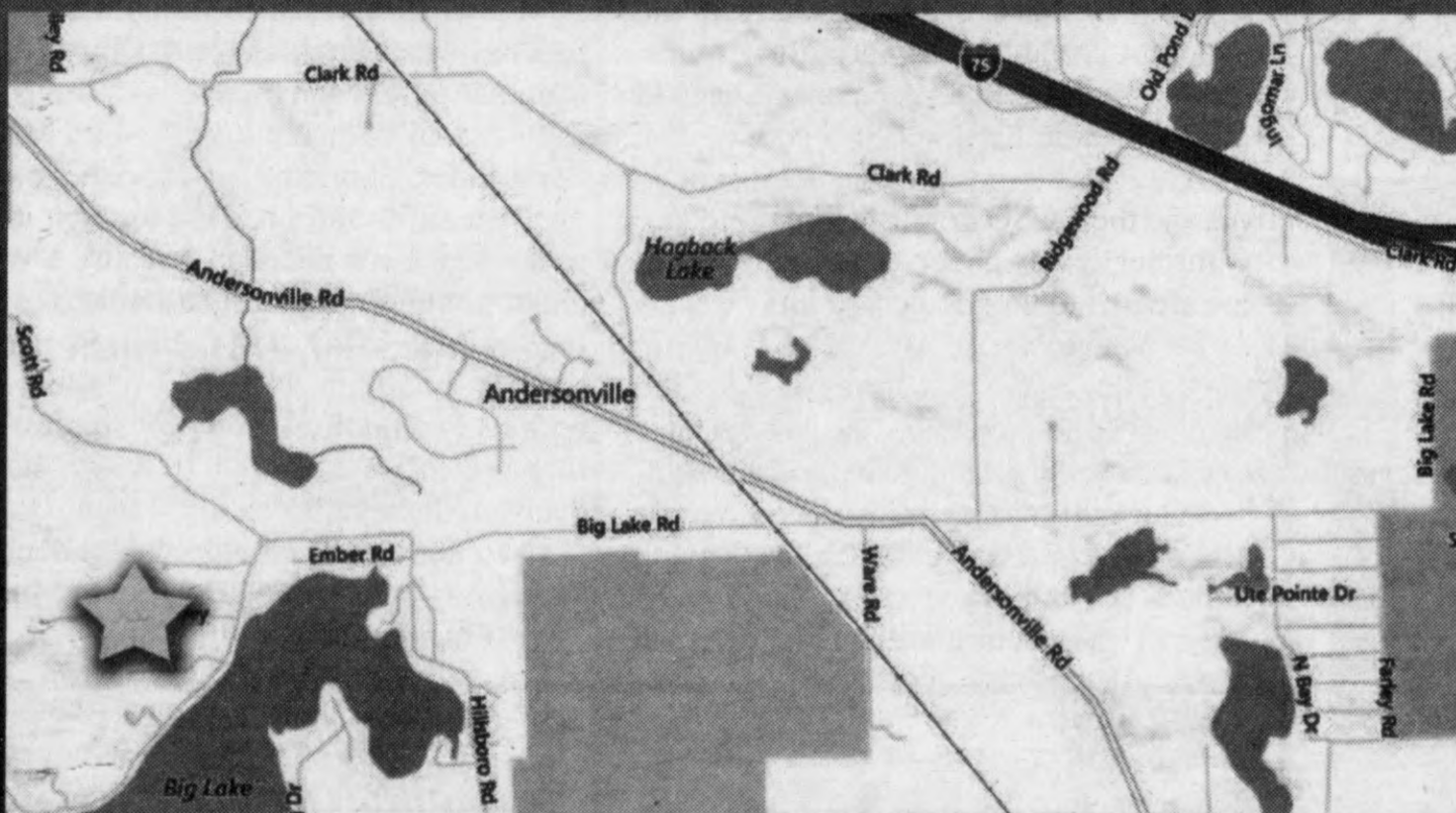


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# Clarkston's Sporting News

## Regional finals at Troy

Continued from page 1

put Wolves' freshman Foster Loyer at the line for two tying the score.

Senior Josh Bonzheim built onto the lead as he grabbed the basketball in Adams' territory and ran down the court to score from under the basket.

A few minutes later Brandon Barrows tied the score for the Highlanders but Loyer came back to claim the lead back with his own basket. Senior Merrick Canada contributed one point from the free throw line.

The crowd cheered with 3:18 remaining in the first quarter after Loyer's three-point attempt hit it's mark, putting the score at 10-4.

Bonzheim added four more points before the quarter closed 16-6.

Junior Tabin Throgmorton opened the second quarter with two points and assisted Loyer on his 3-pointer minutes later.

The Wolves kept the intensity going and ended the first half, 33-17.

Highlanders opened the second half with a 3-pointer from Joey Ziniti which Clarkston matched with a 3-pointer from senior Andrew Myers off an assist from Loyer.

Adams fought for control of the board as they scored 18 points during the third quarter but the Wolves outscored them with 21 points, keeping the lead to 19 points going into the last quarter, 54-35.

Loyer led the Wolves with 24 points and six assists. Senior Jonah Newblatt had nine rebounds. Throgmorton added 20 points during the game.

The boys won the district semifinals against Oxford on March 11, 48-34. The

Wildcats led the game as the first half finished, 20-17.

"You saw the difference in our defense when they came out tonight compared to the last game," said Fife. "We switched a couple of things up. I am not taking anything away from Oxford but I didn't think I did a good job coaching."

He added he would have rather played the first round of playoffs instead of receiving a bye.

"I don't mind playing three because I would rather play the first game - win or lose," he said. "It was hard because we didn't play until the last game on Wednesday."

Loyer had 11 points and five assists during the game. Canada, Myers and Throgmorton also contributed 11 points each to the score. Senior Jonah Newblatt had six rebound and three blocks.

The district win was the 37th in the history of Clarkston Basketball and the 25th title in the last 28 years.

The Wolves played Avondale in the regional semifinals on Monday night. They beat the Yellow Jackets earlier in the season on Dec. 12, 79-41.

"I know they are a much different team now," Fife added. "They have learned something. From now on they are all tough games. It is a different pressure. The pressure is don't want out - that's a strong message."

They beat Avondale, 74-51 with Loyer leading with 30 points and eight assists.

The Wolves (23-0) travel back to Troy High School for the regional finals on Wednesday against Macomb Dakota, 7 p.m.



Jonah Newblatt blocks Spencer Littleton from taking his shot. Photo by Larry Wright

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Joe Popp signs his letter of intent to play baseball at Colorado School of Mines. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Sports success

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spring athletes were anxiously waiting for the snow to melt last week so they could get onto the fields for practice and Clarkston High School senior Joe Popp was no different.

Popp is getting ready for his final season with Clarkston Varsity Baseball as the Wolves set their sights making it to the state finals after ending last season in the MHSAA Division 1 Baseball Semifinals.

"We definitely want to make it back to Michigan State University because we feel there were a lot of things that happened in that game which could have gone our way," Popp said. "We still feel like we can hang with anybody."

His personal goals for the spring include being a solid hitter and a solid catcher as he steps into the position for the team.

"Our current catcher is now a pitcher since he was recruited to be one," Popp added. "Coach asked me to catch and I haven't caught in a while. My personal

goal is to be a solid catcher the team can rely on and need."

When the season is over he will continue playing baseball and will be an outfielder at Colorado School of Mines, which he signed his letter of intent on Feb. 2.

While choosing a college he also had to decide which sport he wanted to continue on the next level since he played football, hockey and baseball.

"I was so blessed to be able to play football and so blessed to have the teammates I had and the success," he said.

"I feel like I had a love for baseball," Popp added. "For baseball I had the tools, I had the skills and I had the love for it. It was a real hard decision because I was either going to play baseball at Mines or football at Michigan Technological University which were two of the best options I could think of. I was so blessed to have those options. It was a hard decision to make."

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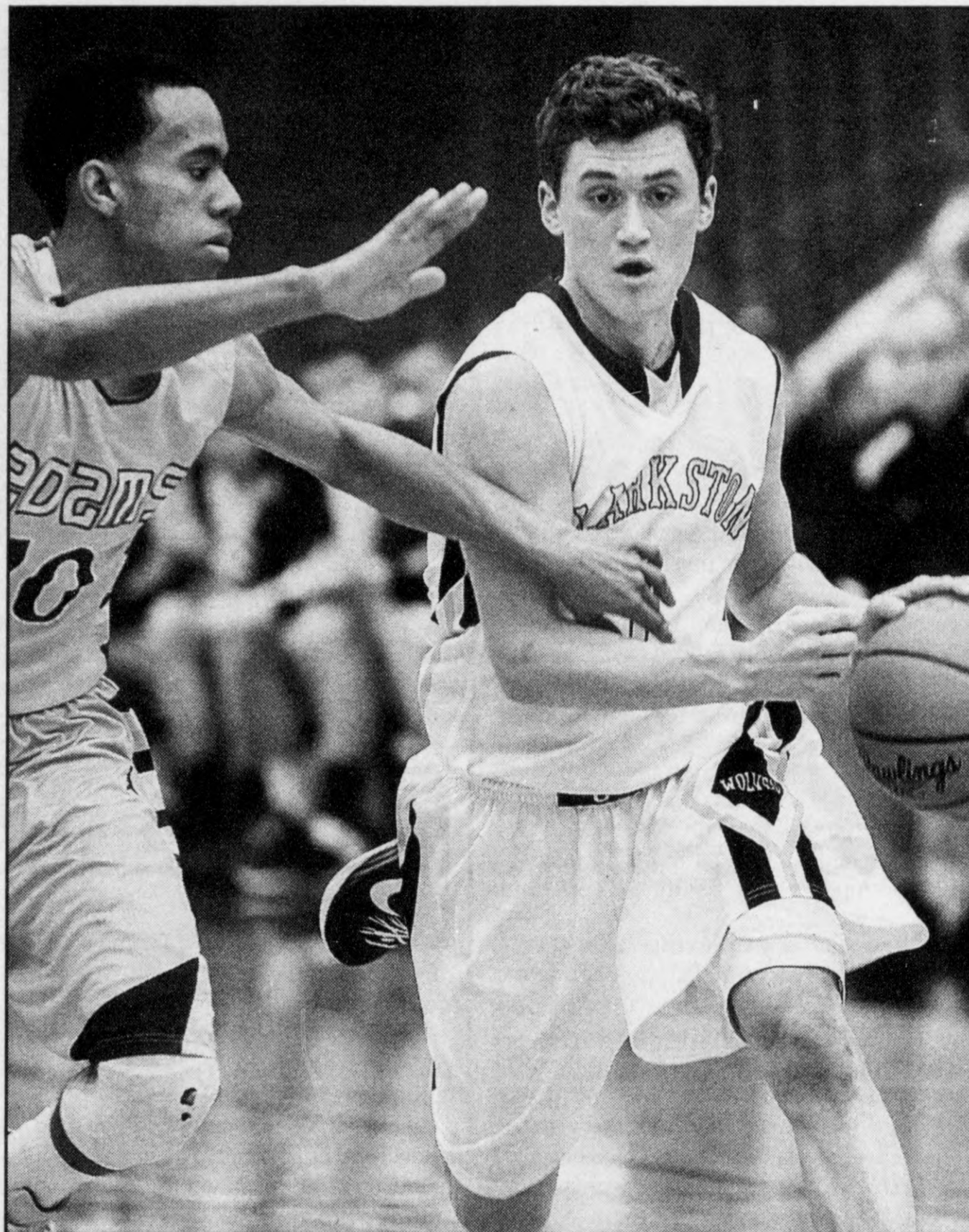
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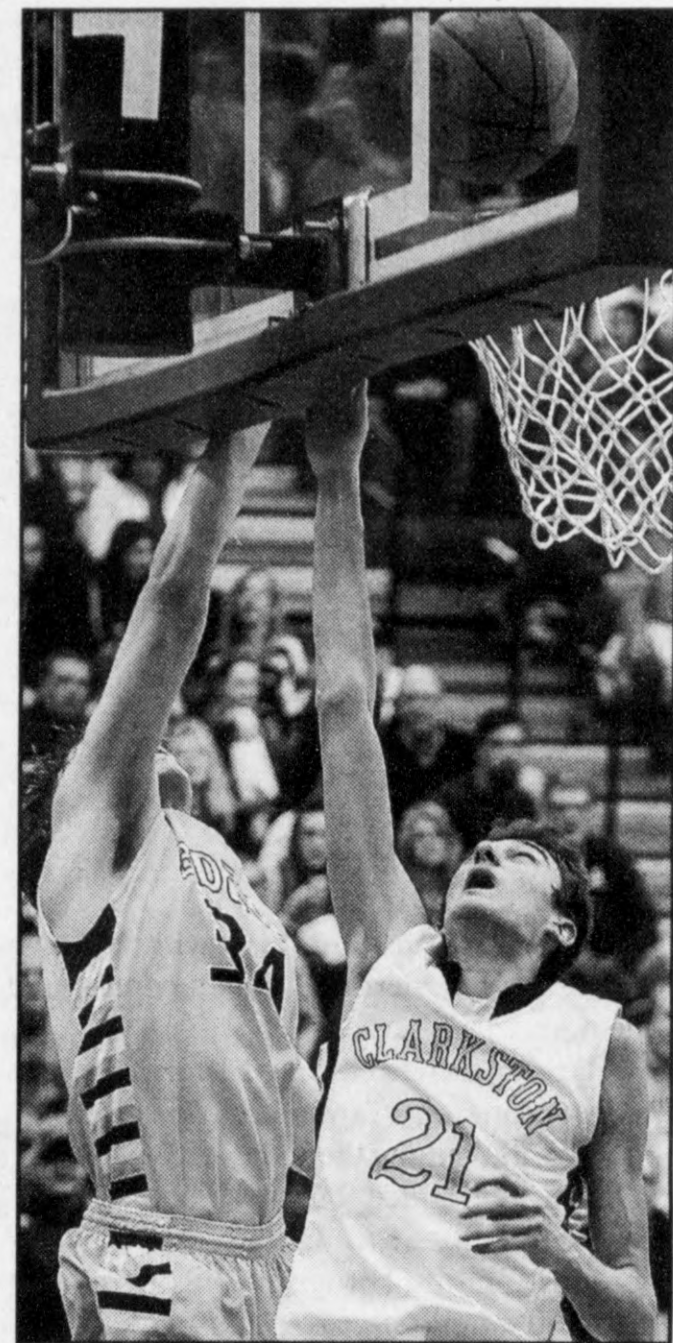
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Freshman Foster Loyer puts Rochester Adams' Jordan Wiley on a chase as he goes for the basket during the Wolves' MHSAA District win last Friday. *Photos by Larry Wright/WrightActionPix*



Junior Tabin Throgmorton puts back a basket.

## All-State honors

Skiers were named to All-State team by the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association last week.

Derek VanItallie was named for the All-State first team for the slalom and giant slalom races. He finished his senior season as state championship in both races at the MHSAA Division I Ski State Finals. He finished the slalom race at 56.62 and the giant slalom at 56.62.

Jacob McIntosh was named to the second team in the slalom race, as he finished in 11th place, 59.63; and he was named to the third team in the giant slalom where he finished in ninth place, 1:08.90.

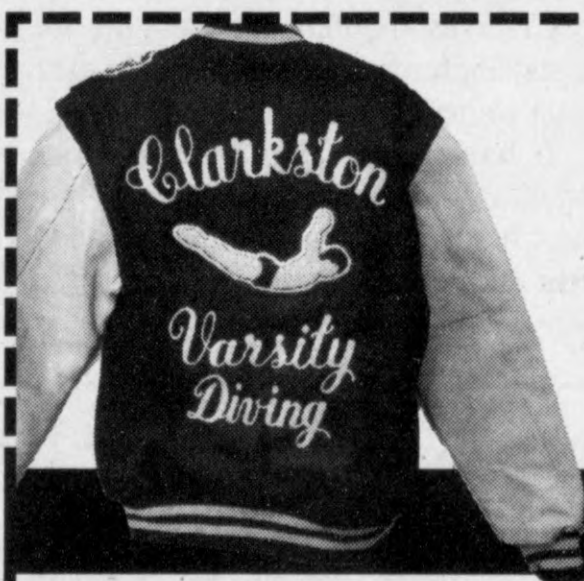
Madeleine DeClercq received honorable mention for the girls. She finished in 19th place at the slalom state final race, 1:16.60.

The Lady Wolves team also received Academic All-State honors for a combined grade point average of 3.6055.

The boys ski team finished the state finals in third place with 114 points during the two races.

Other finishers in the slalom race included Reis Weidemann, 22nd place, 1:01.29, and Jimmy Haven, 27th place, 1:02.63 to help the Wolves score 61 points.

For the giant slalom Haven finished in 21st place, 1:16.69; and Bobby Dixon, 22nd place, 1:17.64.



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## Wolves last swim in the state finals at Eastern

Senior Dalton Pokley led the Wolves as he finished in fifth place and All-State in the 100-yard butterfly, finishing at 50.58 last Saturday at Eastern Michigan University in the MHSAA Division 1 Swim State Finals.

He shaved .23 seconds off his time from when he qualified with his seventh place finish in the preliminaries last Friday.

The Clarkston Swim and Dive team finished in 19th place with 36 points during the two-day event.

Pokley also finished in 13th place in the 200-yard freestyle final at 1:43.30. He finished in ninth place during the preliminaries, 1:42.55.

Two relay teams made it to the finals on Saturday after qualifying during Friday's preliminary events.

The relay team of Pokley, James Nelson, Christian Keer and Isaac Keer finished in 15th place during the finals for the 200-yard

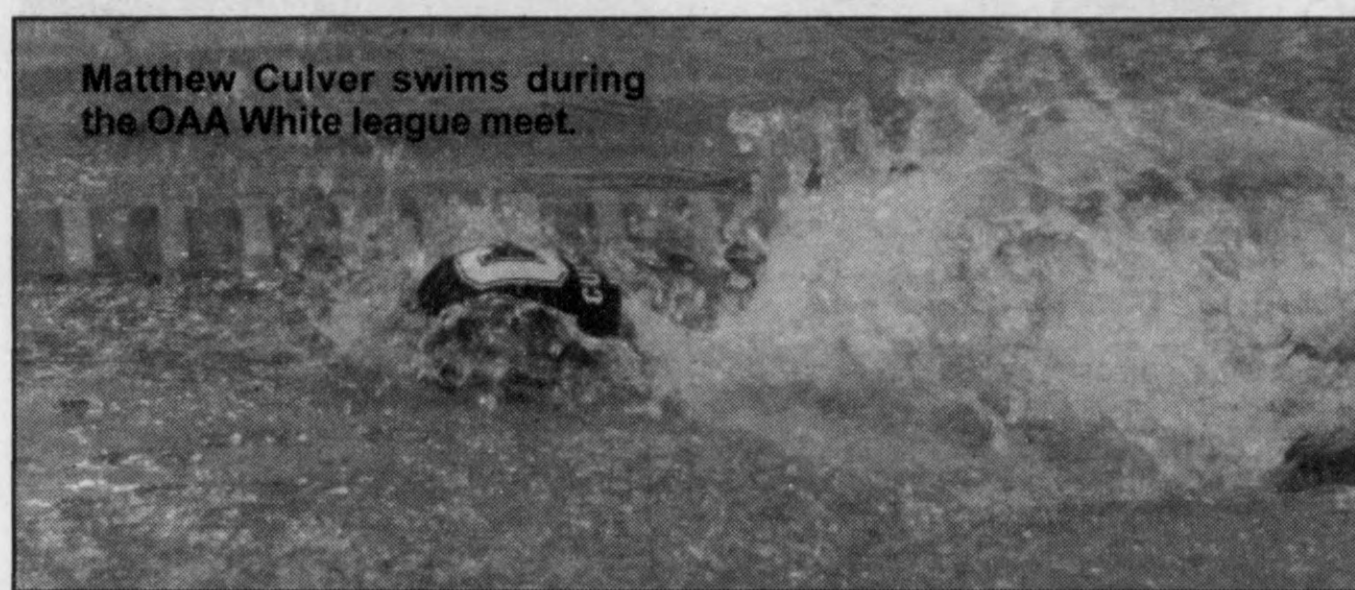
freestyle relay, with a time of 1:28.89. They qualified during the preliminaries also with a 15th place finish. During preliminaries they finished at 1:29.19.

Pokley, Nelson, Matthew Culver and Christian Keer finished in tenth place during the 200-medley relay finals on Saturday, 1:37.95. They qualified during the preliminaries also with a tenth place finish in a time of 1:37.72.

Culver, a junior, finished in 18th place in the 500-yard freestyle event, finishing in 4:49.37. He also finished in 34th place during the 100-yard backstroke, 56.66.

Nelson, also a junior, finished in 21st place during the preliminaries in the 100-yard breaststroke, 1:01.27 and teammate senior Christian Keer finished in 33rd place, 1:02.28.

Nelson finished in 28th place during the 200-yard IM preliminaries, finishing at 2:02.70.



Matthew Culver swims during the OAA White league meet.

Culver, junior Isaac Keer, sophomore Benny Benson and sophomore Drew Vassilakos finished in 30th place during preliminaries in the 400-yard freestyle relay event, 3:23.92.

The team finished undefeated for the

season with a 8-0 overall record and 6-0 in the OAA White.

The finished first place in the league meet on Feb. 27 and had they had three relay teams and three individual swimmers qualify for the state finals in their events.

## All-state athlete to take life lessons into future

*Continued from page 10*

had the field he wanted to study.

"I want to be an engineer, and I want to get a degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in energy. There is a special program at Mines only offers," Popp said. "It's perfect. Their slogan is energy, environment and engineering - which are the three things I want to study. It is the perfect fit for me. Everything worked out perfectly for Colorado."

Popp just finished his fourth season playing defense for Clarkston Hockey which he made Academic All-State for his season.

"He improved every year and instrumentally brought energy to the team," said Bryan Krygier, head coach of Clarkston Hockey. "He is an excellent academic student. You couldn't ask for a better person on and off of the ice to be part of the Clarkston Hockey program. He is a class act when it comes to hockey."

Hockey was the first sport Popp began to

play and has been playing competitive hockey for 13 years and skating for 15 years.

"Hockey has always been a need in my life," he said. "I love playing hockey."

He picked up a baseball bat for the first time when he was 4-years-old and began playing with recreation leagues at the age of six. He joined his first competitive baseball team three years later and stuck with it since.

Popp began playing football in sixth grade and together with his teammates won the back-to-back Division 1 Football State Championship in 2013 and 2014 for Clarkston Varsity Football.

Though each sport is different in their own right - all three compliment each other in athleticism.

"With baseball everything is mental and it keeps you at a level headed state of mind," Popp said. "You have to be calm in the moment and it transitions to football, which is bigger than itself. Through football you

get your agility, your quickness and it transitions into hockey which is quick decision making."

He added the quick decision making helps on the baseball field because players have to think on their feet.

"They all blend together," Popp said. "It has worked out for me. You can see a lot of double sport athletes and their other sports coming into the one they are currently playing."

Clarkston Athletics has also taught him through his years of success in all three sports and earning 10 varsity letters.

"Clarkston Athletics has taught me you are playing for your community and the name across your chest," he said.

"It has really taught me to work for something bigger than yourself, work with your friends, work with your peers and work along side each other for one goal - the team goal. Clarkston, in my opinion, is the best

high school and the best place to be because we are home-grown kids and we all remember playing little league together. You have an emotional tie to everyone on the team."

When he isn't playing sports he is enjoying the outdoors and likes to go hunting, fishing and hiking.

"My grandpa has a cabin in the Upper Peninsula and my dad is from the Upper Peninsula. The UP is like a second home to me," he said. "I love being outside and being out in nature."

His advice to aspiring athletes is, "be thankful for the opportunity that God has given you. Thank your parents and your supporters. Stay positive and be the best you can be. Enjoy this time of your life."

Popp added he feels blessed to be given the ability to do the things he has done with his athleticism.

"I want to say thank you to all the people who support me," he said. "Go Wolves!"

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Runners start an Angels' Place Race through downtown Clarkston. File photo

## Angels' Place Race this spring

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Planning is underway for the eighth annual Angels' Place Race, Saturday, May 16.

The springtime race event will include a 10-kilometer run, 5-kilometer Bruce Clifton Run/Walk, and one-mile Family Fun Walk, all through downtown Clarkston. Start and finish lines are at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

"I enjoy the ambiance of the route and St. Dan's is a major sponsor — hosting it there is important," said Paul Maxwell, Angels' Place Race organizer.

"It wouldn't be Bruce's race if it's not run on his course," said Anne Clifton, Bruce's wife.

Bruce, who passed away in 2011, designed the 5K course, Anne said.

"It's great to see the residents and everyone come out and show their support. It's a great event that has grown over the years," she said.

It also kicks off the season for many runners, she said.

"If you don't run in the winter, this is something relatively early to motivate you

to get out and train," Anne said.

The main reason of the event is to raise awareness of developmentally disabled adults and Angels' Place, Maxwell said.

The non-profit group supports these adults with programs and groups homes throughout the area. One goal locally is building a home in Clarkston.

"The objective is to use the race funds to support a local home eventually," Maxwell said. "It's a ways away. There's a lot of heavy lifting that has to be done."

In addition to St. Dan's church, local Knights of Columbus, businesses, and community groups provide volunteers and support before and during the event.

"What makes this race successful is the great volunteer base," Maxwell said. "An overwhelming amount of volunteers come out on race day."

They will host a fund raiser for Angels' Place Race at the On the Border Mexican Grill and Cantina, 3930 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., March 19.

For information on signing up or sponsor the event, check [www.angelsplacerace.org](http://www.angelsplacerace.org).



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## Grad's New York debut, March 25

**BY WENDI REARDON**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Jim Territo is preparing for next Wednesday as he makes his New York debut as Bryan Campione and Jacob Langfeld present "New Standards: Songs for the Stage by Jim Territo."

"It's very exciting," Territo said about the showcase which features an array of work from the 1997 Clarkston High School graduate.

"It is 15 of my songs I have written for music theatre," he said, adding they are songs he has written for movies, productions and web series.

He added he chose songs he thought were the most fun to listen to out of his repertoire.

"I was trying to select a wide spectrum of different styles," Territo said. "I have some jazzy numbers, some pop numbers, some classical sounds as well and country tunes. I wanted a mix of songs for men and women. But all songs which told stories."

"It is one of the gifts Jim has is to be able to show emotion and tell a story in a short amount of time," explained Chris Morrisroe, his sister. "One of the songs, 'The Black Hole' is about the last man on Earth and he is in space. He is trying to figure out what is there left to do. Just within that one song you get one picture of someone and you feel the emotion this guy is going through."

Territo explained his inspirations come from his love of stories.

"I love good stories. I love twisted love stories. I love telling stories about people who have to make hard choices," he added. "I love exploring popular styles that really make you want to tap your feet and sometimes you get a song stuck in your head and you just have to write it out."

Territo will also feature a few songs from "Justice in Dusty Junction." He wrote and composed the production which premiered and was performed by the Clarkston High School Drama Club in 2012.

"One of the most exciting things for him up until now was 'Justice in Dusty Junction' that he did with Jeff Tice in Clarkston," said Morrisroe. "The first run through for him was just exciting for him. With it I think it really brought out what he wants to be doing. He is such a creative kid."

Tice was excited to receive the email on Feb. 27 about Territo's showcase.

"He is quite a performer," he said. "It's pretty neat. I can remember he was an unbelievable standout and dominated the stage since then. He is a huge success story for the program and the community. He touched so many lives through music and just being himself."

Territo chuckled as he remembered being Randolph in "Bye Bye Birdie" and was also in "Guys and Dolls" and "The Music Man."

"I was Nathan Detroit in my theater



**Territo**

training with Tice. Those were some good times," he said. "I am thankful for my musical training from Clarkston High School with Cliff Chapman and Grayce Warren back in the 1990s."

Territo added other songs featured are ones he has written since he moved to New York last summer.

"I am trying to make a statement about myself as a theatre composer as someone who can stir up an emotion with a song," he explained.

The music is performed by a band of New York musicians and eight Broadway singers, actors and actresses which include performers who have appeared in a number of shows including "Rock of Ages" and "Rent."

"I am very excited to be working with them," he said. "I just got finished working with the band the other day. I've never heard my songs sound so hot."

He added the singers are outstanding talent.

"I can't wait to put it all together," Territo said. "It is really quite satisfying to hear your songs come to life in such a colorful way. I am looking forward to sharing it with the audience. I think the people who come will have a good time."

Industry professions including actors, directors and producers are invited to the showcase and Territo hopes after experiencing his creations they will want to collaborate with him in the future or use some of the songs to perform on their own. He is also recording the event so he has a digital reel of his work.

"I am putting this on to add my voice to the canon of modern music theatre - that is kind of the goal," Territo added.

The showcase is March 25 at 42 West at 8 p.m. For more information, visit [www.jimterrito.com](http://www.jimterrito.com).



