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Schools up 79 pupils

Enrollment down at elementary level

BY CURT MCALLISTER
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After tabulating the figures from its fourth Friday count, Clarkston school officials have found that attendance of 79 students over last year's numbers.

However, the surprise is that the elementary level saw a decrease of 77 students.

"Overall, the predictions we had for this year were higher than the actual numbers," said Mike LaBay, deputy superintendent of instruction. "Our forecasts were pretty much on the money at the secondary level, but we were predicting higher totals at the elementary level than what we actually received."

LaBay said the district is researching what could have caused this unexpected drop-off in the elementaries. Despite fewer students at this level, only two of the district's five schools reported a reduction in last year's populations.

Pine Knob Elementary was down 16 students from last year, while North Sashabaw Elementary was lacking 50 students. LaBay credits North Sashabaw's drop to the

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Lost woman found

Tracking dogs and helicopters were called Friday to search for an Alzheimer's disease patient who wandered away from the Greenery Health Care Center.

The 77-year-old woman walked away from the Clintonville Road, Independence Township, center around 9:30 a.m. She was found uninjured a few hours later in Warren.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department was aided by the Waterford Police Department, the OCSD Marine Division, Michigan State Police tracking dogs, residents and the Detroit police helicopter as they searched the area near the center.

At 7:45 p.m., the Warren Police Department found the woman walking along I-696 in Warren and called her family.

It was not known how the women got to Warren.

Trick-or-treating hours

Ghosts and goblins who like to plan their hauntings in advance should mark their calendars for 6-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

That's the official trick-or-treating hour in Independence and Springfield townships and the City of Clarkston.

For Halloween activities of all ages, see next week's Clarkston News.



Photo by Julie Campe

Tip o' the hat

ELDON Barclay's hat draws lots of attention, even from his mother, Lynn Barclay of Oakvista Avenue, Independence Town-

ship. Eldon and his family attended Pine Knob Elementary School's Country-Western Dance for the entire family last Friday.

School board votes to patch track

BY CURT MCALLISTER
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Come this spring, the Clarkston High track teams will have a patched-up track to run on.

But that's fine with them, considering they almost lost their home site altogether.

On Oct. 11, the Clarkston Board of Education unanimously approved allocating \$5,000 worth of bond money to repair the high school track. The matter arose after several track athletes and their parents attended the meeting, wanting to know why the track hadn't been resurfaced yet.

The track was one of many projects earmarked for renovation on last February's successful \$16.1 million bond issue.

Fred Goebel, a project manager with Greiner and Associates, said designs were completed in August, and bids on the track had come in about \$30,000 over the anticipated budget of \$48,000. Coupled with the busy schedules of most contractors, he estimated that the track wouldn't be completely refurbished until late spring.

Goebel said the work could be done either in the spring or in the summer, after the track season. Regardless, he said the top surface would have to be stripped in order to examine the condition of the asphalt underneath.

When asked if the present conditions of the track were safe, Athletic Director Paul Tungate said no.

"I wouldn't want to be liable for the condition of the track as it stands now," he said, citing holes and portions of the surface sticking up. Superintendent Gary Haner said work in the spring would cause the track teams to find other sites to use, for at least half the season.

The athletes and their parents were adamant about giving up their home site and practicing on hard surfaces.

"The girls' team has been dominant in this league for the last 10 years, and it would seem a shame that we wouldn't be able to host the league meet this year," said sprinter Angelic Brown. "Clarkston has also served as the host for the county's seventh- and eighth-grade meet the last couple of years, so you'd be letting those kids down too if the track wasn't available."

Other runners cited the occurrence of stress fractures when they train on hard surfaces such as parking lots and school hallways. Like their children, many parents wanted to see the track made usable for the spring season.

"If it means spending thousands of dollars to refurbish the track and make it usable, I'd consider this money well spent," said Mike Burklow, a parent.

Haner said he'd never considered the health concerns related to training on hard surfaces and recommended that the board set aside \$5,000 to patch the existing surface. He said waiting until summer for resurfacing appeared to be the best solution.

The board approved his recommendation and unanimously approved the patch-work bid of \$5,000 to the Clarkston-based Goddard Coating Co. The 24-hour project is expected to occur in coming weeks.

Enrollment up

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transfer of 39 SPICE students to Clarkston Middle School.

Rises were reported at Andersonville (+3), Bailey Lake (+2) and Clarkston (+29) elementaries. Bailey Lake remains the district's largest elementary school with 707 students, followed by Pine Knob with 606, Clarkston with 536, North Sashabaw with 516 and Andersonville at 406.

Despite the drop of 32 students, LaBay said the new elementary school will be a welcome sight.

"We're still at over-capacity in our elementary schools," he said. "We definitely need that sixth school, which will serve between 400 and 500 students next year."

At the secondary level, the district saw a 111-student leap over last year. While the middle schools lost a collective 363 students, Clarkston High gained 474. This influx of pupils was caused by the transfer of the ninth-graders to CHS.

Of these 474 new students, LaBay said the freshman class accounted for 439 of them.

In terms of facilities, LaBay said he foresees a more crowded high school if the secondary student population continues to rise over the next couple of years.

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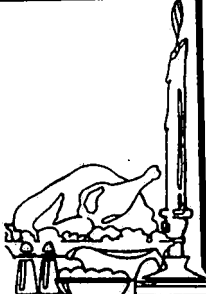
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Townships, city prepare for loss of state revenue

BY DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Clarkston News Special Writer

While Gov. Engler's school reform plan has not been set in stone, officials from townships, cities and schools have begun to prepare for the impact it could have on schools and residents.

For Springfield, Independence and Clarkston officials, Engler's plan calls for taking more than \$436,000 from them by giving state revenue-sharing money to local school districts.

Townships, cities and villages now receive a portion of revenue sharing from the state's income and single business taxes.

Springfield: Planning all along

Springfield township's supervisor said he doesn't expect the loss of state money to have much effect on Springfield's proposed budget for next year.

"We've been planning for this before it was announced," Collin Walls said.

According to figures from the Michigan Department of Treasury, the township received \$49,903 from state income tax and \$34,376 from single business tax during the 1992-93 fiscal year that ended June 30.

In a hearing Oct. 9, Walls presented a budget that included projected revenues of \$24,000 from income taxes and of \$4,000 in single business taxes.

"With the budget presented, we don't have to replace it. Our practice is that we don't spend until we get it," Walls said.

In addition, the township's police and fire funds would remain unaffected, even if next year's fire budget now includes an anticipated \$2,000 from single business taxes, Walls said.

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Supervisor Collin Walls

Walls said that amount can be recovered from Springfield's contingency and transfer fund or special savings account.

Clarkston could lose \$21,000

City manager Art Pappas said the village could lose \$21,000 in state appropriations.

"While it does not sound like a lot, to us it is quite a bit," Pappas said.

Figures from the Department of Treasury show that Clarkston received \$7,338 in state income taxes and \$5,055 in single business taxes last year.

Pappas said its general fund budget for next year stands at \$446,580 in revenues and \$468,840 in expenditures.

If the city does not receive revenue sharing money from the state, Pappas said it could ask its residents for a millage increase to cover the difference.

Currently, Clarkston levies 12.6 mills for its operat-

ing budget and an additional .5 mill for its payment for the sewer system installed 20 years ago, according to Pappas.

"If we are hard hit, then we could raise taxes by one mill," Pappas said. "Others have more high stakes than we do."

One mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 in assessed property valuation.

Independence: \$300,000 loss

Independence Township could lose \$300,000 in revenue sharing money if Engler's plan is set in motion.

Township Treasurer John Lutz said the loss of money would have a big impact on the township.

If it loses revenue from tax money, its Downtown Development Authority would have to find other means to pay back the bonds that financed the lights along the Dixie Highway.

While the potential loss would affect the township's general fund only, Lutz said the township could ask for a millage increase.

"I would like to see that if the state changes the funding formula for us, and we have such a debt which we pay by the old formula, then the state should be responsible," Lutz said. "But we also can go back and get more millage."

Too many "ifs" for schools

Clarkston Community Schools officials have not considered the impact of Engler's school reform plan, in which the school could receive \$5,599 per student.

"Right now it's only proposals," said Steven Lenar, deputy superintendent of business affairs, who would not speculate on the effects of the proposal.

"Let's find out what the law is before we make any decisions," he said.

Plan offers new schools for a new century

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

On Oct. 5, Gov. John Engler waved a sawed-off shotgun above his head and laid out reforms for Michigan schools.

Engler said that if his proposal is approved, Michigan's children will have higher academic standards and greater safety, and their parents will have more input and choices in education.

Teachers will benefit from fewer rules and regulations and better technology, and taxpayers will know they

are getting the most for their money, he said.

The plan to reform schools is divided into three parts: school reform, finance reforms and state and local government cooperation.

School reform

The proposals for school reform include discipline, student bank accounts and charter schools.

Engler's plan states that disappointing results in public education have been due, in part, to the absence of strong state leadership in educational goals — and how students, parents and educators attain goals.

He proposed charter schools, higher standards for

students, school accountability and discipline, and student bank accounts.

Charter schools — a public school without boundaries — would be organized by teachers, parents or others and chartered by a public entity. An example of a charter school would be a family school, where young parents with no high school diploma and their children could learn under one roof.

Engler proposed higher standards for achievement be adopted by the state. He asked for a required state-endorsed proficiency test for a Michigan high school diploma beginning in 2001. An advanced Mastery Endorsed diploma would be given to a student who scored 90 percent or more on all proficiency tests. He also said technical-vocational preparation will be integrated into the educational mainstream.

Schools will have an increased accountability for student performance.

Schools that produce improvements will receive bonuses, and those with poor performance will be penal-

School reform summary

If Gov. John Engler's school reforms are approved as presented, this is how he would generate money, pay for education, change education and institute other changes.

Taxes

- A sales tax of 2 cents on the dollar would generate \$1.8 billion.
- A 4 percent increase on transfer taxes on home sales would generate \$479 million.
- The increase of the cigarette and tobacco tax may garner \$350 million.
- Single business taxes will increase 0.5 percent to generate \$419 million.
- A state millage increase of 16 mills will generate \$937 million from businesses and \$264 million from second homes.
- Eliminating the homestead credit will save the state \$1 billion. If it is replaced with the \$450 tax break for low-income residents, it result in a net savings of \$880 million instead of \$1 billion.

School funding

- A 2 percent increase or more for systems receiving less than \$4,500 per student
- A 2 percent increase for systems receiving from \$4,500 - \$5,500 per student
- A 1 percent increase for systems receiving \$5,500 to \$6,500 per student
- Those spending more than \$6,500 per student can raise local taxes to maintain spending.

Education

- School choice
- Alternative or charter schools

- Students will automatically be expelled for having weapons or drugs at school.
- Reform schools for delinquents will be set up.
- Expand alternatives to current teacher certification process.

Other

- Take bids for teacher health insurance, busing, accounting and management
- Create a boundary commission to recommend merging some districts and uniforming services
- State board members may be elected by region.
- Appoint or elect a state superintendent of schools.

Time frame

- Oct. 5, 1993 — the plan is presented to the state
- Dec. 8, 1993 — the proposed date to pass the reform
- Feb. 8, 1994 — proposed date to vote on the constitutional amendment dealing with taxes
- November 2000 — voters will have the chance to review the progress and overturn the amendment if so desired.

Revenue

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| New state taxes | \$5.421 billion |
| New local taxes | \$1.396 billion |
| New state tax credits | \$143 million |
| Net new taxes | \$6.674 billion |
| Property tax cut | -\$6.977 billion |
| Net tax cut | \$303 million |

"Is our aim high? You bet it is because second place isn't good enough. My vision is to have Michigan graduates able to compete with anybody, anywhere."

Gov. John Engler

ized. Those who do not meet the schools' objectives and show no progress may be closed.

Discipline is needed, said Engler.

"I propose that discipline be improved by adopting a zero tolerance for violence," said Engler.

This means that any child with a weapon or with drugs would be expelled automatically from his or her school.

These students may attend charter schools especially formed for students in this situation — and state money allotted for these children would follow them from their school district to their new charter school.

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Bank accounts, charter schools part of plan

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Engler also proposed student education bank accounts.

Under this plan, each student who attends a public school would receive a bank account. Parents receive a personalized statement of up-to-date expenditures made on behalf of their child. Money left in the account can be used for summer school, extra tutoring or to defray the cost of college.

Finance reforms

Engler said he wants to create a more efficient and fair system of funding public schools.

He eliminated school funding from property taxes in July and last week proposed the following tax changes:

- a 2 percent sales tax increase
- a cigarette and tobacco tax
- a 4 percent real estate transfer tax
- a 1/2 percent increase in the single business tax
- a 16-mill statewide non-homeowner property tax on businesses and second homes

■ an elimination of the Homestead Property Tax Credit — those who have low-incomes may get a \$450 tax break.

These proposals, except the single business tax and the elimination of the tax credit, are to appear on the ballot as a constitutional amendment. Engler said he's aiming for a Feb. 8, 1994, election. The amendment also would include electing a state board of education. The business tax and elimination of the tax credit would begin in fiscal year 1994-1995.

Schools will be paid for with a basic foundation grant. School systems will be guaranteed at least \$4,500 per pupil. Systems now spending between \$4,500 and \$5,500 would receive a 2 percent increase next year, and districts now spending between \$5,500 and \$6,400 would receive a 1 percent increase next year.

School districts spending above \$6,500 would receive \$6,500 per pupil and can levy sufficient local

property taxes to generate a 1 percent increase from the prior year.

State and local government relations

As part of his school reform package, Engler proposed state and local government relations reforms.

He proposed that the roles and responsibilities of each level of government be clearly defined. He wants to "disentangle" the finances of state and local government, he said.

This includes removing the state from the administration of property tax and removing state incentive to

local governments to raise the tax rate.

Engler said his plan gives local governments more autonomy with their finances and gives the taxpayers more control over the size and nature of their local government.

His three-prong reform is sweeping, but he hopes it will produce quality students, he said.

"Is our aim high? You bet it is because second place isn't good enough. My vision is to have Michigan graduates able to compete with anybody, anywhere," said Engler.

Clarkston holds off on league

BY CURT MCALLISTER
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At least for now, the Clarkston school district is still a member of the Greater Oakland Activities League (GOAL).

At the Oct. 11 school board meeting, Superintendent Gary Haner said that Clarkston will probably remain a member of the slowly disintegrating conference for at least one more year. However, this could change if Clarkston gains admittance into the Metro Suburban Association (MSA) at its Oct. 15 league meeting.

Just recently, Lake Orion announced its entry into the Macomb Area Conference (MAC), a 26-team league consisting of all Class A schools. The MAC had also extended an invitation to Clarkston to join, but the district has declined the offer.

"The MAC is looking for a two-year contract from its new members and we didn't want to be obligated by that if an Oakland County league were to form any time soon,"


Haner said. "We'll have to see what occurs with the MSA."

According to Clarkston Athletic Director Paul Tungate, the GOAL could also lose two more members by the 1995-96 school year. Both Waterford Mott and Kettering are presently contemplating whether to join the Kensington Valley Conference.

The GOAL presently consists of five Class A schools and one in Class B. However, the loss of Lake Orion and the possible departure of the two Waterford schools, would leave the league in dire straights — especially in football where Brandon's program no longer participates as a member of the conference.

The transfer of schools to other conferences makes Tungate believe that a new, all-encompassing league is on the horizon.

"I keep hearing that other schools are pushing for a countywide league," Tungate said. "We're hoping such a league can crop up in the next couple of years, but we'll just have to wait and see."



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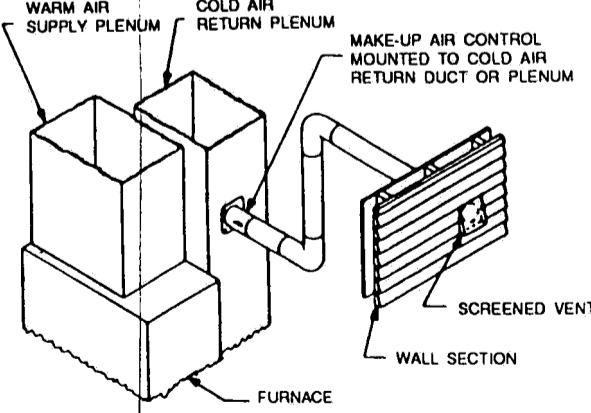
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Water contract still unsigned; other city residents request township water hookup, too

BY DEBORAH DZIEWIT
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Though no one has signed on the dotted line, clean water soon should flow in the City of Clarkston.

The intergovernmental contract to provide water to 26 Main Street residents was not signed as expected by the Clarkston City Council Monday.

However, the council said it shouldn't hold up Independence Township officials from seeking bids so work can begin in late October.

The water is to be extended from the township to city to serve Main Street residents who have tainted water. A Super Fund grant already paid for an extension of township water to township residents along Northview Drive and Perry Lake Road.

A subcommittee, made up of city council members William Basinger and Steve Secatch, city attorney Thomas Ryan, and Independence Township's director of

public works George Anderson, met two weeks ago to refine details of the contract between the township and Clarkston.

Basinger said all the issues were worked out, and now it's up to the attorneys to work on the contract language.

Anderson said the contract probably will appear on the township's Oct. 19 agenda or on the city's Oct. 25 agenda.

At the city's Oct. 11 meeting, one city resident proposed that other Main Street residents be tied into the extended water main, if possible.

Jim Smith, a Main Street resident and spokesman for several other residents, said he and others are concerned about the potential for pollution if the 26 Main Street wells were to be capped.

The water flows east to west, then slightly north. Therefore, Smith and the other residents are out of the way, according to Anderson.

But the spread of contaminated water is likely to continue, said Anderson.

"That will continue until the source of the pollution (the now closed Powell Landfill) is cleaned up," he said.

The Powell Landfill was north of Clarkston Road, east of Perry Lake Road, south of I-75.

The Main Street wells, not all of which are contaminated, must be capped if the township is to use the \$215,000 grant money from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to extend the water main.

