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Steppin' out



Jenny Frodle makes some final adjustments on her date, P. J. Sadows, before the Clarkston High School Prom Friday night. Sadows was

resplendent in his top hat while photos were being taken in Depot Park before the dance. For more on the fashions, see the back page.

Bomb suspects are ordered to stand trial

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Five Clarkston teenagers were ordered to stand trial on explosives charges by 52-2 District Court Judge Gerald McNally Friday.

After a lengthy preliminary exam, McNally ordered Jason Buchmann, Jessie Laycock, Eric Endreszl, Brian Trollman and Armin Michelsen to stand trial on charges including possession or construction of explosives, using the explosives to blow up a mailbox and a shack, and conspiracy, all occurring between March 29 and 31.

Bond was continued for all five and they were ordered not to have any contact with witnesses in the case, which now moves on to Circuit Court since the charges are felonies.

On the witness stand, Detective Chuck Young of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said Buchmann, Laycock, Trollman and Michelsen all confessed to the charges. All said Endreszl, who has never made a formal statement to police, was the one who constructed pipe bombs as the boys drove in Laycock's car.

"All the kids have told me they were there during the construction except Eric," Young said. When an old church bus was stopped on Dixie Highway on March 31, Endreszl was on board carrying a large battery in his pocket. A state police dog found traces of explosives on the bus.

Witnesses from two area retailers identified Laycock as the one who purchased gun powder and igniters. One store clerk knew him from high school. The other noted Laycock's handicapped hand.

The arrests stemmed from the discovery of pipe bombs and wiring at a shack on the property of one Clarkston High School student's family off Clintonville Rd. During testimony it was revealed that the boys experimented by blowing up a toilet in a field off Flemings Lake Rd., where they were observed by a township DPW employee. Later they blew a hole in the shack but were unsuccessful in blowing the roof off. They are also suspected of blowing up at least one mailbox, perhaps two. No one was injured in the explosions and property damage was minimal.

Teachers fail to ratify contract

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston teachers failed to ratify a proposed new contract last week because not enough teachers showed up to vote.

No details of the contract have been released, but it was expected the union would ratify the deal last week, with the Board of Education following suit Monday night.

"They didn't have an adequate number to ratify," said Duane Lewis, assistant superintendent for personnel, said Monday night. He added that the Clarkston Education Association's executive board was meeting that night to decide what to do next.

Superintendent Gary Haner said a majority of all teachers have to approve the contract for it to be ratified.

"A majority of those who voted voted yes,"

Haner said. "They even gave them the opportunity to vote absentee."

One non-teaching employee said some teachers had boycotted the vote. However Lewis and CEA negotiator Tom Brown said they hadn't heard that.

"There's no truth to that that I am aware of," Brown said Tuesday. He said the same thing happened in 1990. "The meeting we held at the high school last Thursday was well-attended and we had absentee ballots for them."

The CEA executive board decided Monday night to offer the election over again on Friday. The contract doesn't expire until August.

Haner said during Monday's school board meeting that the proposed deal includes some provisions related to two-tier busing, which the district would like to implement in the fall. It is also rumored to include changes in medical insurance, which, under a new state law enacted last year, is no longer a negotiable item.

The news in brief

Morgan Lake/DNR wetlands hearing

Morgan Lake Golf Classic, a 250-plus planned residential development, will be the subject of a wetlands public hearing May 25.

The hearing, conducted by the state's Department of Natural Resources, will be held at the township annex, 90 N. Main Street, at 1:30 p.m. in order to hear the views of citizens.

Morgan Lake is applying for a permit that would allow the placement of 5,400 cubic yards of fill material, 260 feet of 36-inch culvert, 140 feet of 24-inch culvert for road crossing improvements to Maybee Road, and safety paths in 1.3 acres of wetlands. Additional work to be done in the wetlands include building 18 boardwalks in various sections, placing utilities, water main and sanitary sewer at three road crossings, constructing 22 sediment basins, etc.

The application is currently being reviewed by the DNR. The application may be viewed at the DNR's district headquarters on Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

The Classic received township board approval in November 1994 for the PRD rezoning. It will consist of 112 single-family lots, 78 single-family detached units and 62 single-family attached units. In addition, an 18-hole golf course and clubhouse is planned. The total open space of the development is about 72 percent of the 285 acres.

There are proposed to be five separate construction phases. Each phase must receive special approval from the township's planning commission and township board of trustees.

Hearing for Block Grants scheduled

The City of the Village of Clarkston will hold a public hearing Monday, May 22 for the purpose of discussing reallocation of 1991-92 Community Development Block Grant funds. A balance of \$3,605.47 will be reallocated because of reclassification of low and moderate income areas in Clarkston. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and may present written and oral comments and suggestions regarding possible uses for the funds. The hearing will be held in the City Hall, 375 Depot at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets available for summer circus

Tickets for the Kelly Miller Three-Ring Circus to be held June 30 in the Clarkston High School parking lot are currently on sale at the following locations: The Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, Oxford Bank in Clarkston, First of America Bank in Clarkston, Great Lakes Bancorp in Clarkston, NBD Banks on Main St., Dixie and Maybee and at Pine Knob Music Theatre, Comerica Bank, Old Kent Bank, State Bank and Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Two shows are scheduled, at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., with tickets \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The circus is sponsored by the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, with all proceeds going to Lighthouse Emergency Services Center, Clarkston Branch.

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Summer Breeze

Landing seasonal jobs will be easy for teens this year, says MESC

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News staff writer

High school junior Renee Przybylski wound up actually liking her waitstaff job at Spring Lake Country Club. But she wasn't so sure in the beginning.

"I was just trying to get a job," said the Clarkston High student who heard about an opening from her boyfriend a year ago. Now she enjoys busing tables, pouring coffee and working in the banquet room for parties and weddings.

"Because you're at work, but it's not like you're at work because you're with all your friends."

And from this experience she's learned that she wants to go to Michigan State University after she graduates and major in hotel and restaurant management. She'll continue working at the Country Club when she's not going to school. "I plan to come back here summers," she says.

Renee is only one of the many area high school and college youths who land summer jobs. Doing everything from flipping burgers to planting flowers, teenagers want and sometimes need their own money for college, cars, cool clothes and concerts as well as to just plain blow.

According to a forecast prepared by the Michigan Employment Security Commission, Michigan's strong economy means a working summer for many of the state's teenagers.

"Last year was probably the best year since 1979 for the summer unemployment rate," said Ed Laska, economic analyst for MESC. "Hopefully this year it's a little better. At least that's what it shows for this year if economic activity continues at the same pace and keeps growing."

According to the MESC, nearly three out of every four Michigan teenagers between the ages of 16



CHS seniors Myles Mosher and Toby Evans do everything from keeping the greens neat to pumping gas into golf carts at Spring Lake Country Club.



CHS sophomore Dan Campbell and CHS junior Stephanie Sage hold waitstaff jobs at Spring Lake Country Club and plan to work all summer.

He's saving "for wheels," she's saving "for college."

and 19 will be in the summer job market this year, compared to a 1994 participation rate of 69.2 percent.

"The number of teenagers in the job market will likely climb to 311,000 from last summer's 305,000," says MESC director F. Robert Edwards.

The number of unemployed teens will likely remain unchanged from the summer of 1994 at 60,000, he said.

The most likely job areas for summer youth employment include agriculture, landscape and horticultural services, retail stores, grocery stores, recreational vehicle dealers, restaurants, hotels and motels, camps and trailer parks, entertainment services, museums, galleries and zoos.

Want one of them? You'd better get cracking with summer only a few weeks away. According to employers around Clarkston, there are still openings. Here are some things you should know if you want your summer to include funds as well as fun:

Where to look for jobs

In last week's Clarkston News there were over 118 classified ads in the Help Wanted section, many of them asking youths for summer help.

Some have announced job fairs, including The Palace of Auburn Hills which manages that venue as well as Pine Knob and Meadow Brook music theaters. Different areas were listed, including box office, security, conversions, production, guest services, graphics, housekeeping, parking and The Palace Grill Restaurant. The Palace is holding its job fair on May 11 from 4 to 8 p.m.

"We're hiring for all three venues," said Heidi Swiastyn, personnel director for The Palace. "Lots of people work during the summer and take a leave of absence when school starts and come back the following year."

The Palace will hold that summer job, adds Paula Conrad, Palace personnel manager.

"We allow everyone to fill out applications. Most of the people are at least 17 or older. You come in and fill out the applications and get interviewed that same day," she said.

Even McDonald's is getting into the job fair scene, holding several at the Independence Township location at 6695 Dixie every Wednesday night this month, said Kathy See, first assistant.

"There are still openings at both places," said See, referring to the Dixie McDonald's and the other Independence Township location at 5625 Sashabaw Road. McDonald's hires teens as young as 16, depending on the work site.

Pamela Boyd, president of Work Force, a temporary help agency in Lake Orion, says many prospective employees are teenagers. She says her company is "a bit more limited than McDonald's," hiring students who have graduated from high school or who are at

Resources for summer jobs

- Help Wanted ads in Classified sections of newspapers
- Clarkston Community Schools Career Center: 674-4791
- Oakland Technical Center, Northwest Campus, Clarkston: 625-5202
- Work Force, Lake Orion: 693-3232

least 18 years old. Boyd said Work Force has been "actively soliciting" with high school counselors and business teachers.

Local community education career centers are another source of jobs. Some summer jobs are posted in addition to those offered to low-income and handicapped students under the Federal Job Training Partnership Act.

"We do accept postings from area businesses and parks and recreation for kids to look at," said Judy Monroe, placement supervisor for the Clarkston Community Ed. Career Center.

Speaking of the JTPA jobs, Monroe said she expects to hire 22 teens between the ages of 14 and 21 for summer youth employment who will work in public sites such as Clarkston school buildings, nearby parks and camps, township offices and the library.

"We can also place them at any private and non-profit location," she said, adding that jobs are still available.

"We have openings in park maintenance, building, clerical and library aides, SCAMP assistants. If

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City police chief interviews begin

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite a protest from The Clarkston News, a subcommittee appointed by Clarkston's City Council began interviewing candidates for the vacant Clarkston police chief position during a closed session Monday night.

The special police chief search committee was appointed early in the new year after former Clarkston Police Chief Robert DeVore resigned December 3. The five-member subcommittee includes Mayor Sharron Catallo, City Manager Art Pappas, Councilmen Steve Arkwright and Doug Roeser and Pontiac Police Sgt. Steve Sitar.

A list of over 30 applicants was narrowed down to 16 in March. From that group five were chosen. Pappas said semi-final interviews of the five would be conducted Monday and Wednesday evenings (May 15 and 17) in City Hall. He said the subcommittee was expected to act upon the counsel of Clarkston City Attorney Tom Ryan and recommend two or three for final interviews conducted by Clarkston's City Council during a regular council meeting.

A Clarkston News reporter was not allowed to attend Monday's interviews. Despite a formal protest, Catallo said she would follow Ryan's advice and close the meeting.

"He's wrong," said Dawn Phillips, attorney for the Michigan Press Association, referring to Ryan. She pointed to parallels in two court cases, including the recent decision of Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Gene Schnelz in the Oakland University presidential search case. Schnelz's decision favored plaintiffs who argued that closing the search violated Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Phillips referred to the section of the OMA

which includes subcommittees as public bodies. "Subcommittees have to be open," she said. "When you delegate hiring it is a governmental function. All interviews have to be conducted in public."

When Phillips was told that the city objected to the public and press being present for the subcommit-

tee interviews, citing an invasion of the candidates' privacy, she said, "In the real world, nobody is going to get into trouble. A good employee is going to be sought after by everybody."

At presstime the interviews were expected to conclude during a closed session Wednesday evening.

Asset settlement OK'd by township City's turn next

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The long-running Independence Township/City of Clarkston asset settlement has received township board approval.

The board of trustees unanimously passed the asset settlement proposal at its May 2 meeting, although some amendments were made. The settlement now awaits the Clarkston City Council's approval.

Township attorney Gerald Fisher said the board agreed with the settlement, except in one area. Under library services, the city states any city revenues received from state aid for library expenses should amount to a credit against what the city owes the township for library services. In essence, the city wants a credit because they are giving the library those state aid funds.

Fisher said this is one area that "is strictly a fairness issue. We have conceded in a number of areas, but this isn't fair."

"The city has been talking about how they want to be treated like township citizens would. If that's so

this is just the same as township residents get," Fisher said.

Fisher and the board also said there is some concern that a lack of water supply in the city may result in some problems for fire services. "This is no specific language in the asset settlement but we're just telling them please keep in mind there is the possibility of problems," Fisher said.

The township board also agreed to include the city in its insurance to cover instances of loss or damage occurring as a result of the negligence of the fire department or any township employee performing services in the city. There is no cost to the township for adding the city to the township's insurance.

The board agreed with the city proposal that the library agreement and fire agreement both terminate when those two separate millages expire.

The asset settlement is the last bit of business left from the time, nearly three years ago, when the village of Clarkston became a city. As a village, it was part of the township. Since the 'divorce,' a settlement has been in negotiation over shared assets.

No date has been set yet by city council for a vote on the township's latest version of the asset division.

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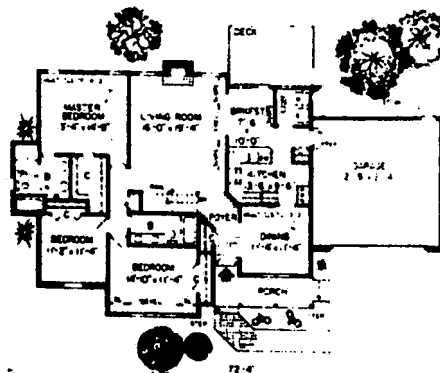
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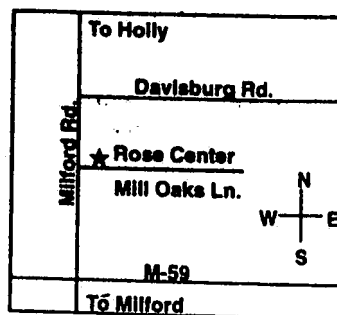
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Ryder, National make pitch for bus contract

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

After a four-hour meeting, the Clarkston board of education voted 6-1 Monday night to continue the process of exploring contracts with two private companies, Ryder and National, for transportation services.

Trustee Barry Bomier voted against the motion, saying he was "unimpressed" by the presentations the two companies made. The motion was worded to leave the door open for CLASP, the union representing the bus drivers, to make its own proposal to the board. The CLASP contract expires this year but negotiations have not yet begun on a new one.

The district puts its transportation spending at \$1,809,027 for the current year. That includes a three-tier system due to the size of the bus fleet.

The board would like to go to a two-tier system to allow more buildings to start and end at the same time, allowing teachers common planning time. Such a move would add about \$600,000 to the cost of transportation because of the need to purchase additional buses. It would also decrease individual drivers' hours of work.

In their written proposals to the district, both companies said they could decrease costs in both two-tier and three-tier busing, but the savings under two-tier busing are more dramatic. However, while Ryder agreed to match existing pay levels and offer health

source	2-tier system	3-tier system
Current in-house system	\$2,400,000*	\$1,809,000
In-house, leasing additional buses	\$1,964,000	NA
Ryder proposal	\$1,841,559	\$1,652,169
National proposal	\$1,753,600**	\$1,571,950**

* Includes district estimate of cost of buying new buses that would be required for two-tier busing, based on current prices.
**The Ryder proposal included the price of buying new buses currently on order by the district. The National proposal did not include this price, so it has been added to this calculation since the company said Monday it would purchase the new buses.

insurance and retirement, National would bring drivers in at less than they are making now and offer no health insurance or retirement. Both companies said it would be their intention to hire current drivers, as long as they pass mandatory testing, including drug screens, criminal background and driving checks.

Many bus drivers attended the meeting, which was held at Clarkston Elementary to accommodate the expected crowd. No one spoke in favor of privatizing bus services. Dr. James O'Neill asked the board to consider employees, not just dollars.

"We have to look after our children; we also have to look after our employees," O'Neill said. "How much are we talking about percentage-wise? Why aren't we asking other places to make a sacrifice? . . . Why does transportation have to take it on the chin for the entire school district?"

Bus driver Kay Hudson questioned individual board members as to whether they had talked to other districts about their satisfaction with Ryder and Na-

tional.

"What is the cost of measuring safety?" she said. "How much is an accident worth?"

Ken Brown, a Clarkston parent who is also an employee of the Pontiac school district, which has a contract with Ryder for transportation, picketed outside before the meeting. Inside, he said it's impossible for Ryder to save the district money while offering the drivers the same pay package.

"Why do districts always start at the bottom?" he asked. "Why don't you start at the top . . . You're not going to save money cutting the little people."

The next step for the board is to get more detailed financial information, Haner said Monday night. He hopes to have a decision by the June 12 board meeting.

Late in Monday's meeting, Haner said he expects the transportation contract to be management only in its first year. That would allow the district to bargain a new contract with CLASP before going to full-service outsourcing.

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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

Men say the darndest things

A female state representative wrote a book not too long ago called "All the Boobs in the House are Men." It was a catchy title and got a lot of attention.

But the more you hear powerful men talk, the more you realize the title was right. Not too long ago a male congressman said women didn't belong in combat because they are prone to infection in the trenches. Just last week, a network golf analyst said women golfers have problems because their breasts get in the way and they can't straighten their backs properly on their golf swing.

Well!

It sure is comforting to know men think so long and hard about the physical well-being of women, so much so that they've taken the time to become experts on the female anatomy. Trouble is, they seem to take an extraordinary amount of time telling us what we CAN'T do, rather than what we can.

I wasn't raised that way. My father, an engineer who raised five daughters before a son finally came along, was constantly whispering the word "engineering" in our ears as we grew up. He was hoping someone would follow in his footsteps. None of us did, not even my brother, but to Dad's credit he never told us we couldn't be a doctor, lawyer or Indian chief if we wanted to.

What's most troubling about the message these 'experts' are conveying is what's left unsaid. Leave off the fact that the golf analyst claimed too many lesbians were messing up women's golf; what he was actually saying is that for a woman to come so far in a sport, there must be something wrong with her. She can't be ALL WOMAN.

Ditto the combat thing. The assumption is that any woman who would go into combat must be abnormal. When the arguments are made over and over and go unchallenged, they begin to become accepted as reality.

How does that affect average folks? Well, right now there is an effort underway by college coaches to have the federal law changed that mandates equal sporting opportunities for men and women in college. The coaches want to have some sports, like football, opted out of the law.

Opportunities for athletic scholarships are already much more limited for girls than for boys. If the coaches have their way, this will become even worse.

It all translates to opportunity. Many people, including many women, feel women have come far enough. They don't stop to realize they are impacting their own daughters' future.

Over half of all marriages end in divorce these days. That means that somewhere down the road, most women will have to support themselves. At a recent career event sponsored by the American Business Women's Association, the middle-school girls who attended said by far they expected to get married, have kids, and stay home with them when they were young. However, the hard economic reality is that doesn't happen that much anymore.

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Opinion

Interviews should be heard by public

With recent controversy surrounding closed sessions, it is a wonder the City of the Village of Clarkston is setting itself up for possible litigation, in shutting out the public while they interview for a police chief.

Currently the Clarkston Board of Education is under investigation for conducting public business during closed sessions. And, Oakland University was successfully sued for violating Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

In light of these recent examples, we feel the City of the Village of Clarkston is acting irresponsibly. The same Michigan Press Attorney who successfully fought Oakland University has said the city is violating the state's Open Meetings Act by holding police chief interviews in closed session.

The city is violating two sections of the OMA. The first defines a public body as "any state or local legislative or governing body, including board, commission, committee, subcommittee, authority, or council, which is empowered by state constitution, statute, charter, ordinance, resolution or rule to exercise governmental or proprietary authority or perform a governmental or proprietary function . . ."

Using that definition of a public body, the OMA continues, "A public body may meet in a closed

session only for the following purposes . . . To review the specific contents of an application for employment or appointment to a public office if the candidate requests that the application remain confidential. However, all interviews by a public body for employment or appointment to a public office shall be held in an open meeting pursuant to this act.'

There it is in black and white. Yet the city attorney defends closing the meetings -- arguing the subcommittee isn't a public body.

In April Councilman Steve Arkwright, the council liaison for the city and police department, said the search for a police chief would be slow and deliberate. The city wanted to get it right, as the police chief controls half the city budget. We agree, pick the right person.

Recently, however, Mr. Arkwright told The Clarkston News he had a problem with The Clarkston News trying to talk with the police chief candidates. In other words he had a problem with the public trying to talk with the police chief candidates. We disagree here.

We ask the city to stop and reconsider. Open the interviews to The Clarkston News and the public which it serves. EO.



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

365 historical dates on Michigan

In May 1938 the American Community Mutual Insurance Company at Livonia pioneered health insurance in Michigan. Full medical-surgical coverage cost a family \$2.15 a month.

At the intersection of Woodward Avenue and Grand Avenue in Detroit, the world's first traffic light was installed in 1915.

That's the kind of stuff in the Mich-Cal Calendar. There's a historical-type fact for each of the 365 days this year. I started with May for this column because, when it was observed, Michigan was praised from within with a Week in May.

In 1961 Kalamazoo was the site for the National Convention of Hoboes of America. A freighter going through the locks at the Soo drops 21 feet from Lake Superior to Lake Huron. Michigan law restricts funeral homes from serving food or beverages.

It isn't in this calendar, but Michigan ranks third in new boat sales behind Florida and Texas. It has between a \$3 and \$4 billion impact on our economy.

Michigan leads the nation in the number of golf courses, over 600. Michigan has more lighthouses than any other state, and Michigan's Camp Grayling, with its 147,000 acres, is the country's largest National Guard training site.

Here's one for this season: A total of 672 Michiganders were struck by lightning between 1959 and 1990. The odds of being struck by lightning in Michigan in your lifetime are 1 in 6,000. To me that means the chances of my being struck by lightning are greater than my winning the Loto.

Also, for this season, Michigan ranks first in the production of potted geraniums.

The first Corvette, "America's only true production sports car," rolled off the assembly line in Flint on June 30, 1953 with a sticker price of \$3,250.

Guess what town in Michigan holds the record for the highest temperature on record. Guess what it was. Guess what year. Give up? Mio. 112 degrees. 1936.

50 percent of Michigan citizens have not seen the Mackinac Bridge. Well, they should be there now. They could see it for a long time. The toll area on the UP side is being torn up for widening and improving, one could guess. The lines coming back from trout fishing (no, I didn't get any) were well over a mile and well over a half hour.

Michigan ranks number one in blueberry production, number one in growing cucumbers, number one in the production of navy beans and our 20,000 acres planted into asparagus puts us third in the nation.

The last stage coach hold-up in the United States took place on the Gogebic Stage Coach Road, 10 miles from Marenisco, Aug. 16, 1889. I thought it was in Old Tuscon, Ariz.

Michigan success story: in 1903 the Ford Motor Company was formed with \$28,000 in working capital. A bookkeeper named James Couzens bought in for \$2,000. Fifteen years later he was bought out for \$30 million.

I'll close on a printed fact many of us have already concluded: A 1991 Michigan Department of Public Health survey found that there were more overweight people in Michigan than in any other state.

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1980)

A portion of Sashabaw Road may be converted to a one-way street after each Pine Knob Music Theatre concert this summer. The change would make all three lanes of Sashabaw one-way from the theater's marquee to the I-75 entrance ramps. Pine Knob Theatre manager Joel Deshane says he would first like to try the system on "a couple of soft shows where attendance is 5,000 or less." Pine Knob community relations director George White says Deshane believes the change will eliminate congestion and speed up the flow of traffic when exiting concerts.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Alcohol Enforcement Team nets 24 drunk-driving arrests in eight days on Dixie Highway. The stretch of Dixie that cuts across Waterford, Independence and Springfield townships has the second highest number of alcohol-related accidents in Oakland County.

Clarkston's varsity softball team, looking good in new blue and gold uniforms, plays its first night game of the season Friday and wins 3-0 over Milford.

25 YEARS AGO (1970)

Clarkston Community Schools are among 21 school districts that will receive state school aid payments June 1. "More than \$4 million will be distributed on June 1 in state school aid payments to school districts either partially or totally located in the 17th senatorial district," says State Sen. L. Harvey Lodge. The amount designated for Clarkston's school district is \$425,162.

The Women's Society prepares for its fourth annual antique show and sale to be held June 4 and 5 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Twenty-three dealers will display their wares along with those of local residents. A spaghetti dinner with sandwiches and baked goods will be served in the dining room concession.

Thirty-five students from the junior and senior high schools participate in "Walk for Mankind," a project put on by the Clarkston Jaycees May 23. Though it rains most of the time, all walkers finish the 12 miles. It is the first time any Jaycee Chapter in Michigan has undertaken the project, so the results of Clarkston's walk will be valuable for the rest of the state to use in the future.

50 YEARS AGO (1945)

A large crowd attends the "Book Tea" at the Clarkston school and enjoys visiting the new elementary library. Several PTA members are presented with gifts while new officers are also installed. Guests enjoy several musical numbers played on the piano by Mr. Willoughby Boughton. The tea table is adorned with a tulip arrangement and lighted green candles in pewter holders. The hospitality committee with Mrs. Ralph Thayer as chairman and the sixth-grade mothers are to be complimented for such a lovely affair.

Mothers and daughters enjoy a banquet at the Methodist Church Friday night. Tables are beautifully decorated with colorful maypoles and a delicious meal is served. The theme of the banquet is dolls, and a variety are displayed by Mrs. Robert C. Poucher of Dundee, Michigan who owns several hundred. Many are dressed in native costumes from all over the world. Mrs. Poucher tells stories about each country and shows where each can teach Americans a lesson.

Real values at Carl's 5c to \$1.00 store include cups and saucers, two for 15 cents; elastic, a yard for 7 cents; switch boxes, 15 cents each; white baby rick rack, two yards for a nickel, and dresses, \$6.98.