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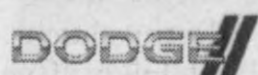
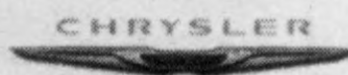
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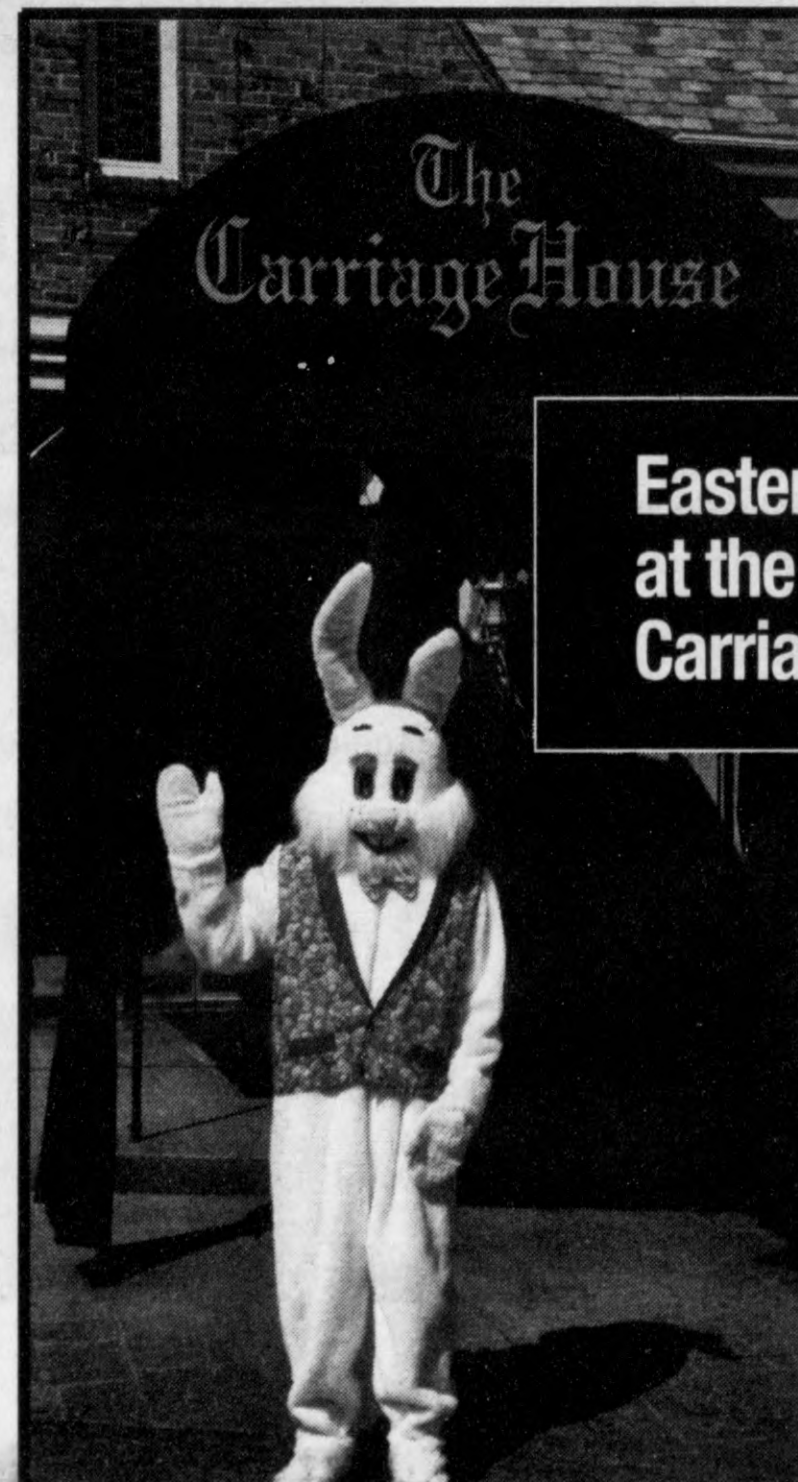
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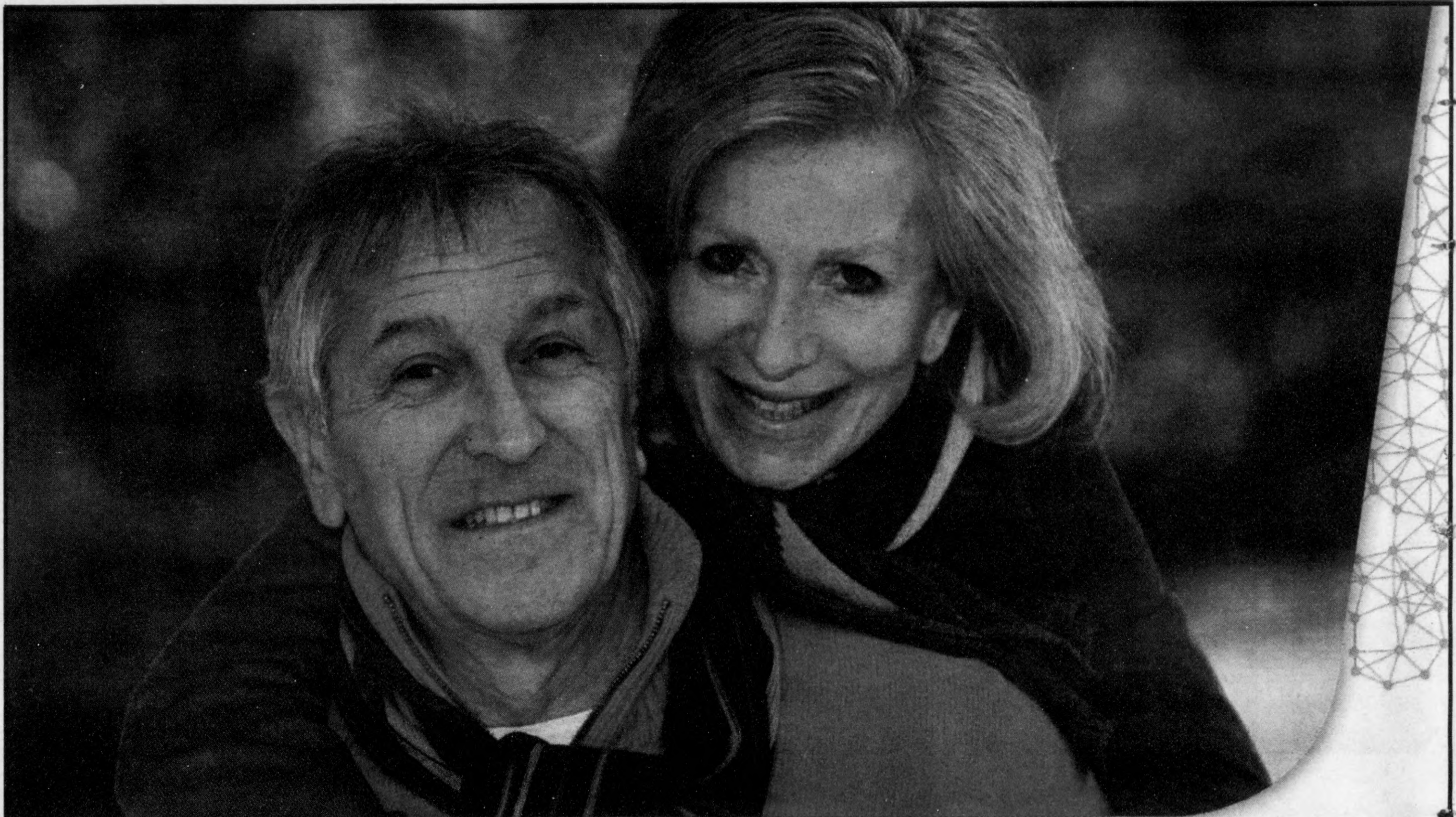
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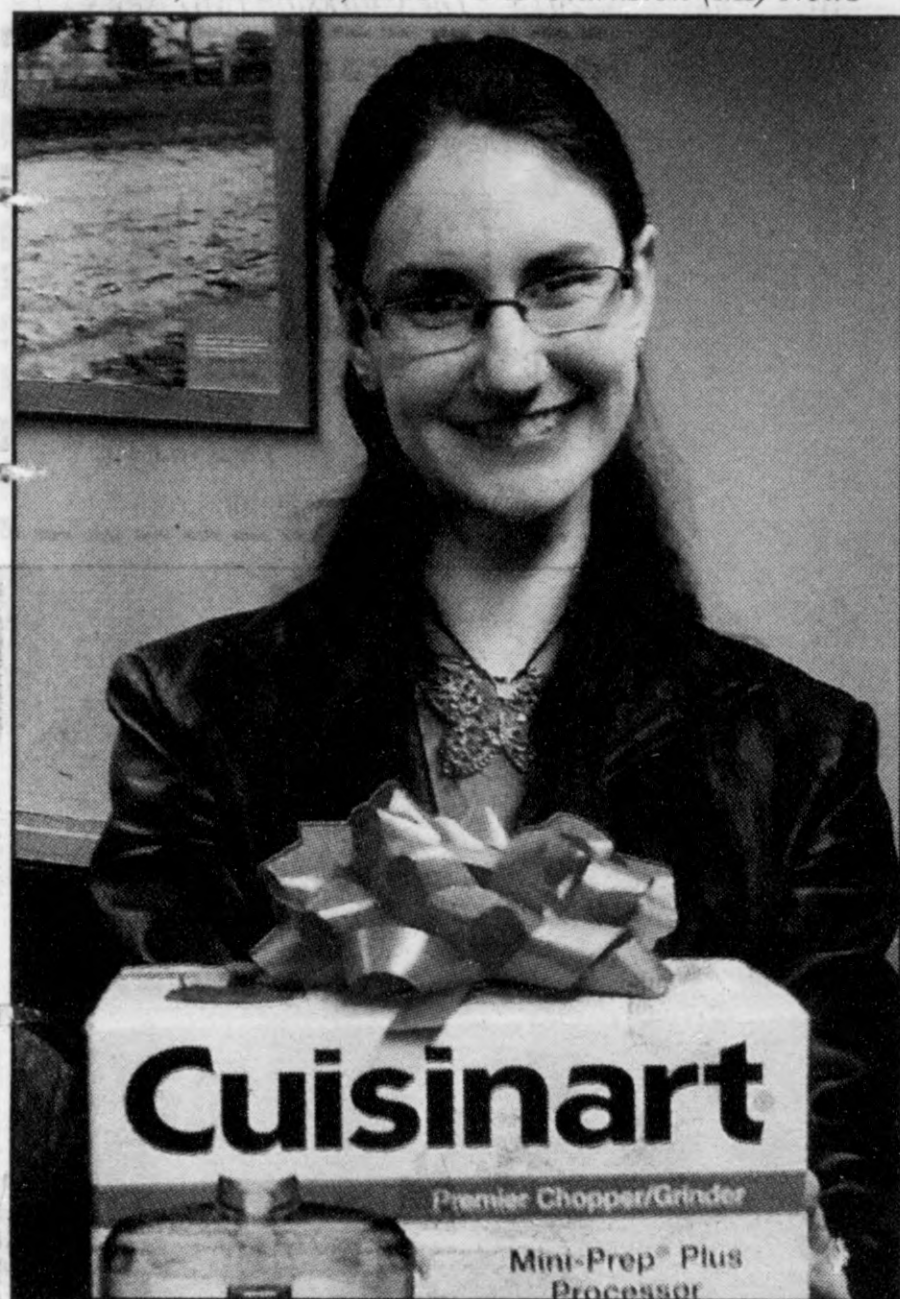
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Ashley Campbell won with her chocolate lasagna.



From left, Clarkston residents and fifth place winners (dark chocolate, bacon and cayenne pepper) are Vanessa and Milana Myers and Independence Township Trustee Jose Aliaga.

## Sweet tastings

About 10 locals vied for the best chocolate recipe for the Clarkston Independence District Library's 3rd Annual Chocolate Celebration!, March 11.

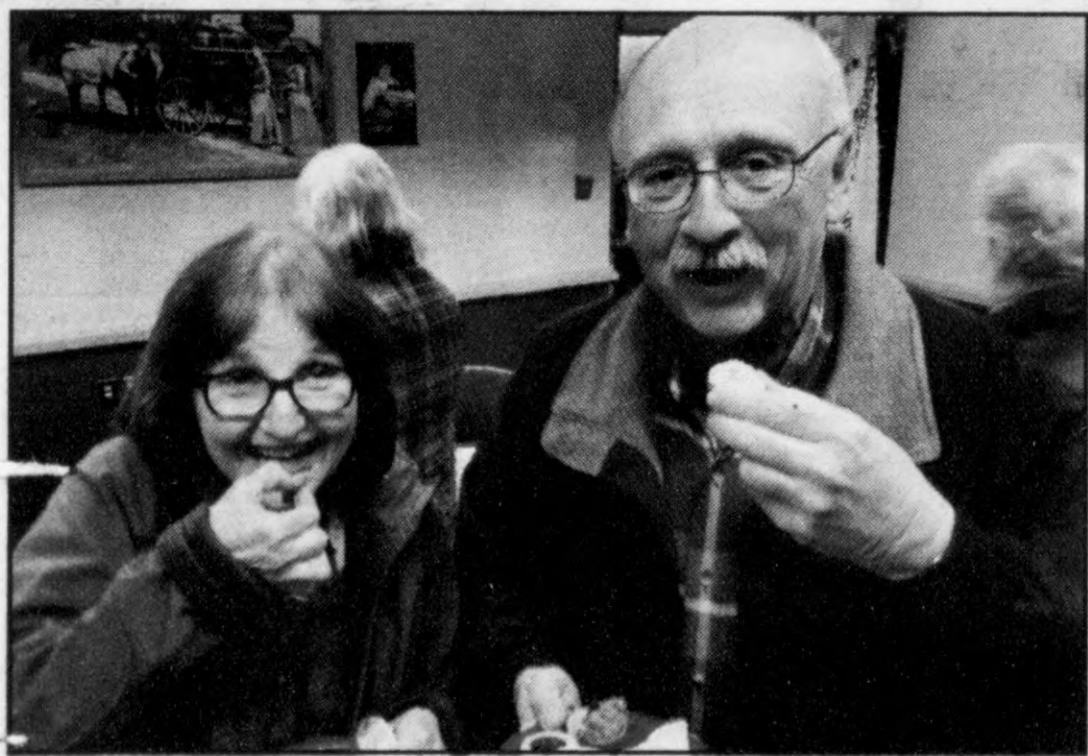
After all the tasting and kidbtizing, about 100 ballots were cast, Ashley Campbell took home first place with her chocolate lasagna. Congratulations to all the contestants and here's to more chocolate for everybody! -- Don Rush



Melissa Henry tastes a sample. Yum!



Julie Meyer, at left, and Cari Flemming.



Lucile and Greg Kennedy.



Barb and Lou Chapman sample a chocolate treat. Photos by Don Rush



## Words of enlightenment?



"Friends are like stars. You may not see them all the time, but they are still there."

-Mary Gwinn



"Have a little faith. Like the Bible said, just keep a mustard seed of faith."

-Carol West



"Keep positive."

-Janet Robertson



"Be considerate and be kind."

-Karen Sansone

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

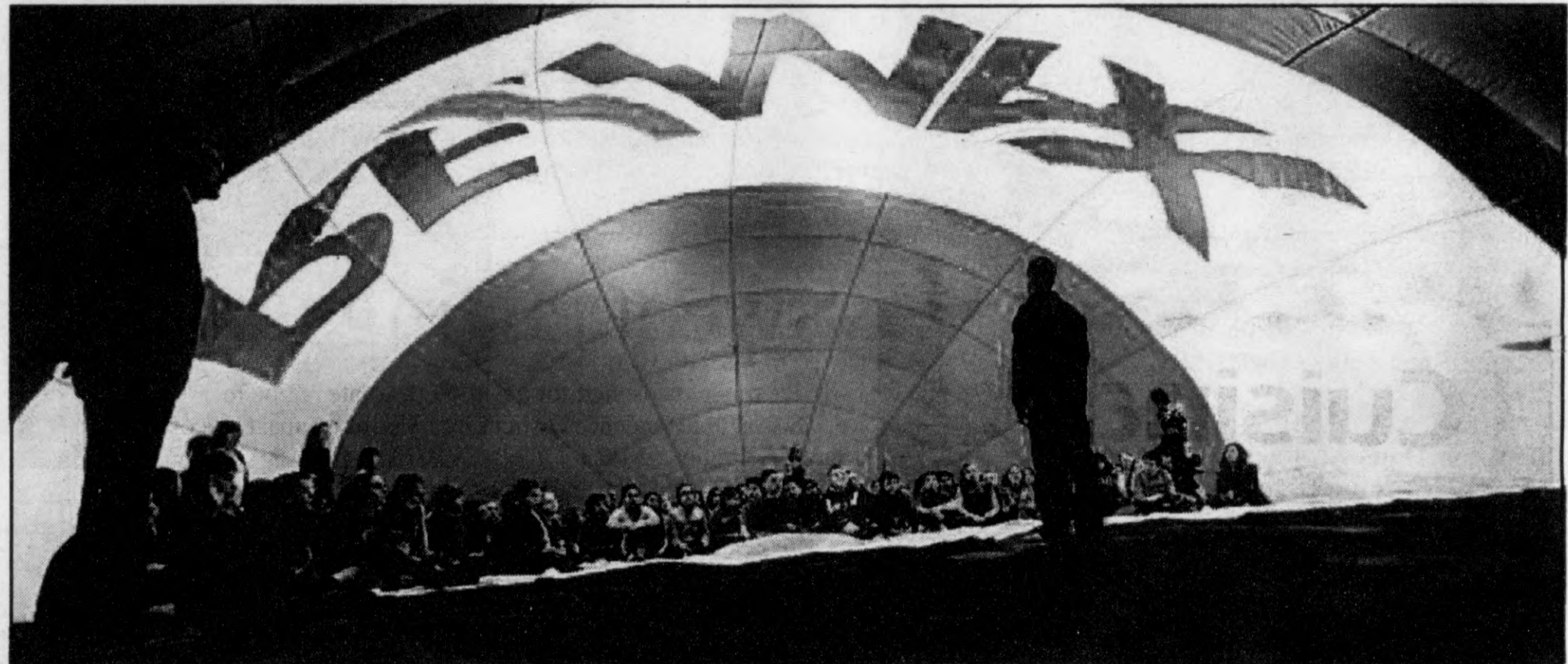
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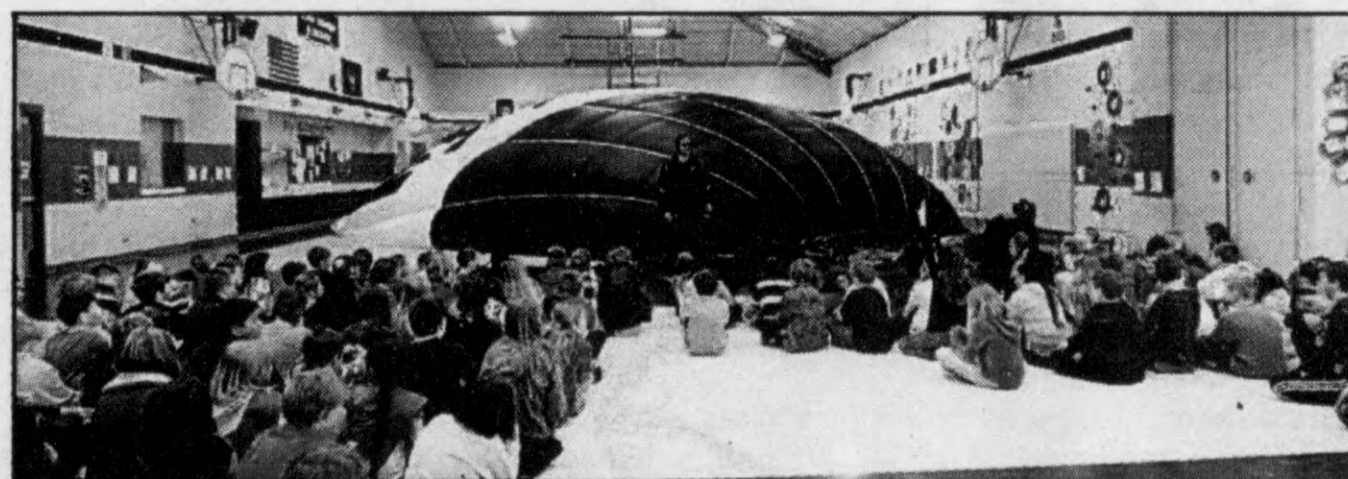
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**Blood drive**, American Red Cross, March 25, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road; 7:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., March 27, Clarkston High School, 6093 Fleming Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

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**Mom2Mom Sale**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., March 28, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Early bird shopping from 8am-9am. Regular admission \$1, early bird admission \$2. Strollers after 10 am. Sellers, contact Debbie at mom2mom@clarkstoncommunity.com.

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## Sunday

**Coffee Chat** with Clarkston School Board Treasurer Joan Patterson, 3-4 p.m., March 22,

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

## West in concert

Mt. Zion Church presents "The Live Forever Tour," featuring two-time Grammy nominee Matthew West along with Dove award winner Colton Dixon, on Friday, March 27.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. with a performance by singer/songwriter Ashley Garza, at the church, 4900 Maybee Road.

West has written songs for Rascal Flatts, Michael W. Smith, Billy Ray Cyrus, Casting Crowns, Diamond Rio and others.

Tickets are \$18-\$45. For more information, visit [www.mtzion.org](http://www.mtzion.org) or call 888-338-5338.



Matthew West

April 19, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-396-3148.

## Monday

**Line Dancing**, Mondays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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**Bingo games**, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

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**Fitness 4 You** classes, \$5 walk-in, New Hope Bible Church, 8673 Sashabaw Road. Call Patty, 248-520-3297.

## Tuesday

**Wint's Healing Hearts** Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., April 14. Topic: Mourning and Meaning Making. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Free. 248-625-5231.

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**Grief Share**, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays starting March 24, The Gathering Place, 9811 Dixie Highway. 248-694-9351.

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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, [clarkstonband@gmail.com](mailto:clarkstonband@gmail.com).

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

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**50+ Pickleball**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

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**LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield** information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road. 248-420-3126.

## Wednesday

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

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**Genealogical consulting** with Dr. Thomas K. Stone, Wednesdays, March 25, April 22, and May 20, 10 a.m., Independence

Township Senior Adult Activity Center. \$1. **Thursday**

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

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**How to Age Gracefully**, Thursdays, March 19 and May 7, 1:30 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center. Led by Dr. Thomas Stone. \$1. 248-625-8231.

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**Grief Support Group** with Coats Funeral Homes, third Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Fireside Room, 4301 Monroe Ave, Waterford. 248-674-0461.

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**Office hours**, Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

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**Lunches for 50+**, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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

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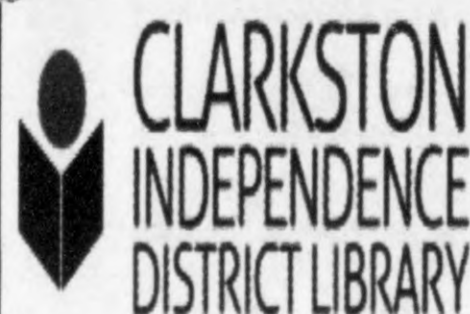
**Free General Support Group** for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

## Saturday

**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. 3911. **Service With Love**, RSVP of Oakland County. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.



## Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library?

**Once More Tiny Tots Sale: Saturday, May 9**

The Friends of the Library will be hosting Once More Tiny Tots Sale on May 9. Those interested in donating gently used children's items can drop them off at the library up through Wednesday, April 29th.

**Pajama Storytime: Thursdays from 6:30-7:30**

For ages 0-5. Put on your PJ's, bring your favorite stuffed animal and join us for stories, songs, rhymes and more - eight before bedtime!

**Look: New Library Hours Starting January 2015!**

Mon-Thurs: 10 am-9 pm, Fri & Sat: 10 am-6 pm, Sun 1 pm-6 pm

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**DIA Presents**  
**Diego and Frida:**  
**Tuesday, March 24**  
**7:00 pm**

A presenter from the Detroit Institute of Arts will be here to discuss their new exhibit *Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit*. Registration Required.





# Religion

Events Preaching

## Find a new life ahead of you

We have set the clocks ahead. We are watching the snowbanks melt away. The birds are beginning to sing. The temperatures are on the rise.

It can only mean one thing: Spring is here! And, if you are like most, after this winter (and last winter, too) it is a welcome sight.

Spring reminds us of nature coming back to life. It will not be long when flowers will begin to stick up out of the snow or along the buildings where they are a little more sheltered.

Trees will begin budding and the brown substance on the sides of roads and driveways known as grass will change into verdant green. It is also a time when the Church honors the coming back to life in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

What would most people think if we did not have spring? What would happen if the weather did not change, and the flowers did not come out, and the grass did not turn green, and the birds did not sing?

We would probably be disappointed, at the least, maybe even depressed. We look forward to changing seasons in Michigan.

We look forward to changing seasons in the Church, too. We move from the somber and repentant time of Lent, follow our Lord through the rigors of Holy Week with the Last Supper, the prayer in the Garden, the betrayal, the

trial, and the crucifixion.

What if that were all there was? There are those who believe that is the truth, but we believe that, on the third day He rose. So, on Easter Sunday, we gather and we celebrate the Resurrection.

I recently reflected on the words of Psalm 19 in a devotion I did. I encourage you to take a few moments, open your Bible, and read the entire Psalm.

I focused, however, on just the first seven verses that remind us of how all of creation is ordered and how it praises God. God sets the course for all that is, for all that happens in all of creation.

It began when He made all things in six days, then rested on the seventh day. It has continued through, and in spite of, sin. We, as mankind, because of our sinfulness, have done great harm to God's creation and its beauty, but God, always faithful, renews and restores what He has given us.

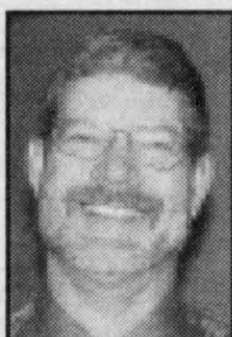
Think of the beauty around us. Do we not enjoy the many lakes He has given us in the area? Do we not enjoy the gentle (warm) breezes? Do we not appreciate the sun following its pattern or the moon reflecting to us light at night?

How often have you just paused to listen to the sounds of nature all around you? And what are those sounds reflecting? Praise to God.

As you enjoy the warming weather be reminded of God's love for you. Gather in that love. Gather around that love as you celebrate coming out of hibernation to new life!

*The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Kendall Schaeffer

## In our local churches...

**Wednesday Evening Feast**, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Call 248-625-3288 or check [www.calvaryinfo.org](http://www.calvaryinfo.org)

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

Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

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

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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248-625-2325  
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Call Father Harding 810-240-2330

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-3380  
Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy.  
(E. of M-15)  
Pastor: Russell Reemtsma  
Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
Wed: 6:15-8:00 pm AWANA (Pre-school-Gr.6) Semper Fi (Teens, Gr. 7-12)

### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston  
(248) 625-1323  
Home of Oakland Christian School  
Pastor: Greg Henneman  
**Sunday Worship:**  
9:15 and 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care at both services  
**Children's Ministries:** September thru April Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Youth Ministries:**  
September thru April  
Sunday, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday, 3:00-8:00 p.m.  
[www.clarkstoncommunity.com](http://www.clarkstoncommunity.com)

### CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston  
(W. of M-15, just S. of I-75)  
248-625-3288  
Pastor Jonathan Heierman  
**Sunday Worship:**  
8:15 am, 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Nursery, Children & Youth at 9:30 & 11:00 am  
**Wednesday Evenings:**  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Dinner & groups of all ages  
Nursery, Children & Youth too  
[www.calvaryinfo.org](http://www.calvaryinfo.org)

### THE GATHERING PLACE

9811 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston  
248-620-5301  
Corner of Dixie Hwy & Davisburg Rd.  
**Sunday Evening Worship** 5-6pm  
**Fellowship Dinner, Bible Study & Sunday School** 6:15-7:15pm  
**Men's Group**, 3rd Sat. of Month 9-10:30am  
**Women's Group**, 2nd & 4th Fridays 6:30-8:00pm  
Financial Peace University Classes ongoing  
Email: [tgpconnection@gmail.com](mailto:tgpconnection@gmail.com)  
[www.thinkoutsidethepew.org](http://www.thinkoutsidethepew.org)

### THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
(248) 394-0200  
Fax: (248) 394-1212  
Rev. Dr. Matthew Webster  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am  
Dream Keepers Youth Group  
Sunday's 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Bible Study  
March - May and Sept. - Nov.  
[www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org](http://www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org)

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
248-625-1611  
Website: [clarkstonumc.org](http://clarkstonumc.org)  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Nursery available for all services

### DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
website: [www.dixiebaptist.org](http://www.dixiebaptist.org)  
Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool  
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
Sun: 9:45 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs & Adult Bible Study  
Nursery available for all services.

### OAKLAND EPC

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Children's Worship @ 10:30 am  
Other Opportunities:  
Call Church for times of following Meetings:  
Men's Bible Study  
Women's Bible Study  
Mid Week Bible Study  
Adult Sunday Morning Bible Studies  
Oakland EPC is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church with offices located at 7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348  
Phone (248) 858-2577

### WAYPOINT CHURCH

8400 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston  
Website - [www.waypoint.org](http://www.waypoint.org)  
Phone 248-623-1224  
**Sunday Worship:**  
9:45 am & 11:00 am  
**Mom Squad:**  
Tues. 9:30-11:30 am Childcare provided  
**Wednesday:**  
Family Life Group 6:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm



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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of LAURA JANE HILL, DECEASED. Date of birth: 2/7/1927  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, LAURA JANE HILL, DECEASED, died February 11, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dr. Ronald D. Montgomery, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 Dr. Ronald D. Montgomery  
2745 Pontiac Lake Road 2475 Massena  
Waterford, Michigan 48328 Commerce, Michigan 48382  
(248) 682-8800 (248) 895-3370

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Laura Jane Hill Rev. Liv. Trust Dated 1/24/01  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The Laura Jane Hill Rev. Liv. Trust Dated 1/24/01.  
Creditors of the trust are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Dr. Ronald D. Montgomery, Succ. Trustee, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the Succ. Trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON**  
**ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL**  
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**CLARKSTON MI 48346**  
**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 09, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Roll: Present—Mayor Luginski, Haven, Hunter, Marsh, Sabol, Catallo, Bisio arrived at 7:05.

Approval of agenda moved by Haven Supported by Sabol to approve the Agenda with the deletion of 8b Chamber request. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hunter Supported by Haven to approve the Consent Agenda Motion Carried.

Motion by Luginski Supported by Sabol to appoint Scott Meyland to Board of Review Motion Carried. Motion by Luginski Supported by Marsh to appoint Robert Sowles to Historic District Committee Motion Carried. Motion by Luginski Supported by Haven to appoint Steve Arkwright and Doug Roeser to the Zoning Board of Appeals Motion Carried. Suggestion for a Friends of Depot Park Committee to be established.

Motion by Luginski Supported by Haven to discontinue the Public Safety Committee 6 Yes 1 No, Motion Carried.

Discussion of Clark Bridge. John Henning reported most all of the specks, requirements and codes changed, along with engineer charges, to drive the costs up in comparison to the old bridge. Bart and Diane Clark announced they would donate an additional \$20,000 for the bridge. Mayor Luginski assured Bart Clark the bridge would be completed with landscaping and lighting.

Oakland County gave a presentation for a 3 tier program of their Main Street Oakland County. This will be put on the March 9, 2015 agenda.

Motion by Bisio Supported by Hunter to approve the Clarkston Lions Club White Cane Week. The Lions will be asking for donations at intersections in the City on Friday, April 25, 2015 and Saturday, April 26, 2015 with the rain out dates being May 2 and 3, subject to providing appropriate proof of Insurance. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bisio Supported by Haven to approve the Beach lease between the Charter Township of Independence and the City of Clarkston. The lease is from 01/01/2015 through 12/31/2019. Motion Carried.

Discussion of Zoning Ordinance. There will have to be further discussion on the proposal from Carlisle in regards to the Zoning Ordinance issues.

Moved by Marsh, supported by Bisio to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy Miller  
City Clerk

## Geraldine Bronick, 82

Geraldine E. Bronick, "Geri," of Waterford went home to be with our Lord March 15, 2015, with her family by her side, at the age of 82.

She was preceded in death by her husband John Bronick and daughter Lynn Bussard. She was the mother of Kathy (Erik) Kusk, Gail (Neil Scott) Coad, Mary Ladwig, Eugene (Brenda) Osborne; mother in law of Bob Bussard; survived by 14 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; sister of Delores (late Leslie) Bour.

Friends may visit at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-8 p.m., with a rosary at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery.

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



## Leona Domagalski, 86

Leona M. Domagalski, "Lee," of Warren passed away March 16, 2015, at age 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert J. and brothers Harold, Art and Norm Gorski. She was the mother of Bob Domagalski, Dan (Sandie) Domagalski, Jane Domagalski and Sue (Ken) Dixon; grandmother of Jessica, Joshua, Rachel, Steven and Emma; sister of Leonard (Rose) Gorski and Roy Gorski.

She worked as a Medical Lab Tech for Holy Cross Hospital and had a variety of interests including painting, ceramics, baking, photography and flower gardening. She saw the beauty in the simple things in life like sunsets, the changing of the leaves, pine cones and had an unwavering faith in the goodness of people. Lee was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church, Warren. Rosary Service, Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Private Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Make a Wish Foundation of Michigan. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

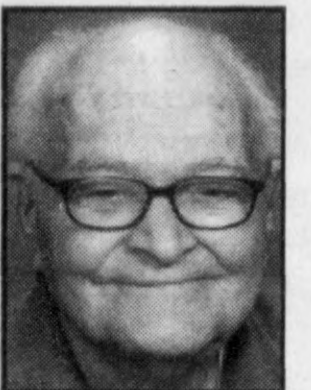


## Carl E. Marlowe, 89

Carl E. Marlowe of Rose Township passed away March 15, 2015, at age 89.

He was preceded in death by his wife Fern Mae. He was the loving father of Sue (Rick) Randall, Dawn (Paul) Shampine, Carla (Craig) Frownfelter, Wanda Marlowe, Brenda Marlowe and Melanie (Mike) Spires; grandfather of Trevor (Mendy) Randall, Heather Singleton, Allen (Michall) Shampine, Keith (Jessica) Shampine, Amber Shampine, Nichole Stabley, Corey Frownfelter, Ashley (Chris) Turner, Isaiah Spires and Alicia Spires; great grandfather of 10.

Carl began his career as a farmer and then was part owner of L.E. Marlowe and Sons for 40 years. He also was involved in property development. Carl was known as a hard worker and as someone who was always lending a helping hand. He never met a stranger. He was a lifetime member of Clarkston Community Church. Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Thursday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service, Friday, 10 a.m., at Clarkston Community Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston Community Church. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



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**CITY OF CLARKSTON**  
**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF**  
**REGISTRATION FOR THE**  
**MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Clarkston, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that the last day to register for the May 5, 2015, Special Election will be **Monday, April 6, 2015.**

If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

**In Person:**

- City of Clarkston Clerk's office 375 Depot Clarkston Monday-Friday, 9am - 5pm.
- County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341, Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm.
- Secretary of State Branch Offices.
- At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting.

**By Mail:**

- Voter Registration Application - Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline.

**Note:** Persons registering by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the state or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts of The City of Clarkston for the purpose of State Proposal 15-1: and Clarkston community Schools Operating millage renewal proposal.

