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Candidates named in superintendent search

8 to be interviewed next week

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Eight Midwestern men were selected Monday night to be interviewed to replace retiring Clarkston school superintendent Gary Haner.

The board of education, in a special meeting, started with 58 applications (one candidate withdrew earlier in the day) and by the end of the night had narrowed its search to the eight candidates from Michigan, Ohio and Iowa. All of them have a doctorate or are in the process of obtaining one.

Clarkston's assistant superintendent for curriculum and development, Dave Reschke, did not make the cut. He survived until the fourth round, when he failed to garner enough support.

The eight candidates are:

Albert G. Roberts, Ed. D., superintendent of the Orange City School District in Pepper Pike, Ohio;

Richard N. Johns, superintendent of the Gibraltar schools in Gibraltar, Michigan;

Thomas A. Hicks, Ph.D., superintendent of Owosso schools in Owosso, MI.;

Richard Lane, superintendent of Hillsdale schools in Hillsdale, MI.;

Jeffrey N. Grotzky, Ed. D., superintendent of Grand Rapids schools in Grand Rapids, MI.;

E. Jake Hudson, Ph.D., superintendent of Chagrin Falls schools in Chagrin Falls, Ohio;

Michael J. Coury, Ed. D., superintendent from 1993 to 1995 of the Bettendorf schools in Bettendorf, Iowa. He now lives in St. Louis. His current job status is unknown; and

Dr. Daniel W. Lukich, Ph.D., superintendent of the Gull Lake school district in Richland, MI.

The candidates will be scheduled for interviews on May 8, 9 and 10 beginning at 4 p.m. each day. Each candidate will have a 90-minute interview with the board, followed by a half-hour break. The interviews are expected to be conducted at the administration office on Clarkston Rd.

After the first round of interviews is completed, the board will decide which candidates will advance to the next round, which will include a second interview and a day of visitation in Clarkston. After that, the board or a portion of the board will visit the finalists' home districts.

Consultant Kara Funk of the Michigan Association of School Boards, cautioned board members not to start making calls about the candidates until after the interviews.

"You've treated them equally, now rest," she said. "It does you no good to have this other information before they get here."

However Funk acknowledged that school employees will probably begin making inquiries on their own now that the names are public.

At the end of the meeting, George White, principal of North Sashabaw Elementary School, expressed regret that Reschke would not be considered.

"I think there are going to be a lot of surprises in the buildings tomorrow when (Reschke) is not in the finalists. Personally I'm disappointed," he said. "I have seen a lot of leadership and a lot of quality in that candidate and was hoping he'd get an opportunity to sell himself. But the process goes on."



Third-grader Alicia Simons holds a big crab from the Marine Safari

Science jumps off the page

Though the words "science" and "technology" might sound boring to some people, the students at Andersonville Elementary School got a day's worth of fun out of the topics April 25 with the annual Science and Technology festival put on by the school and the PTO.

Small seminars and larger assemblies were held all day as kids got to cozy up to some creepy-crawlers, learn about flight from its earliest to modern times, touch a dinosaur bone and much, much more.

Presenters included two women from Greenfield Village, who portrayed the wives of the Wright brothers; Walter Leszczynski of the Detroit Science Center; a dentist, a veterinarian, and people toting animals from bugs to mammals.

It was fun, but of course the kids learned a lot too, as was evident by the questions and answers that went on in some classes.

"That was awesome," one boy said with enthusiasm as he left the room containing marine animals from Marine Safari, hosted by Nelson Pearson. Just moments before, he had peppered Pearson with questions.

Parent Gloria Finken, of the festival steering committee, said it costs over \$1,000 to put on the event, which has been held annually since 1989.



A student wears a mask depicting a two-crested lizard.

Kindergarten readiness continues

Kindergarten Orientation continues in Clarkston Schools this week for children who will be 5 on or before Dec. 1 and their parents.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, Social Security number and two proofs of residency. Sessions

are offered at 9-11 a.m. and 12:45-2:45 p.m. Locations remaining are: Pine Knob Elementary, May 1. North Sashabaw, May 3. Bailey Lake, May 6. Springfield Plains, May 8. Andersonville, May 10.

—By Annette Kingsbury

The news in brief

O'Neill-Nini won't run

Megan O'Neill-Nini has announced she will not be a candidate for US Congress this year.

The Clarkston resident won the Republican primary in the last two Congressional elections but eventually lost to incumbent Dale Kildee (D., Flint). Patrick Nowak, another Clarkston resident and the former state transportation director, has already announced his candidacy.

O'Neill-Nini married Richard Nini, president of Tradewinds Aviation, in September. She said she appreciates the support she received to run again.

"It was a rewarding challenge and I will continue to be involved in our political process, especially in this critical election year," she said. "We face tremendous challenges in this country and must work to elect committed, fiscally responsible leaders, not beguiling, artful politicians."

O'Neill-Nini recently returned from the spring charter membership meeting of GOPAC, the training organization for state and local Republican candidates, in Washington, D.C.