Anderson said there would be no problem to extend the water main the extra 400 to 500 feet.

"All he (Smith) has to do is petition the city council," Anderson said. "For us it would be just the question of taking an additional topographical survey and including it in our engineering plans."

The proposed contract provides for extensions; however, Basinger said he doesn't know if Smith and other residents will be included in the water hookup at this time.

Smith said he has spoken with other residents on Main Street, and if the cost were kept between \$3,500 to \$3,800, they would pay for the extension.

"I was looking at the grant language and did some figuring and came up with those numbers," Smith said. "We are deeply interested, especially if it can be done in that range," Smith said.

Council members Steve Arkwright and Basinger are to speak with Anderson and the project engineer about the costs of extending the water main to the city parking lot by the Mill Pond.

In the meantime, residents who are concerned about contamination can call 858-7000 to request a water test from the Oakland County Department of Health.

Jeanne Selander Miller, city clerk, said the county tested her water for bacteria and other possible contaminants at no cost to her. Results came back in four to six weeks.

Devereaux named new principal

Sharon Devereaux will be moving to the new elementary school next year where she'll continue her duties as principal.

The Andersonville Elementary administrator was unanimously approved for the new position at the Oct. 11 school board meeting. Devereaux has been Andersonville's acting principal for the past seven years. She has over 20 years of experience in the field of education.

The new elementary school is located at the intersection of Holcomb and Bridge Lake roads, Springfield Township. Presently under construction, it's slated to

open prior to the start of the 1994-95 school year.

Haner said the decision of recommending a principal for the new school was a tough one.

"We had five excellent elementary principals from which to choose from, but, all in all, we saw Sharon as the best fit for the new building," he said.

Devereaux said she appreciated the vote of confidence and looked forward to the year ahead. Haner said the principal vacancy at Andersonville will be posted in January, so a new one can be in place well before the start of school.

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Though this job is accompanied by long, irregular hours, it has its advantages.

For instance, even though I worked late Friday night, it was a lot of fun.

The event was Pine Knob Elementary School's Country-Western Dance for the entire family. Mothers, fathers, toddlers, elementary pupils, teachers and Principal William Potvin donned Western apparel and did the two-step and line dances, bobbed for apples and ate popcorn.

My job was to photograph the event. My first shot set the tone of the whole evening.

I spotted a cowboy-hat bedecked youngster dancing with a blond-haired lass his own size — I guessed them to be around age 5. I took their picture a few times, then lost them in the crowd, then found them again near the drinking fountain to ask them their names, ages and grades.

Katie C. knew how to write part of her name, and Danny L. knew how, too — but I couldn't read his signature. Neither could spell their last names. They were both the same age — 5, but they had trouble answering my other questions.

"What grade are you in?" I asked.
"We don't know," said Katie. "He doesn't know either. We don't know what grade we're in."

"Are you in kindergarten?" I asked.
"I don't know," said Katie.

"Is this your first year of school?" I asked.
"No. This is my 26th day of school," she said.

"You know what? He's my boyfriend, and I'm his girlfriend. We like each other. We met at school. Do you want to watch us dance?"

"OK," I said.
"You can take our pictures some more if you want," she said.

"Yeah," said Danny. "It's OK. We don't mind."
Then, they raced to the dance floor, hand in hand, and promptly were lost in their own world.

I found others to photograph, too. First-grade teacher Marilyn Bidinger danced with her granddaughter, Devinne Reilly, 2, who came from Lansing for the event. She also danced with some of her first-graders.

Katie Sampson, 6, found herself in the makeshift jail in the corner of the gym — which she enjoyed. She didn't know why she had been jailed, but she didn't mind — it was fun, she said. She could talk to her friends through the bars of the cell.

Eldon Barclay, 3, and Andrew Zuker, 5, spied each other wearing large cowboy hats and kept bending down to see each other's face. Eldon nearly tipped over a few times — I think his hat made him top heavy.

Then the first little couple appeared again. Katie and Danny, held hands and waved, and Katie said, "We're going to get popcorn now. You can take our picture there if you want."

Then they ran from the gym and down the hall. I could only smile.

No, Friday night assignments are not bad at all.

Thanks to visitor

We thank Mr. Dale Stuart for visiting our second-year Webelos den on Thursday evening, Oct. 7. He told us about township government and who does what for our community. He also told us about our national government and the presidency. We learned about laws and why they're important, even to us.

We know you're busy, Mr. Stuart. Thanks for taking time to help us earn our citizen awards.

Devin Kosbab Joe Regiani
Josh Jarvis Craig Verlinden
Ted Lindeberg Den 6, Pack 126

Boosters appreciate marching band support

The Clarkston Band Boosters would like to thank everyone who participated in making the 16th Annual Clarkston Invitational a success.

We especially thank the businesses who advertised in the program or provided us services or supplies.

Nine bands competed in the event on Saturday, Oct.

9, with Milford earning the highest overall score.

The last major fund-raiser for the London Spectacular (where the CHS Marching Band was invited to perform this winter) is a dinner-auction at the Spring Lake Country Club Friday, Nov. 5. See any band booster for ticket information, or stop by the high school.

Clarkston Band Boosters

Editor's note: The senior center is in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. A 24-hour advance notice is requested for lunch. Meals are \$2 for seniors age 55 and up and \$3 for others.

Something for all

The Independence Township Senior Center has a terrific lunch program, and I wanted to tell others to come try us for lunch.

Everyday is a new menu — not all my favorites, but they are delicious. My favorite meal is the sirloin cubes.

We have something for everyone. In our sing-along on Fridays, we have a great time and a great group of seniors. I enjoy singing for the nursing home also.

Please come by and find out what you like to do best.

Nick Dureiko
Genny Herald
Mary Langdon

Letter to the Editor

Nice street lights, wrong place

Who can find out why we have double lights on M-15 just north of Dixie Highway?

The colonial lights aren't seen because of the overhead lights — a waste of taxpayers' money? The colonial lights are nice but in the wrong place to be appreciated.

Robert F. and Melva Taylor

Letter policy

Letters to the editor must arrive at The Clarkston News office by noon Monday to be considered for publication in Wednesday's paper. We reserve the right to edit all letters for brevity and clarity and to limit the number of letters from any one individual or on any one topic. Letters are limited to 315 words. We discourage copies of letters sent elsewhere and require that all letters be signed and include an address and phone number. We will not publish unsigned letters, though we may withhold names on written request in special circumstances. Address all letters to: Letters To The Editor, The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346.

Jim's Jottings

Was I All-State or All-American?



Jim Sherman

'Tis the season for pigskins, cheerleaders, tuba players and "stripped cows pastures" as Andy Griffith has called them.

Ah, yes, phootball Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Thursday are upon us. It's the time of injured knees, pickled bologna with fans to match, rain and cursing coaches.

Nary a fall passes that we former football players don't recall our own All-State performance days . . . Friday afternoons when we gave our all before non-existent fans and nary a line of recognition in our daily Owosso Argus Press.

In my days at Morrice High School, 1940-42, we played the toughest kind of football . . . 6-man.

That's right, 6-man. No pulling guards to block for the halfbacks; we didn't have guards. No pass-rushing tackles; we didn't have tackles. No plunging fullback; we didn't have a fullback.

My experiences in 6-man came rushing back as I read an article recently about small towns in Nebraska, Texas, Colorado, Montana and New Mexico playing 6-man schedules.

They have it for the same reason we in mid-Michigan's small towns did . . . We didn't have 11 guys. The Orioles of Morrice High dressed 8 for a game.

I doubt if Byron, Haslett, Laingsburg, Vernon and Bath (our league opponents) had more than eight.

The article called this imaginative football a "depression-era variant."

We had two ends, a center, quarterback and

two halfbacks. I always wanted to play end. I was the tallest kid in school, so pass-catching was for me. The coach made me quarterback.

Today I remember the names of only two guys on our team. George Talbot and Bob Jarrard. Part of the reason I remember their names is because the ball had to be handled twice on running plays, so I was always handing it to one of them.

These two guys dominated all MHS sports except girls basketball. They were fast, tough and mature, meaning they did many of the things I didn't think I could get away with.

When the coach told me what plays to call, these two, in unison, would say, "Screw him, gimme the ball!" And, since I feared they would beat me up if I obeyed the coach, I'd give them the ball.

Heck, the coach couldn't take me out. There was no quarterback substitute.

The field was shorter than normal, 80 yards, but we seldom made the end zone. The football (we only had one per season) was bulbous and hard to throw. The uniforms were thinly padded and the helmets almost cushionless.

But, we were football players, by dam. In my junior and senior years at Morrice I was an Owosso Argus Press paperboy. I remember peddling my bike around town, delivering the paper while still in uniform, not taking time to change because the readers wanted their paper.

I still believe people want their paper, only now I hope they want mine most.

Editorial

State, national reforms: People should be part of the process

In the last couple of weeks, our governor and our president each unveiled a reform proposal.

Each presented the public with a tangible object symbolizing their reform proposals.

President Clinton flashed a health card that all Americans could carry by 1997.

Gov. Engler waved a sawed-off shotgun that school officials confiscated from a Lansing high school student.

While Clinton's card certainly can be thought to symbolize health care for all American and Engler's gun can point to much needed school reform in Michigan, we should not sit back and let a small plastic card and a shotgun say it all to us.

School, township and village officials should understand the impact these two reform proposals could have on the community.

Michigan residents and business owners should determine what impact these proposals would have

on their pocket books and children and their very quality of life.

Unfortunately, some officials will play the wait-and-see game. They will not make any statements or predictions about the proposals' effects until each proposal becomes law.

However, some choose to be prepared and they have or will consider the options before them.

While Engler's proposal can be looked upon as "what if" and not written in stone, sometimes it's wise to consider the what-ifs.

If Engler's school reform passes as is, what then? If we pay 2 percent more in sales tax, how much will that cost us? How much will that really generate for schools?

How will a 4 percent tax on home sales affect home sales? Single business tax will rise to 2.85 percent from 2.35 percent. How will that half percent increase affect a business' budget?

Businesses, those who own second homes and non-resident property owners will pay a 16-mill property tax. Again how much will this cost, and how much will this really generate?

Villages and townships will see a shift of revenue sharing to schools. If that is true, then we should all find out what effects that could have on services such as police and fire and township or village employees.

Of course we don't know how much will remain of the original proposals. But we don't have to be like the grasshopper who did not prepare for the winter as did his friend the ant. We can't merely hope for the best.

We all can get busy and get as much information as we can. We can learn about what effects tax increases in one area could have on another.

Springfield Township had a public budget hearing this past week, while Independence Township had a budget workshop, and Clarkston schools offered an open forum with Rep. Tom Middleton.

Officials have anticipated tightening their belts or reducing costs or seeking a millage increase.

We should all be a part of the process. We can go to meetings. We can ask questions. We can vote. We can get informed.

How to get in touch ...

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'If it Fitz ...'

Wedding orientation
elicits tears, old fears



**Jim
Fitzgerald**

In July 1945 I was in Berlin at the same time Harry Truman, Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill were there, shortly after the war with Germany ended, to discuss such important matters as how to most efficiently end the war with Japan. We didn't get together for lunch.

In October 1993, my nephew Michael Dixon was attached to a ball and chain, literally. We got together at his wedding.

The connection between these two seemingly disparate events, separated by 48 years, is beautiful and encouraging. It indicates that human beings, despite all the dismaying evidence to the contrary, are indeed making some progress toward that far-off day when they'll finally quit killing each other on purpose.

I'm reading David McCullough's "Truman," the marvelous biography of the vice president who became president in April 1945 when Franklin Roosevelt died. That's why the famous Potsdam (just outside Berlin) meeting of those three world leaders was on my mind during Michael's wedding weekend.

It was sort of thrilling to read the Potsdam chapter and recall I was so near history in the making when I was an 18-year-old soldier with absolutely no sense of history.

All I knew was that I was scheduled to move on to the war in the South Pacific and it sure would be great if Truman and those two other guys somehow make the trip unnecessary.

An earlier "Truman" chapter more surprisingly evoked another geographical memory. I hadn't known that Truman, when he was a Missouri farmer, and his bride, Bess, had honeymooned in Port Huron. And they had such a good time that, according to the book, "So sublime were these days and nights beside the ice-cold lake (Huron) that for Harry the very words 'Port Huron' would forever mean the ultimate in happiness."

I was born and raised in Port Huron, and when I was shipped out of Germany, the ultimate in my happiness would have been to end up there, at 1020 Pine Grove Ave., instead of anywhere near Japan.

And that's exactly what happened. While he was in Potsdam, President Truman was notified of the first - and extremely successful - test of the atom bomb. About a month later, that fearful weapon was used against Japan, and World War II was over. I was aboard a troop ship at the time, and we ultimately docked in New York instead of anywhere near Japan.

Enough memories; back to 1993. My nephew's best man, Chuck McGregor, and cohorts flew Michael from Detroit to Chicago for a two-day stag party. They chained and locked a bowling ball to his ankle, forcing him to carry a 16-pound conversation-maker wherever he went.

The wedding, in Sts. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church in downtown Detroit, was especially impressive because the prayers were said in two languages.

The reception, in the Dearborn Country Club, was special fun because toasts were made and songs were sung in two languages.

The languages were Japanese and English.

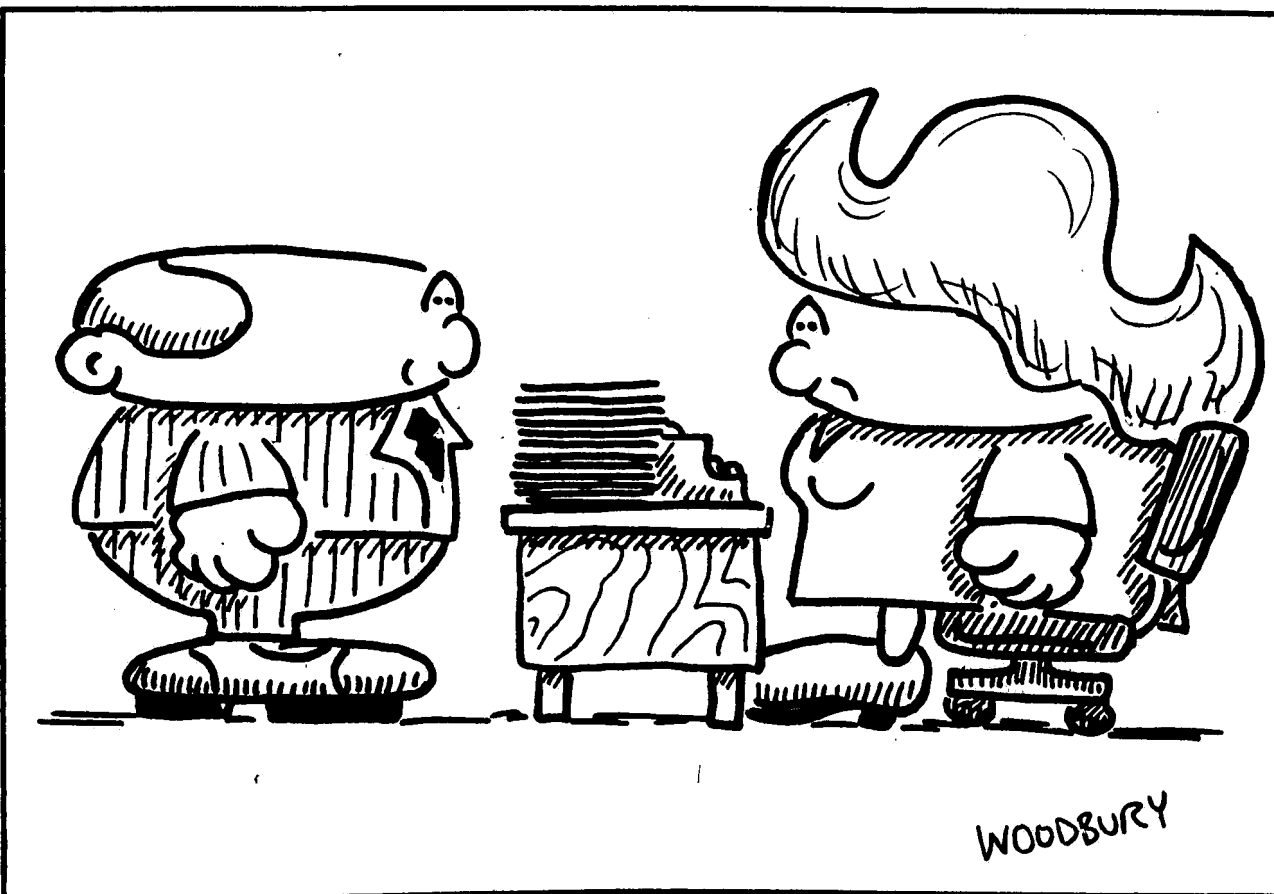
Kaori Endo, daughter of Yuki Yoshi and Kiyoko Endo of Tokyo, married Michael Dixon, son of Jack and Mary Lou Dixon of Bloomfield Hills. The handsome ring bearer was Andrew Dixon and the beautiful flower girl was Asako Ieiri.

Uncle Jim, so many years after escaping that trip toward Japan, was so happy to finally be so near Japan, I cried. As too many people have been bored to learn, I've always promoted mixed marriages of any and every type.

My all-in-the-family philosophy is you're less likely to take up nuclear arms against a man and his countrymen if he's your brother-in-law, and more likely to settle for only spilling beer on him.

That's terribly simplistic, of course, but simplicity has its rewards, and the wedding of Kaori and Michael was a great one.

Onward and Upward. It was a time to rejoice for all the usual "I do" reasons, plus so much more.



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National Business Women's Week

Robin Brose's advice: Dream big; set goals; help each other out

BY DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Clarkston News Special Writer

Five years ago, Robin Brose knew she had to get back in the work force.

The Independence Township woman had quit her job as a grant assessor in Dearborn because she found it too stressful to juggle a demanding job and family. She chose to become a full-time mother to her son and daughter.

But after a year and a half she found that she needed more.