Full text of the proposal(s) may be obtained from:  
City of Clarkston, 375 Depot St, Clarkston MI 248-625-1559

Sandy Miller, City of Clarkston Clerk

## ~Canterbury Village Events~

**Spring Fling**  
**Women to Women Sale**

**Friday March 20th**

**Setup 10am - 4pm**

**Sale 6pm - 9pm**

**\$20 per table**

**\$2 Entrance Fee**

**Cash Bar**

**Wine, Chocolate & Cheese**  
**Taste Explosion**

**Sat. March 28th • 4pm - 7pm**

**\$2 Entry Fee**

**Cash Bar**

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## ~SATURDAY APRIL 4TH~

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**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Clowns**  
**3:00pm Egg Hunt**  
**Easter Bunny**

**3:30pm Magic Show on the Cpub Patio**

## Easter Dinner: Sunday April 5th

**Seating at 11:00AM, 1:30PM, & 4:00PM • Adults \$24.95 • Children 3-12 \$10.95 • 2 & Under Free**

**Call 248-391-1900 to make your reservation! \$25 Deposit holds your spot!**

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**THURS:** LADIES NIGHT  
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**FRI:** AYCE Fish  
**SAT:** Date Night  
 Prime Rib

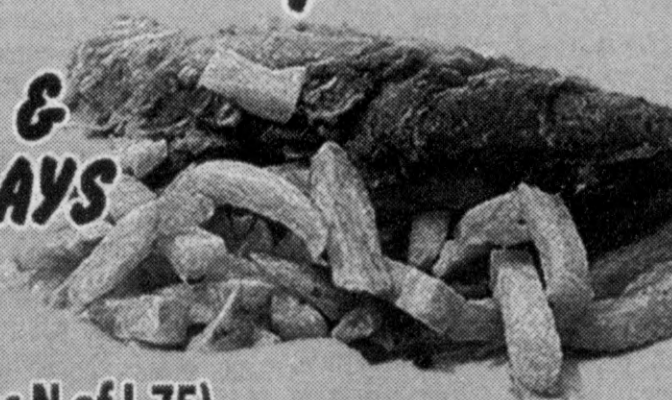
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2002 Honda Civic EX 4 door, clean, only 90K miles.....	\$5,988
2007 Ford Taurus SE low miles, great on gas, clean.....	\$5,488
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**BOAT DOCK WANTED** Looking for boat slip on Lake Orion for 24' pontoon to rent for summer, need few steps and a place to park when using boat. Call Paul at 248-505-9080. !!L142f

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FIRST AND SECOND, round and square bales, alfalfa mix, no rain. 248-867-5391 or 248-431-2403. !!ZX313

STRAW, STRAW, STRAW! Shell corn 50 lb. bag, \$6.00. Oxford area. 810-441-3888. !!L132

STRAW, STRAW, STRAW! Shell corn 50 lb. bag, \$6.00. Oxford area. 810-441-3888. !!L162

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## 110 GARAGE SALE

## Mom2Mom Sale

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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Education Resource Center

(C.E.R.C.)

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Shop over 90 seller spaces

L143

**PRE-EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA** sale at New Beginnings Church in Lake Orion, March 30- April 3 from 10am-4pm. Free food, clothing and merchandise. Donations accepted. !!L162

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## 160 APPLIANCES

WHIRLPOOL ELECTRIC STOVE. Glass top, self cleaning. \$250. 248-625-7169. !!C372

## 170 GENERAL

WORKFORCE TILE Saw THD550, \$20. Anvil 150lb., \$150, Lincoln electric stick welder, \$30. 248-904-7208. !!R162

WANTED: OCTOBER 24, 2001 edition of The Oxford Leader. Call 248-628-4801. !!L43tf

8 OAK CHURCH pews. 6' long. \$100 ea. 248-620-6370. !!C362

## 180 REC. EQUIPMENT

15HP JOHNSON OUTBOARD 1990. Excellent condition. \$650 obo. 248-891-8964. !!L162

2006 KTM 65 SX. Call 248-467-0773. C362

USED GOLF BALLS \$25 for 5,6, or 7 dozen. Range balls \$10. 248-693-4105. !!LZ30dhtf

NORDIC TRACK ELLIPTICAL CX938. Good condition. \$250. 419-544-2856, Oxford. !!LZ162f

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PET SITTING by Kathy. specializing in horses and dogs. 810-513-0838. !!ZX314

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FOR SALE: AMISH built wagonette. Seats 8. Rubber tires. Set up for 1-3 horses. \$2,500. 248-628-3679. !!L162

## 220 HORSES

STALL OPENING for retired horse. Full care. Please call for details. 810-797-6162. !!L153

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## 230 FARM EQUIPMENT

'85 FORD TRACTOR 4610, 2 WD, 63hp diesel, new tires, 3,500 hours. \$7,350. 810-706-1352 Mike. !!L152

## 250 CARS

2000 MITSUBISHI GALANT, 4-door, one owner, 109K, excellent condition, executive look, white, new battery and tires, very very reliable, \$4,000 obo. 248-627-6929. !!ZX2712

2006 WHITE PONTIAC G-6, GTP coupe. 86,000 miles, \$6,250. Oxford, 419-544-2856. !!LZ162

1999 LEXUS RX300 SUV Excellent condition. 144,000 miles. \$6,900. 248-882-7403 !!LZ121

2008 BUICK LUCERNE, loaded, 90K miles, good condition, new brakes, new tires, \$8,250. 248-892-2302. !!ZX2912

2008 CHEVROLET COBALT 4-door. 2.2 engine automatic. Power steering and windows, tilt, cruise, am/fm cd, rear spoiler, non-smoker, clean in and out, new tires and brakes. 101K miles, Clarkston. \$5,600. 248-701-0088. !!LX1212

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## 270 TRUCKS/SUV

★ 1995 GMC SONOMA, red, 4.3 liter, 6 cylinder engine, runs great. Air, heater, good trans, driveline & rear end. Frame rusted, needs brake lines. \$950 obo. 248-693-2574. !!L161

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2005 CHEVY Trail Blazer 4x4. Runs good. \$5500. obo. 586-924-9756 !!L163

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**LOOKING FOR IN HOME** caregiver for an elderly gentleman (Oxford). Hours needed are: Monday & Thursday, 5pm-9pm; Saturday, 9am-5pm; Sundays, 2pm-7pm. Must be a dependable individual and have reliable transportation. Please inquire & submit resume to KASHTON@RochesterCJ.com. !!L162

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**PERFECT OPPORTUNITY** for retiree, who enjoys the beautiful outdoors & wants to earn a little extra cash in the Oxford area. Part-time yard & landscape maintenance position, spring through fall, in Oxford area for private residence. Jobs include: Pruning, planting, watering, fertilizing, wood chips, weeds, & maintaining small koi pond (filter). No heavy lifting or mowing required. Please call 248-814-9393 9am-3pm, Mon-Fri. !!L162

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LZ154

**EXPERIENCED HAIR DRESSER,** preferably with clientele, no chair rental. First Impressions Hair Salon, Ortonville. Ask for Marie 248-627-2030. !!ZX322

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L163

**PART-TIME PROGRAMMER** in the Senior Services Division of the Community Program Department needed. Visit http://oriontownship.org/General Information/Information/ Employment Opportunities.aspx for application requirements. !!R152c

**INSTALLER** for Vinyl siding, soffit and aluminum trim. Pay based upon experience. Immediate work available. Also have an opening for a roofing shingler. Call Ken: 248-494-1416. !!L162

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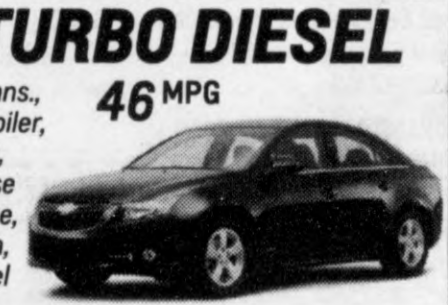
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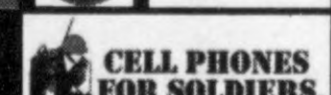
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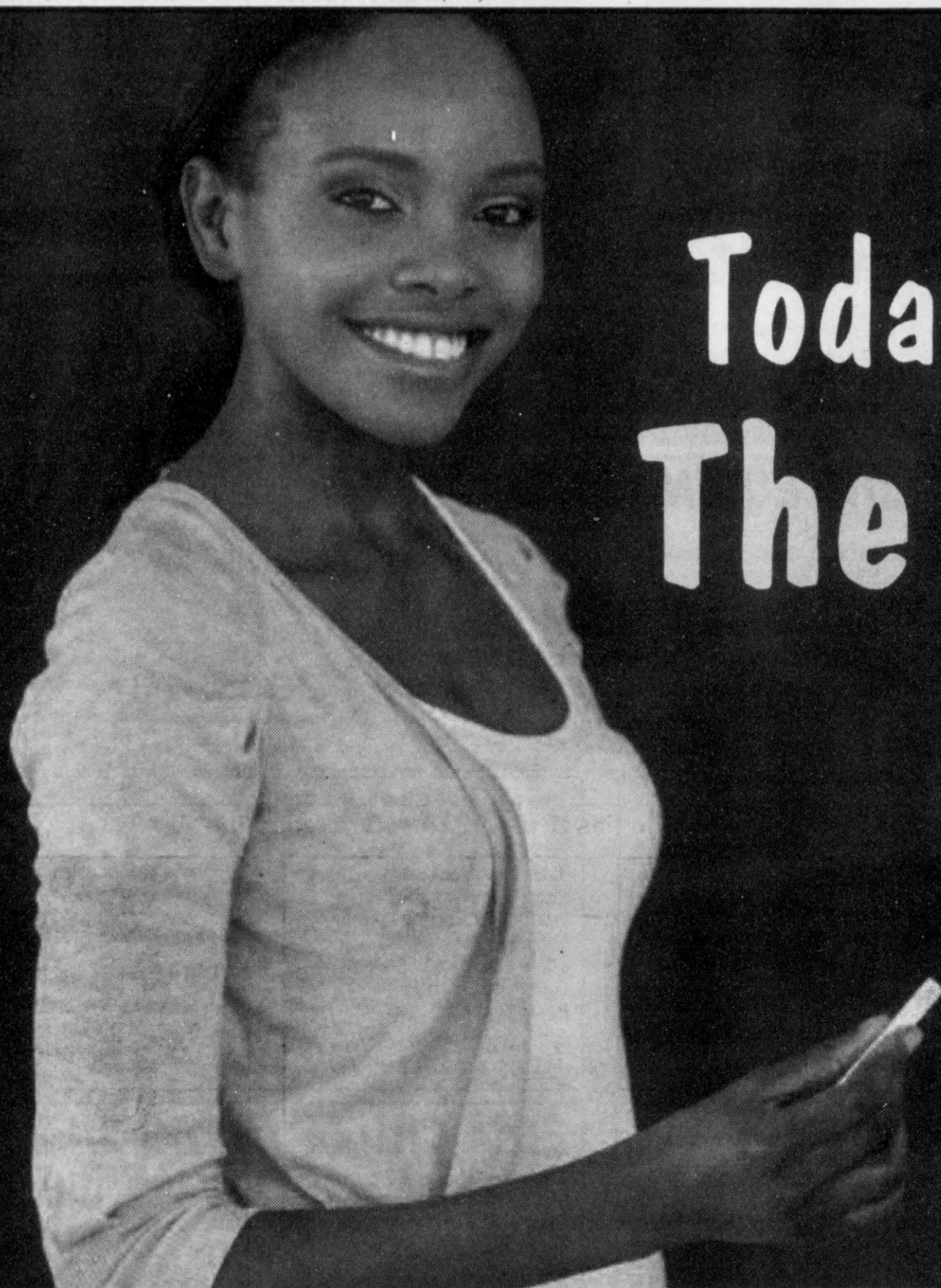
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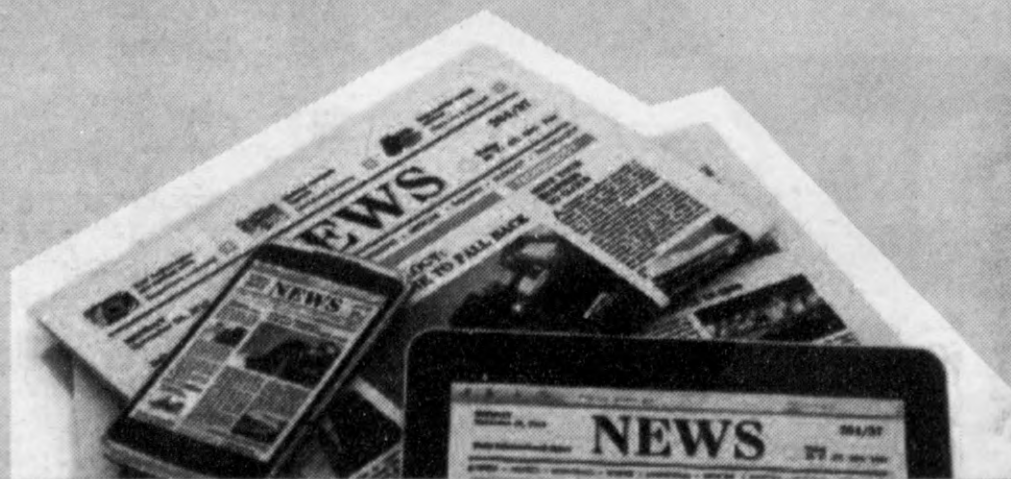


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Morgan Thalman gets ready to bite into her pie.



Aaron and Madison Gaff measure their tree cookies to figure out the area using Pi.

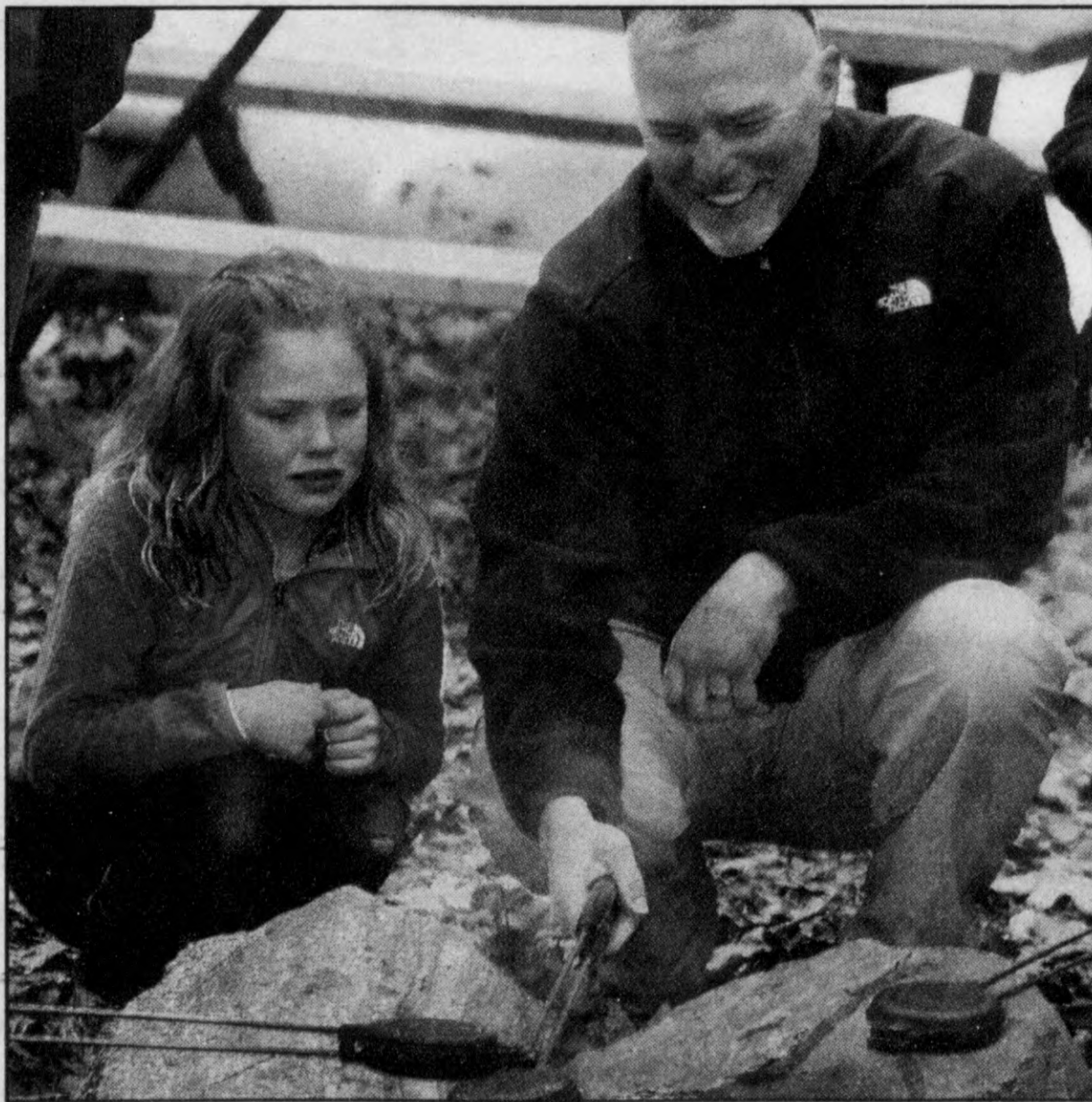
## Celebrating Pi Day

Saturday was a special day for math enthusiasts at is was 3/14/15 - Special Pi Day. The next time the first five digits in the infinite number won't show up again for 100 years.

The Wint Nature Center in Independence Oaks was one of the places to honor Pi with crafts and activities as kids (and parents)

learned about Pi and numbers in nature. Pi Day wouldn't be complete with a real pie as they made hobo pies out of bread, butter and fruit and toasted them over a campfire.

They joined around the campfire one more time before they left to sing Happy Birthday to Albert Einstein, who's birthday was on Pi Day.



Emily Medford anxiously waits for her dad, Jody, to finish cooking the Hobo pie over the campfire. Photos by Wendi Reardon



How many times can you fold a piece of paper? Hannah Ehrhardt tries it out finding out the most is nine times.



Abby Ehrhardt makes an Mobius strip.





# Kindergarteners rally around classmate, living with diabetes

BY DAWN PRIEBE

Special to the Clarkston News

Students in Carrie Ouellette's kindergarten class at North Sashabaw Elementary have been asking lots of questions since the beginning of the school year, but not just about their ABC's.

Rather, "what is juvenile diabetes" and "why does Talin's mommy have to come in and poke his finger everyday?"

They are referring to their classmate Talin Mills, who was diagnosed last August with Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes during his routine school physical.

"We had absolutely no idea that he was struggling with this," said Talin's father, Scott. "He was active, playful and never exhibited any of the typical warning signs juvenile diabetes usually do. It came as a complete shock."

Ouellette has taken this opportunity to teach her children about empathy for their classmate and turned counting carbs into math problems.

"The first half of the year we explained to the children Talin had diabetes and have answered questions as they have come up," Ouellette said. "Our class made the decision to go the healthy route for our classroom parties and instead of having treats and sweets we have celebrated with popcorn, water, jello and fruit."

This has come as a huge relief for the Mills family.

"We can't thank the families enough for their willingness to adapt," said Stacey, Talin's mother. "Instead of Talin having to feel like the odd man out who can't enjoy cookies and treats, the entire class has adopted a healthy way of celebrating that everyone can enjoy."

Ouellette, who has been teaching kindergarten at North Sashabaw for 13 years, said Talin is her first student diagnosed with diabetes. She is taking full advantage of the learning opportunity - students will learn about healthy food versus junk food, work on math problems incorporating counting carbs, and listen to books and watch short clips to learn about diabetes. She has also invited guest speakers to come into the classroom to talk about diabetes, and help students create a presentation and posters to teach others about diabetes as well.

"In November, I made the decision for the second half of the school year we would do a Service Learning Project focused on doing something for the children at Beaumont Hospital diagnosed with Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes," said Ouellette. "After learning about Talin, the students in my class wanted to do something for children diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes."

She contacted Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. They said they need more medical ID bracelets. The class is now making them.



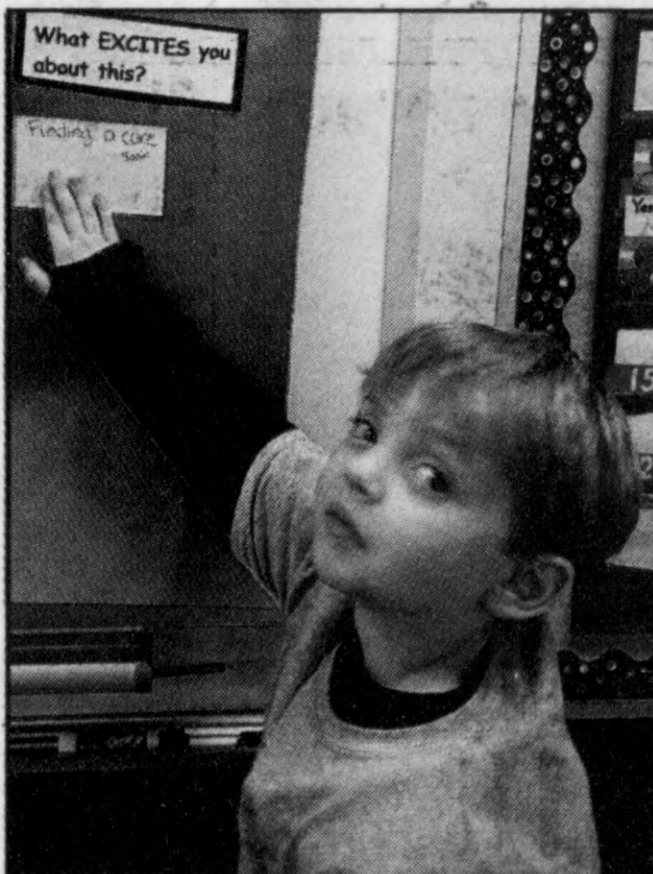
Kindergarten teacher Carrie Ouellette, with Talin sitting next to her, reads a story about a little boy with juvenile diabetes.

"Once we come up with a plan the students will carry it out and I will find a way to integrate it into our curriculum," she said. "We will have a celebration in which we will present the bracelets to Beaumont. Then, we will reflect on what we have learned through the whole process."

Cora Randolph, vice president of the North Sashabaw Student Leadership Team, is also busy helping her students raise funds and awareness for the "Team Talin Juvenile Diabetes Doggie" Go Fund Me Page.

Talin's target blood sugar number for his age is 150 which fluctuates randomly throughout the day with 300 being deadly high and 60 being terribly low.

"He can be 40 one minute and I am waiting for him to pass out on the floor and 400 within 20 minutes," said Stacey. "It's frightening and Talin is still too young to understand how he's actually feeling, we rely heavily on finger pokes, glucose meters and insulin shots."



"Finding a cure" is Talin's response to what excites him in learning more about diabetes.

"The outpouring of support from both friends and complete strangers has been overwhelming," said Stacey.

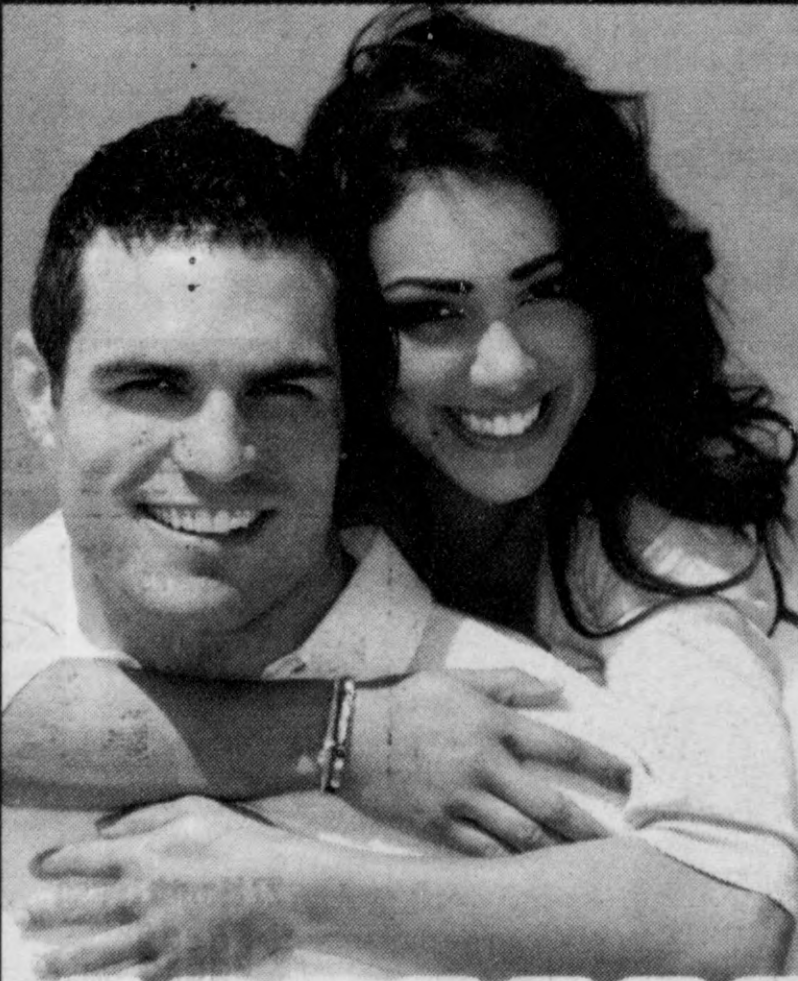
Talin's page raised over \$3,000 in the first week the site was posted.

"When I found out about the Go Fund Me site I had the idea to share it with the Student Leadership Team," said Randolph. "I'm looking forward to working with our leadership team to help Talin raise more money to fund his service dog. I think it is awesome the dog will help his mom and dad monitor his blood sugar. I'll be sharing my ideas with our leadership team at our next meeting."

In the meantime, Talin continues to brave his finger pokes, insulin shots and manages to find some joy in his new diagnosis.

"When I first met Talin, I was a kindergarten safety," Randolph shared. "I help the kindergartners get ready to go home and sometimes in the lunch room. One of the days I was helping him he had his medical information bracelet on and he showed it to me and said it gives him super powers. I thought it was so cute."


For additional information on the benefits of Service Learning Diabetes Dogs or are interested in supporting Talin, please visit his Go Fund Me page at [www.gofundme.com/mrongc](http://www.gofundme.com/mrongc).



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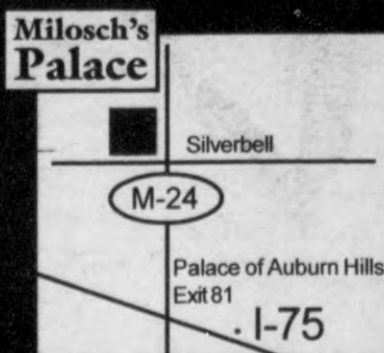
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## Community focus at Clarkston State Bank

Clarkston State Bank knows banking. To the consumer, they are known for their quality customer service. What is less touted is how they excel in the financial services arena.

They have paid close attention to the changing consumer banking trends towards internet and mobile banking and the substantial decrease in branch banking.

They are responding boldly by closing their downtown Clarkston and Independence Square shopping plaza branches on April 17<sup>th</sup>. "Our Clarkston branch located on the corner of M-15 and Citation Drive is full service, unlike the two that are being closed. It has a drive-thru with three lanes, a drive-up ATM, convenient bank-exclusive parking and everything needed in the branch to offer the same high level of service our customers are accustomed to. Our downtown Clarkston and Sashabaw customers will find it both convenient and close to their existing branch," said J. Grant Smith, President and CEO.

"We've observed the shift consumers have made from in-branch banking to mobile and internet banking and our business model allows us the ability to adapt," Smith said.

For instance, instead of driving to a branch and utilizing a teller to deposit a check, people can take a picture of the check using their smart phone, send it electronically, and have it deposited immediately, without ever leaving their home or office.

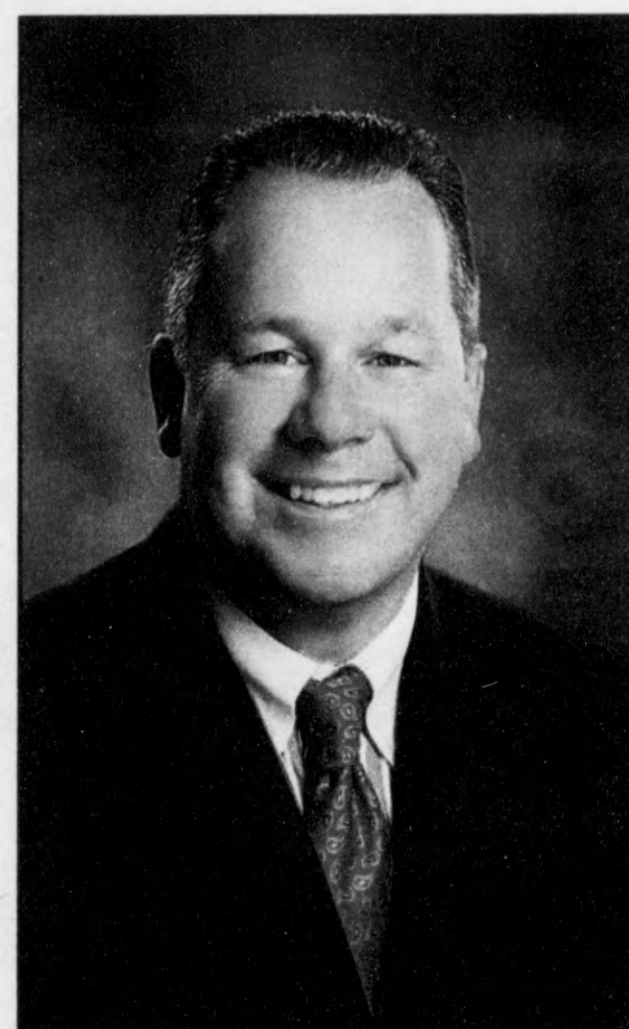
"The consumer is adapting to the new technology, and so are we," Smith said. "We have implemented all the electronic tools to complement our suite of products to better serve our customers."

Regarding the sale of the historic downtown Clarkston branch, Smith said, "It's a good time to sell the building. There is little commercial property for sale downtown and it provides a unique opportunity to help attract even more people to the area."

The Bank had another strong year of financial performance in 2014 and is off to a great start in 2015. Smith commented, "All of our core businesses continue to grow. We have been busy entering into new relationships and assisting our current customers with their growth plans."

With the warmer weather comes home improvement projects, boat and recreation vehicle purchases, and other outdoor endeavors. The Bank has a full suite of consumer loan products to accommodate those needs.

A large part of Clarkston State Bank's customer base is comprised of small



**J. Grant Smith, CEO**

businesses for which they offer competitive loans.

Smith added, "Commercial lending has always been a focus for the Bank and we have a significant concentration in the small business customer who often is overlooked by larger banks who generally charge excessive fees for their services."

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

"We pride ourselves on our service and agility. Something the larger banks seem to struggle with," he said. "It's a flexible, family atmosphere and it comes across to our customers. We take pride in that."

The Bank remains active and committed to the Clarkston community.

"We're very involved with the Clarkston Chamber, SCAMP, and many other organizations and groups who operate throughout the community," Smith said. "Of course we cannot forget the CSB Backroads Half Marathon/10K race we sponsor in the fall. It has been a welcome addition to our community and we have been able to provide donations to two non-profit organizations because of the outstanding support of this event. The community has really embraced this event."

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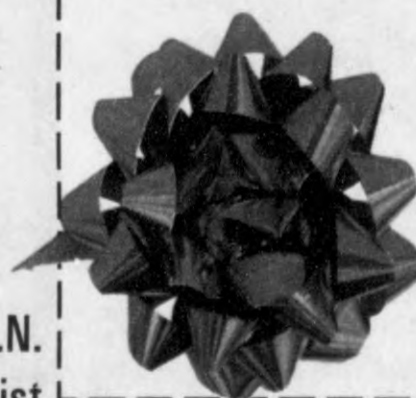
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Nuview Nutrition, located at 6803 Dixie Highway, Suite 2, uses a functional medicine approach and specializes in reversing and delaying chronic illness and supporting healthy weight loss through customized nutrition.

They begin with a comprehensive assessment to identify the areas of high priority, develop a personalized nutrition plan based on an individual's specific needs, lifestyle, and health priorities. They use the most powerful tools available to promote a healthier aging process, improving muscle-to-fat ratio and restore vitality. The healthy lifestyle techniques that their clients learn will last them a lifetime.

The newest tool at Nuview Nutrition enhances their personal approach by determining each person's uniqueness with a ZYTO™ biofeedback scan. The device sends energetic frequencies through your body.

"It reads your energies," Crandell explained. "Then the machine sends stressors to your body to see how your body responds to those stressors. Between the Zyto machine and my knowledge, we can identify the balancers needed to rebalance anything out of range. It gives us an insight to your health through bio communication, and further information about your body which helps us to bring the body back into balance." The scan is safe for adults and children and can be completed in a 1 hour appointment.

Nuview Nutrition also works with organizations and businesses in the community through presentations and workshops.

The next presentation is "Strategy Guide for Healthy Living" at WeBiz on April 28; it will discuss "The Missing Link to Healthy Living" held by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted at Oakhurst.

