

# The Crown Chronicle

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Dr. Lasnoski and the staff of the Green Bay office (above) and the staff of the Escanaba office (below)



## What's Happening

Welcome to the first, semiannual newsletter from Dr. Lasnoski's office. This newsletter keeps you up to date on the life of Dr. Lasnoski's practice, informing you of the latest clinical and laboratory developments, introducing you to the caring and energetic staff, sharing the history of Dr.'s Green Bay and Escanaba, Mich. offices,

and providing key information to facilitate communication between practices.

Each issue will also include a note from the Doctor's desk and a trivia question, the correct answer to which wins a gift certificate for a local restaurant or shop. Send the answer via email to Dr. Lasnoski's office. For this issue's trivia question, see page

three.

Dr. Lasnoski hopes this newsletter will foster relationships between your office and his, provide a resource for sharing updates and chronicling progress, and serve as an avenue for continued collegiality and work with you.

Thanks for taking a few minutes to flip through this issue.

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## From the Doctor's Desk

Welcome to our first newsletter. My son Kent and his wife Caitlin are our editors. I think they are doing a great job!

The practice is in a period of growth, both in Green Bay and my satellite office in Escanaba, Michigan. Our Escanaba office is fully computerized with three operatories and a consultation room. We have added staff, with two assistants, a dental hygienist and a receptionist from the Escanaba area. Our patients are coming from all over the upper-peninsula. Thank you for all of your kind referrals. Office hours continue to be Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm EST.

In Green Bay I have enlarged my lab staff to three full time lab technicians and also added two part-time dental assistants. We have a new website and we invite you to please check it out. You can find it at: [www.lasnoskidental.com](http://www.lasnoskidental.com). Larry Evers, a retired engineer constructed the site, and I highly recommend him.

Each of our departments, at both offices, will be contributing information to our upcoming newsletters. I hope you will enjoy them. Any feedback will be appreciated.

In January the whole office went to the Hawaii Dental Convention in Honolulu. We are all now filled with the aloha spirit. Mahalo!

Joseph W. Lasnoski D.D.S



New Digital Panoramic Radiographer in the Green Bay office.

#### Continuing Education:

Dr. Lasnoski's staff recently attended or will attend courses in Green Bay and Hawaii on the following topics.

#### Green Bay Courses--

- Infection control
- Thinking with the Patient
- Radiation Exposure

#### Hawaii Courses--

- Team Building
- Hygienist 911
- Organization



Dr. Lasnoski and staff members in Hawaii at an educational conference.

## Clinical News: Digital Panoramic Radiography– Clear Benefits

Since 2001, Dr. Lasnoski has used digital radiography. In 2006 the office acquired a new **panoramic** digital radiographer, and the benefits have been clear for the dental assistants, the patients, and doctor. This new computer controlled diagnostic dental x-ray collects data from small amounts of radiation as it rotates around the patient's head and creates a super-high resolution digital-image of dentition from the data.

The **advantages for the patient** are many: (1) decreased time of procedure and wait time for results; (2) substantial decrease in radiation exposure; (3) smaller equipment less imposing for tentative patient; (4) higher resolution and full panoramic data collection means less radiographs are required; (5) greater resolution allows for more accurate and precise diagnosis; and (6) consultations are more clear for the patient, who can see the large, clear, and relevant images on a computer screen.

**Doctor Lasnoski has found many advantages** as well: (1) digital image ready to be viewed immediately; (2) digital radiograph can be modified—zoomed, brightened, darkened, rotated, etc.—for more precise diagnosis; (3) easy to view radiographs at satellite office (no need for making and packing slides on film); and (4) consultations made clearer, as the doctor can show the patient a digital image on a computer.

The **dental assistants benefit** by saving time and decreasing radiation and chemical exposure. The digital radiographer does not create a slide on film, so the machine uses no rollers or chemicals that require cleaning. If a tangible image is desired, a high-resolution printer can be used to create one.

Digital radiography **helps our offices work together**: (1) Doctor Lasnoski can email digital radiographs to other offices without making physical copies, facilitating quick communication with you; (2) the digital radiographs shared with your office can be modified for your viewing; (3) your office and other dental or health facilities that may need dental radiographs need not retake the x-ray.

## Laboratory News: New Piccolo Scanner a Perfect Fit!

18 months ago, our laboratory began using the new Piccolo Scanner technology to create copings and custom abutments with excellent results. The technology has noticeably increased both production capacity and overall quality of our restorations. The laboratory technicians create a die that is scanned in 3-D by a CAD system. The data from this scan appears as a digital image, and the lab sends the data to the Procera production site, which fabricates and returns the coping or abutment more quickly than an in-house laboratory can prepare the piece itself.

