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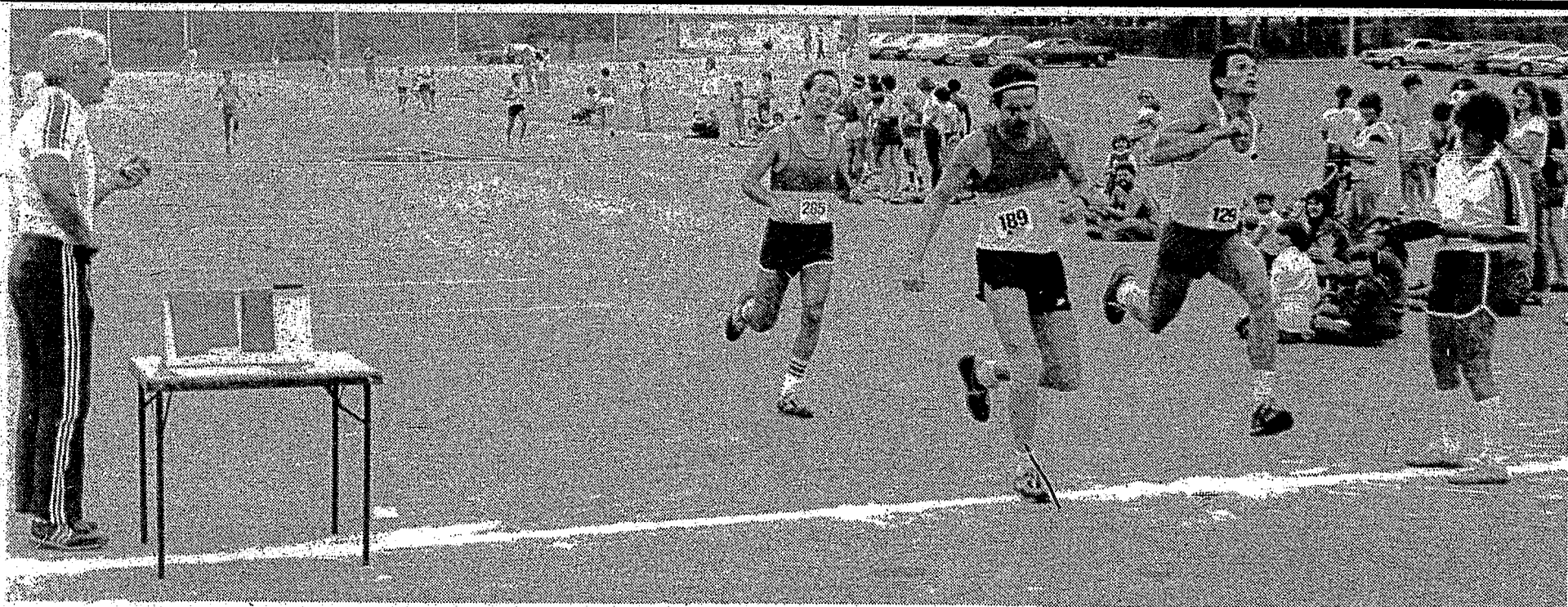


Photo by Al Zawacky

Photo finish, halfathon style

As Independence Parks and Recreation director Tim Doyle [far left] shouts out their respective times, a group of runners across the finish line in Sunday's foot races at Pine Knob. About 350 runners of all ages

participated in the event, which featured a race of 4.6 miles and a half marathon of over 13 miles.

Board defends 7% salary increases

By Kathy Greenfield

The Clarkston schools board of education stood firm on its decision to grant 7 percent salary increases to administrators and other non-affiliated supervisory personnel Monday night.

Although the salary increases were not on the meeting agenda, several of the 36 persons in the audience commented on the raises and board members willingly discussed their decision.

Reading from a prepared statement, board President Janet Thomas defended the salary hikes for four central office administrators and six other employees that have come under fire because of the recent passage of 3 mills to maintain programs offered by the district.

"It was the unanimous decision of this board that 7 percent was appropriate, reflecting due consideration of our financial position and the higher increases given other employee groups under existing contracts," she said, noting that other contracts expire on June 30, 1982.

"It is my opinion that each employee of this district contributes significantly to the success of Clarkston Community Schools," she said. "It is, therefore, not appropriate to single out 10 employees of approximately 400 employees and decree that they are not deserving of or will not be given raises.

"If the community feels that employees of this district should no longer receive salary increases, then they must apply to every employee as pertinent contracts expire and personally I feel that unrealistic," she added.

Clarkston school-district voters approved a 3-mill increase in taxes in June. Three mills are \$3 for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation.

Several of those who questioned the board about the salary hikes mentioned the timing of the raises, coming so soon after voters approved a tax hike. Most of those who spoke said the 7 percent increase was appropriate.

"I'd like to compliment the control of the administration for being reasonable in their salary increases," said Robert Olsen of Langle Court, Independence Township.

The main concern voiced by people was that efforts to pass future school millages were in jeopardy.

"I think the anger is coming from people who worked hard to get the millage," said Mary Anne Altenburg of Kingfisher Lane, Independence Township. "Don't you think that it could have been a much more open and preassumed thing? Had you presented it openly, maybe you wouldn't have lost your credibility."

Board members responded by saying whenever the matter was discussed at the coffees held for community members during the millage campaign, it was indicated that reasonable raises would be given.

"I personally was never at a meeting where I said, or anyone else said, there would be no salary increases," said Thomas.

"My concern is the backlash is going to hurt our children over the next few years," said Lorna Kithil of Pine Ridge Drive, Independence Township. "If there's any way you can undo what you've done, I'd suggest you do it."

Ideas for lessening damage to future millage campaigns included writing letters to newspapers and explaining why the raises were given.

Several points were listed by Superintendent Milford Mason in defense of the salary increases.

"At no time did a group of administrators offer to freeze their wages," he said, noting that an April 3

letter to the school board from the four central office administrators indicated they would take a reduction in their annual increase.

One administrator targeted for lay-off, the vocational education director, offered to take a salary freeze if his job was retained, Mason said, but his job was eliminated.

With the elimination of two administrative positions—the vocational director and one elementary principal—and the change to half-time for the athletic director, the portion of the budget for administration has declined, Mason said.

In 1980-81, 6.1 percent of the \$13 million budget was spent on administration, while in 1981-82, 5.5 percent of the \$13.8 budget is earmarked for administration, he said.

Thomas pointed out that the salary increases for the 10 administrative personnel amounted to \$19,866 and the elimination of the vocational education director and the half-time change for the athletic director saved the district about \$49,000.

"That's good money management," said Ray Eby of Bitterbush Drive, Independence Township. "If the quality doesn't suffer, that's a plus to you and the people should know about it."

Theft spurs \$50 reward offer

Pilfered swimming markers and a string of floats have prompted the Deer Lake Farms Homeowners' Association to offer \$50 for their return.

One strip of floats was removed from the subdivision beach last week, said secretary Betty Wagner, so the neighbors began a beach patrol.

Then, on Sunday night, everything was removed, she said, although some of the floats have been recovered.

"A woman saw them out on the lake and pulled

them up on her beach," Wagner said. "She didn't know whose they were, so she called her husband and he said to pull them up on the beach and somebody would find them."

The markers and floats were brand new and were worth between \$500 and \$600, she said.

The homeowners suspect the equipment was removed Sunday by a person or persons in a boat.

Those with information about the missing property may call 625-2367.

Construction cost dip saves township \$17,000

Dropping construction costs have resulted in a substantial savings for Independence Township in the cost of paving of Holcomb Road.

The original estimate for the paving of about one-quarter mile of Holcomb beginning just north of the Clarkston Village line was \$100,000.

The township was to pay half and the Oakland County Road Commission half. As is customary, the township paid for the work in installments, the first

when the agreement was made, the second during construction and the third, due upon completion of the project.

The first two installments amounted to \$37,500, said township Clerk Christopher Rose, and that was enough.

The cost of the job dropped to \$65,773 and the township, therefore, had to pay only \$32,887, he said.

The resulting overpayment of \$4,613 is being retained by the road commission for future projects, Rose informed the township board last week.

"It's agreeable to me," he said after the meeting,

"and nobody seemed too upset about it. It's not like we're going to wait four years for a project. If I can, I'm going to have it deducted from the bill in the fall (from the road commission) for road chloride."

Correction

The name of a participant in the Detroit Express Soccer Camp was incorrectly stated in The Clarkston News last week.

The soccer enthusiast receiving an autograph from an Express member was, in fact, Karen Lowe of Paramts Drive, Independence Township.

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Village council makes an about-face

Looks to planning commission for boat ramp recommendation

By Marilyn Trumper

Clarkston's Village Council backed off its absolute denial to allow Independence Township to update the Deer Lake Beach boat ramp, and has instead passed the matter over to the planning commission for review and recommendation.

The about-face followed the Aug. 10 village council meeting where approximately 35 people packed village hall to hear township Supervisor James B. Smith discuss the proposed improvements to the Deer Lake boat launch, which is to be paid for with \$5,995 in federal revenue sharing money.

The chasm between both governmental bodies developed in a late July meeting where council members openly expressed disillusionment about being notified of the township's plan by the state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Acting on advice from counsel, members agreed that since Independence Township leases the land from the village for Deer Lake Beach, Clarkston ultimately as landlord had the last say in what construction was done there.

"Quite honestly, I don't think it occurred to any of us that replacement of one ramp with another meant notification to the village," Smith said at Monday night's meeting. "I'm sorry. I plead guilty. There was faulty communication here and I would do it differently if I had it to do over again."

Smith read parts of the lease agreement to council members stressing "...It is agreed that the lessor will not receive notification of the day-to-day operations or minor improvements to the beach. However, major changes, such as tree removal or placement of new structures of a permanent nature should receive prior village approval."

"That's the part that concerned us," interrupted Trustee James Schultz. "'New Structures of a permanent nature.' The metal mat could be moved with several men, but not the concrete. We considered that permanent—not temporary."

"There are semantics here," Smith answered. "Again, I'm sorry there was a misunderstanding."

Independence Township, Smith said, is concerned primarily with two things.

"Safety was the major factor and liability the second. In the terms of the lease we (the township) hold the village free of liability. The aircraft mat (now used as the boat-launch) old, passe, bent and rusted and has created a public safety and liability hazard," he said.

"An improvement to operate the launch was imperative or the DNR would move in with its right of eminent domain and both governments would lose all control," he told the council.

If council were to remain steadfast in its denial, Smith said, the township would have several options.

"The DNR can take it over as a dedicated right of way and operate it as a public boat launch," he said, adding that because the DNR stocks Deer Lake with fish, it has this right.

Or the township can close the facility because of the safety hazard and liability and in cancellation of the lease, request reimbursement of 50 percent of the cost of the chain link fence (as outlined in the lease agreement with the village).

Third, he said, the township can consider a new ordinance restricting the number and horsepower of boats or eliminate power craft on Deer Lake entirely.

Lastly, Independence can request the forthcoming DNR public hearing on the launch site be expanded to cover the entire area of lake usage by power craft, water skiing and aircraft use instead of limiting the hearing to discussion of the boat ramp.

Trustee Jackson Byers said he recognized "...that the amount of traffic and size of the boats on Deer Lake is a separate issue from the proposed launch, and not a concern of the village."

"We thought this was to be a permanent, huge, concrete structure, and this is not the case," Byers said.

After brief discussion among themselves, council members unanimously agreed to pass the issue over to the planning commission which reviews all construction.

A handful of residents were openly displeased with the course council was taking, and spoke out against the planned improvement, arguing it will

enhance entry into the lake and thereby increase lake traffic.

"I'm concerned with bodily injury from crashing crafts," said Leo J. Wischman of Dixie Highway, Independence Township. "I admit the ramp is no red carpet, but what are we trying to do? Attract more boats or what?"

Wischman also challenged the use of federal revenue money to pay for a ramp which would open the facility to those living outside the township.

The issue is scheduled for public comment again at the next Independence Township Board meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 90 N. Main, Clarkston.

DNR calls hearing on launch

The proposed improvements to the Deer Lake Beach boat ramp have stirred controversy among Independence Township residents.

Faced with local pressure, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m., at the In-

dependence Township Hall, 90 N. Main, Clarkston, for purposes of securing public views on the proposed boat ramp.

Independence Township Clerk Christopher Rose stressed the hearing is to discuss the planned improvements and not boat traffic or high speed lake travel.

Bump no more at Springfield library

Visitors to the Springfield Township Library will soon see a big difference in the library's parking lot.

