



## Western Concrete Products

P.R.I.D.E.

### Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence

Community, family and history are important factors for success at Western Concrete. Founded in Cadillac in 1946, with a concrete block plant and expanding to ready mixed concrete and now into architectural masonry units, Western Concrete's Cadillac location is still the heart-beat for the other five branch offices. These offices are located in Big Rapids, Gaylord, Houghton Lake, Petoskey and Traverse City.

Western Concrete President Phil Potvin and the company's employees take P.R.I.D.E. in serving Traverse City and the surrounding areas. Since 2000, P.R.I.D.E.—personal responsibility in delivering excellence—is not just a saying for Potvin and his employees, but words to work by.

"As I look at the population centers of northern Michigan, with the exception of Alpena, we are there," Potvin said. "It allows us to better serve our customers. Paying attention to customers and the community are important to the continued success of Western Concrete Company".

Western Concrete was founded by Ivan Bernson, Emil Jantz and Jim Potvin, and the 3rd generation of Potvins are in place.

"I'm excited because I have three out of four of my children working at the company. Jep is the precast castconcrete products manager in Big Rapids, Amy is the branch manager in Gaylord and Petoskey, and Emily is in charge of the money in Cadillac. "Family and tradition are a big part of Western Concrete."

Today Western Concrete Company has 70 employees scattered throughout the six locations in northern Michigan. The company has grown and improved since 1946 and will continue to do so in the future.

Northern Michigan is as much a part of Western Concrete as Potvin is, "I'm a northern Michigan man and I think we realize that competition is in any field, but there comes a time to stay home and take care of business," Potvin said.

Pictured from left to right: Phil Potvin, President; Ron Hamilton, Vice President Purchasing; Steve Diss, Manager Houghton Lake; Lowell Pratt, Manager Big Rapids; Amy Schantz, Manager Gaylord and Petoskey; Chris Uphoff, General Manager, Cadillac; Jeff Thomack, Manager Traverse City

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## Thompson Pharmacy & Medical

324 S. Union St. • Traverse City • (231) 947-4212

Pharmacy is in the genes at Thompson Pharmacy and Medical - four generations to be exact. Greg and Carole Thompson, both pharmacists, have owned the business since Carole's father, Richard Green, retired in 1976. Mr. Green opened his first pharmacy in Traverse City in 1951. Both Greg's and Carole's fathers were pharmacists as well as Greg's grandfather. Also employed as pharmacists are daughter, Lisa Thompson DeBolt and son, Mark Thompson. Son-in-law Chad DeBolt heads up the medical equipment and supplies. Greg's mother and sister also work in billing.

Thompson Pharmacy and Medical is "more than just a pharmacy". The goal of the business is to provide one-stop shopping for all the medicine, equipment and supplies needed for home medical care. Provided are sales, service and rental of equipment and oxygen. Medical equipment in stock - wheel-chairs, hospital beds, scooters, walkers - just to mention a few. Medical supplies - diabetic, ostomy, mastectomy, surgical hose, knee - ankle - back braces, lymphectomy supplies and hard to find wound care dressings and supplies. We also provide delivery and shipping.

Prescription compounding is a specialty of the pharmacy. Recently added, a "Wellness Center", staffed by a registered nurse to provide cholesterol, diabetic, osteoporosis, and other health screens.

Check us out at our website: [thompson-pharmacy.com](http://thompson-pharmacy.com)



From left: Greg and Carole Thompson, Mark Thompson, Lisa and Chad DeBolt.

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## Modern Cleaners

501 W. Front St. • Traverse City • (946-8013)

Modern Cleaners located at 501 West Front St., has a dual celebration; this year marks 75 years in business and we have formed a partnership with long time employee, Elaine Sadler. Elaine teams with Irwin (Irv) Stoner, who has owned the business for 21 years.

The partnership gives Modern Cleaners and edge on expertise with education in the field of drycleaning and knowledge of fabrics. We are truly "Schooled in the Business" with a combined experience of 62 years.

Irv is a graduate of Michigan State, as well as taking all the courses available in the Technical and Management curriculum from the National Fabricare Institute in Silver Springs Maryland.

Elaine is a graduate of Suomi College in business and has worked at Modern Cleaners for 10 years.

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