60 YEARS AGO (1935)

Members of Clarkston's Community Chorus are busy extending invitations to their friends to attend their May musicale on May 24. Among the many fine selections will be Negro Spirituals. Chorus director Mr. Charles Hutton has been very fortunate in securing Mrs. Pauline McCaughon Frisby of Pontiac, who will assist the chorus. Mrs. Frisby is an accomplished musician as well as a noted singer. She will play several compositions on the piano in addition to her singing.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are "\$10 Raise," with Edward Horton and Karen Morley, "Rocky Rhodes," with Buck Jones, "George White's 1935 Scandals," starring Alice Faye, James Dunn and Ned Sparks, and "Red Morning," featuring Steffi Duna and Regis Toomey.

Used cars and trucks featured at Beattie Bros. Motor Sales include the following: 1934 Ford Deluxe Tudor, 1932 Ford Fordor Sedan, 1930 Oakland 8 Sedan, 1929 Hudson Victoria, 1928 Ford Stake Truck and 1928 GMC Stake Truck.

If It Fitz

by Jim Fitzgerald



It's getting difficult to exaggerate well

I recently wrote that Gary Moeller probably got in trouble with the law on purpose to make it easier for him to recruit lawbreaking football players who figured the media and public wouldn't make a big deal out of their criminal activities if they played at a university where the head football coach had been arrested for getting drunk and punching a cop.

Some readers thought I was serious.

No surprise. Always, somebody doesn't get satire. A few days earlier, for another example, I wrote that mail bearing the new Richard Nixon stamp "will not be delivered because when you lick it, a printed message appears on the front of the stamp saying, 'I am not a stamp.'"

Quickly there was a phoned complaint from a woman who said she tried to buy such a no-delivery stamp at the post office "and they just laughed at me."

I'm sorry.

Incidentally, several readers said I should start a national movement recommending that everyone using the Nixon stamp should stick it on the envelope crooked.

I like that idea, and it's not necessarily satire. Satire is an exaggeration so outlandish that everyone should understand it's an obvious lie. It is getting harder and harder to be outlandish enough to be disbelieved.

Look at the O.J. Simpson trial, if you can stand it since Kato left. I think it's incredibly outlandish to suggest that practically the entire Los Angeles Police Department conspired to frame Simpson, planting phony evidence and so on. But an army of experienced, well-paid defense lawyers is seriously intent on convincing a jury of exactly that.

It would be terribly difficult to write a successful satire of the Simpson trial. You'd have to start with a football player who scored more touchdowns than anyone else by continually bursting through tackles in a rental car with one homeless person and 875 attorneys in the trunk.

Which brings us back to our top priority, recruiting the best athletes available to play for big universities. Of course I don't actually believe any respectable coach would purposely compile a police record just to make his program appear more comfortable for extra-large kindergarten and elementary school recruits who plan to rob convenience stores for spending money once they are college jocks because only coaches are paid big bucks for pimping muscles and kissing sneakers.

Besides, really topflight coaches don't have time to get drunk in bars and paw waitresses. They're too busy hanging around hospital maternity wards with letters of intent to be signed by male infants born to professional male football or basketball players whose wives are retired mud wrestlers.

Several people have griped that University of Michigan Coach Moeller was treated unfairly by the law and the media simply because he's a Big Ten coach rather than, say, a factory worker. After all, the cops only begged the famous coach to please take a cab home and forget the awful disturbance he'd caused for more than an hour inside a restaurant — an offer he rejected.

If the accused drunken jerk had been a ditchdigger, the police surely would have driven him home and tucked him into bed with a kiss.

And the media didn't over-publicize the crude, embarrassing remarks Moeller made to police just to improve their circulation and ratings, because truly discerning viewers and readers always eat up sleazy news. Conscientious editors did it simply because it's the public's right to know that ditchdiggers should beware of digging badly, lest they become deprived Big Ten coaches who can get paid only a lousy \$130,000 a year for doing nothing.

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

While cutting the lawn . . .



It seems I've always been cutting the grass. My life has been one big cycle, going around and around, powered by Briggs and Stratton.

As a toe-headed 7-year-old, I can remember trying to push Dad's un-powered lawn mower -- the kind where you can see the blades swirl and cut.

When we moved to Independence Township, I can remember cutting our almost-an-acre lawn with an orange Black and Decker electric mower -- we needed about 10 miles of extension cord for that operation from Hades.

As a kid I had a paper route. Unfortunately for the folks at the end of the route, the folks at the front were older and always seemed to need yard work done. What could I do? I'd drop my papers in their driveway and cut their lawn, then finish the route.

To help pay for four years of college, I cut the lawn at Lakeview Cemetery (I dug that job -- had a lot of folks under me. I know, enough of the grave-side humor).

Cutting the lawn is an escape for me. I don't know what it is about the roar of the engine and the sound of the blade slicing through the grass, buckhorn and dandelion that sets me free. But it does.

I don't have to think about work. I don't have to listen about low-life cowards bombing and killing.

I can just think about useless things. For example, after having decapitated several million dandelions, I have come to the conclusion they should become our national flower.

Think about it. You cut 'em, you gas 'em, you pull them up by the roots and they still pop up. Dandelions are tough -- and they always come back, no matter how many times they get knocked down.

Sounds American to me.

And, while the Bald Eagle is a beautiful, noble and graceful creature, is it time for a new national bird? I was thinking about that, too.

My suggestion to the United States Congress and to the people of this nation, is to make the crow our national bird. And why not, I ask?

There are more crows in America than Bald Eagles, are there not?

And, it is always open season on crows. Much like it's open season on Americans, somebody is always taking aim at a crow. Do the crows go away?

Nope.

They always come back, and they squawk all the louder. Just like Americans.

I don't know where these thoughts come from. Maybe it's delirium. Maybe it's time to get a riding mower?

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CHS life by Don Downey

Teen mentality

Today, while standing in the bookstore looking for a novel to read for my English assignment, I had a breakdown of sorts. It wasn't serious — only mildly exhausting — and afterward I was in the mood for black, black coffee.

There I was, standing among the works of fiction, when I thought to myself, "If I was to read every good book ever written, I would want to read them in order of the one I would like the least to the one I would like the most. This would be to ensure maximum literary satisfaction."

Seconds thereafter, I realized that I would have to read every book ever written to find the superiors, and since the chances of me reading them the first time in the right order were zero to none (and the process would take hundreds of years), the effect would be ruined.

I decided life was too short to read boring stories, and since I would have to read all the stories to determine their boringness, it would be easier not to read anything.

But I love to read! How dare someone suggest I give it up! I wanted to find that person and bite him. I was starting to get upset. My shoulders were hunched, my hands were curled into claws — I

wanted blood.

I imagined the register lady fainting as I threw back my head and flashed my long, white teeth. The better to lacerate you with, my dear.

But then I remembered it was I who suggested I give up reading. And I shouldn't bite myself in public.

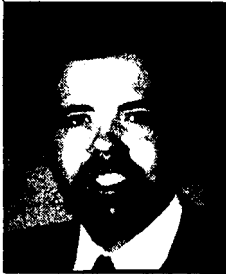
As if this wasn't bad enough, I could feel yet another thought avalanche beginning to tremble somewhere high within my head. This one involved me not getting into the college of my choice and going to that one whose brochure pictured the entire student body sitting on the campus lawn and the only person without glasses was wearing a *Phantom of the Opera* T-shirt.

I quickly put that thought out of my mind, ruling it is too distant to deserve brain cells (although someone tried to convince me that it is such a common topic of conversation because high school is our life, and after we graduate, college will be our life, which is disturbing).

What was I talking about?

Oh, yeah. Nervous breakdowns.

I guess I was just tired, because after I had my coffee I went back to normal.



Your finances James B. Kruzan, CFP

Early distributions from retirement plans

Qualified retirement plans and individual retirement accounts (IRAs) are great vehicles to take advantage of tax-deferred growth and save for retirement. When an individual eventually decides to tap into his or her retirement fund, withdrawals from these plans are subject to regular income taxes. There's one catch, however, for people who are under 59-1/2 years old. They will pay an additional 10 percent tax for premature distributions, in addition to the regular income tax, unless they can fit within one of the exceptions to this penalty tax.

Of the six exceptions to the 10 percent premature distribution tax, all but two provide no real planning opportunities. Most are designed to relieve the burden imposed by a death, disability, serious illness or divorce. The two exceptions that do allow taxpayers to access their retirement funds without the penalty tax deserve closer examination.

The first exception applies only to distributions from qualified retirement plans like profit sharing, 401(k), pension and certain other employer sponsored plans. Under this exception, a taxpayer who has "separated from service" (i.e. they have retired, quit or been laid off) after attaining age 55 may withdraw any amount from his or her employer's plan free of the 10 percent penalty tax.

This exception to the 10 percent penalty rule allows for the greatest flexibility and is very beneficial for many early retirees. It can even be utilized if the taxpayer has left the employ of one company and makes the withdrawal from the first employer's plan while an employee of another. For some, it's a good reason to leave their retirement plan balances with their former employer since withdrawals from IRAs (even if the taxpayer is over 55 and not working) will not qualify for this exception.

There are, however, disadvantages to this exception. First, former employees are at the mercy of their former employers with respect to their withdrawal rights from the plan. Employer sponsored plans can have a wide variety of withdrawal options, some very liberal and others may be very restrictive. Second, an investor who leaves a former employer

also cedes investment control to the former employer.

The other exception to the 10 percent penalty rule applies to all types of retirement plans including IRAs and SEPs. Under this exception, withdrawals that represent "substantially equal payments" over the life of the taxpayer (or joint life with a beneficiary) are penalty free. These substantially equal payments must extend for the longer of five years or until the taxpayer turns 59-1/2 years old. Once that requirement has been satisfied, taxpayers can change the amount they are receiving. If the amount withdrawn is altered, the penalty tax applies retroactively to the first substantially equal withdrawal.

Avoiding the 10 percent penalty for early distributions can mean the difference between a successful and unsuccessful transition into early retirement. The exceptions to the rule discussed here must be considered carefully and incorporated into an overall investment and financial plan. Because of the importance of the decision and the complexity of the rules, many thoughtful taxpayers consult professional financial planners and tax advisors before making what could be a critical decision.

The Insider

Numbers don't lie—or do they?

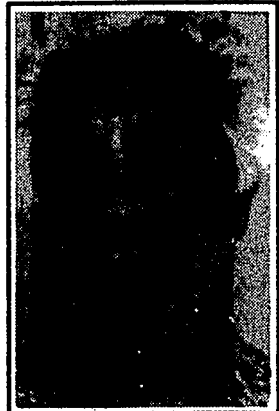
Clarkston High School principal Brent Cooley was a bit steamed, to say the least, about an erroneous dropout rate reported in two Detroit dailies last week. The identical figures show Clarkston with a 7.76 percent dropout rate, the third highest in the county. Cooley said the correct number is 1.4 percent and he has the figures to prove it. That would put Clarkston nearer the lowest rates in the county. Cooley chastised a reporter who called to ask about the number, saying she should have known better.

People poll

By Eileen Oxley

Will you plant a garden this year?

Ralph Orlando, Clarkston: I can't plant a garden. All those animals eat everything. I tried to plant tomatoes one year and one half of each tomato was eaten. I don't have much sun either. But I have a few flowers, tulips and daffodils ...



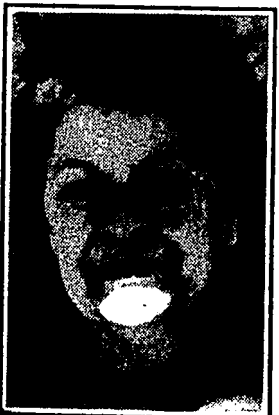
Judy Learst, Clarkston: Yes, I have a garden. We always have flowers and vegetables. Fresh tomatoes are great.



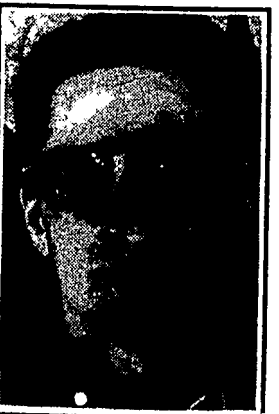
JoAnn Zutaut, Tennessee: I've just planted a Jack Daniels tub. That's my project. I put in red geraniums, lobelia, white petunias and vinca vines — so it's red, white and blue this year. My husband does all the rest.



Pat Meeker, Clarkston: I had a garden last year. But I'm not going to have one this year. I'm just too busy.



James Muhleck, Clarkston: We used to have one many years ago. But we haven't had one in 10 years. I live with my parents and my mom started working and didn't have time for it anymore. We get all our garden vegetables from Dr. O'Neill.



Obituaries

Roland Kelchner

Roland A. "Pete" Kelchner, 94, of Pontiac, formerly of Clarkston, died May 12, 1995.

He was preceded in death by his wife Pansy.

Mr. Kelchner was a member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield Hills and the BPOE #810 Waterford/Pontiac. He retired from General Motors in 1966 after 33 years of service.

He is survived by a son, James (Dorothy) of Bloomfield Hills; two grandchildren, Kevin Kelchner and Kathleen (Daniel) Hamburg; three great-grandchildren, Kevin Jr., Anthony and Chase; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Pauline S. Hart officiating. Interment was in Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, Bloomfield Hills, or Cranbrook Hospice.

Marguerite Smith

Marguerite A. Smith, 83, of Pontiac, died May 13, 1995.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lyle.

She is survived by a daughter, Vondah (David) Hockey of Clarkston; four grandchildren, Randy, Steve, Tom and Rachel; a great-granddaughter, Samantha; and a sister, Kathleen French.

Funeral services were today (Wednesday) at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Marion E. Sherrill officiating. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice.

Senior spotlight

This Week's Lunch Menu

The Independence Township Parks & Recreation Department nutrition program is held at noon, Monday through Friday, at the Senior Center. Reservations are needed by noon the day prior to your scheduled visit. A donation of \$2 is requested from those age 60+, there is a charge of \$3 for anyone under age 60. Homebound meals and supplemental liquid meals are also available. For further information or reservations call Sarah at 625-8231.

May 18 — Veal Bird

May 19 — Macaroni & Cheese

May 22 — Stuffed Peppers

May 23 — Crispy Baked Cod

May 24 — Spaghetti

May 25 — Roast Beef

Homebound meals are available to seniors living in Independence Township. These meals are delivered to seniors who are unable to prepare their own meal. People needing homebound meals should contact Sarah at the Senior Center at 625-8231, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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City adopts fire ordinance

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

A new fire prevention ordinance just took effect in the City of the Village of Clarkston, correcting a deficit that had existed since the village became a city nearly three years ago.

The Independence Township Fire Department, which provides fire services to the city, worked with the city council on the new ordinance to make it as close as possible to the township's own ordinance.

"It's very confusing when we cross the (border) line," said fire chief Gar Wilson.

When the village became a city, it ceased being part of the township. But council never enacted its own fire prevention code, Wilson said. Wilson learned that the state had imposed a deadline for enacting local fire codes and if the city missed the deadline, it would be required to work under state law.

Some of the key provisions of the new code include a lock-box requirement, so firefighters can get into a house without breaking down a door. The provision was included because of the historic nature of many of the city's houses.

"We can't wait sometimes 45 minutes for someone to come and unlock a door," Wilson said. "If we're suspicious we have to come in." Only the fire department would have keys for the lock boxes.

Other sections of note:

- street numbers that are visible from the access road so firefighters can quickly identify which building they are looking for;

- reimbursement of all costs incurred by the fire department if a call is caused by negligence or a violation of any law;

- Dumpsters must be kept at least 15 feet from any building, unless special fire protection is installed in cases where the distance cannot be accomplished;

- a system of hearings for cases where enforcement of the ordinance would create a hardship.

Open burning in the city is not changed under the new law. As has been the case in the past, city residents may burn yard waste, but not leaves, on prescribed days with a permit from the fire department. The ordinance leaves open the possibility of charging for the annual burning permit, but a fee is not included in the wording. The fire department does not currently charge for permits.

The penalty for disobeying the ordinance is up to a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

Wilson said that when it comes to fire inspections, the city is relatively up to date. Most downtown commercial buildings were inspected every two years until cityhood. The new law will allow the inspections to resume.

"We won't do anything different from what we did in the past," Wilson said. "The idea is to educate people. You don't want to write violations. You don't want to lose historic buildings downtown."

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Winning design

Ben Snapp, a senior at Clarkston High School, created this winning design in the contest sponsored by the All Night Party committee. Snapp is an art student enrolled in the advertising design class at the Oakland Technical Center. Starting with a photo and his own ink drawings, he scanned the pieces onto a computer and put them all together. His work will be used on all-night party printing, including the T-shirts which will be given to all seniors attending the party. For his work, Snapp received the first ticket to the party. "I'm honored," he said.

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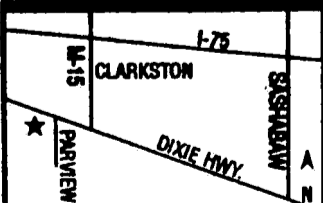
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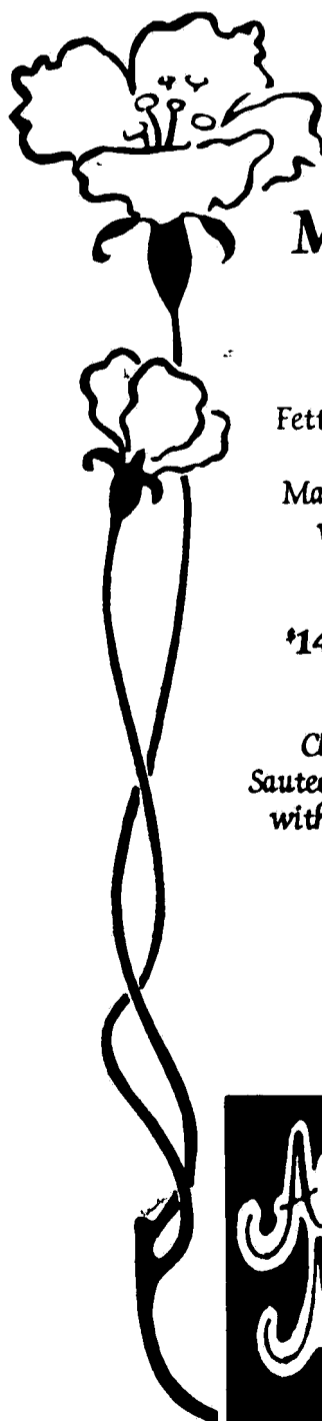


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REMINDER: The special exhibition of van Gogh's "The Diggers," on loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts, continues through Sunday at the Creative ARTS Center in Pontiac. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. It's a good opportunity to check out some of the new art scene in the "new" Pontiac.

Absentee ballots for June election

The deadline for absentee ballots to be mailed for the June 12 school bond election and OCC millage request is Saturday, June 10 at 2 p.m. However, anyone qualified to vote absentee may also vote in person in the Independence Township Clerk's office until 4 p.m. that day.

To request an absentee ballot application, call the clerk's office at 625-5111 or write 90 North Main St., Clarkston, MI 48347.



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June 17	3p.m.	Ronald McDonald® arrives

Stop by and get a calendar of ALL our planned activities!

Milestones



King-Scribner

John and Jane King of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristy Lynn, to David Scribner, son of James and Diane Scribner of Waterford. Both Kristy and David are employed as dealers for Michigan Water Specialists, Inc. A September 1995 wedding is planned.

At school

● Jamie Bargerone made the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University for the winter semester with a 3.86 GPA. A sophomore, she is the daughter of Dale and Jan Bargerone of Clarkston and a 1993 Clarkston High School graduate.

● Kristine Bania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bania of Clarkston, has been awarded an Honors Scholarship to Valparaiso University in Indiana. Kristine is ranked sixth in the Clarkston High School Class of 1995.

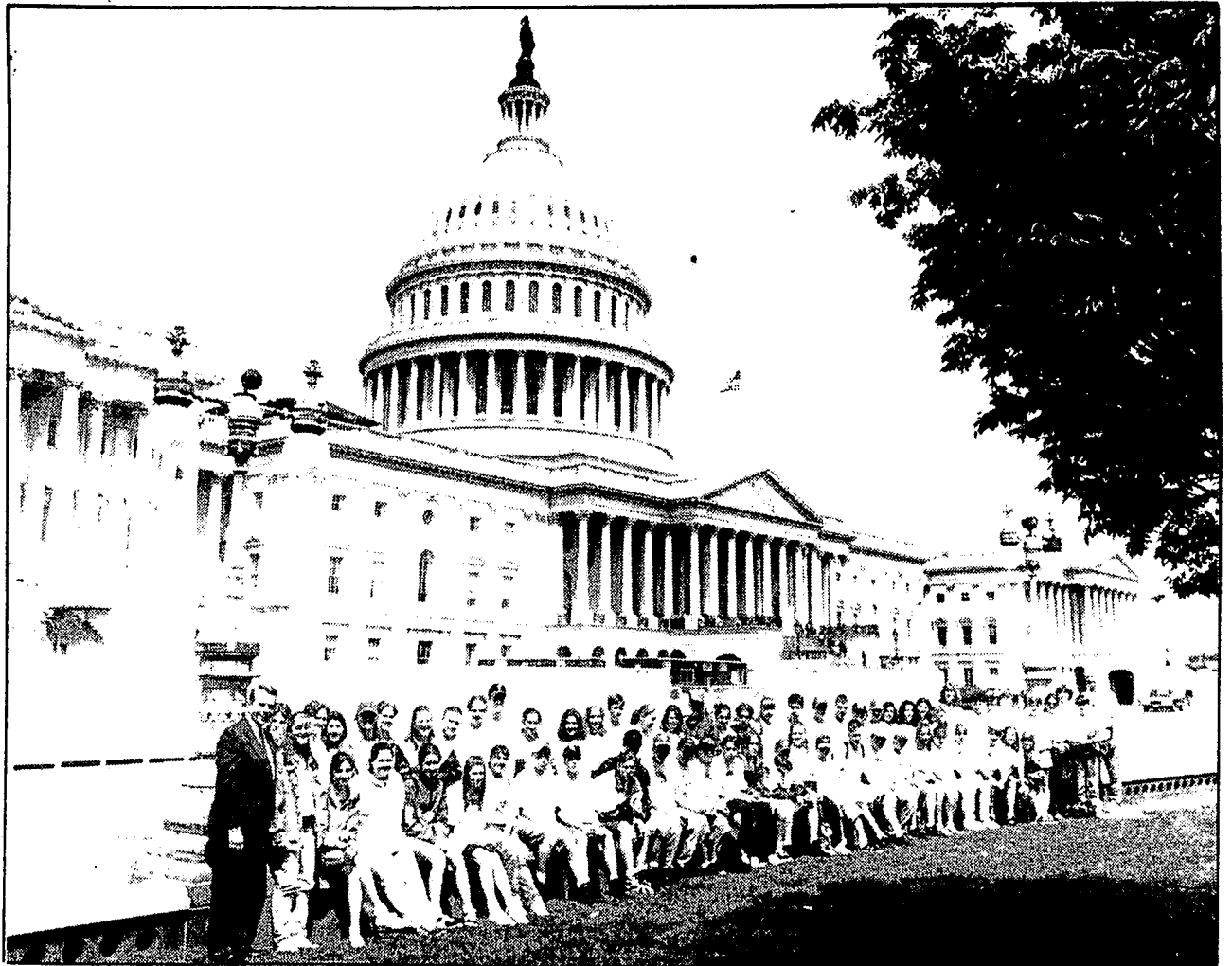
● Heather Carr (BA), Judy Fauss (BHS) and Howard Lovett (BA), all of Clarkston, received bachelor's degrees from St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake May 6.

● Todd Grover of Clarkston was scheduled to receive a master of business administration from Indiana University this month.

● Stacie Carlson is a recent graduate of Western Michigan University with a master's degree in communications. Her overall GPA was 3.5. A 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School, she is employed by the Battle Creek Enquirer in marketing.

● Andrew Byrne of Clarkston was honored by the Western Michigan University Department of Foreign Languages and Literature at its honors awards day April 5. He received the Prix d'Honneur de l'Ambassadeur de France, an award for excellence given by the French embassy to the outstanding French student in the graduating class.

In addition, Stacy Galazin, also of Clarkston, received a \$750 award for study in France, as well as the Mathilde Steckelberg Scholarship, a \$750 award presented to language majors demonstrating outstanding academic performance and potential.



A 'capitol' experience

Sixty-six students from Clarkston Middle School had a tour of the U.S. Capitol Building May 1 with Congressman Dale Kildee (D., Flint). Kildee also talked about civics and government in a

question-and-answer session with the students. They are shown on the southeast steps of the Capitol.

New arrival

● Tom and Mary Rasmussen announce the birth of a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, born May 8, 1995. Morgan weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. She has a sister Adraine who is two years old. Other grandparents are John and Anne Rasmussen of Clarkston and John and Irene Zeichman of Saline.

● Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hunter announce the birth of their first grandchild, Lauren Hunter Wilson, born May 1, 1995. Lauren is the daughter of James and Carol Hunter Wilson of Fenton. Grandparents are James E. and Rene Wilson of Yale. Great-grandparents are Russell and Bernetia Wilson, also of Yale, and William and Vivian Rousseau of Christmas.

Business briefs

● Flotronics, a Clarkston-based industrial pneumatic products distributor, made the Michigan Private 100 again this year. Flotronics came in 84th on the list of the state's fastest-growing privately held companies. The list is sponsored by Roney & Co., WWJ and The Detroit News.

To qualify for the Michigan Private 100, companies had to be privately held and Michigan-based, with full-year fiscal 1990 net sales of at least \$100,000 and fiscal 1994 sales of at least \$1 million. Five full years of net revenue and full-time employee figures had to be submitted and verified by a company officer and the company's accounting firm.