The **advantages for our laboratory** have been numerous: (1) saves time while maintaining and even increasing quality; (2) eliminates wax-up, casting, and finishing of conventional PVC; (3) avoids the expense of gold substructure; (4) precision of the CAD system maintains marginal fit equal to or better than that achieved by our lab; (5) esthetic improvements in vitality, translucency, and decreased bulk; (6) and we can choose either Ti or Zirconia fabrication as we see fit.

The **advantages for the patient** are likewise many: (1) improved esthetics; (2) precision marginal fit maintained; (3) patients can get an all ceramic restoration; (4) increased strength of restoration; (5) and wide biocompatibility.

The Piccolo **helps our offices work together** because the technology increases the success of challenging cases, maintaining your confidence in our office and building patient trust, thereby increasing referrals to both your office and our own.

### Meet the Green Bay Staff: Tom Simmons

Tom Simmons, Dental Lab Tech.  
 Green Bay Office, 1st year.  
 Born & Raised in S. Saint Paul, Minn.  
 Graduate from Humboldt Institute in Dental Technology and U.S. Navy school of Dental Technology.  
 Work Experience: U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Station in Oak Harbor, WA, 6 yrs owning own dental lab.  
 Personal: Married to a wonderful wife, Sue, for 29 years and has 3 great sons, Jordan, Nick, and Barret.

Tom heard about this field after graduating High School and thought it was something he could see himself pursuing. Tom finds knowing what he can do for others and being part of a dental team most satisfying.

**"What I like about being in my position is getting to the end of a case...and visualizing how this is going to help a patient esthetically and also being functional."**



Tom Simmons, the newest addition to the Green Bay staff.

### Meet the Escanaba Staff: Jackie Tryan

Jackie Tryan, Treatment Coordinator  
 Escanaba Office, 11 Years  
 Born and raised: Escanaba, Mich.  
 Graduate from Escanaba Senior High, Northern Cosmetology College, Bay de Noc Community college, Associates in Secretarial Science and Dental Assisting Program.  
 Work Experience: Before joining Dr. Lasnoski, Jackie had her own business in her home, J.T. Hair Design.  
 Personal: Married to George for 35

years, Two sons Marc and Christopher, and has a beautiful granddaughter, Emily.

Jackie's secretarial and dental assistant education background give her a valuable understanding of operations both in the operatory and in the front office, which allows for increased efficiency and enhanced ability to communicate with patients.

**"I love working with people...We truly do live in a small world, when we meet patients they are always connected to someone else we know!"**



Jackie M. Tryan, treasured Escanaba employee

### About the Escanaba Office and Town

Thirteen years ago, Dr. Lasnoski opened a satellite office in his hometown, Escanaba, Mich., to expand the range of his practice and make prosthetic dentistry more widely accessible to the people of Upper Michigan.  
 The office is fully remodeled and computerized, has 3 operatories, and a new consult room. With 4 staff members, now including a hygienist, the office sees approximately 15 patients a day, who enjoy a relaxing view of the lake or many old Church steeples reaching into the heavens.

Escanaba is a cozy little old-port town centered on the Escanaba River and Little Bay de Noc. "Escanaba" stems from a Native American word meaning "flat rock." With Beautiful sand beaches and a picturesque harbor park, Escanaba offers a scenic walk or fun in the sun on Lake Michigan.  
 Known for pasties (baked bread filled with potatoes, meats, and vegetable), the Swedish Pantry, and the famous Saykly's Candy company, Escanaba boasts a great variety of culinary experiences for visitors and residents alike.

**Trivia: Providing the correct answer to this question in the space provided on Dr. Lasnoski's website at [www.lasnoskidental.com](http://www.lasnoskidental.com) earns a chance to win a gift certificate to a local business!**

**Q: In 1809, Dr. Maggilo placed an implant of what material into an extraction socket?**

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We are a dental practice devoted to *restoring* and *enhancing* the natural beauty of your smile using conservative, state-of-the-art procedures that will result in beautiful, long lasting smiles!

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Pictured above: Dr. Lasnoski's office on Siegler Street in Green Bay, WI

Pictured below: The building housing Dr. Lasnoski's office in Escanaba, MI



Joseph W. Lasnoski, D.D.S., M.S. is dedicated to excellence in dentistry. He offers a wide range of procedures including Procera crowns, porcelain veneers, tooth whitening, dental implants, bridges, dentures, full mouth reconstructions, and maxillofacial prosthodontics.

## Doctor Suggestions

- Please let us know if your office has the capability to e-mail x-rays for improved coordination of treatment of our shared patients.
- You can now refer patients to us using our website: [www.lasnoskidental.com](http://www.lasnoskidental.com)