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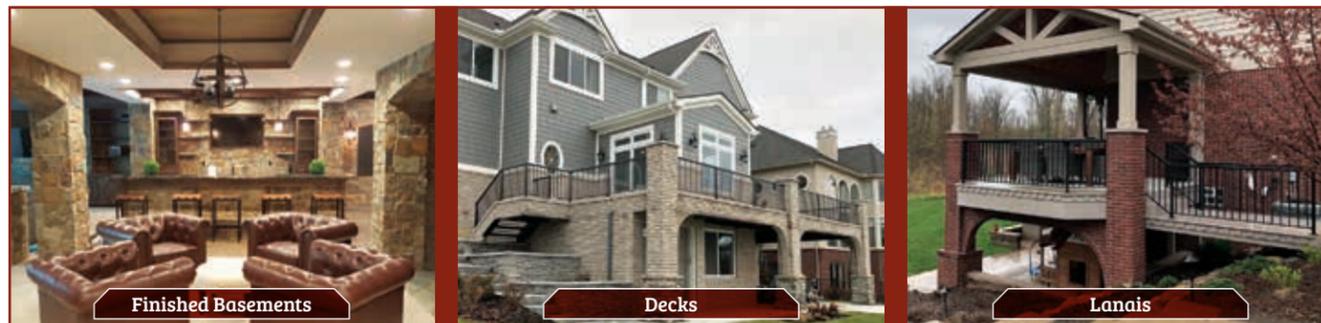
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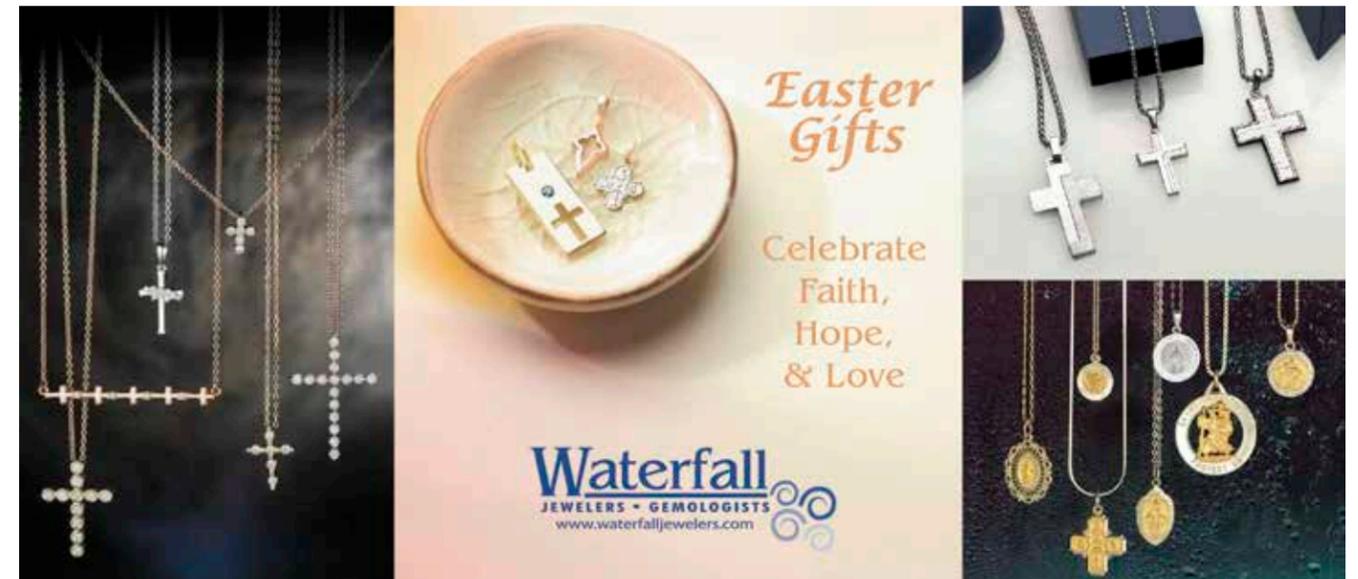
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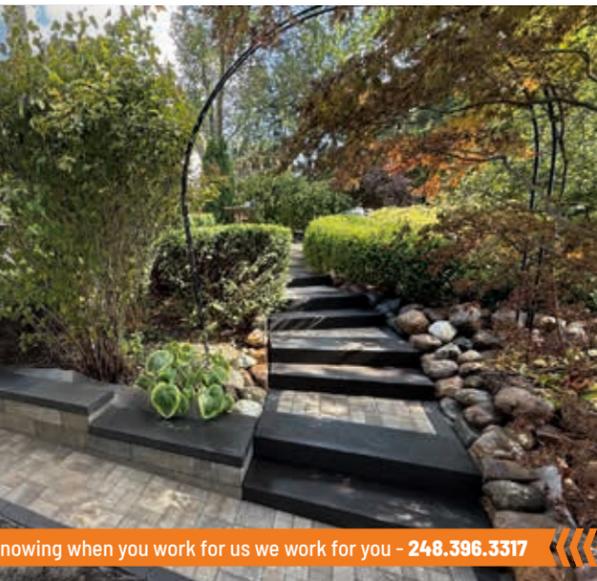
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BY KATIE HESS, CONNECTING CLARKSTON CONTRIBUTOR