At a special meeting held Aug. 5, the Springfield Township Library Board approved a bid of \$8,600 by L.C. Betts of Groveland Township to asphalt the library parking lot and driveway at 10900 Andersonville Rd.

All of the money needed for the work will be drawn from Springfield's Community Development Act funds, according to Collin Walls, Springfield Township supervisor.

Work on the project should begin soon and be completed before the end of the month, Walls added.



A temporarily flat front tire slows plans of Wendy and Jana Tyler to go for a spin on Jana's new bike. Their enthusiasm for Jana's prize won in the Great Balloon Send-Off is strong nonetheless.

Sisters share the prize

The winner of the 10-speed bike in the Great Balloon Send-Off from the Clarkston Village Park in June isn't exactly going to zoom off into the sunset.

"She's only 3," laughed Jana's mother, Sharon Tyler.

The event, sponsored by the Durbin Co. Realtors of Clarkston, raised \$500 for the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Helium-filled balloons were launched from the park June 20 and Jana's balloon flew 150 miles to Grimsby, Ontario, Canada, where Brad Haworth found it and mailed back the attached card by the Aug. 1 deadline.

As the returner, he won \$25 and Jana's prize was the 10-speed bike donated by Robert Kring of R-K

Design Service Inc. of Auburn Heights.

Jana had two balloons in her name, purchased by her grandmother, Beverly Tyler of Ascension Street, Independence Township.

The plucky 3-year-old has figured out a way to enjoy her prize despite her inability to reach the pedals.

"She wants her sister (Wendy) to take her for a ride on it—they're going to share it. Wendy will be 7 in October and she's just tickled to death about it," said the girls' mother.

Jana, her sister Wendy and their parents, Don and Sharon, live on Peach Drive, Independence Township.

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Sheriff's log

Thursday, vandals throwing rocks caused \$65 in damages when they cracked the window of a home on Sunset Cove Road, Springfield Township, according to police reports.

Friday, vandals entered a barn on Pine Knob Road, Independence Township, and began dismantling a tractor, according to police reports.

Friday, thieves stole a custom lamp assembly valued at \$60 from a house on Eddystone Court, Independence Township, according to police reports.

Friday, thieves caused \$225 in damages when they broke garage windows and stole an aluminum step ladder valued at \$95, according to police reports.

Friday, police arrested a 17-year-old West Bloomfield youth on disorderly person charges at the Pine Knob Music Theatre, Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, according to police reports.

Saturday, thieves broke into a house on Ennismore Road, Independence Township, and stole \$1,400 in stereo equipment, according to police reports.

Saturday, thieves destroyed the ignition switch on a 1978 Ford Thunderbird parked in the lot of the A&P shopping center, Dixie Highway and M-59, Independence Township, according to police reports.

Sunday, thieves broke into a car on Hummingbird Lane, Independence Township, and stole \$200 worth of cassette tapes, according to police reports.


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The Springfield Township Park Commission recently approved a bid of \$4,600 by James N. Layman of Eagle Rd., Springfield Township, to dig a well at the recreation facility, located off Davisburg Road near downtown Davisburg.

Water should be available in a few weeks, according to Collin Walls, Springfield Township supervisor.

The beach facility currently uses portable toilets, he added, but now that water will be available, indoor restroom facilities are planned.

"The goal is to have the restroom facilities ready before the beach opens up next year," Walls said.

The money needed for the well project will be drawn from Springfield's Community Development funds, he added.

Advice for those buying cars

Some practical advice for those thinking of buying a car is on tap at the upcoming Clarkston Jaycees meeting.

"New, Used or Abused—What to Look for When Buying a Car!" is the title of the program which features Randy Hosler of Randy Hosler Pontiac and Mac Morrow of Morrow Collision.

The meeting is planned Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarkston Village Hall, 375 Depot, Clarkston.

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Water rules can save lives

The absence of life jackets, fire extinguishers, life rings, failure to stay 100 feet away from swimmers and failure to register the vessel are prime violations by boaters in Oakland County, says Sgt. Charles Eno, head of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) Marine Division.

Rules on water extend far beyond how fast a boat can go, hours for water skiing and whether or not gasoline powered engines will be allowed, Eno said.

"There's all kinds of different safety equipment required for different sizes and kinds of boats," he said. "But, yes, there are rules which pertain to all boaters.

Eno offered a sampling of those rules adding they are the most violated of all boating regulations.

- No life jackets aboard. One is required for each passenger.

- No life ring or cushion which can be tossed out in case of "man overboard."

- No fire extinguishers.

- Failure to register the vessel with the Michigan Secretary of State's office.

- Failure to keep 100 feet from swimming areas.

- Boats towing skiers must have a mirror.

- There must be two persons aboard the boat when towing a skier. One drives and the other observes.

- All boating accidents must be reported to the OCSD.

- All water skiers must wear life jackets.

- Children under 12 may only operate a vessel alone when the engine size does not exceed 6 horsepower.

For information on what kinds of equipment are required by law, registration, navigation, rules, operation, mooring, trailering and sports, call the OCSD at 858-4991.



Different rules on different bodies of water can make boating very demanding—for outdoorsmen and women need to be up on what's safe and legal for boaters in Independence and Clarkston

Know the laws on local lakes

By Marilyn Trumper

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Individual subdivisions have rules for their private beaches and lake associations petition for ordinances to regulate what can and cannot be done in their lakes. Public beaches maintained and owned by the municipality have their own set of laws to be followed.

Below are rules for those Independence and Clarkston lakes with regulating ordinances:

- A 1979 ordinance mandates only electric motors be used on Round Lake. Violators may be charged

with a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and/or 90 days in jail.

- A 1977 ordinance prohibits any motor boats on Cranberry Lake. Violators face the same charges.

- A 1975 ordinance prohibits high speed boating, and water skiing, kite riding or surfboarding on Clarkston's Parke Lake. Violators face the same charges.

- A 1974 ordinance regulates activities on Deer Lake, and prohibits high speeds, towing, water skiing, sledding, kite riding and surfboarding from 6:30 p.m. to 10 a.m. During the day when water skiing is allowed, a boat may tow no more than two riders. In addition, posted areas sporting "no wake" signs must be observed.

The same ordinance regulates activities at the township's Deer Lake Beach and outlines rules as follows:

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Good sportsmanship beats winning each time

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Many parents value the encouragement, fairness, gentleness and thought to a child's worthiness that most coaches bring to their teams.

Those parents reflect these good attributes in their side-line participation. They realize that all of us—children, parents and coaches—are human, and

sometimes "have a bad day," don't play our best, lose our perspective, or lose our patience.

At the same time, we have noticed that some parents (more this year than in other years) push for the WIN as the one and only means to measure their child, his/her team and the coaches.

These parents are often harming children with their comments, criticisms and harassment of players who make a mistake or fail to meet a grown-up's expectations of a child's ability.

This ball season is over, and we realize our attitudes and consequences can't be changed. It is our hope, however, that parents and coaches will examine their reasons for being involved with the youth recreational ball teams.

Ideally, together we can make learning skills and good sportsmanship more important than winning or losing.

Susan Adams
Sherril Bailey

Ramp stirs troubled waters

by Kathy Greenfield



The proposed new boat ramp at Deer Lake Beach has exploded into an issue that has Deer Lake property owners and the Clarkston Village Council pitted against the Independence Township Board.

It has exposed an attitude of some township board members that took me, by surprise, when I attended the Aug. 4 meeting.

It's the kind of stance that leads to this type of teeth-gritting conversation:

"How could you do such a thing without talking to me first?"

"Calm down, already. You know I wouldn't do anything if it wasn't good for you."

There are two groups clamoring with the talk-to-me question.

One is the Clarkston Village Council. The village leases the property where Deer Lake Beach and the boat ramp are located to Independence Township.

According to the lease, the township must notify the village when major changes or placement of permanent structures are to be made. The ramp isn't major, because it can be removed, says the township board, so the village didn't have to be notified.

The ramp, of course, would never be removed, but it could be if anyone wanted to. Got that?

The second talk-to-me group consists of Deer Lake property owners. Some of them objected vehemently to talk of a ramp and a dock during federal revenue sharing public hearings in March.

Even though the approved ramp construction was much smaller in scope, they would have liked to talk about it before the board unanimously approved a bid of \$5,995 for the ramp in July.

It never ceases to amaze me when governing bodies misjudge public sentiment to such a degree.

While it appears that some Deer Lake property owners would just as soon keep everyone off the lake who doesn't live there, some of their concerns merit discussion.

(Deer Lake, by the way, is stocked with fish by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), so public access is required.)

The property owners have some valid concerns. First of all, boat traffic has increased considerably in the last several years, according to the people who live there.

The problem makes the lake less clean, and endangers swimmers and all boaters. An accident is waiting to happen, they say.

Although it is clear that many of the boats are due to an ever-increasing number of residents on the lake, a bigger (even slightly) and better ramp would only add to the problem, they say.

They have worked out some solutions—one is that the number of boats allowed to use the ramp could be limited. Such a system could be implemented by having a parking area that would hold a smaller number of vehicles.

But that brings us to the next major objection, voiced by the residents and the village council.

Both have said they don't want federal revenue sharing funds used on the project, as the township plans.

They fear that federal money would mean the ramp would be open to anyone from anywhere and not just to Independence Township residents who now pay a fee for its use. The result, they say, would be even more boat traffic.

There is an answer to that concern and it was discussed at the township board meeting. I con-

firmed their opinion when I called the federal revenue sharing office in Washington, D.C., last week.

The money, said the person I spoke with, is allotted to governing bodies for use in their areas and it can be used on a project like a boat ramp at a beach for township residents if that has been the law all along as long as there is no discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicapped status.

That sounds fine. But what if the Deer Lake property owners' plan to now limit the number of boaters allowed to use the ramp was implemented? Just asking.

The matter of the boat ramp is to be discussed this week by the village council and the township board on Monday, at the Aug. 18 township board meeting and at a DNR public hearing Sept. 3.

I'll close with three statements from some of the people involved in the uproar.

"It is incumbent on all of us to come up with a solution rather than put barbed wire around it and say, 'This is for (Deer Lake) residents only.'"

—James B. Smith
Independence Township Supervisor
Board meeting Aug. 4

"Who's to say what's discriminatory?"

—James Schultz
Clarkston Village Council Trustee
Aug. 7

"If they (the township board) want to have the ramp, fine. But there should be some means to ease the anger, and there is anger all around the lake."

—Ron Turner
Lakefront homeowner, Deer Lake
Aug. 9

Jim's jottings



Goodbye chuckling scowler

by Jim Sherman

August 4th I asked daughter Luan, "What's your wedding date, I'd like to get it on my calendar."

She chuckled, scowled and said, "Daaaad!" She's been one of the best chuckling scowlers a father could want.

August 15 Luan will become Mrs. Robert Offer and fly to another nest, but not far, thankfully.

Hazel claims it took a trip to New York City for me to "find" Luan. We were at a newspaper convention and attending the World's Fair in the summer of 1963.

Luan was 6. It was very hot. Luan was skipping ahead on the sidewalk. "It's so hot, Luan," I said. "Why are you skipping?"

"It keeps my feet off the hot cement," she said.

I chuckled and scowled, and we grew closer.

It's like Luan has been keeping her feet off the hot cement all the way through 24 years of life. What she did didn't always make sense, but she always did it.

She worked her way into and out of Michigan State University, determined to become a teacher. We warned, coaxed, and chided her into taking alternate courses, knowing the field of education was filled with tassels.

No way. If she couldn't teach full time, she could substitute. A teacher she wants to be, and by golly, a teacher she is . . . about 3 days out of 5.

Luan has probably taken more abuse from me than the other two. I tell her as the middle child she's supposed to get less, be ignored more, and have fewer favors than numbers one and

three. She'll be better for it.

I point out faults that aren't there, direct questions meant to embarrass, (When we took her to college I introduced her to a waiter I'd just met and asked him to please date her), and otherwise tug at her emotions . . . occasionally too hard.

Luan wears her emotions on her sleeve, as the saying goes.

At the same time, she has a quick smile, a free-wheeling sense of humor, a heart full of kindness, and plenty of understanding.

I've told Luan she needs all this plus mountains of love to make a marriage happy . . . And, she has that, too.

Time will tell if the "losing a daughter, gaining a son" adage is true, but for now who cares? For now, happiness reigns supreme.

More letters to editor

Millage, Jonestown similar

It is plain to see that a lack of intelligence causes people to blindly listen to other people who are in positions of authority.