"After all this time spent with children and not a lot of contact with adults, I found I could not communicate," she said.

However, she didn't want the typical nine-to-five job either.

"I wanted something that I could do that would work around my children and husband," Brose said.

Today she is a Mary Kay Cosmetics beauty consultant, one of 300,000 women and 2,000 men in the United



ROBIN BROSE of Independence Township is a Mary Kay Beauty consultant. She is the fifth highest seller in her unit of 161 consultants. She also is a member of the Business and Professional Women organization. The BPW supports and recognizes the accomplishments of women in business.

"You need to have goals that are attainable yet make you stretch. But we need to dream big ... so big there is a knot in your stomach."

Robin Brose

States who sell a full line of beauty products.

Brose said she sells more than makeup to women. "I teach women how to take care of their skin, and I also show women new glamour techniques," she said.

By being part of \$613 million dollar company, she can still spend the time she needs with her family yet be part of the work force.

Mary Kay offers Brose more than a job, she said. It gives her a philosophy that she not only can follow while she is working, but one that she also can follow outside of work.

"Mary Kay says, 'God first, family second and career third,'" she said. "There is no politics at Mary Kay. In fact, we follow the golden rule — treat others as they themselves would like to be treated."

Brose said that while she doesn't work a specific territory and has customers all over the country, she would not try to take another consultant's customers

because she wouldn't like that to happen to her.

Currently she sponsors five other recruits, where she receives a commission from corporate profits as long as they stay active. She is the fifth highest seller in her unit of 161 other consultants.

Brose has found that membership in the Business and Professional Women organization has helped her with contacts and also support.

"It's a place where we (women) can network and be supportive of each other," Brose said. "It's very similar to what I get from Mary Kay."

Brose said BPW, which has 40 members and meets

the second Thursday of the month, is a place that women can come and be recognized and supported for the work they do. She serves as historian and public relations member.

"I feel as women, we have to be tough — we are a minority and we need to get together and say we're doing a good job," she said. "We need to be patted on the back."

For women who want to enter the business world, Brose said they need to be goal oriented.

"You need to have goals that are attainable yet make you stretch. But we need to dream big ... so big there is a knot in your stomach," Brose said.

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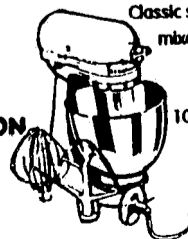
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Group promotes achievement in women

Over half the population of the United States is female, and a special week has been set to honor those women in business.

Oct. 18-24 honors American women who are in the work place. National Businesswomen's Week is sponsored by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW).

Sharon Johnson of Holly — a member of the Waterford-Clarkston BPW — said the original National Businesswomen's Week began in the mid-1930s and is still useful today.

"Women still need to be celebrated (and know) that they have a lot of choice in the work place," said Johnson, treasurer of the state level of BPW.

BPW was organized in Missouri in 1917 to promote and support the achievement of women in business and in the community. The Clarkston-Waterford group, chartered in 1953, includes 45 members.

"More and more, women find they have to financially support themselves and their families," said Johnson.

She said BPW works to bring businesswomen's issues and accomplishments to public knowledge.

The group works to achieve specific gains for women under the law including equal treatment in political organizations, tax reforms and pay. The BPW also provides career information and help to women who want educational training programs.

Mother-friendly work places mean healthier babies, less absenteeism

Despite growing evidence of the important health benefits of breastfeeding, most working mothers still face serious obstacles if they try to continue nursing after returning to work.

The importance of continuing to breastfeed was underlined in a study conducted by Dr. Burris D. Duncan of the University of Arizona-Tucson. He found that babies fed breast milk for at least four months have significantly fewer ear infections than formula-fed babies or babies nursed for less than four months.

Other studies have reported fewer gastrointestinal and respiratory infections among breast-fed babies, as well as lower incidences of lymphomas, childhood diabetes and allergies.

But the difficulties of combining nursing with a job can overwhelm even women who know the facts about the health benefits of breastfeeding. Only 10 percent of new mothers who return to work nurse for three months or more.

That's because most mothers cannot take their babies to work, so to continue nursing, they must pump their milk at work and store it in a cool place. Most work sites don't contain a private space where women can pump comfortably. And the culture in many companies makes women feel uncomfortable even talking about nursing, let alone asking for a place to pump and store breast milk.

A growing number of employers are realizing that the benefits of breast-feeding are worth some work place accommodations. They are providing support and facilities to encourage their employees to continue nursing.

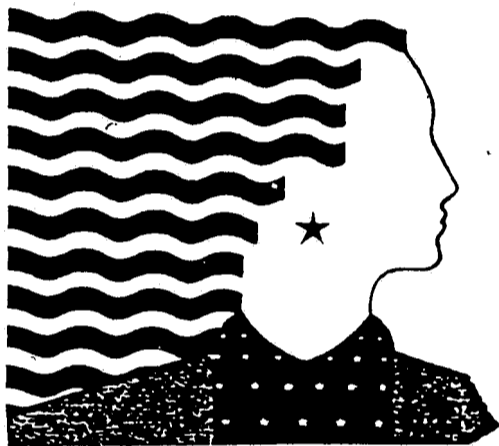
Rona Cohen, program manager for the Sanvita Corporate Lactation Program, has surveyed the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power employees with infants. She found that 93 percent of the formula-fed infants fell ill during the two-year study, compared to 59 percent of infants who were fed breast milk.

As a result, parents of breastfed babies missed less work because they were not home caring for a sick child. In her study, Cohen found that 57 percent of the nursing mothers were at work every day, compared with only 31 percent of the mothers using formula.

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National Businesswomen's Week October 18th through 24th

Seventy-Six years ago, the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW) was organized in St. Louis, Missouri. The goal then, as now, was to promote and support a high standard of achievement for women in business and in the community.

BPW is the oldest and largest organization of working women in the United States. A non-profit, self-governed organization composed of approximately 75,000 members throughout the nation, it strives to achieve specific gains for women under the law; equal pay for equal work; removal of sex discrimination in education and employment; equal representation in political organizations; child care services; tax reforms equalizing treatment for women and men; and equitable treatment of women in insurance and pension plans.

As a branch of BPW, the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women are united by the common concern that women here and throughout the world would be treated equitably in all areas of their lives.

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Budget review prepares for Thursday action

BY DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Clarkston News Special Writer

Sometimes the philosophy "Don't spend it until you

have it" works.

This is especially true with townships and cities as they plan their budgets for next year in light of Gov. Engler's proposal to take revenue sharing from municipi-

palities and townships and give it to local school districts.

Anticipating cuts in revenue sharing from state income taxes and single business taxes, Springfield's township supervisor came prepared to Saturday's public budget hearing.

"There is always challenges because of changes," Collin Walls said. "We have been fiscally conservative for many years and have not had to levy the maximum in millage rates except two or three times in the last 12 years."

Walls presented a balanced 1994 general fund budget showing \$925,725 in revenues and \$925,725 in expenditures. The township's fire fund shows \$187,700 in revenues and \$155,175 in expected expenses. The surplus is expected to be used toward the purchase of a new fire truck in 1997, according to Walls.

However, fire chief Marlan Hillman said a new rescue unit also is needed.

"We have one that has an '82 body, and it (the body) has to be replaced. This would be the second time," Hillman told the township trustees. "It would cost \$80,000 for a new one, but we could repair the old one for \$3,000 ... but any repair to rust is just temporary."

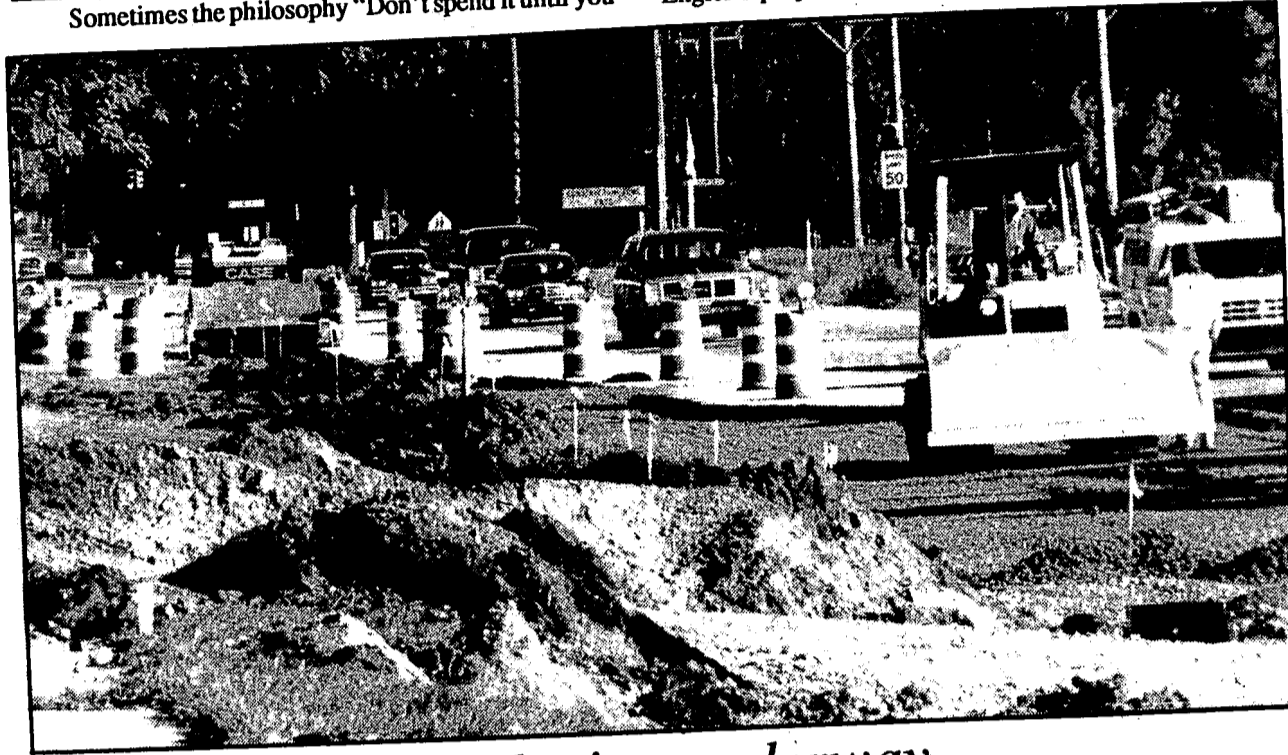
That was the only hitch in the meeting as Walls reviewed each department's budget with 15 residents who attended Saturday's afternoon meeting.

Walls said he and the other trustees would investigate the possibility of purchasing such a truck for the fire department and would report back to Hillman at the township meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 14.

The police fund showed projected revenues of \$424,700 and expenditures of \$424,700. The budget reflects an anticipated rate increase from Oakland County Sheriff's Department, which provides the five deputies who patrol Springfield Township.

Walls adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m. as expected, so those who wanted to watch the football game between Michigan State University and University of Michigan could do so.

The township board is to approve or deny the budget at Thursday's meeting.



Widening underway

CONSTRUCTION along Maybee and Sashabaw roads should be complete sometime next month. According to John Joy, director of public information for the Road Commission for Oakland County, the widening of the intersection will be complete before the end of November, hopefully before the first snow. When complete, the five-lane intersection will gradually collapse to two

lanes on all sides. Joy said the cost is around \$600,000. Earlier estimates for the project put the figure at \$414,000, with 90 percent of the money coming from federal Hazard Elimination-Safety funds. Independence Township has allocated \$20,700 toward the remaining sum with the rest to be paid by the county. (Photo by Catherine Passmore)

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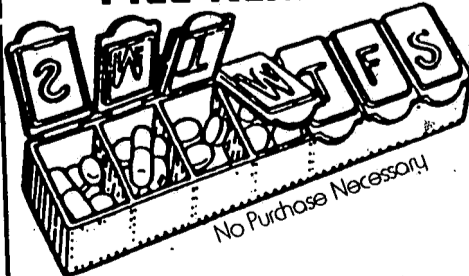


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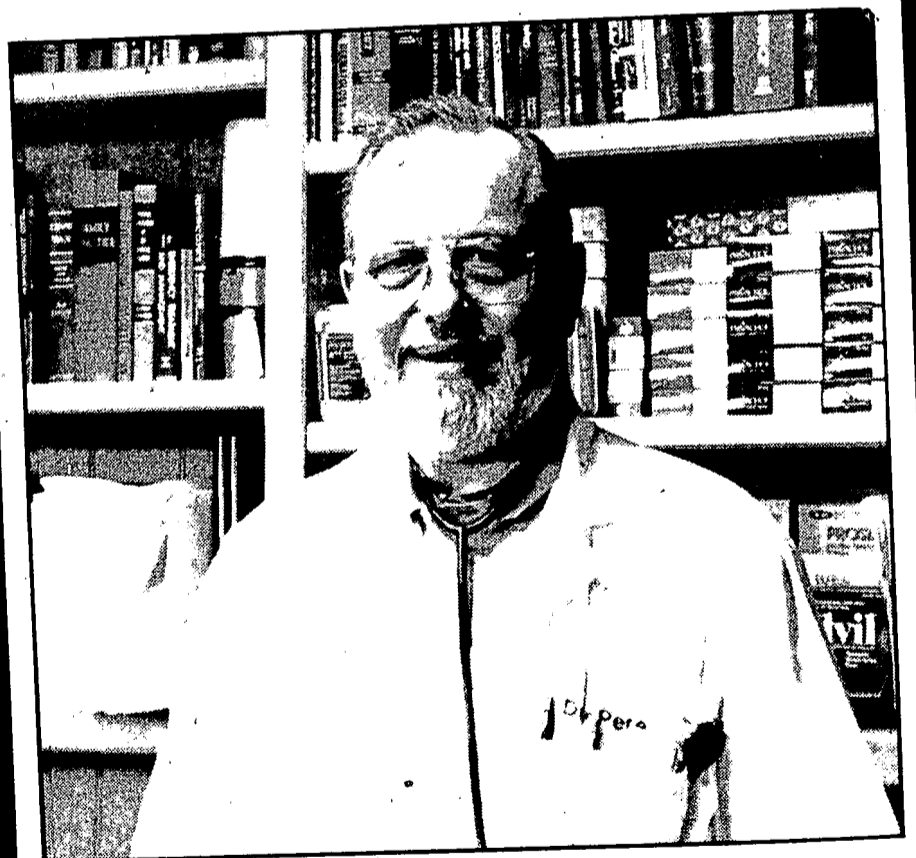


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News wins six awards in state newspaper contest

The Clarkston News won six statewide awards last week, including a second-place award for general excellence.

Members of the Colorado Press Association reviewed 2,657 entries submitted by 146 newspapers in Michigan when they judged the 1993 Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest.

In Class D for weeklies (circulation 5,000 and less), The News competed with more newspapers than any other category and was named second best in the state — behind the Morenci Observer — for general excellence. Judges said The Clarkston News had “good use of color, nice layout, good use of photos. A lot of well-written local news.”

Reporter Catherine Passmore earned an honorable mention in the local news reporting category for a story on illiteracy. Judges said it was “a good example of bringing a national issue home by finding a community member who will share his problems with the reader. Well written.”

Passmore also wrote the cover stories on The News’ “Reflections” sections, which won a second-place award in the lifestyle-family living category.

Her stories also helped earn The News first- and second-place awards in the special section category. In the top-finishing health section, Passmore wrote about a young woman awaiting results from an HIV-AIDS test. Judges said the story “was excellent. You took a tough look at a growing concern and presented excellent local information, especially on AIDS.”

The News’ Township Living section featured an-

other story by Passmore, about long-time Clarkston resident and Bronx native Stan White. Judges said the section as a whole contained “good information, especially for newcomers to your area. ‘To a kid from the Bronx’ story was a real eye-catcher.”

Associate Editor Curt McAllister earned an honorable mention in the sports feature category for a story he wrote about Mike Grable, a local boxer.

Trustees angry about truck

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

A couple of Clarkston school board members are upset that Superintendent Gary Haner has purchased his business vehicle without seeking competitive bids.

On Oct. 11, Trustee Kurt Karlstrom criticized Haner for purchasing a \$21,830 Chevrolet 4-wheel drive pickup from John Bowman Chevrolet without consulting the board first. Citing district policy, Karlstrom said that competitive bids should be obtained and presented to the board before a purchase exceeding \$12,500 can take place.

Karlstrom said the cost of this truck also exceeds the \$18,000 price tag budgeted for the superintendent’s vehicle.

“I have a hard time accepting an expenditure in this amount,” Karlstrom said. “How can we do this when we have kids that have to pay \$70 for pay-to-play athletics or

Other papers published by Clarkston News owner Sherman Publications, Inc., won 10 MPA awards combined.

Papers named “Michigan’s Best” for their circulation categories included: Detroit Free Press, Lansing State Journal, Port Huron Times Herald, Petoskey News-Review, News-Herald Newspapers, Northville Record, Gaylord Herald Times and Morenci Observer.

tell teachers that their programs are about to be cut?”

In turn, he and Janet Thomas both said they would vote against paying \$2.8 million worth of the district’s September expenditures, where this item is listed. The payment of these bills eventually passed 5-2.

Haner admitted that he hadn’t followed the policy entirely, only because of the long-standing history surrounding the vehicle and the dealer. He said they’ve always purchased their vehicles from Bowman, who’ve provided the district with its driver’s education vehicles.

Haner said this type of vehicle was chosen on request — because like his past two vans — it would be forwarded to the district for other uses. This truck would go to maintenance, Haner said.

It’s also the vehicle maintenance account where the district took the remaining \$3,830 to make up for the money beyond the budgeted \$18,000 for the vehicle. Haner said the truck’s value will far exceed this amount when he turns it over in two years.