Rabid bats found

Two bats captured in Oakland County in April have tested positive for rabies, prompting the Oakland County Health Department to issue its annual warning about contact with wildlife.

"A bite is the most common means of getting rabies," said Dr. Carolyn Bird, chief of medical services for the Health Division. "But exposure of cuts and sores to infection materials is another way of contracting the potentially deadly disease."

Cats and dogs, said Bird, are the most common domestic animals that get rabies. Wild animal

hosts include skunks, raccoons, foxes and bats. Bird recommends keeping your pets vaccinated and refraining from handling or attempting to feed wildlife or stray domestic animals.

"If a person is exposed to a potentially rabid animal, he or she should immediately clean the wound well with soap and water," Bird said. "Contact your doctor or go to the nearest emergency room, depending on the severity of the exposure. It's also important to notify your local animal control officer so the animal can be picked up for testing."

Progress continues toward next school bond issue

Though no formal action was taken, the Clarkston Board of Education agreed by consensus at a special meeting April 23 that it will ask the public for permission to build a new, four-section elementary school.

After a presentation by architects from Greiner, Inc. on the current elementary school buildings, the board agreed to expand Andersonville Elementary, the district's smallest school, while retaining some portable classrooms for latchkey and other auxiliary programs. The board also agreed to limit the size of the remaining older schools to their current enrollment.

"The majority of the meeting was to make sure everybody was in agreement on what equity was," said board president Bill Craig.

As far as the middle schools, no cost estimates have yet been proposed to address equity issues there.

"Right now we'd like it to be part of this (bond issue) but we haven't seen the dollars yet," Craig said.

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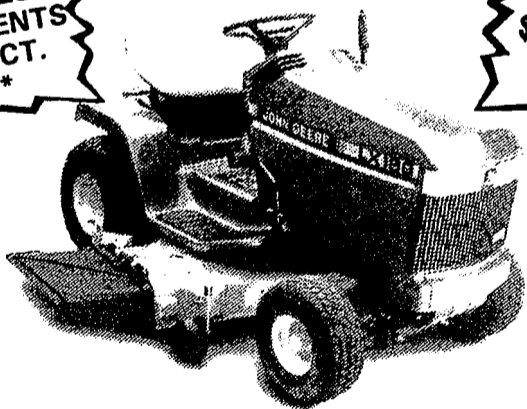
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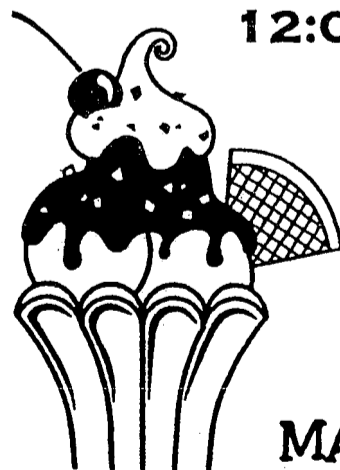
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Young named OCSD officer of the year

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Detective Chuck Young says he's "just doing my job." But the way he does it has earned him the honor of being named Officer of the Year by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Young, a Clarkston native on the staff at the Independence substation, learned last week he will receive the honor at a reception May 13 during National Police Week. No one had told him he'd been nominated so it was a complete surprise.

"I'm just doing my job; I don't know why I got it," he said. He was nominated by Sgt. Jeff Crockett, also of the Independence substation, and Sgt. Susan Steinhelper, who works at the Oakland County Jail.

In their nomination, they said Young was assigned 200 cases last year and from them got 178 charges filed.

"Detective Young has consistently demonstrated professionalism, dedication, initiative and success with his assignments. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, Detective Young has earned and received the respect of his peers and supervisors," they said.

Young joined the force in 1985 after having been a county DPW employee since 1974. He attended the county police academy and in 1989 was assigned a road officer. He became a detective in September, 1993 and has earned credits toward a law enforcement degree at Oakland Community College. A 1974 Clarkston High School graduate, he now lives in Springfield Township with his wife Becky and two daughters.

The sometimes flashy dresser, who's been known to wear purple or turquoise suits, was humble about his award, saying it should have also been awarded to his partner in crime, Det. Dirk Feneley, who shares his caseload and, coincidentally, was a high-school classmate.

"I'm glad it's going to someone who deserves it," Feneley said.

Some of the people Young has helped might agree. Take the case of a Springfield Township woman who lost her driver's license, only to have it picked up by a Dawn Kelley, a Clarkston resident who then went on a bad-check spree. The victim had a hard time convincing law enforcement—except for Young—that she wasn't writing the checks herself.

"Det. Young did the most," the victim said at the time. "He is the only one that actually did anything. He's kind of gone out of his way to catch her."

"It took me two months to find her (Kelley)," Young said. "Some of them, you just keep following



Dressed in a purple blazer and colorful tie, Chuck Young, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Officer of the Year, sits at a

computer that links him live to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office.

until there's nowhere to go. This one went somewhere."