It's not hard to see the similarities between voting for a millage increase in Clarkston and people committing suicide in Jonestown.

The use of common sense would prevent people from falling for the "scare tactics" used by most people in authority.

Most voters never considered the 7 percent pay

raise for some school employees as a possibility. They were told the school needed it to maintain certain programs.

Now that the real reason the administrators wanted the millage increase is known, maybe people won't be so blind in the future. Also, each time a millage is increased, the state pays less for each child.

Always look before you leap!

Jeff Lyons

History buff seeks information

Due to an accident several weeks ago, which has kept me confined to home, I've been doing a bit of remembering of younger days and wonder if some of your readers could be of help to me?

In the 1920s, there was a story in either the Detroit News or Free Press that told a story about the Chamberlins who were celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary.

They had come from New York by oxen which took them four months to Detroit. From Detroit, it took them four days to go to Ball Mountain with their having to cut a path all the way.

They lived later at 43 E. Washington I believe. My aunt was Edna Chamberlin McCracken. After their daughter Gladys married John "Kim" Skarritt, I spent many wonderful hours in what they called the Trunk Room, trying on age-old dresses and hats.

It's been years since I've been in the house. But I

still remember all the fireplaces and beautiful old dishes. I remember Uncle John McCracken taking me with him when he went hunting for turtles to make soup.

I would be ever so grateful if anyone could tell me about the write-up and perhaps the date it appeared in the paper. Also, how many years has the house, which is now known as the "Skarritt Home," been in the family?

History is and always has been of interest to me. My own family on my mother's side (she was John McCracken's youngest sister) came to this country from Holland in 1640 and owned the 10 acres where the Empire State Building now stands.

Wouldn't it be interesting, knowing what it's worth today, to know what it sold for in those days?

Margaret Golt Terreault McClain
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Bouquet

Thanks, paraders



On behalf of Independence Township Firefighters Association, we would like to thank everyone who participated in the annual July 4th Parade to make it a successful event.

Firefighters Association
Independence Township

'If it Fitz. . .'

His image can't be pictured

by Jim Fitzgerald



Jack, one of my countless brothers-in-law, recently took a snapshot of me which, due to his inability to focus while sozzled, suggests that I have no chin. It is his intention, I am told, to have this extremely unflattering photograph blown up to the size of a football field and hung from the freeway overpass nearest my home.

This snapshot was taken at one of those fashionable parties where the only guests not thrown into the swimming pool are those wearing bathing suits. So I wore a bathing suit to keep dry. This was the first time my upper torso and legs had been exposed to sunshine since a blanket slipped as my mother was bringing me home from the maternity ward.

I was born smart, and one of the things I've always been smart enough to know is that prolonged exposure to summer sun originally causes painful sunburn, blisters and ugly peeling. Ultimately, repeated sunbaths give the bather's complexion the hue and texture of an old catcher's mitt. Also, there is convincing evidence that excessive sunshine causes mice to have cancer of the skin. I have never seen a mouse dumb enough to lie on the beach unclothed from noon to 6 p.m. in July, so you can imagine what happens to the skin of people who don't have the sense God gave a mouse.

Naturally, when brother-in-law Jack saw me in a bathing suit, he was jealous of my pristine whiteness.

And when he was reminded that my walking route to work each day takes me by the county morgue, he said: "Jim had better move fast while passing the morgue or Werner Spitz will mistake him for a cadaver and perform an autopsy on him."

I'm not sure why I'm victim of such undeserved abuse, but I think the reason has something to do with my magnificently full head of hair and my marvelously long, slim legs. Jack doesn't have enough hair to keep a one-tooth comb busy, and he runs out of legs just above the knees. Perhaps he didn't get that way until he passed his 60th birthday, but that was so long ago, no one can remember.

While running by the morgue the other afternoon, I chanced to ask myself this question: What have my brothers-in-law ever done for me? The most obvious answer is they have helped to make me more of one thing than any of the other things I am. Isn't that fascinating?

I am a son once, a husband once, a father three times, a grandfather three times and a brother four times. But I am an uncle 19 times on my side of the family, and once on my wife's side, which fortunately knows how to behave moderately. Three of my four sisters have five children each. The other sister has four kids. None of these nieces and nephews could have been produced without the aid of my brothers-in-law.

Whenever I list these statistics, someone always asks why one sister, Nancy, fell one child short of the other three sisters' production. My answer is that Nancy has another talent that more than makes up for her shortfall as a mother. She is the only one in our entire family, including offspring and in-laws, who can touch her nose with her tongue.

A few years ago, one of my brothers-in-law took my baby sister, Linda, to live in Texas. Last week, Linda brought her five children to visit their Uncle Jim. They thought I was their grandfather, which isn't surprising. My mother and dad spread their children over a wide span of years so the oldest kids could take care of the youngest kids while their parents went dancing. I knew how to change my sisters' diapers before I knew how to tie my shoes.

So now I have a five-year-old niece, Kristen, who looks exactly like her mother did at the same age. And when I squeeze Kristen today, I remember how nice it was to squeeze Linda 35 years ago. I like the continuity. Zero population growth may be environmentally chic these days, but there's still something to be said for large families, and I just said it.

There's probably even something to be said for brothers-in-law, even one who has photographic proof that I have no chin. So what? Does anyone out there remember Andy Gump?

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Peeking into the past

by Mary Fahrner

25 YEARS AGO
August 9, 1956

Lem VanSyckle is celebrating his 98th birthday with an open house at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Perry Hunt.

Cadet David A. Lee was awarded a trophy for highest rifle score made at the Engineer Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Clarkston's Tri-County team scored another victory when they defeated the Flint Buick Local No. 599.

Pot roast of beef 43c lb., sweet corn 6 for 29c, skinless hot dogs 3 lbs. \$1, and orange juice 3 for 49c.

10 YEARS AGO
August 19, 1971

"Our Real and Imaginary Friends" will be the theme of the first of a series of story hours to be held this fall at the library.

Winner of the three-way results from the Pee Wee League of the Independence Township Summer Baseball Program was the team sponsored by Rademacher Chevrolet.

"Fly Me To The Moon" is the theme of this year's Labor Day Parade.

Three-year-old Cheryl Jones welcomed her new baby brother home, Gregory John, born to the John Hones of M-15.

Maybee park nearer to reality

An Independence Township park off Maybee Road may be a reality before summer is over.

The proposed park property is on the north side of Maybee Road between the Clarkston Eagles Hall and the Detroit Edison substation. It consists of 14.02 acres and is to cost about \$126,000.

10-lot subdivision gets final approval

Roads leading into Independence Township's newest subdivision—Oakland Meadows No. 1—are expected to be completed in two to three weeks, according to developer Shiam Gupta, one of the owners of BJGM Co. of Ortonville.

The 33-acre subdivision is located on Hadley Road south of Oak Hill Road in the northwest section of the township.

The cluster development includes a five-acre park and 10 lots from one-and-one-half acres to five acres in size, he said.

Lots are now for sale and the range in price from \$25,000 to \$35,000, according to Gupta, and the homes are to be built with septic field systems and wells.

The Independence Township Board unanimously approved the final plat for the subdivision at its Aug. 4 meeting.

Treasurer Frederick Ritter informed the township board last week that federal Community Development Funds are available for the park purchase. He hadn't expected the money to be on hand until October, he said.

Previously, the board had considered entering into a land contract agreement with the property owners until the funds were available.

"This can be a cash deal, I'd like to think, by August," Ritter said.

The township presently owns Clintonwood Park off Clarkston-Orion Road between M-15 and Sashabaw Road and operates the Deer Lake Beach and Boat Launch facility, which it leases from the Village of Clarkston.



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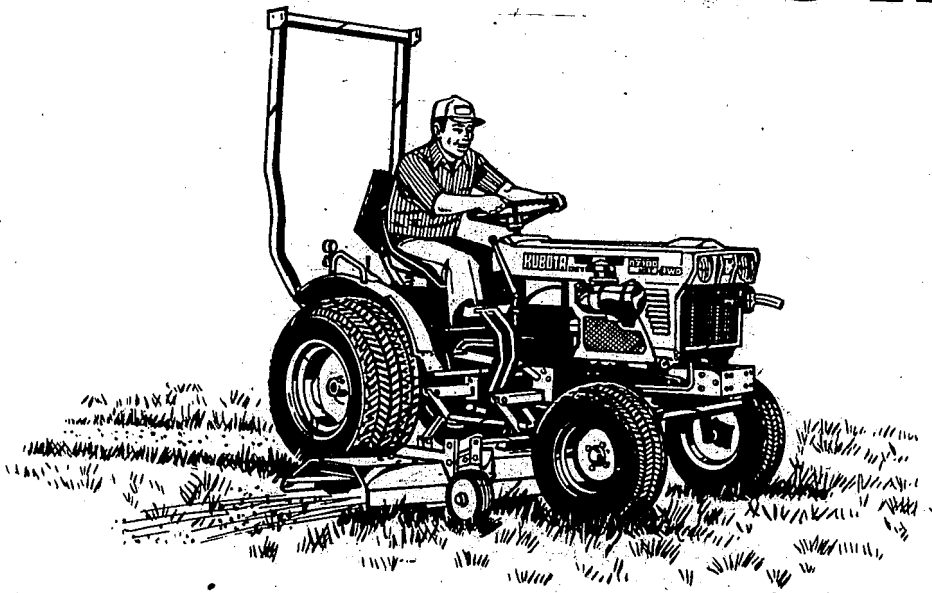
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Fire call

Sunday, Aug. 2

2:33am—EMS (Emergency Medical Service) treated subjects involved in an auto accident on Dixie Highway at White Lake Road, Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) and Riverside Ambulance were on the scene. Riverside transported patient to Pontiac General Hospital (PGH).

10:18am—EMS responded to a residence on Dale Court to assist Fleet Ambulance.

5:31pm—Firefighters responded to a report of a dumpster fire behind 6795 Lingor. Fire was extinguished. Cause was undetermined.

Monday, Aug. 3

4:07pm—EMS responded to a report of an auto accident on I-75. Unit was canceled by OCSD report that there were no injuries.

10:10pm—EMS responded to a report of a man down at a residence on Rockcroft. Upon arrival nothing found. False alarm.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

6:13pm—Firefighter observed a recreational vehicle on fire in front of 6060 Maybee. Fire was extinguished with a portable extinguisher.

6:52pm—Firefighter responded to a complaint of kids playing with matches at a residence on South Holcomb Street.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

7:23pm—EMS responded to a report of a fight in progress on Dixie Highway. False alarm—nothing found.

7:35pm—Firefighters responded to a report of a possible garage fire at a residence on Dvorak Street. Upon investigation, nothing was found.

10:45pm—EMS responded to a report of an auto accident on Sashabaw Road, south of Clarkston road. OCSD was on the scene. Riverside Ambulance transported patient to Crittenton Hospital.

Thursday, Aug. 6

7:05am—Firefighters responded to an odor investigation at a residence on Waterford Road. Cause was determined to be a bad light fixture.

The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 529 calls to date.

6 months sans contract

Township, firefighters continue negotiations

By Kathy Greenfield

After working nearly a half a year without a contract, firefighters in Independence Township are getting impatient.

"I though (settlement) was real close, but we're not getting much cooperation from the township," said Gar Wilson, one of the negotiators for the 8-member International Association of Fire Fighters, Township of Independence Local 2629. "We've been working six months without a contract and we'd like to get a raise when everybody else does."

The firefighters' and Independence Township's union negotiators have been meeting since Jan. 29, well in advance of the March 31 expiration-date of the three-year contract.

Of thirteen meetings scheduled between both sides, five meetings have been canceled by the township, Wilson said.

There has been some progress. Both sides agreed not to have attorneys present during all negotiations, just near completion, and attorneys for both sides now have copies of a tentative contract. But that, too, has presented a problem.

"There's been talk that their attorney has found 25 or 35 things that should be changed in the contract," Wilson said. "If it's 25 or 35, I feel that's too many."

If the township and the firefighters cannot reach an agreement, the matter would go before an arbitrator, and Wilson said if that happens, the firefighters expect to receive more than they've agreed to accept at this point.

"We're way underpaid according to departments around us," he said, "We're asking right now for what Waterford hires somebody off the street for and that's our highest person."

The township and the firefighters are to meet again on Tuesday.

Township Supervisor James B. Smith is one of the negotiators for the township. The contract talks have progressed to "a clean-up of the contract," he said.