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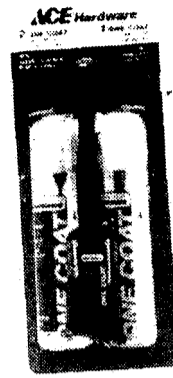
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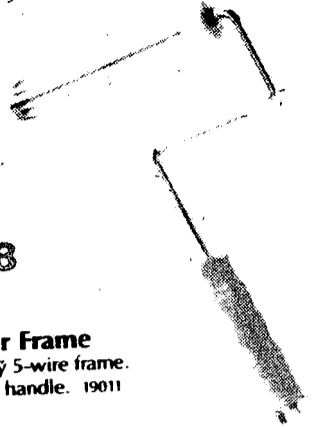
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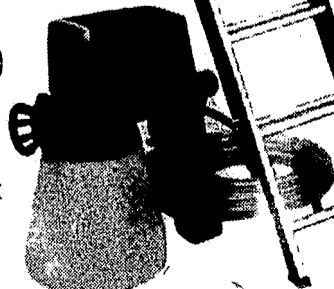
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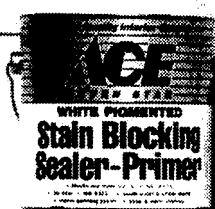
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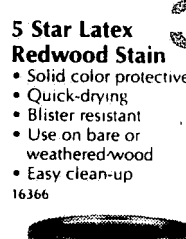


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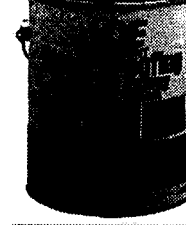
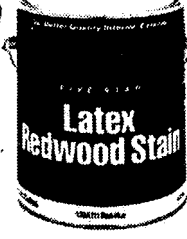
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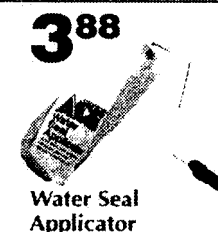
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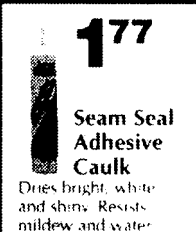
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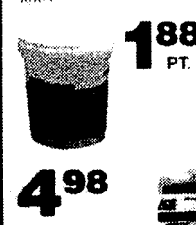
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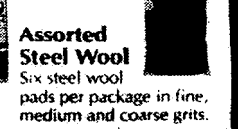
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Sports

Township aims for spookiest 'Forest' yet

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

In just two weeks, the picturesque surroundings of Clintonwood Park will be converted into a menagerie for ghouls, goblins and things that go bump in the night.

That's right, from Oct. 22 to Oct. 31, the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring its fifth annual "Haunted Forest." And parks officials say this could be the scariest one ever.

"We're getting away from some of the more gory effects this year and concentrating on creating spookier stations," said Ann Conklin, director of the parks and recreation department. "With all the extras we have planned, this should be the best one yet."

Without giving away all of her spine-tingling secrets, Conklin did say that two new stations were being added this year. Their themes will be "Phantom of the Opera" and "Jurassic Park."

Conklin said she's quite proud of "The Haunted Forest" and the way it's prospered over the past five years.

"When we first proposed this back in 1989, people's reactions were 'you're going to plan what? A haunted forest?'" Conklin said, smiling. "Now, we find folks planning special events, such as birthdays, around the Forest. It's reputation is starting to bring in people from all over."

Since it opened, "The Haunted Forest" has seen its gate records eclipsed with each passing Halloween season. In 1989, about 1,700 people visited the event. That number rose to 2,000 in 1990 and 2,300 the next year. Last season, nearly 3,500 people braved the Forest.

Conklin estimates that nearly 5,000 people could visit Clintonwood this year.

"Depending on the weather, I think 5,000 is a realistic number," she said. "We have enough staff and volunteers to handle that sort of gate."

Speaking of volunteers, this event is chocked full of them — hundreds to be exact. Last year, Conklin estimates between 400 and 500 people played "ghouls," during the event's seven-day stint.

Many of the volunteers come from various organizations within the community, especially Clarkston High School. By volunteering, these groups are paid \$4.35 per hour for their scaring services.

Conklin said this event has proven profitable the last couple of years, so many of these groups are treating "The Haunted Forest" as a fundraiser.

"Especially with the high school groups, they're using this event as a way to earn money," she said. "It's just another way we can give back to the community."

Conklin figures it will take a staff of five, full-time workers about two weeks to set up all the stations and assorted props. Prior to the event's opening, the "ghoulie" volunteers will go through a crash-course of what's expected of them that evening.



MIKE TURK, Independence Township's Chief of Parks, and Ann Conklin, director of the parks and recreation department, display an electric chair to be used in "The Haunted Forest" this year.

Conklin said most of the volunteers clamor for the chance to be a murderer like Jason Voorheis, but are just as happy to play a zombie or a ghoul.

"Most of the volunteers have a great time in their roles, but three hours worth of screaming or climbing out of a grave can get old," she said. "Apparently, nobody got too tired of it, however, because we have a lot of the same groups coming back this year."

Because of the fright factor, "The Haunted Forest" isn't recommended for children under the age of 10. If a child is intent upon entering, Conklin said her guides usually have a talk with the parent or guardian beforehand.

"Our guides instruct the parents to

continually tell their children that what they're seeing is only make believe," she said. "As you can imagine, they're some pretty scary stuff on the tour, but we want it to be a fun experience for everyone, especially the children."

For truly young children, the parks and recreation department will be offering "Trick or Treat Street" on Oct. 30. Using the same path as "The Haunted Forest," devoid of the scary affects, kids will be able to beg for candy from various stations. This daytime event will also feature a magic show and refreshments.

"This way, small children can participate and tell their friends that they went through 'The Haunted Forest' too," Conklin said.

When asked her favorite station in

"The Haunted Forest," Conklin revealed that it's the "oncoming train."

"I've been involved in haunted forests for nearly 11 years now, and last year's train was by far the best effect," she said. "It's not really Halloween-oriented, but it's fun to see the people scramble when it all of a sudden comes directly at them."

The price of tickets for "The Haunted Forest" is \$3 in advance or \$5 on site. The event is also looking for more groups of volunteers, who'd be willing to work from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on a given night.

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Gridders whip Orion; get shot at title

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

Just days after beating Lake Orion, 37-20, the Clarkston varsity football team has learned that they still have a shot at the GOAL crown.

On Monday, undefeated Waterford Kettering — who'd sewn up the league title with a win over Pontiac Northern last Friday — was forced to forfeit all six of their wins this season because they had an ineligible player on their roster. The player, who was a transfer from Pontiac Northern, is reportedly competing in his ninth semester. Michigan High School Athletic Association rules allow a student only eight semesters of eligibility.

So, despite a 7-6 loss to Kettering last month, the Wolves find themselves with a league record of 3-0, 4-2 overall. That means this Friday's contest against now undefeated Northern is for first place.

"Yea, that means the game at Northern is for the title," said CHS varsity Coach Kurt Richardson. "It's a shame about Kettering, though. Their kids have worked so hard on the field this year to get to this point then lose it all. I really feel bad for the players and Coach (Mike) Berry."

Richardson had little to feel bad about in his team's win over Lake Orion last Friday. He cited his offense, especially the passing game which resulted in 216 yards and two touchdowns.

"Kevin Dankert had an excellent game passing and all our receivers caught the ball well," he said. "That's the best we've looked all year throwing the ball."

However, Richardson was a little dismayed with his defense's play that evening.

"I'm kind of disappointed in our defense. They haven't progressed as much as the other areas of our team," he said.

The defense gave up the first score of the game when Dragon tailback Kurt Dubowski busted off a 62-yard touchdown in the first play from scrimmage. Despite injuries, which held him out half the game, the all-league sprinter still mustered 125 yards on 10 carries.

However, Clarkston rallied for four consecutive touchdowns. They included a four-yard TD run by Nathan Abney, a four-yard score by Joe Davis, a 15-yard pass from Dankert to Pat Mulligan and a 19-yard jaunt by Abney.

The Dragons responded with a drive that resulted in a touchdown with no time left on the first half clock.

The Dragons were also the first team to score in the second half when receiver Erik McKay made a one-handed stab of a 16-yard pass from Ian Nelson. With the score 27-20, Clarkston stymied Orion's comeback when Davis scored on a 38-yard screen pass from Dankert, late in the third quarter.

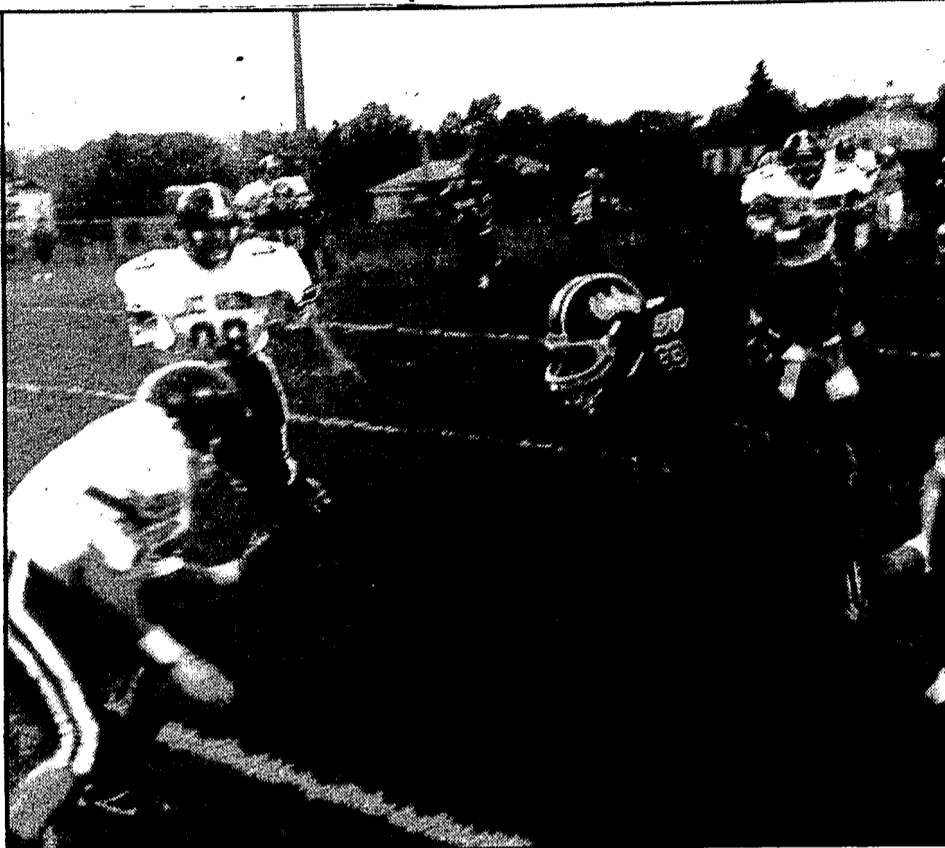
Kicker Kevin Covert, filling in for an injured Brian Phipps, nailed a 34-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter to cap the scoring. That evening, Covert also converted 4 of 5 extra points.

"Kevin had a great game both kicking and from a defensive stand point," Richardson said. "It's really going to be hard to unseat him as our kicker now."

Looking ahead to Pontiac Northern, Richardson said his team must stand up to

the challenge of a bigger, quicker squad.

"Their big and fast, so we'll have to be ready for them on both sides of the ball," Richardson said. "It's should be a good ball game."



TIGHT END Rusty Mitcham tries to advance a reception against Lake Orion.

Linksters win GOAL, go to state finals

Last week, the Clarkston varsity golf team racked up its second consecutive league title. However, the players' eyes are on a bigger prize as they prepare for the upcoming state finals.

The Wolves, ranked No. 5 in Class A, captured the league crown Oct. 5 at the Bald Mountain Golf Course. The team shot a combined 311, which was nine strokes better than Lake Orion, who had to settle for second.

The Wolves (9-1 in the GOAL) were paced by medalist Corey Bildstein who shot a 76 on the par-71 course. Teammates Jayson Buchmann and Ryan Karlstrom earned a tie for second with a 78, while Jon Dean (79) and Jeremy Jenson (82) took third and sixth places respectively.

Last Friday, the Wolves traveled to the Black River Country Club, Port Huron, to compete in regional play. Clarkston finished in third with a 324, behind top-rated Rochester Adams (315) and Rochester High School (322). Lake Orion took fourth place with a 335.

Thirteen schools competed at this tournament.

Individually, Buchmann took second place honors at the regionals by shoot-

ing a 77, two strokes behind medalist Matt Seppanen of Adams.

The top three teams in each region qualified for the state championships to be held this weekend at the Michigan State University Course, East Lansing. Twenty-four teams have advanced in Class A, with an 18-hole qualifying round scheduled for Friday, Oct. 15.

The top 10 team scores qualify for Saturday's finals.

CHS Coach Jim Chamberlain expects their to be a lot of low scores this weekend, hopefully by some of his players.

"I think we should advance to the finals on Saturday if our state rating (No. 5) holds up," he said. "However, Rochester High wasn't even ranked and they took second at our regional, so anything can happen."

When asked how this year's squad stacks up against his teams in the past, Chamberlain said this bunch is tops.

"By far, top to bottom, this is the most talented group of players I've ever had," he said. "I had a lot of good individual players in the past, but this is the best collection of golfers I've had on one team."

CHS, Brandon tie 3-3

Eric Corbett's penalty kick with three minutes left in the second overtime period helped the Clarkston varsity soccer team earn a 3-3 tie with Brandon Oct. 6.

The tie also kept the Wolves atop the GOAL standings at 3-1-1, 10-3-1 overall. Brandon's record ran to 2-1-2 in the league and 5-1-2 overall. The Blackhawks only loss of the season came at the hands of Clarkston Sept. 20.

CHS started the game hot by posting two quick goals within the first seven minutes. J.R. Kirk and Nick Bielak each scored one.

However, the Blackhawks bounced back in the latter part of the second half to tie the score, 2-2. Brandon was also the first to score in overtime, until Corbett was able to forge a tie with his own scoring shot.



On the move

JUNIOR J.R. Kirk (8) pushes the ball up field against Brandon's Chas Claus Oct. 6. Kirk scored one goal as the Wolves and Blackhawks tied 3-3.

Harriers beat Caps

The Clarkston High cross country teams evened their league records at 2-2 by knocking off Waterford Kettering last week.

The boys' team knocked off the Captains 19 to 42, while the girls' squad won by forfeit.

The boys were led by a top-three sweep, spearheaded by Curt Duca in 18 minutes, 20 seconds. Teammates Steve Anderson (18:36) and Torbin Ernst (18:41) took second and third places respectively.

Also earning top-10 consideration for the Wolves included: Jeff Dengate (sixth), Matt Warner (seventh), Jeremy

Lafferty (eighth), Nick Chaffin (ninth) and Brian Ginn (tenth).

With the win, host Clarkston raised its record to 5-3 overall, which is the same as the girls' team.

Facing just three runners, the lady Wolves still managed to take the top three places against the Captains.

Anna Vandermeer won the race in 23 minutes, 36 seconds, with Stacie Iezzi only two seconds behind her. Teammate Stephanie Burklow took third place with a time of 24 minutes, nine seconds.

CHS' other runners included: Suzanne Schmidt (sixth) and Mary Brewer (seventh).

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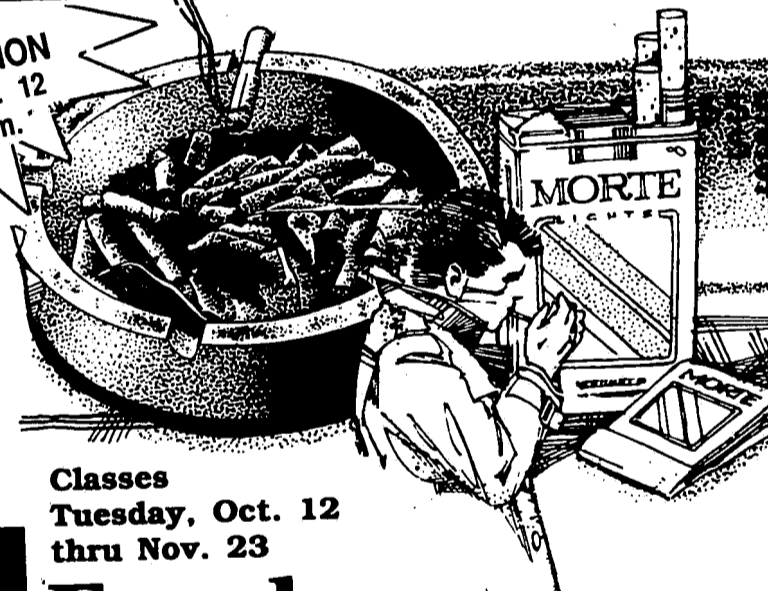
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Hoopsters split two contests

The Clarkston girls' basketball team faced two opponents last week and earned a win and a loss.

On Oct. 5, the Wolves hosted Ferndale, but were far from host-like as they creamed their visitors 50-26. This contest was over in the first half, as CHS built a 32-10 advantage.

Clarkston was paced by Erin Patterson with 14 points, while teammate Shawna Greene chipped in with 12. Nicki Hard also scored five points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Wolves.

Two days later, CHS traveled to Waterford Kettering to take on the team many have picked to win the league. Despite a scrappy performance, the Wolves fell to the Captains, 51-45.

In this game, Clarkston jumped out to a 12-6 lead after the first quarter, but their hosts turned things around in the second quarter to take a 22-18 lead into the locker room.

In the second half, the Captains continued to stay just a few points ahead of the Wolves and eventually earned the victory.

Patterson led CHS with 13 points and 14 boards, while Greene added 11 points in the losing cause. Laura Seitz and Anne Brueck also chipped in nine points apiece for the Wolves.

With the win, Kettering upped its record to 3-0 in the GOAL, 7-3 overall. By losing, Clarkston fell to 1-2 in the conference, 8-4 overall. This loss marked the Wolves' second consecutive league defeat. They were bounced by Pontiac Northern on Sept. 30.

CHS graduates get 'P.T.' at Adrian

A pair of former Clarkston High football standouts have already made their mark on the Adrian College football program.

Freshmen Eric Ryan and Dan Griffiths, both runningbacks, have seen a fair share of playing time already this season. Ryan is a starter on a couple of special teams units and a back-up fullback.