Young is also credited with breaking another identity-switching case, this one where a Wyandotte man used a phony identity to get a job and bilk a Clarkston company out of thousands of dollars. It took Young a month to learn that the man calling himself LD Austin was really Larry Godith, who had previously been convicted of similar crimes.

"He initiates a lot; no case is too little for him," Steinhelper said. "He is professional, he is diligent, and he is dedicated."

And then there was the homeless baby Young wouldn't let go back to her mom, Pamela Williamson, despite Protective Services' reluctance to get involved. "Pamela didn't deserve to have this child; this child was going nowhere," Young said. The girl is now in foster care.

"I know where Autumn is at. I went down at Christmas time and took her a present. She's the first little kid I've ever had to deal with and she's doing well."

"I think he's the greatest," said assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Lisa Tomko. "He's very dedicated and hard-working, very involved in assisting the community."

Tomko said Young has worked hard to make himself an expert in gangs and has even assisted as an

expert witness in cases outside his territory. Young says he got educated so he could put the bad guys away.

"I'd like to put a stop to a lot of them," he said, crediting Tomko with schooling him. "I'm just learning from them as I go... We're just trying to stay ahead of (the gangs.)"

Young said he's happy being a detective and though it's not a permanent job he's not interested in a promotion right now. "There's always something to learn as you go along," he said. "Right at this point I don't want to move up. I like what I'm doing."

Perhaps it's the fact that there are few violent crimes in the township ("I like it that way," he said). Perhaps it's the team he works with, which he credits for its experience. Or perhaps it's his enjoyment of his work that keeps it fresh and keeps him from becoming jaded.

"I like the job. It's always a variety of different things," he said. But he acknowledged that sometimes, "I have to deal with people that I can't help."

And then there's that wardrobe. Young says he picks all his own clothes.

"My wife always goes with me. If I see a color I like, that's what I get," he said. "I pick some things out just to mess with her."

Young said he's not "dressing for success" or competing with nattily attired attorneys, who generally wear tamer blues and greys.

"I get tired of all the dark colors," he said, wearing a purple blazer and colorful tie as he spoke.

However, Young apparently doesn't mind getting his hands dirty. He and Crockett have spent 250 hours, some of it vacation time, restoring a 1980 Camaro Z28 which will be used as a DARE car by the department.

"I've been trying to get a DARE car for quite awhile," Young said. Two previous attempts fell through but this time the two officers managed to procure the car, which was forfeited in a drug case, for the department.

The car will be used for parades and other special events in communities like Clarkston where the sheriff's department teaches the Drug Abuse Resistance Education curriculum in the schools. It'll be flashy and carry a license plate reading 4-FIT, a calculated message for kids.

"You use drugs; this is what will happen to you; we'll take your car," Young said.

Resident honored for helping police

When the awards are handed out May 13 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac, a Clarkston woman will be among those honored as a civilian.

Susan Babcock will be honored for her part in catching thieves who were stealing building materials from a construction site Feb. 23. Such crimes are fairly common in the rapidly growing suburb, and Babcock called 911 when she saw it happening in her own neighborhood.

In his nominating petition for Babcock, Dep. Dan Toth of the Independence substation said Babcock called when she saw prowlers around a construction trailer near her home.

"Officers from the Independence station responded to the scene and set up a perimeter. Mrs.

Babcock remained on the phone with the Oakland County Central Dispatch while keeping watch on the suspicious persons and relating their actions and movements to the officers on the scene."

Two people were arrested in possession of stolen property. They later confessed and were charged. The owner of the property said it wasn't the first such theft he'd experienced and was grateful the guilty parties had been caught.

"Mrs. Babcock is to be applauded for her quick alert actions which directly resulted in the felony arrests." Toth said in his nomination. "This concerned community involvement, working with law enforcement, is a fine example which greatly benefits our community."

Stuart ready for a second term

With four years behind him, he says it will only get better

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Now it's official. The race for Independence Township supervisor will be decided on Aug. 4 when Republicans Dale Stuart, the incumbent, and Mel Leroy Vaara, a current trustee, face off.

Last week, Stuart formally announced to the media his intentions to run for a second term. While Stuart first said he would seek re-election in an April 17 article in The Clarkston News, he went into detail about his goals and objectives for his campaign.

In his four years, Stuart said he's proud of where he's taken this township and is ready to do even more in the next four years.

"In the last four years I've gained a lot of experience and I think I'm better now than I was four years ago when I started," said Stuart. "I would like to do more. I think I bring to this office professionalism and experience."

Stuart admits it's not been an easy four years and he's had to deal with several obstacles. But through it all he said he's enjoyed the challenge of serving this community and believes he can continue to lead it in the right direction.

"I really view this as a service to my fellow man and community," he said. "I don't apologize for my experience in office because I've worked hard at this job and have done the very best I know how to do."

Stuart said he's most proud of the future planning he's helped guide this township in, including the Vision 2020 project, plans for the Sashabaw corridor and many others.

He'll continue pushing projects like those, but he also says this township is better off now than it was before his term, despite some slowdowns that were out of his control.