Nuview Nutrition also teams up with McLaren Cancer Institute for a 4-part series, (one day per week over a four week period),

for McLaren's Lunch and Learn, beginning May 20. It is free of charge and a healthy lunch is provided. Reservations are recommended by calling McLaren at 248-922-6606. The workshop is called "Beating Cancer with Nutrition."

For those businesses interested in corporate wellness to help educate their employees on proper nutrition, Nuview Nutrition also has a 4-part presentation developed for them. This series includes tips on managing stress, healthy eating habits, grocery shopping and exercise. It provides employers with better educated employees for a healthier and more productive work environment.

They also educate graduating seniors heading to college with a "College Survival Workshop," with options for July 22, 29 or Aug. 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the McLaren Center.

"It's a hectic time in college," Crandell said. "We talk about new schedules, managing stress, snacking, lack of sleep and fast food and how it can negatively impact health. Then we discuss ways to combat it and why employers desire and hire healthier employees."

Nuview Nutrition continues to reach out to the community and is holding a food drive throughout the month of March for Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township. Nuview Nutrition clients receive \$1 in "Nuview Bucks" for every non-perishable food item they bring in, which can be used to earn money towards products and services.

During the month of August they will also hold a 'Back to School' drive for Lighthouse, offering another promotion for clients to bring in school supplies and backpacks for children in need.

"I love that one," Crandell smiled. "It's my favorite one. Our first year was last year and it was really fun."

"We always try to be supportive of the schools and the Clarkston community — especially with churches, schools, sports teams, silent auctions and fundraisers; we love to be involved as much as we can."

For more information, schedule of classes, monthly blogs and more go to [www.nuviewnutrition.com](http://www.nuviewnutrition.com). To schedule an appointment or inquire about their services, please call 248-625-5143.



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As a board member and treasurer 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 14 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.

Clarkston Cleaning's sound business practices and work ethic have allowed them to expand their company fleet with six new vehicles.

"We live by example and I believe in giving," Raffler said. "Each month we perform act of kindness. Our professionals

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Three-person cleaning crews are trained 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 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."

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Nuview Nutrition staff, from left, Valerie, Sarah, Cindy, Terri and Ann. Not pictured is Carly.

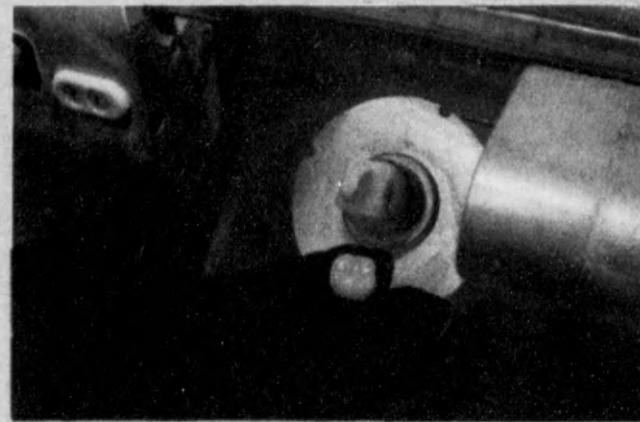




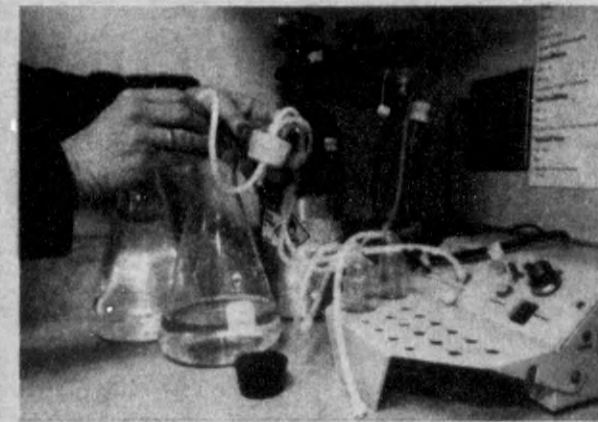
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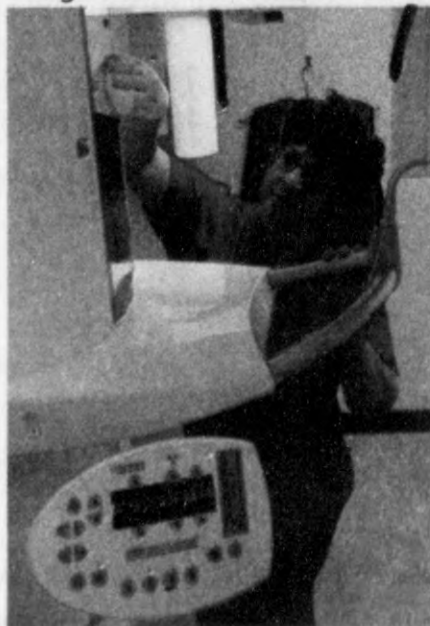


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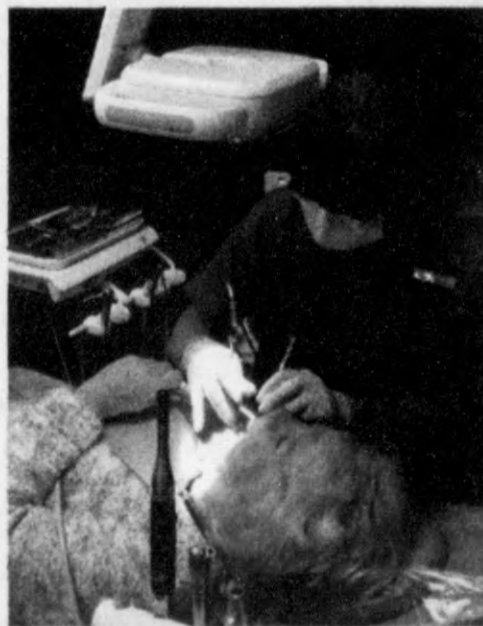
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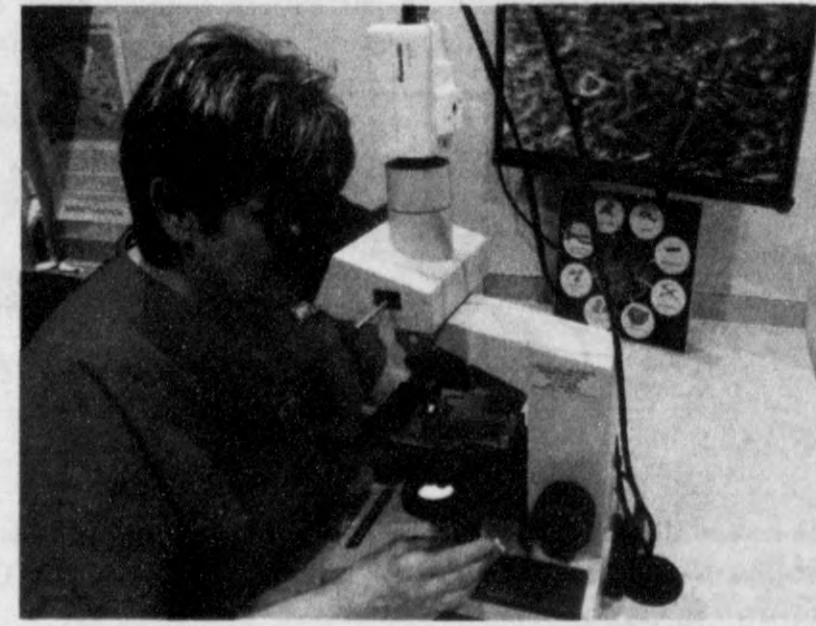
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CBCCU currently serves more than 8,000 members and their families, and has two full service offices – one at 8055 Ortonville Road in Clarkston and the branch office is located at 4 South Street in Ortonville.

In mid 2014 a third service location was opened. A free standing ATM was opened at 6215 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI. Now members have a convenient ATM without machine use fees on this side of town. CBCCU is a state-of-the-art financial institution offering low rate loans including mortgage and equity loans, a wide range of savings and checking products, and 24/7 electronic services such as online banking, e-statements, bill pay and mobile bill pay, online loan applications, and the availability of more than 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs nationwide.

CBCCU also participates in shared branching, which allows members to transact CBCCU business at other credit unions throughout Michigan and the U.S.

"We've made a commitment to stay in step with changing technology in order to provide the highest level of convenience to our members," said CBCCU's CEO Donna Bullard.

"Also in the forefront of product development is our commitment to provide members with low-cost and free services, as well as low-

rate loans," she added. "In fact, we take a close look at each member's situation when it comes to the kind of high rates they are paying at other lenders, and we show them how much they can save when they bring those loans to CBCCU. In many cases, we can save members thousands of dollars over the life of their loan."

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.

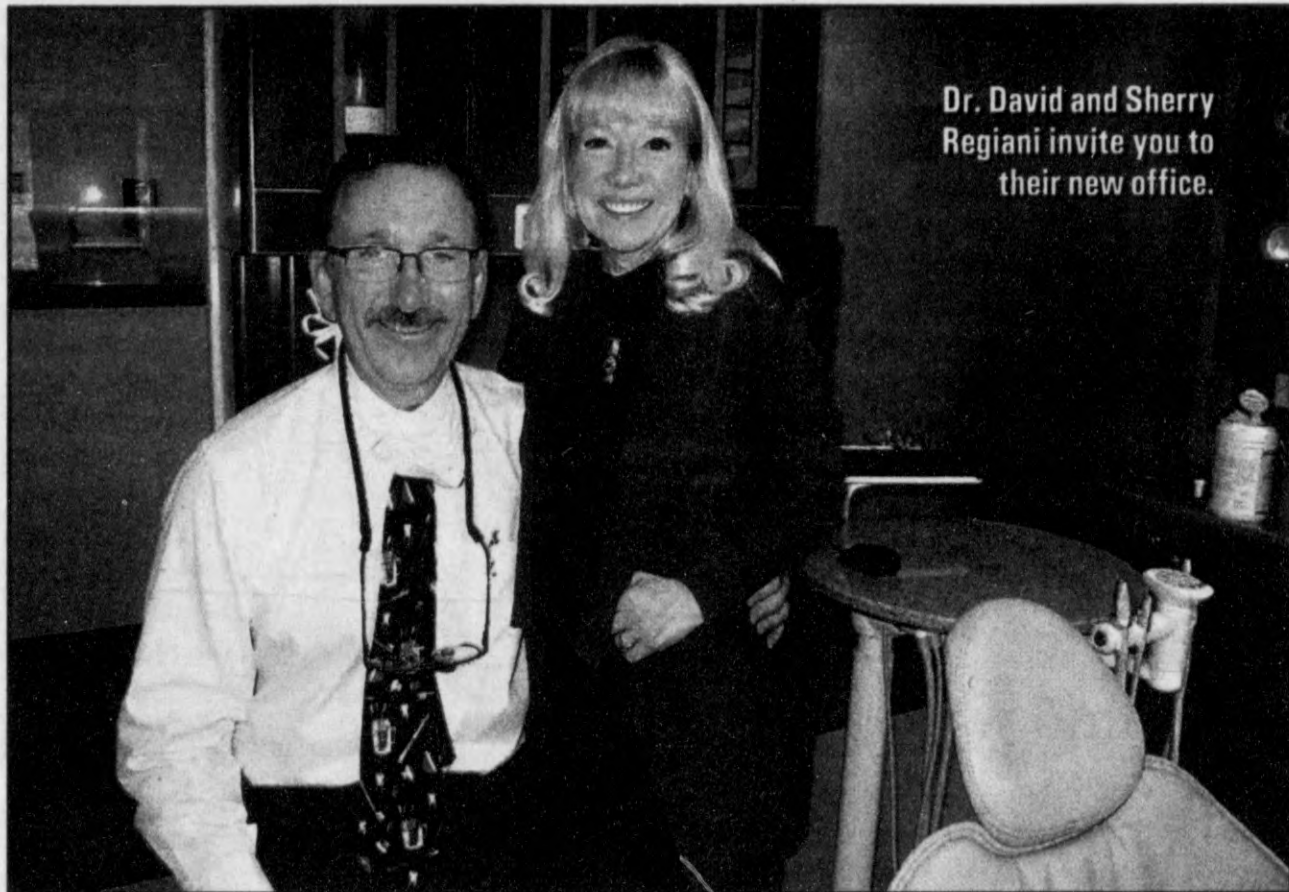
CBCCU is also dedicated to serving youth by offering educational programs within the schools, through their Zoogles Savings Club for members age 11 and under, a Debit card program for youth 12 and older and college scholarships for high school seniors. Plus, CBCCU has designed a College Care Package 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."

Call Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road, at 248-625-2923.



Front row, from left: Nicole Christensen, Alisa Williams, Gerry Coyne and Kara Evans. Back row, from left: Nicole Petrella, Suzanne Schmidt, Kelly Bannick, Katherine Kelly, Patricia DuBois, and Jackie Mason. CBCCU Clarkston.



## Regiani Holistic Dental Center opens in Clarkston

When you love what you do and excel at helping people, why would you retire?

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"Instead of retiring, we are continuing," said Sherry Regiani, office manager. "This office is our new 10-year plan and after this, we'll have another 10-year plan."

After more than 35 years in downtown Ortonville, Regiani Holistic Dental Center is now located at 10435 Ortonville Road just south of Oak Hill Road in Independence Township. The 3,600-square-foot facility where they moved in December features an ADA accessible open layout with more rooms to enable Dr. Regiani and his associate, Dr. Mardi Edelheit, to better care for their patients.

The new office has three hygiene bays and four treatment suites. Dr. Regiani continues to invest in the newest equipment, with specialized x-rays for diagnosis of TMJ, two cerec machines to make crowns while you wait, two bleaching systems, microscopic technology that allows the doctor to correctly diagnose periodontal disease.

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Dr. Regiani's holistic dental practice has been mercury-free and fluoride-free since February 1981. He is in the process of becoming a Board-Certified Naturopathic Medical Doctor. Continuing education is important to Dr. Regiani as he takes over 100 hours of classes per year. He is a pre-diplomat of the American Academy of Cranio-Facial Pain and

can offer specialized care to patients suffering from head or neck pain.

"People with head and neck pain are often accused of phantom pain or stress, but surprisingly, much of the time, it's dental-related," said Sherry Regiani. "If one of your teeth is a little high or your teeth are out of alignment, it's like a table with one leg too long and can cause pain. We can fix that."

Dr. Edelheit has more than 18 years experience in dentistry and has an especially gentle touch with children of all ages. The larger office allows her to add two more days to her schedule, and she sees patients Tuesdays, Thursdays and most Fridays. This expansion allows Dr. Regiani to give more time to working with medically compromised patients, including those with chemical sensitivities.

Sherry Regiani notes that while traditional dentistry treats various stages of dental decay and gum disease, their holistic practice also seeks the causes and treatment options of oral cavity disease and decay.

"Of course we do fillings, crowns, bridges, implants, extraction, root canals, periodontal and cosmetic dentistry, including straightening and whitening," she said. "We work with other healthcare providers for the best outcome for our patients. We do everything with respect for the environment and with materials that are more biologically compatible. We don't just fill holes in teeth, we change people's lives."

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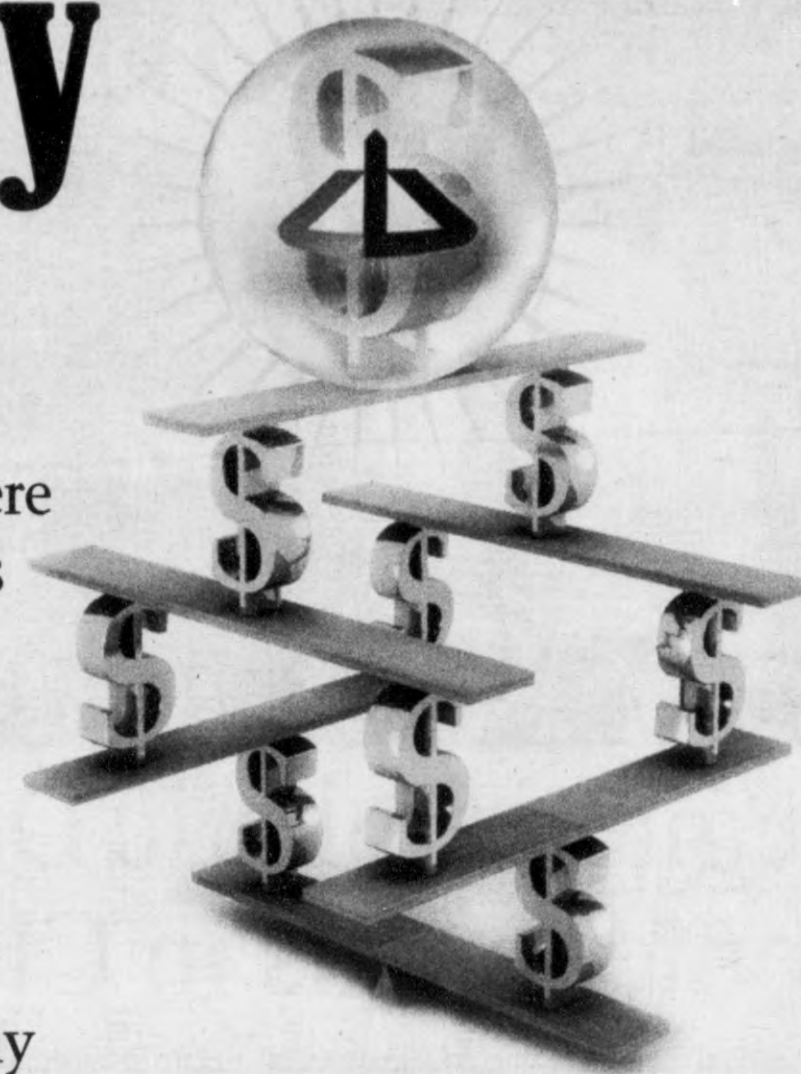
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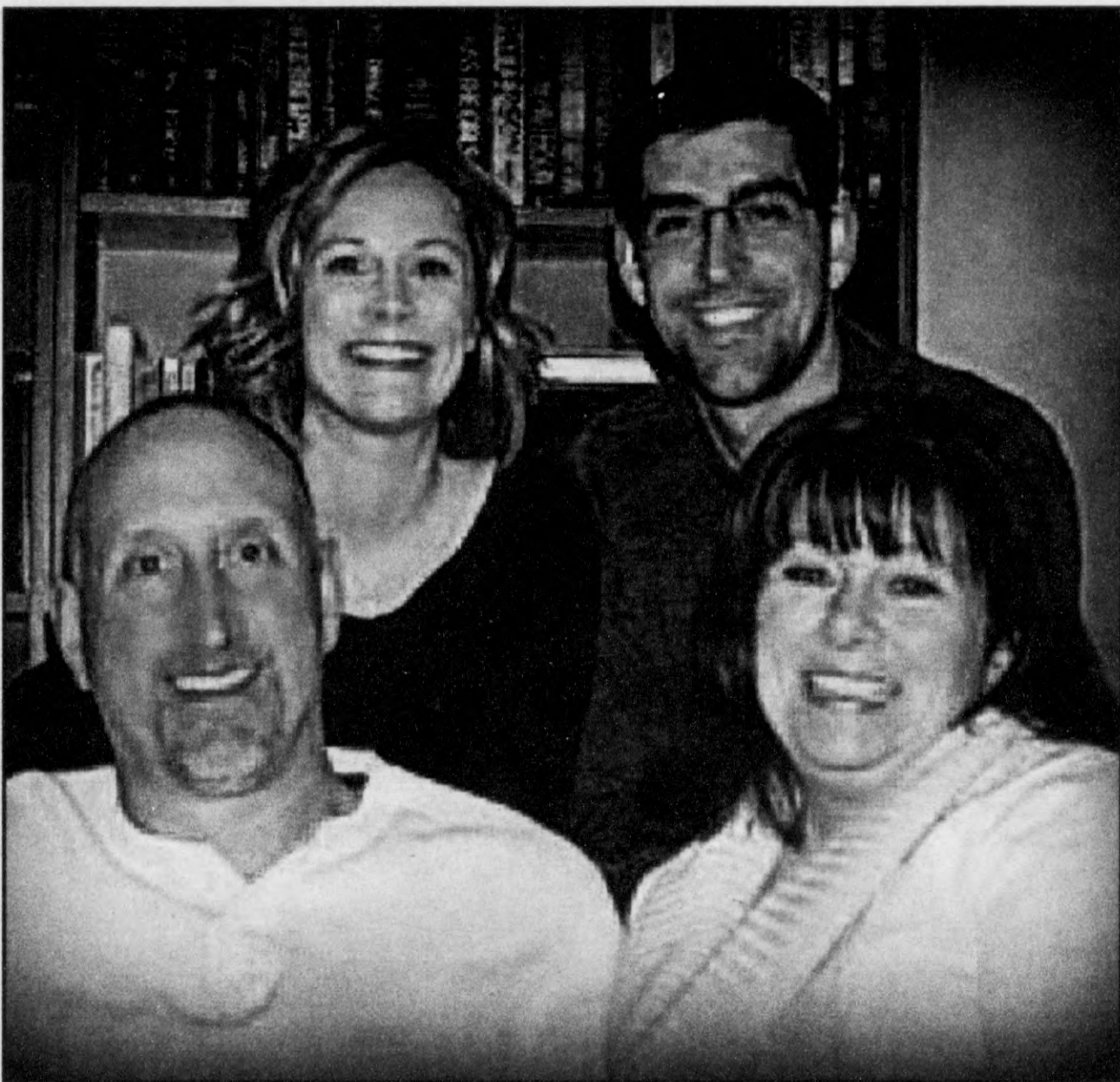


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Pam and Al Rush are in business to open Fort Clarkston with partners Holly and Dan Waxler.

## Playtime for everyone at Fort Clarkston

Image a place where parents can relax while their children are safely enjoying endless adventures.

Fort Clarkston is that place, and it's coming to Clarkston this spring. Holly Waxler, co-owner and manager, said the fun plan has been in the works for over a year. It's going to be a place that adults can come for enjoyment, too.

Holly, along with her husband Dana, are partnering with Pam and Al Rush. The Rush's own The Learning Experience in Clarkston and Shelby Township.

They know the Clarkston community firsthand and are very excited to bring the new venture to the area. Located next to Neiman's Family Market, the business will be just over 11,000 square feet and include something for everyone young and old.

"Imagine children's play place meets sports bar," Waxler explained.

There will be craft beer and wine served at "The Office," Fort Clarkston's adults only bar. In addition, comfy couches, televisions and wifi are provided for adult entertainment. Parents can take a breather while kids are off having the time of their lives.

Families can buy from the gift shop or have a nice meal in the cafe.

"Food at the cafe is not the typical children's lunch fare," said Waxler. "It will not be hamburgers and fries. Healthy choices are the rule of thumb."

Waxler said Fort Clarkston will also have their own fresh baked goods including cup-

cakes, muffins and birthday cakes.

"Children will be navigating the play structure through winding tunnels, speedy slides, and challenging obstacles," said one of the owners, Pam Rush.

Mascots Rusty and Rosie, colorful characters created to interact with the children, will roam Fort Clarkston and be available for birthday party visits. When youngsters are not having fun on the huge play structure or laughing with mascots, they can play arcade games and ride on kiddie rides.

"It is going to be awesome," Waxler promises.

Planning private parties for birthdays and other special events will also be easy at Fort Clarkston in the four party rooms on site. Party bookings can be done online at [www.fortclarkston.com](http://www.fortclarkston.com). You can also watch for updates and special information on Fort Clarkston's facebook page [www.facebook.com/FortClarkston](http://www.facebook.com/FortClarkston).

On a regular day at Fort Clarkston, the enormous location will host classes for kids in party rooms. Music and dance parties will also be a regular happening at the Fort. There is so much fun planned for both parents and kids, you won't know where to begin.

Fort Clarkston will be open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on weekends 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Stay tuned for more information about Fort Clarkston. All updates on Grand Opening and website launch will be posted on our facebook page. Email is available at [fortclarkston@gmail.com](mailto:fortclarkston@gmail.com).

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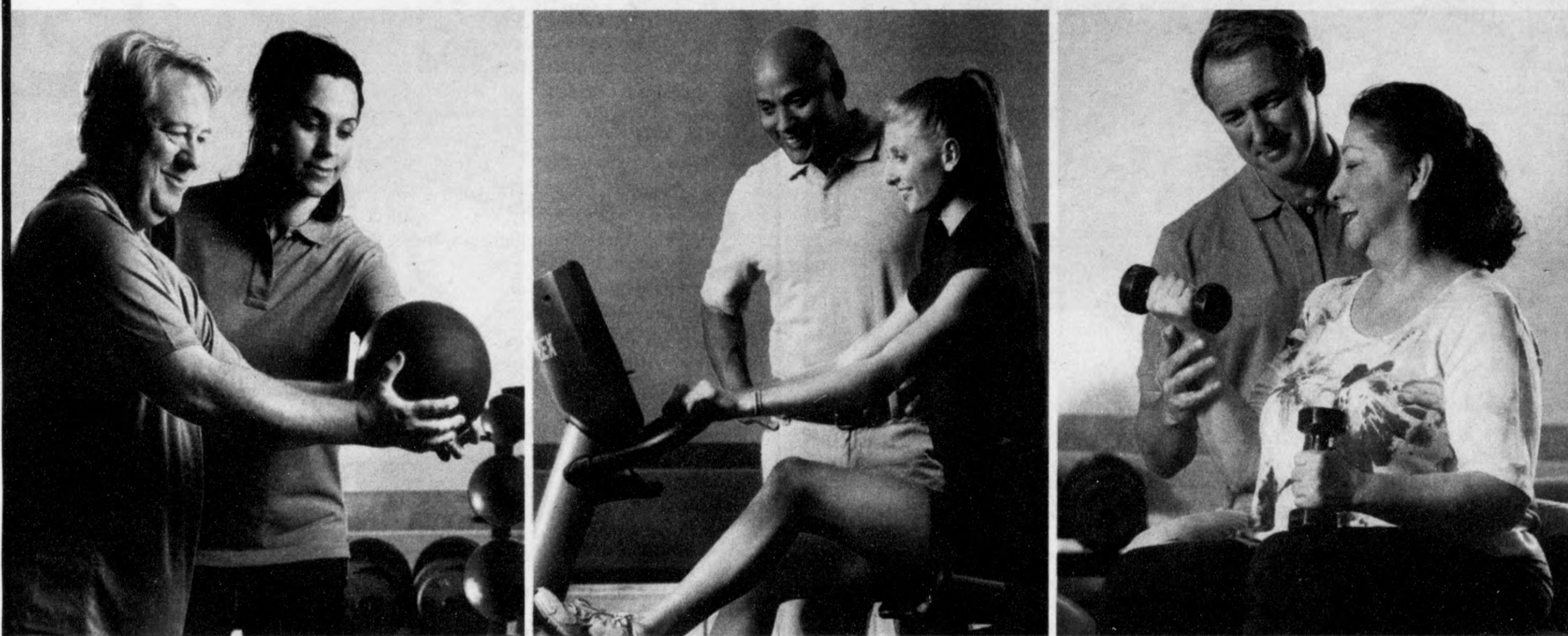
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Guests visiting the Carriage House will notice many new and beautiful improvements made to the facility.

Both venues feature full banquet facilities and catering.

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 and a 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 mansion, including ceremonies held in an open room with large stained-glass 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 of Helen.

Once a home for the Mansion's caretaker, the Carriage House now serves as a large

venue featuring large windows out looking the scenic beauty of the grounds.

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

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.

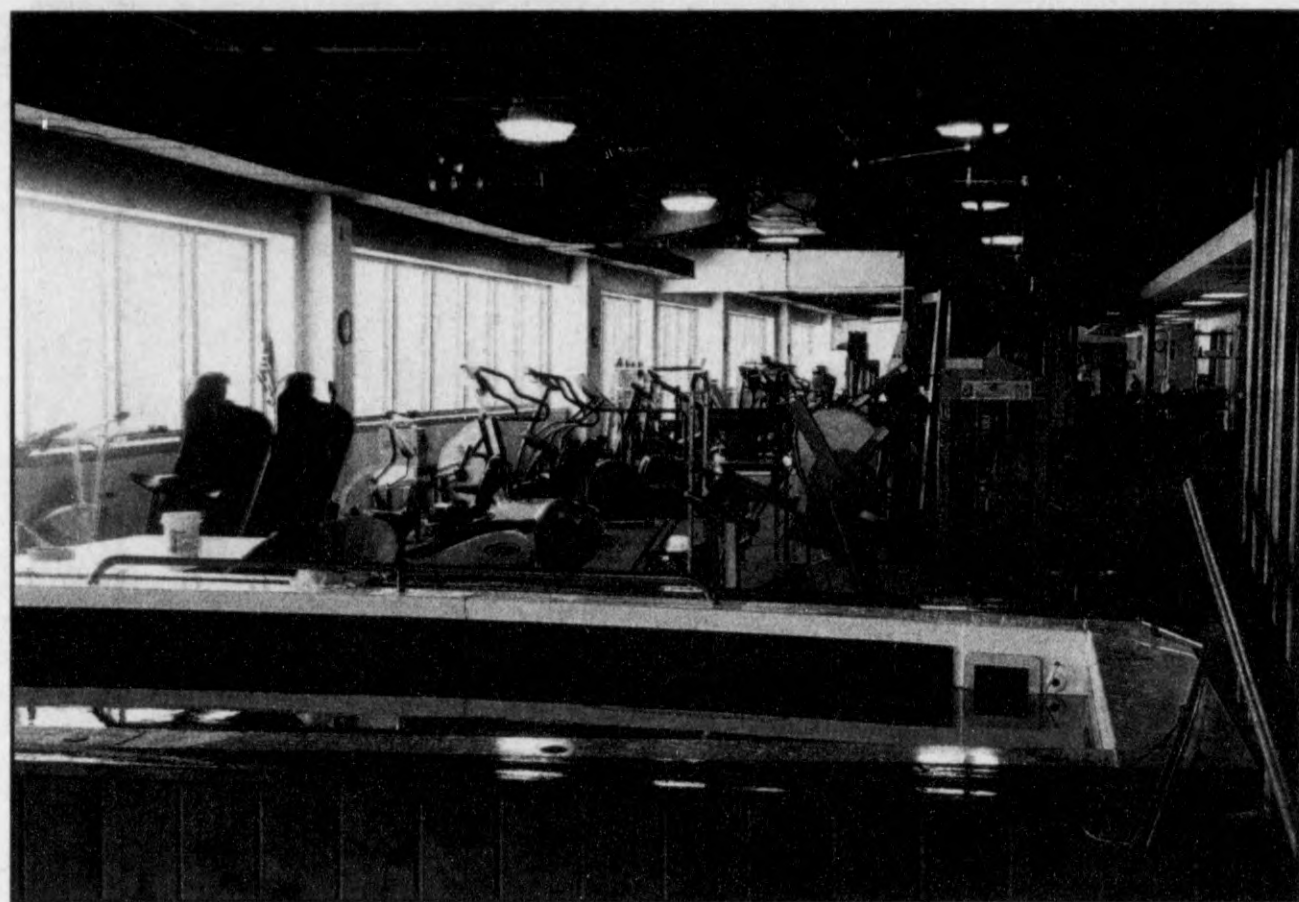
Of course there is 27-hole open-to-the-public Pine Knob Golf Course. Full of rolling green landscapes and golf holes at various elevations, the property is surrounded by Flemings Lake and designed by former PGA Dan Pohl.

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 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](http://www.pineknobmansion.com), or friend them on Facebook, "Pineknobmansioncarriageandgolfcourse."



Aquatic therapy is one of the many rehabilitation services offered at NovaCare Rehabilitation.

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NovaCare is an industry leading therapy program that employs a clinical team, with extensive training and expertise to deliver care to patients while providing important resources that encourage healing.

Services include sports medicine, physical therapy, hand therapy and work services.

Physical therapy utilizes a variety of evidence-based treatments including physical exercises and hands-on treatment and rehabilitation to help clients.

Patients are offered effective and evidence-based treatments including aquatic therapy, manual therapy and a variety of specialty therapeutic services to stimulate the body to heal.

Specialty services include aquatic therapy and women's health. The Woman's health program is specially designed to meet the needs of each patient by focusing on treatment of the mind, body and spirit.

A holistic approach to serve the unique needs of women treats conditions relating to the bowel and bladder, obstetrics, post-surgical, pelvic pain disorders and neurovascu-

lar conditions. Specialty woman's treatment includes issues with musculoskeletal problems, obesity, Bariatric care, breast health and Perimenopause and Post-Menopausal Wellness.