Griffiths is a back-up tailback for the Bulldogs (1-4).

On Sept. 18, Ryan was named Adrian's special teams player of the week for his performance against Defiance (Ohio) University.

Last week, against Albion, the pair shared the same backfield for the first time since 1991, but Adrian fell to defeat, 17-7. At CHS, the duo still rates as one of the most successful varsity backfield tandems ever — amassing over 3,000 yards between them.

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Netters take second in GOAL

The Lake Orion girls' tennis team staked claim to its tenth consecutive league title by fending off all comers at the GOAL Meet last Friday.

Clarkston took second overall in a tournament that saw every one of its players advance to the championship round, only to lose to a Dragon or two.

Earning runner-up distinctions for Clarkston were: Kristy Swartout (No. 1 singles), Mary Schmidt (No. 2 singles), Amanda VanKlaveren (No. 3 singles),

Renee VanKlaveren (No. 4 singles), Kelley Wall and Jody Weatherington (No. 1 doubles), Renee Shubert and Kerry Cade (No. 2 doubles) and Emily Kortge and Jocelyn Stock (No. 3 doubles).

Selected by the coaches, the Wolves had five players earn all-league distinction. They included: Swartout, Schmidt, Weatherington and Wall. Amanda VanKlaveren was cited as an honorable mention pick.

Looking back at the regular season, Coach Becky Craig was pleased with her team's play, even though it meant playing bridesmaid to the Dragons again.

"We really wanted to to beat Lake Orion this year, so it's a bit disappointing," she said. "But our girls gave 100 percent this season; Lake Orion was just too tough."

This year, Clarkston finished with a record of 6-3 overall, 4-1 in the league.

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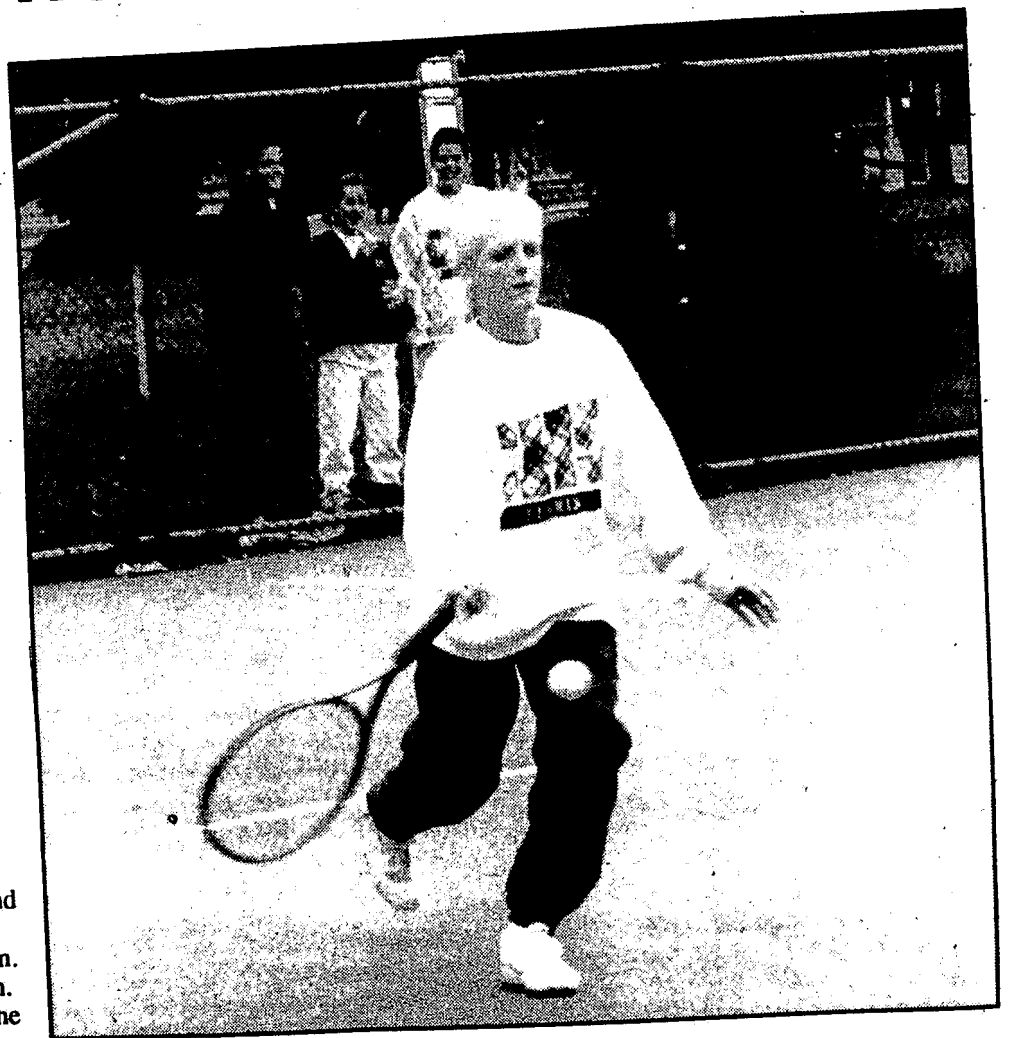
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Swartout earns GOAL honors all four years

Athlete: Kristy Swartout
Sport and position: First singles on Clarkston varsity girls' tennis team
Grade: Clarkston High School senior
Nickname: Swarty or Schwarzenegger
Birthdate: March 14, 1976
Statistics: Played No. 1 singles all four years. During this time, she took second in the league in 1992 and 1993, third in 1991 and fifth in 1990.
Awards: All-league all four years. Took second place in Fenton Invitational this season.
G.P.A.: 3.917
Most memorable moment in tennis: First time played Lake Orion as a freshman and got beat 6-0, 6-0 by Kristen Plunkett.
Toughest opponent: Kristen Plunkett (1990) of Lake Orion.
Best part about tennis: Any time I beat a tough opponent.
Worst part about tennis: Conditioning for tennis — which includes running a mile on the track and doing sprints up and down the court.
What you've learned about yourself playing tennis: To win, you have to be mentally tough. You've got to want it.
First time touched a tennis racquet: About 7. She took her first lesson at 10.
How you unwind after a match: I sleep.
Favorite court: Clintonwood Park
In spare time, most likely found: Hanging out with my friends.
Favorite food: Ice cream
Hobbies: I like to write and love to play other sports with my friends.
Person most admire: Monica Seles
Favorite subject in school: Advanced Placement (AP) English.
Favorite movie: The Mighty Ducks
Favorite television show: Roseanne
Pets: Dog, Curly
Pet peeve: Slow drivers
Name three people, living or dead, you'd like to meet: Monica Seles, Hillary Clinton and Arthur Ashe.
What is something your teammates don't know about you: I'm not as quiet as I seem.
If your house were on fire, what material object would you grab first: Photo album.
Coach's comment: "Kristy is harder on herself than anyone else," said Becky Craig. "She always gives 100 percent on and off the court."
Plans after high school: Attend Western Michigan University and study either advertising or marketing.



KRISTY SWARTOUT has been Clarkston's No. 1 singles player since her freshman year.

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Friday, Oct. 1, tapes and a computerized data directory were stolen from a car on Briarwood Court, Independence Township.

A Cranberry Lake Road, Independence Township, resident reported a suspicious man near his house.

Police responded to a home on Clinton Road, Independence Township, where a person had died of natural causes.

Saturday, Oct. 2, a cellular phone was stolen from a car on Deepwood Court, Independence Township.

Police were called to a wedding reception on May-bee Road, Independence Township, where two men had crashed the party and created a disturbance. The men were ticketed for disorderly conduct.

Sunday, Oct. 3, a calculator, leather jacket and headphones were stolen from a car on Shelley Drive, Independence Township.

A radar detector and cassettes were stolen from a car on Algonquin Road, Independence Township.

Someone punched out the lock of a truck in the driveway of a Deerwood Circle, Independence Township, home.

The speakers and an AM/FM/CD player were stolen from a car on Deerwood Circle, Independence Township.

Armed robbery suspect turns himself in

A Lapeer man who allegedly robbed dry cleaners in Oakland County turned himself into West Bloomfield police Oct. 6.

John Alexander, 36, was arraigned Oct. 7 in 52nd District Court, Independence Township, in front of Magistrate Dana Fortinberry. He is charged with the Aug. 23 armed robbery of a dry cleaners on Dixie Highway, where \$200 was taken.

Alexander is also a suspect in armed robberies of dry cleaners in Waterford and West Bloomfield.

Alexander's preliminary exam is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, before Judge Gerald McNally.

If he is convicted of armed robbery, Alexander could be sentenced to life in prison.

An Eastview Road, Independence Township, resident reported receiving threats from an estranged spouse.

Two Independence Township teens were ticketed for using marijuana in a parking lot on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Two excavators were damaged at a construction site on Ridge Trail, Independence Township.

Monday, Oct. 4, tools, welders and a ladder were stolen from a business on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

A Hummingbird Lane, Independence Township, resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Tools, golf clubs and hockey equipment were stolen from a shed on Hunter's Creek, Independence Township.

A Pine Knob Road, Independence Township, resident reported that her ex-husband was violating a restraining order.

Police stopped, questioned and released a suspicious person on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Tuesday, Oct. 5, a golf bag and golf clubs were stolen from a car parked on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

A Clarkston Road, Independence Township, resident reported harassing phone calls.

A 31-year-old Rochester man was arrested on north-bound I-75, Independence Township, on warrants for failing to appear in court.

A 34-year-old Holly woman was arrested on Parview

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Drive, Independence Township, on warrants for three misdemeanors.

A doctor's coat and checkbook were stolen and then found on M-15, Independence Township.

Police responded to a medical emergency on Pine Knob Road, Independence Township.

A former employee caused over \$1,000 damage to an office on M-15, Independence Township.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, police responded to a call on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, where a Hospice patient had died.

A 35-year-old Paramus, Independence Township, man was reported missing when he did not contact his wife for two days. He later returned home.

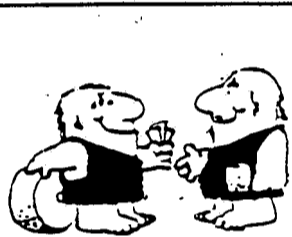
Tools were stolen from a garage on Waldon Road, Independence Township.

A chair and flower pot were stolen from a home on Meadowbrook Court, Independence Township. They were found in a neighbor's bushes.

Police responded to an automatic alarm on Deer Hill, Independence Township. Nothing out of the ordinary was found.

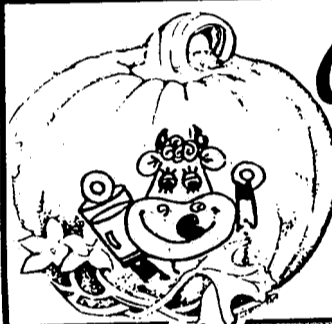
Thursday, Oct. 7, a class ring and a gold watch were stolen from a home on Paramus, Independence Township.

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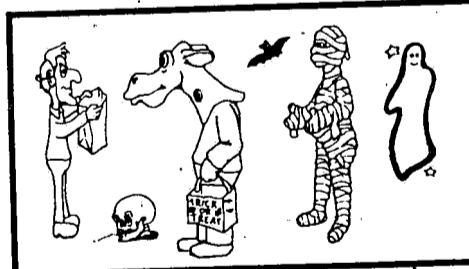
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Oct. 14 hearing set for rezoning requests

Rezoning plans for two subdivisions are the topics of an Oct. 14 public hearing.

The hearings take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday before the Independence Township Planning Commission, which

is to consider rezoning lots 1-13 of Lake Maria Woods and lots 1-37 of Woodglen Estates.

The meeting takes place at the Independence Township Annex, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston.

Lake Maria Woods is at Pine Ridge and Ashare roads, off of Dixie Highway. Lots 1-6 and 9-13 are now zoned multi-family residential, and lots 7 and 8 are zoned office. The rezoning request asks for all 13 lots to be suburban farm residential, which requires 1 1/2-acre minimum lot sizes.

Woodglen Estates is at Almond and Woodglen roads, south off of Waldon Road. The 37 lots are currently zoned multi-family residential. The developers request single-family residential zoning, which calls for 15,000-square-foot minimum lot sizes.

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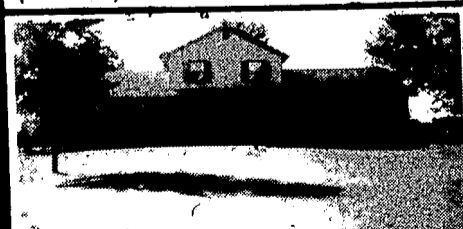
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Nine bands perform in Clarkston Invitational

Last Saturday, the Clarkston High School Marching Band and Clarkston Band Boosters hosted the 16th Annual Marching Band Invitational Contest.

The event took on extra importance this year because the band plans to use proceeds to help pay for its trip to London, England, this winter.

First-place winners in each flight were: Flight IV: Hartford, Flight III, Southfield; Flight II: Milford; Flight I: West Bloomfield.

Also participating were Saginaw Heritage, Flint

Kearsley, Marysville, Hazel Park and Ferndale.

Overall champion, with the highest score, was Milford, performing "Jesus Christ Superstar."

The evening festivities concluded with an exhibition by the CHS Marching Band. Although competition protocol does not allow the host school to compete for trophies at its own invitational, the judges' scores reflected significant improvement since the band's competition in Novi.

The band was to perform Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the

Greater Oakland Activities League meet hosted by Waterford Mott. It also is scheduled to perform Saturday, Oct. 16, at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

For more information, call Mary Ann Emick at 623-2538 or Marla McKee at 625-7067.

Auction money helps marching band trip

If you'd like to help area teen musicians and gain a fun evening at the same time, here's how to do it.

Buy a ticket for the Clarkston Band Boosters' Dinner-Auction at Spring Lake Country Club for Friday, Nov. 5.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for those with pre-purchased tickets. A silent auction takes place during the buffet dinner. Cash bar is available.

At 8:30 p.m., the doors re-open for those with "auction only" tickets. The live auction begins at 9 p.m., concluding with a drawing for a 1994 Chevrolet Camaro around 10 p.m. Bidders may pay for their purchases that evening by cash, check or Visa or Mastercard.

Ticket prices are \$15 for the dinner-auction, \$5 for the auction only, and \$20 for the Camaro raffle (only 2,500 raffle tickets to be sold).

Up for auction are such items as a snow blower, microwave oven, sewing machine, color television, laptop computer, cordless phone, answering machine, one year's trash service, hair and beauty services, meals at area restaurants, and sports-related items.

Proceeds help pay for Clarkston High School Marching Band's trip to London, England this winter. It was one of 25 bands from the United States invited to participate in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's 1994 New Year's Spectacular.

Merchants, crafter or independent business people who would like to donate items or services for the auction may call Marla McKee at 625-7067 or Mary Ann Emick at 623-2538. Tickets may be purchased from band boosters or at Clarkston High.



THE Clarkston High Marching Band not only performs in local events like the Homecoming Parade, but they'll get international expo-

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Saturday, Oct. 2 ... Responded to an accident on Maybee Road west of Waterford Road. ... Answered a call on Sashabaw Road at Pinedale. ... Responded to a minor accident on northbound I-75 at Clintonville Road. ... Answered a medical call on Reese Road; a patient with chest pains was transported to an area hospital. ... Responded to a possible accident on Maybee Road; no accident was found.

Sunday, Oct. 3 ... Answered a medical call on Mann Road; a child with difficulty breathing was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. ... Answered a medical call on Sashabaw Road. ... Investigated smoke in a business on Clintonville Road. ... Responded to a wire problem on Overlook Drive and notified Detroit Edison. ... Answered a medical call on Crestview.

Monday, Oct. 4 ... Responded to an accident on Cranberry Lake Road and Ortonville Road. ... Answered a medical call on Sashabaw Road; a patient with chest pains was treated. Responded to a minor accident on M-15 at I-75. ... Answered an automatic alarm at a doctor's office on M-15; found to be a malfunction.

Tuesday, Oct. 5 ... Responded to a medical call on West Washington Street. ... Answered a medical call on South River; a patient with a diabetic reaction was stabilized. ... Responded to a medical call on Deerhill Drive;

a male patient was transported to SJMH. ... Answered a medical call on Olde Sturbridge. ... Responded to a medical call on Pine Knob Road. ... Answered a report of smoke in the basement on Reese Road.

Wednesday, Oct. 6 ... Responded to a medical call on Sashabaw Road. ... Answered a medical call on Mann Road; patient had fallen out of wheelchair and needed assistance. Responded to a home on Deerhill Drive, where a dog was stuck under the back deck of the house; the deck boards were removed and the dog retrieved. ... Answered a medical call on Lorac Drive; a male patient with chest pains refused treatment.

Thursday, Oct. 7 ... Answered a medical call on Brairwood. ... Responded to a medical call on Dixie Highway. ... Answered a medical call on Drayton Road.

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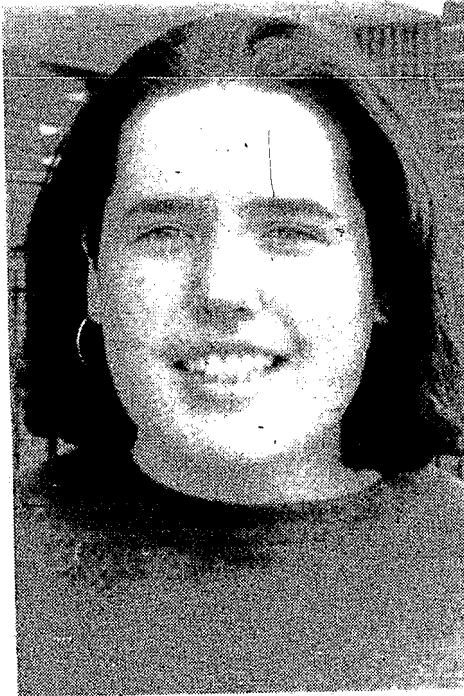
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By Deborah Dziewit

Who is your favorite late night talk show host?