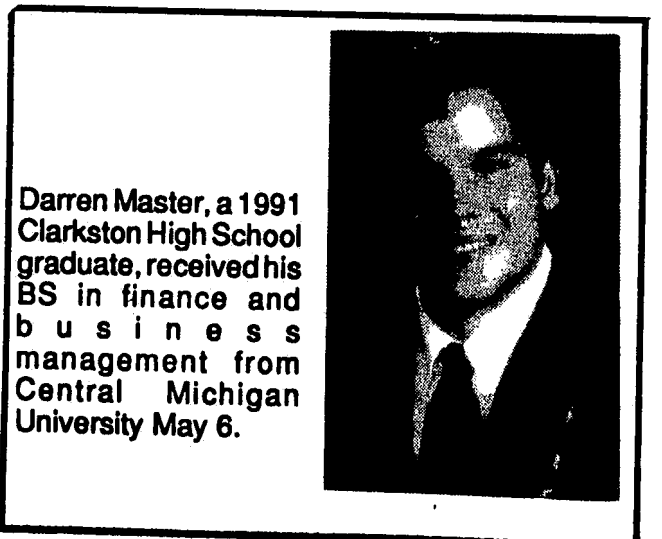
Flotronics has nearly doubled its number of full-time employees since 1990. Total net sales have more than tripled in the same time period. Founded in 1986, the company's chief executive officer is Lloyd Schmalz.

By comparison, just 14 of the state's 180 publicly traded companies grew at a rate high enough to have earned ranking on the list, had they been privately held.

"The performance of the Private 100 companies dispels the broadly held stereotype that all the business action in Michigan is in the large-company automotive sector," said John Donnelly, of Roney & Co.



Christina Sailor, a sophomore forensics science major from Clarkston, is a member of the Student Alumni Ambassadors at Eastern Kentucky University. Members serve as hosts and guides at campus events and as ambassadors for the school. Membership is by invitation only and students are selected based on leadership, dependability and academics. Sailor is pictured with EKU president Hanly Funderburk.



Darren Master, a 1991 Clarkston High School graduate, received his BS in finance and business management from Central Michigan University May 6.

Greene honored by alma mater

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's a beautiful sunny Friday and Dr. Leslie Greene is taking advantage of it.

Though 82, he still trims the 2 1/2 acres of his property with a combination of hand and rider mowers. And today, he says proudly, he potted 50 bright red geraniums.

But years ago, when he and his wife Glenna moved to Clarkston and he took the job of school superintendent, they lived on Holcomb and didn't have the rambling acreage to tend.

"Years ago I knew everybody. Now no one knows me and that's good," he chuckles, admitting he likes the privacy of his present home.

But recently, Greene stepped into the spotlight again when he was honored by the Emeritus Club of Kalamazoo College, his old alma mater.

Greene, who was superintendent of Clarkston schools from 1951 to 1976, had a tenure that "constituted an unmatched record for school administrators — 25 consecutive years as the superintendent of a Michigan class A school district," says the citation.

When he came to Clarkston, Greene came face-to-face with 10 local school districts, each holding grades K-8. His task was to combine all 10, including what are now Bailey Lake and Andersonville schools, into one. The 10 districts covered 53 square miles and 7,000 students who all eventually went to Clarkston High.

"It was a period when they were reducing the number of districts by consolidation," said Greene.

As a young man who attended Kalamazoo College during the early Depression years, Greene majored in biology and education and minored in chemistry and French. In 1935 he landed his first teaching job in Athens, Mich. where he taught chemistry, biology and physics. His duties extended into coaching "all sports," a practice common during the lean years where teachers were often asked to take on more than their normal work loads.

"Back in the 30s you made about \$800 a year (as a teacher) and you were happy to take the job. If you didn't work, you didn't eat," says Greene.

After Athens, Greene took his first superinten-



Dr. Leslie F. Greene

dent job for the Hopkins school system and was superintendent of three other Michigan districts before coming to Clarkston in 1951.

During those years he obtained his master's in school law/school finance from the University of Michigan (1939) and his doctor of education degree

**The goal:
'To always provide the best
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That's why schools were built --
supposedly.'**

Dr. Leslie Greene

from Michigan State University in 1957.

While in Clarkston, Greene witnessed a lot of history and a lot of change within the education system. He recalls the explosion of civil rights and bussing in the '60s.

"I could see the bus laws coming. I remember when they burned the school buses in Pontiac and I had a friend who walked to Washington D.C. protesting bussing. I never believed in segregation. I've always believed in equal rights."

Some experiences are especially vivid to the former superintendent. One involved a senior class train trip to Washington D.C. where a female student was found dead in the train's restroom. Greene re-

ceived a call from the Pennsylvania State Police, notifying him that members of the class were in custody.

"It was probably the most tragic and harrowing incident during those years in Clarkston," he said. Although it turned out that the girl died of natural causes, "it was pretty frightening." As a result, the class cancelled its trip and returned home. Students raised money for the girl's family through a car wash.

As superintendent, Greene eventually became trapped between a rock and a hard place, or, as he puts it, "in the middle of the hourglass" when the Michigan Education Association became unionized.

"When the MEA became a union, they became a very powerful union, as you know, and they almost changed the government. It changed our role considerably. Instead of becoming father of the family you became a bastard," he said. "You had to be accountable to the board if you wanted to work — and to the public.

"Once everybody became unionized you had to be the representative of your employer and somewhat of a competitor with your staff ... Somewhere along the way we lost the reason for schools being built."

Greene's citation from Kalamazoo College also contained the following lines: "His administrative skills, especially in school finance, were widely respected by his colleagues ... As superintendent of schools, he never lost a bond or millage election."

When asked what his secret was for winning those elections, Greene didn't bat an eyelash.

"Honesty," he said.

Greene likes to remember a simpler time before World War II when men and women religiously followed the work ethic.

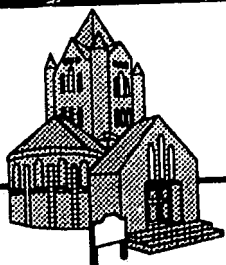
"There was no disunity in this country. Teachers worked and there weren't strikes. They weren't moaning and groaning. Now you have all these groups in the country that are breaking up into diversified interests. Each group has their own."

But he is also quick to point out the positives in the education system today.

"I think they're preparing kids better. Each generation is more exposed to materials, TV and such, and we've advanced. The kids are probably getting more in chemistry and physics in high school than I did in college. I think children have more information today than their grandparents did at that age."

Green's message and goal for would-be educators is simple and straight-forward. It hasn't changed with the years.

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Question: Are the stop sign posters and privatization issue related to the high school bond issue campaign?

Answer: You may have noticed the stop-sign "Clarkston Schools are not for sale" posters cropping up around the district and wondered what they have to do with the proposed high-school bond issue election to be held on June 12.

The answer is nothing. These signs were put up by a few school employees and their friends who are concerned by the board of education's preliminary discussion to privatize custodial and transportation services. Privatization in this case refers to having an outside company hired to come in and do work previously done by the district. No buildings are for sale,

and that won't change when we pass the high school bond.

Question: Isn't \$56 million a lot for a high school and why are we only voting for \$52 million on the ballot?

Answer: The difference in the total high-school project cost and the bond-issue proposal is due to anticipated interest that will be accrued between the time when the bonds are sold and the final payment on the high school's construction is made.

Now let's look at the actual breakdown in bond costs. The building portion of the bond is \$35 million. Obtaining land to build the high school on is estimated at \$2 million. Developing that site, including utilities, is another \$4.95 million. Furnishings and equipment for the new building are proposed at \$2.965 million. Then there is technology for the building — \$3.558 million. A contingency fund, professional fees and bond issuance costs make up the balance of the entire project.

Isn't that a lot for a building? While comparing generic building costs of large construction projects is tempting, it's also like comparing apples to oranges. If you must compare square footage and project costs of high schools, make sure you're looking at construction costs. Factor in normal inflation, the rising cost of wages and building materials (which has been higher than the rate of inflation). You will be pleased to discover we are right in line. This project does give one a sense of sticker shock, but that's how much high schools really cost, particularly high schools built to deliver a 21st-century curriculum.

Prepared by the HUG (Help Us Grow) Committee, Kurt Shanks, chairman. For information, HUG updates or to ask a question about the bond call our new HUG hotline number, 975-6479.

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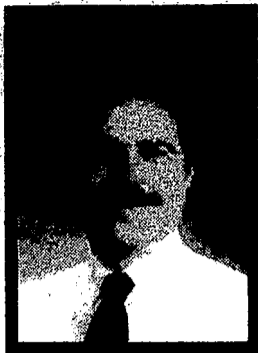
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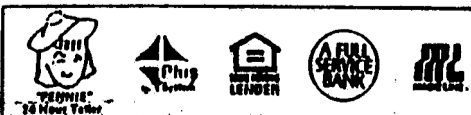
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"We pretty much look for dependability, stuff like that," says Kathy See of McDonald's.

"Clean, neat, personable and responsible" are the requirements sought by Vicki Greene, banquet and restaurant manger for Spring Lake Country Club.

Al Kuhn, co-manager of the country club's pro shop, says his employees must be "dependable, on time, hard-working and honest."

"Neat's not as big a concern for us because if you see these guys at the end of the day they're pretty dirty," he says with a laugh.

Will you need a work permit?

According to the Michigan Department of Labor's Bureau of Safety and Regulation, Wage Hour Division, a work permit is required unless the teenager is exempt from the Youth Employment Standards Act. Those exempt include 16- and 17- year olds who have completed requirements for high school graduation, 17-year-olds who have passed the GED test, emancipated minors (married or independent teenagers) and students at least 14 years old who are working under a contract between the employer and local school district, such as co-op.

Work permits are available through local school district offices. If the teenager changes jobs, a new work permit is required for the new employer.

What kind of pay to expect

Don't expect to get rich on a summer job salary. Michigan's minimum wage is only \$3.25 per hour for employees over 18 years, although most businesses are covered by the federal minimum wage requirement which is \$4.25 per hour. Michigan's Department of Labor says it's prudent for employers to pay every employee at least \$4.25 an hour if they want to play it safe.



CHS junior Renee Przybylski buses tables and works in the banquet room at Spring Lake Country Club. She likes her job "because I'm a people person."

Some businesses offer slightly higher wages, including The Palace which starts employees out at \$5 — even \$6 an hour — depending on the job area.

McDonald's, too, beats the minimum wage, starting their employees out at \$4.75 per hour, "sometimes up to \$6, depending on availability and age," says See.

Clarkston High School sophomore Dan Campbell says his "all-year, all-summer" waitstaff job at Spring Lake Country Club is "fun" and he makes "pretty good money," also rising above minimum wage at \$4.75 per hour.

"I work 10 to 20 hours a week and will probably work more during the summer. I'm saving for wheels."

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Child labor laws

Kathi Dow-Dunlap, office manager for the Michigan Department of Labor's Wage Hour Division, says parents need to be aware of the following child labor laws found in the Youth Employment Standards Act:

- A minor under 16 years of age shall not be employed in an occupation for more than six days per week, 10 hours a day and between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Students shall not be employed more than a combined school and work week of 48 hours when school is in session.

- A minor 16 years and over is subject to the same rules as above, but cannot be employed between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. He may be employed until 11:30 p.m. when not in school.

- A minor shall not be employed for more than five hours continuously without an interval of at least 30 minutes for a meal and rest period.

- A minor shall not be employed in an occupation that involves a cash transaction subject to the YESA after sunset or 8 p.m., whichever is earlier, unless an employer or employee 18 years of age or older is present.

To avoid trouble, Dow-Dunlap says parents and youths should constantly communicate about work standards.

Some places have their own policies. McDonald's keeps 15-year-olds no later than 7 p.m. Kids under 16 are only allowed to work "up front or at the Drive-Thru. They can't be in the grill area," says See. They may work at the French fryer "as long as the public can watch them." But in order to flip those burgers and turn McNuggets, youths have to be at least 16.

Greene keeps close tabs on her kids at Spring Lake Country Club, realizing that youths' primary focus should be their education. Though profitable, a summer job is only a stepping stone toward a real career in the future.

"They have to be good students and keep their grades up. We make sure they have time to study around work," she says.

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Sheriff's Log for Independence Township

MONDAY, MAY 8, breaking and entering of a garage on Ennismore. A 125cc Honda dirt bike valued at \$5,400 and riding boots worth \$200 were stolen.

A spare tire was stolen from a car on Harvard. Breaking and entering of a house under construction on S. Eston. Tools valued at \$2,000 were missing.

A Federal Express delivery man reported he was bitten by a dog on Transparent. He was treated by a doctor; the case was turned over to Oakland County Animal Control.

Death threat on Dixie.

Noise complaint on Mary Sue.

Non-injury accident on Sashabaw.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, a stolen credit card was reported at a store on Dixie. The owner said he had been notified by the bank the card had also been used in Pontiac and Rochester Hills.

Breaking and entering of a house under construction on Pine Knob Rd. Plumbing supplies and an air conditioner were missing after the front door was found open.

The owner of a Pontiac reported a chipped windshield on Clinton.

A BB was shot through a window on Foster.

A 1993 Honda was scratched while parked overnight on Andersonville Rd.

A screen was pulled off and bent in an apparent break-in attempt on N. Eston.

Surveying equipment worth \$1,000 was stolen after being set up on Maybee Rd.

A wallet, radio, tapes and a driver's license were stolen from an unlocked 1984 Camaro parked in a Sally driveway overnight.

Suspected shoplifter on Sashabaw.

A 26-year-old Clarkston man was ticketed on Sashabaw after the car he was driving ran over two mailboxes and nearly hit a pedestrian.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, harassment on Tuson.

Lost or stolen dog on Allen Rd. A sheltie mix was reported missing after failing to return home.

Embezzlement over \$100 on Dixie.

Breaking and entering of a house under construction on Ranch Estates. Tools, a heater and two faucets valued at \$1,700 were taken overnight after a door was kicked in.

Non-injury accidents on Maybee and on Waterford Rd.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, a 17-year-old Waterford man was ticketed after allegedly assaulting a 17-year-old Clarkston man on Mann Rd.

A 1989 Pontiac was scratched all over, the door dented and the antenna broken while it was parked overnight in an M-15 parking lot. The owner said he had earlier received a threatening note.

Harassing phone calls on Bristol Park and on Canterbury Circle.

A Clarkston man wrote a bad check for \$900 on Wembley.

A Waterford man stopped for speeding on Maybee was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Antrim County. He posted \$150 bond and was released.

A license plate was reported stolen from a car in the park and ride lot on Sashabaw.

A 15-year-old runaway girl from Clarkston was reported found in Georgia.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, a portable FAX machine was stolen from a 1994 Jaguar parked in an Elk Run garage. Other expensive items were left behind.

Larceny of a pop machine from outside a store on Clarkston Rd.

Credit cards, \$40 cash and a driver's license were taken from a car parked in a Deer Lake Ct. driveway overnight.

A 30-year-old Clarkston woman was ticketed for shoplifting makeup at a Sashabaw Rd. store.

Non-injury accidents were reported on Sashabaw,

on Dixie and on Clintonville.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, family trouble on Joy St.

SUNDAY, MAY 14, trespassing at a model home on Mann Rd.

A 34-year-old Waterford man interviewed at the scene of an accident was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Lapeer.

A Clarkston woman driving on Sashabaw said she was forced across the center lane and into the path of an oncoming car by another driver. That driver was ticketed for causing the accident.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation has responded to 3,899 calls this year through May 14.

Garden club offers scholarship

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club is offering a partial scholarship to the Higgins Lake Environmental School this summer.

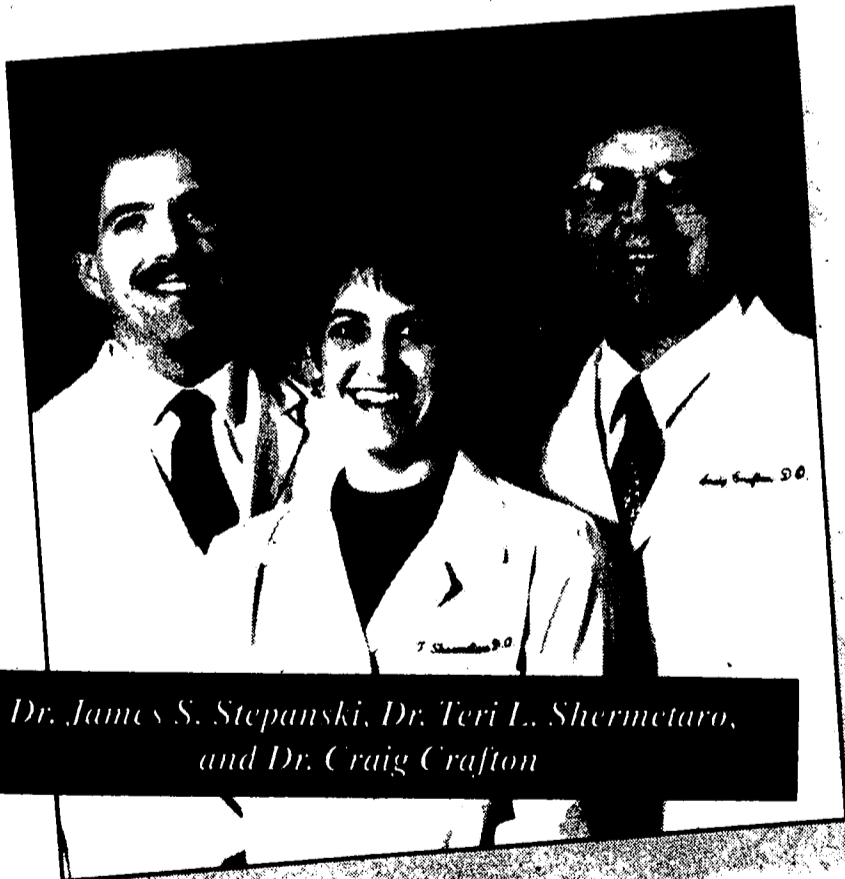
The club will pay \$141 while the winner will be responsible for the other \$80 of tuition. The school's programming is aimed at teachers and 4-H and Scout leaders but the scholarship is open to anyone. University credit is available for an additional cost.

The program is offered July 9-14, 16-21 and August 6-11. Anyone who is interested should send a letter to Mrs. Eldon Trueman, 7572 Deerhill Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346 by May 26.

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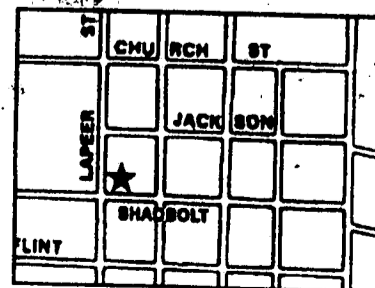
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Bank robber caught within hours

The alleged robber of the Clarkston Brandon Credit Union apparently wasn't very smart.

Clinton James Dobson, 20, of Lapeer County, stole his parents 1995 Cadillac Seville, then used it to rob not one but two banks. It made him easy to identify.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, state police in Lapeer County already had an arrest warrant for Dobson in the first robbery when he walked into the credit union at 8055 Ortonville Rd., Independence Township, May 9 carrying a gun. An employee got his license-plate number and was able to identify the car.

Detective Chuck Young of the OCSD said the

state police were able to develop information that Dobson might be going out to buy drugs, then hole up in a motel in Detroit, Flint or Pontiac. A teletype was sent to all surrounding county police agencies with a request that they watch for him.

Just 12 hours after the robbery, Dobson was picked up without incident at the Grand Motel at Grand River and 6 Mile in Detroit. He was arraigned in 52-2 District Court Wednesday, where bond was set at \$300,000 cash on each of two counts: bank robbery and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Dobson will be back in court for a preliminary exam May 19.

Fatal accident closes I-75

One driver was killed and two more were seriously injured in an accident on I-75 in Independence Township Friday morning which slowed the morning rush hour.

At about 7:35 a.m. on southbound I-75 near Sashabaw Rd. a van driven by Thomas Jenkins, of Ferndale, was northbound on I-75 when it crossed the median and went airborne. According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Traffic Investigation Unit, the van rolled over and struck a Dodge driven by Shane Jones, 37, of Ortonville, killing him. The Ford was then struck by a Chevy pick-up truck driven by William Rupe, a Rochester city police officer on his way to work.

Both Jenkins and Rupe remained hospitalized as of Monday. Rupe was in critical condition after being transferred to Harper Hospital. Jenkins remained at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

On Tuesday, Deputy Thomas Poulin said alcohol was not a factor in the accident. He had interviewed Jenkins, who said he doesn't know what happened.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Funeral services for Jones were Monday at Dixie Baptist Church.

Clarkston Police

TUESDAY, MAY 9, malicious destruction of property was done to a car parked on Holcomb. Windows were shot out with what appeared to be a BB gun.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, a Union Lake man was arrested on an outstanding warrant for child neglect out of Wayne County.

An Ortonville man was arrested for drunk driving and issued a court appearance citation.

Fire call

MONDAY, MAY 8, furnace trouble on E. Church.

Accident on Sashabaw; no transport.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, medical on Tuson; one to North Oakland Medical Centers.

Infant choking on Clintonville; no transport.

Medical on Paramus.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, medical on Longview.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, medical at Clintonwood Park.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, accident on I-75 (see related story).

Medical on Maybee Rd.

Medical on Ortonville Rd.; one to Crittenton Hospital.

Carbon monoxide detector alarm on Hadley Rd.

Fuel oil spill on Sashabaw.

Medical on Deerhill; one to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, medical on N. Eston; one to Crittenton.

Medical on Ortonville Rd.

Fall from a roof on Clarkston Rd.

Possible vehicle fire on I-75.

Burning complaint on Gulic; a campfire permit was issued.

Carbon monoxide alarm on Maple Dr.

SUNDAY, MAY 14, medical on Maybee Rd.

Medical on Hummingbird; no transport.

Medical on Maybee Rd.

The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 576 calls this year through 9:03 p.m. May 14.

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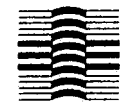
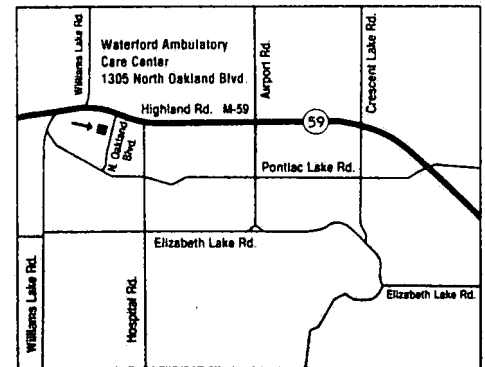


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Letters to the editor

The simple things in life are best

Plenty of handicapped parking — a sloping ramp with railing on both sides for walkers and wheelchairs — salted when icy. Here's the front door to the senior center. Hold the door open. The man coming out has a load of boxes — meals for the homebound. He's a good guy to give his time for others. He's one of several good guys and gals. Step inside. A hug from Susie, smiling faces — Gee, I feel welcome. I'm glad we came. My husband and I come every Thursday to socialize and have lunch with other seniors.

One of the tables is filled with Bingo enthusiasts. After lunch they will go to the carriage house for the excitement and sociability of the game. It's better than staying home alone watching TV.

Listen to the men talking to the 93-year-old man at the end of the table. "How do you make out — living alone and cooking your own meals when you don't come here?" Look around and listen. There are four people at this table — all over 90. We feel young to be in our 80s.

Now it's time for a good hot lunch. "Here, let me give you a glass of milk or would you rather have coffee?" "Don't worry. I'll wipe up the spill." Seniors helping seniors. Look at all the helpers —

wiping off the tables, pushing back the chairs. The woman at our table holds out her arm to the 93-year-old in the pink sweater. "Here, take my arm. Let me help you to the bus." She smiles. It's fun to be needed.

We go back to our car feeling warm and happy for having had a chance to spend time with those smiling people. All's right with the world. After all, the simple things in life are best.

Aileen Haeusler

Deplores tavern

We've been reading the letters concerning the old church building in town. Very good letters, too, and much milder put than the comments that are being voiced all over town.

It's plain to see that these two young men may belong to such a tight inner circle that they have never gotten out and around in a way that would help them to know the great body of the people who live in our community. They may not realize that most of us, practising Christians or not, have great respect for a church building — not because it is a historical building, but because of the fact that it should be respected for what it stands for: a house of worship that has felt the Holy Spirit of God.

These two young men can be excused for not knowing the mind of the people but not for their lack of respect for a house of worship that was built so many years ago by loving hands and, no doubt, at great sacrifice.

The young men say they are 'stunned,' but we are the ones who are stunned that even in the '90s,

when so many good values are being trampled on, that anyone could be so callous and insensitive as to even remotely consider turning a former church into a tavern!

Actually, Clarkston has an abundance of places to eat and drink, with a wide price range. There doesn't seem to be a real need for another one. And a person is at no loss to find a place in which to have one drink or one too many and become a menace behind the wheel.

And if these two young men are 'stunned' at what should have been only too obvious to them (common sense should have told them) that Christians and non-Christians alike would have been sad, dismayed, shocked and outraged that their misguided plan would have ever gotten approval at all, let alone entertain the idea for even a moment.

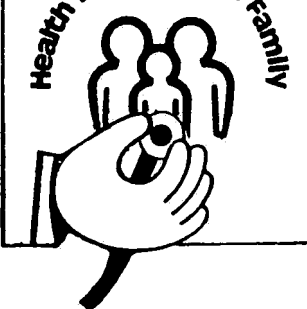
And think of how stunned Buck and Joan must be that their request to operate a quiet bed and breakfast was turned down and a (possibly) rowdy tavern was approved.

And talk about being 'stunned.' The entire community was stunned when Harold and Norma's request to create a few more parking spaces on their own property was denied. What is more quiet and dignified than a funeral parlor?

This whole situation has cast a bad light on everyone involved because the plan was so objectionable yet the very ones who denied more reasonable requests approved this one.

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Fun Daze Saturday in Depot Park

Clarkston's annual rite of spring returns Saturday to Depot Park.

Fun Daze is a run/walk through the streets of Clarkston which will benefit Lighthouse North.

Sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation, the event offers a 5k and 10k run, a one-mile fun run/walk, and the Lighthouse fund-raiser walk.

During the events, there will be a petting zoo in Depot Park and concessions by the Clarkston Athletic Boosters, as well as games for kids, including a moon walk, a Rotary clown and dance performances.