Some of the accomplishments and goals Stuart cites include:

● When he took office the township's fund balance was a meager \$99,000. At the end of 1995, it was built up to over \$1 million.

"We've gone through some wrenching times with the investment problems but the fiscal integrity of this township is still here," he said.

● Services have expanded without an increase in taxes.

"Being fiscally conservative and budget-conscious has allowed us to do more for this community."

● "We need to continue with careful, cautious planning so we are not being reactive, but proactive to situations."

● Looking for "creative" ways to gravel or pave roads. For example, the township's recent agreement with Oakland County to widen a section of Sashabaw Road.

● More funding for the township library within the general fund budget.

● Continue communication and future planning with the school district and the city.

Stuart also said that while the past investment problems were not of his doing, he did his best to make sure the township wasn't fiscally harmed by the controversy.

"No one is perfect," he said. "But under the circumstances of what I had to deal with I have done as well as anyone could have done in my place."

In 1992, Stuart beat two-term supervisor Tink Ronk in the primary by almost 600 votes. He was unchallenged in the general election. Before that Stuart was elected trustee two times, in 1980 and 1984, serving until 1988 when he decided not to seek re-election.

In his first try for public office, he lost a 1978 run for trustee, finishing fifth (the top three moved on to the general election) out of 10 Republican candidates in the primary.

Vaara has been a trustee since 1988, when he received the most trustee votes in the general election. His first try for public office was in 1984, when he finished last among six Republican trustee candidates for four spots.

The last day to file a petition to run for any position in the primary election is May 14, 4 p.m.

Walk for Lighthouse

Monsignor Robert Humitz of St. Daniel's Church will lead the parade May 18 as walkers raise funds for Lighthouse Clarkston.

The walk is held in conjunction with Clarkston Fun Daze and kicks off in Depot Park. Registration is 8:30-9:15 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30. To get a pledge form for the walk, call 253-3715.

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Treasurer crowd doesn't worry challengers

But will it help Lutz's chances at re-election?

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In battle, surrounding the enemy is crucial for victory. But in politics, it's not a recommended strategy to beat an entrenched incumbent.

In the case of politics, mano-a-mano (one-on-one) is usually best. That scenario is true in national politics and in Independence Township.

On the national scene, a split Republican party is helping incumbent President Bill Clinton's ratings. Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan promises to keep on fighting fellow Republican Bob Dole, despite warnings that it will only help re-elect Clinton.

On the local scene, incumbent treasurer John Lutz will be opposed by challengers Kurt Karlstrom, Jim Wenger and Henry Woloson. All four are Republicans and will face off in the August 6 primary, leaving only one candidate for voters in the Nov. 5 general election. There are no announced Democratic candidates for treasurer. The deadline for filing is May 14.

While many in the community say none of the three challengers can possibly beat Lutz, the challengers disagree and are determined to prove they won't divide the vote.

Lutz, who didn't have any competition for treasurer in the 1988 and 1992 elections, said the competition doesn't bother him because he knows how to run a campaign.

"I'm not sure 'welcoming the competition' is the right term," he said. "You'd rather not have any competition at all but I know what it takes to win an election."

Karlstrom, Wenger and Woloson have heard the concerns of people who say three challengers equals another Lutz win. But they also say Lutz is vulnerable because of the investment fiasco he and the township went through. That, and the fact all three challengers have strong credentials, gives them reason to think voters are smart enough to make an informed choice.

"I think anytime you have a large field it makes it more difficult," said Karlstrom, a purchasing manager and former school-board trustee who announced his candidacy in December. "But in our community we have some knowledgeable and concerned people who know the issues."

"Yes, I've been told by some people that the more people running the greater chance John has to win



Karlstrom



Lutz



Wenger



Woloson

again," said Woloson, who owns his own investment company and is also an attorney. "But if you truly believe you can do a good job you throw your name in there and see what happens."

Wenger, who is retiring from teaching government at Clarkston High School, says he won't be discouraged by the numbers.

"The preference would be myself against John but I won't step down," he said. "It will be a tougher battle for votes because all three of us (challengers) have support."

A review of past elections in Independence Township, shows incumbents are rarely challenged, especially in the primary by members of their own party.

In the elections of 1988 and 1992, the incumbent treasurer, clerk and supervisor had only one challenger. That came in the 1992 primary when current

supervisor Dale Stuart beat incumbent Tink Ronk, who was going for his third term.

In fact, in eight township elections since 1972, full-time officials (clerk, supervisor and treasurer) have been re-elected 13 of 18 times. Overall, in that same time period, 21 of 28 incumbents (including trustees) were re-elected.

The only time since 1972 that any full-time office had three same-party candidates was in the 1978 primary, but that was because the previous treasurer didn't run for re-election.

This time it's different. Karlstrom, Wenger and Woloson — as well as a lot of others — believe Lutz is vulnerable and shouldn't be re-elected because of controversial investments that put the township into two arbitration claims against its brokers. Lutz said he understands that is the main reason why there are so many challengers this time around, but continues to emphasize those investments have not harmed the township in any way.