Sports medicine was designed to meet the needs of athletes at all performance levels. The program helps restore function while decreasing pain and increasing strength and flexibility.

Patients can also learn about injury prevention and be educated to optimize performance.

Aquatic therapy is used to treat a variety of medical conditions including arthritis, multiple sclerosis, strokes, Parkinson's disease, obesity and muscular dystrophy.

Aquatic therapy leads to less pain with normal activity and improved endurance with everyday tasks.

Hand therapy, provided by some of the most well-known and emerging certified hand therapists, focuses on rehabilitation of the hand and upper limbs. Numerous hand therapy treatment methods treat tendon injuries, peripheral nerve and crush injuries and repetitive motion disorder.

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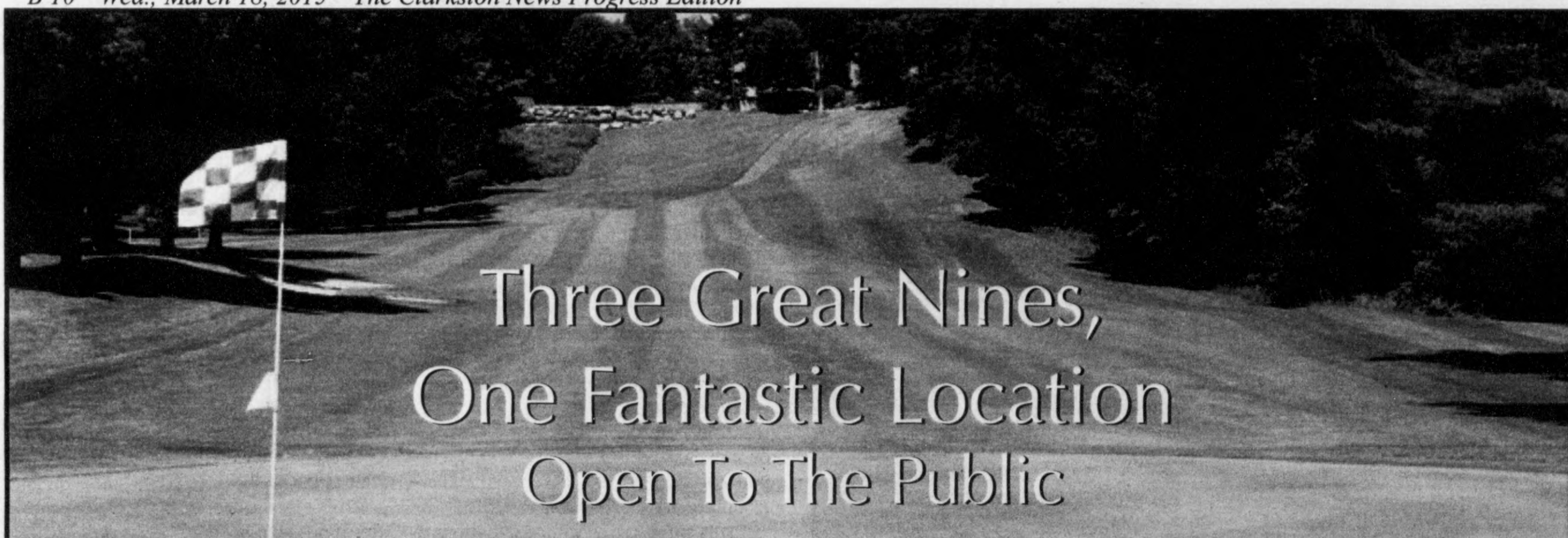
Therapy services allow clients to have a greater ability to perform activities with improved balance and coordination that matter most in life.

For more information on the many services offered by NovaCare Rehabilitation visit [www.novacare.com](http://www.novacare.com).



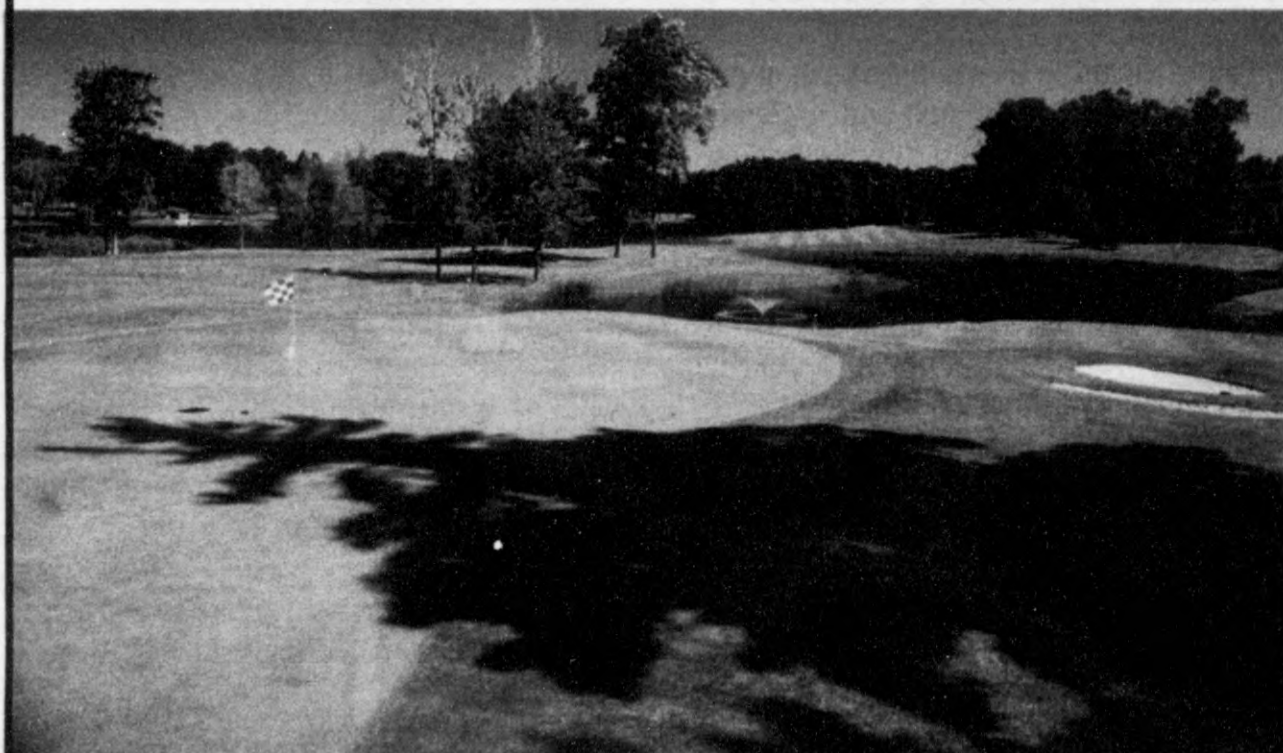
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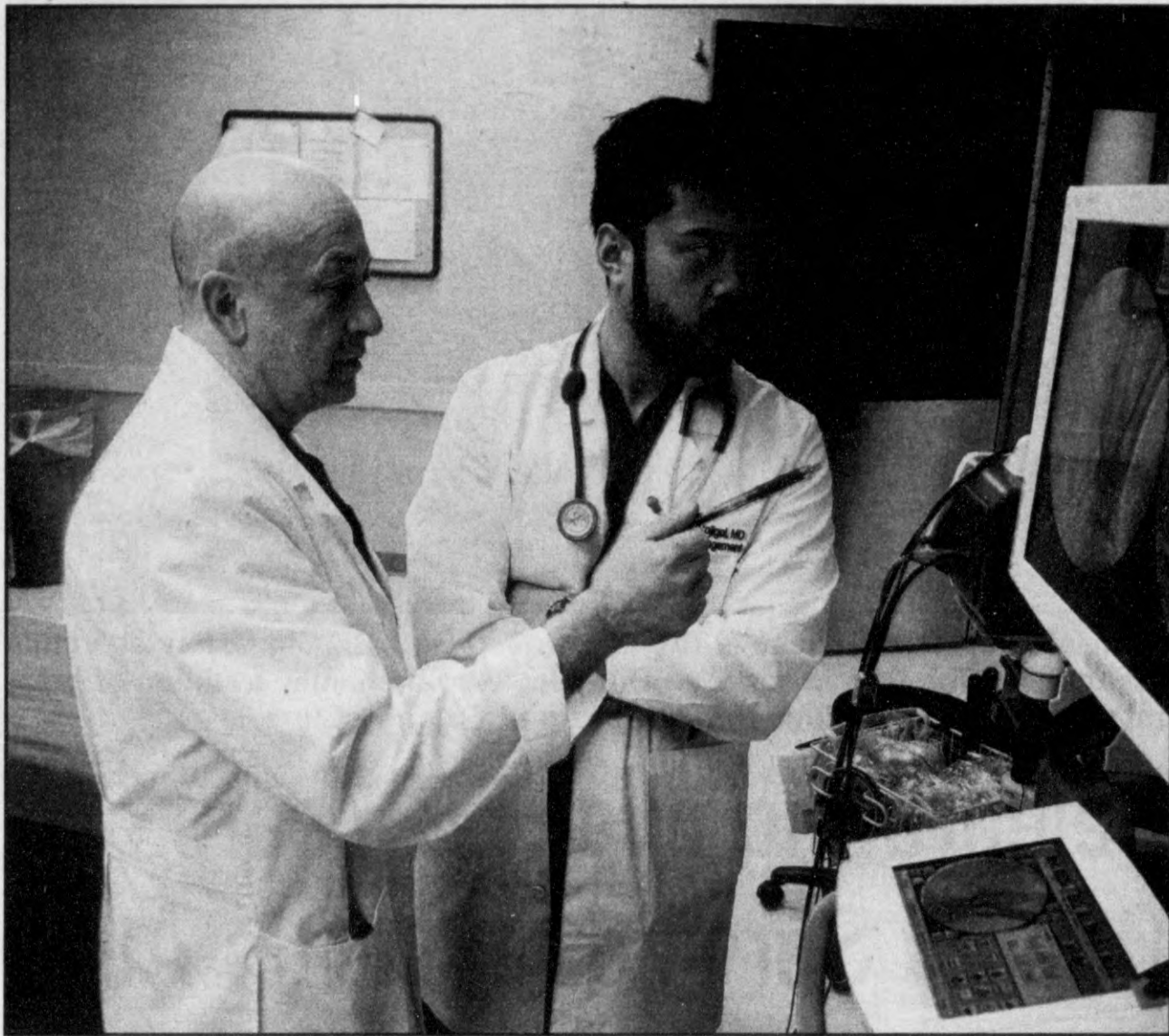


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Dr. Alexander Tsinberg and Calvin Cajigal discuss treatment.

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Dr. Todd Lininger, co-founder of NeuroPain Consultants along with Dr. Lawrence Rapp, says: "Our focus is to provide a comprehensive approach to pain where we combine rehabilitation, psychological services, interventional care, medication management and even alternative options like acupuncture. The benefit to the patient is working with a team of pain providers rather than one specialist."

The specialists at NeuroPain know that narcotics and surgeries are not always the answer. Medication, if indicated, is safely prescribed and monitored closely by physicians.

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From left, Kevin Gott, Michelle Thomas, Robert Gott, Sr., Shane Foster, Vinnie Ventimiglia, Bob Goode and Bob Gott, Jr., keep the family tradition of great auto service alive in Clarkston. Not pictured, Brian McClure.

## Celebrating over 50 Years of Quality Service at Gott's Auto

Gott's Auto Service marks their 52nd year in business this spring, the last 35 of those years located in the Clarkston community.

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"Our knowledge, our integrity and our honesty is what keeps our customers coming back," he continued. "People like coming to us because they can trust us. We value their trust and keep up the work ethic they expect from us."

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 Detroit.

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 for him.

"I found I liked auto repair service better," he said.

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

him.

"She was in real estate and knew a guy who wanted to retire," Gott explained.

He took a look at the shop and knew it was where he wanted to bring Gott's Auto Service.

Since 1980, the building has grown as well as his staff to better serve the area. Sons Kevin and Bob, Jr. both joined the family business when they were 14-years-old for part-time work and now add the vast knowledge they have acquired to Gott's Auto Service.

It is that knowledge and experience that helps customers understand what the problem is with their vehicle and what needs to be done to repair it.

"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," 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](http://www.gottsauto.com).



## **Meet Dr. Caudill**

Dr. Caudill is a board certified dermatologist who graduated from Wayne State School of Medicine in the top 5% of her class, earning a membership in the prestigious medical honor society, AOA (Alpha Omega Alpha).

Following an internship in transitional medicine at Sinai Grace Hospital in Detroit, Michigan she completed her dermatology residency training at Wayne State University. She spent several years in private practice in Birmingham, Michigan prior to opening her own practice in Clarkston in 2011. Dr. Caudill is a staff physician at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan as well as St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan.

Dr. Caudill is a Clarkston native. She is a graduate of Clarkston High School, alumni of the Clarkston High School Ski Team and former lifeguard at Deer Lake Beach. In her free time, she enjoys skiing at Pine Knob, Sunday brunch at the Union and petting cows at Cooks Farm Dairy with her children, Owen and Anna. She lives in Clarkston with her young family and is privileged to serve our community as a dermatologist.

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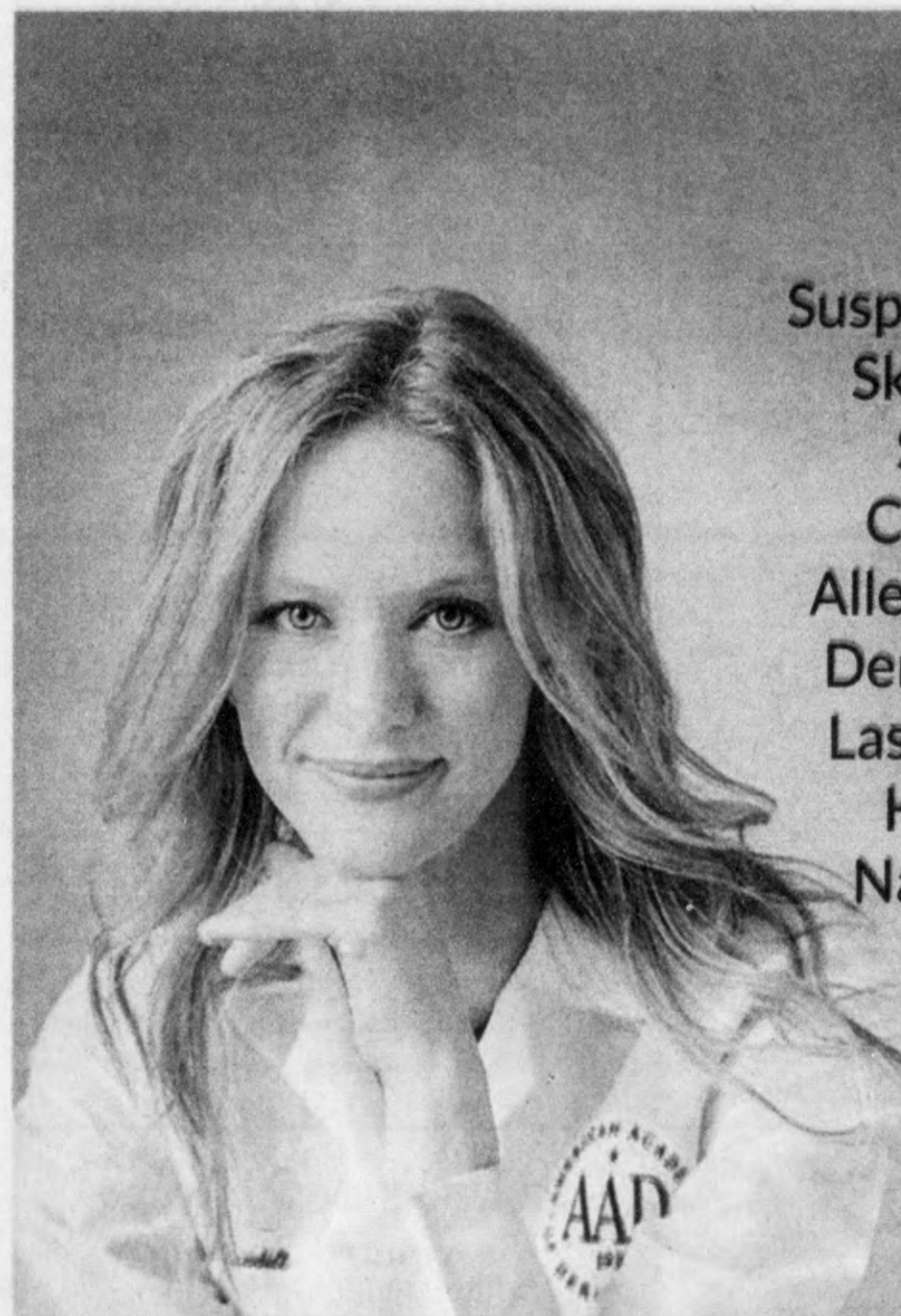
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At the end of 2014, a national auditing firm released their findings based a phone survey they completed of area residents – you, our readers. They asked about paper readership and local buying trends for the

next 12 months. The findings, we am happy to report, are staggering.

Circulation Verification Council (CVC), an independent, third-party reporting audit company based in St. Louis, MO, audited The Clarkston News and Penny Stretcher circulation numbers – making sure what we report to the community is what we are delivering. (Hint, we are.)

So, after their audit, what did they find with their simple, Yes and NO questions of local residents?

Of the random residents surveyed:

98.6 percent recognized they received our paper.

74 percent said that they, or someone in their home regularly reads or “looks through” our paper

73 percent said they “frequently” purchase products or services from local business ads seen in our papers.

Wow! Nearly three quarters of the households in this community use our paper when making buying decisions. Can, any other form of local marketing boast those numbers?

For the skeptics out there, hold on a second. Let's talk about CVC. First, they audit thousands of editions nationwide with a combined circulation over 55 million. Their au-

ditors pour over our US Postal statements, printing statements and any other statement they can find, to come up with their findings. Their audits cover printing, distribution, circulation, websites, digital editions, mobile, email, social media and readership studies to give an accurate picture of a publication's reach and market penetration.

Oh, and we did not pay for this audit.

According to CVC founder and president, Tim Bingaman, “CVC uses a for-profit business model, which allows our company to remain completely objective in its reporting practices. We run our business the same way as financial auditors and auditors of all other media. There's no power of influence because most publishers do not pay us directly for our services, so we can be totally impartial and just report the facts. Today, CVC is known as the premier source of audit, circulation and readership data, and I'm proud of the work we do.”

Aside from assessing our papers' reach, Bingaman's company also got the pulse for locals' projected buying trends. Here are some of the answers you provided:

17% of your neighbors say they will get a new automobile. That means if national average cost of a new car is, \$25,777, the local

buying power is \$189,476,601 in new car sales! (that's \$189 million!)

18% will be in the market for a “new” used vehicle. With the average cost being, \$13,145. This represents another \$108,026,776 in sales.

Let's see... oh, 7% of you say you will need a real estate agent (that's just over 2,700 transactions). If the average transaction is \$240,000, local real estate agents will be inking over \$653 million dollars in contracts. Talk about the benefits of fiduciary relationships!

A little over 3,400 of you plan to seek the advice of an attorney this coming year, representing over \$3.4 million worth of legal advice. I think local counsel may think about marketing in our pages to get a piece of that pie before all the billboard and TV commercial lawyers get all the action!

Thank you to our community – you local residents and businesses – who continually supports this local paper and for taking the time to respond to the survey. There are naysayers who say newspapers are dying. Bah! Once again those who say that do not live in the our area. Your community papers continue to thrive, insuring readers will be informed and entertained for years to come!

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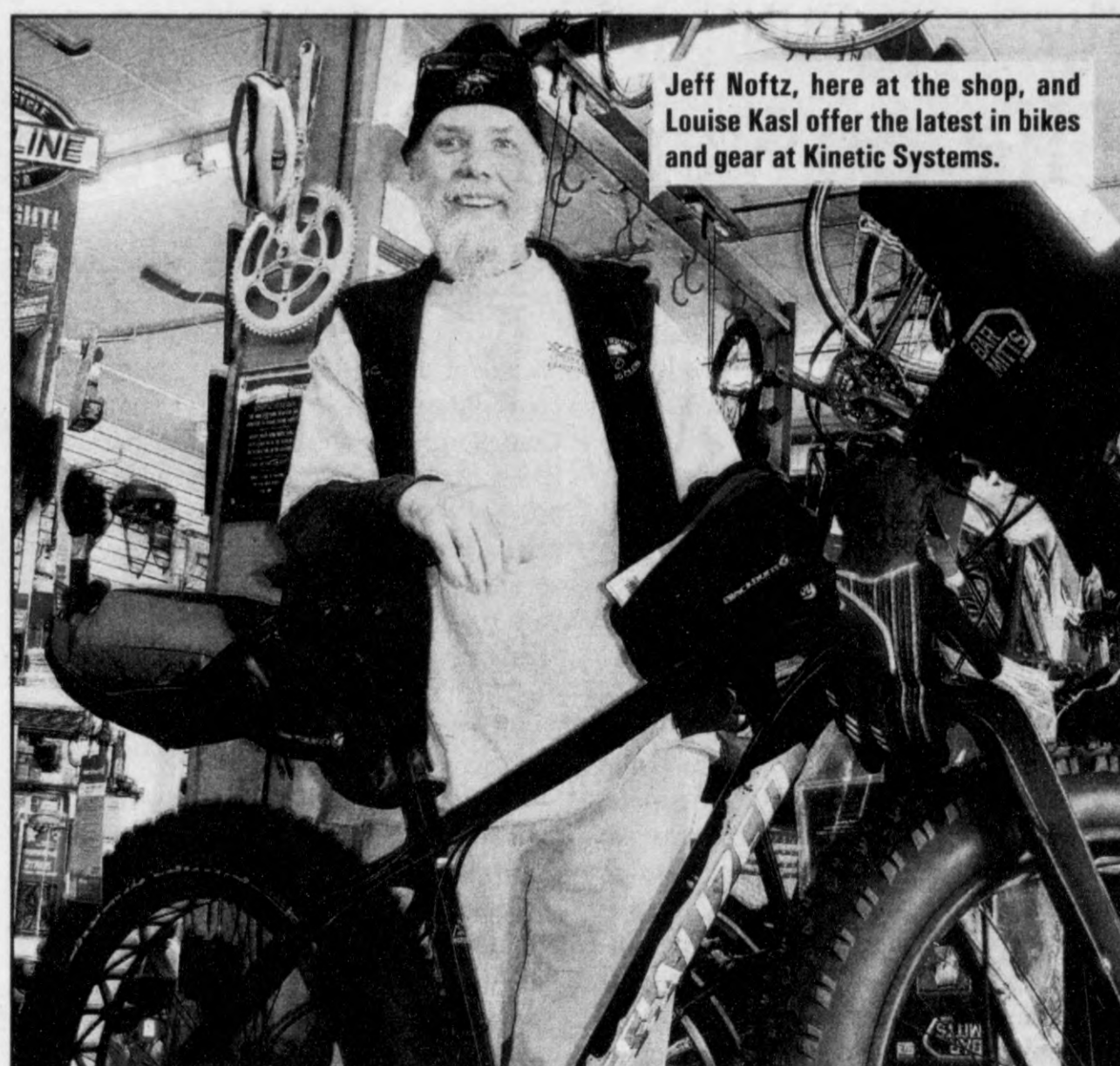
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Jeff Noftz, here at the shop, and Louise Kasl offer the latest in bikes and gear at Kinetic Systems.

## Fat bikes, max fun at Kinetic Systems

Kinetic Systems always stocks the latest in bicycles and gear.

"One of the hottest things taking everything by storm is the fat bike," said Jeff Noftz, who owns the downtown bike shop with Louise Kasl.

"Initially, I thought it wouldn't be a long-term trend in downtown Clarkston, but everyone is on them having a great time. We all like something new, different and fun."

Fitted with oversize balloon tires, fat bikes were developed for trail riding and racing in the Alaskan snow.

"Last winter, we got our feet wet, and got some fat bikes to see if people would buy it," Noftz said. "To my surprise, everybody was buying it to ride all year long. It has a very broad based appeal."

Even for those with a bike racing background, such as himself.

"When I took it for a test ride, I was thinking, this is a riot. The stability is great. It's comfortable to ride," Noftz said. "It's just a stupid bike. It's fun. It handles way better than I thought it would."

The wide, soft tires make fat bikes particularly stable on the Clarkston area's backroads and trails.

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

"It's a great way to have a good time without worrying about exercise, racing speed, or the number of miles," Noftz said. "When I got on a fat bike for the Polar Ride, we got to a downhill and everyone was there, holding on with a death grip. I

thought, let's see what it could do. It brought a smile on my face. It's pure Americana. You hop on, you feel safe and comfortable."

Kinetic Systems also offers 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.

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.

For families, the club organizes bicycling outings at Waterford Hills Road Racing Track at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club in Independence Township.

"We've gone there for years to race, but now, Thursday nights, parents and kids can ride. No cars, no dogs — it's fun. That group's really taken off," Noftz said.

The Flying Rhino Club and Kinetic Systems also work with and sponsor the Clarkston High School and Clarkston Junior High School cycling teams and clubs.

Kinetic Systems is located at 60 South Main Street in downtown Clarkston. They are open seven days a week, Monday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday through 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 at 248-625-7000, email: [info@kineticsystems bicycles.com](mailto:info@kineticsystems bicycles.com), and visit their website, [www.kineticsystems bicycles.com](http://www.kineticsystems bicycles.com).



# GOB Gymnastics: Building amazing athletes for two decades

Coach Paul volunteered to teach cartwheels at recess.

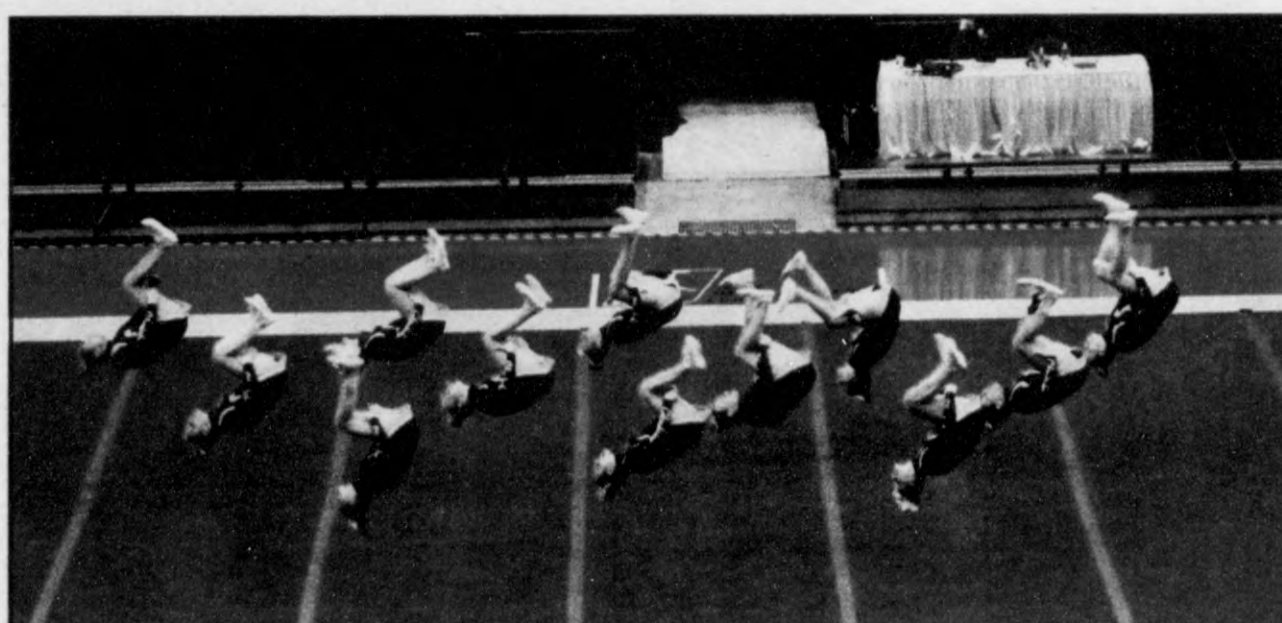
"My daughter Amanda was in second grade and her school had some budget problems and limited gym class times, so I was asked to help out," said Paul.

"I was 38 years old and a financial planner with three kids when I started teaching gymnastics. After three months the school year ended and I sent out a notice about forming gymnastic classes. We started with 65 students."

GOB was born.

Today 22 years and thousands of students later Coach Paul, wife Julie and their three children Coach Garrett, Coach Amanda and Coach Paul Jr. all share the responsibility of the business. Amanda is the team's manager, Garrett runs operations and is team coach. Paul Jr. is in charge of the Cheer Invasion Program.

"We started out in rented space and now own a spacious gymnastic facility in Ortonville," he said. "This is my town and I want the youth of this community to be better athletes. GOB has made an impact on so many high school athletes—whether swimmers, divers, dancers or cheerleaders—what ever sport you play, gymnastics will improve strength, coordination and overall body awareness."



The Clarkston Varsity High School cheer team.

Coach Paul emphasizes that younger athletes may not necessarily be great gymnasts but they love doing cartwheels. The motor skills learned as a toddler will allow youth to become an athlete later on.

While cross training athletes is great, GOB promotes a gymnastic team, cheerleaders' development and growth. This year we have 270 families in the school. GOB has 66 team members. GOB competes level's 1-8 featuring Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond X-Cell gymnasts. GOB Competes in both the A.A.U. and the U.S.A.G competitive leagues. The GOB coaches continuously strive to

compete at a higher level requiring more difficult skills. GOB trains hundreds of cheerleaders for high school teams. Coaches Garrett, David and Paul Sr. work with the high school cheerleading team coaches and train in strength, motions, and tumbling. Area high schools that currently get trained by GOB coaches are setting the high school cheer records. Waterford Kettering, Oakland Christian, Detroit Country Day School and Clarkston High School have all improved in both skills and student participation. The improvement is the real success of a program.

"When your school cheer program moves

first year eighth grade cheerleaders all the way up to varsity, something is wrong," he said. "If you do not have a vibrant freshman or junior varsity team, the varsity team will suffer and continue to flounder."

One local cheer team stands out, Coach Paul added.

"While each year all GOB trained cheer teams improve—Clarkston has turned the high school cheerleading world upside down. For the past 12 years GOB has trained Clarkston cheerleaders. With 120 in the program we have a FEEDER system that is second to none in the entire state. We start with fifth grade and train until they make the next level focusing on making the high school team."

Clarkston Varsity high school cheerleading which is the highest competitive level in the state—Region #1, Division #1, OAA Red Division and is now finishing within the top eight spots and are now ranked fifth in the state for competitive cheer. The team is coached by Beth Ann Markey. Coach Garret emphasized due to the depth of them they will stay at the top. In fact Clarkston has the only Junior Varsity team in the state with a Team Back tuck. That is amazing!

That means our J.V. team could beat most varsity teams in the state. A lot of these athletes are going to college, all from cheer.

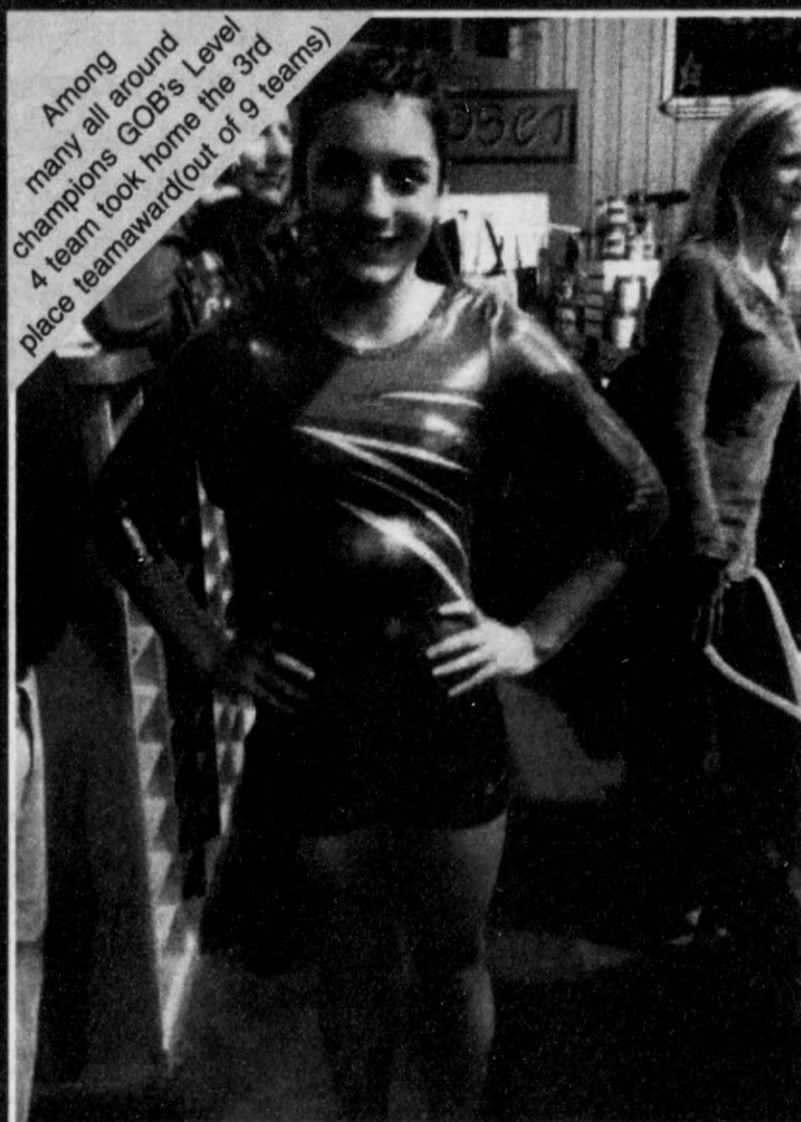
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GOB gymnastics competed in the Winter Invitational in Ohio on Feb. 14th-15th.