The 5k/10k events begin at 10 a.m., the one-mile

and Lighthouse events at 9:30 a.m. Lighthouse is offering a school challenge this year. The class within each school that raises the most pledges over \$500 will win a pizza party. The school with the most pledges in the district will display the Lighthouse Extra Mile Achievement Award for one year. For pledge sheets, call 673-4949.

Drivers should note that some streets will be closed to facilitate the run. All of Depot Street will be closed from 8 a.m.-noon. M-15 from Depot to Middle Lake will be closed from 9:50-10:05; White Lake Rd. from Washington to Deer Lake will be closed from 10:05-11 a.m.

Book signing Tuesday

The authors of a new Clarkston history book will be signing copies of their work at the Independence Township Library Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

Teachers Bill Genshaw, Julie Matthies and Rosemary Lewis, who wrote the text, and artist Jim Russell, who illustrated it, will be on hand to talk about the book and sign copies in the Heritage Room. The book has been published by the Clarkston Community Historical Society and will be available for \$30 autographed (\$25 unsigned).

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The Clarkston News

Section B

Young netters reach goals in OAA

Senior's win in division showdown gives team third-place finish

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was a week of third-place finishes for the Clarkston boys tennis team.

And coach Kevin Ortwine couldn't be more pleased with his team's efforts last week. The Wolves finished third in the eight-team Holly Invitational May 13 and then fought hard to take third at the Oakland Activities Association Division II tournament May 11.

Also last week, Clarkston lost 7-0 to Rochester May 8 and beat Pontiac Northern 7-0 May 12. A May 10 match with Lake Orion was rained out.

"This week can only help us for regionals," Ortwine said. "We're hoping to end on a good note and we now know we can compete with the better teams."

The Wolves finish their season this week with a May 15 match at home against Lapeer East, a makeup match with Lake Orion May 16 and a May 17 match against Waterford Kettering.

Clarkston finished third at Holly behind winner Petosky and second-place Holly. Ortwine said the



Kevin Kopec, a sophomore, gets jammed up in his #2 singles match against Pontiac Northern May 12, but won easily.

entire team played well, led by #1 singles player Mike Aulger, #2 singles player Mike Kopec, #3 singles player Rob Goeckel and #4 singles Kevin Kopec. All four won two of three matches in the tourney.

The OAA tourney was much more emotional as the Wolves battled Troy Athens for third place. The tourney ended up with all Bloomfield Hills Andover players against all Birmingham Groves players for first place and all CHS players against Athens for third.

Lake Orion was last, while Andover ended up taking first.

The Wolves beat Athens 4-3, but it came down to the last match where senior Rob Goeckel at #3 singles sealed the win. He battled hard to win the first set in a tiebreaker and won the second set 6-3.

"That was just great to see him do that, especially since he's a senior," Ortwine said. "The neat thing about it was he lost to that same kid earlier this season in two tiebreakers."

Others winning in the showdown against Athens were Aulger, Mike Kopec and the #3 doubles team of Zach Sanger and Dan Brazier, who won in three sets.

The Wolves had no trouble with a depleted Northern squad. Winners include Goeckel at #1 singles, Kevin Kopec at #2 singles, Kyle Stout at #3 singles, Brian Trollman at #4 singles, #1 doubles team of Jayson Scheiderer and Dave Trollman and the #2 doubles team of Brett Steel and Kevin Babcock.

"It was a good match to see some kids get in spots they might not have otherwise," Ortwine said.

Wolves place second in invitational

BY DARREL W. COLE
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The Clarkston girls track squad has a chance to win the first-ever Oakland Activities Association Division II title.

It's a tough task, according to coach Gordie Richardson, but he said his Wolves have battled hard all season and are ready. With a 4-0 record in the OAA, the Wolves lead the pack but had a crucial dual meet with Lake Orion scheduled for May 16. After that, the Wolves will do battle in the OAA meet May 23 at Mott.

"It will be tough for us to win the league tournament," said Richardson.

But regardless of the outcome, the coach said he's proud of the effort his kids have given. Going into the season he was concerned his team didn't have the depth to compete for a title. But they have gotten better each meet.

The Wolves finally proved they are a team to be reckoned with when they beat Waterford Mott, 95-33, and Troy Athens in a triangular meet May 10. The real test was the 69-59 win over rival Athens.

"We really didn't know if we could beat Athens, but we hoped we could," Richardson said.

"Over the last 10 years we always expect to have the kind of kids who take challenges, accept them and then go out and perform. These kids have done that."

CHS District/regional matchups

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK: Regionals — At Milford High School (2380 Milford Road) May 20, 9:30 a.m. with Brighton, CHS, Hartland, Milford, Howell, Northville, Novi, Pinckney, Pontiac Northern, Pontiac Central, Rochester Adams, South Lyon, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott and Lakeland.

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SOFTBALL: Pre-districts May 30 and district finals June 2 or 3 at CHS with Milford, Kettering, Mott, West Bloomfield and Lakeland.

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GIRLS SOCCER: Districts — At Clarkston High, May 22 with Grand Blanc, Holly, Rochester Adams, Rochester, Kettering and Mott. CHS begins play against Rochester May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The Wolves beat Athens thanks in large part to a dominating performance from the field events athletes. Clarkston outscored Athens 32-4 in the field, thanks to sweeps in the shot put and discus.

Sophomore Kammy Powell won both events, throwing 30-11 in the shot and 102-2 in discus. Teammate Stephanie Bradford, a junior, was second in both events while freshman Latisha Hawley was third. Senior Leah Scharl also won the high jump at 5-2 and sophomore Kellie Christie won the long jump in 14-9.5, followed by junior Liz Murphy's jump of 14-9.

Top hurdler Nicole Bauer has been diagnosed with a stress fracture in her foot and is out for the season. Richardson said her absence will be missed but Murphy came through with wins against Athens in the 100 and 300 hurdles.

The 1600 relay, the day's final race, sealed Clarkston's win over Athens. Teammates Stefanie Burklow, Liz Cook, Lisa Herron and Leah Scharl won in 4:15.1, a season-best time.

The 800 relay team of freshman Erica Holman, Burklow, senior Renee Staley and Scharl won in 1:54.4, while Scharl won the 400 dash in 62.9.

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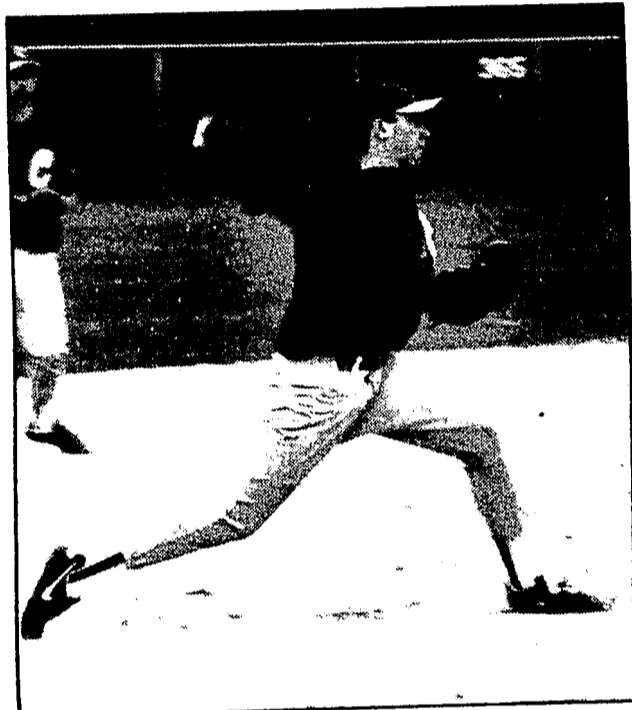
Pitchers strong in Wolves' split with Troy

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston varsity baseball team continued its improvement last week, but still split a doubleheader against Troy May 11.

Senior Mike Turk pitched a complete game, struck out five and gave up six hits for the 4-1 win in the first game. Turk helped his own effort by smashing a three-run homer in the first inning.

The Wolves received another complete game from junior pitcher Justin Morgan, but still lost 4-3. In the first game, Clarkston allowed Troy their



Third baseman Jamie Churchill nabbed this ball and throws to first base for an out as the Wolves beat Troy 4-1 May 11 in the first game of a doubleheader.

only run in the first inning, but got out of a tight situation. With two runners on, a Troy batter hit a shot to center field. Junior Jeff Mull raced to the ball, scooped it up and threw home. The throw was right on the money to catcher Jeff Bemis.

When Clarkston got its chance to bat, two runners reached base before Turk's shot over the right field fence.

Neither team could generate much offense from there on out, and Turk, a lefthander, was solid on the mound, getting strikeouts and keeping batters off balance with off-speed pitches.

The Wolves got another run in the bottom of the fourth inning. Mull walked and advanced to second on a throwing error to first base. Junior shortstop Chris Carpenter got a base hit up the middle, scoring Mull from second.

Besides Turk's hitting, senior Bobbie Blue was 2-for-2 and Carpenter 1-for-1. The Wolves had five errors on defense.

"For having only three hits, it wasn't too bad of a game for us," said coach Roy Warner.

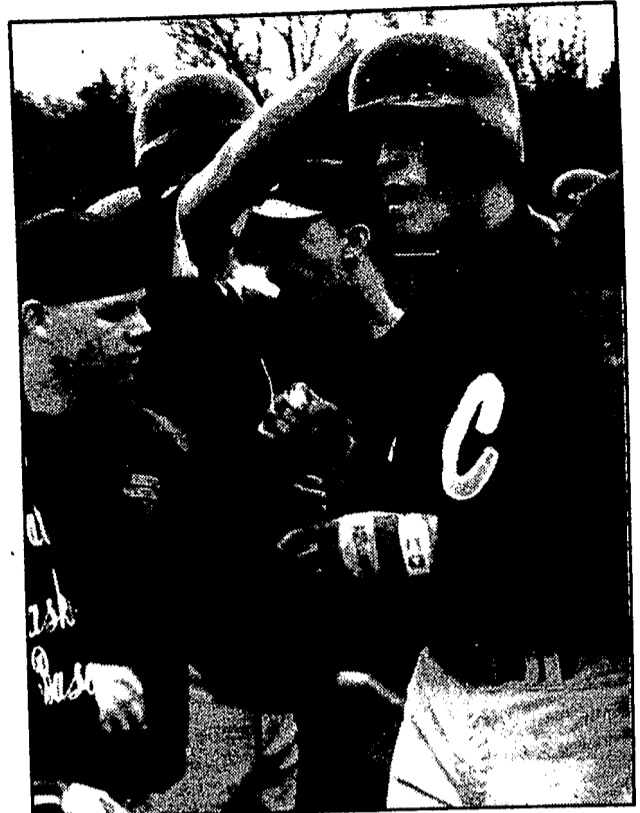
Clarkston had 12 hits in the second game but lost, stranding several runners. Pitcher Morgan gave up seven hits, struck out two and had two walks.

Mull was 3-for-4, junior Nathan Manuel went 2-for-3, and junior David Barth and Turk were 2-for-4.

Warner said he's been happy with his team's progress but they still have to hit the ball with more consistency, especially in scoring situations. "We have to get steady run production now in order to get ready for the districts."

Team leaders after 12 games

- * Mike Turk — 10-for-24, .417 batting average; 3 home runs; 8 RBI; 3-0 pitching with a 1.91 ERA.
- * David Barth — 11-for-32, .343 avg.
- * Bobbie Blue — 10-for-33, .303 avg.
- * Jeff Bemis — .267 avg.
- * Jeff Mull — .229 avg.
- * Blake Farah — 6 RBI.



Senior Mike Turk accepts congratulations after his three-run homer in the second inning against Troy May 11.

Golf news

Golfing for CAYA kids

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The scramble outing begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. on June 15. The cost per golfer is \$90, and includes 18 holes, a continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and prizes for men, women and mixed foursomes. Prizes will also be awarded for lowest score, longest drive, closest to the hole, and a hole-in-one contest.

A 50/50 raffle and a skins game will also be available.

The CAYA committee is in need of hole sponsors for the event. Exclusive sponsorship is \$250 per hole and shared sponsorship is \$125. Door prizes may also be donated for the outing.

For tickets or more information call Amy Loughman of Clarkston Real Estate at 625-1000.

UMC scramble

The Davisburg United Methodist Church is hosting a Golf Scramble June 17-18 at Bramblewood Golf Course in Holly.

Cost is \$45 per person on the four-person teams and includes 18 holes, cart, lunch etc. First place in the scramble receives \$200, second place \$100 and third place \$40.

Proceeds will go to church and community projects. Registration is due by May 27. For more information call Art Douglas at 332-8326 during the day or 625-4124 at night.

Girls squad leads OAA at 4-0

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Richardson said his team won the meet because he had several kids place and score points.

The Mott matchup saw the Wolves take first in the 3200 relay (Megan Plante, Beth Fletcher, Amanda Armstead and Kristin Maine) in 11:40.5, the 800 relay, the 400 relay, Cook in the 1600 run, Scharl in the 400 run and high jump, Staley in the 200 dash, Meade in the 3200 run in 13:16 and Christie in the long jump.

Other top finishers were, Meade third in the mile in 6:05, Heather Brown second in the 400 run in 67.3, Murphy second in the 300 hurdles and long jump, Plante second in the 3200 run in 13:47, and Maine third in the 3200 run in 13:53.

CHS Invitational a success

Clarkston took second out of 11 teams at the CHS girls invitational May 13, hosted by the Wolves for the eighth straight year.

CHS scored 87 points, behind Livonia Stevenson's 102. Birmingham Marian was next with 57, followed by Sterling Heights 51, Livonia Churchill 45, Bloomfield Hills Andover 44, Lake Orion 41, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 25, Northville 22, Milford 18 and Berkley 4.

Taking first place for the Wolves were the 3200

relay team of Burklow, Herron, Jennifer Bauer and Scharl in a new meet record time of 9:52.9, Powell in the shot put with a throw of 33-3 and Scharl with a high jump of 5-2.

Burklow was Clarkston's lone second-place finisher, running a 5:33.6 in the 1600 run.

Third-place spots went to Powell in the discus with a throw of 103-6, Bradford with a shot put of 31-4, Cook in the mile run in 5:36.7, Scharl in the 400 in 62.9, Jennifer Bauer in the 800 run in 2:33, Burklow in the 3200 run in 12:29.2 and the 1600 relay team of Heather Brown, Cook, Gretchen Pitser and Scharl in 4:26.4.

"We scored in 11 of the 16 events and that makes a big difference," Richardson said. "The kids are all contributing and it's allowing us to move some people around and earn some kids points before the season is over."

Coach Richardson was very pleased at his team's performance, but was also happy the invitational went so well.

"I like that weekend because we have such a great group of volunteers that work our meets," the coach said.

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Tight race in OAA track title

BY DARREL W. COLE
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It will be a battle to the end for the Clarkston boys track team.

The Wolves are tied with Troy Athens, Lake Orion and Waterford Mott at 3-1 in the OAA Division II standings, before heading into a critical dual meet with Orion May 16 and the league meet May 23.

On May 9, the Wolves missed a chance to take sole possession of first as they split a triangular meet against Waterford Mott and Troy Athens. Clarkston beat Mott 65-63 but then lost 74-54 to Athens. Mott also beat Athens in that meet.

Also last week, Clarkston finished a respectable fifth out of 15 teams at the Oxford Invitational.

Coach Walt Wynnemko said this week is most important because it all will come down to being able to beat Orion May 16, then placing high in the OAA meet at Mott May 23. Going into the OAA meet, the regular-season first-place team earns six team points, second place gets five, third gets four, etc. The league meet winner also receives points based on the same system.

"Really it all comes down this week," Wynnemko said, noting regionals are scheduled for May 20. "The times are really getting better and the kids are giving the kinds of efforts we need. The young kids are starting to contribute a great deal and the seniors are giving us strong leadership."

At the May 13 Oxford Invitational, the Wolves scored 48 points, behind first-place Pontiac Northern with 93, Detroit Catholic Central with 69, Pontiac Central with 63, and Waterford Mott with 56.

Leading the Wolves once again was senior J.R. Kirk with a first in the long jump (21-feet), second in the high jump (6-4) and fourth in the 110 high hurdles.

Jason Graves also came up big with a third place in the 400 dash in 51.7 and a second-place finish in the long jump of 19-11.

The two seniors also helped the 1600 relay team to a third-place finish in 3:37.02, along with senior Matt Wenger and junior J.D. Zuchelkowski.

Also coming up big for the Wolves was senior Josh Preston and his shot put of 43-5, good for fifth place. Sophomore Chris Evans was fifth in the high hurdles, while the 3200 relay team of seniors Matt Warner, Jeff Dengate, Wenger, and junior Josh Holst took fifth.

The Wolves started out the triangular meet with a crunch-time win over Mott. First place came down to the final race, and the Wolves' 1600 relay team of Zuchelkowski, Graves, Wenger and Holst came through.

Also Taking first place were the 3200 relay team of Warner, Dengate, Holst and Wenger in 8:38.25, the 800 relay team of Graves, seniors Rich Bevins and Shane Collier, and junior Dan Slavin, Kirk in the high hurdles, 300 low hurdles, high jump, and long jump (21-5), and Graves in the 400 dash in 50.5.

The Wolves didn't fare as well against Athens,

although Kirk once again won four events, including the high jump, long jump, high hurdles and low hurdles.

Also taking firsts were Graves in the 400 run, Preston in the shot put and the 800 relay team of Dengate, Holst, Wenger and Warner.

CMS dominates Brandon

The Clarkston Middle School girls and boys track teams dominated Brandon May 8, setting a school record in the process.

The girls won 104-20 and the boys won 120-8. Both 3200 relay squads set CMS records. The boys relay team of Ryan Thomas, Kevin Breen, Mitchell Grusnick and David Sage ran a 10:32.3, and the girls team of Stacy Smith, Katie Bills, Sarah Wallace and Lauren Stout ran a 14:33.5.

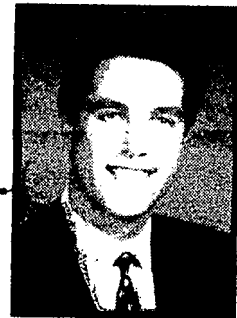
Correction

A photo in last week's sports section should have identified the varsity softball player as Amanda Jenkinson.

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Season nears end; focus is on districts

BY DARREL W. COLE
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Getting outscored 13-0 in two games isn't the best way to prepare for a run in the district tournament.

But Clarkston soccer coach Dan Fitzgerald hopes his team can pull together and finish strong. With two games left in the season — May 16 at Lake Orion and May 18 at Waterford Kettering — there's not much time to improve.

"We didn't play well at all last week," Fitzgerald said. "Hopefully we can come back. We have a real good chance at beating Kettering and Orion is always a good rivalry."

The Wolves, now 1-11 overall and 0-8 in the OAA Division II, will meet up with powerful Rochester in the first round of districts May 22. "They are a very good team so it'll be a tough match for us," the coach said.

Hopefully the Wolves play better than they did against West Bloomfield and Lahser. West Bloomfield won 5-0 May 9 and Lahser won 8-0 May 11. A May 12 match against Oxford was canceled.

"The first time we played Lahser this year we lost only 2-0 but this time Lahser came out strong and we really didn't play well," Fitzgerald said. "Against West Bloomfield, we let them score some quick goals and then let in a few bad ones."

"I think it had something to do with the fact both teams are fighting for the league title and didn't want to be upset by us. They were very much determined to win and didn't let up."

For everyone involved it's been a tough season, the coach admits, but the kids have always given a good effort.

He said senior Audrey Schlaff, junior Brynn Allyn and senior Kelly Raup have given solid efforts this season.

He said Schlaff, a four-year varsity player, has had a solid year and career, although statistics may not always show it.

"She's a real tough defender, always marks the best player on the opposing side and does a good job of it," Fitzgerald said.

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Jv sports

By Mike Romein

JV Soccer

The JV soccer team won one and tied one this past week.

On Tuesday, May 9, the Wolves beat West Bloomfield 6-5. Georgia Senkyr had an awesome game, scoring 5 goals, and Carin Lloyd scored the other.

Then on Thursday, May 11, Clarkston tied Bloomfield Hills Lahser 2-2. They trailed 2-0 with 7 minutes to play when Senkyr scored two goals to tie the game. "That was a really nice comeback," said head coach Brian Fitzgerald.

JV Softball

The JV softball team had as many games rained out as they played this last week. In the three games they were able to play, the Wolves had two victories, and only one defeat.

On Monday, May 8, Clarkston played Rochester Adams. They never led in the game, and lost 17-6. "Adams has a good team," said JV Coach Karen Czarniecki. "But we can't win ball games when our defense gives up 17 runs - many of them unearned."

The Wolves did manage to get some runs in the third inning. Beth Tuttle reached first after getting hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. Tuttle then scored on Stephanie Vogler's ground ball to second. Beth Bills and Tami Angel both followed with singles, and advanced on a passed ball. Hope Manuel then singled to right to drive in two runs. However, after the third inning, Adams outscored the Wolves 11-1.

On Thursday, May 11, the Wolves won against Brandon, 15-7. They avenged an 18-14 Brandon victory on April 24. Rachel Fuller was the winning pitcher, raising her record to 3-2. She recorded eight strikeouts, and gave up four walks.

Allison Prudhomme, Mary Brewer, and Vogler each had four hits, one of Brewer's being a line drive triple to left. Manuel scored the go-ahead run in the third inning, after scoring on a passed ball.

Once again, the defense was excellent. Angel continues to have a good year behind the plate. "Not many pitched balls make it to the backstop thanks to her hustle and determination," said Czarniecki.

The Wolves committed no errors in the last three innings, and Jenny Walters ended the game with an acrobatic catch at second base.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Wolves beat Brandon 8-2. Prudhomme was the winning pitcher, raising her record to 5-4. She had 3

strikeouts and gave up one walk.

Bills scored two runs for the Wolves, the result of a single, two walks and hustle on the base paths. Prudhomme and Fuller both had two hits for Clarkston, and Megan Bjurman played an excellent game at third base.

Their record is now 9-6 overall, and 5-3 in the league.

JV Baseball

The JV baseball team had one game rained out this past week, and went 1-2 in the games they played.

On Monday, May 8, the Wolves defeated Ferrisdale, 7-3. Marc Teague pitched the whole game and only allowed 3 runs and 3 hits, and struck out six. Chad Bailey was 2-for-2 with 1 RBI. Jason Ostrom was 2-for-3 with 2 stolen bases. Mike Gray was 1-for-1 with 1 RBI, and a double. Jason Frack was 1-for-2 and also had a double and an RBI. Dennis Busch was 1-for-3 and had an RBI.

On Thursday, May 11, Clarkston dropped both games of a doubleheader to the Troy Colts.

In the first game, the Wolves lost 9-4. Travis Pegg was the losing pitcher, but pitched an excellent game. "He only gave up one run on four hits," said head coach Jerry Ostrom. "He did his job, but the defense let him down with 7 errors."

Bailey was 2-for-3 with one RBI, and Frack was 2-for-4, also with an RBI. Ostrom was 1-for-3 and had 3 stolen bases. Eric Knake added a double and an RBI.

In the second game, Clarkston lost 10-8. "We made a lot of mental mistakes in this game," said Ostrom. "We did not do the little things we needed to do in order to win."

Eric Knake had a rough outing on the mound. For the first time this year, he had control problems. He gave up 6 runs (4 earned) in only 1-1/3 innings, and gave up four walks. Bailey came in to pitch the rest of the game, giving up 4 runs on 6 hits, and took the loss. The game was called after 6 innings due to darkness.

In the hitting department, Jason Ramsey was 2-for-4. Mark Endreszl was 1-for-3 with 2 RBI, Frack was 1-for-2 with an RBI, Zabatsky was 1-for-2 with 2 RBI, and Eric Knake had both a triple and an RBI.

The Wolves have 7 games left to play.



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Improvement showing, softball victories scarce

DARREL W. COLE
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Close isn't always satisfying.

Despite a strong week of play, the Clarkston girls softball team still went 2-5 in action last week. That moves their overall record to 8-15, 4-5 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

The losses last week takes the Wolves out of contention for a league title, but coach Al Land said they are now aiming for second place, and to improve before districts.

A big boost was the return of junior pitcher Alesha Ulasich from arm problems. And while the Wolves received strong pitching from Ulasich and junior Nikki Maynard consistency was a problem in other areas.

"Early in the season we needed our pitching to get more consistent," Land said. "Now we've got our pitching going good and we need consistency in other areas of our play. We can be excellent on offense and defense but we need to blend it all together at once."

At times last week, Clarkston was awesome on defense and offense. But, as evidenced by a 7-3 loss to Waterford Kettering May 15, the Wolves lack consistency. The game was tied 3-3 going into the sixth inning, but a couple of walks, errors and a few hits gave Kettering the game.

"We know we can play against the Ketterings and Brandons and have proved that this season," Land said. "It's difficult to tell the girls we are improving when you keep losing close games, but they are improving."

The up and down week started for the Wolves with a solid 6-4 win over Rochester Adams on May 8. Ulasich and Maynard combined to pitch a good game while junior Crystal Lemke and freshman Tiffany Honey hit 3-for-4, and juniors Stephanie Giroux and Amanda Jenkinson went 2-for-4.

Next up on May 11 was a doubleheader against Brandon, where the Wolves lost both 2-0 and 3-2.

"Those were the two best games we played all season," the coach said. "We made some outstanding plays on defense and pitching really kept us in the game."

In both games, the Wolves had chances to score but couldn't get the critical hits when they needed them.

Ulasich pitched a strong first game and Jenkinson went 2-for-3 from the plate.

In the second game Maynard had a solid pitching performance as the Wolves lost in eight innings. Giroux went 2-for-4 at the plate.

Clarkston played in the Royal Oak Dondero tournament May 13 and finished 1-2 in three games.

Land said his team played real well in a losing effort to state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer in the second game.

As the season winds down, Land hopes his young and inexperienced team will gel by districts. He said a lack of practice, due to bad weather, has hurt the team. He expected to hold his first team practice in three weeks on May 16.

"We've either gotten rained out or have had games in the last month and it's tough to teach the young players the right things when you're playing all the time," Land said.