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Originally from Mexico, Jose left his family and moved to Michigan in 1996 to start his own. He began working for a local landscaping company for the next 20 years that actually cared for Oakhurst lawns too. About two years ago, Jose purchased that landscaping company and proudly renamed it Tabares Lawn Care. So he is truly invested in maintaining the reputation that was built so many years ago and building his business right here where it started.

All In A Day's Work

Like most small businesses, there is so much thought, care and attention that goes into each and every day they are able to load the truck, fill the gas tanks and fire up the weed walkers and leaf blowers. Jose and his sons work together to provide lawn cutting, mulch installation, edging, removal of small trees and when it snows, snow removal. They pull up, unload, take care of business and head out to the next job.

Challenges Define

Every business has its challenges and it's all about how they are met. Jose has had his share and when they arise, he figures out a solution so he doesn't let his customers down. He is also setting an example for his sons so that they can keep this family business alive for years to come. There's plenty of yards that need care.

Future Is Bright

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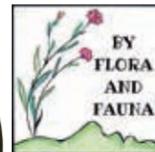


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PAUL & COLLEEN STURR

This month we feature neighbors Paul and Colleen who many of you already know. I met them as part of a Euchre Club here in the neighborhood. If you asked me to describe the two in a few words, I would say they are best friends who love life together. Don't take my word for it, theirs are better!



SAY HELLO

Paul (Jr) and Colleen met at Bishop Foley High School in 1981 but they didn't start dating until they reconnected after high school. If you know them, the rest is history! If you don't, everyone should have neighbors like Paul and Colleen. Together they naturally compliment one another in so many ways. Not sure if they complete one another's sentences, but maybe! I rarely see them apart. I hope you get the chance to say hello and become friends.

THE STARTING LINE

After graduating from Bishop Foley, Paul went to Alma College on a baseball scholarship as a catcher. He studied Business until he paused his education halfway through to come home and help with a family issue. He eventually returned, graduated and began working in the family business. Colleen graduated from Central Michigan University with a BS in Health Education and an MA in Public Health.

FAMILY LIFE WELL LIVED

Together they raised their sons, Paul III and Andrew, in Rochester where they lived for 21 years. In 2022, they moved to Oakhurst. A couple of years before moving in, they became golf members and loved everything about Oakhurst - the golf, the club, and yes, the friendships. Today, they live along the golf course with their son Andrew who works for United Wholesale Mortgage. Paul III and his wife Elyse, remain in Rochester and are proud parents of Paul and Colleen's first grandson, Paul IV who will soon celebrate his first birthday. Paul III is a Manager for Accenture Security and Elyse is a Producer at Jackson Dawson.

A LIFE OF GIVING BACK

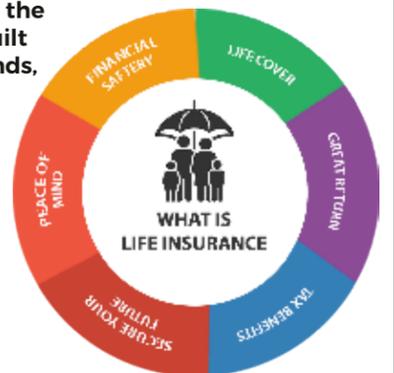
After selling their IT consulting business to Accenture, Paul continued working for Accenture as a Global Managing Director until 2024. Today he is currently working on a new start up. Colleen retired almost 8 years ago from Healthcare in her final role as a Director for 16 Primary Care Ambulatory Offices. She taught Health Education Methodology at the University of Michigan for 7 years. She is now a substitute teacher at Holy Family Regional School in Rochester Hills and best of all, she watches her grandson Paul IV once a week.