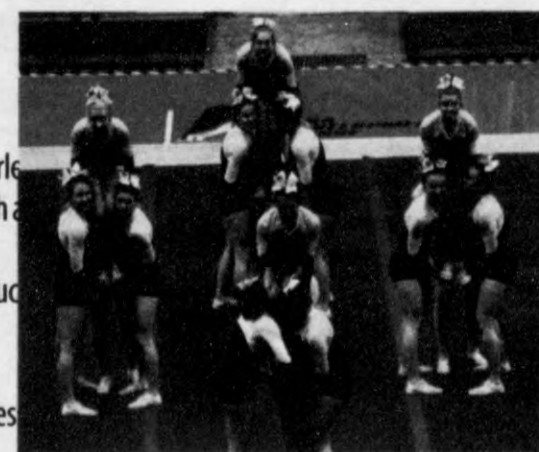
There were over 400 competing athletes from 31 teams. GOB had 22 competitors.

Among many all around champions GOB's Level 4 team took home the 3rd place team award (out of 9 teams)



### Introducing our Coaches:

Coaches Paul Sr. and Julie - Owners and all around coaches  
Coach Paul Jr. - Cheer invasion and Tumbling coach  
Coach Garrett - Operations Manager and all-around coach  
Coach Amanda - Teams coach and office manager  
Coach David - Cheer coach, team coach and Detroit Piston Cheerleader  
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Coach Micah - Team, Cheer, Recreational coach and physical fitness



### Our Cheer Development

The Cheer Invasion Team incorporates; **Tumbling**, **Dance**, **Stunting** and **Cheer** motions for all levels of experience. From beginners to seasoned Cheerleaders the GOB Cheer Head Coaches **David Bousson** (Professional Cheerleader - 8 years experience) and Coach **Paul Frezza Jr.** (Tumbling Coach - 17 years experience) have successfully worked to help many new cheerleaders make their respective school teams.

The Cheer Invasion Team is designed as a **Developmental** program, as GOB is a big supporter of all the local **Middle School** and **High School** teams. Most if not all of our athletes make it to their 7th and 8th grade teams with ease. The Cheer Invasion team allows your athlete to develop in a comfortable friendly environment while putting on some very "High Intensity" routine recitals.

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Those at Crittenton Medical Equipment and its hearing services department are there to improve a person's ability to perceive sound and

their quality of life.

"When family members have difficulty hearing, it affects the whole family," said Laura Salome, Doctor of Audiology. "People begin to withdraw from church, clubs, card games and other activities when it becomes difficult to hear what's happening around them."

Crittenton Medical Equipment is situated conveniently on M-24 just south of Clarkston Road at 1176 Lapeer Road in Orion Marketplace Shopping Center. Unlike other medical equipment companies, it has a large showroom, which allows customers to come in and see items firsthand.

They carry a wide variety of medical equipment and supplies along with hearing aids, which provides for "One-Stop Shopping."

The CME Hearing Services center, Salome explained, provides comprehensive hearing care, including complete diagnostic hearing evaluations, education and counseling.

"We're putting a focus on education right now," she said, noting free community seminars with guest speakers are scheduled periodically. "We'll

discuss, for example, about the many ways hearing loss can affect quality of life, or about the new technology available."

Dr. Salome earned her Bachelor's degree in 2003, her Master's degree in 2005 and joined Crittenton Medical Equipment in 2007. In 2008, she received her Clinical Doctor of Audiology degree from Salus University. She is a member of the American Academy of Audiology and is licensed by the State of Michigan.

Her extensive education, Dr. Salome said, gives her a thorough understanding of all issues related to hearing, and hearing loss. With that understanding, she noted, comes the knowledge that each patient requires individualized care depending on his or her lifestyle and communication needs.

"Hearing aid technology is becoming more and more advanced," Dr. Salome said. She now has the ability to pair hearing devices with Bluetooth technology. "The stigma of hearing loss is starting to disappear. With the small and nearly invisible hearing aids available now, we're seeing a lot of people who

would have waited before."

Although Crittenton Medical Equipment is not a store to go to without a reason, it certainly is advantageous to have a medical equipment store close by when needed. Both locations are open weekdays.

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They can be contacted at 248-693-5384, by fax at 248-693-5796 or online at [visitcme.com](http://visitcme.com). Hearing services are also available by email at [laura@visitcme.com](mailto:laura@visitcme.com).



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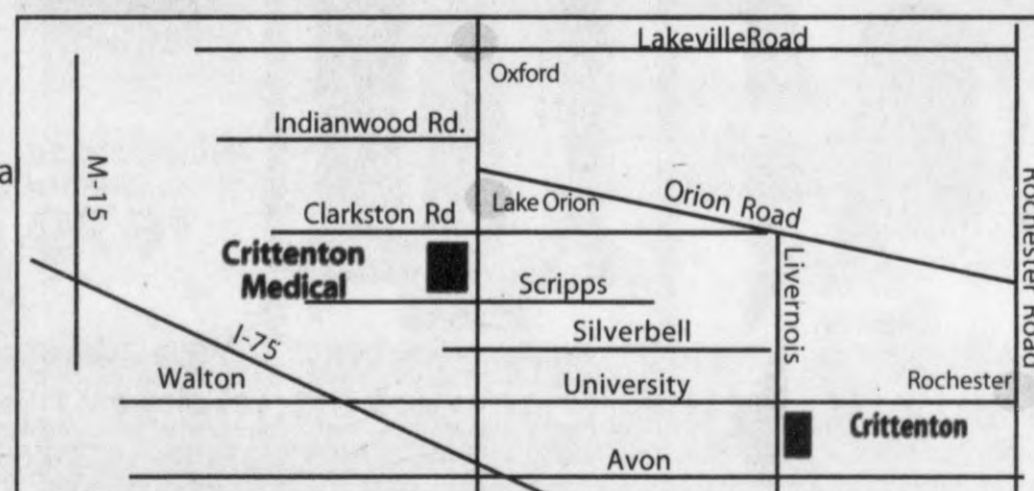
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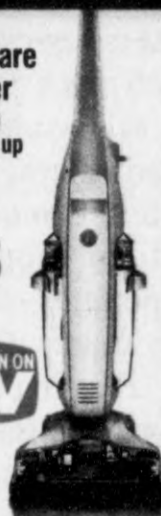
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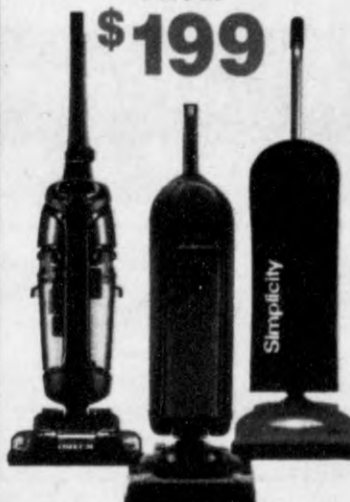
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Just recently, Bank's added another store to the family, located at 5631 Dixie Highway in Waterford.

While the store will continue operating under the same name, United Vacuum, customers can expect more.

"We'll be adding more products, more services and we will offer lower prices than ever before," Bank said of United Vacuum.

Bank's Vacuum Superstores stocks every brand of new vacuum on the market-literally over 300 new vacuums in each of their stores. Bank proudly states, "With our factory trained staff of vacuum experts helping along the way, our customers can try and compare every vacuum on the market side by side."

Our competitors carry only one or two lines of vacuums and of course they claim these are the best in the business. We're truly independent because we carry every brand. Our customers make their own decisions while we point out both the positive and negative features of each."

In addition to the Lake Orion location there are Bank's Vacuum SuperStores in Livonia, Plymouth, Novi, Grosse Pointe Woods, Shelby Township, Troy and Warren.

Bank's is the area's only "Factory-authorized" repair facility and each staff member is factory trained to repair all brands. Bank's also fixes Sear/Kenmore, Kirby, Rainbow and the other door-to-door brands.

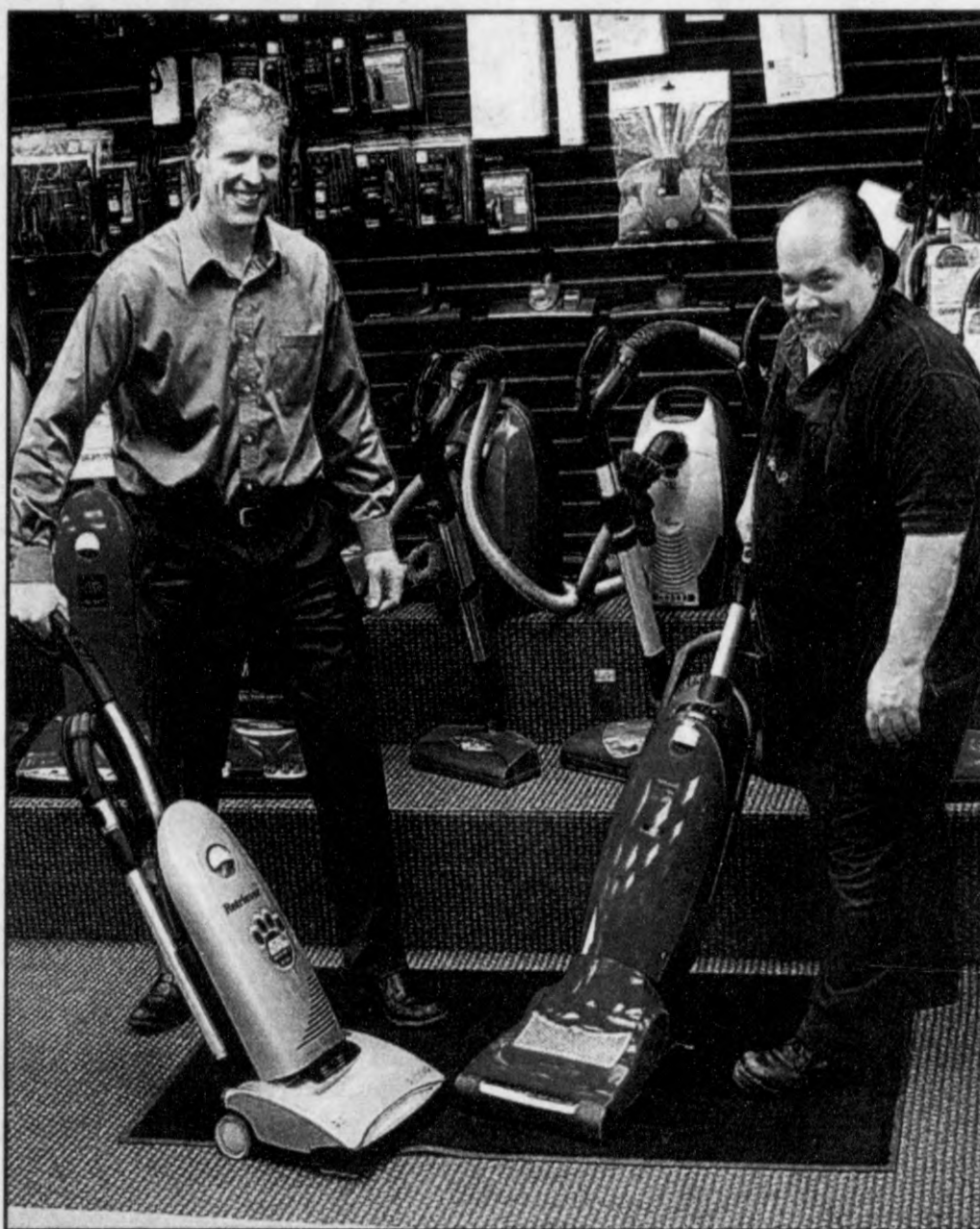
"The manufacturers refer customers to us to perform their service and warrant repairs because they know we are experts and because we stock the country's largest inventory of replacement parts including hard to find bags, belts, filters and industry related accessories," says Bank.

Once in Bank's showrooms, customers can expect far better, more patient and personal service than they would anywhere else. Banks trains the staff himself. "We're all fully-trained technicians and vacuum cleaner experts," he said. "We're not like the clerks at the big-box stores who just point at the box."

Bank's also encourages "trade-ins" or "recyclings" so they can process any recyclable parts.

"We also have the best vacuum cleaner website on the internet," Bank said. "Our customers can now order online and choose free shipping or in store pick-up."

At right: General Manager Tim Kellogg with a Riccar "Retriever" geared towards pet owners stands with store manager Casey Barnard with a Miele Homecare vacuum.



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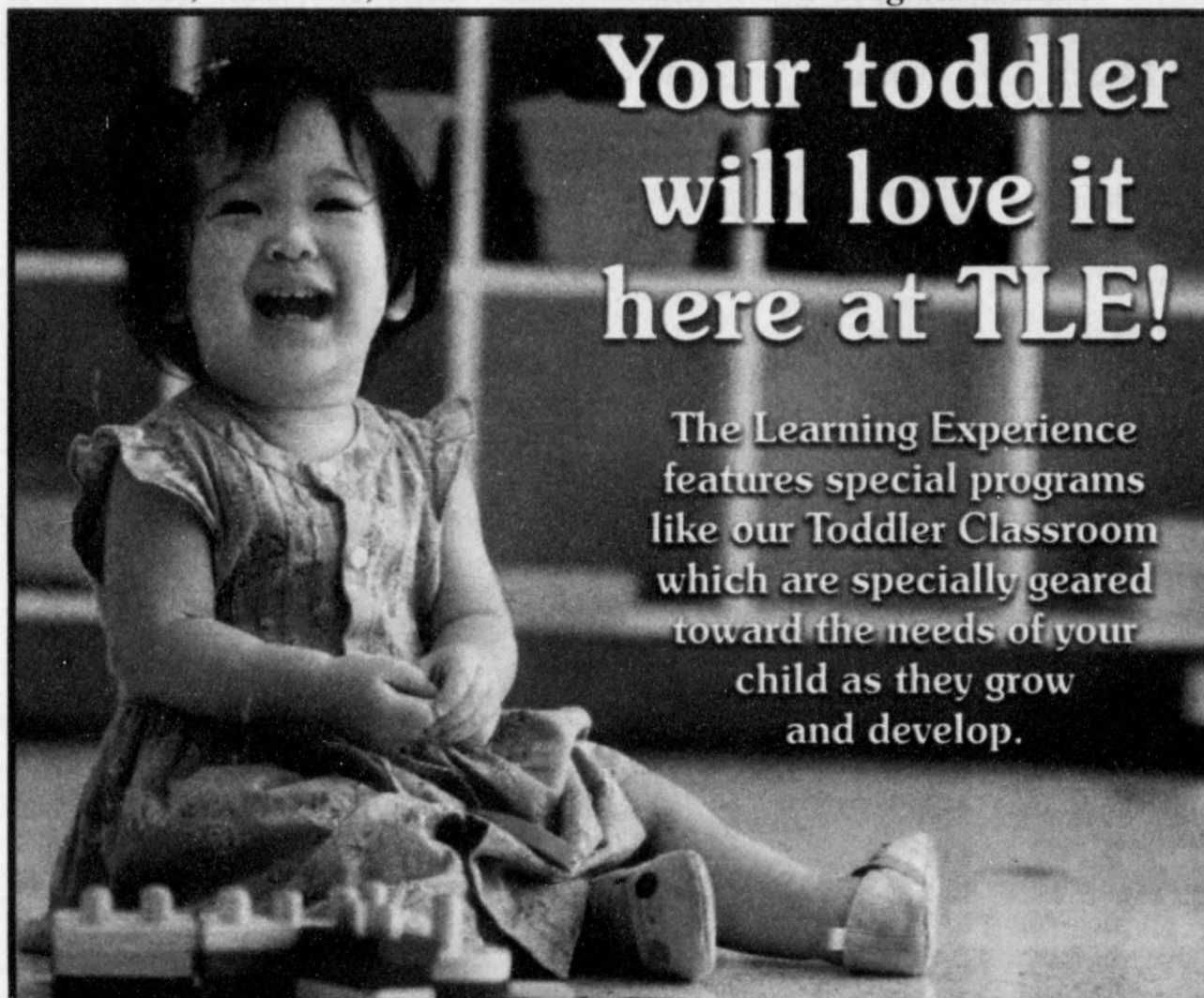
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One educational tool at TLE is the Learning Experience Academy Program or L.E.A.P., which educates students using a web-based, interactive whiteboard and other educational materials, activities and social interactions.

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

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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 manners.

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," she said.

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](http://thelearningexperience.com) or find them on Facebook at The Learning Experience. TLE is located at 7210 Sashabaw Road. Call 248-625-5285.



# Quality services, honesty are paramount at DarWel Enterprises

DarWel Enterprises doesn't just offer services, the Oxford-based company provides helpful solutions for businesses.

Founded in 1979, the family-owned company's primary focus is renting carpeted entrance mats to restaurants, banks, hospitals, veterinary clinics, dry cleaners and many other types of commercial facilities.

"We supply mats to businesses from White Lake to Chesterfield and from Davison to Ferndale," said Lake Orion resident Randy Gilbert, owner of DarWel Enterprises.

The way it works is simple. Entrance mats rented from DarWel Enterprises are cleaned by the company and replaced on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis, depending on the level of foot traffic. Each business receives their mats and only their mats, so, for example, a jewelry store never has to worry about getting an auto shop's grease-stained mats.

DarWel Enterprises offers eight different sizes of carpeted mats ranging from 2-foot-by-3-foot to 4-foot-by-10-foot.

"They're available in approximately 70 different colors," Gilbert said.

If a company wants to have their name and/or logo placed on a mat, DarWel Enterprises can easily accommodate them.

Lettering and logos can either be printed on mats or stitched into them.

"The stitching is very durable, but you're limited by the amount of available colors," Gilbert said. "With printing, the palette is expanded to about 300 colors and the result is

so crisp, it looks like it was stitched in."

There are two main advantages to renting entrance mats from DarWel Enterprises.

One, it reduces the amount of cleaning needed in commercial facilities, thereby saving money and reducing the amount of wear and tear on carpeting and flooring.

"Years ago, an Oxford business used to have their carpets cleaned every six weeks," Gilbert said. "I convinced the owner to place a carpeted mat outside the front door and we would change it every two weeks. After we did that, the carpet needed to be cleaned every six months."

Secondly, entrance mats help significantly reduce the risk of people slipping and falling due to wet shoes or wet flooring.

"A good entrance mat can help prevent accidents, lawsuits and higher insurance premiums," Gilbert said. "Our rental fee is a small price to pay for all that."

DarWel Enterprises also offers a Purchase to Par (P2P) inventory and ordering system. It allows businesses, such as restaurants, to carry the optimum level of products they need for a specified time period.

Inventory is routinely restocked by DarWel Enterprises based on a facility's individual needs, so a business doesn't have to maintain a large amount of storage space for the products it requires.

Using the P2P system allows businesses to reduce inventory carrying costs and elimi-

nate the nonproductive time spent counting, ordering and restocking products. It also reduces offsite liability because employees no longer have to leave the premises to purchase and pickup stock.

"They never have to worry about inventory again," Gilbert said. "They just use what they need and we come back every week or

two to restock their shelves. It's convenient and efficient."

Gilbert noted a business doesn't have to purchase products by the case in order to get case pricing.

"We don't charge extra for breaking cases," he said. "We offer unit pricing based on case pricing. I've done comparisons and our prices are lower than all the warehouse stores. We can do this cheaper than you could do it yourself."

Under the P2P system, DarWel Enterprises offers cleaning supplies (automotive, industrial, restaurant and restroom) and paper prod-

ucts such as carry-out containers, straws, cups, napkins, stir sticks, wraps and foils, etc.

"Anything that you would find in a restaurant, we've got it," Gilbert said.

For restaurants and banquet halls, DarWel Enterprises offers a rental service similar to what it does with entrance mats. They rent linens such as aprons, table clothes, napkins, skirting, chair covers and bar towels.

DarWel Enterprises also sells apparel such as shirts, hats, company shirts, sports jerseys, etc.

It may sound old-fashioned, but all of DarWel Enterprises' customer relationships are based on a handshake.

Gilbert doesn't believe in paper contracts. "A handshake is all about honesty," he said. "It says we trust each other. I will provide the service I say I'm going to provide. You trust me to do that and pay me for my work."

So far, it's worked extremely well.

"We don't lose accounts," Gilbert said. "It keeps everything honest."

For those wondering about the name DarWel, it's a blend of the first names of Gilbert's parents - Darl and Welda. This year, the couple will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary.

For more information, please visit [www.darwelenterprises.com](http://www.darwelenterprises.com) or call (248) 236-0254. The company is headquartered at 5 S. Glaspie St. Unit C.



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# Fly high with Sky Adventures during its 40th year

Sky Adventures is all about providing the public with breathtaking views of the local landscape from the basket of a hot air balloon floating gently through the wild blue yonder.

This year marks the Oxford-based company's 40th anniversary.

"It's been a wonderful ride, said Dennis Kollin, founder, owner and general manager of the Oxford-based company. "I'm very proud that this is my 40th year. Not many people have been in business as long as that."

There are lots of reasons to take a hot air balloon ride including birthdays, anniversaries, marriage proposals, weddings, family gatherings, graduations or just a desire to view this wonderful rural area in a new, fun and unique way.

"We've taken over 37,000 people for rides over the last 39 years," Kollin said. "It brings a lot of joy to people. Until somebody's actually experienced it, they can only look up and wonder what it's like."

Kollin has personally piloted more than 3,400 flights and it's still never dull or just routine for him. "Every time I go up it's a thrill," he said. "I love sharing the experience, especially with first-time riders."

Unlike a plane or helicopter, there's no noisy engine propelling a hot air balloon through the air. It simply goes wherever the winds take it.

"You're basically floating," Kollin said. "You're moving with the wind, so you don't feel the breeze on you. There's very little sen-

sation of actual movement. We can go from just above the treetops to a couple thousand feet in the air.

Sky Adventures will only fly if the wind speed on the ground is no more than 10 to 12 miles per hour.

Moving at a nice, slow pace allows balloon riders to really soak up the scenery below and appreciate a bird's-eye view of farms, streams, woods, lakes and wildlife such as deer and wild turkeys.

"It's a totally unique experience," Kollin said. "It's so out-of-the-ordinary that you have to try it. I can try to describe it, but words alone just don't do it justice. People have to see it and feel it for themselves."

Even people who don't like heights or are just scared of the idea of flying in a hot air balloon come around.

"Once you're up there, you stop thinking about it," Kollin said. "Within a matter of minutes, people are quite relaxed. So many people are timid when the ride begins, but the next thing you know, they're reaching out of the basket, pulling leaves off the tops of trees as we go by."

"It's kind of a magical experience and most people absolutely love it," he noted. "Rarely do people not thoroughly enjoy this one-of-a-kind adventure."

Hot air balloon rides typically last for about 45 minutes to an hour, but the whole experience runs about three-and-a-half hours.

That includes meeting at Red Knapp's American Grill in downtown Oxford, being

dine at Red Knapp's following the flight and for them, the restaurant offers an exclusive discount. "The whole thing makes for a fun evening out," Kollin said.

In addition to himself, Kollin employs four other commercial pilots.

They are D.J. Ostrand, who's been flying for 35 years and has logged 2,200 flights; Richard Strang, who's piloted 1,000 flights over 25 years; Dave Woehlke, who has 10 years experience and 250 flights under his belt; and Andrew Strang, who has about 10 years experience and 150 flights.

Sky Adventures owns eight different hot air balloons, all of which have different carrying capacities.

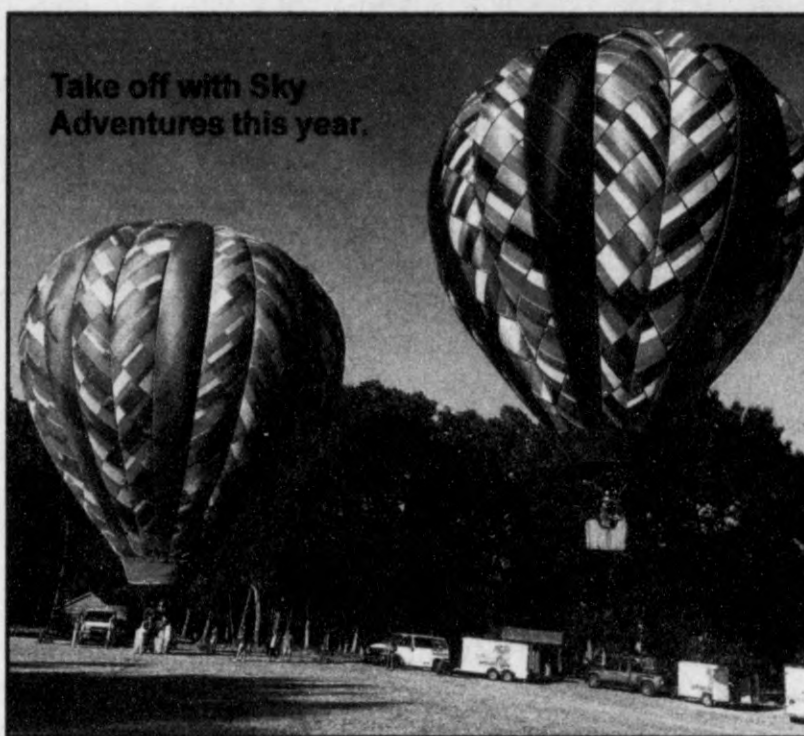
But the pride and joy, the crown jewel if you will, of Kollin's fleet is a red, white and blue balloon Kollin acquired two years ago.

"I always wanted to own a red, white and blue balloon, so I decided to treat myself," he said. "I'm very proud of it and we fly it most of the time."

Over the years, Kollin has owned 30 balloons.

Sky Adventures balloons can transport anywhere from two to six passengers, plus the pilot. Prices range from \$175 to \$190 per person, depending on the number of passengers. Hot air balloon season runs from mid-April through October.

For more information or to book a flight, please visit [www.skyadventures.com](http://www.skyadventures.com) or call (248) 628-1000.



transported to the local launch site, preparing the balloon for takeoff, the flight itself, landing, packing up the balloon and returning to Red Knapp's for a postflight celebration.

The celebration includes champagne, sparkling fruit juice, snacks and a few special souvenirs to commemorate the flight.

"It's a very festive thing," Kollin said.

Many Sky Adventures riders choose to

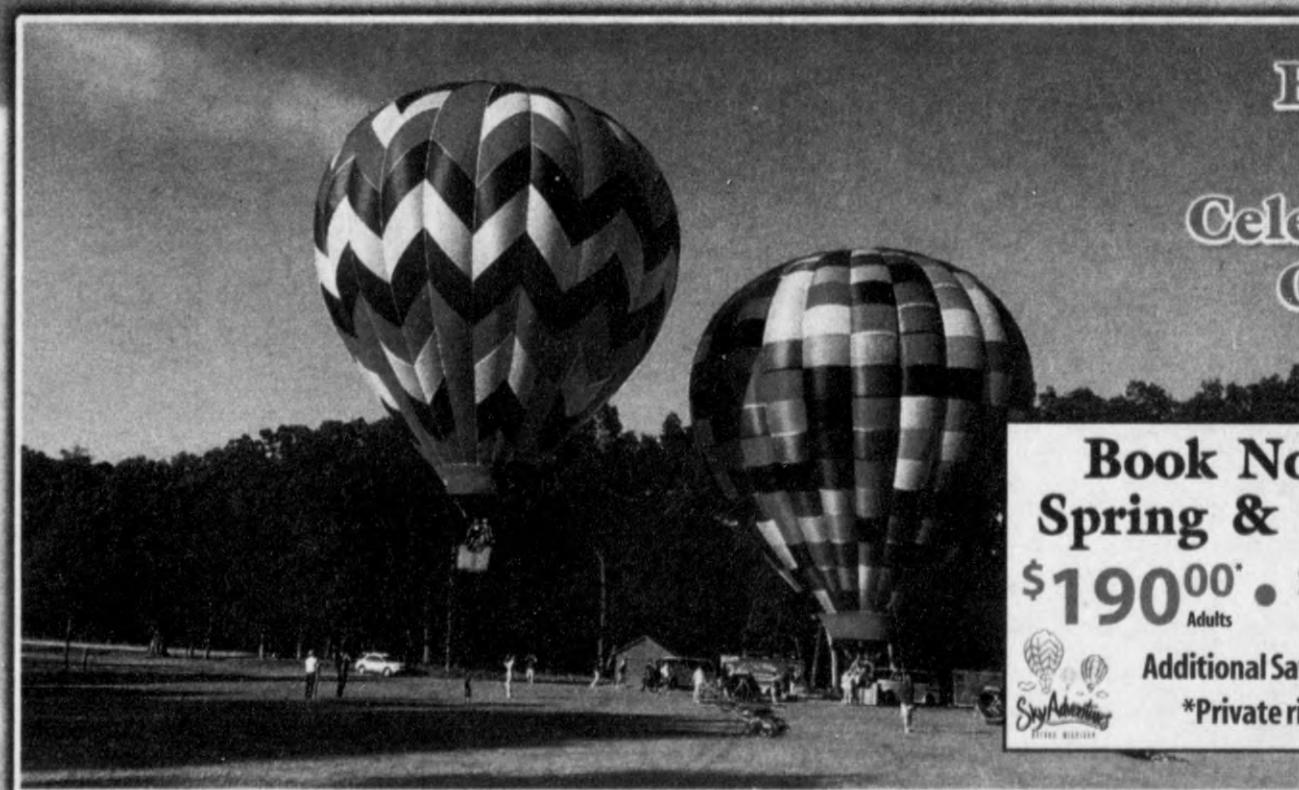


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## Enjoy Up North right here in Clarkston

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 five consecutive years by *The Clarkston News*' readers.

The dinner is just \$8.50 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.

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.

"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. 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.

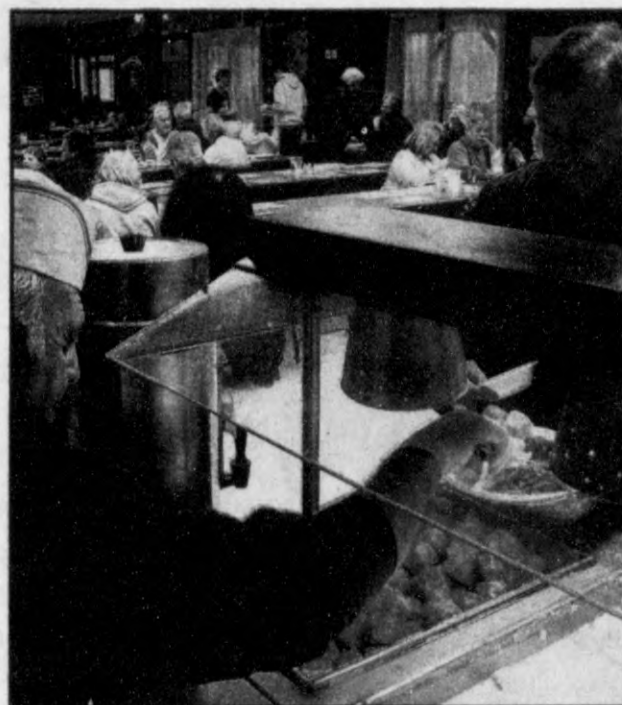
The club is great for those who love camping, hunting, fishing, target and competition shooting, midget-car racers, and more, and for networking with others who share those interests, said club President Gary Bratton of Waterford.