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Freshman sports

By Mike Romein

Freshman Baseball

The freshman baseball team only played one game last week, and had two rained out due to bad weather.

They lost to Waterford Kettering, 6-3. Josh Clark pitched most of the game, and had 9 strikeouts, and gave up 3 walks and 4 runs. Brian Caudill also pitched.

Nick Giroux and Jared Thomas both had two hits, and Jason Coryell, Matt McGinnis, and Caudill all had one hit.

"It was a pretty good game," said head coach

Rod Hool. "We just did not get hits when we needed them."

Freshman Softball


The freshman softball team only played one game last week, as bad weather caused the other scheduled games to be canceled.

On Thursday, May 11, Clarkston beat Waterford Kettering 5-1. Sam Hardenberg and Amber Mitchell were the winning pitchers. Angie Thompson, Abby Wiley, and Stacy Tegler each had a double, and Thompson also added a triple.

The Wolves record is now 6-0, with 6 games left to play.

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The column

By Darrel W. Cole

Scattered ramblings

● You gotta love the singing Clarkston varsity softball team. They definitely have some of the most original chants in either baseball or softball. While the girls should not take up vocal harmonizing anytime soon, they sure get extra credit for lyrical creativity.

While you're at a game do yourself a favor and listen.

● Do yourself another favor and watch two of the best players anywhere, in CHS center fielder Stephanie Giroux and shortstop Crystal Lemke. Giroux gunning down runners from the outfield is a sight to see but, man, that girl is incredible on the base paths. Unstoppable, more like it. Oh, and she also leads the county in hitting.

Lemke is a defensive demon at short. Left or right, she has the range to get everything and the arm to nail runners from deep in the hole. Offensively she is almost as spectacular.

Catcher Amanda Jenkinson is another great player to watch. She's definitely the vocal part of the team and leads by example.

All three are juniors, but their talents are not just "media hype." They are top-notch all the way.

● A little pat on the back to girls varsity track coach Gordie Richardson. While talking to him about his team, he pointed out the fact that most of his athletes, except a few, have gpa's above 3.0.

It's a great tribute to the kids who are athletes and solid students also. But if Richardson hadn't brought it to my attention I would have never known, and wouldn't have been able to mention it in the May 3 Clarkston News.

In other words, varsity coaches, you have to let me know those small little details, whatever they may be. You may not think it's news but parents and the athletes do.

● While we're talking about GR, it's become obvious he is tops for providing stats, and not just scribbled notes, either.

Besides his professional-looking printed forms, he remembers or writes down all the neat little details. It surely makes my job much easier when a coach is so well prepared.

● I like the job first-year tennis coach Kevin Ortwine, who's just a youngster himself, is doing with the tennis team. The kids are working real hard for him and it's showing in the results.

● Hopefully the CHS varsity baseball team can keep playing as they have. It seems like early in the season they were out of sync. Lately, they seem more determined and focused.

● It's nice to see grown adults get together and set up the Clarkston Baseball Club River Dawgs. I know it's not often adults agree on anything, but it seems everything has worked out well and they are on the way to success.

A hearty congrats to all involved, including the township's excellent parks and rec staff, from administrators to park workers.

● Freshmen and junior varsity athletes, parents and coaches need to thank Mike Romein for taking the time to summarize their week's games. He doesn't get paid and without him it would be impossible to do ourselves.

Sports shorts

Good sport wrestlers

The honors are continuing for Clarkston's wrestling squad.

The team was recently awarded the regional sportsmanship award, presented by the MHSAA as part of the Good Sports Are Winners! program.

The Wolves, team champions in OAA, Oakland County, districts, regionals and the Class A state runner-up, are one of eight regional sportsmanship winners in the state. The team will receive a plaque for their achievement.

● A free Oakland County Parks fishing contest runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend at Addison Oaks (Oxford), and Independence Oaks (Clarkston).

Anglers must register fish with a parks' boat rental attendant on the day it is caught. Top honors will go to the biggest catch, determined by multiplying the fish's length and weight. The winner will be crowned on a monthly basis and will receive an Oakland County Parks Summer Fun Passbook (\$60 value). The grand prize is a rod and reel, to be presented after Labor Day.

Contestants can fish on Buhl Lake at Addison Oaks and Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks. Entrants must have a valid Michigan fishing license.

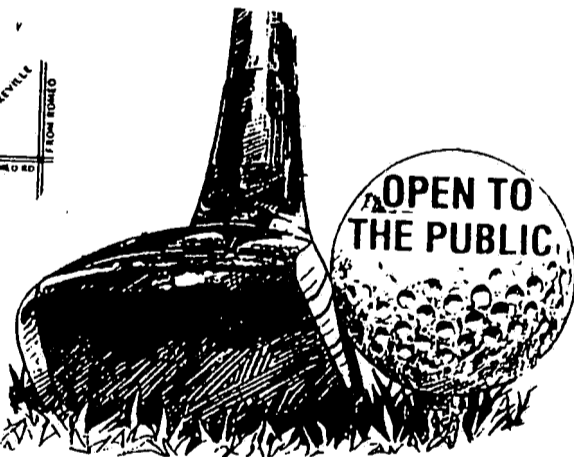
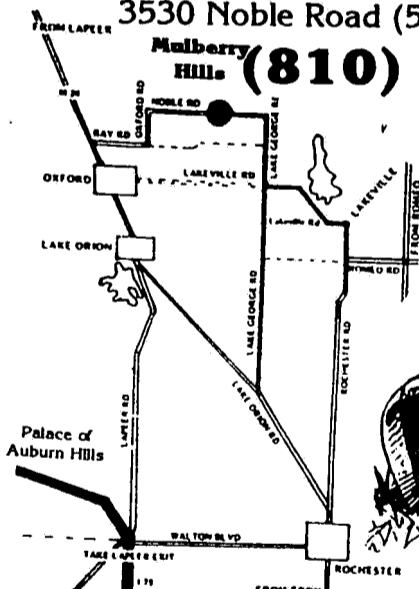
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Around town

● **The Clarkston Eagles and Knights of Columbus** will present a combined 1995 summer festival June 10 at 5640 Maybee Rd. Kids games begin at noon, followed by a ventriloquist from 3-7 p.m. Food begins at noon, with steak and chicken dinners beginning at 3 p.m. There will be a 50-590 raffle and fun is promised for the whole family, including par-3 golf, water balloon toss, egg toss, horseshoes, volleyball and more. For more information call 625-3772.

● **The widowed support group** will meet Thursday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at the senior center at Clintonwood Park for a discussion on depression with Diane St. Peter, MSW, ACSW, BCD from Triad Associates, Clarkston. The meeting is free and open to men and women recently widowed. Call 625-5231 for more information.

● **Waterford Youth Assistance** will sponsor a parent education program designed to help parents increase their child management and communication skills. "Setting the Limits" will be held May 25, June 1 and June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Waterford School Board office. Admission is free but enrollment is limited. Register by calling 682-3238.

● **The Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency** will host its first-ever open house on Wednesday, May 24 from 3-6 p.m. at its central office, 196 Oakland Ave., Pontiac. To attend, call 858-5172.

● **The Rainbow Connection** is looking for a part-time director of volunteers. The 10- to 20-hour

per week position could lead to paid employment. Call Roxanne Bryan at 651-1261.

● **Cranbrook Gardens 23rd annual spring plant sale** will be held May 17-18 at the greenhouse, 380 Lone Pine Rd. Native Michigan wildflowers, including ferns, trillium and Jack-in-the-pulpit, will be for sale. But come early; they usually sell out. Cranbrook gardens are also open to the public for the summer. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for students and senior citizens. Call 645-3149 for more information.

● **Woman's Aglow of Pontiac** meets May 20 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Church, 1361 Giddings Rd., Pontiac. The meeting begins at 10:45 a.m.; brunch is at 10 a.m.

● **A juried art show** will be held at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Rd., June 17-25. Michael Farrell, associate professor in visual arts at the University of Windsor, will conduct a tour of the show Sunday, June 18 at 2 p.m. Exhibition hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

● **Crafters are being sought** for the Long Meadow Country Market in Rochester Oct. 21. Call (810) 375-2710 to request an application for this juried show.

● **Gallery Functionart in Pontiac** will exhibit functional outdoor artwork and sculpture May 19-June 18. Then, from June 23-July 30, "Iron Organic," a solo exhibition of the latest wrought steel works by Mark Haines will take over the gallery, located at 23-B W. Lawrence. Call 333-0333 for more information.

● **The Lawrence Street Gallery** will feature the acrylic painting of Kelly Minnick May 17-June 17. The gallery is at 6 N. Saginaw. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday, 11-8. Call 334-6716.

● **The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association** will hold a pottery sale June 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 1516 S. Cranbrook Rd., Birmingham (between 14 and 15 Mile roads). Included will be functional, raku and decorative pottery. Call (810) 644-0866 for more information.

Bruce golf outing returns

The family and friends of the late Conrad J. Bruce will sponsor the second annual Conrad Bruce Memorial Golf Outing to raise money for two scholarships.

The event will be held June 17 at Spring Lake Country Club. Eighteen holes of golf with cart and buffet lunch will begin at 7:30 a.m. and cost \$80. Format is four-person scramble. Trophies will be awarded to the winning foursome and all golfers will be eligible to win door prizes. Players of all abilities are encouraged to participate.

Bruce was the former assistant superintendent of Clarkston schools and founder of Country Cords and Clarkston Stride Rite.

One \$500 scholarship will recognize an outstanding student athlete from Clarkston High School. The other will be given to an outstanding member of the building trades program at Oakland Technical Center.

Golfers, volunteers and anyone wishing to make a donation should call the scholarship committee at 625-8042 or 620-8746 by June 1.

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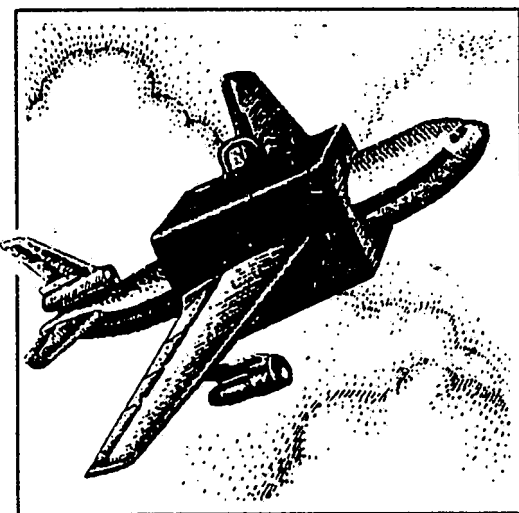
Our Lady of the Lakes First Annual Golf Outing will be held July 16 at Spring Lake Golf Course.

The 18-hole scramble begins at 8 a.m. and is limited to 144 people or 36 four-person teams. Cost is \$75 per person which includes 18 holes, a cart, lunch, prizes for first, second, third and last place finishes, longest drive, closest to the pin, door prizes and hole-in-one contest for a new car.

Registration is due by June 18. Call for more information at 623-0274.

● The 16th annual Dobson Open July 31 at Great Oaks Country Club will benefit the Rainbow Connection. Tickets are \$195 per person including brunch, golf, power cart, cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment, silent auction and prizes. Dinner only is \$75. For tickets call 651-1261.

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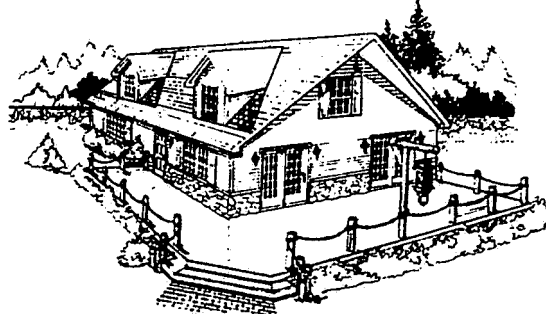
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Students hear all about the U.S. Coast Guard's rescue helicopter.

Gettin' spacey

Springfield Plains explore the wonders of technology

All year long, students at the new Springfield Plains Elementary School have been encouraged to "reach for the stars." Last week, they almost took the admonition literally.

After starting off their year by talking live to space shuttle astronauts, then meeting one of them in person, students took part May 10 in an all-day Space and Technology Day which included visits from a Coast Guard helicopter and a hot-air balloon. While they didn't actually get to go for any rides, they did get a close-up look at how the flying machines work and

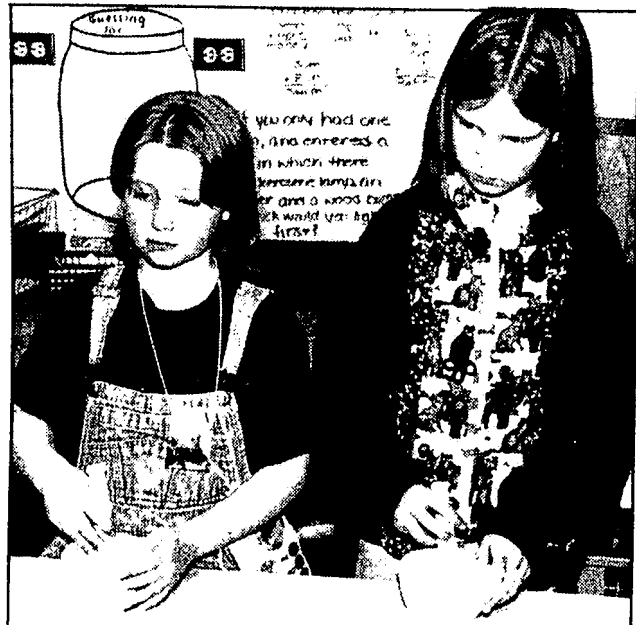
the people who operate them.

The day was filled with similar close contact with professionals in many technical fields, including TV recording, firefighting, computers, architecture, physical fitness, photography, auto, robotics, and pharmacy. The event was supported by the Clarkston Foundation and the school's PTA.

The weather cooperated nicely so students were able to gather outdoors for some of the events. At the end of the day they crowded around the building as the helicopter gracefully lifted off.



Glen Carnwoth, wearing a stethoscope, tries to hear a heartbeat on a classmate.



Heather Bowman (left) and Katie Passage grind with mortar and pestle.



Rachel Miller is the camera operator as one group learns about live TV.

Conservancy refocuses efforts to preserve

Core of volunteers changes but is always dedicated

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There's no time like the present for the Independence Land Conservancy.

Since 1972 the ILC has worked to preserve areas of natural beauty in the township. In the past several years they have re-doubled their efforts in response to the area's increasing growth.

"In the last couple of years we've moved from being reactive to being proactive," said ILC president Thomas Stone, a semi-retired counselor at Oakland Community College. "I guess we were getting the sense that we have a very popular community where people want to move to. So we've tried to identify properties that we felt it would be a shame if they were not preserved."

Tom Bullen, secretary of the ILC, and founding member, said early on "the style of operation was to wait for those interested in donating lands to come to us. We were passive then. It's only been in the last three or four years that we really make the first move."

That new focus has kept the ILC on the forefront of attempting to acquire certain properties in Independence. The ILC's motto, "Dedicated to the quality of wildlife habitat, preserving the character of the landscape, and protecting the natural resources of our community," has remained the focus for 23 years.

The ILC currently stewards over 300 acres of land, consisting of 19 parcels of one-half acre to 60 acres in size. Half of those properties are totally owned by the ILC, according to Stone. For the other half, the ILC owns the Scenic or Conservation Easement while the property is still owned by someone else.

Scenic and Conservation Easement rights keep the property in its natural state forever.

As a way of becoming more proactive, the ILC has recently identified 14 "unique" properties they would like preserved. In February the Independence Township Board of Trustees included the ILC's goals and objectives and the 14 properties into the parks and recreation master plan.

The conservancy also applied to the state's department of natural resources for a grant to purchase



Lucy Kasl and Nelson Kimball played a significant role in the early development of the Independence Land Conservancy.

the highest point in Oakland County, named Oakland Crest by the ILC. The area is described as two-to-five acres in size, wooded and steep. It is located in Deerwood Manors, west of Crooked Lake.

The ILC needs more people to come forward about unique properties they know of. Stone, president for five years and member for 12, said if those lands are not identified now, they could be lost forever.

"Even some of the properties we've looked at in the last two years are gone," he said. "We've found our timing was too late in some instances."

Although the conservancy is more aggressive now, Stone doesn't want people to think the organization will take over their property. The ILC is a non-profit organization with "limited resources."

"We don't want people to think that when we identify their property, we're going to go after it," Stone said. "We can't take it, but we just want them to be aware they do have a unique parcel and we'll work with them in finding ways to preserve it if that's what they want."

Once a property is identified as worth preserving the ILC finds out who the owner is. Then discussions are conducted with the owner to find out if they are interested in working to preserve the property. If the owner can't afford to donate all or part of the property, then the ILC would consider raising sources of funds to purchase it, or finding grants to buy it. One popular option is to grant the ILC the scenic easement rights.

Donations to the ILC are tax deductible, according to Stone.

Since the ILC began there have been many people who have donated time and resources, according to Stone, helping make the conservancy what it is today.

Bullen said, "We've always had a core group of people interested in the idea that the township has a primal beauty and what do we do about stopping the bulldozers from destroying all of it."

Bullen, an attorney who works in Clarkston, was the first to bring up the fact the township's natural resources needed to be preserved. In about 1972 Bullen, then a township trustee, read a book by William Whyte called "The Last Landscape." That book investigated the need to conserve America's lands before they were taken away. It greatly influenced

Bullen and he presented the idea of creating a preservation group to then supervisor Gary Stonerock, who also helped get the movement started. Currently, Stonerock is a registered land surveyor and his business is located in the township.

"Besides me there were several people interested in the idea like Nelson Kimball (the ILC's first president)," said Bullen. "You need a few big voices, but you need a bigger chorus to get things heard."

The ILC has been heard, and Bullen said every current and past contributor to the conservancy should feel proud at what has been accomplished. Without the ILC, those 300 acres of land may have been developed by now.

"I think it's been what we've expected it to be," Bullen said. "Now it's changing and becoming something different because the times dictate it. In the future, we are hoping we can again change from an acquisition conservancy to keeping the property we do have in its natural state."

NOTE: The ILC encourages citizens to get involved by becoming members. There are currently 70 members and yearly costs are \$5 per person. A lifetime membership is \$100.

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Class of '65 'summoned to reunion

Members of the Clarkston High School Class of 1965 may be excused if they became a little perturbed when what looked like a notice to appear in court turned up in their mail.

The notice was just their classmates' way of inviting them to their 30-year class reunion. But the reunion committee didn't stop there. A second mailing, this one on letterhead from "S. Windle & Windle Law Firm," said the school board was revoking all high school diplomas issued in June, 1965. The letter suggested class members attend a pretrial conference August 18 at a local hotel. A third mailing took the form of a subpoena, with orders to appear at three events August 18-20.

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ILC's Kimball property

This is the first of several articles highlighting the Independence Land Conservancy's various properties throughout the township. In all, the ILC is in charge of more than 300 acres of land.

The Kimball Property consists of 43 acres, behind Mesquite Grill in the Independence Pointe mall on M-15. Included in the property, which runs all the way to Perry Lake Road, is scenic woodland, wetlands and various animal and plant life. The Clinton River also runs through the property.

Tom Pytel, one of five directors for the ILC, said it's possible the area could be made into a park at some point.

The property was donated to the ILC by Ron Helin in 1985, and named after Nelson Kimball, the first president of the conservancy and avid conservationist. Pytel said Kimball was a "guiding force" for the ILC when it was first founded in 1972.

"Others have said he was the organization early on, the real bull worker back then."

Over the years residents living adjacent to the property on North View Road have worked with the ILC to maintain its appearance.

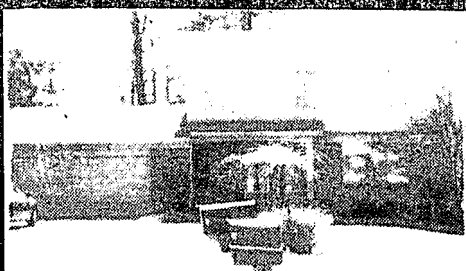
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—By Darrel W. Cole

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Reunion committee gets creative in 'summoning' guests

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Organizer Pat Bishop Owen said in addition to having a reunion dinner, the class will host a hospitality suite to kick off the weekend on Friday, August 18. Dinner and a DJ will be featured on Saturday night. Then on Sunday, an all-school picnic at Clintonwood Park will be open to all CHS graduates. Bring your own refreshments.

Cost is \$70 per couple or \$38 single (the picnic is free). For more information or if you haven't yet received your invitation, call Owen at (313) 247-5170 or Charlene Abbott at (810) 625-3782. Send checks to CHS Class of '65, 14519 Rice Drive, Sterling Heights, MI. 48313.

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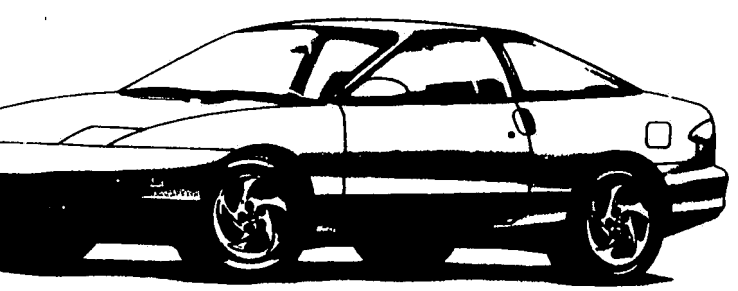
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The Charter Township of Independence announces a Public Accuracy testing of the computer program for the Clarkston Community Schools General Election and Oakland Community College Special Election held on June 12, 1995.

This testing will be held on Monday, June 5, 1995, 10 a.m. at the Independence Township Clerk's Office, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

Charter Township of Independence

Publish May 24 and May 31, 1995

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
NOTICE TO ALL CITY RESIDENTS

The City of the Village of Clarkston will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 22, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346, County of Oakland for the purpose of discussing reallocation of 1991-1992 Community Development Block Grant Funds. A balance of \$3,605.47 is to be reallocated due to reclassification of the low and moderate income are in the City of the Village of Clarkston.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing. Persons attending the hearing shall have the right to provide written and oral comments and suggestions regarding possible uses of the Community Development Block Grant funds.

Jeanne Selander Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Schultz, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll: Present-Arkwright, Basinger, Roeser, Schultz, Sanderson, Secatch.

Absent: Catallo.

Moved by Arkwright, supported by Sanderson, "That the minutes from the meeting held on April 24, 1995 be approved as submitted." Motion carried.

Moved by Arkwright, supported by Sanderson, "That the agenda be approved with the following additions under Old Business: Park and Antique Show and the following additions under New Business: Library, ZBA, and the Deer Lake Farm sign." Motion carried.

Resolved by Sanderson, supported by Secatch, "That the bills for the month of April be paid as submitted, totaling \$19,854.03." Roll: Yeas-6, Nays-0. Resolution passed.

Sanderson indicated she spoke with the Jasso Tree Service regarding the gypsy moth problem she will clarify with them that they will be spraying the appropriate insecticide at the appropriate time and return with a more specific proposal for the Council to act on.

Basinger passed out a handout to the Council regarding zoning for Michigan Cities and Villages.

Basinger indicated there had been an article in the Oakland Press which indicated that Clarkston had the second lowest incidence of crime and he congratulated the Police Department on a job well done.

Dick Beaubien, from Hubble Roth and Clark, presented a proposal to the Council for a three phase parking study in the Village of Clarkston. The studies would include a Parking Accumulation Study, a Parking Duration Study, and an M-15 Roadway Geometry Study. The estimated cost to the city would be \$7-8,000.

The issue of parking in the Village was thoroughly discussed by members of the business community and the Council. Some of the problems which were identified included business employees parking along Main Street and the need for parking enforcement.

A committee was formed to further discuss the parking problem and to develop a tool to gather data needed to conduct the accumulation and duration studies. The committee will meet within the next two weeks and hope to do the data collection within the month. The committee will be composed of Sanderson and Basinger of the City Council and Susan Gahan, Max Brook, and Ron Rod of the Downtown Business Association.

Dick Beaubien suggested that the group be careful when they prepare the survey tool to be certain they would gather data that would be meaningful.

Roeser indicated that he had read the newly approved fire ordinance and that there was a difference between the City's ordinance and the Township's regarding the use of lock boxes. The City's ordinance indicates that businesses shall have a lock box and the Township's ordinance indicates that businesses may have a lock box.

Arkwright indicated that this was discussed at the Planning Commission and it was decided that because of the nature of the buildings in the downtown that having a lock box was seen as the prudent way to go. He indicated that the cost of the installed lock box was estimated at \$150.

The enforcement of the Fire Ordinance is done by the Fire Department. Secatch indicated that without business licenses this would not be enforced by the Fire Department.

Secatch will check with the Township regarding enforcement of the ordinance and the cost of obtaining the lock boxes. The issue was referred back to the Planning Commission to determine if they indeed want to require the downtown businesses to have lock

boxes.

Resolved by Roeser, supported by Arkwright, "That Tri-Party Funds be requested for reimbursement for partial payments already made for the White Lake Road safety path." Roll: Yeas-6, Nays-0. Resolution passed.

Ryan indicated that he hopes to have the revised agreements from the Township by the end of the month.

Resolved by Roeser, supported by Secatch, "That \$1,800 be allocated for an extension of the current sprinkling system to include the berm around the playground." Roll: Yeas-6, Nays-0. Resolution passed.

Bob Pursley is to be instructed to complete the sprinklers, laying of the sod around the playground, the installation of the slide and to place and chain the two picnic tables.

Schultz indicated that he had surveyed a number of communities regarding the policies on park use for commercial ventures. Most communities only let their parks be used by civic groups within the community and required insurance to cover the event.

Susan Gahan of the Apothecary Antiques indicated that she is trying to put together an antique show in the park for June 24, 1995. There would be 50 antique dealers and a charge of \$50 space rental per dealer. She plans to donate the proceeds of the table fees less expenses (advertising, park use fee, and clean-up fees) to Lighthouse North.