"Both sides feel there are ambiguities and potential for misinterpretation and that's essentially the purpose of the talks," he said.

When the contract is settled, all agreements will be retroactive to the date the contract expired, Smith said.

The firefighters became members of the national union three years ago. All full-time employees at the fire department are members of the union with the exception of the fire chief and the secretary.

Obituaries

Margaret Carney

Memorial service for Margaret Carney was held Aug. 7 at Price Funeral Home in Troy.

Mrs. Carney, 43, died Aug. 4. An Independence Township resident, she was a former deputy treasurer for the city of Hazel Park.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald; sister, Elizabeth Wooderson of Troy; and brother, George L. Richardson of Sterling Heights.

Burial was at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. The family suggests memorials to the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

Clinton T. Collier

Memorial service for Clinton T. Collier of Clarkston was held Aug. 7 at Goyette Funeral Home, Clarkston, with the Rev. Clarence Bell officiating.

Collier, 72, died Aug. 5. He was a retired General Motors Corp. Truck and Coach Stock Department employee.

He is survived by his daughter, Geraldine Stieve of Pontiac; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters, Lydia Grinder of Arkansas, Lucy Grinder of Arkansas, Barbara Treet of Kentucky, Robert Collier of Kentucky and James Collier of Virginia.

Following the service, burial took place at Otawa Park Cemetery, Independence Township.

The family suggests memorials to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

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Youth baseball, softball, T-ball champions

Here are the first-place winners, playoff champions and playoff runners-up in the 1981 season of Independence Parks and Recreation youth softball, baseball and T-Ball.

T-ball: First place, Tune Saloon—Derek Storrs, Todd Conklin, Chris Figa, Jeff Waite, Chris Colburn, Andy Nichols, Tracy Schneider, Aaron Graves, Marc Akerman, Dave Eby, Ian Kelly, Chad Hine, Joey Fabrizio, Chris Crossley and Zack Corey.

Pee Wee: First place, Oak Management—Dugan Fife, Derek Wiley, Chris Wasilk, Jeremy Karr, Todd Bennett, John Anderson, Chad Heatherington, Bryce Jarrett, Doyle Owens, Matt Green, Chris Briney, Jeff Snyder, Joshua Sutton, Noel Jonescuc, Michael Ponkey and David Coin.

Widget (Mon.-Wed): First place, Fisher Foods—Mike Gilbert, Jeff Tungate, Stacy Turner, Doug Bronson, Steve Hollis, Aaron Hesse, Scott Livingstone, Erik Mackson, Todd Roeser, Dick Degener, Mark Colwell, Greg Finley, Randy Nelson, Jamie Cunningham and Scott Head.

Widget (Tues.-Thurs.): First place, Drug Mart—Mark Arsenault, Matt Arsenault, Scott McGinn, Dennis Conway, Scott Wilkinson, Greg Harned, Jeff John, Kevin Dunlop, David Scribner, Daniel Hall, Dean Moscovic, Robert Laurie, Matthew Deboer and Richard Huffman.

Midget (Tues.-Thurs.): First place and playoff champions, Moscovic Building Company—Dave Lederman, Kevin Krupp, Keith Krupp, Steve Zoss, Steve Wiedemann, Kevin LaRocque, Jim Muhleck, Mark Bush, Paul Stephans, Scott Durham, Bobby Harrison, Ron Kerns, Mike Aho, Alax Yarper, Scott Marceau, and Mike May.

Midget (Mon.-Wed.): First place and playoff runners-up, Harvey's Electric—Scott Harvey, David Larkin, Jeff Pierce, Ted Ryeson, Keith Mericer, Tom Larkin, John Stapleton, Eddie Adkins, Marty Gamble, Kevin Pitcher, Alan Litchenberg, David Racine, Larry Stephens, Donnie Spring, and James Marshall.

Pony: First place, playoff runners-up, West Orion—Ron Brunson, Dwayne Smith, Phil Campbell, Jeff Foster, Roy Phillips, Steve Helton, Dave Bates, Ken Even, Keith Phillips, Dean Grubb, Dean Teschendorf and Pat Kee.

Pony: Playoff champions, Ben Powell—Rich Schrader, Greg Molzon, Scott Carter, Mike Harbaugh, Rob Mortimore, Matt Studt, Kurt Bottorff, Mike Galley, Jeff Dufour, Chris Cantley, Steve Palmer and Robert McConkey.

Class D: First place, playoff runners-up, Coach's Corner—Tony Wilson, Scott Temple, Bill Turk, Bob Walters, Mike Conway, Dale Hesse, Jeff Gilbert, Rich Mullane, Greg Wilson, Rick Allen, Mike Dearborn,

Mark Brancheau, Bob Rogers and Rick Williams.

Class D: Playoff champions, PBI Schools—Kevin Brown, Kevin Douglas, Chris Fenton, Joe Hooper, Don Mack, Shawn Mosele, Klaus Ohrnberger, Dave Roosa, Rick Schebor, Scott Thompson, Scott Weaver, Joel Schrader, Gary Mott and Mike Harper.

Soft-T-Ball: First place, Cabinet Tree—Jamie Luaw, Natalie Burge, Becky Kosek, Heather Johnson, Colleen Cruz, Nichole Gratz, Amber Van Dyke, Kathleen Paulson, Jennifer Wagner, Robbie Meissner, Jami Lerner, Beth Walker, Caroline Allison, Angie Ashley, Melissa Howard and Lauren Caston.

Mini-Miss: First place, E.F. Hutton—Heather Koneda, Linda Taylor, Kyle Powell, Tammy Swallow, Beth Moshier, Jodi Trzcinski, Jennifer Councilman, Tina Lee, Renee Davis, Nancy Warden, Gwen Lichtenburg, Tammy Lee and Annette Charles.

Mighty-Miss: First place, playoff champions, Country Cords—Joi Callison, Sherry Kulaszewski, Jackie Roberts, Julie Lawrence, Lori Walker, Lisa Heatherington, Dawn Krajenke, Kim Billig, Dana Hocking, Jeanne Fembert, Jaurie Yackell, Alys Gettig and Karen Jordan.

Might-Miss: Playoff runner up, Trim's—Laura Bruce, April Burrige, Gina Cox, Rhonda Davis, Tara Doyle, Pattie Haddad, Stacy Jensen, Mellisa Odel, Corrinna Ohmberger, Coleen McMullen, Chris Pennel, Stacy Shurtz, Michelle Sprung and Beth Tilly.

Maxi-Miss: First place, playoff champions, Clarkston Schools Credit Union—Audrey Campe, Ann Colwell, Laura Hurren, Thersa Stetz, Jackie Kilcline, Kim Ottman, Lanette Whithead, Angela



Balzarini, Shaun O'Brien, Bridget Killcline, Sue Colwell, Kimberly Brenner, Tricia Butler, Sharon Hesse and Marlene Welch.

Maxi-Miss: Playoff runners-up, E.F. Hutton—Nancy Kassavage, Dawn Willett, Denice Gretz, Marina Hamlett, Becky Buhl, Kim Adkins, Kim Lorenz, Julie Marshall, Veronica Valenzuala, Lori Martin, Michelle Law, Stephanie Wagner, Brooke McCreery and Kelly Miller.

Players of the week

Adult softball standings on Page 13

Congratulations to Del Hoffman and Karen Gates, this week's Spring Lake Country Club Players of the Week in Independence Parks and Recreation softball.

Hoffman plays for Wildwood Inn in Men's Beta, while Gates plays for Oakland Engineering in Women's Beta. Each will receive a \$10 gift certificate from Spring Lake.

Named players of the week in their individual

divisions were Ken Foster of Ben Powell in Men's Alpha; Tom Scott of Clarkston Auto Body in Men's Gamma American; and Ron Bess of Draper Punch in Men's Gamma National.

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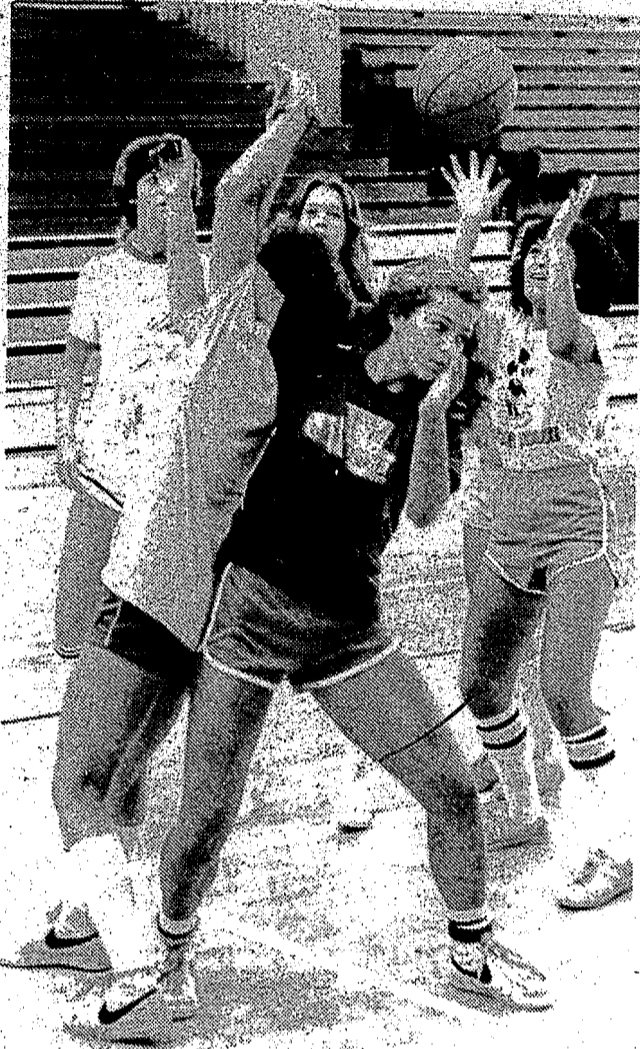
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Sports

Cagers galore flock to basketball tryouts



Competition under the basket for a loose rebound is always fierce, as bodies collide and everyone seeks control of the ball.

By Al Zawacky
Coaches Dave McDonald and Carla Teare have plenty of talent to choose from this week in the ongoing tryouts for the Clarkston High School varsity and junior varsity girls basketball team.

"We expect to have around 40 girls," says McDonald, who is starting his third season at the helm of the CHS varsity squad.

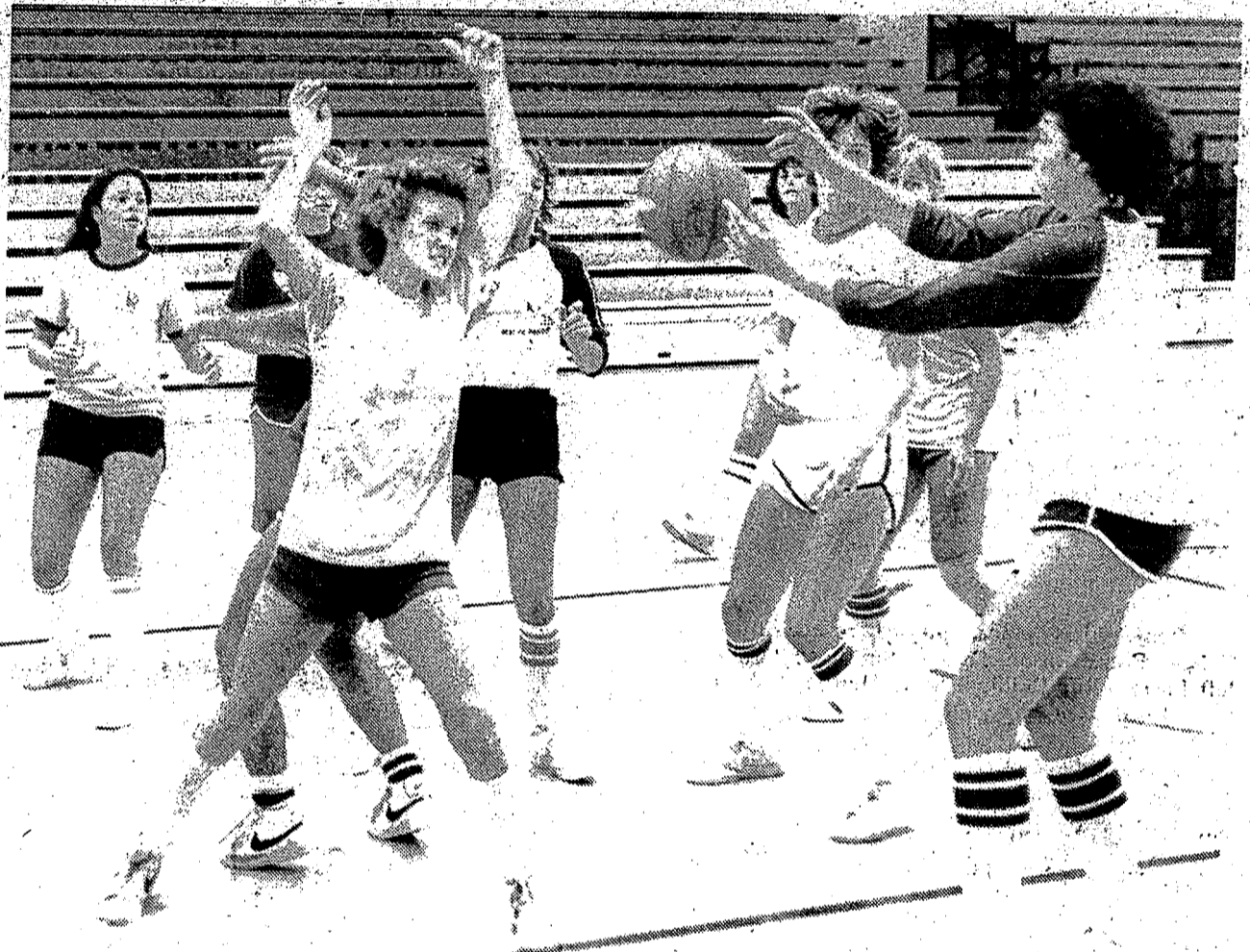
"We're looking for a good season. We're going to be small—that's our only problem—but we're going to be pretty fast."