"Just in December, I was talking to a group of guys and we organized a fishing trip to Costa Rica," Bratton said.

"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, all maintained and constantly improved by members.

"We're getting projects done, updating the buildings and grounds," Bratton said. "Every day we make improvements and update the facilities to save money, keep



**Friday Fish Fry fans fill Oakland County Sportsmen's Club to enjoy their Best of the Best dinners every week.**

dues down, and conserve energy."

The club is also home of the Waterford Hills Road Racing, Inc. and the Michigan Midget Racing Association.

"Where in Oakland County can someone go that enjoys shooting – archery, rifle, pistol, muzzle loader," 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."

"When I first joined in 1984, the muzzleloading group interested me," Bratton said. "It's historical. We dress and camp using equipment correct for the period, and we shoot historical replicas."

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. Hunter safety classes are offered twice a year, in May and August – graduates earn safety certificate needed to get Michigan hunting license.

"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," Stiff 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.

Upcoming events include a .22 Fun Shoot on March 15; and a Sportsman's Swap Meet and Easter Egg Hunt, both on March 28. The club hosts tours every Saturday at 11 a.m., holiday weekends excluded. Meet the guides in the lobby for a tour of the club's ranges, camp grounds, race track, and other facilities.

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



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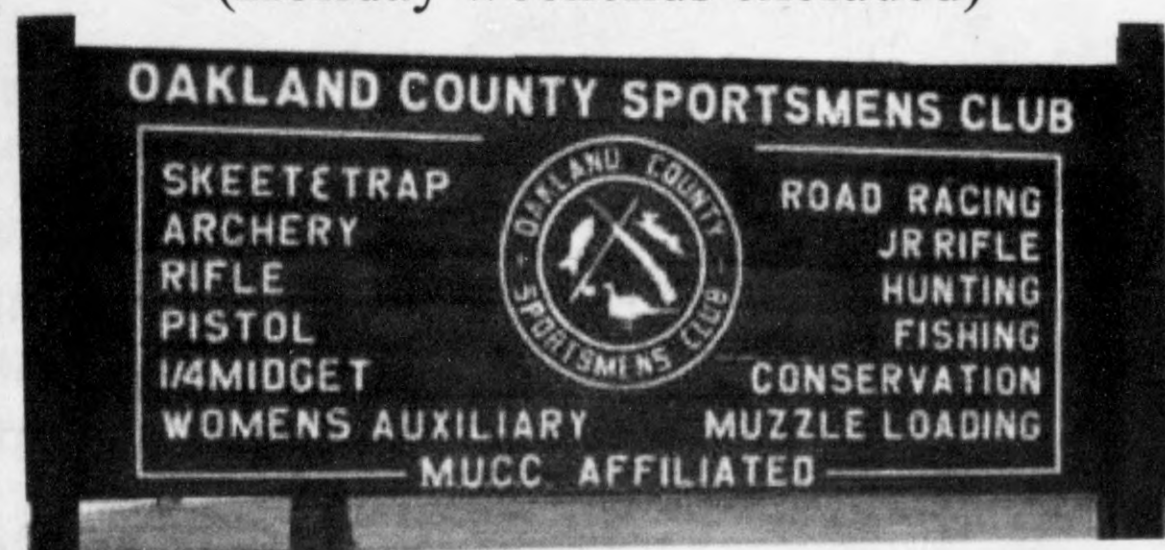
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# Clarkston Brandon Glass: Auto glass, window, mirrors, screens

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Don Jr. reminds customers that while the extremely cold Michigan winter is almost behind us now, it’s a good time to consider replacing home windows before fall.



Don Short, Jr., Don Short, Sr. and “Sarge” the dog.

“Many homes that have older windows can let the arctic blast blow right inside—that’s where we can help. It’s common for glass to fog between the panes because the seal is broken—that failure can be caused by several different factors including water leaking or

poor installation.”

For this reason, Don Jr. recommends installing only the highest rated entry doors and replacement windows Michigan residents can buy.

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Short said replacement windows are expensive—the folks at CB Glass can repair your windows for 75 percent less than the cost of a house-full of new windows.

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## Brinker's Plumbing's new location provides much more

Brinker's Plumbing would like to invite their friends and neighbors to check out their new location on Dixie Highway, conveniently located at the intersection of Andersonville Road and Dixie Highway.

Prior to relocation, Brinker's had been at their old location since 1995. Three years ago the company was purchased by Kotz Heating and Cooling, and since that time the company has expanded and grown beyond what the smaller original location could accommodate.

In their new location, Brinker's is able to showcase their entire line of home comfort systems; including furnaces, air conditioners, generators, humidifiers, and of course plumbing fixtures.

The larger showroom has also allowed them to expand their product offerings to include bathtubs, vanities, countertops, and specialty sinks. There is even an expansive selection of pipe, fittings, and repair parts for every residential plumbing project you could imagine; and the same friendly, knowledgeable staff that has made Brinker's famous.

One feature that sets this place apart from any other in our area is the "try before you buy" section of the showroom. Brinker's has built a working faucet display that features almost a dozen of the newest styles and technologies in kitchen faucets. Currently, they are also building a shower display to showcase some new showering options.

General Manager Shari Bridger explained, "The shower display is a very exciting feature because it will be one of the only ones in Oakland County. It will be a setting for showerheads, body sprays, rainhead showers, and kinetic showering technology. There will also be a steam unit on display

that is extremely therapeutic and can be retrofitted to existing showers."

Brinker's is different than many plumbing showrooms in Oakland County in that it is open to the public. This makes it a popular destination for not only plumbers and contractors, but homeowners, interior designers, and home remodelers.

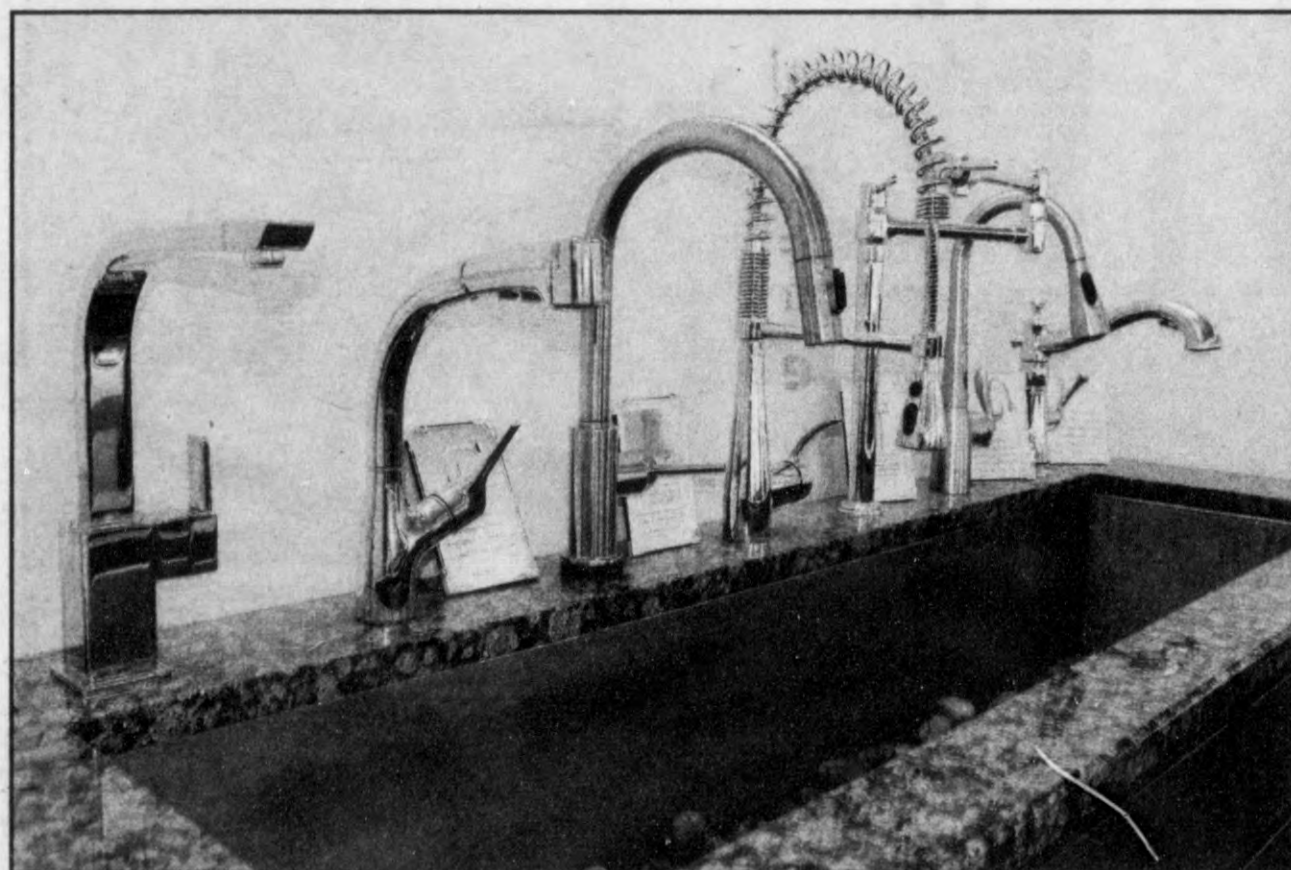
The company also prides itself on staffing the store with highly trained and knowledgeable people who can help with anything from repair and maintenance advice to sales and installation of new equipment. Brinker's also employs four plumbers who work in the community, all of whom are fully licensed and insured.

"It is really our people who make the difference. You can go anywhere and buy a faucet, but at Brinker's we have the knowledge to back up the products and we are dedicated to superior customer service. The products we sell here are entirely different than what is sold at the large box stores, and we try to educate our customers on the best products available for their home," said Bridger.

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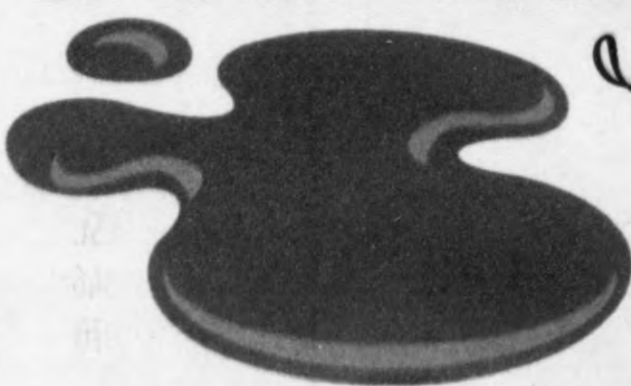


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## Great Lakes Independent Insurance meets all insurance needs

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."

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.

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## Lake Orion Roofing dispels insurance claims rumors after natural disaster

After severe hailstorms ripped apart roofing in Lake Orion last spring, many homeowners questioned whether or not to file a claim with their insurance carrier.



Lake Orion Roofing, a professional roofing company located at 881 Brown Rd., is here to dispel the rumors.

"Nobody gets individually punished for filing a claim from a natural disaster," Carla DeVito said, roofing manager. "We want to make sure that our customers are aware that whether or not they have any damage they need to at least get an inspection."

The truth is, the chance of damage to your home after a storm is greater if other repairs have been made in nearby houses.

With their free assessment policy, Lake Orion Roofing will provide homeowners with proof of damage to take back to their insurance company if any damage is found to their homes.

According to the National Storm Damage Center, insurance companies typically cannot single out a homeowner for a rate increase based on an "Act of God" storm damage claim. Meaning that if a homeowner chooses not to file a claim, any increase in their premium will

help pay for their neighbor's repair work and not to their home itself.

"Everyone in the area will have their rates increase due to the storm itself, regardless if they filed a claim or not," DeVito explained.

To DeVito, and backed by the National Storm Damage Center, it's safer to act fast.

Many homeowners may have limited time to file an insurance claim, and could potentially miss the opportunity to utilize their homeowners insurance to repair any damage to their homes by waiting too long.

Lake Orion Roofing assessed and replaced over 350 roofs for homeowners last spring and summer as result of the storms, and owner Mark Southern is even more prepared this time around.

"It's a painless process for the customer," he said. "We walk them through each step of the claims process, from filing a claim to installing their new roof, with a complete guarantee of our workmanship."

Homeowners even have the option to utilize Lake Orion Roofing's work authorization policy, which allows the company to deal directly with the homeowner's insurance carrier on their behalf and complete the process for the homeowner. All the owner must do is file the claim, pay the deductible, and Lake Orion Roofing will provide the rest.

A good test to know whether or not their home has been damaged is to first look around the neighborhood.

"One of our first questions is whether the homeowners has noticed any activity in the neighborhood," DeVito said. "If the answer is yes, then at that point you more than likely have damage."

Other signs include collateral damage discovered around the bottom sections of your house to windows, trim and decks, which typically indicates roofing damage above, Southern said.

After 30 years of business in Lake Orion, and with certified, professional roofers, Lake Orion Roofing cares for each of their customers like family.

"We have helped a lot of people out of a tough time," DeVito said. "We genuinely care about our customers and we want to make sure they are satisfied their first time around. And unlike the numerous door-to-door contractors who leave the state after a roof installation, we're right here in your backyard."

For your free assessment, call Lake Orion Roofing at 248-393-0055.



Lake Orion Roofing finds hail damage after inspecting the integrity of this homeowner's roof. Damaged shingles are not as effective in protecting the home from further leaks.



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That is the power of local buying and local marketing!

Sherman Publications, Inc (SPI) is the publisher of four community newspapers, The Clarkston News, Oxford Leader, Lake Orion Review and the Citizen (up in Ortonville, Groveland and Goodrich); two total market coverage shoppers (The Ad-Vertiser and The Penny Stretcher); and one glossy coupon magazine called The Big Deal, which covers our entire circulation area, plus another 10,000 addresses in the 48328 ZIP code in Waterford.

At the end of 2014, a national auditing firm released their findings based a phone survey they completed of area residents – you, our readers. They asked about paper readership and local buying trends for the

next 12 months. The findings, we am happy to report, are staggering.

Circulation Verification Council (CVC), an independent, third-party reporting audit company based in St. Louis, MO, audited The Clarkston News and Penny Stretcher circulation numbers – making sure what we report to the community is what we are delivering. (Hint, we are.)

So, after their audit, what did they find with their simple, Yes and NO questions of local residents?

Of the random residents surveyed:  
98.6 percent recognized they received our paper.

74 percent said that they, or someone in their home regularly reads or "looks through" our paper

73 percent said they "frequently" purchase products or services from local business ads seen in our papers.

Wow! Nearly three quarters of the households in this community use our paper when making buying decisions. Can, any other form of local marketing boast those numbers?

For the skeptics out there, hold on a second. Let's talk about CVC. First, they audit thousands of editions nationwide with a combined circulation over 55 million. Their audi-

tors pour over our US Postal statements, printing statements and any other statement they can find, to come up with their findings. Their audits cover printing, distribution, circulation, websites, digital editions, mobile, email, social media and readership studies to give an accurate picture of a publication's reach and market penetration.

Oh, and we did not pay for this audit. According to CVC founder and president, Tim Bingaman, "CVC uses a for-profit business model, which allows our company to remain completely objective in its reporting practices. We run our business the same way as financial auditors and auditors of all other media. There's no power of influence because most publishers do not pay us directly for our services, so we can be totally impartial and just report the facts. Today, CVC is known as the premier source of audit, circulation and readership data, and I'm proud of the work we do."

Aside from assessing our papers' reach, Bingaman's company also got the pulse for locals' projected buying trends. Here are some of the answers you provided:

17% of your neighbors say they will get a new automobile. That means if national average cost of a new car is, \$25,777, the local

buying power is \$189,476,601 in new car sales! (that's \$189 million!)

18% will be in the market for a "new" used vehicle. With the average cost being, \$13,145. This represents another \$108,026,776 in sales.

Let's see... oh, 7% of you say you will need a real estate agent (that's just over 2,700 transactions). If the average transaction is \$240,000, local real estate agents will be inking over \$653 million dollars in contracts. Talk about the benefits of fiduciary relationships!

A little over 3,400 of you plan to seek the advice of an attorney this coming year, representing over \$3.4 million worth of legal advice. I think local counsel may think about marketing in our pages to get a piece of that pie before all the billboard and TV commercial lawyers get all the action!

Thank you to our community – you local residents and businesses – who continually supports this local paper and for taking the time to respond to the survey. There are naysayers who say newspapers are dying. Bah! Once again those who say that do not live in the our area. Your community papers continue to thrive, insuring readers will be informed and entertained for years to come!



# DRAGON TALK: It takes everyone to educate the whole child

Like any organization, the Lake Orion school district continually strives to improve how it operates and provide value to its customers – the students and families who are part of our educational community. Heidi Mercer, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shares her thoughts on what makes the district's schools among the best in Oakland County and the State.

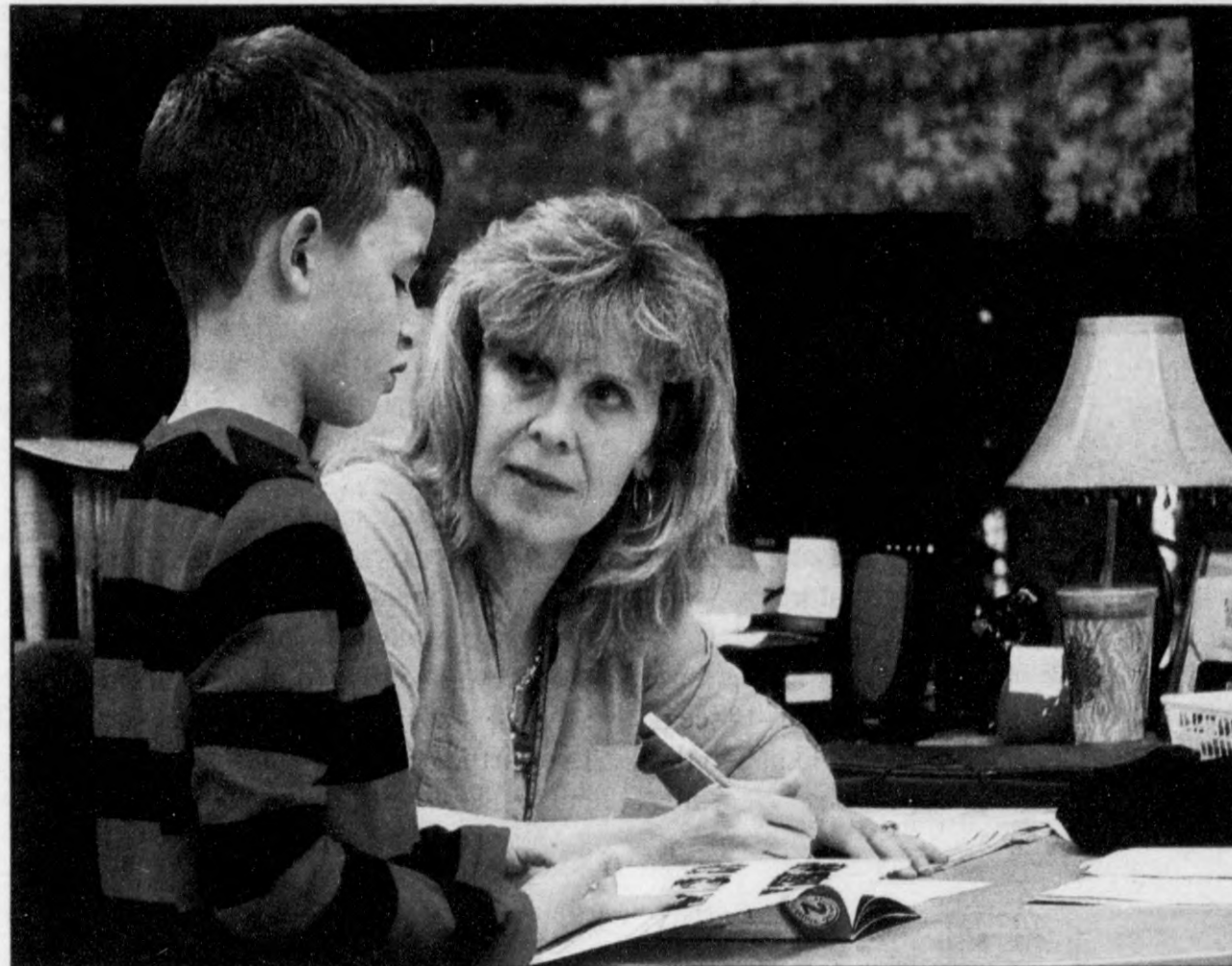
**What distinguishes Lake Orion's approach to educating students compared to other school districts?**



We educate the whole child from the start of pre-kindergarten through high school. This means to have a truly successful student there must be balance between his or her social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. We look at a child's individual needs Asst. Superintendent in each of these areas. We of Teaching and also recognize what works Learning Heidi Mercer for one student may not work for another. Finally, we feel strongly that educating a child requires a partnership with the student, parents, community and school district.

**What evidence is there that Lake Orion's approach works?**

Our students are achieving and people are noticing. Lake Orion's elementary reading, writing and math workshop programs are being emulated by other school



districts around the state. The district's unique approach to middle school team-teaching is working, too. Not only do our students build unique bonds with our middle school educators, but they score higher than the national average in all testing categories in the annual EXPLORE/ACT assessment. In addition, our 2013 student MEAP scores

in third through eighth grades rank Lake Orion among the top ten districts in Oakland County. At the high school level, our Michigan Merit Exam and ACT scores are significantly higher in all subject areas compared to other districts. In fact, our high school juniors have increased their average ACT score for seven consecutive years –

one of only two high schools in Oakland County to accomplish this. A number our programs have received awards, most recently our early literacy intervention program for kindergarten and first-grade students. Last year it was recognized with multiple excellence in education honors.

**How are the new state standards impacting the way our students are taught?**

The new standards require students to apply their knowledge rather than simply memorize facts and recall information. They require critical thinking, problem solving, communication and the ability to apply these skills in a variety of subject areas. In order to teach these skills, lessons must include more student engagement, collaboration and a deeper exploration of the content being taught. Students have to be active participants in the classroom and lessons must be designed to allow students to explore and apply their knowledge.

**How can parents work with educators to assure their students' success?**

It's important to set high expectations for your child. We encourage parents to discuss with students what they are learning and do things as a family that support learning. This includes a focus on reading, which is the cornerstone of all learning activities. Also, openly communicate with your student's teachers. We welcome parents to visit the schools and see firsthand how our students are responding favorably to these teaching techniques.



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Student achievement is the No. 1 priority of our school district, measured by each child's success from kindergarten through high school. This is gauged by more than just grades, test scores and grade point averages. Our focus is on the whole child – their social, emotional, cognitive and physical growth. We mold our students into quality young men and women, prepared to take on the future!

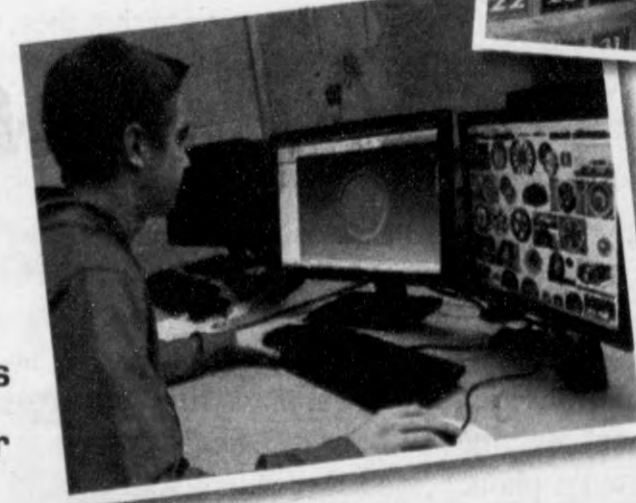
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# Turning homecare into 'like family' since 2009

Like Family Services, strives to make home healthcare intertwine with their patients "like family," according to owner Alan Carion.

Carion said they were "baptized by fire" when it came to homecare when his eldest brother was in need of homecare in 2007 after a car crash left him a quadriplegic. Realizing rather quickly that the couple homecare agencies they had been referred to were flawed.

"We were finding issues there with nurses not showing up, nurses being late. At first we were blaming the nurses, only to find out it was really the agencies in most cases" he said. "Anybody showing up at the house really wanted to do a good job, but they didn't know what the case entailed until that morning."

While working as a design-engineer in the automotive industry, Carion said they looked at things from a safety, quality and communication standpoint.

"I was looking through those lenses of quality, safety and communication and thought these are things that shouldn't be a problem with an agency servicing somebody," he added.

After several incidents that led to his brother back in the hospital, Carion decided

to take matters into his own hands to ensure his brother got the care that he needed.

"I approached my brother to see if he would be interested in trying to have some more say in his care team and not just have anybody show up. Find out they don't know

anything about your particular needs, but they are a nurse, but may not know anything about spinal cord injuries or things of that nature," he said "We thought it would be an opportunity to see if we could match the right caregiver skills with the needs of the patient and in this case it was my brother."

It was at that point in late 2008, after almost 30 years of being an

automotive design engineer, that Carion decided to pursue homecare.

"We had already put six or seven months into studying how to create a home agency

and we already put some feelers out for some nurses to begin a staff and started selecting people who had the right credentials and experience for his particular case," he said. "So in June of 2009 I pulled the trigger and we formed the company."

The philosophy was simple according to Carion. It's to make sure the client is covered, but also to working with employees' preferences and matching their skill sets. Their preferences do "carry a weight" he said.

He used the example of a nurse that might need a job, but if she's not a "night nurse" he's not going to put her on a night shift. He said they also try to honor employee's requests, such as if an employee asks for their birthday off in plenty of advanced notice. They will do their best to give that day off to that person.

"My biggest task is trying to match skill-set with need, but on top of that trying to match preferences, personalities, things to try to make the puzzle fit and last the longest. The continuity of care is just huge," he said. "Client coverage more weighted than anything."

In six months of taking over the care of his brother many nurses, visiting doctors and therapists began to notice a difference in the improvement Carion's brother was

making. When told of what they were doing differently, they started getting asked if they could take on other patients who could use a more specialized homecare.

Because their reputation has grown mostly from word of mouth, Carion said they've opened up more to what they are able to cover.

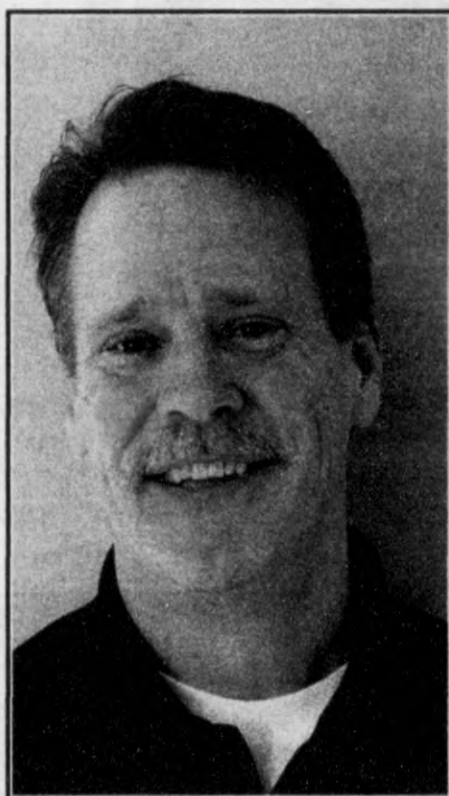
"We're not specialized like we were when we first set up. We were doing spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, but of course nurses and caregivers have such a huge forte of experiences that changed our focus to helping those we feel we could help," he added.

"We've done elderly care giving all the way up to full-blown ventilator trach quadriplegics"

Carion noted that they shutdown their website because of all the calls they were receiving for care they couldn't provide and for him it's about being able to maintain that excellent rate of care for their patients.

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## We're expanding: Lourdes Senior Community

Lourdes Senior Community, home to more than 250 seniors is sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace and has served seniors since 1948. The community is based on four core values, dignity, service, compassion and spirituality, regardless of race, color, creed or religion.

The massive addition project will produce an outstanding building to enhance the living experience for residents with an additional 50 private units and improved workspace for the staff.

The general contractor is Frank Rewold and Son, Inc., of Rochester and the architect Post Associates of Grand Rapids. Consulting on the project is Southfield-based Plante Moran CRESA (Certified Real Estate Advisors). In addition, there are 18 Tier I sub-contractors, including carpenters, plumbers, roofers, masons, cement providers and electricians. Those sub-contractors are supported with materials from some 30 Tier II suppliers, and they in turn receive material support from approximately 60 Tier



III suppliers.

Nearing completion are the main entrance lobby and nearby meditation chapel (a different facility apart from the main chapel overlooking Scott Lake). Target date for the life skills and general therapy areas is this Spring, and the entire project is expected to be completed in September.

There was some sadness in the community when several trees had to be cut down to make room for the addition. Recognizing the issue, Frank Rewold and Son showed wonderful sensitivity by creating four crosses – one large and three smaller – using the wood from the trees. The crosses will be displayed in various areas.

Lourdes CEO Sister Maureen Comer, an Adrian Dominican, likes to refer to every site at Lourdes as a "holy place". The Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center addition truly is a holy place, serving the needs of residents with physical and spiritual care on that location for 50 years in a Lourdes tradition.

The Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center has been named one of the nation's best by U.S. News & World Report. In addition, the overall community was selected Best of the Best for senior living seven years in a row by readers of *The Oakland Press*.



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# Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville where the customer comes first

When you maintain a stellar reputation for superior service, your customer base grows.

Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville has been serving this community since 2004, and expanding their facility at 968 S. Ortonville Road from 5,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet in 2013. Over the course of the past year and a half, with an expanded show room and service area, they've also expanded the number of customers seeking their expertise—not only in purchasing a new vehicle, but in servicing their existing cars and trucks.

Randy Wise Ford services all makes and models of vehicles, from oil changes to heavy engine repairs. With motorists now keeping their vehicles an average of 11 years, maintaining your ride is of the utmost importance. Low-priced oil changes using recommended oils and filters for your vehicle include free alignments and multi-point inspection.

"We have a great group of employees that care about the customers and can service any kind of vehicle, from a Fiesta to an ambulance," said Joe Greene, manager. "We have a great reputation for quality work and we put the customer first."

When it is time for a new vehicle, Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville is ready to help you



The friendly staff at Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville.

find one that is perfect for you. On average, there is about 140 new vehicles at the dealership, including the popular Ford F150, now made of aluminum as Ford drops 700 pounds from America's best-selling truck in the drive to save fuel, as well as the sporty Ford Mustang, with all new styling for 2015. Check out hybrids like the Ford Fusion or C Max for excellent fuel economy and the complete line-up has the technology, safety and performance you want. Innovative design includes dramatic interiors and stunning exteriors. Advances in engineering keeps Ford a leader in the automobile industry.

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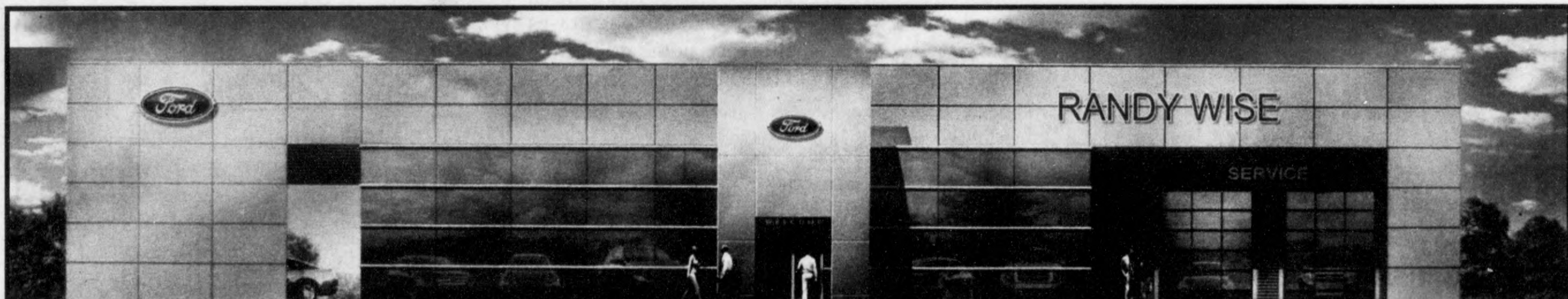
Would you rather lease than buy? Get a great lease payment on most vehicles at Randy Wise Ford. The dealership works with all credit organizations and can guarantee financing. Greene notes that leasing is a

good option, even for motorists who put a lot of miles on their vehicles. Buy extra mileage and trade your vehicle in after a 2-3 year lease, without having to feel the pain of depreciation.

"We have the selection and small-town atmosphere," said Greene. "We're not high pressure. We are looking for good trade-ins and pay top dollar."

Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville remains committed to the community—sponsoring the Drive One 4 UR School event twice a year, in Goodrich in the spring, and in Brandon in the fall. Community members are invited to test-drive one of seven or eight new cars and trucks that Randy Wise Ford brings to Goodrich High School and Brandon High School. Ford Motor Company and Randy Wise Ford-Ortonville will donate \$20 for each test drive (one per household), up to \$6,000 can be earned for the Brandon Blackhawks or the Goodrich Martians.

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# Metropolitan Tree Inc., full time, personal, professional service

While other tree companies have come and gone—Metropolitan Tree Inc. has continued to serve the area for more than 49 years. There must be a reason.

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## Father and son duo at Lake Orion Sure Guard Roofing care for you like family

Twenty-seven years ago Tony Saferian started a roofing business with a simple code of ethics. He believed you're nothing if you don't stand behind your word. He engrained this in the minds of his crew members, the meaning of doing a job the correct way.

Now with his son, the Vice President and right hand man of SureGuard Roofing, Saferian hasn't lost sight of those ethics.

"Your word means a lot and you're a man of your word," he said. "If you live by that your blessings will be plentiful and people will trust you."

Entering the 28th year of operation in Lake Orion, Saferian and his son, Dillion Phillips, have perfected a business model that carries through to several caveats of their business.

### Residential and Commercial Roofing:

A large amount of intel SureGuard gathers on a job site is done before any crews sink a single nail. Saferian, Phillips, and other crew members take an investigator's approach when assessing the needs of a customer. Their minds aren't on dollars signs and shingles, rather the best course of action for each individual roof.

"We look for signs of mold that may be in the attic from poor ventilation from bathroom fans," Saferian said. "We want to make sure nothing is rotted, broke or dipping in the attic. We want to make sure we check water run offs and drainage."

As Mother Nature still reminds us that she exists, both of them are constantly concerned with ice and water damage. Phillips expressed concerns in modern housing developments where they're seeing a trend in ice build up. Water may hit the corner of the house and pond and turn to ice. Causing ice problems and leaking through the siding.

"A lot of time in these new subdivisions you see the garage roof coming down into the side of the house," Phillips said. "So there's potential for ice and water damage into the house and roof."

SureGuard offers a base package on a full roof replacement. That package is not something that's poor quality nor is it filled with exotic extras; it's a financial option for people that both Saferian and Phillips would feel comfortable putting on their own home.

"We're not going to sell you something just because we can. This industry is huge for overselling and I'm not that guy," Saferian said.

Saferian and Phillips approach every job and every project as if it's the most expensive job they've every taken on. Time and money are never factors when dealing with the quality they're putting on display. The horror stories of customers

getting ripped off by contractors or receiving poor workmanship is a daily motivator for the father and son duo.

"We all had mothers and grandmothers and I wouldn't want that to happen to mine or yours," Saferian said. "I'm not going to rush my guys to finish a job because that decreases quality."

SureGuard just doesn't end with roofing on their residential specialties. Their crews also tackle siding, trim, gutters and insulation. Regardless of the what the job entails, either Phillips or Saferian will make trips to the job site to ensure high customer service.

"We still check on the job two and three times a day. I want the home owner to know we care about quality and that I'm looking after their investment," Phillips said.

The company, which is based in downtown Lake Orion, also deals a lot with commercial aspects. They employ 12 highly skilled workers whose primary focus are on all things commercial. They will handle any project from a simply tar repair to a complete roof replacement on a factory.

"We do it right because we have families and children walking into stores and shops; that drives us to do these jobs right in these commercial buildings," Saferian said.

### The Little Things:

What makes SureGuard a truly special company is their attention to the little things that go into a job. They take the time to replace a lightbulb or fix a piece of cracked drywall. They're also not looking to expand their company so that

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"I'm not trying to grow the business where I work 100 miles away," Saferian said. "I like to stay within 20 miles or so of a job. That way if someone calls me and they need help, I can get there quick."

The two also put emphasis on worker training to ensure they're not going in blind to a job or a product. It's the hope of Phillips and Saferian that these little things and the attention to detail they put in their product will jog the public's mind with that need help.

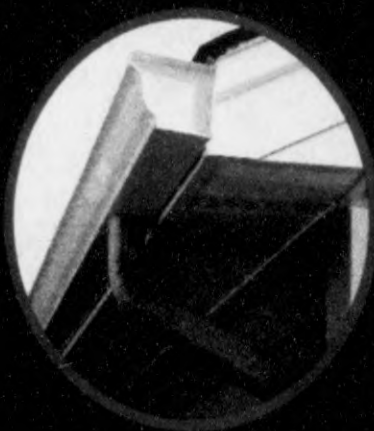
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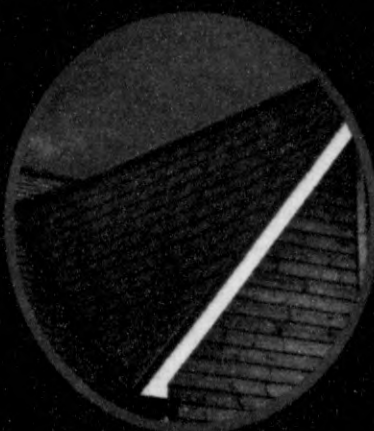
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Since first opening in 1936, Genisys has continued to experience growth. In 2014, Genisys opened a brand new state-of-the-art branch in Downtown Royal Oak and was approved by Oxford Village Council to build a new branch location in the Downtown area, which is expected to open February 17, 2015.

Additionally, by an overwhelming vote, members of Tri-Pointe Community Credit Union approved a merger with Genisys Credit Union. The expected official date of merging these two financially strong Michigan credit unions will be April 1, 2015 with the consolidation of operations to continue throughout the year. The combined credit unions, which will operate under the Genisys name, will have assets totaling more than \$1.8 billion and will provide services to nearly 175,000 members. The expanded operations will include a total of twenty-nine branches; twenty-six of these are Michigan locations.

In addition to the branch locations, Genisys continues to offer 5,000 shared branches and nearly 30,000 surcharge-free ATMs nationwide to its members.

In 2014, Genisys Credit Union sponsored over 400 community events, including serving as premier sponsor at several events in Clarkston, Lake Orion, Ortonville, and Oxford. Some of these sponsorships included the Clarkston Concerts in the Park, the Lake Orion Big Rig Gig, Ortonville's Septemberfest, and

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Last year, the Genisys family logged over 3,500 volunteer hours and fundraised over \$28,000 for Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's (OLHSA) Walk for Warmth. In addition, they donated over \$38,000



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"One of our core values is to remain people-focused, and we strive to make a difference in each of the communities where we are located," said Jackie Buchanan, President and CEO.

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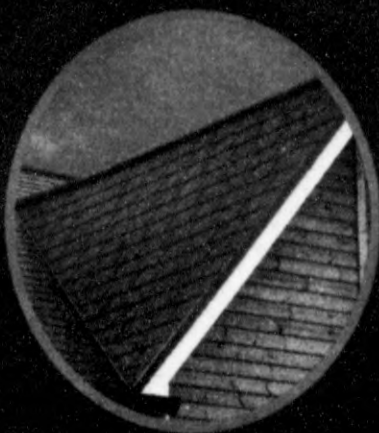
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Since first opening in 1936, Genisys has continued to experience growth. In 2014, Genisys opened a brand new state-of-the-art branch in Downtown Royal Oak and was approved by Oxford Village Council to build a new branch location in the Downtown area, which is expected to open February 17, 2015.

Additionally, by an overwhelming vote, members of Tri-Pointe Community Credit Union approved a merger with Genisys Credit Union. The expected official date of merging these two financially strong Michigan credit unions will be April 1, 2015 with the consolidation of operations to continue throughout the year. The combined credit unions, which will operate under the Genisys name, will have assets totaling more than \$1.8 billion and will provide services to nearly 175,000 members. The expanded operations will include a total of twenty-nine branches; twenty-six of these are Michigan locations.

In addition to the branch locations, Genisys continues to offer 5,000 shared branches and nearly 30,000 surcharge-free ATMs nationwide to its members.

In 2014, Genisys Credit Union sponsored over 400 community events, including serving as premier sponsor at several events in Clarkston, Lake Orion, Ortonville, and Oxford. Some of these sponsorships included the Clarkston Concerts in the Park, the Lake Orion Big Rig Gig, Ortonville's Septemberfest, and

Celebrate Lone Ranger (formally Celebrate Oxford).

Last year, the Genisys family logged over 3,500 volunteer hours and fundraised over \$28,000 for Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's (OLHSA) Walk for Warmth. In addition, they donated over \$38,000



through their United Way campaign and were able to provide \$10,500 in donations to local organizations through their Employee Casual Day Fund.

"One of our core values is to remain people-focused, and we strive to make a difference in each of the communities where we are located," said Jackie Buchanan, President and CEO.

Genisys provides all of the traditional fi-

nancial services to anyone who lives or works in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, 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 that offer a debit card with a rewards

opening experience. Individuals can apply for a membership either online or by using a tablet or mobile device. This convenient service allows potential members to completely open an account without visiting a branch. Forms are created and signed electronically and funding the account is quick and easy.

Once a member has opened an account, they are able to access their accounts through the free Genisys mobile banking application available for both iPhone and Android devices. The application allows members to view balances, transfer funds, see current rates, and even locate Genisys branches and ATMS near their location. Qualified users can also deposit checks and pay bills using their mobile device. Additional electronic conveniences include a very robust online banking system, which includes budgeting tools.

"Genisys Credit Union puts our members first, as evidenced by our 95% member satisfaction rating," said Buchanan. "We offer products and services to meet everyone's financial needs."

Connect with Genisys on Facebook and Twitter by following "genisyscu". For convenient access to your account, download the Genisys Credit Union iPhone App in the iTunes Store and Android App in the Google Play Store. For more information and a calendar of events, visit online at [www.genisyscu.org](http://www.genisyscu.org)

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## Brandon 2025 takes aim at the future with an eye on today

When Dr. Matt Outlaw took the reins of the Brandon School District in July, he knew how important it was to set a course for the district to put it on solid footing for years to come.

He formed Brandon 2025, a planning committee charged with digging into the potential of the district. Made up of interested stakeholders from the community such as students, parents, business owners, faculty, grandparents, and district administration, the group met multiple times and generated a list of targets for the district.

"We had an impressive group participate," said Dr. Outlaw, who admitted he had set out an ambitious task for the group. "It's challenging to get so many people with different interests to come together, but we did it."

One of those was Brandon High School junior Morgan Barton. Well-known at the high school for her work ethic in the classroom and her role as the Sheriff of Nottingham in Robin Hood, Barton understands what is at stake.

"Even though I may no longer be here when our ideas are fully implemented, I wanted to have some sort of impact on



a lot of committees like this, but that didn't slow her down. "I felt like everyone was interested in my perspective as a student," she continued. "They didn't marginalize me just because I'm a teenager, and I

the community," she said. "There are a lot of students who want to reach as far as they can, and the 2025 group understands that."

Barton admitted she hasn't served on

think this committee will be a great voice for the community."

Another committee member who likes what she sees is Brandon teacher Lori Marino, who brings her two children to Brandon schools from Oxford. "I already like the schools," she said, "and it's nice to see a real plan for improving the whole district moving forward. We all know there are challenges, but this committee focused on how we can overcome them rather than dwell on them."

Brandon 2025 recommendations target a wide range of opportunities for our students and families. One example is that, by 2025, the Brandon School District will perform in the top 25% of all schools in Michigan in all areas of state testing.

Currently, there is a wide performance range at different grades and in different subjects. The committee members agreed that raising the performance standards for all students in all subjects is a priority.

For a complete summary of the Brandon 2025 report, visit the Brandon School District web site at [www.brandonschooldistrict.org](http://www.brandonschooldistrict.org).

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# Michigan Web Press: State-of-the-art tech, commitment to quality

A newly-installed inserting machine and state-of-the-art Goss Magnum printing press are just part of the technology adding to the progress at Michigan Web Press.

"Committed to Print" for 36 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 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 Goss Magnum printing press capable of producing a 48-page full-color newspaper at 40,000 copies per hour.

The recently-installed inserting machine - a Muller Martini SLS-2000 - is the company's third.

"The new machine doubles our inserting capacity," says Michigan Web Press General Manager Todd Hagerman. "That means we can turn around orders even faster for our customers."

While the newspaper business has un-

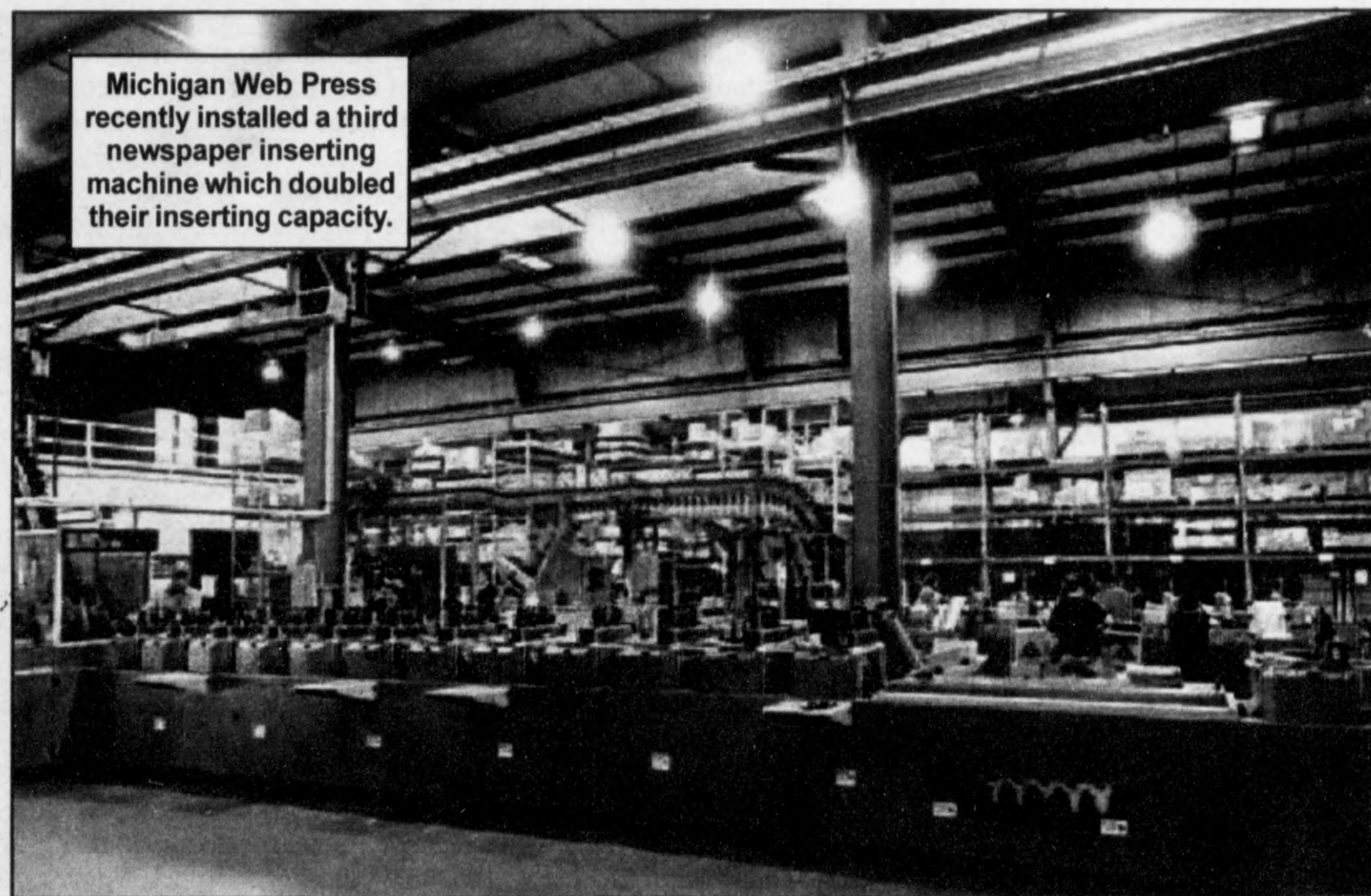
dergone significant change in recent years, Michigan Web Press' clients have persevered.

"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-quality 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

Michigan Web Press recently installed a third newspaper inserting machine which doubled their inserting capacity.



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

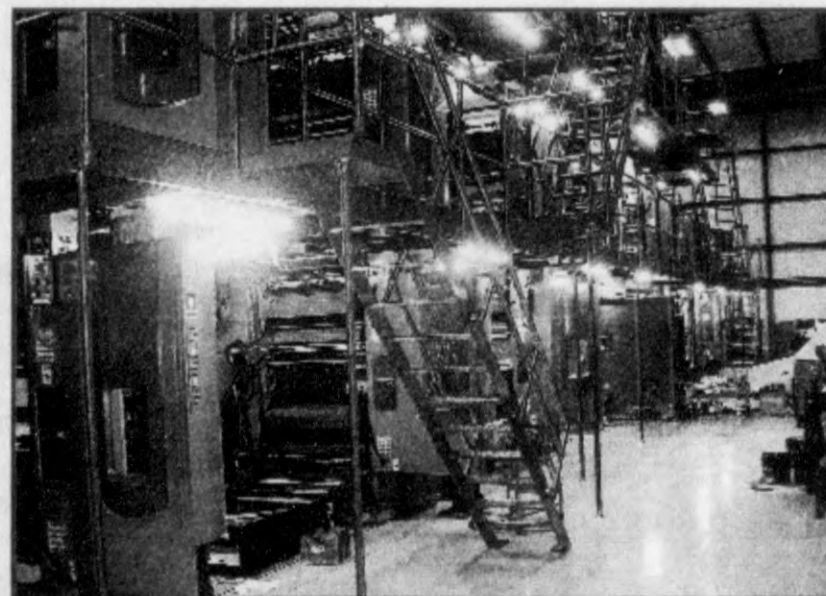
printed news delivered to our customers' readers on time and we do whatever it takes to make that happen every single day."

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for patients of all ages. Our Clarkston office has been completely renovated to incorporate the latest technological advances along with the greatest patient comfort.

Munk Orthodontics is happy to announce that Dr. Nicole M. Wax has joined our team! Dr. Wax, as did Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk, completed her orthodontic residency program at the University of Detroit Mercy.

All three doctors are licensed in the specialty of orthodontics by the State of Michigan, and are members of the American Association of Orthodontists.

Patients in our office are seen by a doctor at every appointment to ensure that treatment is on target and progressing exactly as planned.

The doctors and staff are devoted to providing exceptional, caring treatment in a

fun, family-friendly environment.

Continuing education courses are attended regularly to keep 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.

Munk Orthodontics now offers teeth whitening to our patients! Our whitening system can be used while orthodontic appliances are on the teeth. By whitening during treatment, then the teeth are a nice bright white when the orthodontic appliances are removed.

AcceleDent® is another new device being offered at our office. AcceleDent® helps to accelerate the rate at which teeth can move. When used in conjunction with orthodontic appliances, AcceleDent® has been clinically proven to move teeth up to 50% faster!

Insignia™ Advanced Smile Design™ continues to prove to be an exciting tool used to gain a more predictable, more efficient and effective approach to orthodontics.

"With Insignia™, 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," he explained, adding each aspect is precisely calculated for the most optimal tooth movement.

Munk Orthodontics also has the Lythos™ 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 all three office areas."

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.

For further information about our office visit [www.munkorthodontics.com](http://www.munkorthodontics.com) or like us on Facebook. To schedule an appointment, please contact us at one of our three offices: 5825 S. Main St.-Suite 201, Clarkston, 248-625-0880; 837 S. Lapeer Rd., Oxford, 248-628-6441; 8379 Davison Rd., Davison, 810-653-9070

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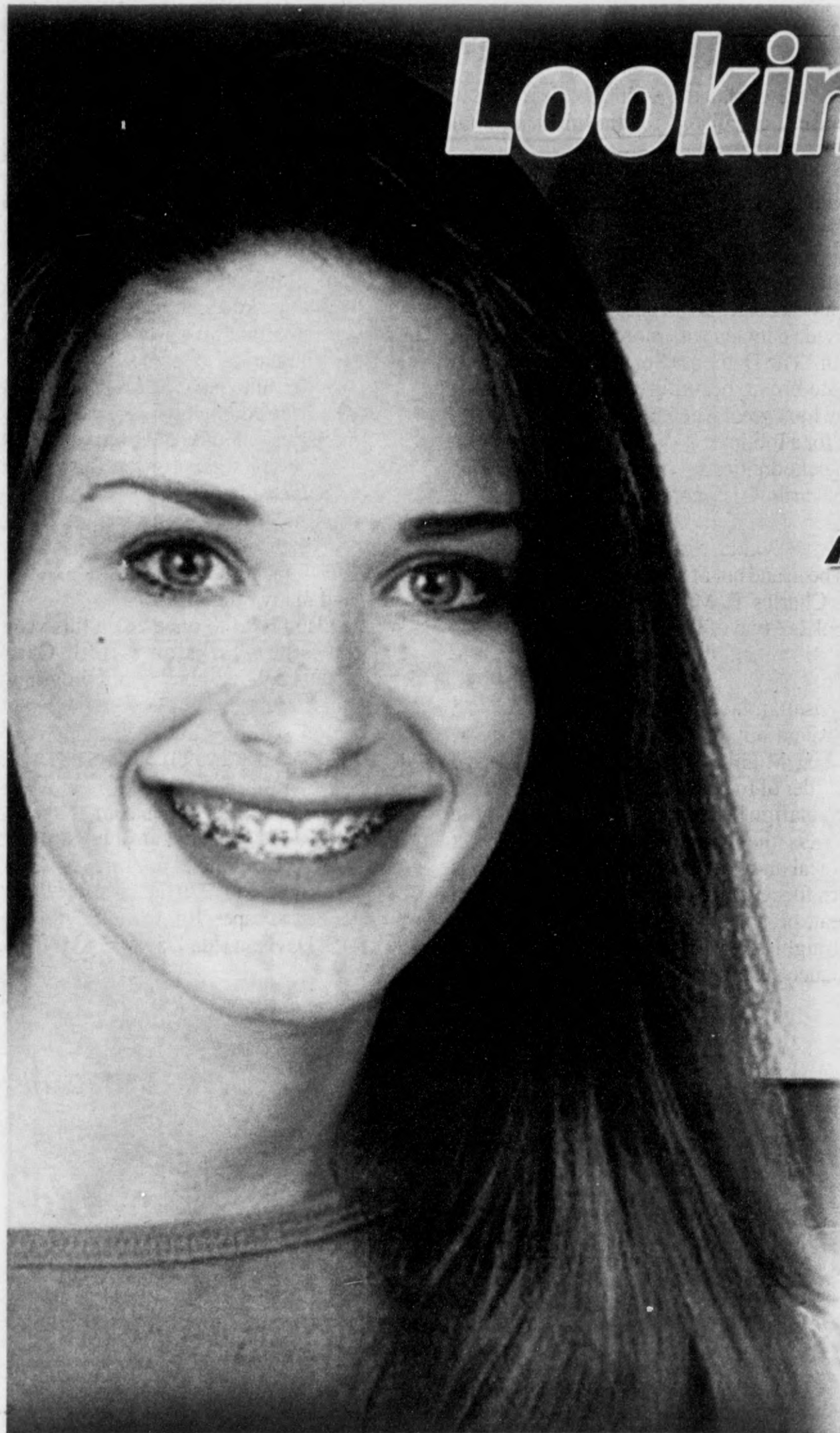
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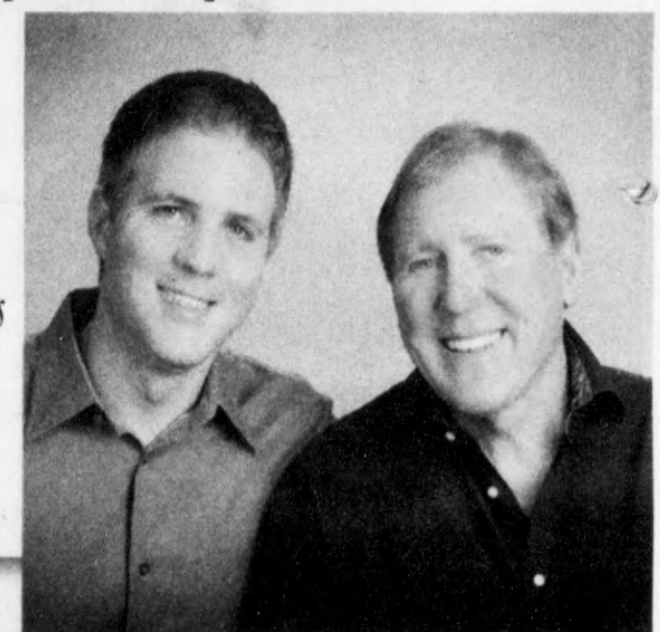


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## A decade helping patients' skin

Clarkston Dermatology is celebrating their 10th anniversary! All in one decade, the practice has outgrown its original location, tripled its number of staff members, and has continued to stay ahead of the trends through the years.

Dr. Wendy McFalda, the principle provider, has worked hard to transform her practice into the state-of-the-art dermatologic center it is today.

The practice is home to four Michigan natives - Dr. Wendy McFalda, Dr. Brian Kopitzki, Carol Ecker, R.N. and Kelly Dooley, PA-C.

While both physicians see general dermatology patients, Dr. McFalda and Carol Ecker, R.N. specialize in cosmetic dermatology, helping patients achieve their desired look through the use of top-of-the-line lasers, dermal fillers, facial rejuvenation, professional skin care, and more.

In addition, Dr. Kopitzki is a fellowship trained Mohs surgeon and performs surgeries in-office for the removal of skin cancer.

The practice has recently welcomed a physician assistant, Kelly Dooley, PA-C, who is working with Drs. McFalda and Kopitzki. Kelly is currently seeing patients daily for their medical dermatology needs and has been a great addition to their team.

The Clarkston Dermatology staff is very

passionate about patient experience, education, and being proactive with the latest innovations in the field of dermatology.

"We are extremely patient focused. We aim to make sure that from the first phone call to the patient, to returning back home, they felt they were listened to, their needs were taken care of, and they received extraordinary care," says Dr. McFalda.

Clarkston Dermatology is a full-service practice, offering both medical and cosmetic services. They are proud to offer the latest and greatest technology, treatment, surgery, and skincare available, allowing patients to have great skin at any age.

The practice even offers pioneering clinical trials for conditions such as psoriasis and acne through their very own Clarkston Skin Research. Their expert staff includes highly-trained professionals with specialties to meet any dermatologic need.

"There is really nothing in the scope of dermatology that we can't do here," voices Dr. Kopitzki.

The new year began with an exciting development; local dermatologist, Dr. Richard Schwartz, retired after 35 years in practice, entrusting Drs. McFalda and Kopitzki with the continued care of his valued patients. Dr. McFalda was once a patient of Dr. Schwartz as a child growing up in Clarkston, making this transition even more special.

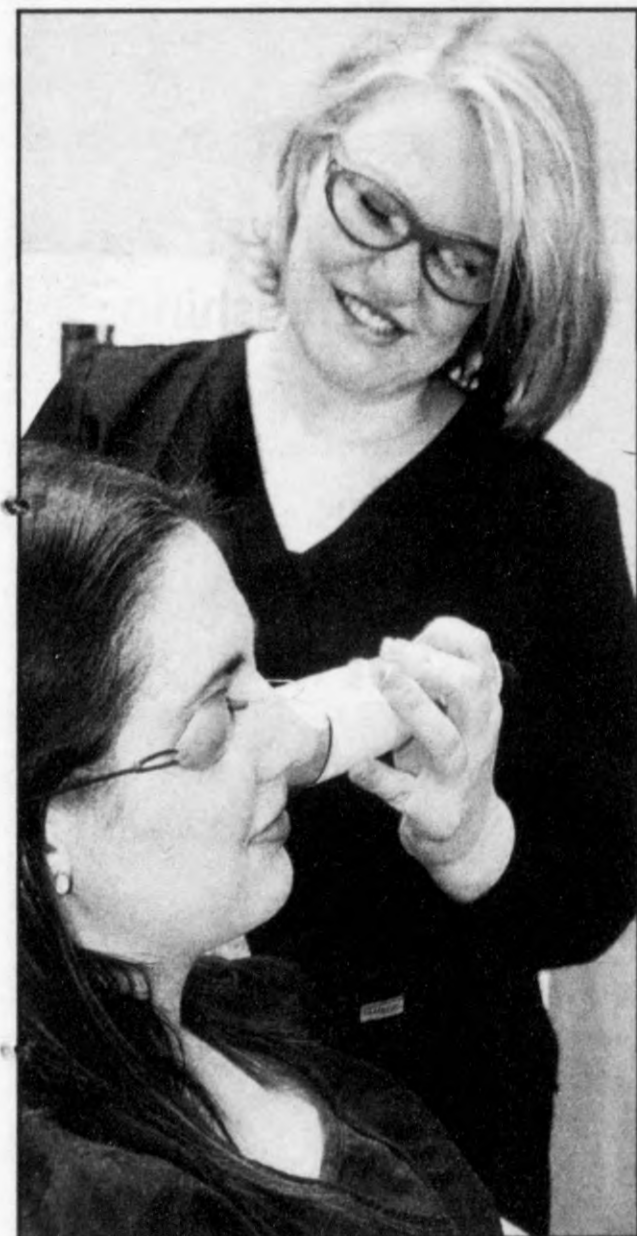
Clarkston Dermatology will be hosting their annual Spring Cosmetic Event, an evening where attendees can discover the latest in cosmetic treatments and skincare, exciting raffles, and receive exclusive pricing! The event will be held at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome. To RSVP, visit their Specials & Events page on [clarkstonderm.com](http://clarkstonderm.com).

If you want information on specials and events, industry news, recipes for healthy skin, and more, follow Clarkston Dermatology on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.

Also, [clarkstonderm.com](http://clarkstonderm.com) is where you can keep up-to-date with the practice, request appointments, sign into the patient portal to view upcoming appointments and view visit summaries, pay your bill online, and learn more about all services offered.

The office is located at 5701 Bow Pointe Drive, Suite 215 & 217, in the Clarkston Medical Building, just off of I-75, Sashabaw Road, in Clarkston.

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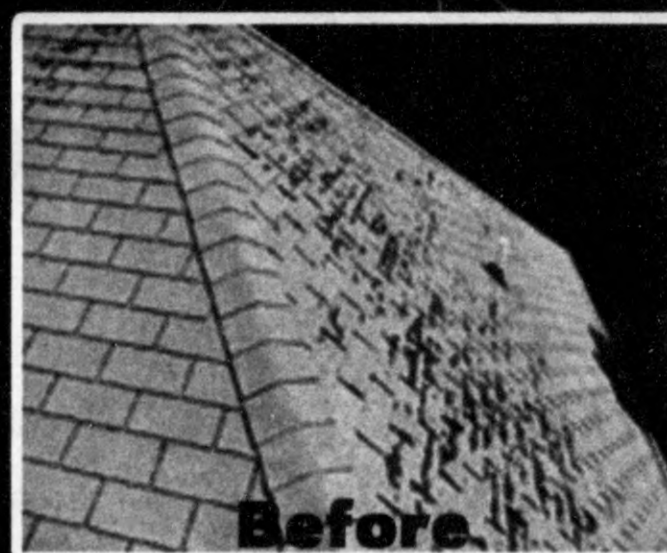


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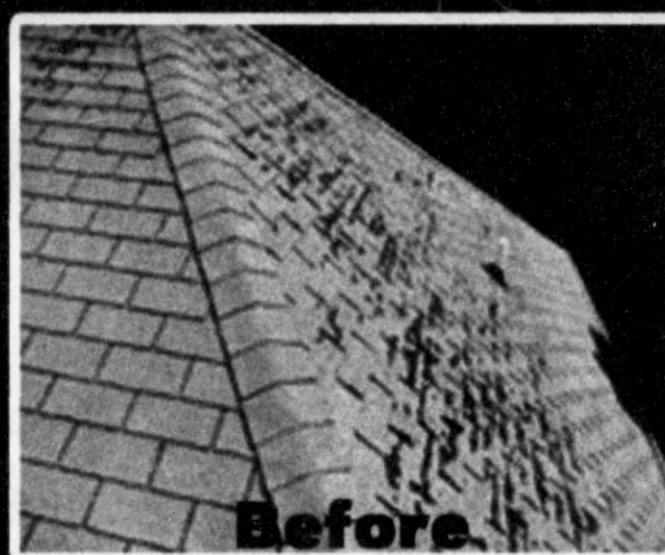


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