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JACK AND STELLA

You may recognize their English Springer Spaniels bred at Holler Springers in Battlecreek. They were featured in *Stroll Oakhurst's* November 2024 issue on the Pawsitive Pet page, and again in December 2025 with all other Oakhurst pups celebrating the holidays. Siblings, Jack is now 4 and Stella is 2. You have probably seen them playing in the backyard while golfing on the 8th green. They are friendly, love to play and never turn down a good treat!



SPORTS FANS

Like so many of you, these two are die-hard University of Michigan Football fans and this year marks their 30th year as season ticket holders. Paul and Colleen make it to about 10 Detroit Tiger baseball games every year too! Everyone in the Sturr family is an avid golfer and last year Paul and Colleen went to Ireland for the Open at Royal Portrush. Both Paul and Colleen enjoy their golf league play - even though Paul participates in more tournaments. Colleen has been nursing a few injuries of late so now that she rehabilitated, watch out ladies! Kidding aside, she looks forward to playing more golf. Count them in for Nine & Dines and sign them up for winter Trivia nights!!!

TRAVELERS

That brings up something else they love - maybe more than football. Paul and Colleen love to travel together and Vegas is easily their "go to" spot because they tell me they usually travel to Vegas 4-5 times a year. They love the atmosphere: the food, the shows, the gambling. It doesn't hurt that it's fun to dress up in Vegas too! Wisconsin is also a common destination now that their good friends recently moved there.

But, one of their recent trips to the Kentucky Bourbon Trail gave them true appreciation for Bourbon and the process that goes into distilling Bourbon! Did you know there are 25 distilleries, bourbon bars and restaurants along the way? Maybe we can get Paul and Colleen to guide a group of us back down there. How much fun would that be!

REASONS TO GATHER

Family Christmas is at the Sturrs. They continue to host Christmas and have been for the last 25 years. We love having our immediate and extended family over for the holidays and some years we can host up to 60 people!!! Their home is beautifully decorated and very welcoming.

Even though Paul and Colleen have lived in Oakhurst for nearly 4 years, they are still discovering new things about the surrounding area. They love many of the same dining spots as you and I do - The Fed Community, Rudy's Prime Steak, 15th Street Tavern and Victoria's in Oxford - where they have wonderful Gin and Bourbon Tastings!

"We have been blessed with wonderful neighbors and have truly made some great friends!"

—PAUL AND COLLEEN

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

While they love being involved here at the club and in the neighborhood, Paul and Colleen continue to participate and support events they have been connected with for so many years in the Rochester area. Colleen has been very involved with the Rochester Junior Women's Club (RJWC) for 8 years and acted as President for two years. RJWC is a charity organization that has been around for 60 years with various charity events that both Colleen and Paul actively participate in, bringing their positive energy and smiles wherever they go.

FAVORITE OAKHURST MEMORY

Because there are so many reasons why Paul and Colleen love living in Oakhurst, when asked, they couldn't name just one. They do love the sense of community in the neighborhood and appreciate the camaraderie and thoughtfulness everyone shares, looking out for one another. Oakhurst is a friendly place to live because people who live here really do want to know their neighbors.





A Word from Nathan Sealey

Thank you seems inadequate in response to the outpouring of kindness shown to us.

It is important for my family to take a moment and recognize everyone in our community for the love and contributions many of you showered upon us. To those who showed up with kindness, patience, meals, prayers, and a steady presence—you carried us more than you'll know, and we will be forever grateful. Unseen, but that support mattered on those immensely hard and lonely days, ones we could barely stand.

To those who struggled, questioned, whispered, or watched from a distance, I choose grace for you. Grief is uncomfortable, and not everyone knows

how to handle it well. There is no playbook or straight path in dealing with something like this. This dreadful season has revealed much about all of us and how everyone copes differently, especially when something as tragic as this occurs. It also reminds us who we are when alone, and how deeply love can be felt when it's genuine.