Four returning starters will form the foundation

of the 1981 Wolves. Back are seniors Tracee Antos, Lanette Whitehead and Michelle Ulasich and junior Annette Ulasich.

A strong group of sophomores are making prospects look bright for Coach Teare's junior varsity squad as well.

The Wolves will open the 1981 campaign on the road Sept. 10 in a non-league game against Avondale. The home opener will be Sept. 15 with Rochester Adams providing the opposition in another non-league tilt.



Both varsity and junior varsity hopefuls were competing in some pre-tryout scrimmages in the Clarkston High School gym earlier this

week. Varsity Coach Dave McDonald says he's pleased with the ability and attitude he's seen in the players so far.



Quickness will be one of the Wolves' major strengths in the upcoming season.

McCormick to undergo surgery

By Al Zawacky

University of Michigan basketball player Tim McCormick is to undergo his second knee operation in two months Thursday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The operation is to involve the removal of calcium deposits and scar tissue around McCormick's right knee. The 6-foot-10 Clarkston High School alumnus had a similar operation performed on his left knee in June.

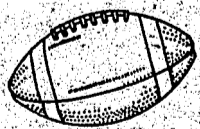
"It feels much better," McCormick said of his left knee. "Both knees felt the same before the operation, and we felt the other knee should be corrected."

The decision to go ahead with another operation was made last week after consultation with his doctor and family, McCormick said.

Despite the extensive rehabilitation period facing him after the operation, McCormick remained optimistic about his playing prospects.

"I believe I'll have time to rehabilitate the knees and be back for the season," he said.

A 1980 CHS graduate, McCormick earned All-American status in his three-year high school varsity career and led the CHS basketball squad to a berth in the Class A semi-finals as a senior. He'll be a sophomore at U of M this fall.



Coming next week: Our 1st football preview

If August comes, can football be far behind? Not far behind at all. Another Clarkston High School varsity football campaign is just around the corner.

Beginning next week, The Clarkston News will run a series of four weekly previews on Coach Walt Wyniemko's defending league champions—stories that will take you behind the scenes for an inside look at the 1981 Wolves.

•How are the Wolves shaping up in pre-season

drills and scrimmages?

•Who's back from last year's squad, and who's up from the JVs?

•How does the talent in the Greater Oakland Activities League stack up this year, particularly arch rivals West Bloomfield and Waterford Kettering?

•What can be expected from the league's newest member, Waterford Mott?

•Clarkston embarrassed Swartz Creek in last year's opener. How big a role will the "revenge factor" play in

next month's season-opening rematch?

These are just some of the questions you'll find answered and analyzed on the pages of The Clarkston News between now and the season kickoff Sept. 11 at Swartz Creek.

And once the campaign gets underway, The Clarkston News will be there at home and on the road with stories that take you behind the scenes and beyond the scores.

Championship coverage of the GOAL's defending champions starts right here next week.



Point After

By Al Zawacky

Forget politics—let's talk sports

OK, SO ATHLETICS is safe. Until the next millage vote, anyway.

It's time to forget about election drives, budget cuts, school board votes and local politics. Let's just sit back and enjoy watching our varsity, junior varsity and freshmen teams when school starts next month.

Let's savor the sight of the new athletic field lights and pull for the Wolves against Bloomfield-Hills Lahser in the home opener.

Most importantly, let's try and forget last month's incredibly maladroit action by the board of education.

I mean, what are all these people upset about? The makeup of the board is the responsibility of the voters. And our administrators did sacrifice a whole 2 percent from the 9 percent raise

they felt entitled to from a financially shaky school district "under normal circumstances."

Wow. Two whole percent. A measly 7 percent raise and \$40,000 plus. Times are tough at the Brown Brick Building.

But, I'm regressing into politics again. Onward to the world of athletics.

THIS IS GOING to be an often exciting and always interesting year, in the best tradition of high school athletics.

The thing I like about the preps is that they always keep you guessing.

With few exceptions, every team in every sport loses last year's key figures to graduation and comes back with a multitude of new faces. Will last year's juniors fulfill their leadership roles as seniors this year? Will last year's JVs be

able to make the transition to the big time?

Only the season itself can provide the answers.

But we all love to engage in a little guess work. Ergo...

Coach Walt Wyniemko arrived in Clarkston two years ago, saying he wanted to build a football program the whole community could be proud of.

In year one of that building program, he and his staff layed the foundation. Last year they raised the walls. This year the fort will be complete.

It's impossible not to be excited about the season prospects for both the CHS varsity and JV teams this fall.

Basketball? I look for the girls to post a winning record, but how they'll stack up against the competition in the league

is difficult to say. As far as the boys are concerned, don't discredit their chances in pursuit of "No. 5." Summer ball brought some good things to light.

THE VOLLEYBALL, WRESTLING and softball teams will be strong again, and the baseball team will make a bid for the league title if the pitching holds up.

More guess work: The JV basketball team will beat the Waterford schools.

Sashabaw Junior High will emerge as the dominate school in freshman athletics over Clarkston Junior High.

Al Zawacky will not make any more bets about getting dumped in the showers.

(That's not guess work. That's a certainty.)

Netters sought

All Clarkston High School girls interested in playing tennis this fall should meet in the CHS cafeteria Aug. 17 at 10 a.m.

Physical forms should be picked up ahead of time and be returned completed at the Aug. 17 meeting. Participants should come dressed to play.

For further information on the meeting and the CHS girls' tennis team, contact Becky Craig at 623-6208.

Cager tryouts at SJHS, CJHS

Hoopsters take heed.

Sashabaw Junior High School's holding 9th grade girl's basketball tryouts from Aug. 11 through the 14 from 9 to 11 a.m.

All young women interested in playing must undergo a physical examination. Forms are available at the school office beginning Aug. 3.

For more information, phone the school at 674-4169.

Tryouts for the 1981 Clarkston Junior High School girls' basketball team are on the horizon.

Aspiring ninth grade hoopsters should report to the CJH gymnasium Aug. 17-19 from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the CJH office at 625-5361.

SYNOPSIS

OF ACTION TAKEN
AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD
JULY 28, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Roll: Kozma, Ritter, Smith, Vandermark, present; Rose, Stuart, Travis, absent. Also present, Deputy Clerk Howey.

1. The meeting was closed to discuss the D.P.W. Maintenance Building.
2. A short closed meeting was held.
3. The meeting reopened.
4. Authorized the signing of a land contract on the D.P.W. building.
5. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Christopher L. Rose

SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN
AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD
AUGUST 3, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Roll: Kozma, Ritter, Rose, Smith, Stuart, Travis, Vandermark, all present.

1. Received presentations from two firms to be the townships' planning consultants.
2. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Christopher L. Rose

SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN
AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD
AUGUST 4, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll: Kozma, Ritter, Rose, Smith, Stuart, present; Travis, Vandermark, absent.

1. Closed the meeting to discuss the litigation on the D.P.W. Building with the township attorney.
2. A short closed meeting was held.
3. Trustee Travis and Vandermark were now present.
4. The meeting reopened.
5. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Christopher L. Rose, Clerk

SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN
AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD
AUGUST 4, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. Roll: Kozma, Ritter, Rose, Smith, Stuart, Travis, Vandermark, all present.

1. Added an item to the agenda.
2. Approved the amended agenda.
3. Approved the minutes of the July 21, 1981 meeting.
4. Approved bills totaling \$110,882.96.
5. Approved the final plat of Oak Hill Meadows No. 1.
6. Tabled discussion on the Deer Lake boat launch to the August 18, 1981 agenda to allow for public discussion.
7. Closed the meeting to discuss the fire union contract.
8. A short closed meeting was held; the meeting reopened.
9. Received a presentation from a planning consultation firm.
10. Tabled action on the bidding for an addition to the Fire Station #3. Ayes: Smith, Stuart, Travis, Vandermark, Kozma, Rose; Nay: Ritter.
11. The meeting adjourned at 11:41. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting of the Independence Township Board will be August 18, 1981, at the Township Hall, at 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston. Some tentative agenda items include:

1. Deer Lake Boat Launch
2. Amendment - Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

Christopher L. Rose, Clerk

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD
AUGUST 5, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Roll: Kozma, Ritter, Rose, Smith, Stuart, Travis, Vandermark, all present.

1. Added an item to the agenda. Ayes: Kozma, Ritter, Rose, Smith, Travis, Vandermark; Nay: Stuart.
2. Authorized the Union Negotiating Committee to meet with the Fire Union. Ayes: Ritter, Rose, Smith, Travis, Vandermark; Nay: Kozma, Stuart.
3. Received a presentation by a planning consultant firm.
4. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Special meetings of the Township Board are called as needed. Notice of these meetings are posted on the doors of the Township Hall at least 18 hours before the meeting.

Christopher L. Rose, Clerk

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Ben Powell	14-2	Group One	6-1
Long's Realty	14-2	Wide Track Auto	5-3
Schrams	13-3	Coaches Corner	1-4-3
Clarkston Fuel Pumpers	11-5	Bogie Lake Golf Club	1-4-4
Kustom Decorators	10-6	Clarkston Methodist Alpha	4-5
O'Brien & Gary	9-7	Lakers	3-5
Hamilton's	6-11	Lyon Gear	2-7
Oscars	6-11		
Schwelzer	5-12	30 & Over National	
Irish Ruby Pacers	2-14	Ben Powell	9-0
Merchants	0-17	Duff Misers	6-2
		Gwyer Blueprint	4-5
Men's Beta		World Credit	3-4
Savoy Lanes	16-0	Clk. Methodist Omega	3-5
Waljo's	1-12-4	Timberline	2-6
University Skating	11-6	F & G Roofing	2-6
ERSCO	10-6		
Wildwood Inn	10-6	Women's	
Primo Tune Saloon	9-8	Howe's Lanes	16-1
North Oaks Insurance	8-8	Mill Race Salon	16-1
Knights of Columbus	1-6-10	Nan's	11-6
Nomad	4-12	Crest Homes	9-8
Wint's Diggers	3-13	Ben Powell	9-9
Keatington Racquet Club	1-16	C.V.-T.V.	6-11
		Spring Lake	6-11
Men's Gamma American		Oakland Engineering	4-14
Wagon Wheel	13-4	LaZaroff	0-17
Springfield Inn	13-5		
Crackers	12-6		
G & F Appliance	11-8		
Pine Knob Wine Shoppe	10-8		
Hustlers	6-13		
Pride Construction	5-13		
Clarkston Auto Body	3-15		
Men's Gamma National			
Energy Craft	17-2		
Treffehn Electric	13-4		
Fredrick Jewelers	14-5		
Anthony's Cabinets	11-7		
Interstate Alarm	8-10		
Draper Punch	3-15		
Grand Trunk	3-15		
Mac Machine	1-17		



His task almost accomplished, one of the 350 running enthusiasts who participated in Sunday's foot races at Pine Knob checks his watch as he approaches the finish line.