Moved by Arkwright, supported by Secatch, "That the proposed antique show for June 24, 1995 in Depot Park be denied until a policy can be established regarding commercial use of Depot Park." Yeas-5, Nays-0, Abstain-1, Basinger. Motion carried.

Susan Gahan indicated she would hold this on private property as a garage sale.

Moved by Schultz, supported by Sanderson, "That a Public Hearing be held on May 22, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. regarding the allocation of the Community Development Block Grant Funds." Motion carried.

Resolved by Basinger, supported by Arkwright, "The Village Manager is authorized to pay off the remaining deficit payment for fiscal year 1992 as of 6-30-95 which will be \$25,000 plus any accumulated interest and an additional \$5,500 and any accumulated interest owing on the Caprice as of 6-30-95." Roll: Yeas-6, Nays-0. Resolution passed.

Resolved by Roeser, supported by Secatch, "That the DPW be authorized to purchase a garage door opener for \$700." Roll: Yeas-6, Nays-0. Resolution passed.

Officer Dickey is to talk to the County about moving the speed limit sign on Main Street further North to the city limits. Secatch will attend a meeting on May 18, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. regarding the District Library.

Resolved by Arkwright, supported by Roeser, "That effective July 1, 1995 a fee of \$75 will be charged for all items put before the ZBA. This would cover the costs of postage and publications." Roll: Yeas-Arkwright, Roeser, Schultz, Nays-Basinger, Sanderson, Secatch. Resolution failed.

Resolved by Roeser, supported by Schultz, "That effective July 1, 1995 a fee of \$50 will be charged for all items put before the ZBA." Roll: Yeas-Roeser, Schultz, Basinger, Sanderson, Secatch. Nays-Arkwright. Resolution passed.

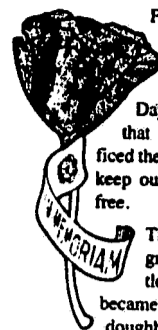
Resolved by Roeser, supported by Schultz, "That effective July 1, 1995 that a \$50 fee be established for rezoning requests put to the planning committee for consideration." Roll: Yeas-6, Nays-0. Resolution passed.

The request to change the sign at Deer Lake Farms was referred to the ZBA.

Moved by Arkwright, supported by Schultz, "The Council go into closed session to discuss pending litigation." Motion carried. The Council went into closed session at 10:20 p.m.

Moved by Arkwright, supported by Schultz, "That the Council go back into open session." Motion carried. The Council went back into open session at 10:40 p.m. Moved by Roeser, supported by Arkwright, "That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Jeanne Selander Miller
Clerk



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on May 25, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #95-1-019

REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL BY:

Clark Refining-Clark Gas/Store #1634

FOR CONVENIENCE STORE IN MS ZONE

Article XX., Section 20.03.4

Parcel Identification Number: 08-34-326-013

Common Description: Corner of Sashabaw Road & Oakvista

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Registered voters may vote absentee ballot in the June 12, 1995 Clarkston Community Schools General Election and Oakland Community College Special Election if they qualify in one of the following categories:

I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.

I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.

I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion. I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.

I am 60 years of age or older. I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Independence Township residents who qualify and wish to vote absentee ballot should call the Clerk's Office at 625-5111 or write the Clerk at 90 North Main St., PO Box 69, Clarkston 48347 for an application which must be signed and returned before a ballot can be issued.

The deadline for ballots to be mailed is Saturday, June 10, 1995 at 2 p.m. However, those qualified to vote absentee may vote in the Clerk's Office until 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, 1995.

Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

Publish May 17 and May 24, 1995

Puttin' on the Ritz

One of the nice traditions in Clarkston is that on prom night, before the beautiful maidens and their handsome escorts disappear into the night, they all descend upon Depot Park to strut their stuff and be captured forever on film.

And so it was Friday night, when warmth and sunshine decided to show up just in time for prom and the girls in their long, slinky gowns and the boys in many styles of tuxedos took their bows.

When it came to dresses, the biggest fashion statement was long, lean and slinky. Many well-tanned backs were bared as dresses plunged or were cut away. Short dresses were few and far between.

As for color, black was, as always big, followed by white, red and then other primary colors such as bright blue and purple. Beads were frequently seen, and hair was almost always swept up into curly, elaborate styles.

Walking on the grass in Depot Park in heels is tricky, especially in spring, so some came in gowns and sandals, slipping on their heels at picture time. Some standouts included P. J. Sadows in a top hat, and Harmony Hunt in a '40s retro look, complete with dyed feathers and a curly-cue hairdo.

But the outfit that made the most waves was that worn by Brita Graham, who came in a homemade dress of black-and-white fake cow fur. She carried a pink "udderly" gorgeous purse and wore a cow bell around her neck. She made the outfit herself.

"I just saw it in the fabric store and I said, 'I've got to have it,'" she said. Her date, Marc Scanio, pronounced his approval.

"I think it's spectacular!" he said with gusto. When asked, he admitted that Brita usually dresses 'a little' unconventional.



Mark Ryan grimaces as he puts on a corsage with Becky Jolsen.



Can-Can: Katie Reschke (right) anchors this levy of beauties posing for photos at the Depot

Park gazebo.



Sarah Smith's beaded white dress revealed a cut-out back.

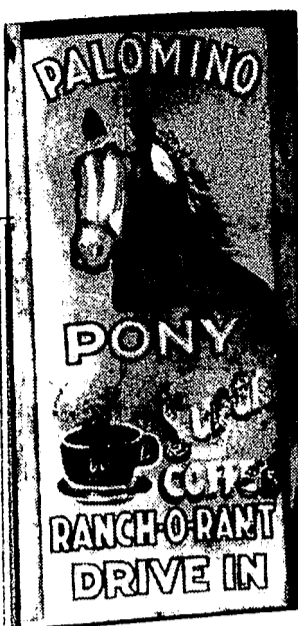


From left, Liz Murphey, Darla Hernandez and Harmony Hunt make a pretty picture.



Call it anti-fashion: Brita Graham made her own prom dress of black-and-white cow-print fake fur. She wore a cow bell around her neck and carried a pink udder-shaped purse.

Story by Annette Kingsbury
Photos by Angela Smith and
Annette Kingsbury



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A special spring supplement to The Clarkston News

Interiors / Exteriors

Wednesday, May 17, 1995

Building dream house takes dedication

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Getting exactly the home you want isn't impossible—just ask Cheri Detkowski. But it does take a considerable investment in time and energy, not just money.

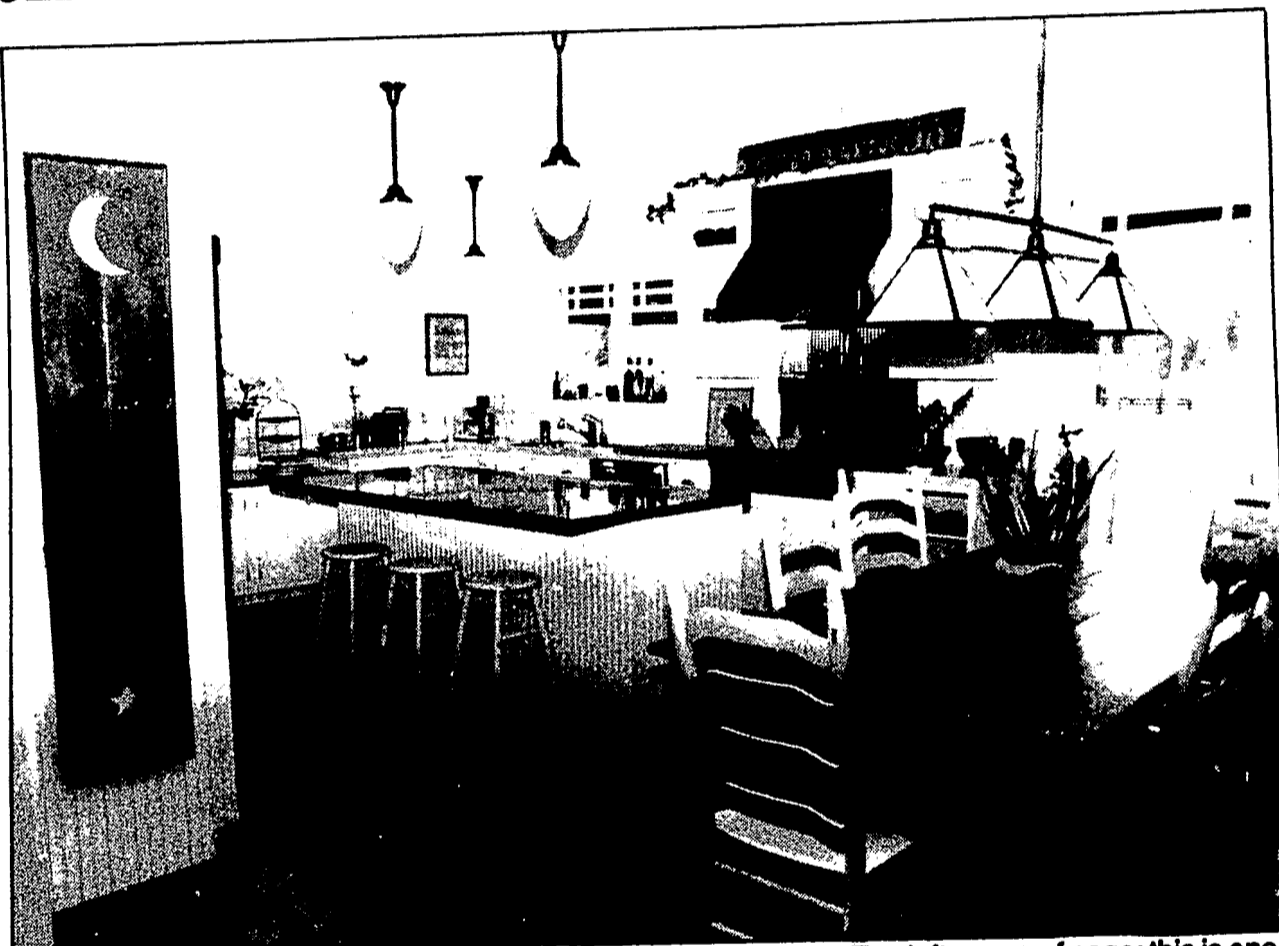
Detkowski is the proud owner of a new Independence Township home she plans never to leave. After going through renovations at several other homes, she acted as designer, contractor and interior decorator on the project, doing everything from hiring an architect and skilled tradesmen to going on shopping trips for

SCAMP home tour preview

antiques for the interior. What she ended up with, after nearly a year of work, was the home of her dreams, which will be featured in this year's SCAMP home tour June 3-4.

"We've built and remodeled a couple of other houses before so we knew what we were doing," she said. "We wanted it to look kind of like a southern farmhouse."

Just a short distance from I-75, the Detkowskis have 10 acres and the feeling of being out in the country without having to contend with dirt roads. An antique



Above, the all-white kitchen feature old schoolhouse lamps found at an architectural salvage dealer. Below, Cheri Detkowski stands in the

front hallway. Top left corner of page: this is one of several old advertising signs Detkowski has used to add a special flavor to her home.

sign of a horse's head greets visitors along the long, tree-lined driveway. The first view of the house is one of the wide front porch, the white columns and the sweeping view of the yard where horses run.

The relaxed country feel continues inside, where oversize doors and seven-foot-wide halls lend a feeling of ease. Wood floors and the bead-board paneling in the dining room and coat room give an antique feel.

"I looked at stacks and stacks of magazines," Cheri said when asked where she got the idea to use the old-fashioned paneling. "That's where I got all my ideas."

Though the house is only two years old, many details contribute to the "old" feel, including custom-made wide floor and door mouldings and antique schoolhouse lights in the kitchen.

"I had real good people that worked for me," Cheri said. "They understood exactly what I wanted, especially the trim carpenter. I drew it and he added things and gave me ideas."

The first floor of the home has 10-foot ceilings (20 feet in the family room), a far cry from the apartment where the family lived, their possessions in storage, for the 10 months it took to build the house. Cheri spent most days on site, supervising the construction. She also visited antique shops and architectural salvage dealers for interior pieces.

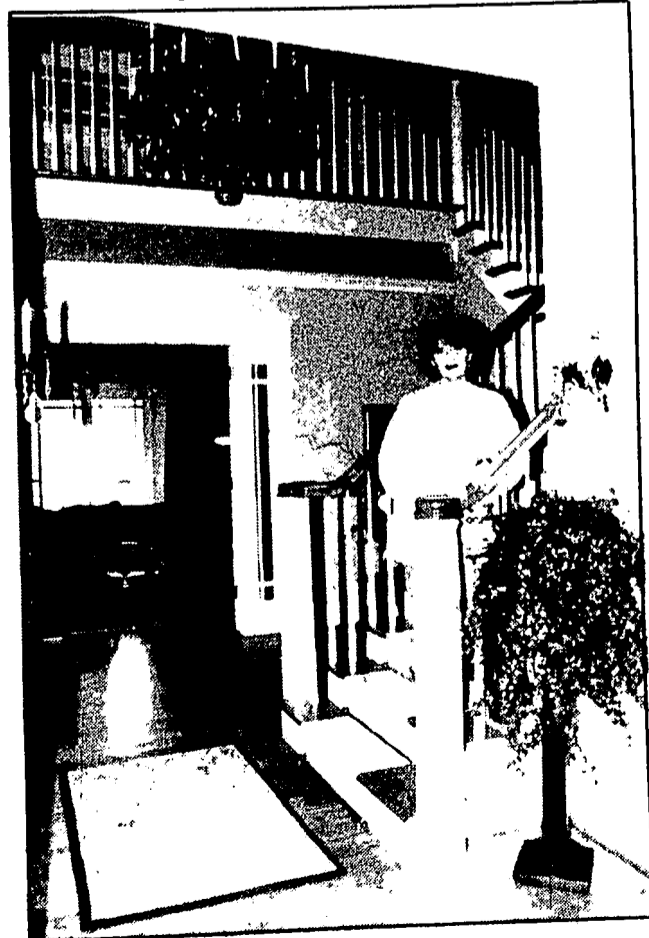
"It was a hard job and I did most of the dealing with it," she said. "I'm real good at knowing what I want, how I want it."

Every evening her husband Rick would come by to see what was new. She said it was like having Christmas every day.

"He trusted my judgement completely. He didn't have to worry about the details. He just had to worry about writing the checks."

The first floor includes living and dining rooms off the front hall, a coat room off the side door, a large kitchen which opens onto the family room and a master suite with its own screened-in porch. The second floor includes three bedrooms, one each for the Detkowskis' two children and a guest room done up in red, white and blue. There's also a porch which can be reached from the two children's bedrooms.

The finished basement, though it includes an office for Rick, is a plush playground. Rick is a former Clarkston High School wrestling coach and has a wrestling room, full bath and sauna in the basement. There's a large, brightly lit laundry room for Cheri with lots of room for working on projects. In the central area there's a pool table and lots of comfortable seating.



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An environmentalist's dilemma

With no one willing to accept it, how do you dispose of leftover paint?

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Independence Township homeowner Vince Alonzi has a problem: how to dispose of leftover paint. Seems no one wants to touch it.

Alonzi said he called his trash hauler, Smith Disposal, Eagle Valley Landfill, which has a recycling drop-off center, Oakland County and a handful of other places.

"They all said, 'I don't know; call someone else,'" he said.

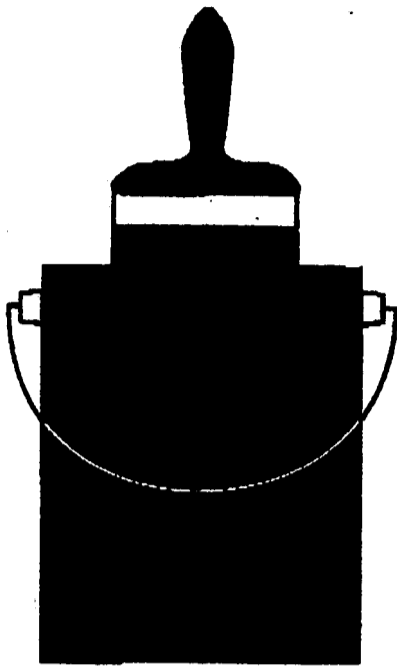
Alonzi has been doing some spring cleaning and wanted to get rid of old paint cans lying around. He put them out for his trash hauler, only to have them left at the curb.

"I think every homeowner has that problem," he said. "I certainly don't want to pollute the environment."

Kathy Fraser, waste resource educator with the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service, is well aware of the problem. She said only about 25 percent of communities in the county have programs to handle household hazardous waste, which includes paint. Since the county has no program and only certain waste haulers are licensed to handle the stuff, many residents are in the same boat.

"It costs money to set up a household hazardous waste program," Fraser said. "You have to get a permit, and you have to pay someone to haul it away."

Adding to the confusion, Fraser said, is the fact that household hazardous waste is not covered by any particular law mandating how it must be handled. Therefore, it's easy to ignore.



"But the landfills have become very sensitive about it because they feel it will harm the groundwater," Fraser said.

So what's a homeowner to do? Fraser suggests a couple of alternatives:

- Use up the paint as intended.
- Give it to someone else who can use it.
- If it's watery or won't mix because it hasn't been stored properly, it may be unusable. In that case, find an area protected from children, animals and rain, remove the lid from the paint can and let the liquid evaporate. This could take weeks, depending upon the amount of paint and weather conditions.

"Do not dump it on the ground or in the trash,"

Fraser said. "Once it's dried up, discard it in the trash leaving the lid off so the hauler can see it. If it's a stable material that won't be a mess for them, there's an understanding that they will take it. But I don't make any guarantees."

Latex paints will respond best to this approach. Oil-based products and even water-based stains may contain some materials that will still be considered hazardous, even after the liquid has been evaporated. Fraser recommends storing such products cautiously inside a container that will contain any possible leaks. Plan on keeping them around until safe disposal becomes available.

Fraser is not optimistic that Oakland County will be offering a household hazardous waste program anytime soon.

"It would require them to spend extra dollars, which they're not receptive to at this time. The residents would have to pay."

She suggested lobbying township and county officials.

"Tell them we need to address the issue," she said.

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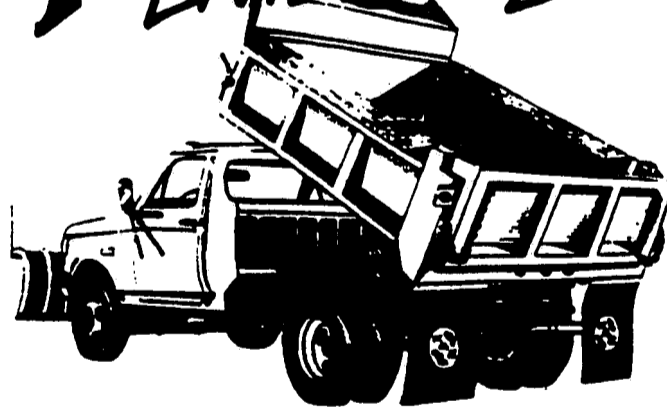
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Andrea Maine (left) and Shannon Snow tend geraniums in the greenhouse at the Oakland Technical Center Northwest. The school's annual spring bedding sale is going on this week.

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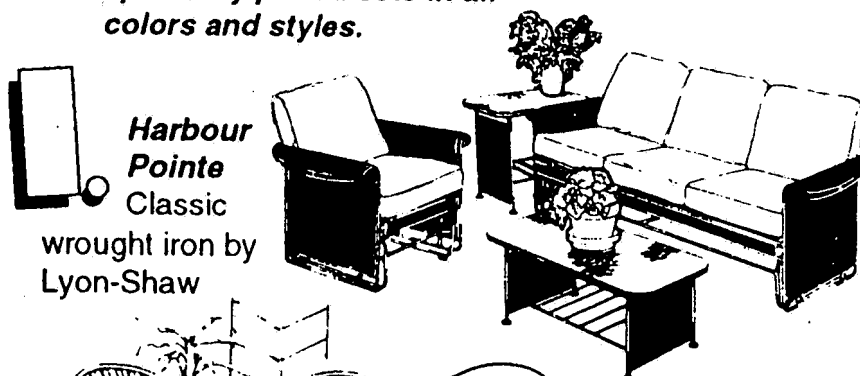
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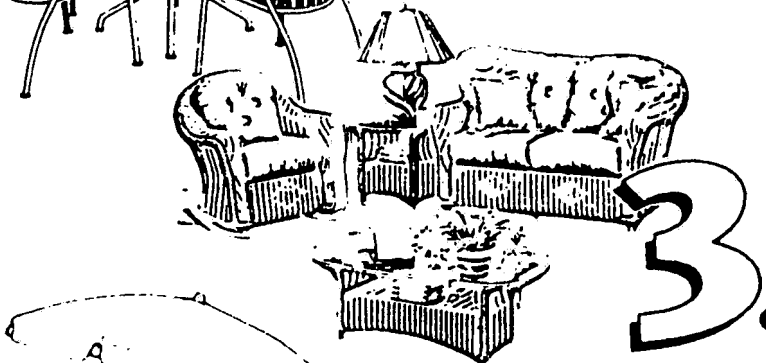
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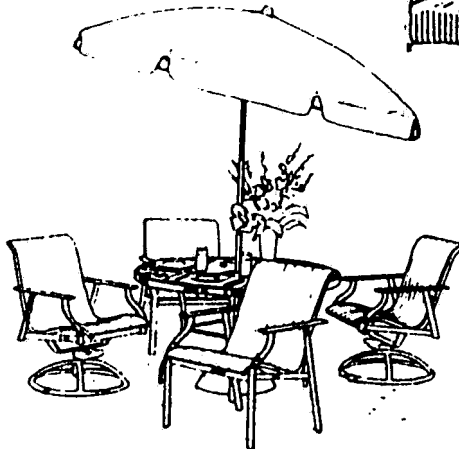
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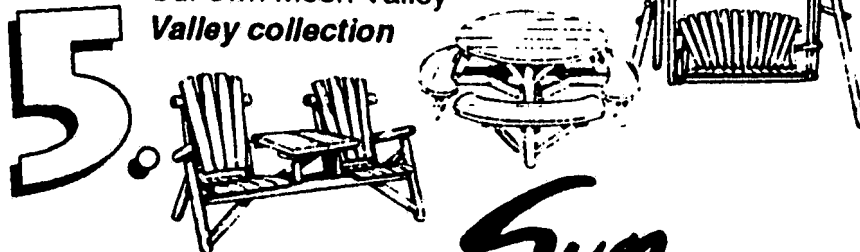


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Dont' let interest rates keep you from buying

Don't let rising mortgage interest rates keep you out of the market if you're thinking of buying a new home.

Even though rates have increased steadily since early 1994 in response to the Federal Reserve Board's efforts to curb inflation, they are still in the single digits and are expected by economists at the National Association of Home Builders to remain below 10 percent throughout 1995.

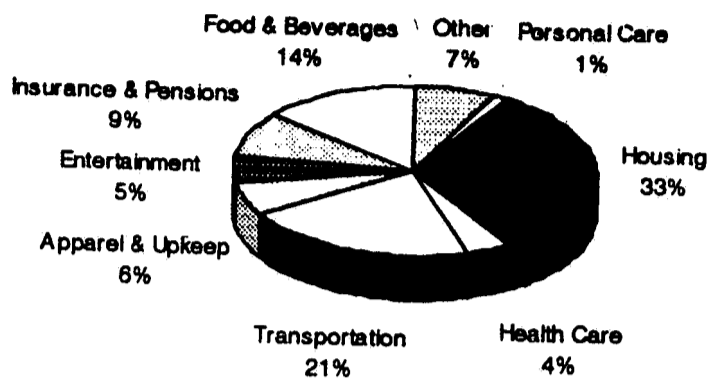
To most consumers, rates in the 9 to 10 percent range may seem high compared to 1993 when the average rate for 30-year fixed-rate loans was 7.3 percent. Nevertheless, today's rates are still low by historic standards. From 1979 through 1990, average annual rates never dropped below 10 percent. And in 1981 and 1982 the average annual rate topped 16 percent.

Furthermore, adjustable rate mortgages are available with first-year rates that are about 2 percent lower than fixed-rate mortgages and a growing number of buyers are choosing this option. At the beginning of 1994, about 25 percent of all new mortgages had adjustable rates. By the end of the year, about 60 percent of new loans had adjustable rates.

You may also find that builders in your area have arranged special below-market-rate financing through a specific lender. Sometimes builders "buy down" interest rates for two or three years or for the term of the mortgage to help their buyers qualify for mortgages.

If your heart is set on a new home, but you still think you just can't afford the house of your dreams, you might also want to consider cutting back on the upgrades and luxury options in your new home. Scaling back slightly to standard appliances, carpeting and fixtures can trim thousands of dollars off the cost of the home and lower your mortgage payments in

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the bargain. Later, when you are comfortable in your home — and your household income has increased — you might want to upgrade or add certain items.

Or, if interest rates drop, you can refinance and use the money that you save each month to add or upgrade appliances, carpeting and other features.

Edison sets May-June tree-trimming schedule

As the summer storm season approaches, Detroit Edison line clearance crews will continue to trim trees in 45 southeastern Michigan communities, including Clarkston, during the next two months.

The utility's tree-trimming program has helped reduce the number and length of power outages. In 1994, Edison customers experienced 35 percent fewer prolonged power outages than the previous three-year average. In addition, the length of those outages was shortened by 75 percent.

Trees that grow into or near power lines can knock them down during high winds and storms, causing outages. Downed power lines also pose safety hazards. In addition, trees in contact with power lines can drain electricity from the Edison system, which may result in low voltage to customers.

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Herb gardens: a feast for the senses

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

While flowers may be the first thing you think of when planning a garden, with a little thought, you can have a garden that appeals to the other senses as well.

Herbs can provide scent and flavor and practical uses, as well as color and long-lasting flowers. A visit to the five-year-old Jean Rubach Sensory Garden at the Independence Oaks Nature Center this summer may provide a few ideas.

The garden, named in honor of one of the oldest graduates of OCC, is composed of three beds, each on a theme: medicinal, culinary and fragrance. What they all have in common is that they provide a usefulness that goes beyond mere good looks.