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Nathan Sealey



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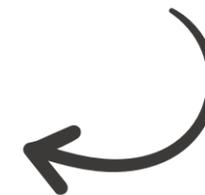
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Why Finding the Right Support Has Become So Complicated

In many communities, conversations about mental wellness are happening more openly than they used to. Parents talk about stress on the sidelines of kids' activities. Friends mention therapy over coffee. Colleagues acknowledge burnout at work.

RESIDENT LAUREN BORDES, LMSW, SSW AND KATIE RUTKOWSKI, PA-C

don't know what exists or how different forms of support work together, exploration often stops before it begins.

As working mothers raising three daughters each, Lauren and Katie felt this personally. They weren't only thinking about the people they worked with professionally. They were thinking about friends, neighbors, families, and the examples their children were absorbing as they watched adults navigate stress, connection, and care. Those shared observations eventually led to the creation of *Headquarters Mental Wellness*. Not as a big statement, but as a practical response to what they kept seeing locally. *Headquarters* was designed to bring trusted mental wellness providers, services, and experiences together in one place, making it easier for people to see what's available and explore different paths without feeling overwhelmed.

Just as importantly, *Headquarters* supports collaboration among the people who care for the community. When therapists, medical providers, coaches, and other practitioners know one another and work together, they're better able to build supportive networks that extend beyond any one office or service. *Headquarters* also highlights community events and groups, spaces where people can connect, learn, and feel supported alongside others. Because mental wellness doesn't only grow in private moments. It grows through shared experiences. This work developed over time. It grew from listening, paying attention, and noticing the same challenges surface again and again.



HOW TO REACH US

At its heart, *Headquarters* is meant to be a place people can return to, whether they're looking for support for themselves, for their families, or simply for ways to stay connected in a demanding world. Reach out at www.hqmentalwellness.com or if you prefer, you may email Katie and Lauren at Katie.Rutkowski@hqmentalwellness.com or Lauren.Bordes@hqmentalwellness.com.

IT'S BECOME EASIER to talk about mental health, but not necessarily easier to find your way through it. Awareness has grown, yet many people are still unsure how to take the next step. That's something Lauren and Katie began noticing over time, through their work and in everyday life across their community.

Lauren saw it in her work as a therapist. People waited months hoping they'd found the right fit. Others were already in therapy, doing thoughtful work, and still wondered what else might support them, not because therapy wasn't helping, but because growth often brings new questions. Katie noticed the same pattern in healthcare.

It became clear that mental health and wellness options had expanded quickly, while the systems to help people navigate them had not.

Patients frequently came in with physical concerns; fatigue, headaches, sleep disruption, digestive issues — that were closely tied to stress and emotional strain. Their experiences highlighted the deep connection between the mind and body, and how difficult it can be to maintain physical health

without attention to mental wellness. Beneath those conversations was often a practical concern: How do I find help that actually fits, and how do I know where to start?

It became clear that mental health and wellness options had expanded quickly, while the systems to help people navigate them had not. Even finding traditional support like therapy, counseling, or coaching can feel confusing. Long waitlists, unfamiliar terms, and little guidance leave many people unsure how to choose. At the same time, many don't realize there are additional approaches that could support them or how to learn about those options. When people

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HELLO

Hello, my name is Holden, a handsome Heinz 57 mix, including equal parts “scaredy-cat” and lovable “teddy bear.” My earliest thoughts begin with Canine Companions Rescue Center in Clarkston before I was adopted as a puppy. Mom and Dad (or Zak and Jen) named me after the dorm Dad lived in his freshman year at Michigan State University - Holden Hall. Our neighbors adopted my brother and named him Breslin. I miss him so much. He crossed over the rainbow bridge several years before his time. Here’s a glimpse of what it’s like around the Sesti home since I’ve been there!

SPARTAN SPECIAL

Talents and toys, tricks and treats, Holden may be a big dog, but he’s scared of his own shadow. You’d expect tough and brave, he’s absolutely neither: He’s a total cat-dog at heart. But like most dogs, he LOVES to run. Holden is always out front, harness on, proudly leading his pack. His sensitive tummy may have prevented Holden from having the typical pet store treats and scraps from family meals, but don’t feel sorry for him. He has homemade pot roast with EVERY meal. He’s completely spoiled (in a good way) and treated like one of the boys.