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Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Glick of Hope, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn to Robert L. Ferguson, son of Barbara and Robert Ferguson of Surrey Lane, Clarkston. The bride-to-be is a senior at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C. Her fiance, a 1977 graduate of Clarkston High School, is also a senior at Bob Jones University. The couple plans a December wedding.



25th anniversary

Chuck and Kay Robertson celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary Aug. 11. The couple was wed in 1956 at the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Riverside, Ill. The Robertsons, who reside on Hummingbird Lane, Independence Township, have lived in the Clarkston area 24 years. They have three children, Trish, Charlie and Greg.

Trim's party's to be 'Humdinger'

A party with lots of good food, a baking contest, games and a fishing contest could be called a Humdinger.

That's precisely the name for State Rep. Claude Trim's (D.-Davisburg) annual fund-raising event planned Saturday, Aug. 22, at his home at 5969 Ware Rd., Springfield Township.

Festivities begin at 2 p.m. and tickets are \$5 a person with a maximum charge of \$25 a family.

Participants are encouraged to bring a dessert for the judged contest, after which partygoers may sample the goodies. Fishing rods and bait will be provided for the fishing contest.

Tickets may be purchased at the gate, but advance reservations would be appreciated. Call Mary Jean Cox at 625-4446, Donna Huntoon at 625-5751 or Janet Prescott at 634-8663.

Crosshill preschool plans open house

Crosshill Community Preschool of Davisburg plans its annual Open House/Fall Information Session on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Two sessions are planned, from 1 to 3 p.m. and

from 7 to 9 p.m. Anyone wishing to enroll their child in the preschool may attend.

The school meets in the Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway, Davisburg. For more information, call 634-5137.

In service

Airman Michael Ulasich has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training.

The six-week training period was at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Ulasich is now receiving specialized

instruction in the munitions and weapons maintenance field.

A 1980 Clarkston High School graduate, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ulasich of Reese Road, Independence Township.

At camp

Four local students recently completed a two-week session at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake.

Majoring in band were Sarah Paalman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Paalman; Shari

Santala, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Santala; and Lisa Tredway, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tredway.

Teressa Rizzo majored in dance. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Rizzo.

College notes

Mary A. Barks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barks of Warbler Road, Independence Township, is gearing up for her first semester at Siena Heights College in Adrian.

Mary, a 1981 graduate of Clarkston High School, plans to major in elementary education.

Dr. Christine Rosenfield of Independence Township recently completed her three-year residency in internal medicine at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

She is currently serving as an assistant program director in internal medicine at St. Joseph.

A graduate of the University of Michigan medical school, Rosenfield also holds a doctorate in physical chemistry.

Clarkston native Sue Latter has been appointed head coach of women's cross country and track and field at Brown University, Providence, R.I.

While attending Michigan State University, Latter was an All-American in the 800-meter run in

1977 sponsored by the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, and from 1976 to 1978 she was a three-time Big Ten Conference champion in the 400-meter run, 800-meter run and mile relay.

She was the MSU track squad captain in 1978, the year she graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education. She received her master's degree from MSU in 1981.

Previous to her appointment, she worked as research assistant for Nike Retail Division, Eugene, Oregon. She has also worked as an editorial assistant for Running magazine.

Wayne State U. 1981 graduate

Mary B. Korte was recently awarded a bachelor's degree with distinction from Wayne State University, Detroit. An honor student at Clarkston High School, she received the art award

upon graduation in 1977. Mary is currently a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and is

associated with Dauber Studio, Southfield. An art major, her future plans include further study in

the fine arts field. She is the daughter of Mrs. L. Korte of Oak Hill Road, Independence Township.



Recipe file

By Lorna Bickerstaff

Betsy Travis' Blueberry Cake was very appropriate for the Cooper's 4th of July picnic. Betsy garnished the cake with strawberries to give the red, white and blue colors.

Blueberry Cake

- 1 c. sugar
- 1/4 c. butter or margarine
- 1 egg
- 1 c. milk
- 2 1/2 c. flour sifted
- 3 t. baking powder
- 1/4 t. nutmeg
- 3 cups blueberries

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg beat until light. Sift flour, baking powder, and nutmeg and add alternately with milk to the sugar mixture. Gently fold in blueberries.

Pour into buttered 8-inch pan and bake at 350 degrees until firm in center and lightly browned, about 30 minutes.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/4 c. light cream
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 t. vanilla

Place cream cheese in mixer bowl. Let soften, add remaining ingredients and whip until light and fluffy. Frost only top and middle of cake. Garnish with either lemon or strawberries.

Around town

If your organization plans an event that is open to the public, we'll print the details in Around Town. Just give us a call, write down the information and send it in the mail or stop by our office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We're located at 5 S. Main, Clarkston. Our telephone number is 625-3370.

July 31 and Aug. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 24—Pine Knob Music Theatre presents: Friday and Saturday, July 31 and Aug. 1, The Marshall Tucker Band, \$8.50 lawn, \$11 pavilion; Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 4 and 5, Tom Jones, \$8 lawn, \$12 pavilion; Thursday, Aug. 6, \$8.50 lawn, \$11 pavilion; Friday, Aug. 7, Peter Frampton, \$8.50 lawn, \$11.50 pavilion; Saturday, Aug. 8, Gordon Lightfoot, \$8.50 lawn, \$11 pavilion; Sunday, Aug. 9, Roberta Flack and Peabo Bryson, \$8.50 lawn, \$12 pavilion; Monday, Aug. 10, Kansas, \$8.50 lawn, \$11.50 pavilion; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 12, 13, 14 and 15, Donna Summer, \$10 lawn, \$15 pavilion; Monday, Aug. 17, Harry Chapin, \$8.50 lawn, \$11 pavilion; Wednesday, Aug. 19, Willie Nelson, \$8.50 lawn, \$12 pavilion; Monday, Aug. 24, Christopher Cross, \$8.50 lawn, \$11 pavilion. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26, 27, 28 and 29, Anne Murray, \$8 lawn, \$12 pavilion. For further information phone the Pine Knob Hotline at 647-7790.

Thursday, Aug. 13—Waterford-Clarkston Welcome Wagon Club meeting and lunch at the Hamburger Mansion at Pine Knob, 11:30 a.m., new residents welcome. Phone 673-3836 for reservations; 391-3521 for membership information.

Library scene

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY 6495 Clarkston-Orion 625-2212

Summer hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday closed; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A very successful Summer Reading Club ended Aug. 5 with a grand finale. Over 100 members viewed the riotous movie "Soup and Me" and the popular "Dear Lovey Heart, I'm Desperate."

Both movies are from books that are long-time favorites in the junior section at the library.

Reading certificates were awarded by Librarian James Hibler. Everyone who turned in reports on eight or more books received one.

Grand prize winner was Tracy Poplowski. Other winners were Matt Sailor, Jennifer Bartley, Matthew Bartley and Paul Shull. The first three winners also received gift certificates to be used toward the purchase of books.

A very special thank you from the library staff to all parents who refereed games, poured punch, passed out book reports and were very helpful.

Pre-school Story Time is Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 11 a.m. Films planned are "Wonders in a Country Stream" and "The Golden Rule Game."

The Movie Hour is on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 4:30 p.m. Films planned are "Pandas—Gift of China," "Polar Bears," "Bear Family" and "Ghosts and Ghouls."

Recent gifts to the library from the Clarkston Community Historical Society include: "Preservation Comes of Age" by Charles B. Hosmer Jr., Vols. 1 and 2, "Craftsman Homes" by Gustave Stickley, "Frank Lloyd Wright" by Robert C. Twombly, "Fabrics for Historic Buildings" by Jane C. Nylander, "Sweetness and Light, Queen Anne Movement" by Mark Girouard and "The Art of Decorative Stenciling" by Bishop and Lord.

Other new books are: "Solar Dwelling Designs" by the Sterling Publishing Co. and "The Craft of Interviewing" by John Brady, editor of Writer's Digest.

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Thursday, Aug. 13—Citizens United to Restore Education (CURE) meeting, 7:30 p.m., Waterford Schools Administration Office, 6020 Pontiac Lake, Waterford Township. (625-5948)

Saturday, Aug. 15—North Oaks Corvette Club's Fifth Annual Concours D'Elegance at Rademacher Chevrolet, 6750 Dixie Highway; entry fee \$6 for Street Concours Driven and Wash and Show Class, \$7 for Concours Prep Class; registration 9 a.m., judging

begins at noon; there will also be a swap meet with space available, refreshments on hand, and admission for interested spectators is free; for information contact Tom Ogans at 627-4328 or Bob O'Reilly at 682-0966.

Wednesday, Aug. 26—Clarkston Community Historical Society board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Clarkston Village Hall, 375 Depot, Clarkston, open to public.

AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOUR

SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston Worship & Sunday School Summer hours: 10-11 a.m. Co-pastors: Jenny H. & William C. Schram Phone 673-3101	DRAYTON HEIGHTS FREE METHODIST CHURCH Corner of Winnell and Maybee Rd. Rev. Clancy J. Thompson 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship Hour - 6:00 Vespers Wednesday: 7 p.m. Family Night	FIRST CHURCH OF GOD 6300 Clarkston Road Clarkston, 625-1323 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Mid-week Service Wed. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Eddie Downey
CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldon Road Rev. James R. Balfour Worship & Church School 10 a.m.	FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH 4832 Clintonville Rd. - Phone 673-3638 Services - Sunday Sunday School Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Hour 11 a.m. Youth Hour 5 p.m. - Gospel Hour 6 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer 7 p.m.	ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH 5301 Hatchery Rd. Drayton Plains The Rev. William Evans Worship Services: 9 a.m. July & August only 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sept. thru June The New Prayer Book
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 391-1170 Family Worship 9:30 Pastor James H. Van Dellen	PINE KNOB COMMUNITY CHURCH 3041 Redder Road off Clintonville Pontiac, Michigan Ken Hauser Worship 10:15 a.m. & 8 p.m.	COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH 1888 Crescent Lake Rd. Pontiac Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Myron Gaul
ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 10350 Andersonville Rev. Wallace Duncan Worship 11:00 a.m.	NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH 5311 Sunnyside Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Rev. A.T.B., Phillips 674-1112	CLARKSTON GOOD SHEPHERD ASSEMBLY OF GOD 6051 Sashabaw Rd., near Maybee Rd. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Mid-Week Worship Wed. 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Peter Magdi, 673-3068
MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH 5790 Flemings Lake Road Rev. Phillip W. Somers Worship 11:00 a.m.	CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH INDEPENDENT NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH Gene Paul, Minister 3246 Lapeer Rd. (M-24 near I-75) Bible School 9:45; Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00	LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Rd., Orionville 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 The Hour of Worship 6:15 p.m. Youth and Bible Study 7:00 Evening Service Wed. 7 p.m. Family Prayer & Bible Study
SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sashabaw at Seymour Lake Rd. Rev. Kenneth Christler Worship Service 8:30-9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m. Second time 10:30-11:30	ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7925 SASHABAW Road 625-4644 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 Nursery 11:00 Rev. Craig Schultz	EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Road Rev. Alexander Stewart Worship 8 a.m.; 10 a.m. Church & Nursery Using 1928 Prayer Book
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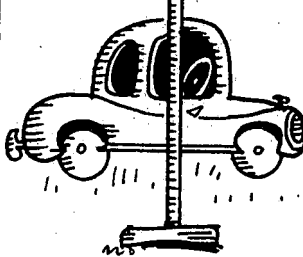
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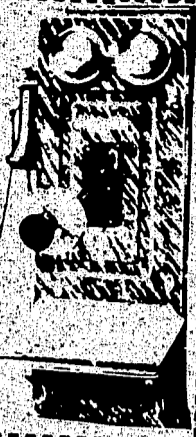
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Coping with kids



by Jim Windell

Sexist upbringing can hinder her

Some people are saying these days that women's dependence on men is the most important problem facing girls and adult women.

Whether it's the most important problem or not, it is certain that it is a problem and that it starts early in childhood.

There is good evidence that among the sexist behaviors of parents, both mothers and fathers, are ways of treating girls that teach them at an early age to be dependent, helpless and doubting of their own competence.

By helping girls too much, over-responding when they cry or show tears or just expecting that girls can not do certain things, parents are teaching their daughters to look to others—boys and men—to handle the difficult things in life.

This has, of course, far-reaching effects in a girl and woman's life. It may hinder her from reaching her potential in education, business and leisure time activities.