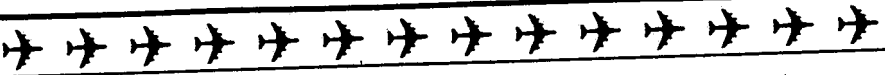
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"David Letterman. He's off the wall and original."
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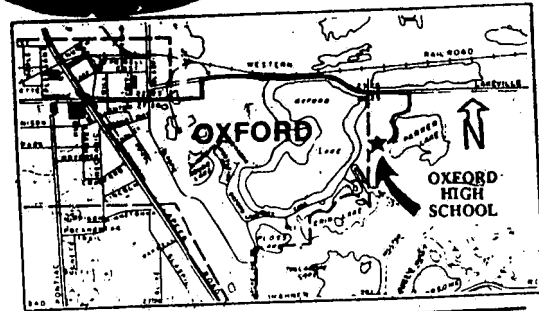
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District asks public for new school name

With the opening of the new elementary school less than a year away, the Clarkston school board is faced with the task of naming it.

However, this is proving to be a difficult job. So, the school board is asking area citizens to submit their own suggestions, along with a paragraph on why their entry would be appropriate.

The new school will be located at the intersection of Holcomb and Bridge Lake roads, Springfield Township. However, using either roadway as an option, such as Bridge Lake Elementary, might confuse people.

"Considering the names and the proximities of some

of the buildings in our district, an accurate site name might put people into shock," joked President Joseph Helpert. "Public input will help the process, especially suggestions tied to the area's history."

The school site was originally owned by the Miller family many years ago. Ironically, a descendant of this family — George White, principal at North Sashabaw Elementary — is heading the "name committee."

Public suggestions can be mailed to White at: Clarkston Schools, 6389 Clarkston Road, P.O. Box 1050, Clarkston, 48347-1050.

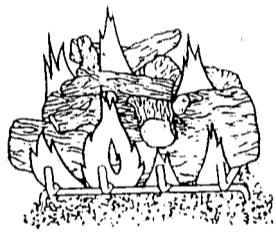
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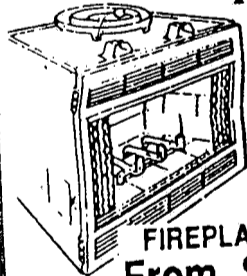
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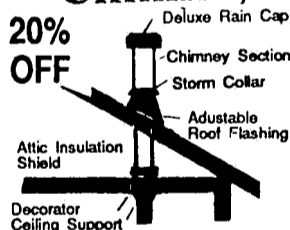


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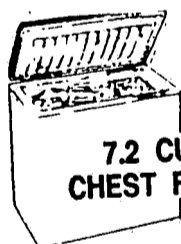
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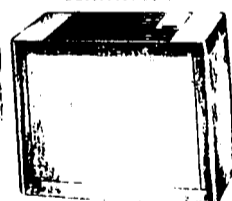


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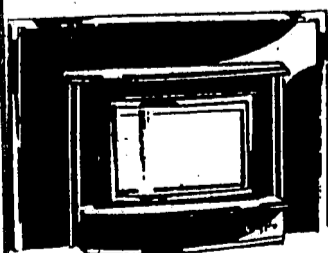
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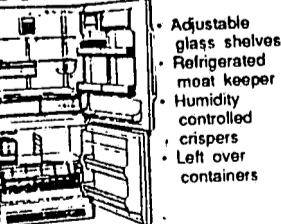
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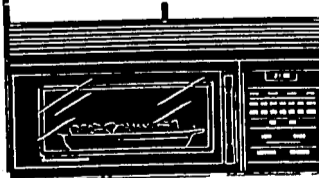
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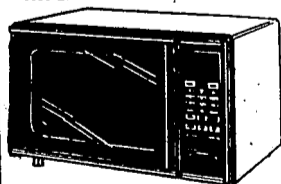
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Resident, 83, shares remembrances of Sashabaw Plains, life on farm

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BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

She knows that men were buried in the school yard and that a bear killed Chief Sashabaw — and she remembers when peanut butter came in boxes.

Agnes (Goodrich) DeNise, 83, of Independence Township, has lived in Sashabaw Plains since her parents bought an 80-acre farm there in 1911.

In a local history seminar at the Independence Township Senior Center and during a personal interview, Mrs. DeNise shared the history of Sashabaw Plains and memories of her life there.

Sashabaw Plains

Sashabaw Plains is the area of Independence Township that is bounded by Waldon Road to the north, Walters Road to the west, Clintonville Road to the east and Main



AGNES DENISE, 83, has lived in Sashabaw Plains all of her life. Recently she presented the history of the area at the Independence Township Senior Center. It was named after

Chief Sashabaw, an Indian who roamed the area to hunt and fish. Her father found artifacts on his 80-acre farm which was located on Maybee Road.

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Road to the south (and including Woodhull Lake and Lake Oakland).

It is composed of sections 26, 27, 34 and 35 of Independence Township, which is divided into 36 sections.

"I have lived in Independence Township for 83 years, and until last fall I never realized there were boundaries," said Mrs. DeNise.

The area was named after Chief Sashabaw, an Indian who roamed the area to hunt and fish. Mrs. DeNise's father found Indian necklaces, arrows and a stone ball used by the Indians in a throwing game on his farm. According to books researched by Mrs. DeNise, Chief Sashabaw was killed by a black bear and was buried on the shore of Silver Lake or on Apple Island in Orchard Lake.

The first settlers

The Beardslee family were the first white settlers to



AGNES GOODRICH DENISE, 1, was born in 1910 on what is now called Bittersweet Farm on Allen Road. Her parents moved the family to Sashabaw Plains in 1911 where she has lived for almost 83 years.

move into the Sashabaw Plains area after they bought land from the federal government. Their farm was on Pine Knob Road.

A Mr. Ricker came to the area and began farming land on Pine Knob Trail. Mrs. DeNise said that he built the first brick house in the township. All of the bricks were made by hand, and he was the envy of the area since the other settlers lived in log cabins. The last family to live in the brick house was the Stevens family, who moved there in 1910.

When Mr. and Mrs. Stevens grew old, they sold the east part of the farm as the Stevens Subdivision. After they passed away, their son sold part of the western parcel to Clarkston Community Schools to build the North Sashabaw Elementary and Sashabaw Junior High. The remaining property was sold to build Sashabaw Presbyterian Church.

The Ricker/ Stevens farm joined the farm where Mrs. DeNise grew up.

In 1800, a Mr. Gulick bought a large parcel of land from the government. When he died, it was sold at auction to a Mr. Windate and a Mr. Voorheis for \$915.

Mr. Voorheis gave his son 80 acres of this property as a wedding gift and then built the newlyweds a house with white wood siding, green shutters, iron lattice work around the peak of the house and across the front porch, and a white wooden fence around the house with a gate at the front.

"This was the 80 acres my folks bought and moved to in 1911," said Mrs. DeNise. "My mother always referred to this house as being built for show, not for warmth."

Mrs. DeNise was born in 1910 in a tenant house on the farm now known as the Bittersweet Farm on Allen Road. The farm was owned by relatives of the original Clark family for whom Clarkston is named.

Sashabaw school, church and cemetery

The school that Mrs. DeNise attended was also the first in the area. A little shanty was built on the Stevens farm for township children. This building had one long desk made from a tree trunk split into two pieces. Later, a wood frame was constructed, and in 1902 the school building was moved to where Independence Fire Station No. 2 now stands on Maybee Road. That school burned to the ground in 1930.

Mrs. DeNise said that a Mr. Beardslee and Mr. Harvey had both been buried in the yard of the first school. A man donated two acres of his farm and began the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery on Maybee Road, where the two men were relocated in 1836. The cemetery is across the street from Mrs. DeNise's farm.

"I always admired my father for the respect he showed when a funeral procession was passing," said Mrs. DeNise. "He always stopped his team, removed his

hat and waited until the procession entered the cemetery."

She and her brother and sister were called into the house when a procession came by. She said they stood in the front window to watch, but they couldn't talk or count the rigs out loud.

"If we did, my mother always said it meant there would be another death before the year was over," she said.

An acre next to the cemetery was donated to build a church for Sashabaw Plains residents. Before that, a

Her class of 14 also began the traditional "Senior Skip Day." On their skip day, they went to a show and had a picnic on a lake.

circuit-riding minister preached in Orion Township in the morning and at the Sashabaw Plains School in the evening.

This church was dedicated in July 1855 and was named The First Presbyterian Church of Independence Township. It now houses Lighthouse North, which provides food and clothing to the needy in the area.

Mrs. DeNise said activities in the area centered around church. She recalled ice cream socials and box socials, where the men of the church bid on boxed lunches and then ate with the lady who had prepared it. She said the ladies of the church offered a dinner at noon and supper at night.

The noon meal was at the Stevenses' home. School children could bring 25 cents and eat dinner there. Mrs. Stevens would make a large dish of strawberry gelatin filled with cut-up oranges and a banana cut in two for decoration.

Sundays may have been a time to be social, but the people of Sashabaw Plains had a lot of work to do, said Mrs. DeNise.

Farming in Sashabaw Plains

The farmers of the area planted hay, grains and potatoes. The children had a two-week potato vacation from school.

Mrs. DeNise's father planted 10 acres of potatoes. Her family dug the potatoes, put them in crates, lifted them into the wagon, took them to the basement, and carried them down and emptied them into bins.

In winter, Mr. Goodrich sorted the potatoes, put them into burlap bags and took them to Pontiac by sleigh

(See WOMAN, Page 11)

Obituaries

James A. Brummett

James A. Brummett, 69, of Clarkston died Oct. 10, 1993.

Mr. Brummett is survived by his wife, Joy; children, Bronwyn and her husband Murray Watson of Waterford, Stephen Brummett and his wife Erica Gordon of Ashland, Ore., and Joan and her husband Mark Shaul of Cadillac; step-children, William Campbell of Waterford, Scott and his wife Pam Campbell of Goodrich, and Gerald and his wife Brenda Campbell of White Lake; 11 grandchildren; and sister, Betty and her husband James Foster.

A memorial service was planned for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Clarkston Lakes Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 4260 Dogwood Blvd., Clarkston. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Richard C. Downer

A Clarkston-area author died Oct. 4, 1993. Richard C. Downer, 65, of Springfield Township died of complications from emphysema.

The World War II veteran had worked as a salesman and cab driver and had recently turned to writing. One novel, "Dancer's Dream," was published, according to his son, Matthew.

Mr. Downer had written three more books, none published, said his son. In total, he had written about 4,000 pages.

His gift with words was apparent in other ways as well.

"He had a good imagination — he was good at storytelling," said Matthew. "He was the typical old man who can tell you about any subject when he was young. Anything you mentioned, he had a story for."

He also was generous, said Matthew. "He'd try to give you anything you'd want ... when it came to anything. He had a lot of friends."

Mr. Downer was a member of Victory Tabernacle Church, Goodrich.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Nasaria; children, Robert, Beverly, William and Matthew; seven grandchildren; and brothers and sister, David, Irving and Lucille.

The funeral was Oct. 7 at Victory Tabernacle church. Burial was at Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

James Moore

James Moore, 69, of Waverly, Ohio, and formerly of Ortonville died Oct. 8, 1993. He was a disabled World War II veteran. He was a member of Campbell Richmond Post 63 American Legion and the Cedar Lodge of the F&AM.

Mr. Moore is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Sally Ann Neiger of Cadillac, Laura (Corkey) Larson of Clarkston, and Barbara Cornelius of Richardson, Texas; sisters, Marjorie Kulcher of Ortonville and Noreen Sutphen of Flagstaff, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A private funeral service has already taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of Southern Ohio, 1248 Kinneys Lane, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662. Arrangements were made by the Sherman Wilk Funeral Home, Ortonville.

Robert W. Price Sr.

Robert W. Price Sr., 66, of Clarkston died Oct. 10, 1993. He was retired from Pontiac Motors and was a member of the Eagles.

Mr. Price is survived by his wife, Margaret; son, Robert Jr. and his wife Karen S. of Pinckney; grandchildren, Amanda and Zachary; sister, Janice E. Ramig; and brother, James L. Price.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Harry J. and David L.

The funeral was planned for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with the Rev. Michael A. Klafehn officiating. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery, Pontiac.

Nancy L. Seffens

Nancy L. Seffens, 61, of South Branch, formerly of Clarkston, died Oct. 10, 1993. She was past president of the Campbell Richmond Post 63 American Legion Auxiliary, Clarkston.

She was also a member of the VFW No. 1008, Waterford, and the Hale Eagle Auxiliary Aerie No. 4217.

Mrs. Seffens is survived by her husband, Louis; children, Michael and his wife Catherine of Ortonville, Chris and his wife Susan of Ortonville, and Jill of Clarkston; grandchildren, Casey, Carly, Christopher, Lauren, Jessica and Brooke; brother, Phillip; and sisters, Patricia and Carol.

The funeral was planned for 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with the Rev. Stephen Baker officiating. Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Heart Association of Michigan or the American Lung Association.

Ralph S. Shiel

Ralph S. Shiel, 87, of Davisburg died Oct. 6, 1993, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. Mr. Shiel was born in Avoca on Feb. 22, 1906, to John and Nellie (Morrell) Shiel. He was a member of Davisburg United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Duane Shiel. Mr. Shiel is survived by his wife, Bernice; three children, Melva and her husband Arthur Kelley of Clarkston, Larry and his wife Janet Shiel of Holly, and Denise and her husband Pete Jensen of Holly; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A memorial service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Mr. Kenneth Cairns officiating.

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Heart Association.

Ella M. Wcislo

Ella M. Wcislo, 77, of Clarkston, formerly of New Haven, died Oct. 8. Mrs. Wcislo and her late husband formerly owned and operated Matthew's Bakery in New Baltimore and later in Marine City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew.

Mrs. Wcislo is survived by her children, Walter, Sharon Greer, John and his wife Linda, and Gary; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three sisters.

The funeral was Monday, Oct. 11, at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Burial was to be at St. Mary's Cemetery.


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Heritage Hunt II

'There ain't a 'tater where you're diggin''

BY VIRGINIA BLOCK

"There ain't a 'tater where you're diggin'" - words of my Kentucky-born Grandpa Clark, recalling many memories that are helpful today in family history "diggin'."

Obituaries cut from the newspaper and pasted with "flour paste" today are found in scrapbooks made by Grandparents, parents or even ourselves if we are eligible for social security. One such scrapbook has turned up with obituaries of people in the Dryden area, while others are being found in the newly acquired, bound editions of the Pontiac Gazette for the entire years of 1886 and 1890.

Area news from many Oakland County communities are found that include births, deaths, and marriages. Recently we have had microfiche copies preserve the years 1888, 1889, and 1894, as well and will find much help in answering queries.

Many family histories being privately published, fol-

lowing family reunions, have provided many new avenues of help including history of **Gideon Tripp** (1772-1813) of Rensselaer Co, N.Y., and his descendants. Collateral lines include the **Daley, Green, Selleck, Inman, and Sherrard** lines of **Dorothy Sherrard Scott** of Troy, Mich., whose ties are located in Lapeer County mostly.

There are literally hundreds of other surnames alphabetically listed in this 280 page book. Sharing this type of publication furnishes us with help that no amount of library searching produces.

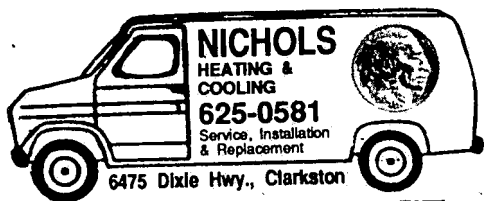
The 40th class reunion of the St. Fredricks School (Pontiac) is coming up Sept. 25, 1993 at the Elks Club in Waterford. Contact has been made with all classmates except two and the committee would like to hear from anyone able to supply information on **Jim Shields**, reportedly "headed south," and **Carl Fisher**, who may have gone into a monastery. Any help or information can be gotten by calling 693-1814.

A query from **Jean Wilcox** is searching for info on **James LEIBY**, residing in Pontiac ca 1920s. His wife **HATTIE** d. 19 Sept 1931 in Pontiac, but is buried in the cemetery in Shepard, Mich. An obit for Hattie is needed. Also an obit is needed for James, who preceded his wife in death.

We haven't been able to check the city directories (Polk) for Pontiac, for that time period, but will be able to do so when library hours resume next week for the Pontiac Area Historical and Genealogical Society, in the lower level of the Public Library, 60 E. Pike St. Pay us a visit and check out our fine collection.

Happy Hunting.

(Genealogist Virginia Block may be reached by writing to Heritage Hunt II, Sherman Publications, Inc., 666 Lapeer Road, Oxford, MI 48371.)



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Grads

Matthew Jensen graduated Sept. 3 from Georgia Institute of Technology with a master's degree in aerospace engineering, specializing in structures.

The 1987 Clarkston High School graduate is a 1992 University of Michigan graduate. He is the son of Tom and Carol Jo Jensen of Clarkston.

Two Clarkston-area residents received degrees for the spring quarter at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

Jennifer K... earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and graduated cum laude.

Eric D. McCarty earned a master of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Shelley L. Newsome of the Clarkston area received a master of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, in August.



Meeting the author

BARB ROSS (right), a 30-year resident of Independence Township, talks to author Lisa Steele George, who grew up in the Clarkston area and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1980. George talked to customers and signed her book Oct. 2 at Revelations book store in White Lake Commons,

Independence Township. George's book, "Peaceful Pregnancy Meditations," focuses on the emotional aspects of pregnancy and includes space for a reader to record his or her own feelings. Ross bought the book for her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Gavin Johnson of Waterford, who are expecting a baby.

Brisson, Stewart exchange vows

Darcy Renee Brisson and Scott D. Stewart were married Saturday, Oct. 3, 1992, at St. Paul of the Cross Chapel in Detroit.

The Rev. Andrew Lane performed the 4 p.m. double-ring ceremony before 200 guests.