"They've all said they aren't running a one-issue campaign but I know it's the one issue that got them in," said Lutz. "I can say I've done more than just investments. I think I've been a leader in this township and have helped establish how this community has developed. There's a lot I have to offer and there's a lot more to my job than just investments."

"I'm not going to just stand back and let them determine the direction of this race. They'll all be coming from different sides at me but I'll be ready."

While all three challengers downplay the "one-issue" campaign, they admit it is the reason they decided to challenge Lutz. The job pays \$49,500 per year.

"Campaigns are based on the person as much as the performance," said Karlstrom. "People will look at this as a popularity race but also at what has happened in the past."

Woloson added, "The last two times John ran he was unopposed because people felt he was doing a good job. This time, however, I think people are saying we think someone else can do a better job."

While people may want the incumbent out, some think three challengers will help Lutz more than hurt him.

In the 1992 and 1988 elections, Lutz was unopposed and received 67 and 66 percent of the vote. In 1984 he ran against Democrat Fred Ritter and won with 50 percent of the vote, compared to incumbent Ritter's 40 percent. He won by about 950 votes.

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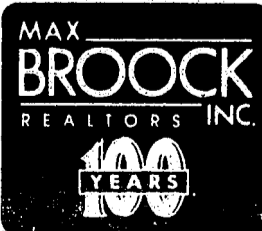
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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

The great hunt

It was with mixed feelings that I arrived (late) at Monday's school board meeting. I was looking forward to hearing the names of the people who would be interviewed for the superintendency, but I wasn't looking forward to the process.

The board had 59 applicants, and before the night was over the seven members had to whittle that number down to a workable size so interviews could begin. I figured it could take all night.

It was about 6:20 p.m. when the board, along with consultant Kara Funk from the Michigan Association of School Boards, began the task. At the outset, Funk said they could be done by 8:15 p.m. I was skeptical, to say the least.

But she turned out to be right on the money. By 7:20, one hour into the process, the board had honed the list down to 17. Our own Dave Reschke, assistant superintendent for curriculum and staff development, was among them.

Knowing they had no plans to interview that many people, the board had to keep going. And now it began to get really tough. Keep in mind, the audience knew nothing about the people who had applied, save Reschke. Their names and applications had been closely guarded and no information was released before Monday's meeting.

But from the little snippets of conversation, it sounded as if some mighty qualified people ended up on the cutting room floor. Those of us in the audience—three reporters, two board candidates and a couple of school employees—began to wonder what whiz kids must be left.

The board then went into closed session for about a half hour to discuss confidential information on the applications, since all the candidates had asked to have their applications remain sealed until they were selected for interviews. The board re-emerged at 7:55 and began round four of the elimination process.

Reschke's application would fall by the wayside during this round. By 8:40, when the meeting was adjourned, the board had selected eight people to interview.

Funk had been right on target and the process, which she organized, went smoothly.

Now the real fun begins. Each of the candidates will be subjected to a 90-minute interview in public. They will be scheduled for three days, May 8, 9 and 10, at 4, 6 and 8 p.m. each day.

It'll be a long, grueling three days, but by the end of it we should have some kind of idea of not only the caliber of people applying, but what exactly the board is looking for in its next leader. The public is invited to attend and submit comments and questions, so if you want to be part of the process, be there.

Got a gripe?
Write a letter to the editor

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Editorial

Stand up and be counted

It's census time in Independence Township and residents must make sure they are counted.

If the township can prove it has a 15 percent increase in population since the 1990 U. S. Census, it will mean an almost \$400,000 increase in state shared revenues. Those are funds no one can afford to ignore.

Over 40 census-takers will be combing the township during the month of May, going door-to-door, asking only the names of those living in each home.

If no one is at the home, the census-taker will leave a card and the resident should call to get registered on the census.

We understand people have busy lives, aren't

home much and when they are don't have much time to spare. But a little effort here can pay big rewards. Being counted takes, literally, a minute or two. Cooperate not only for yourself, but for your neighbor down the street as well. In fact, it might not be a bad idea to remind friends and neighbors they should be counted.

Census takers will be going door-to-door on weekdays from about 5-8 p.m., all day Saturday to dusk and from noon to dusk on Sunday. They will have identification showing they are census workers. For more information call the township clerk's office at 625-5111. DWC

Letters to the editor

Supports McLean

Dear Editor,

Voting is serious business. When you have a field of six candidates for two positions on the board of education, it is important that all of us take a moment to educate ourselves on the candidates, the issues and their track records. We must then decide who we will cast a vote for on June 10.

Mary Ellen McLean has earned my support unequivocally. She is a person of integrity, commitment and caring. A businesswoman with an educational background. Mary Ellen McLean has the experience and leadership qualities we need. As a

volunteer, organizer and community leader, Mary Ellen has proven her commitment to issues affecting children.

I know from personal experience that Mary Ellen is thorough and dependable. In high pressure situations she maintains her composure and good humor.