Park naturalist Kathleen Doherty prefers to call the garden "a garden of the senses"—not an herb garden.

"Sometimes life's greatest treasures are silent and unseen," she said. "If you're really quiet you can actually hear the garden . . . On a summer's day the buzzing of bees is something to behold."

Doherty said when planning such a garden, it is important to define "herb" broadly. She likes to think of them as "useful" plants, and might even include such things as the maple tree, because of its edible sap.

"The relationship with plants, and especially useful plants, goes back a long time," she said. Most of the herbs we know most commonly today came from the Mediterranean, she added.

"When they moved on they wanted to take those plants with them. And of course it was the quest for spices that led to world exploration."

Some of the plants found in the sensory garden are common ones, but they may have some uncommon



A park employee stands at the entrance to the still-dormant Jean Rubach Sensory Garden.

uses. For example, the garden has peppermint, which is well-known for settling the stomach, Doherty said. Horehound is said to help with bronchial congestion and is found in many cold lozenges.

Many of the names are familiar to those who frequent health-food stores: purple coneflower, feverfew, camomile, calendula—the list goes on and on.

"One good thing about it is you grew it, you made it; you know what's in it," she said. "Outside the U.S. all countries, including developed countries like Germany, use herbal pharmaceuticals."

Volunteers are being sought to help work in the sensory garden from now through the summer. For more information call 625-6473.

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Spring flings

Activities to get you outdoors
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THE CLARKSTON FARM AND GARDEN CLUB will offer its annual plant exchange Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m.-noon, in the village parking lot at Washington and Main. If you have extra perennial plants to share bring them but bringing plants is not mandatory. Beginning gardeners are invited to participate too. Varieties that usually appear are lilies, violets, myrtle, ivy, lily of the valley, herbs, iris, sedum, etc.

THE SOUTHERN MICHIGAN UNIT OF THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA will present "Everything Herbal" on Saturday, May 20 at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for the marketplace of herb plants, garden ornaments, crafts and an herbal pantry. Nancy Szerlag, garden writer in the Detroit News, will speak at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Programs are \$5, the marketplace is free. Call (810) 645-0895 for more information.

FLOWER DAY AT EASTERN MARKET is scheduled for Sunday, May 21 beginning at 7 a.m. This is the largest single one-day flower sale in the state, with more than 100 growers selling annuals and perennials, flowers and vegetables. The market is located at I-75 and Mack Ave. Call (810) 642-9580 for more information.

THE MEADOW BROOK LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN SHOW will take place June 9-11 on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University. Thirty-three landscaped gardens surrounding the mansion will be on display, each built by its own team of designers and landscape contractors from southeast Michigan. PBS Victory Garden host Jim Wilson will appear June 9. Admission is \$8 per person (\$7 in advance through Ticketmaster), \$3 for children 12 and under (kids under 3 free). For more information call 646-4992.

THE BELLE ISLE ZOO is open for the season, featuring a new primate exhibit including five lion-tailed macaques, an endangered species native to south Asia. One of them was previously on exhibit at the Royal Zoo in Monaco. Admission is \$2 for ages 13-up; 50 cents for ages 2-12; \$1 for 62-older. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Call (810) 398-0900 for more information.

Big pumpkin contest returns

Spring has arrived, and it's time to think about planting pumpkins for the second-annual Southeastern Michigan Giant Pumpkin Contest, to be held in Armada Oct. 14. And to make it even easier, the sponsors, Van Houtte Farms in Armada and the cable television program, "See How They Grow," are again kicking off the contest with an offer of free giant pumpkin seeds.

According to co-sponsor Don Van Houtte, anyone sending a self-addressed envelope with 43 cents postage to the sponsors will receive free giant pumpkin seeds and instructions on how to grow them.

Van Houtte, winner of regional big-pumpkin competitions the past two years, and grower of the eighth-largest pumpkin grown in the world last year, is again providing the seeds that could conceivably break the world record of 990 pounds, set last year in Canada.

"Last year's contest was a great success," co-sponsor Larry Gavette says. "Fred Carter's winning pumpkin weighed over 440 pounds, and a lot of people had fun trying their hand at raising these monsters."

"Last year our goal was to introduce people to the world of the large pumpkin, and if the more than 300 requests for seeds was any indication, that introduction was a good one," Gavette adds.

There will be cash prizes for the three heaviest pumpkins in both the adult growers category as well as in the under-16 crowd, a new addition this year.

Children under 16 can enter painted, carved and adorned pumpkins in the decorative category, but older entrants in the decorative category will have to rely solely on etching the skin of the pumpkin.

"Pumpkins will scar if the skin is cut or scratched," Gavette says. "Our contest will just be

bringing that healing tendency and people's imaginations and artistic talents together to make a living, growing masterpiece."

To aid in the growing of these monster vegetables, the cable access program "See How They Grow" will be giving hints throughout the growing season.

"There is no reason that a person can't raise a giant pumpkin if they have the space," Gavette says, "and with the help of local big pumpkin grower Bill Garvey showing 'insider' secrets on the TV program it will be even easier."

"There is nothing mysterious about growing the biggest pumpkin, like any plant, it's just a matter of planting the seeds and waiting," Gavette says.

The free contest is open to everyone, regardless of seed source. But to receive the free seeds, contest rules and basic instructions, entrants should mail their stamped, self-addressed envelopes to:

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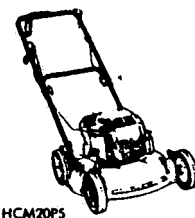
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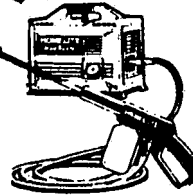
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Spring bug problems: 3 stories

Toxic roach killer under investigation

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Don't buy Dynamite Roach Killer and Hudson's Roach and Insect Killer. So warns Michigan's Department of Agriculture.

The two so-called roach killer products include the toxic pesticide called METHYL PARATHION, which is a "restricted-use pesticide," according to MDA toxicologist Dr. David Wade.

"That chemical is only supposed to be used by certified applicators and it's for outside use, not in the home," Wade said. "It's very dangerous and can be absorbed rapidly through the skin, stomach, or inhaled."

Wade said if you have those two products in your home, or anything else with methyl parathion, stop using them, wrap them in two plastic bags and set them out of reach. Don't throw them in the garbage.

The MDA will announce at a later date where the products can be brought for disposal. Wade said the MDA may decide to collect all the products themselves.

Anyone experiencing health problems or coming in contact with the pesticide should immediately contact a physician.

Wade said the MDA thinks more such insect killers with methyl parathion are being sold on the market, but the investigation is just beginning.

"It appears there are several companies involved in the manufacture of these products," he said. "Right now it's a matter of finding out who is supplying the chemical."

Because the pesticide is restricted, Wade said the companies using it must be purchasing it through "other than ordinary" means.

Wade encourages people to call him at the MDA at 517-373-1087 for more information about the pesticide.

Horse owners: test for EIA this spring

Due to recent cases of Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) reported in Michigan, State Veterinarian Harry Michael Chaddock, D.V.M., recommends that all horse owners have their animals tested for EIA before the biting insect season begins.

EIA is a viral infection that produces anemia, intermittent fever and severe weight loss in horses and other equine (e.g., ponies, mules and donkeys), and can lead to the death of an infected animal. EIA occurs only in equine, and is not spread to other animals or humans. Sometimes confused with Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), which can be transmitted by mosquitos to humans and horses, EIA poses no human health risk.

Two cases involving 15 positive horses were identified in Michigan during February and March. State regulations allow MDA to test horses in the area of a known positive case of EIA, horses exposed to the positive horse and to identify the source of infection to prevent the spread of the disease. All trace-back testing has been completed, and no other positive horses related to these two cases have been detected.

Prevention of EIA is important, because there is no vaccine to prevent the disease and no known cure. Along with having the animals tested on a regular basis, horse owners should take extra care in controlling flies and other biting insects in areas where horses are kept.

For more information, contact Dr. Steve Halstead, MDA Equine Veterinarian, at (517) 373-1077.

Beware of two brands of household ant poison

Spring finally has sprung. The flowers are blooming, the air is warm and the ants are back too. But as you dust off your household ant poison, Children's Hospital of Michigan asks that you be sure the product is not labeled Terro Ant Killer or Jones Ant Killer.

The two products were discontinued in July 1989 by the Environmental Protection Agency. They are arsenic-containing ant poisons in a sugar-based syrup. A few drops are placed on a piece of paper or cardboard. After the water evaporates, the sugar and arsenic remain on the paper. Serious injury can result

if a child or pet simply places the paper in their mouth.

If one of these products is in your home, contact your local county extension agent for appropriate disposal.

Terro Ant Killer II has not been discontinued and generally is not hazardous, the hospital said.

The Poison Control Center at Children's Hospital answers over 70,000 calls regarding accidental poisonings per year. Staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it can be reached by calling 1-800-POISON-1.

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Homeowners who call the hotline and inquire about contractors will receive a free brochure entitled, "Selection a Professional Remodeling Contractor," a list of NARI remodelers in their area and a contact name and address for the nearest Association chapter.

The hotline operates 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. Operators are trained to request specific information from all callers including name, address, phone number and where they learned of the Homeowner Hotline. Service representatives fulfill requests immediately and materials are mailed within 72 hours of when the call was placed.

The free brochure lists tips for identifying a reliable professional remodeler, proper planning and financing for a remodeling project and background information on the Association and its remodeler members.

As part of the fulfillment package, callers received a list of the remodelers in their area who are NARI members and the type of work they perform.

The list indicates if the remodeler has a Certified Remodeler (CR) credential. The CR designation means that a contractor has at least five years experience in the remodeling industry and has completed a comprehensive exam. The contractor must also complete a Qualification Matrix and adhere to NARI's Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics. Currently, the Association recognizes over 750 Certified Remodelers throughout the U.S. and Canada.

NARI is a not-for-profit trade organization with nearly 6,000 members nationwide. With over 50 years of experience, the Association is committed to enhancing the professionalism of the remodeling industry and serving as an ally to homeowners. For more information, call the Homeowner Hotline at 800-440-6274.

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If your air conditioner is no longer cooling properly, it could involve something as simple as replacing a fuse, resetting a circuit breaker or checking to see if the thermostat is set properly. If an electrical problem isn't the cause, the refrigerant may be low if the system still runs but doesn't cool enough.

However, if the problem involves any major part, such as the compressor, you would hear strange noises similar to those of mechanical equipment not

running correctly.

When your air-conditioning system starts giving you more problems than seem cost-effective to fix, you should consider replacing your system. Because newer equipment usually is much more energy efficient than older central air-conditioning or heat-pump systems, you might actually save money by replacing your old system before it completely wears out.

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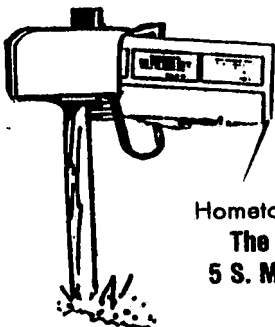
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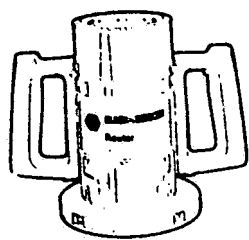


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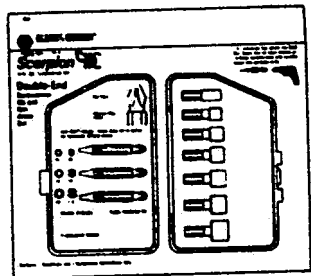
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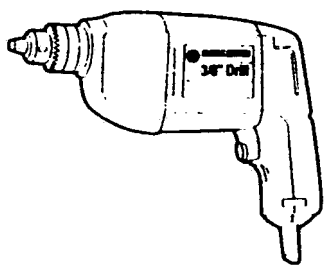
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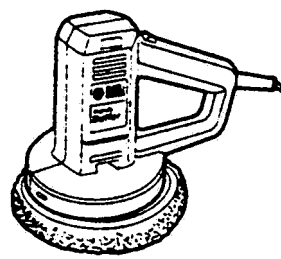
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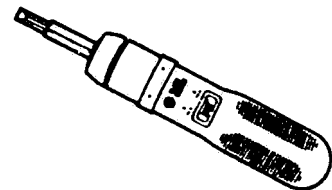
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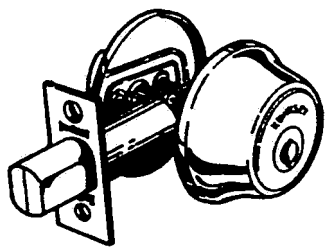


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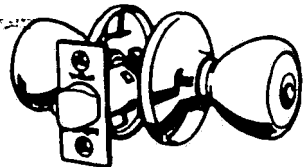


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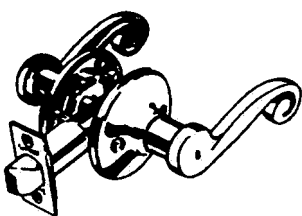
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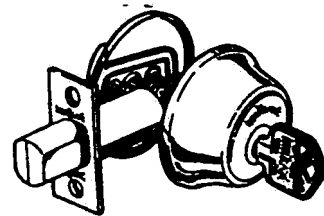
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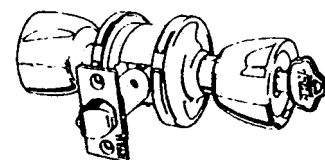
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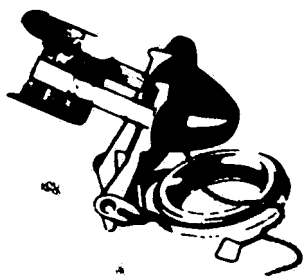


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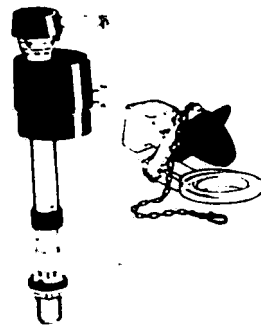
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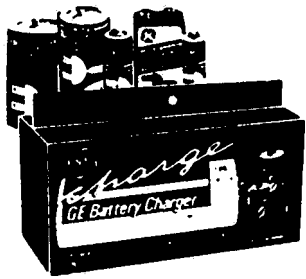
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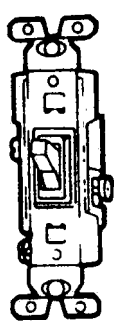
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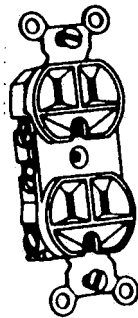
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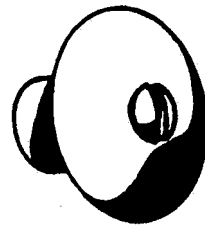


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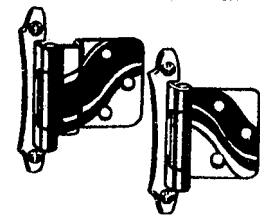


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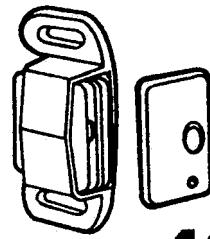
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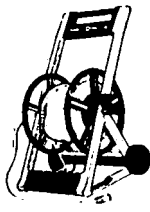
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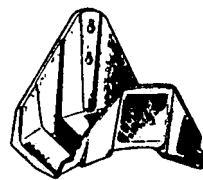
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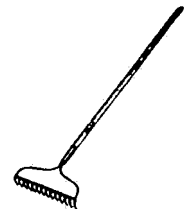
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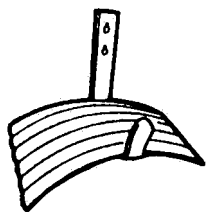
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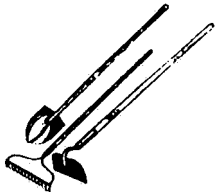
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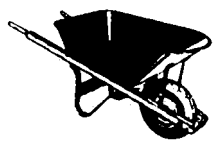
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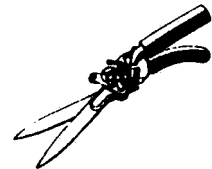
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Luxuries to become standard features

Design features that just a decade ago were considered luxury items will be standard in new homes by the turn of the century, according to "The Futures of Home Building," a newly published analysis by the National Association of Home Builders.

Viewed as luxuries in the 1980s, a number of design elements are rapidly becoming standard features in response to changing demographics and consumer expectations, the study found. Among them are:

- Walk-in closets.
- Kitchens with central islands and walk-in pantries.
- Higher ceilings.
- Media rooms.
- More use of windows to bring the outdoors inside.

At the high end of the market, another set of luxury features is expected to become more widespread by the end of the decade. In the upper price ranges, more homes will include:

- Two master bedroom suites.
- A fitness room.
- A fully dedicated media room with a built-in large screen TV system.

May events at Indian Springs Nature Center

SPRING STARS: Spring constellations and other sky objects will be discussed through a slide show and outdoor observation (weather permitting) Friday, May 26 at 9 p.m.

SWAMP THINGS: A hike to explore the unique ecology of the swamp will be held Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m. Wear appropriate footwear for wet conditions.

PROBING THE POND: Dip nets and magnifying lenses will be used to help explore the pond habitat on Sunday, May 28 at 2 p.m.

Pre-registration is required for all programs, as well as a vehicle entry permit. The park is located near White Lake. For more information or to register, call 625-7280.

● Security/lighting/energy management systems.

Other changes will be dictated by regulation, rather than demographics or consumer expectations, the NAHB study found. They include the use of radon mitigation systems in high-risk areas, the use of water-conserving plumbing fixtures, widespread use of energy-efficient windows and high performance insulation, and larger townhouses to accommodate model code changes to staircase geometry.

In response to a variety of concerns, home builders

also will change some of the materials and methods that they use to construct homes. Higher lumber prices will speed the adoption of wood substitutes including engineered wood products, steel and masonry. Furthermore, worker safety and environmental concerns will result in the expanded use of safer construction products such as roofing systems that don't require hot tar. And shortages of skilled workers will encourage the use of products such as wall panel systems that reduce the need for skilled labor.

DNR urges caution in handling wildlife

With the arrival of the spring, people enjoying the out-of-doors may encounter young birds or animals that appear to have been abandoned. However, wildlife young usually have a parent hiding nearby and, unless obviously injured, should not be removed from their natural environment.

The collective experiences of state, federal and local wildlife experts attest to a variety of problems when people take wild creatures home in what they consider an act of mercy. Wildlife young can be the carriers of serious diseases such as distemper and rabies. It is also extremely difficult for these animals to survive on their own if they are released back into the wild after being raised by humans. Wild animals

do not make good pets. They are born for a life in the wild and are best suited for their natural environment.

Giving first aid to injured birds and animals requires great expertise. In Michigan, some people are authorized by agencies such as the Department of Natural Resources to provide wildlife rehabilitation services because they have demonstrated proficiency in that kind of work. Under all other circumstances, it is unlawful to pick up or retrieve any protected wild animal.

Wildlife belongs in its natural environment. If you encounter an obviously injured animal, contact your local animal control agency or DNR office.

Edison offers kite flying tips

Spring weather pulls Michiganians outdoors like a warm breeze tugging on the string of a kite. But when that perfect spring day beckons, don't throw caution to the winds and let your kite get tangled with Detroit Edison's utility poles and electric lines.

Detroit Edison offers a few simple rules to help you stay safe while having springtime fun:

- Select a good, level, open space. Wires, poles, trees, large stones, ruts and ditches can cause injury.
- If a kite becomes lodged in a high tree, utility pole or wire, don't try to remove it. If kites or other objects are caught on Detroit Edison wires or poles, please call the utility at 1-800-477-4747 with the

location.

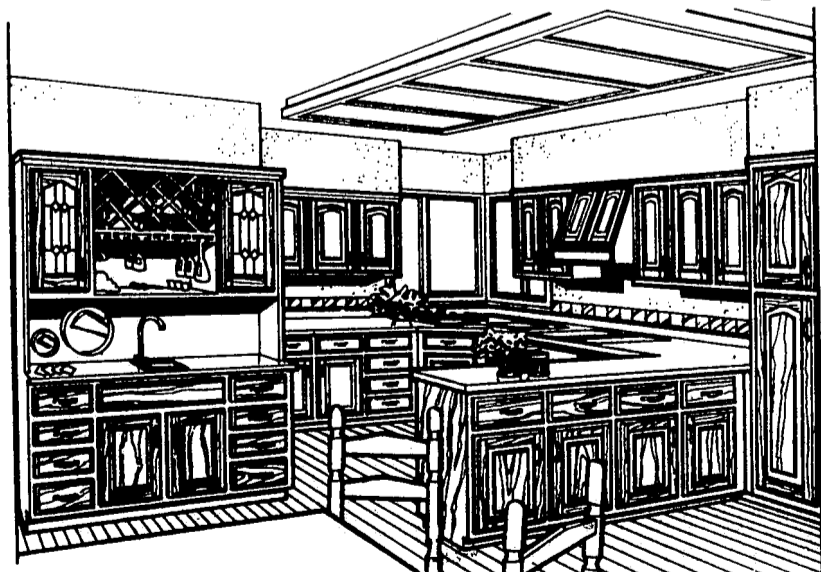
● Don't fly kites in threatening weather. If a kite is hit by lightning, its wet string will conduct the electricity to the person flying the kite.

● Use strong, dry cord for kite string. Don't use kites containing metal or wire parts. Metal and wire serve as conductors when they come in contact with electrical equipment. In addition, exposed nails and pins may injure hands and arms.

● Be cautious of sudden wind gusts that can knock you off balance. Also, wind gusts can pull the kite cord quickly through your hand, causing burns.

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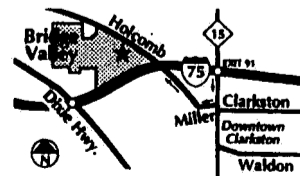
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Don't get sick over summer grill

Summertime brings with it an increased risk of foodborne illness due to the proliferation of bacteria at higher air temperatures, as well as the use of alternative methods of cooking food, most notably the barbecue.

Barbecuing is an increasingly popular form of cooking in the United States. In addition to the development of more sophisticated barbecue grills, a greater variety of food is now cooked out in the open air. Barbecuing is no longer confined to hot dogs, hamburgers and steaks.

The simple rules of food safety should be applied to barbecuing to prevent any illness or discomfort that might spoil a summer meal.

Get Ready

- When transporting food from the grocery store to home, or to a picnic site, keep it cold to minimize the growth of bacteria. Pack meat and other perishables in coolers containing ice or cold packs.

- Keep the cooler in the shade and avoid opening the lid too often. If you are bringing along a lot of beverages, use a separate cooler for the bottles or cans.

- Marinate meat and poultry in a glass dish in the refrigerator, not on the counter. Reserve some marinade for basting and be sure it hasn't touched raw meat. And don't reuse leftover marinade used to baste meat unless it is broiled.

- If you precook meat, grill it immediately. If it won't be grilled right away, cook it until it is done. Bacteria can proliferate in partially cooked meat and poultry.

Get Set

- Coals should be very hot before cooking food. It can take 30 minutes or longer before coals are ready, so plan your food preparation time accordingly. The coals should show a light coating of ash for optimal heat.

- Wash forks, brushes and plates that come in contact with raw products before using them to handle cooked food. If you don't, bacteria can be transferred from the raw food to the cooked.

- Keep vegetables and fruits intended for grilling separate from the raw meats. Someone may come along and take a piece before they are cooked.

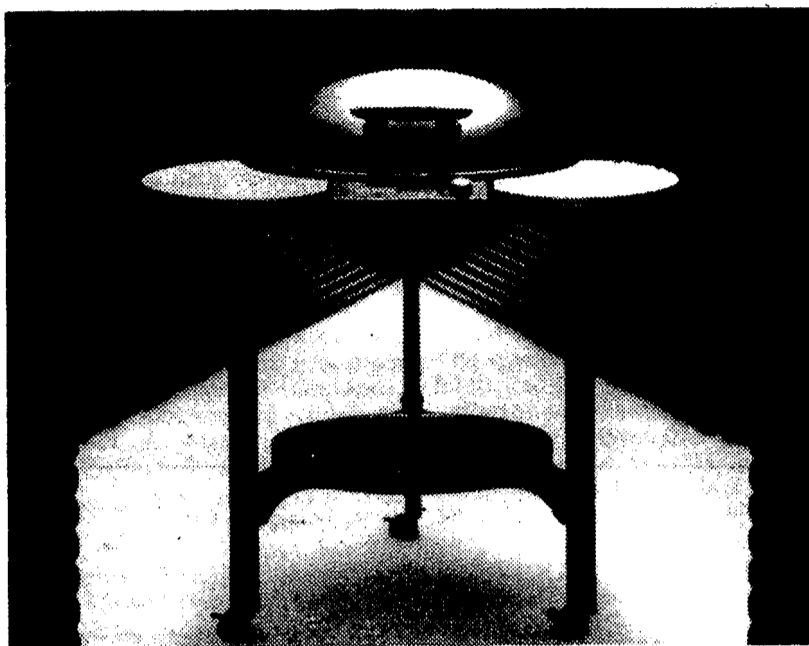
- Be sure to take a fresh plate out to the grill to hold the cooked food, otherwise food you are about to eat may be contaminated by juices from raw meat.

- Take outside only the amount of food you will cook and eat. Foods should not sit at outside temperatures over two hours. If it's warmer than 85 degrees Fahrenheit, the time limit is one hour or less.

Grill

- Cook meat thoroughly. Rare or medium rare meat and poultry can harbor harmful bacteria. Fish should also be thoroughly cooked. The inside temperature of meat should register 160 degrees on a meat thermometer; poultry 180 degrees.

Electricity Takes Barbecuing Into 21st Century



The space-age look of the new Thermos electric barbecue

The great outdoors sometimes becomes less than great when you're barbecuing. Trying to start the coals, or running out of propane, apologizing for the burger that's extra-extra well done, and cleaning up afterwards, these all take away from the enjoyment cooking outside should offer.

The Thermal Electric Grill by Thermos Corporation uses advanced

technology to make cooking outdoors as easy and pleasant as cooking indoors. The same technology that improves your cooking makes the grill more energy-efficient too. In fact, the grill can cook dinner using the same wattage as a hair dryer, according to the Edison Electric Institute and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, two national electric utility trade associations.