Darcy, daughter of Ronald and Helen Brisson of Independence Township, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Henrietta Brisson of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, and Mr. David McInnes of Houghton, also formerly of Clarkston.

She attended Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, and is employed by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

The groom is the son of John and Carla Stewart of Grand Rapids. He attended the University of Michigan and is an independent consultant.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an ivory satin gown with a pearl- and sequin-encrusted bodice. Her cathedral-length train was embellished with pearls and sequins. Her ivory headpiece held a cathedral-length veil with a scattering of pearls and sequins. She carried ivory and white lilies, roses, carnations, white heather and trailing green ivy.

Cheryl Cabadas of Waterford was maid of honor. She and the other bridesmaids wore identical red satin floor-length gowns with a back bow and carried hurricane lamps surrounded by white lilies, red carnations, purple heather and long tartan ribbons.

The other bridesmaids included friends of the bride, Debbie Gumke of Westland, Nancy LaPrairie and Cheryl Gehan of Livonia, Kimberly Hennesy of Las Vegas, Nev., and cousin of the bride, Kim Campbell of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Flower girl Cassandra LaPrairie of Livonia wore an ivory satin gown with tiered back ruffles, embellished with sequins and pearls.

Jim Di Ponio of Plymouth was best man. Other attendants included the brother of the groom, David



NEWLYWEDS: Mr. and Mrs. Scott D. Stewart.

Stewart of West Bloomfield; friends of the groom, Dennis Hite of Howell, Bob Fattori of Rochester Hills, John Mularoni of Bloomfield, and Ivan King of Albuquerque, N.M.

Ushers were Michael Di Ponio of Houston, Texas, and the bride's brother, Keith Brisson of Clarkston.

The groom's son, Brett Allison, was ring bearer. After a reception at the Laurel Manor in Livonia, the couple took a two-week honeymoon to Charlotte, N.C., for the NASCAR Winston Cup Races.

They now reside in Northville.

At college

Suzanne E. Baumann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Baumann of Independence Township, is participating in a foreign exchange program as a student in Swaziland for six months. A junior at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, she is a Clarkston High School graduate.

Honors

T.J. Lucca, a student at Clarkston High School, is presently on a 10-city, national tour promoting his album, "MMC," as a member of the Mickey Mouse Club. The album is described as a collection of hip-hop and rhythm and blues music.

Lucca, 17, joined the new Mickey Mouse Club two years ago, after being selected in a nationwide search by Walt Disney Enterprises. Since then, he's been an active member of the Club's television series, which airs on the Disney Channel.

Tracy Callahan of Clarkston earned the Certified Medical Assistant credential by passing the American Association of Medical Assistant's Certification Examination recently. She is a graduate of the medical assisting program at Oakland Community College in Union Lake.

Around Town

Local events open to the public are printed in **Around Town** as a community service. Call 625-3370 or write to **The Clarkston News**, 5. S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 two weeks in advance.

Thursdays - T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); a support group for weight loss; weigh-in 6:15 to 7 p.m.; meeting 7-8 p.m.; new members should arrive early; \$16 registration fee (teens, \$8) plus \$3 a month; Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5300 Maybee Road, Independence Township. (620-1838)

Thursday, Oct. 14 - Waterford-Clarkston Business and Professional Women's club meeting at Spring Lake Country Club; 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. program; \$11; speakers: county Prosecutor Richard Thompson and Joyce Wright, communication director for HAVEN; reservations required; on Maybee Road, Independence Township. (Joan Kopietz, 625-2511)

Friday, Oct. 15 - Mental Health Education Series at North Oakland Counseling and Geriatric Consultation Center; 7 p.m.; free; pre-register; topic: "Living With an Aging Parent"; speaker: Phyllis Norman; 6401 Citation Drive, Independence Township. (620-1019)

Friday, Oct. 15 - October Stars at Indian Springs Metropark; 7:30 p.m.; slide presentation and outdoor observation of autumn constellations (weather permitting); registration required; \$2 vehicle entry fee; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7280)

Saturday, Oct. 16 - Leaf-printed T-shirts at Indian Springs Metropark; 10 a.m.; \$1 per person; registration required; tree identification, creation of leaf-print T-shirts (bring 100 percent cotton white T-shirt); \$3 vehicle entry fee; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7280)

Saturdays - Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the Church of the Resurrection; 10 a.m.; 6490 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (Carol, 625-5130)

Saturday, Oct. 16 - Colors and Campfire at Independence Oaks County Park; 3-5 p.m.; walking tour of park, treats, stories around campfire; \$1 per person; pre-registration required; \$4.50 vehicle entry fee; on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township. (625-6473)

Saturday, Oct. 16 - Possum Corner Concert Series at St. Daniel Catholic Church Cushing Center; 8 p.m.; this week: Dave Crossland, a singer-songwriter acclaimed for his acoustic albums; \$7.50 in advance, \$9 at door; tickets available at TicketMaster, L.B.'s Muffins & Yogurt, The Book Place; special prices for children, seniors and members; 7010 Valley Park Drive, Independence Township. (625-1227)

Sunday, Oct. 17 - Autumn Ramble at Indian Springs

Metropark; 1 p.m.; a hike through woodlands and fields to experience autumn season, followed by a snack of doughnuts and fresh-pressed apple cider (each participant should bring six apples); registration required; \$3 vehicle entry fee; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7280)

Mondays - Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the Church of the Resurrection; 5:30 p.m.; 6490 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (Grace, 627-4058)

Tuesdays - MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting at St. Trinity Lutheran Church; 9:30 a.m. to noon; group for mothers of preschoolers and their children (birth to kindergarten) to build friendships, make crafts and strengthen their faith in Christ; \$3 meeting, \$5 registration fee; call to register; 7925 Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (625-4644)

Tuesdays - Parents of Young Children Support Group meeting at First Congregational Church; 7-8:30 p.m.; topics: discipline, values, attitude; Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (394-1549)

Wednesday, Oct. 20 - Clarkston Area Optimist Club meeting at Spring Lake Country Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m.; public welcome; service club for men and women with theme of "Friend of Youth"; Maybee Road, Independence Township. (625-5000)

Wednesday, Oct. 20 - Preschool storytime at the

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Independence Township Library; 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; free; films, stories, puppets, flannel board activities, games and songs; for 3- to 5-year-olds; 6495 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (625-2212)

Thursday, Oct. 21 - Clarkston Community Women's Club meeting at the Independence Township Library; 7:30 p.m.; guest speaker: Janis Saunders of the Women's Health Center of Clarkston; topic: "Menopause," physical and emotional symptoms, and hormone replacement therapy; on Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (625-0112 or 394-0563)

Friday, Oct. 22 - American Red Cross Blood Drive at STRIVE Alternative High School; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 5275 Maybee Road, Independence Township. (John Zittel, 674-0993)

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-24 - Country Folk Art Sale at the Springfield Oaks Activities Center; 5-9 p.m. Friday (\$6), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (\$4, children age 10 and under \$2); Andersonville Road, Springfield Township. (313-634-4151)

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22 and 23 - Children's Halloween Party at Indian Springs Metropark; 7 p.m.; for children in grades 1-4 and their parents; \$5 children, \$2 adults; includes games, stories, refreshments and surprises; advance registration required; \$3 vehicle entry fee; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7280)

Senior spotlight

Dinner, dance

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:

The nutritionally balanced lunch is cooked on the premises and served daily at noon. Cost is \$2 for those over age 60 and their spouses and \$3 for those younger. **Reservations for lunch are due by noon the day before.** Special arrangements may be made for those unable to pay the meal costs. Homebound meals are also available. Menu available by phone (625-8231).

LUNCH MENU:

Thursday, Oct. 14 - Polish sausage
Friday, Oct. 15 - Chili mac
Monday, Oct. 18 - Veal birds
Tuesday, Oct. 19 - Crispy cod
Wednesday, Oct. 20 - Spanish rice
Thursday, Oct. 21 - Chicken broccoli casserole
Friday, Oct. 22 - Pork cutlets
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:
Monday -- bowling, bridge.
Tuesday -- ceramics, cards, volleyball.
Wednesday -- crafts, pool, band practice.
Thursday -- Bingo, woodshop.
Friday -- sing-a-long, cards, women's pool.
SPECIAL HELP:

Daily lunch, homebound lunch, transportation, health

problems, referral service, home chore service, outreach services, Focus Hope food program, income tax assistance. Call for guidelines.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

An Afternoon at the Movies: The special showings at the senior center cost 50 cents, which includes popcorn and beverage. Register by Wednesday prior to show; "The Long Gray Line" on Friday, Oct. 15.

Steak roast dinner dance: 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the senior center; \$8 residents, \$10 non-residents; includes rib-eye steak, escalloped potatoes, salad, Jell-O, rolls, beverage and dessert; dance follows at 7:30 p.m. (\$2 at the door); reservations required by Oct. 13.

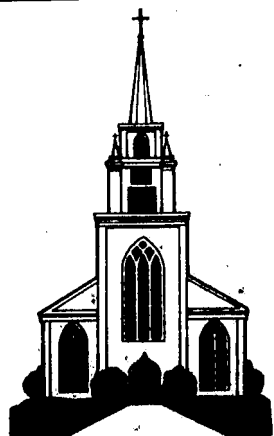
Mystery fall color tour: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20; secret destination; \$20 residents, \$22 non-residents; includes lunch, deluxe motor coach, escort service.

Township extended travel: Smokey Mountain Christmas, Dec. 4-7, \$399 per person, double occupancy, general public.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Unless noted, all activities take place at the Senior Citizens Activity Center in Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. For more information, call 625-8231 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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4:30 p.m. Adult Choir
6:00 p.m. Worship
Wednesday: 5:45 p.m. Preschool Choir
5:45 p.m. Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 p.m. Mission Organizations
for Preschool & Children
7:00 p.m. Youth Activities

Cartoonist's 'Rudsil' raises money for youth assistance

The volunteer cartoonist for The Clarkston News also gives his talents in other ways in the community. Staff Sgt. Wade Woodbury of Springfield Township designed "Rudsil's Suburban 1994 Calendar" to raise money for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

Woodbury, a U.S. Army recruiter for the Clarkston and Waterford areas, chose Youth Assistance because of its impact on youngsters. The non-profit group's goal is to prevent neglect juvenile delinquency.

"I was really just looking in the paper ... and they were the closest to my market," said Woodbury. "They really do assist the youth in this area."

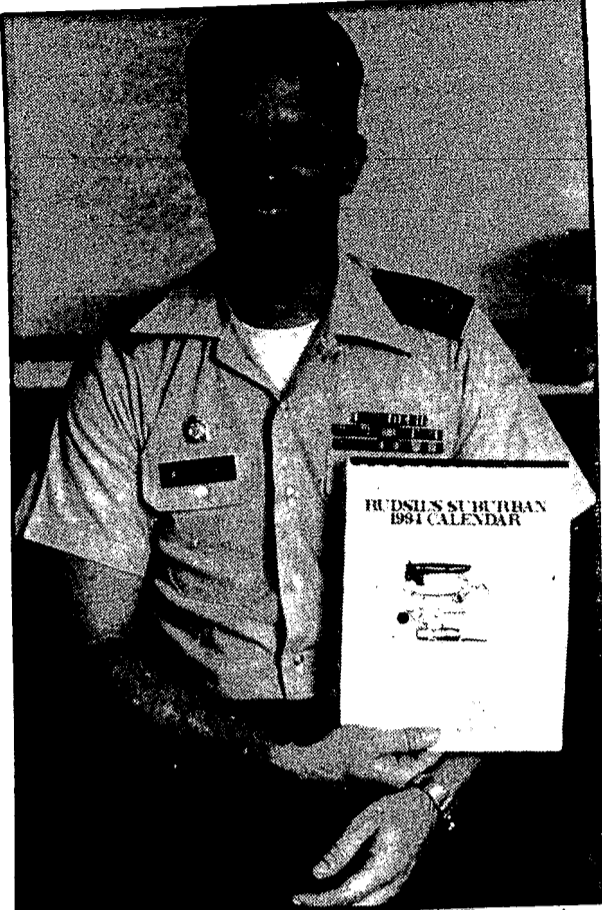
Woodbury designed the entire calendar on his computer at home. It features the same style of cartoons — "Rudsil's Suburban Facts" — that he draws for The Clarkston News.

The \$3 cost of the calendar includes shipping and handling, with all proceeds going to Youth Assistance.

To order, send a check or money order payable to Ellen Woodbury at 6566 S. Kimberly, Holly, MI 48442. Or call 634-6639. The calendars will be delivered in two to three weeks.

For more information on Youth Assistance, call social worker Teresa C. Blundell at 625-9007.

For more information on Army opportunities, call Woodbury at 666-9178.



STAFF Sgt. Wade Woodbury of Springfield Township donates the proceeds from his "Rudsil's Suburban 1994 Calendar" to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

Recipe corner

Quick, easy stir-fry

Here's a quick and tasty stir-fry recipe that's easy to make.

STIR-FRIED CHICKEN WITH CASHEWS AND GREEN ONION

- 1 egg white
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 pound boneless, skinned chicken breasts, cubed
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon dry sherry OR chicken broth
- 1/2 cup unsalted cashews
- 3 tablespoons peanut oil OR sesame oil
- 1/3 cup sliced green onion
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1. Mix together egg white, 1 tablespoon cornstarch and 1 tablespoon soy sauce in small bowl. Add chicken; stir to coat all pieces. Let stand 15 minutes.

2. Stir together sugar, chicken broth, sherry, the remaining cornstarch and remaining soy sauce in small bowl until smooth.

3. Saute cashews in 1 tablespoon oil in large skillet or wok over medium heat until lightly browned on all sides. Remove and reserve.

4. Drain chicken mixture in strainer. Heat remaining oil in skillet. Add chicken; stir fry over medium-high heat until browned on all sides, stirring constantly. Add green onion and pepper flakes; stir fry 30 second longer.

5. Stir chicken broth mixture again; add to skillet along with cashews. Cook until mixture is bubbly and thickened.

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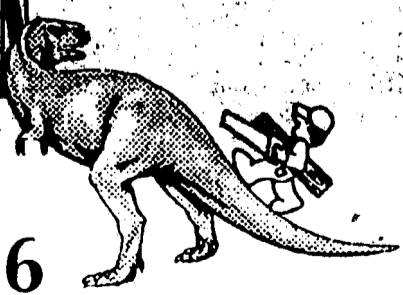
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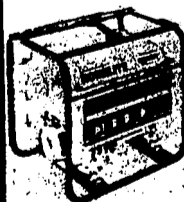
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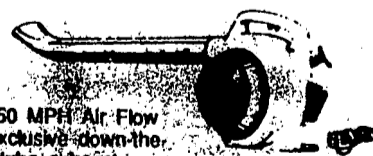
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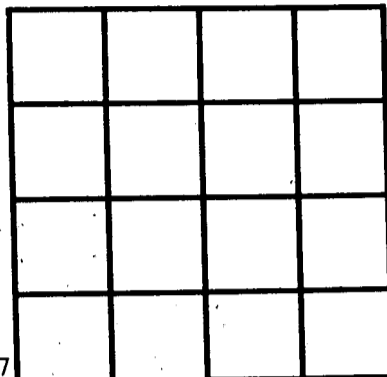
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2. Arab. prince
3. 8+1
4. silt



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← Answers to last week's puzzle

Tom Hoyes resides in Independence Township. He is a public access volunteer for cable programs aired on Independence-Clarkston Channel 65.

Community education at a glance

Kids Connection information

All Kids Connection programs are closed Tuesday, Oct. 19, to allow all staff to attend the Michigan School-Age Child Care Conference.

Scrapbook series

"Reflections of Pine Knob" starts this year's series at the Oakland Technical Center-Northwest 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19. Fran Stewart and friends take listeners back in time to the former home of Colonel Waldon. This includes the history of Pine Knob, once an annex of Ford Hospital. The \$10 fee includes lunch in the Northwest Inn.

Cosmetic surgery

One-session discussion of reduction and enlargement procedures, costs and more takes place 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Sashabaw Middle School. Fee is \$12.

Dr. Jupiter's Madhouse of Magic

This Halloween family night includes an hour of magic plus supernatural encounters of the silliest kind. It takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Pine Knob Elementary School's multipurpose room. Tickets: \$3 per person, \$10 per family.

Pumpkin in bloom

From 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 23, a workshop takes place at the Clarkston Community Education Center. Class members make a centerpiece with rich tones and hues of autumn, consisting of fresh flowers displayed in a plump pumpkin vase. Bring pumpkin carver or knife and scissors. Fee is \$12.

For more information

Clarkston Community Schools Department of Community Education is at 5275 Maybee Road, Independence Township. To register, to obtain a brochure, or for more information, call 674-0993. Visa or Mastercard may be used to pay enrichment class fees.

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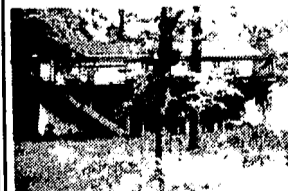
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The library's free Matinee Video Series opens a new season Thursday, Oct. 14, with three films to stir memories and the imagination.

Fonda and Loy star in "Summer Solstice" (one hour), the story of a couple married more than 50 years. Also on the program are "Autumn: Frost Country" (15 minutes),

where the poetry of Robert Frost comes to life against a New England background, and "On Board the Morgan" (15 minutes), a visit to Mystic Seaport and America's last wooden whaling ship.

The Matinee Video Series takes place 1-2 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the library community meeting room. Coffee and cookies are served, and brownbaggers are welcome to bring lunch.

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7 p.m. - **This Is the Life:** Contemporary drama series presented by St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

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8 p.m. - **Something Video:** Comedy and variety series, produced by Tom Hoyes of Independence Township. This week: Clarkston Homecoming parade and more.

8:30 p.m. - **Blade:** Alternative music video show.

9 p.m. - **Inside Mountainbiking:** A look at mountainbiking and area trails.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

7 p.m. - **Capitol Comments:** With state Rep. Tom Middleton.

7:30 p.m. - **See How They Grow:** Gardening series.

8 p.m. - **Living with your Addictions:** Self-help and success.