We need someone who will take the time to research issues, who will stand up for what they believe is the right thing to do, who will treat parents and community members with respect. I know that when you take the time to learn more about the candidates you will agree with me that this person is Mary Ellen McLean.

April Copeman



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

Golfing one of the name courses

Many golfers look forward to playing certain golf courses. It may be Pebble Beach, a variety of Florida courses, Pinehurst, the Boynes, Garlands, Treetops, etc.

Or maybe it's one of the desert courses in Arizona. We've played a couple in years past and looked forward to sharing another desert experience with son Jim and his wife, Linda.

The opportunity came April 13 at Troon North in Scottsdale, AZ.

Arizona desert courses are made up of patches of green separated by, and surrounded by, stretches of sand, rocks, cactus, wiry bushes, prickly grasses and rattlesnakes.

Because of the shortage of water, golf courses in Arizona are limited to 80 acres of grass, and because these golf courses are almost always an excuse for housing developments, there are, in the case of Troon North, 1,720 acres of desert. (I really doubt the 80 acre restriction is enforced.)

By comparison, non-housing Indianwood Golf & Country Club old course in Lake Orion has 164 acres.

The new desert courses in Scottsdale, Troon North's two, Greyhawk's two, Legend Trails' two, do not try to attract golfers with price. They charge \$115 to \$150 a round depending on the season of the year.

But they are nice. Outstanding clubhouses, very courteous help and courses manicured to perfection . . .

raked, landscaping, rangers, ball washers on carts, blue and womens tees [often they are blue tees only] and free balls on the driving range.

One of the uniformed bag and cart handlers escorted us on a half-mile ride to the first tee. There he explained the course, handed us full color distance books, gave us pin placement sheets and said, "The rattlesnakes are out of hibernation now and will be sunning themselves in the desert."

We figured this was just 'local color.' The threat of a possible poisonous snake bite and hospitalization wasn't going to keep us from looking for ours, or others, \$1.50 golf ball.

It was a great, though expensive, experience for all four of us. Pinnacle Peak always in sight, another mesa'd mountain to the north. Formations of huge rocks, four or five tee pods (boxes) on every hole.

Plantings of desert flowers, bushes, trees and cactus, many in bloom, around the tees and amongst the waste areas, between tees and greens, plus the 2,500-foot elevation may not have helped our scores, but it surely made these rounds of golf spiritually rewarding.

GOLF magazine surveyed its readers as to which course they would choose as their favorite public-access courses. Troon was number 7. Obviously other golfers like it as much as we did.

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1981)

Clarkston's Village Council is looking at the proposed historic district ordinance currently under draft and expects to finalize the law's wording within the next two weeks. If adopted, the ordinance will force residents living in the historic district to first seek approval from a five-member commission before proceeding with plans to paint, remodel, construct, repair or demolish homes and outbuildings.

A Clarkston institution for 40 years, Ben M. Powell Disposal has been sold to Leonard Smith, owner of Clarkston Fuel Supply. The company's name will be changed to Smith Disposal Inc. Smith said the fuel oil business has declined and he wants something "to fall back on."

Clarkston is on top in the Greater Oakland Activities League varsity baseball race after two league games into the season. They defeat a polished West Bloomfield squad Friday afternoon to improve their GOAL standing to 2-0 and overall mark to 4-1.

25 YEARS AGO (1971)

At least two propositions which both Independence Township and the Village of Clarkston can vote on will be on the ballot for Tuesday's election. The two propositions include the establishment of a township park commission and abolishing the annual township meeting. Three other questions for registered voters in the incorporated portion of the township relate to a multiple dwellings district, mobile homes on Clintonville Rd. and allowing both a shopping center and multiple dwellings on Waterford Hill Golf Course.

Laone Trese, the mother of 14 children and a resident of Clarkston, is selected as "Mother of the Year" by the Clarkston News. Trese is a straight "A" student in college courses she takes evenings at Clarkston High School and has managed to turn out talented, responsible and disciplined children who share in household duties like baking bread, canning and raising animals for 4-H projects. Her husband Tom is a social worker for the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Oil seeping into Deer Lake, the result of dumping of garbage and oil, prompts residents to appear at the Independence Township Board meeting. One resident complains of trucks dumping oil into a hole which gets into the water.

50 YEARS AGO (1946)

News from "By the Way": Traffic over the last weekend was heavy when hundreds of fishermen headed for trout streams. Among them was Roy A. Alger, our village president ... John Turek, a World War II veteran, comes from Detroit to join The Clarkston News staff. He will have full charge of the shop ... It's always been the custom to celebrate the opening of spring on May 1 with a festival of some description. In the U.S. the custom of making and distributing May baskets gradually became popular, especially with children. This year was no exception. Early Wednesday the front door bell sounded and I found a lovely little May basket filled with bright, yellow cowslips. The little designer was Sue Shanks.

Featured at the Holly Theatre are Cornel Wilde and Anita Louise in "The Bandit of Sherwood Forest" and Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Little Giant." Playing at the Drayton Theatre are Gary Cooper and Loretta Young in "Along Came Jones" and Betty Hutton and Barry Fitzgerald in "Stork Club."