It may certainly lead her to expect that there will (perhaps, must!) be a man who will take care of her. And it may make her frightened and uncertain whenever she is too independent or too close to success or power.

While this affects adult women directly and presently, unless parents make changes in how they raise daughters, it will affect girls in the future.

Just as we tend to be more sensitive about allowing boys to play what were formerly thought of as "sissy" games and with "feminine" toys, it is time to consider that girls be allowed more freedom to become something more than an over-protected, shy and dainty creature.

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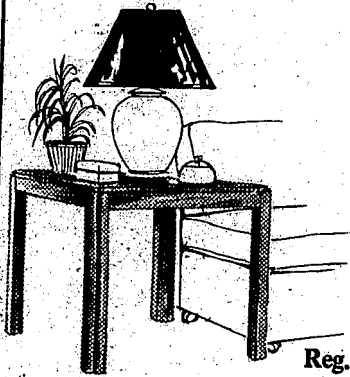
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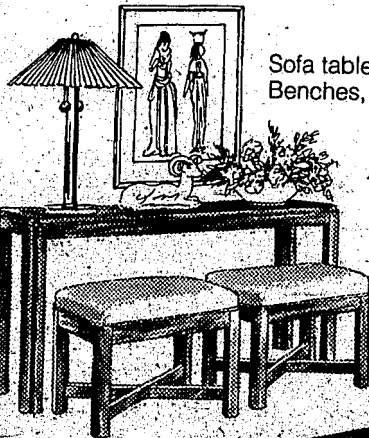


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After retirement, Thomas Nickols worked as the rose gardener at Pine Knob's mansion and grounds. Then he retired from that job, too, and now he pours all his attention on the grounds surrounding his house in Independence Township. He and his wife Helen talk about their home in today's Country Living feature on Page 10.

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prom/ [short for promenade] 1: a formal dance given by a high school or college class.

promenade/ 2a: a ceremonious opening of a formal ball consisting of a grand march of all the guests.

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For graduating seniors, it's much more than a grand march. The senior class prom is a night of enchantment. It's a tradition that in dreams and imaginings is always starlit and those attending feel far beyond their 18 years in wit, wisdom and sophistication.

From the ninth grade on, the prom means a perfect romantic dance, a candlelight dinner and that fateful kiss made famous in movies and Gothic novels.

Proms are as American as apple pie and a tradition not to be missed by any graduating senior.

Young women plan months in advance, choosing their long dress, dyeing their shoes to match and selecting a color-coordinated evening bag.

Hints are tossed out to her date which almost ensure a matching corsage to complete the ensemble.

She in turn spends time selecting his boutonniere, working for a matching color scheme.

For the young man, there's the tuxedo fitting, perhaps hiring a chauffeur-driven limosine, the dinner site selection and reservations.

Then the magical night's over.

The evening of dancing and spiking punch bowls ends. Matchbooks and napkins are tucked into pockets and purses for souvenirs.

Proms today are undergoing changes.

While men and women still swipe souvenirs, choose high-priced restaurants and plan grand modes of transportation, some women now spend months deciding which kind of *tux* they'd like to wear.

That's the word from photographer Bob Flath.

Yes, says Flath, some young women are shunning the formal gown and opting instead for a tux—complete with fly.

"It's not like when we were in school and had dozens of kids posing the same way," he said. "Oh no. Today they don't think anything of it—it's a new generation and they want to show they are individuals."

Flath, owner of The Village Photographer on Ortonville's Mill Street, reports that last spring he set up cameras at two separate high school proms, Waterford-Kettering's and Goodrich's.

Three women decked out in tuxes traipsed in for shootings, he said.

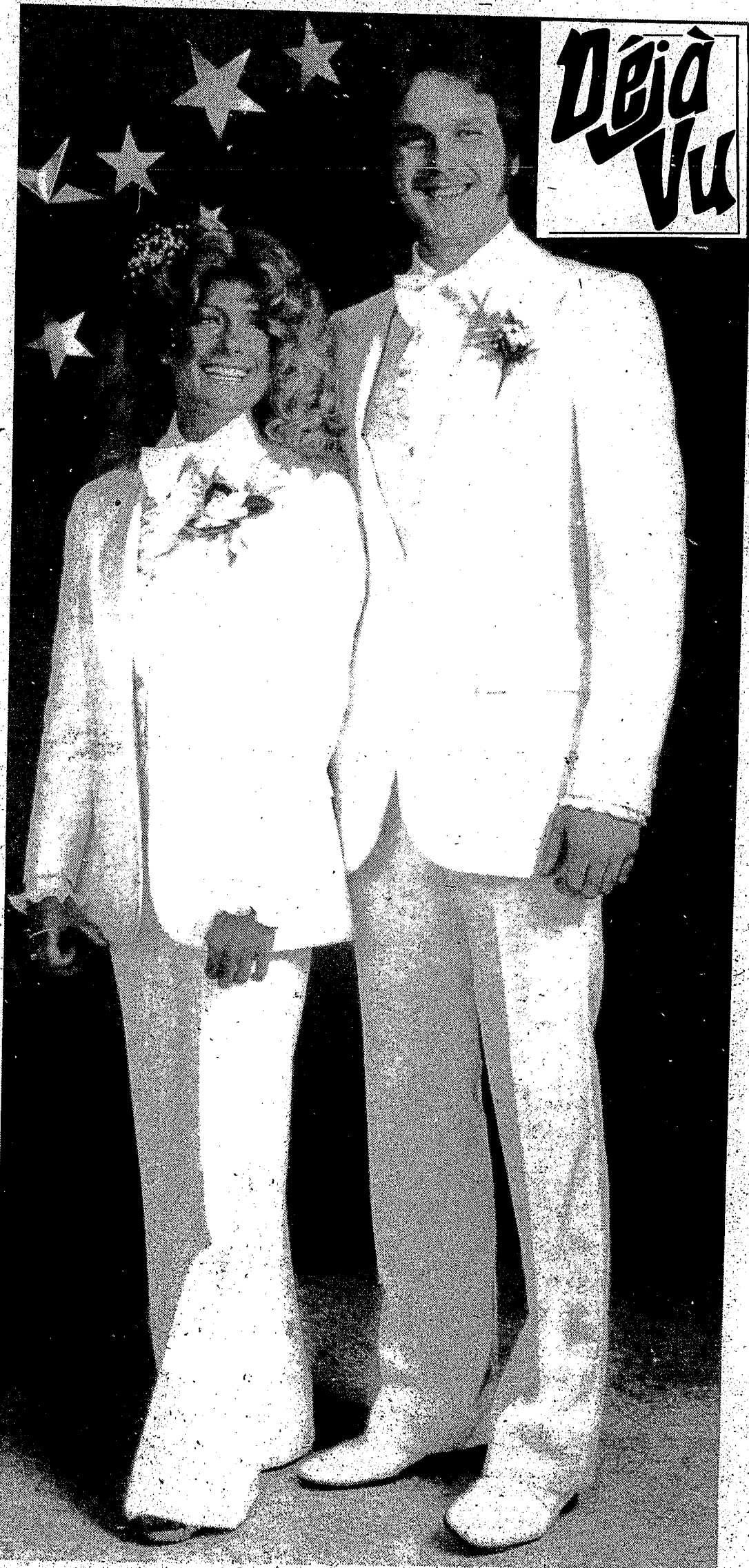
"They were in men's tuxes. If I remember correctly, they all had cummerbunds, wore boutonnieres and one even had a walking stick," Flath said.

"But they did have their hair all done up," he offered, as if the last vestige of tradition had been saved.

Tuxedos and women.

They're edging their way through the fluff and puff of senior high proms and beginning a new tradition.

—Marilyn Trumper



Dressed in white tux from head to foot are duo Ann Rowley and Brian Aseltine. The pair went to Goodrich High School's 1981 prom in matching "monkey suits," shunning the traditional mode of dress. Photo courtesy of Bob Flath, The Village Photographer, of Ortonville.



Participants in the Calvary Lutheran Vacation Church School kick up a storm as they practice for a special presentation during the Sunday service. From left are Kerri Ranta, teacher Teresa Giroux and Julie Urkshus.

At church school...



Some of the older kids who assisted at the church school formed a mime troupe to provide entertainment during the picnic on the last day. Members of the troupe are Stacy Nichols, Susan Haase, Marget Nelson, Kathy Kent, Kristen Lehto and Phill Haase.

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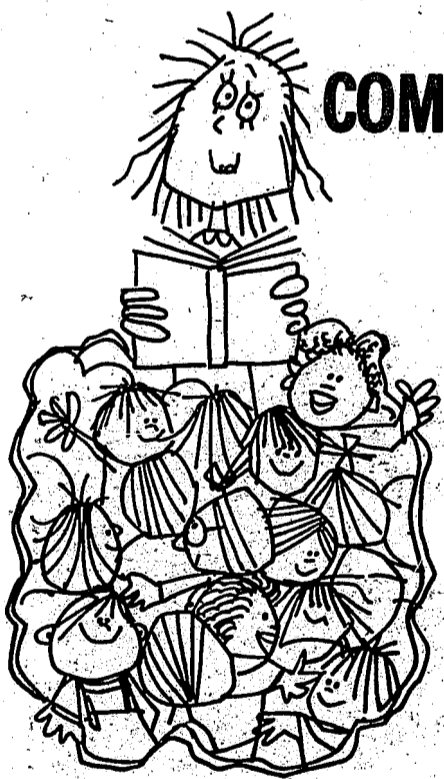
... kids explore 'All God's People'



Todd Petersen puts his hands over his ears to lessen the noise, he says, but he continues to sing along as his group practices their portion of the Sunday program.



The fifth and sixth graders made life-size drawings of biblical persons and told what they learned about them, carrying out the vacation school theme of "All God's People." Pictured with their renditions of Saul and Gideon are Della Gretz [left] and Greg Harned.



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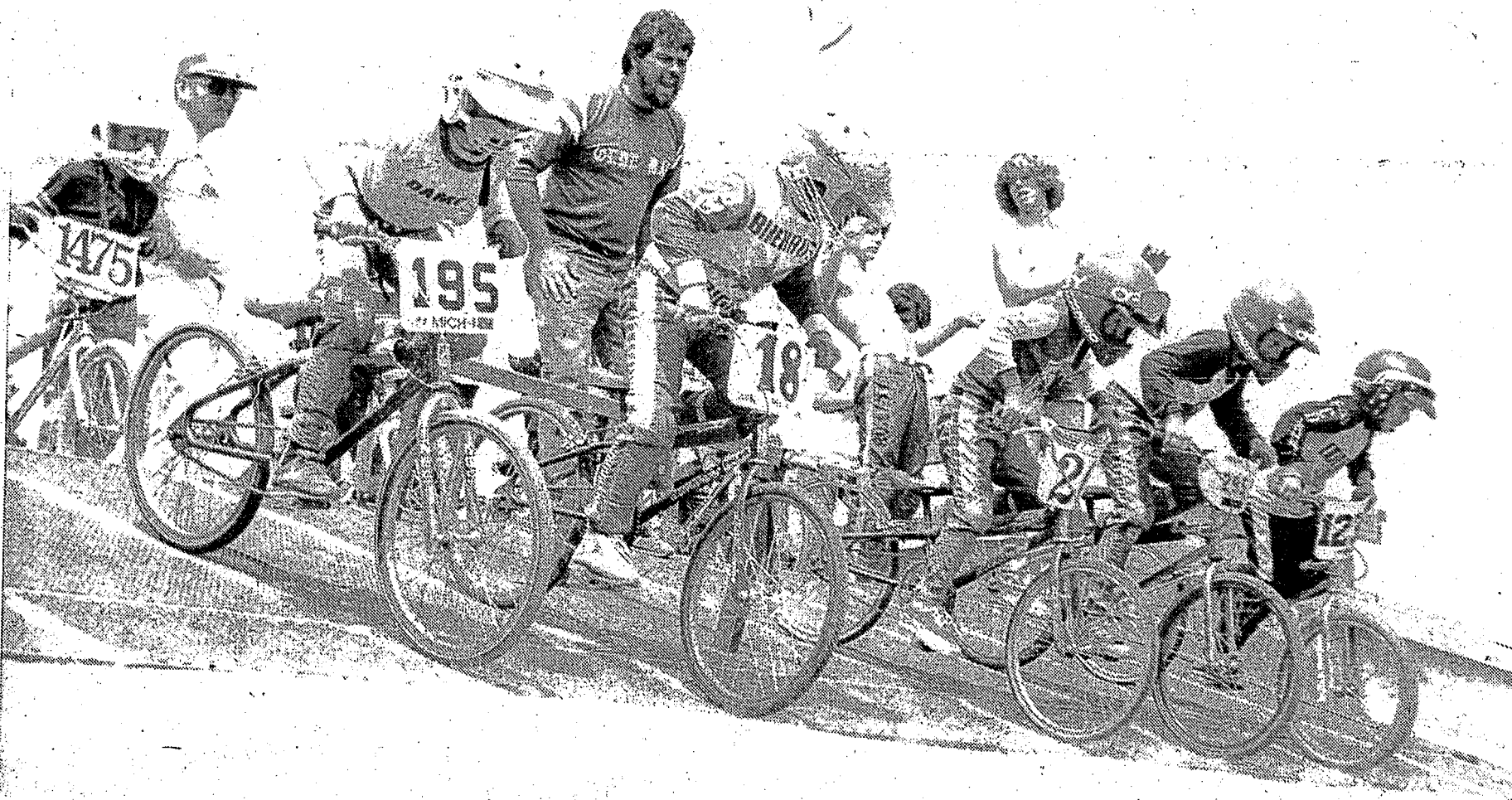
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They're lining up at the gates . . . the tension mounts as each rider takes his place at the starting gate and awaits the start of the race. In a moment, the gate will swing down and the action will start in a contest that each rider hopes will end with a trophy presentation.