8:30 p.m. - **Dining with Christopher:** Cooking programs with Christopher Cryderman.

9 p.m. - **Tony Stark:** Music videos.

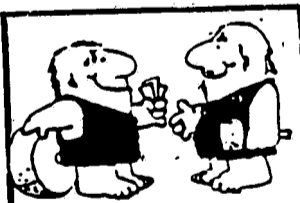
WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. - **The Oakland Voter:** Voting highlights.

7 p.m. - **The Job Show:** A presentation of The Michigan Employment Security Commission.

7:30 p.m. - **Independence Township Board:** Meeting of Oct. 19.

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THENDARA PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The Independence Township Board of Trustees has reviewed the additional costs associated with the Special Assessment District of Thendara Park Road Improvement and drainage project. It is the board's intention to make additional pro-rata assessments on the affected properties. The amount assessed will be spread on the December 1, 1993 tax roll. This Special Assessment will be discussed and decided at the October 19, 1993 Township Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

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NOTICE

1993 LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM
OCTOBER 23, NOVEMBER 6, AND
A THIRD DATE TO BE DETERMINED

The City of the Village of Clarkston will provide the pickup of bagged leaves at curbside beginning at 8 a.m. on the following dates:
Saturday, October 23
Saturday, November 6
A third date will be posted later.
Leaves should be in clear bags. Bags may be obtained at the city hall, 375 Depot Road, on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Jeanne Selander Miller
Clerk

Publish October 13, and October 20

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TOWNSHIP BOARD

AGENDA
7:30 p.m.

October 19, 1993

Call to Order.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Opening Statements and Correspondence
Approval of Agenda
Minutes of Previous Meeting
List of Bills
Approval of Purchase Orders
Public Forum

Old Business

1. Bid Award - Roof Repair - DPW
2. Bid Award - Thendara Snow Removal
3. Bid Award - Fire Equipment
4. Waldon Road Sewer - Resolution Confirming Assessment Roll
5. Bow Pointe - Resolution Determining Necessity
6. Ratification of Settlement - Independence Township v. Consumers Power Co. and Knight Construction
7. Thendara Addition to Special Assessment District
8. Intragovernmental agreement - water system

New Business

1. Posting Labor Position - DPW
2. Resolution - National Unfunded Mandates Day
3. Automated Library System - Funding Request

Closed session - pending litigation
Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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SYNOPSIS OF ACTION

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex.

Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Present: Lutz, McCrary, McGee, Mercado, Stuart, Travis, Vaara.

Absent: None.

There is a quorum.

1. Approval of agenda with the removal of the Thendara Snow Removal bid and the addition of a resolution regarding Fleeing Vehicles.

2. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 1993 as amended.

3. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 1993 as submitted.

4. Approval of motion for payment of bills totaling \$7,416,448.84.

5. Approval of motion authorizing the issuance of purchase orders totaling \$27,548.02.

6. Teresa Blundell of the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance spoke at the Public Forum segment of the agenda.

7. The Township Board conducted a Public Hearing to receive comments and objections to the Waldon Road Special Assessment District.

8. Approval of motion to table the Waldon Road SAD.

9. The Township Board conducted a Public Hearing to receive comments and objections to the Bow Pointe Special Assessment District.

10. Approval of motion to table the Bow Pointe SAD.

11. Approval of motion for a Second Reading and Adoption of the Sewer Ordinance Amendment.

12. Approval of motion for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to begin negotiating terms and conditions to purchase property on Citation Drive for a new fire station.

13. Approval of motion to proceed with the recommendation to install Safety Path along Andersonville Road for Bay Court and the costs not to exceed \$15,000.

14. Approval of motion for Township architect to investigate the renovation of the Department of Public Works Building.

15. Approval of motion to adopt a Resolution opposing Senate Bill No. 4.

16. Approval of motion adopting a Resolution on the Fleeing a Motor Vehicle.

17. Approval of motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence has extended the date for the bid opening on Snow Removal, in the Thendara Park Country Club subdivision. All bids received, to date, will be opened at 10 a.m. Monday October 18, 1993.

The contract will be awarded at the regular Township Board Meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on October 19, 1993.

The Charter Township of Independence reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Specifications are available at the Department of Public Works. For further information, 625-8222.

Joan E. McCrary
Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

ORDINANCE NO.

AMENDMENT TO SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM CODE PROVISIONS

An ordinance to amend Article III of Chapter 20 of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances to amend the definitions of "Capital Benefit Fee" and "Lateral Benefit," and to modify the amount of the capital benefit fee as part of the schedule of fees and charges for the Township Sewage Disposal System.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES:

Section 1 of Ordinance

Article III of Chapter 20 of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances shall be amended by changing the definitions of "Capital Benefit Fee" and "Lateral Benefit Fee" as specified in Section 20-36, so as to read as follows:

Chapter 20 UTILITIES

ARTICLE III. EXTENSIONS OF CLINTON-OAKLAND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Section 20-36. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

Capital Benefit Fee shall mean the charge required to be paid by a property owner connecting to the system to pay a proportionate share of the cost to construct the Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal System Interceptor, and to pay for a proportionate share of the treatment attributable to the service available to the property. The capital benefit fee shall also include a charge to pay the cost of oversizing the Independence Township extension to the Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal System, as financed by the County of Oakland, less a credit for any amounts paid by or in relation to the property for such extension, by special assessment or otherwise.

Lateral Benefit Fee shall mean the charge required to be paid by a property owner connecting to the system to pay a proportionate share of the cost to construct a lateral sewer line or trunk line extension servicing the property to the extent that such lateral or trunk line has been financed in whole or in part by the Township or other person without contribution by or in relation to the property to be connected to the system.

Section 2 of Ordinance

Article III of Chapter 20 of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances shall be amended by changing subsection (1)(b) and subsection (2) of Section 20-41(a), which, following the amendment, shall read as follows:

Chapter 20 UTILITIES

ARTICLE III. EXTENSIONS OF CLINTON-OAKLAND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Section 20-41. Determination of unit charges per premises.

(a) At the time of application for a permit to connect, the Department of Public Works shall make a determination of the unit charges to be levied against the premises connecting. Such unit charges shall be in accordance with the County Schedule "A," as amended from time-to-time. At the time of such application, the Department of Public Works shall determine the amount of credit the applicant shall receive for assessments previously made against benefitted properties and the applicant shall be entitled to the number of units reflected in such credits. All units credited and any additional units required by the County Schedule in accordance with applicant's use shall be charged as follows:

(1) Direct connections, which are defined as those units connecting to any existing Township lateral or any lateral installed at Township expense shall be charged:

(a) (No change.)
(b) A capital benefit fee of \$960 per unit.

(2) Indirect connections, which are defined as those connections made by an individual or developer who constructs his own lateral system in accordance with a sewer extension agreement with the Township, shall be charged a capital benefit fee of \$960 per unit.
b. (No change.)

Section 3 of Ordinance

All other provisions of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances shall remain in effect, amended only as provided above.

Section 4 of Ordinance

The provisions of this amendatory ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect immediately upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of October 1993.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Joan E. McCrary
Clerk

Introduced: Sept 21, 1993
Adopted: Oct 5, 1993
Effective: Oct 13, 1993
Published in the Clarkston News on: Oct 13, 1993

Veterinarian finds 23 rocks, seashell in 'depressed' puppy

BY JULIE CAMPE
Clarkston News Editor

Veterinarian Bryan Cornwall had worked a few years in an animal emergency clinic and had thought he'd seen it all.

Then he met Sunnie, a 5-month-old yellow Labrador, who lives on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Sunnie's family asked that their names not be used.

Sunnie arrived at Cornwall's veterinary practice in Independence Town Square recently, and his owners told Cornwall that their rambunctious puppy had stopped eating and seemed depressed.

This visit followed an earlier visit when Sunnie was itching and biting himself and was given medication for a possible skin condition.

But on this visit, Cornwall conducted his normal exam — and when he felt the puppy's abdomen, he heard a strange noise.

"It was weird," said Cornwall. "It was a clinking noise. I just kind of pushed up on his belly, and you could hear (something) clink, and you could feel them."

Rocks, that is — 23 of them — plus one seashell. The rocks were golf-ball size or larger and weighed 1 1/2 pounds total.

Cornwall's evening was already booked with surgeries, so it was around 11 p.m. when he removed the rocks from Sunnie's stomach and intestines.

"I've never seen 23 rocks (in an animal) before," said Cornwall. "Foreign bodies are quite common, especially among puppies. I've removed golf balls, a Matchbox car. ... This dog is really a unique case."

As for the family, they did nothing wrong, said

Cornwall.

"A lot of times, these dogs will eat a lot of rocks," he said, explaining that occasionally an animal eats rocks when it has a mineral deficiency. "I asked about his diet. This dog was on a really good diet. This is just a really bad puppy habit."

He advised others with puppies or kittens to keep small objects away from them. Young animals are like toddlers, he said, and shouldn't be given small objects to play with.

As for Sunnie, Cornwall recommended an electronic fence around each set of rocks in the yard. A muzzle is also an option — but only for short periods of time, he said.

A muzzle restricts a dog so much that it can't drink water or bark. And if the dog were to become sick, it could choke if wearing a muzzle.

Sunnie's owner said the rock-eating occurred when the family was out of town, and Sunnie was left alone, with just occasional visits from a neighbor. Sunnie probably ate the rocks out of boredom, she said, explaining that he loves people and doesn't like to be left alone.

Now that he's had time to recover, "he's happy as a lark, and he's his old self again," she said.

The friendly puppy loves to play and is learning commands such as "sit" and "stay."

"He's mischievous, and it came out in a big way," said his owner. "I've had dogs my whole life, but we've never had a dog like this."

She said that when Sunnie was under anesthesia for the rock surgery, he was neutered at the same time.

"Dr. Cornwall said we could kill two birds with one stone," she said, explaining that Cornwall has a good sense of humor.

When he removed the rocks, "Dr. Cornwall kept saying, 'This is a pretty one.'"

Sunnie also is known to make a funny growl.

"We kept thinking we should have named him Tim Allen because he makes all those guttural noises," she said, referring to the Michigan native who stars in the TV sitcom, "Home Improvement."



SUNNIE trots in his back yard on Whipple Lake. The puppy is "happy as a lark" to be home again with Rebecca, 12; Allison, 10; and Jonathan, 8.



Dr. Bryan Cornwall

Woman, 83, tells history of Sashabaw Plains area

(WOMAN, from Page 1)

to sell them to grocery stores or the state hospital.

One of Mrs. DeNise's jobs as a child was to listen for the horn of the thrasher. Then her mother would call the neighbors to help. If they came in the morning, they would stay for a meal.

Pails of water, towels, soap, wash basins and combs were brought out to the west stoop for the men to wash before going into the house.

"I was telling my granddaughter about thrashers and she said, 'Why do they have to wash outdoors?' And I said, 'Could you imagine all the commotion if they had to wash in the kitchen?' ... And this is what she said to me, 'They could have used the bathroom,'" Mrs. DeNise said with a laugh, alluding to the fact that the "bathrooms" were outhouses in those days.

As a child, Mrs. DeNise also had to water and feed the chickens, gather the eggs, watch the cattle and keep the stock water tank filled by pumping water by hand.

"I know to this day that tank had to have a hole in the bottom," she said.

Agnes Goodrich DeNise

One of her vivid memories of childhood was a trip with her family to the City of Pontiac the winter before she began school. She recalled the first building she encountered — a harness shop. She said she felt awe when she saw the window display of a life-size wooden dapple-gray horse with a harness.

In the next window, a small engine was connected to a grinder, which made peanut butter. The ladies bought some to take home. The peanut butter was packed in a container made of thin wood and wrapped in butcher paper.

"The highlight of this day was when we were taken across the street, ... underneath the Oakland County Court House, and for the first time used an inside toilet," she said.

In the fall Mrs. DeNise began school in the one-room school house where the fire station now stands. She said the sanitation of the school left something to be desired. The children drank from the same ladle. They used outside toilets equipped with a Sears catalog, and

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Agnes DeNise

then would eat lunch, with no place to wash their hands.

In seventh grade, Mrs. DeNise went to Pontiac for examinations. At the time, she didn't have a street address to put on the form and hadn't yet learned to spell "Independence."

"I showed them — by the eighth grade, I learned to spell that sucker," said Mrs. DeNise with a grin.

After she passed the eighth-grade test, she graduated at the Oakland Theater with the 150 to 175 other eighth-grade students from Oakland County.

She graduated from high school in 1929. Her class was the last to have graduation exercises in the old Methodist Church in Clarkston and the next-to-last class

to attend school in what is now the Independence Township Hall on Main Street.

Her class of 14 also began the traditional "Senior Skip Day." On their skip day, they went to a show and had a picnic on a lake, she said.

Mrs. DeNise graduated from the Pontiac Business Institute as the Great Depression hit the area. She was hired by a couple who operated a drug store. She cared for their children for \$7 a week and room and board.

When she married Merle DeNise, the two moved back to Sashabaw Plains, where he worked for farmers at \$1 per day. After a few months, he took a job with General Motors Corp. and worked there for 28 years.

The couple became parents of twins, Don and Deloras, who both went to school in the area and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1961. Soon after the children were born, the family moved to a home on Eastlawn, where Mrs. DeNise has lived for 49 years.

After her children began school, Mrs. DeNise was hired as secretary of South Sashabaw Elementary. She was transferred to Pine Knob Elementary School when it was finished and was secretary there until she retired in 1977.

Mrs. DeNise and her husband traveled a lot after their retirement. He died seven years ago. Since then, Mrs. DeNise has traveled through Canada and to many places in Europe. She recently returned from Puerto Rico, where she attended the wedding of her grandson.

"The trip was beautiful and I enjoyed it, but as usual I was very happy to come back to Sashabaw Plains," she said.


She said that Sashabaw Plains will always be home to her.

"Next March I will be 84 years of age. I'm very happy, although my eyes are dimming very, very fast. I'm happy, for I have my faith, the love of my children, my grandchildren — now only six, at one time seven — my great-grandchildren; and I know that when the time comes for me to be laid to rest, I will again be right there in Sashabaw Plains."

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Swing your partner



DANCING at their school's Country-Western Dance for the entire family on Friday are Danny Lunsford, 5, and his friend Katie

Colpaert, also 5. The two said they met in class at Pine Knob Elementary School and like each other.

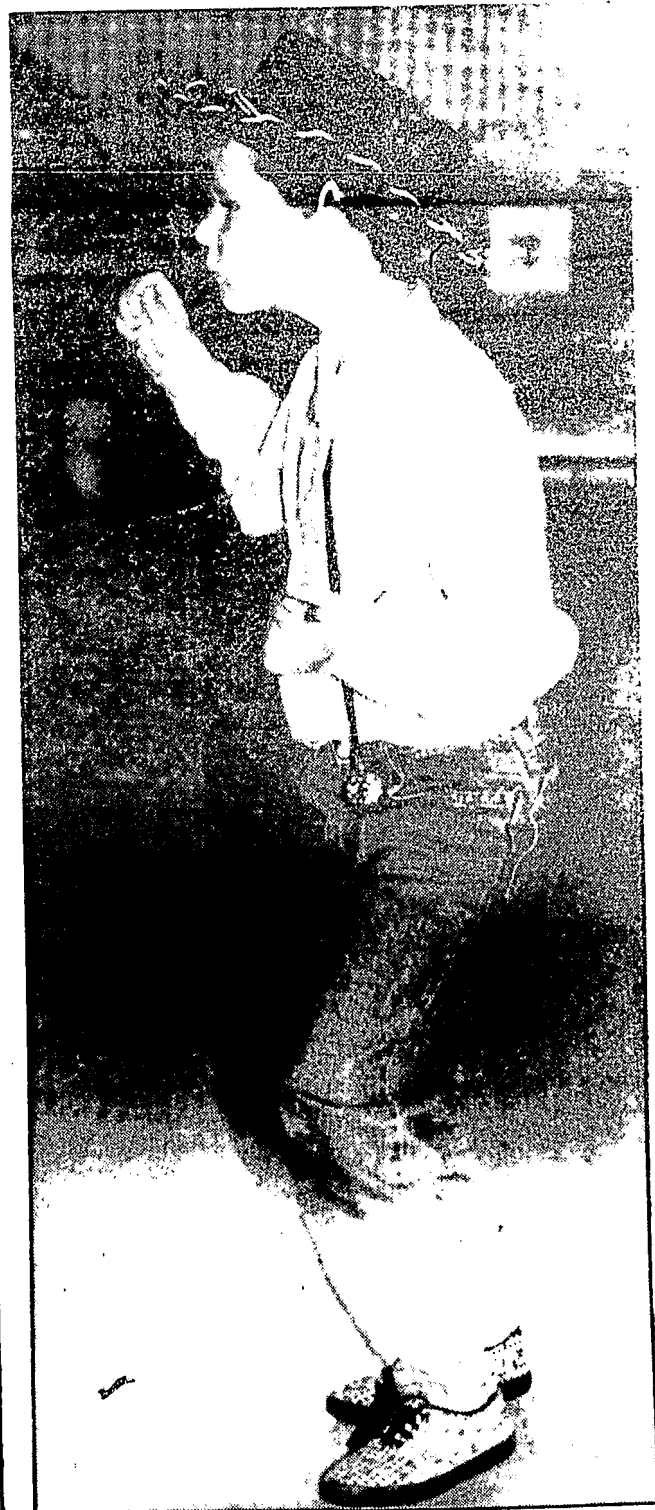


TAKING a break from dancing are penny-pitchers Ashley Wise (from left), 7; Todd McMahon, 7; and James Provenzano, 8. Pine

Knob Elementary School was decked out Friday, Oct. 8, in country-western decorations and activities for all ages.



FIRST-GRADE teacher Marilyn Bidinger takes a turn dancing with her granddaughter Devinne Reilly, 2, of Lansing. She also dances with some of her students.



VERONICA Ficcard, 6, a Pine Knob Elementary first-grader, tests her dancing skills in the school gym.