Specials at Kroger's include Del Monte Catsup, 17 cents a bottle; leg of lamb, 37 cents a pound; Grade A fryers, 50 cents a pound; California long white potatoes, 10 pounds for 65 cents; and Florida oranges, an 8-pound mesh bag for 65 cents.

60 YEARS AGO (1936)

The Senior Sunday School class of the Methodist Church holds a weinie roast on Cranberry Lake. Teacher Thomas Boynes takes his class out after a light rainfall which dampens the ground, but not the spirits of the young folks.

Commencement exercises for this year's graduating class are announced. The 17 students include Phyllis Boyns, Lyle Rexford, Clifford Waterbury Jr., Erna Conklin, Bartlett Mann, William Parker, Duane Hursfall, Donald Halsey, Herbert Molter, Elizabeth Walter, Eileen Johnson, Bernadene Hoyt, Max Souby, Clare Rasmuson, Basil Tucker, C.C. Miller and Eugene Vliet.

Specials at Rudy's include sugar, 10 pounds for 49 cents; ammonia, a quart for a dime; hamburger, 29 cents for two pounds; beef roast center cuts, 15 cents a pound; and oleo, two pounds for a quarter. Rudy's has a new display of Northrup, King & Co. seeds for all your vegetable and flower garden needs.

People Poll

By Eileen Oxley

What should the minimum age be for piloting a plane?

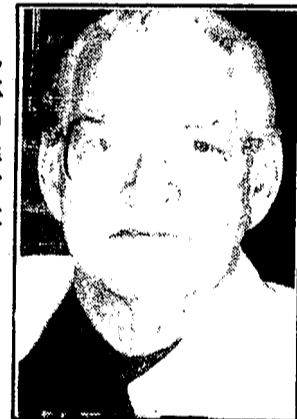
STEPHANIE VO, CLARKSTON: I think it should be at least 16. I think when kids are too young they don't have much common sense until they're around 16. They can be real smart but they're not capable enough. My son, for example — I don't care how smart he is, I would not risk his life.



KIT KNIBBE, CLARKSTON: It should be the same as for driving a car. It's common sense. An airplane is much more complicated than an automobile. It might even have to go up if you think about it.



JIM BICKFORD, CLARKSTON: I think it's OK (for kids to pilot) if they have a competent instructor and all the equipment in the plane they need for all emergencies.



MARQUIS HARRIS, CLARKSTON: I believe an airplane is more complicated than driving a vehicle. There are more variables. I believe the earliest you should get a learning permit is 16; the earliest to get a license should be 18.



MARY MCGUIRE, CLARKSTON: 21. (Jessica Dubroff, who died in a plane crash April 11 as the pilot) was too young to die and I think parents need to be more concerned about the welfare of their children than what they can do.



All were polled at the Village Bakeshop.

More letters

BT is common-sense

Dear Editor,

To the Gypsy Moth Lovers, I am sorry that an anti-moth suppressent has been developed, "BT," to stop the growth of your pet flyers.

I had the same trouble in not wanting to destroy my crawling and flying pets, but my well-being became my first priority. I did band 128 oaks and maples with the addition of pest guard grease to the bands on my property only after I had the creepy little critters crawling in my hammer handles, wood doors on walls, pant legs, etc.

I even got tired of walking through 150-200 dangling webs hanging from my eves in front of my doors, and watching the little darlings curl up and drop as you tried to pet them with loving hands. The little green feces only seemed like rain on everything it touched or dropped on during the sunlight hours (hold the wind).

However, common sense prevailed, and finding out my trees after 3 years defoliation would die and leave me with a lot of firewood and no beauty or shade, I called for the aerial spraying of "BT," true and tested.

It took two years of spraying to give "live-in results," but it worked for us and my neighbors. Now I can walk, swim without crushing caterpillars in my towel or underfoot on the deck. Take my "advice" — go BT.

One moth lover to the next
Edward I. Brown
Kalkaska

Hooray for teachers

Dear Editor,

The PTA and the Student Leadership Council of Clarkston Middle School are joining the National PTA to recognize the outstanding work of the teachers and staff of Clarkston Middle School. In a world where a strong education is essential for the success of our children, it is more important than ever to acknowledge the contributions of these influential and vital members of our community.

The PTA and SLC are planning special activities during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-11. We encourage everyone to join us by finding a personal way to recognize those staff members who have made a difference in your child's life.

Sincerely
Members of SLC and PTA

Insider

High tech, yessiree

Everyone talks about technology, but the Clarkston board of education thinks it should define what the term means.

During discussion which quickly turned silly April 22, some wondered what the definition would include. "I've got a radar detector," quipped trustee Kurt Shanks.

All-night-party tickets go on sale May 8

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

It's barely May but seniors can be excused if they are already starting to feel graduation fever. The pressure's building, and it won't let up until they walk up the aisle at Pine Knob, diplomas in hand, into the adult world.