Photos by Dave Balhorn



And they're off! The riders begin their descent down the dusty hill, pedals pumping, wheels spinning and gathering speed. Newcomers from across the country were very impressed with the Waterford Oaks track facilities, according to Sheron Balhorn, mother of one of the participants. One individual even called it "the best track in the world," she says.

BMX racers, families share adventure

Bicycle motocross enthusiasts from all across America were on hand at the Waterford Oaks County Park BMX track recently.

The national BMX race, held Aug. 1-2, drew a large number of participants. Those numbers reflect the growing interest in the sport nationwide.

"It's good for the kids physically," says Sheron Balhorn, explaining the sport's increasing popularity.

"And it's not an expensive sport—you can

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Balhorn has a son who races BMX regularly, and notes that the sport often brings whole families together for a day at the track.

"Dad needs to be there to help with the bike, mom needs to be there to mend bruises—it's a family participation thing."

Several local boys were on hand at the national race, taking their places alongside riders from California, Texas and Arizona. Among the locals were Brian Barlow, Neal Scaff, D.J.

Balhorn, Craig Marchbank and Jay Richardson.

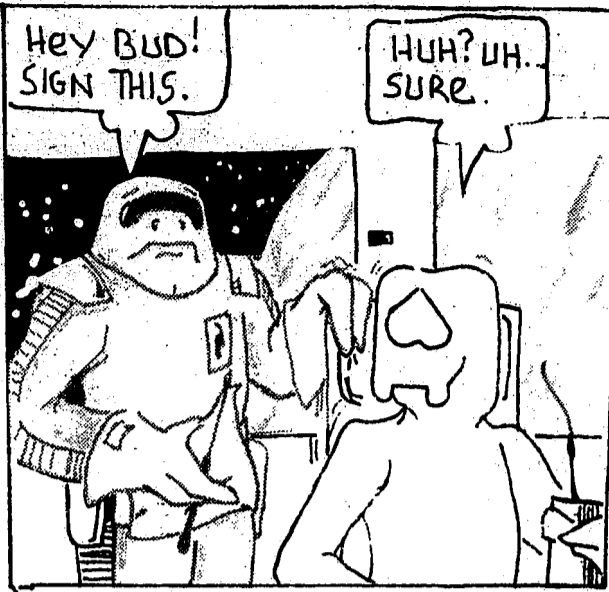
Enjoyment of the sport isn't limited by age, Balhorn notes.

"We have a four and under age group, and then there are men's classes. Nobody's too old to participate."

Anyone interested in getting started in BMX needs only a long-sleeve shirt, helmet and 20-inch bike, she says. Races open to everyone are held every Wednesday at Waterford Oaks, and the fee is just \$2. Watching is free.

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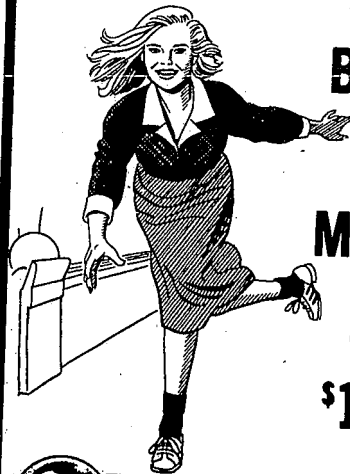
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For the Nickols, Helen and Thomas, the shores of Whipple Lake will have to suffice for the blue Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Greece.

A single rolling ridge that runs just north of I-75 through Independence Township will have to do for the Pindus Mountains.

For the Nickols, who live on the banks of Whipple Lake on Sashabaw Road, Greek heritage is strong.

Thomas, a retiree of the City of Pontiac's water department, came to the states at the age of 12 from Greece, and still offers an accent when he speaks.

"I really think it's a combination of Greek and Brooklyn, N.Y., laughs Helen. "That's where he lived when he first came."

And she laughs again, joined by Thomas. Their manicured lawn and flawless flower beds welcome family and visitors alike. A large weeping willow offers shade by the water's edge, lilies bloom and pink begonias fill the yard with color.

Thomas is most proud of his fig, avocado and grapefruit trees flourishing in Michigan weather.

Their greenery begins on the couple's patio and climbs higher and higher—almost to the second floor deck.

"Do you like Greek salad?" asks Helen. "Well if you do—this is in there." She points to an herb garden on the side of the house filled with oregano and others like basil and mint.

The rock gardens filled with greenery and buds, the flourishing grape arbor, white lilies and rainbow color of plants are the work of Thomas' green thumb and hard work, boasts Helen.

Thomas was at one time the rose gardener for Pine Knob's mansion and grounds, she says proudly.

"After I retired I just wanted something to do with my time," he laughs. "You work more after you retire than when you're working, then you can come home after work and relax at night. When you're retired, you can never relax."

Thomas laughs again.

The Nickols are active in Independence Township's Senior Citizen's Center. Each week they bowl, Helen is board secretary, they dance frequently and participate in the center's potluck dinners, fish fries, breakfasts in the park and card parties.

"You could go to the center every day and do things if you have the time," Helen laughs.

The Nickols are also active in their Greek Orthodox church auxiliary in Bloomfield Hills, a church Helen's father helped found.

Married 43 years, Thomas and Helen raised a family of three daughters, and now look forward to visits from their five grandchildren, ranging in age from 2 to 20, says Thomas.

"Look down there," says Helen, pointing to a fresh brown beach sand evenly shoveled around an area of shore. "That's for the grandchildren. Their mother had a garage sale here a week ago and what they made paid for that."

Their grandsons enjoy fishing on the lake, Thomas added.

The Nickols cherish a trip made to Thomas' homeland a few years back.

"I saw more of Greece than I think people who are raised there see," Helen says. "It was where the Olympics originated, and on the islands like Crete. The colors—well, they're just beautiful."

After a brief reminiscing it was back to the daily routine.

"We're going to a potluck supper at the senior center tonight," Helen says, "and I have to think of what to take."

"Oh no, there's no list to sign up for what you'll bring—and yes it makes for interesting eating. One night we had almost all desserts."

And they laughed in unison.

—Marilyn Trumper



The blue waters of Whipple Lake span across the Nickols' backyard off Sashabaw Road, making the view from their raised patio all the more spectacular against the green, rolling landscape.

Helen and Thomas say they enjoy cultivating their country atmosphere and basking in the cool summer evening breezes which flow from the lake.

Olivier compares Paris, Clarkston

The Sommers family of Clark Road, Springfield Township, has played host to visiting Parisian Olivier Miniaou since July 7.

In three short weeks, he's struggled to conquer English, understand alien eating habits, living customs and all the new sights and sounds native to the states.

The 16-year-old Frenchman visited Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, saw "Superman" at the movies, attended family birthday parties, played at Bob-lo Island and visited Niagara Falls.

He's toured Oakland University and NWOVEC, Clarkston's voc-ed school, he's eaten at Frankenmuth, visited Seaworld and Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum and the Detroit Zoo.

And, points out Olivier, he's eaten at Burger King—fast food, he says is absent from Paris, the City of Lights.

On Aug. 2, he said goodbye to his adopted family of three weeks and boarded a plane at 11 p.m. out of Metro Airport for Paris.

Home, to family and friends.

What's the first thing he'll do upon arrival? Sample Mom's cooking? Visit friends?

Peruse home turf?

"No," says Olivier, "I'll love my dog."

And he smiles, for Vickey, a black Irish Setter, is what he's missed most.

Glenn and Zona Sommers and their children Lynn, 19, and Mark, 17, have thoroughly enjoyed the young Parisian's stay.

"We like to share our country and home," says Zona, noting Olivier is the third student they've housed for a visit.

"It's a good experience for the family. You learn about other people, and it's good I think to share yourself—and learn about yourself."

"We have really enjoyed this young man," she adds. "He's so agreeable—I just hope there's not something he's wanted to see that he hasn't spoke up to tell us."

No, says Olivier, there's nothing he's wanted to see that he hasn't seen. And no, there's nothing he's not fond of. He likes it all.

But there are differences between France and the states, Olivier says.

"The cars. The cars are bigger. In France we have smaller cars." Olivier smiles, for the Sommers drive a full-size Buick.

The houses have more yard here, he says. In Paris, he shares an apartment with his parents, a brother and a sister.

The concept of eating in the kitchen boggles his mind. His family dines in the "dining room." And Country-Western music has stolen his heart.

"In France—we don't have Country music. I like it. I have heard it before—at the movies," he said.

The Metro, Paris' subway, is obviously absent but Olivier's grown accustomed to automobile travel inside that plush GM car.

Shorts, Olivier says, are not worn in France—and he noticed right off the blue jean cut-offs and today's preppie tailored shorts donned by leg-baring Americans.

The Sommers plan a trip to Europe this year—and when in Paris, have been asked to look up Olivier and his family.

"That's really something," says Zona. "We never realized that one day we would get the chance to meet Olivier's family."

An international friendship is born.

—Marilyn Trumper



A large swing set in the shade in the backyard of the Sommers' Springfield Township home provides the setting for a photograph of Olivier [center, front] and three of the four members of the Sommers family; [from left] Zona, Lynn and Mark.

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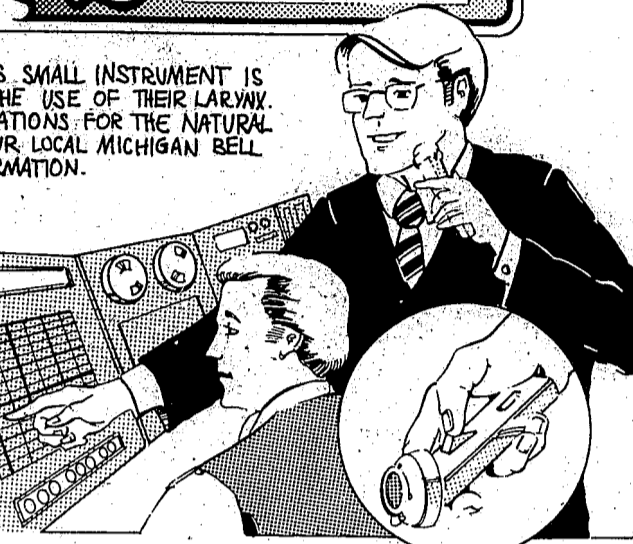
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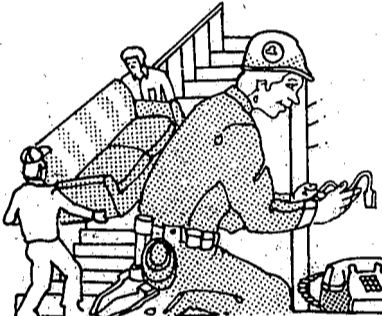
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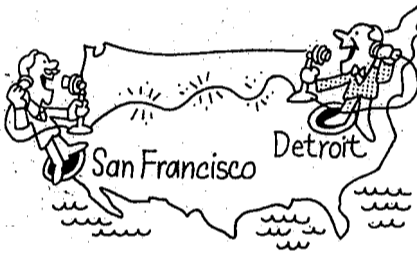
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