HOLDEN HAS IT MADE!

The Sesti family shares their handsome Holden in this month’s Pawsitive Pets feature. I’m in love! Look at that face!

JEN SESTI, OAKHURST RESIDENT AND HOLDEN’S MOM

Holden on a walk with Finn



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Holden as a Puppy



Brothers Holden and Breslin



PACK AND PLAYMATES

Holden has a whole crew of dog friends here in Oakhurst. He especially LOVES walking with FINN Kilpatrick. Holden also loves going to DUKE Laurence’s yard to run around and play. He’s pretty fond of DEXTER Fishtahler (who is still learning to appreciate his big buddy’s energy).

THE FAMILY FARM

Field trips and adventure. Holden’s best days may very well be at the family farm where the grandparents live in Inlay City. Easily one of his favorite happy places, the farm is full of animals and endless acres to run.

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Zak and Jen built their home on Powelton Court in 2012. Their boys, Brendan and Connor have grown up here in Oakhurst with Holden and made lifelong friends just like Mom and Dad. They found a community of parents who became friends who support one another, extending our family and making everyday a special day. Our pets are part of our family and they make friends too.

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A Brussels Sprout Salad That STEALS THE SPOTLIGHT

As we move toward the end of winter and into early spring, Brussels sprouts are one of those cold-season vegetables that are just wrapping up their season.

BY SAM KIMBALL, CLINICAL MANAGER AND CERTIFIED HOLISTIC NUTRITION COACH



With St. Patrick's Day around the corner and farmers markets preparing to open back up, this is the perfect moment to use the last of winter's produce before the shift to spring. Hearty and fiber-rich, Brussels sprouts work beautifully in quick, cozy recipes like this warm salad, where a gentle sauté softens their bite and brings out a touch of natural sweetness, creating a flavorful base for the brighter flavors to come.

This nutrient-packed salad is hearty enough to enjoy on its own or paired with your favorite protein for a complete meal. A nourishing, feel-good option for the busier winter months when we could all use something satisfying and wholesome.

Crisp apples bring a juicy brightness, while finely diced red onion or a couple shallots if you prefer something milder. This adds just the right hint of sharpness. Chopped pecans add crunch and healthy fats, and when they're candied in maple syrup with a pinch of cinnamon, they turn into irresistible little clusters of sweetness. And the bacon? Maple bacon, of course. Its smoky-sweet flavor melts into every bite and ties everything together beautifully.

A creamy maple dressing made with garlic, Dijon, lemon, and a splash of apple cider vinegar brings the whole salad to life. It's tangy, warm, and just sweet enough. Simple ingredients that create a gorgeous balance without feeling fussy. The best part? You can easily adjust it to your taste. Add a little extra maple syrup if you like things sweeter, or boost the lemon juice or apple cider vinegar for a brighter, tangier finish. A final sprinkle of freshly grated parmesan pulls everything together.

Brussels Sprout, Apple & Maple Pecan Salad

INGREDIENTS FOR SALAD:

- 2 lbs Brussels sprouts, shredded and sautéed
- 2 apples, finely diced
- 1 small red onion or 2 shallots, finely diced
- 6-8 slices maple bacon, cooked and chopped
- 1 cup raw pecans or maple-candied pecans
- Fresh grated parmesan for serving

INGREDIENTS FOR MAPLE PECANS:

- 3 cups pecans
- 1/2 cup pure maple syrup
- Dash of cinnamon

INGREDIENTS FOR CREAMY MAPLE DRESSING:

- 3-4 garlic cloves, minced
- Small squeeze of Dijon mustard
- 3 tbsp maple syrup
- Splash of apple cider vinegar
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt & pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare the Brussels sprouts. Sauté the shredded sprouts in a little olive oil over medium heat until they soften and develop a touch of golden color.
2. Make the maple pecans. Add the pecans, maple syrup, and cinnamon to a pan. Cook over medium heat until the syrup reduces down. Spread onto a parchment-lined sheet to cool and crisp.
3. Whisk the dressing. Combine the garlic, Dijon mustard, maple syrup, apple cider vinegar, lemon juice, salt, and pepper.
4. Assemble your salad. In a large bowl, toss together the warm Brussels sprouts, apples, red onion or shallots, maple bacon, and pecans. Drizzle with the creamy maple dressing and finish with freshly grated parmesan.