One reason the grill is efficient is that it uses a unique, non-stick metal grid for cooking. The food rests directly on the grid, where it receives heat quickly and evenly throughout its entire surface, from edge to edge. The grid eliminates hot or cold spots, flames, or flareups—all the guess work involved with charcoal or propane barbecuing. The precise temperature control results in better barbecues. Clean-up is easier too, since the surface is nonstick.

The Thermos grill uses a vacuum insulated metal dome to seal in almost all the heat from the grid. This is another reason the grill is so energy efficient. The dome seals in heat, just like the famous Thermos bottles do for your coffee. Sealing in the heat also seals in the flavor and moisture of the food for a more tender, delicious barbecue taste.

For convenience, the grill plugs into any standard, 110 volt outlet. Its three-legged design enables the grill to fit into corners, making it ideal for use on crowded balconies. And since it's electric, you don't worry about running out of charcoal or propane.

To experience a new way of barbecuing, the Thermos barbecue way, call 1 800 435 5194, for the dealer located nearest to near you. Call your electric utility's residential marketing department to find out how you can use energy more efficiently throughout your home.

- Grilled food can look done before it is. Test for doneness by cutting into a piece to visually check. Juices should run clear and flesh should not look pink.

- Be careful not to overcook, because eating charred food may pose a health risk.

- Smoking is a grilling technique used to flavor large cuts of meat, using a slower cooking method that can take up to eight hours. Use a high quality of charcoal, piling about 50 briquets in the center. When they are ready, separate them into two piles and place a pan of water in the middle. Chips, such as mesquite or hickory, can be used for flavor. Using dry chips at the start creates a fast smoke, wet them later for sustained heat. Center the food over the water and close the lid but keep the vents open. Make sure the temperature in the smoker is maintained between 250 and 300 degrees and add coals as necessary.

Finish

- Serve immediately to keep hot foods hot.

And remember, don't keep food out of the refrigerator more than two hours; if it is 85 degrees or hotter, keep it out less than an hour.

- Clean the grill! Bacteria and debris can stick to a dirty grill faster than a clean one.

- Refrigerate any leftovers promptly, dividing larger quantities into small, shallow containers to speed up the cooling process.

Some reports in recent years have suggested that there may be a cancer risk related to grilling "muscle" meats like fish, beef and poultry. Food safety experts at the Michigan Department of Agriculture say "moderation" is the watchword. They say eating moderate amounts of grilled foods cooked to a safe, yet medium temperature does not pose a problem. If you are concerned, the American Institute for Cancer Research suggests that if you grill more than several times a week, precook meat so it is not on the grill very long. Raise the level of the grill so food is farther from the heat, cook the meat until it's done but avoid consuming charred meat, and clean the grill after each use.



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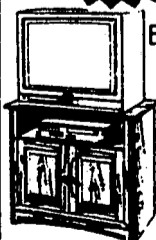
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Decorating tips to get you started

Happy Spring! This year, instead of just doing the usual spring cleaning add some spring delight.

You don't have to give your entire home a drastic overhaul. Just a little updating is all it takes to welcome the sunny months.

A fresh coat of paint in a pleasing pastel or a bold bright will enhance a room's character. With the countless designer paint colors available, you should have no trouble finding just the right look. Try painting the ceiling and trim a different tone than the walls. As a rule of thumb, low ceilings should be painted a light shade to encourage a sense of height, while high ceilings can carry the deeper colors if your desire is to visually bring down the ceiling height. To add definition try some borders. This will not only add more color, it will provide continuity in the overall look.

Once the color scheme is decided on, fabric is the next key. Pillows, pillows, pillows, of all different shapes, sizes and patterns scattered about the sofa and chairs will add life and excitement to the staged setting. If you want to be very organized, plan ahead for the winter months and on the opposite side of the pillows cover them with more of the dramatic winter tones. This way the room can be easily transposed for the fall and winter by the flip of a pillow.

Finally, accessorizing. Fill your home with treasured collections, groupings of old family photos, perhaps a few colorful floral arrangements, and, again, paint. You can paint existing accessories to make them come alive. Add greenery to give your

house a summertime feeling. If you don't have a green thumb purchase some quality silk plants that will bring life to your interior — no fertilization required!

It's easy to give your home a cheerful facelift. From walls, to windows, to the simple detail of new accessories, there are countless ways to update your home's look without spending a bundle.

By Michelle Biondo
Decorating Den

Bed, breakfast, ballooning

Spring weather brings to mind outdoor activities, especially hot air ballooning. To celebrate the season, Michigan Balloon Corp. has something new to offer, the Bed, Breakfast, Ballooning and Gourmet Picnic Package.

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This side view of the outside features a covered walkway leading to a side door. The sign gives a hint to what's inside the door—the kitchen.

Dream home

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When asked if there's anything she would do differently, Cheri couldn't really think of anything, except perhaps getting a maid to help care for the place. So far she hasn't.

"We just love where we live," she said. "This is really perfect... I'm never, ever moving again."

The Detkowski house is one of five that will be featured in this year's SCAMP home tour June 3-4. Tickets are \$50 for the patron night June 3, \$20 for June 4. For tickets send a check to SCAMP at 6590 Middle Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346. For more information call the hotline at 698-6957.

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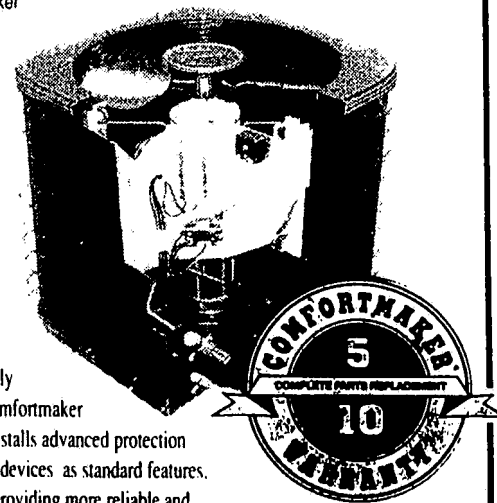
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Warm edge: super windows' last frontier

Today's super windows can trace their origins all the way back to a post-war fixation on one of autumn and spring's less enjoyable tasks - the putting on and taking off of storm windows.

Forty-five years later, and multiple pane, high performance windows, the result of considerable energy transfer study and innovation, are now of interest to the entire residential and commercial window trade.

However, their ascendancy beyond simple air-filled, scaled glass units has only come about in the last decade - first with low-emissivity (low-e) metal-oxide coatings to substantially retard radiant-heat-loss, then with the addition of inert gases into the air space, usually argon, to reduce conductivity.

The final elements necessary to truly accord them "super window" status, replacing frost-prone metal spacer bars with warm edge insulating spacers, are just now entering the market in a big way.

"There are two important qualities people look for in warm edge windows - energy efficiency and condensation resistance," says Michael Glover, technical director of Edge-tech, creators of Super Spacer warm-edge system.

"Our silicone-foam product can improve the overall energy performance of today's best windows by more than 25%," says Glover. Such results are typically obtained on triple-paned units with double low-e coatings and argon gas fill.

"The better the window, the more critical the edge of glass, with 7% improvements common in even the most basic of sealed units, which is still significant, considering the other benefits accruing from warm edge."

Manufactured by Lauren International of New Philadelphia, Ohio, Super Spacer has topped the warm edge testing-list of all independent and

government laboratories in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

A big advantage of a warm edge-of-glass is resistance to condensation. Many consumers feel condensation to be the number-one headache they'd like to avoid when it comes to buying new windows.

Homeowners who are thinking of returning to wood-frame windows, because they like the natural look of wood, should be very concerned about condensation, explains Glover. "It will run down the glass and onto the frame, which, unless you keep it dry, will begin to discolor and eventually mold and rot.

"If you have sliding patio doors, it's even worse, because condensation will result in water

accumulating in the rail at the bottom of the door, where over time it can do even more damage.

Condensation's most annoying quality, though, is its appearance in the form of frost. What was once a delightful winter phenomenon is just "not so" in the energy-conscious '90s. In fact, some people go to the point of lowering the humidity in their homes below what they should just to avoid it.

While low-e coatings and argon gas did much to eliminate frosting, they did little to change the temperature around the window's edge.

"Therefore today, frosty edges have come to be seen as a sign of poor window quality in terms of both energy performance and lifetime expectancy," says Glover.

County parks put fun in camping

Camping at an Oakland County park offers more than just sitting around a campfire.

"We not only provide the out-of-doors for campers but also host entertainment, activities and special events," Dan Stencil, chief of parks, said.

Weekend-only camping began April 28 at Addison Oaks and May 5 at Groveland Oaks. Both parks open May 19 for the regular season.

Addison Oaks offers campers a choice of 100 campsites situated on 800 acres. Groveland Oaks, the largest campground in Michigan, has 600 sites on 360 acres. Campsites can be reserved at Addison Oaks only.

Both parks provide options from modern campsites with electrical and water hookup to primitive sites with fire pits only. Each park has modern restrooms and showers, fresh water and a sanitary dump station.

Sandy lifeguarded beaches, rental boats, fishing, hiking trails and playgrounds are offered at both parks.

At Groveland Oaks, kids can spiral down a waterslide into Stewart Lake or explore the Oakland County Parks' newest and largest playscape complex.

Addison Oaks offers disc golf and mountain bike trails with rental equipment available for both. Primitive sites fees are \$14/family/day regular rate, (\$10/Oakland County resident discount rate); semi-modern, \$16 regular rate, (\$12/resident rate); and modern sites, \$18 regular rate (\$14/resident rate). Site fees are discounted 25 percent for senior citizens.

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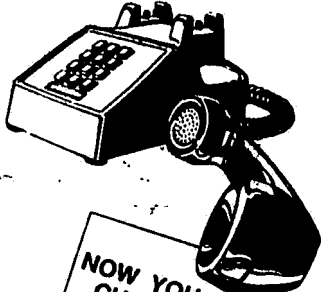
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Make your landscape bird-friendly

Bird watching isn't just for adults - it's educational and entertaining for children, too. And creating a bird sanctuary in your backyard this season can be a fun activity for the entire family.

If you'd like to make your backyard as inviting to feathered friends as human friends, start by taking a step out the back door to inventory your yard. Then gather the family for a trip to a nearby garden center or hardware store to look for four basics: a bird bath, bird feeders, bird houses and bird-enticing flowering plants and shrubs.

A Bird Bath

Having a bird bath in your yard is essential to attracting birds. Birds need water for drinking as well as bathing and a bird bath will serve both purposes.

A simple ceramic or plastic bath is inexpensive and easy to assemble. Make sure not to place it near trees or bushes or other areas accessible to cats. Once in place, fill it with fresh water each day. Also, during winter months, you can keep the water from freezing by inserting a small, waterproof heating element into the center of the bath.

Bird Feeders

Wild birds continually search for food sources. Though they rely primarily on natural food supplies, such as insects and seeds, most will easily recognize and eat from a bird feeder. And, if they eat from your feeder during the spring and summer, they will know to return to your yard for food during the winter months.

Bird feeders come in a variety of shapes, sizes and varieties. Large bird feeders can be costly and difficult for children to hang or refill, so you may opt to start with a small, prefilled plastic feeder, such as the Easy Feeder by Easy Gardener. The Easy Feeder comes ready-to-use and is durable and light enough for children to hang. It can be purchased at a local garden center or hardware store and comes filled with a well-balanced, nutritious selection of bird food, including 50 percent black oiled sunflower seeds, millet and milo, so that it lures a wide variety of birds.

An Easy Feeder is also a good choice because it dispenses seed mix only when needed. This protects the seed from the damaging effects of rain, wind, snow and contamination from bird waste. And, when empty, the durable feeder can be refilled at minimal cost or put out with the recyclables.

Hang the feeder in an area where the family can watch from the porch as well as from inside the

Hanging a bird feeder is a great way to attract birds to the yard so the entire family can enjoy the sights and sounds of birdwatching.



house. The feeder should be placed in an area of abundant natural shelter, such as a tree or hedge, but out of reach for squirrels, mice and cats.

Bird Houses

Bird houses also come in many shapes and sizes. While most birds will nest in trees or bushes, some prefer a more secure and wind-proof site such as a bird house. Small, single-dwelling bird houses are usually inexpensive and easily hung in a tree or from a lamp post.

Hang feeders and birdhouses where predators, such as cats, can't ambush birds.

Some birds, such as purple martins, are highly social and build nests in close proximity to each other. Special large bird houses, called martin houses, are available for social birds. Though installing a martin house in your yard may be costly, it will attract purple martins, swallows and swifts, all of which eat hundreds of mosquitoes each day and will make your yard more enjoyable during the summer months.

As with bird feeders, your bird houses are best installed well out of reach of the birds' natural predators - the family cat and dog. Martin houses should be installed on a tall post in an open area of the yard away from the house, trees and any large bushes.

Bird-Friendly Landscapes

A bird-friendly landscape is one that provides habitat for nesting, eating and social activity. Trees provide natural settings for nests as well as perches for social interaction.

Berry bushes and other flowering plants offer additional food and nectar. Before adding new trees, bushes or plants to the yard, ask a local garden center representative to recommend the appropriate foliage that will attract local birds. Also tell the representative about the existing plants in the yard to make sure that none are toxic to animals. Two plants to avoid are poinsettia and mistletoe, both of which are poisonous to birds.

Now that your yard is bird-friendly, find an animal book or encyclopedia to help you identify the different birds flying and feasting in your yard. Then, sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds of your newfound feathered friends.

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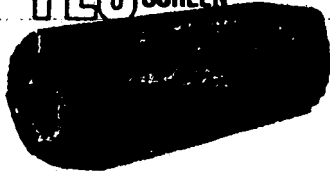
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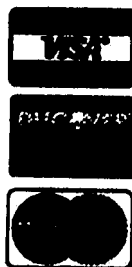
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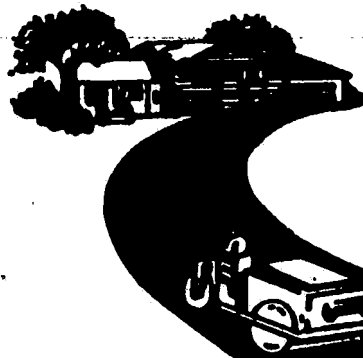
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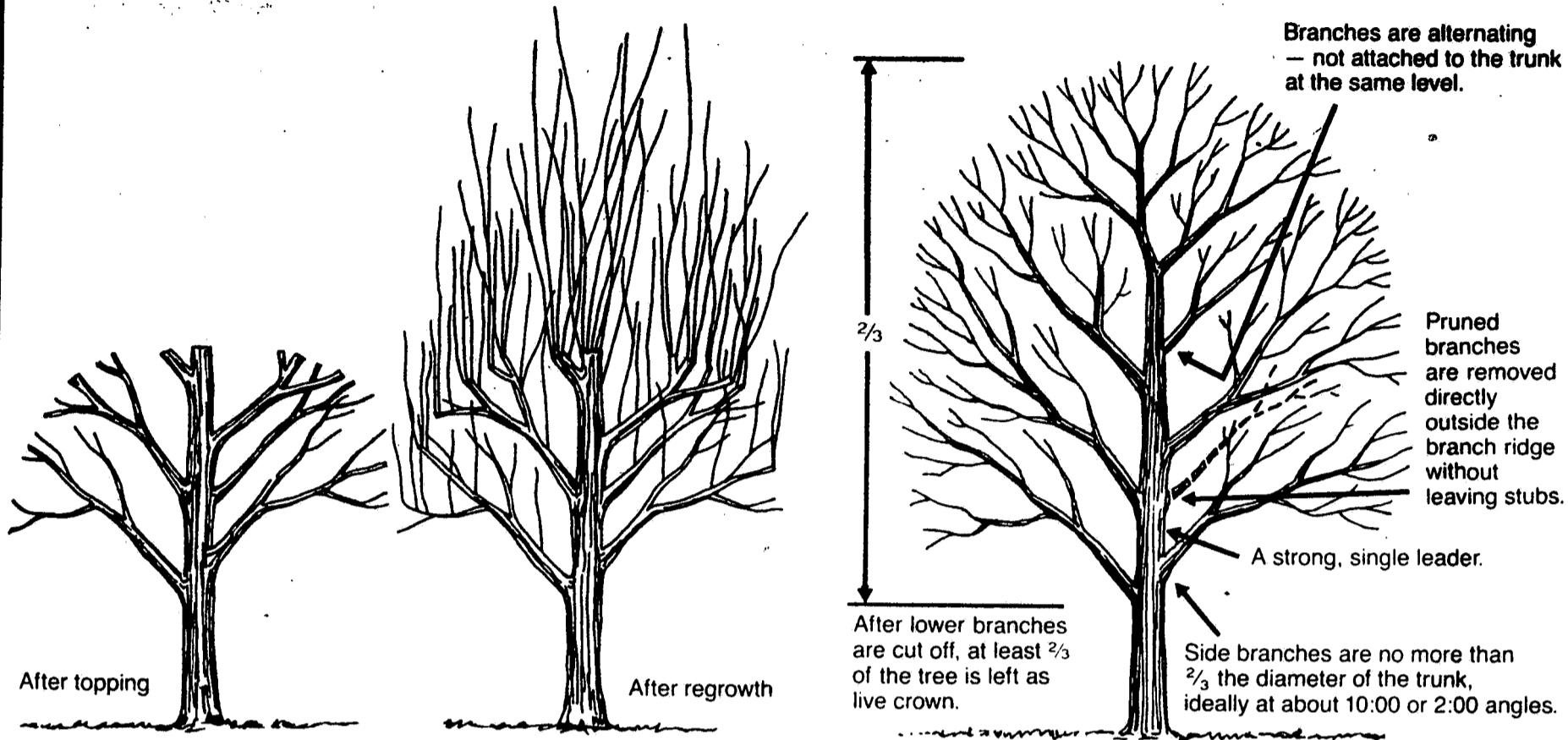
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RIGHT: This is how a typical shade tree should look when properly pruned.

National Arbor Day Foundation illustration

Peat moss in compost--the magic ingredient

Many gardeners have small yards. Even if they were to save and pile all their lawn clippings, dead leaves, vegetable refuse and weeds, they still wouldn't have enough for a serious compost heap. So, they bag their yard debris and send it to the dump.

Because responsible homeowners want to do their part in reducing the amount of material sent to public landfills, they prefer to compost their garden refuse. But how can this be done without collecting leaves and lawn clippings from neighbors?

The answer is composting with Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss. To make the quickest and easiest compost, mix lawn clippings, weeds, garden matter, vegetable peelings from the kitchen, and other organic matter in a 50-50 ratio with Canadian Peat Moss. Use three 10-gallon plastic garbage receptacles to do your mixing, aerating, and storing. A commercially available compost bin is also suitable.

An easy recipe

Do your work where you are going to store the garbage cans because the receptacles may become somewhat unwieldy. As you fill a can, add a shovelful or two of garden soil or steam-sterilized manure as well as two cups of ground limestone. Blend the ingredients well by pouring them back and forth between the first two cans. After the mix is well combined, pour a half-gallon of water into the can of compost and set it in full sunlight.

Every day or so, aerate the composting material by pouring it from one garbage receptacle to the other. If liquid collects in the bottom, or if it smells like it is fermenting, add more Canadian Peat Moss to soak up the liquid. If the clippings don't

seem to be breaking down, add another shovelful of manure or a cup of high-nitrogen fertilizer.

Composting will proceed rapidly in warm weather but will slow down when it is cool. During the summer, you should be able to generate a canful of healthy smelling, fertile compost in about a month. Store the finished compost in the third can to maintain cleanliness.

Tips for stretching compost

Save a few shovels of the mature compost when you empty the can and use it as a "starter" for a new batch, instead of beginning from scratch with garden soil and manure.

If you customarily accumulate a pile of dried leaves each fall, save a canful of composted peat moss and mix it 50-50 with them. Add another 1/2 gallon of water per can. Very quickly the leaves should decrease

in volume, which will allow you to add more. Drag the garbage cans into a warm area so that the coming of winter doesn't stop the composting process.

What's so great about peat moss?

A fertile peat moss-based compost is ideal for working into the soil around plants and for mixing into potting soils. Use it as you would use Canadian Peat Moss straight out of the bale or bag.

The easiest way to mix composted peat moss into the soil around plants is to dig it into the top 3-4 inches with a hoe.

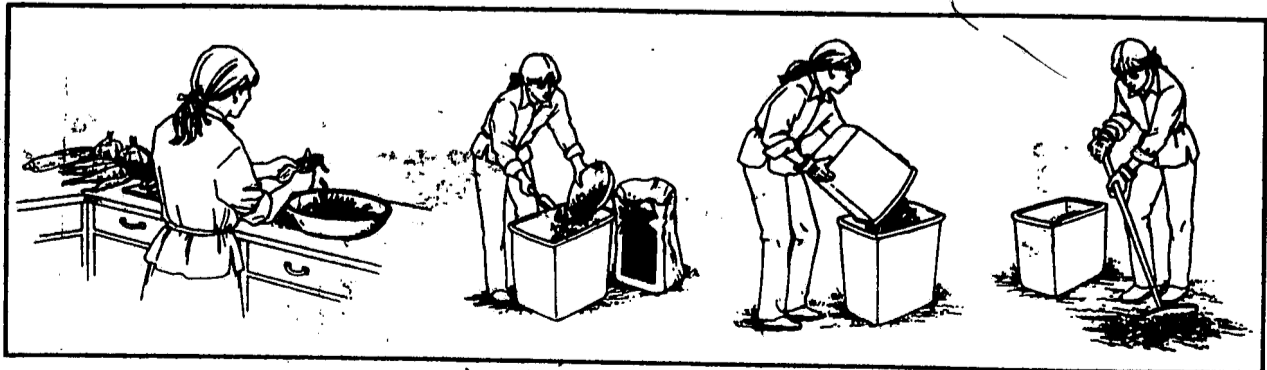
Experienced gardeners testify to the value of working peat moss into the surface of vegetable beds when preparing the ground in the spring. Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss is 100% natural. It holds up to 20 times its weight in water, like a

sponge, then releases it slowly to thirsty roots. It also aerates heavy clay soils, adds body to sandy soils, and reduces garden drudgery by making weeding easier.

Though a first-rate soil amendment, Canadian Peat Moss contains relatively few plant nutrients. So, composting it with grass clippings and other yard and garden debris gives peat an added boost. Mixing in limestone raises the low pH sufficiently for the compost to support the growth of numerous beneficial organisms. Best of all, the volume gained by composting grass clippings and leaves saves money. It's like getting a second bag of Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss free!

Composting with pure, weed-free Canadian Peat Moss increases its nutrient content to nearly that of cattle manure, converts some of the peat to humus, expands the volume of the product, and helps you do your part in reducing the landfill crisis. That's certainly worth more than the cost of three plastic garbage cans.

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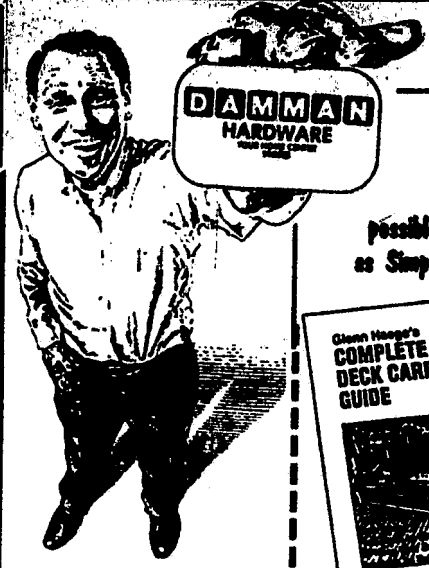
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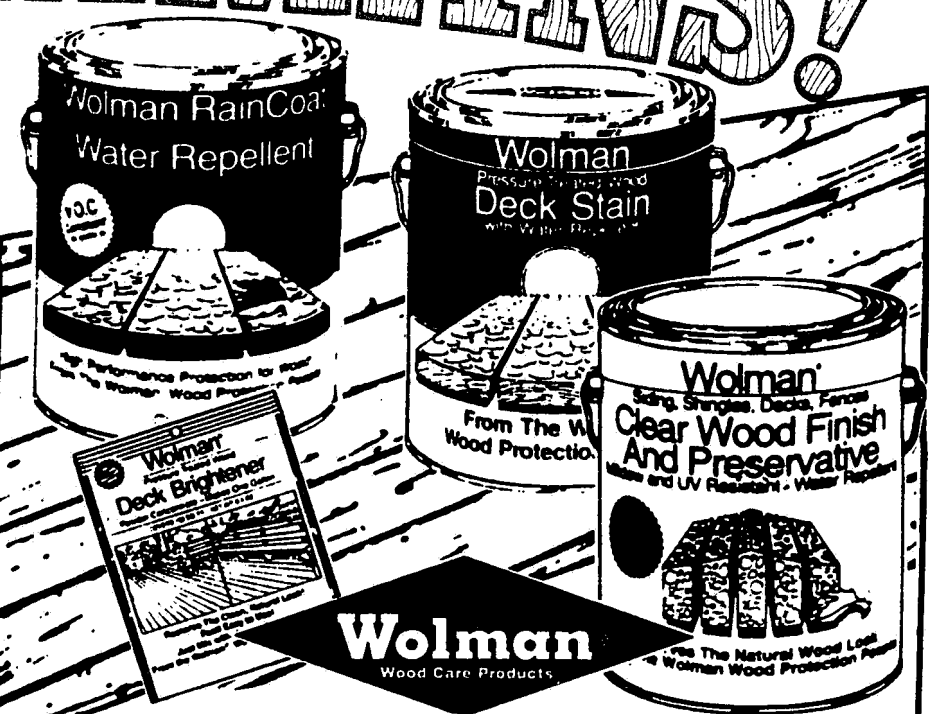
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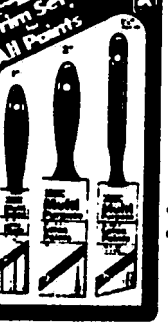
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