H2Oaks SWIM TEAM

One of the great parts of being a younger member at Oakhurst is the opportunity to be a part of the H2Oaks swim team! It is a great way to be active, make friends, compete, and most of all, have fun!

BY DAN MILLER, RESIDENT AND HEAD OF H2OAKS PARENT COMMITTEE



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Last summer at the RASL Championships, our swimmers qualified for 76 spots in the championship finals. In addition, we took home five 1st place finishes:

- **Colton Miller** - Boys 7-8 25 meter butterfly
 - **Beckett Miller** - Boys 6&Under 25 meter freestyle
 - **Colton Miller** - Boys 7-8 25 meter freestyle
 - **Grant Delzer** - Boys 6&Under 25 meter backstroke
 - **Colton Miller** - Boys 7-8 25 meter backstroke
- Colton Miller also established 3 new H2Oaks records (50 meter freestyle, 25 meter freestyle, and 25 meter butterfly), as well 2 new RASL league records (25 meter freestyle and 25 meter butterfly).

While championships and records are nice, the most important thing is the fun that our swimmers, coaches, and families have, and the friendships that are made. We would love to have more swimmers come be a part of the team! Look for registration information to come out this spring.



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Pro Tips for Protecting Yourself from Cyber & Financial Fraud

Fraud has become one of the most common threats facing everyday people. From scam texts to fake phone calls to online trickery that looks incredibly real, criminals are getting smarter—and their targets now include everyone, not just businesses.

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At Oxford Bank, we're committed to helping our community stay informed and protected. Here are practical steps anyone can take to protect their money and personal information.

1. Be Skeptical of Unexpected Calls, Emails, or Texts

Scammers often pretend to be your bank, a government agency, or even someone you know. One of the best ways to protect yourself is to pause before responding to any request for personal or financial information. Your bank will never ask for your password, login codes, or full account numbers by phone, text, or email. If you receive a suspicious message, hang up or delete it—and contact your bank directly using a verified phone number.

2. Stay Informed—Fraud Tactics Change Constantly

Cybercriminals are always evolving their methods, often using highly realistic messages or even AI-generated voices to trick people. Recently, experts have noted that attacks are becoming more automated and personalized, making scams harder to spot. This means staying alert and updating your security habits regularly is more important than ever.

3. Strengthen Your Daily Digital Habits

Protecting yourself doesn't have to be complicated. Simple habits help prevent the majority of cybercrime:

- Use strong, unique passwords for each account
- Turn on multifactor authentication whenever possible
- Keep your phone and computer software up to date
- Avoid clicking unfamiliar links
- Review your bank statements frequently



Oxford Bank's fraud prevention resources highlight these basics because they remain some of the most effective ways to stop scams before they start.

4. Watch Out for Check Fraud and Payment Scams

Even though digital fraud is rising, old fashioned check fraud is still a major issue. Criminals alter checks, steal them from mailboxes, or create convincing counterfeit versions. Communitybanking experts recommend securing your outgoing mail, using online bill pay when possible, and monitoring your transactions regularly to catch any unauthorized activity early.

5. Reach Out When Something Feels Off

If you're ever unsure whether a call, text, or email is legitimate, trust your instincts—it's always okay to doublecheck. Oxford Bank encourages customers to reach out whenever something doesn't feel right. A quick phone call can prevent a costly mistake.

Staying Safe Starts with Staying Aware

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IF YOU WOULD HAVE ONE of Marissa's complimentary and delicious Clarkston Cakery cakes made just for YOU, send in your reason to celebrate!

Be sure and check out the May issue of Stroll where we'll learn more about our neighbors, The Tamburro Family!

"It's always the right time to eat cake!" - Marissa Zile

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Tamburro Family of Four

My name is Alex Tamburro and as I was reading this month's issue of stroll magazine, I came across the Clarkston Cakery giveaway around a reason to celebrate and I knew I had to submit! We have already ordered from Clarkston Cakery a few times and only moved into the neighborhood in July this year. The first thing that came to mind was the birth of my son, Joseph on 11/25/25 and sweet Isabelle becoming a big sister. That is our reason to celebrate!

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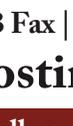
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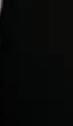
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