For parents, that's both good and bad. They want their children to enjoy graduation, but they want them to do so safely. For that reason, for the 10th year in a row, the parents of the Clarkston High School senior class are giving their kids a big send-off with an all-night party.

The party will be held, as in previous years, at Deer Lake Racquet Club between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The event's co-chairs this year—Marsha Combs, Pat Weber and Michele Weverstad—promise it will be filled with fun, food and prizes on a Mardi Gras theme.

"Every kid goes away with a prize and there will be drawings all night long," Weverstad said. Entertainment is scheduled throughout the evening, with drawings for prizes in between the events, which include such wacky fun as sumo wrestling, where the kids put on huge suits to imitate the look of the real wrestlers; human bowling, which is new this year; a casino, karaoke, euchre tournaments, and the must-see teacher skit, among many others.

"You have to basically kick them out the door in the morning," said Karen Tinkis, who has chaired the event in the past. "They don't want to leave. That's one thing that's hard as a parent. They're hugging you . . . That's why I've always done it."

The exact details of what the club will look like are a closely guarded secret, the better to wow the seniors as they arrive. "I did mention there could be a 'gater in the pool,'" Combs joked. But this year, for the second time, adults will be invited to see the decorated facility just before the party starts.

From 5-7 p.m. on graduation night, parents of the junior class (who will be putting on the party next year) will hold a reception at Deer Lake for the community.

"It's totally transformed and there are refresh-



From left, Marsha Combs, Pat Weber and Michele Weverstad are the co-chairs of this year's senior

all-night party.

ments and it's a nice touch," Weverstad said. "The contributors get handwritten notes from the kids inviting them."

The purpose is to thank all those whose contributions make the party possible, and indeed such a big event, with only a \$15 ticket price, could not be possible without a lot of contributors. Donations are still being sought.

"What we try to do is rely heavily on parent donations," Weverstad said. However, others, such as service clubs, also contribute.

"Service clubs have always been very supportive in the past," Tinkis said.

Volunteers may also still sign up to work at the party. Junior parents will be doing the last-minute set-up during graduation. "It gives them an overview of what's going on," said Combs.

The co-chairs credit Deer Lake, senior and junior

parents and the school administration for supporting the party for 10 years and keeping it a success. About 99 percent of the seniors attend, Tinkis said. Tickets go on sale May 8.

In addition, the same committee hosts the senior dinner, a more dress-up affair which will be held June 2 at 6 p.m. at Mitch's II. The dinner features student entertainment. Cost is \$13 and tickets went on sale today.

Work began on these events back in August, and the co-chairs will laugh and tell you they were either really organized or really scared. The early start, they agree, has helped but the work isn't over yet: all three co-chairs will spend the entire night at the party.

And some of them may live to do it another year. Combs will have another senior in 2006.

"I'll be back," she said. "I have 10 years to get over this."

Shear pleasure

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full ...

Entering the driveway, you could hear the bleating of sheep and lambs — as common as bird chirps to the Bellairs family who own Bellairs Hillside Farm on Big Lake Rd.

The Bellairs hosted their annual Spring Wool Away Day April 23, where school children and other groups could see newborn lambs at play, sheep sheared, wool skirted and classed and spinners, weavers and knitters.

Gloria Bellairs said everything is done from start to finish on the farm — from raising the sheep to making items from their wool. Now one of the largest sheep farms in Oakland County, the business started out as a hobby, she said, when she and her husband George bought the 12-acre parcel 25 years ago.

"We have three daughters. They all wanted horses. It's still zoned agriculture," she said.

The Bellairs raise sheep, llamas

and Angora goats which produce wool, angora and mohair. "If (animals) don't have good enough fleece or they're not good for breeding stock, they're use for food," Gloria Bellairs said.

Wool is sent to a company in Frankenmuth where it's washed and carded and comes back ready to be spun into yarn. Many people buy the yarn and create items which can be sold right at the farm.

Though the Bellairs enjoy the down-on-the-farm simplicity, business is high-tech too. An intercom is always running and allows the family to hear sheep in distress and those in labor. And George Bellairs has cameras ready to install that will enable them to view their animals on close-circuit TV.

Gloria Bellairs was especially tickled when another group visited the farm recently — some Michigan State University agriculture students.

"They're teaching more about wool in addition to meat. We were quite flattered. That was something Michigan State never taught about. Maybe they're finding out more things to know about sheep. That'll be good," she said with a smile.



Shearer Doug Hoolsema finishes a ram.

Around town

● A used book sale will be held at the Independence Township Library May 2-4, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

● The six choirs of Clarkston High School will perform May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the CHS auditorium. The choirs will sing separately and together and the department will honor its senior class members. The concert is free.

● "Solving Critter Problems" May 4 at Independence Oaks Nature Center will offer earth-friendly solutions to backyard wildlife problems. Cost is \$1

plus vehicle entry fee; the program starts at 1 p.m. Call 625-6473 (TDD 858-1684) to register.

● "Job Hunting for Teens" will be presented at the Independence Township Library May 6, 6:30-8 p.m. Diane Morrison will lead the workshop on job-hunting skills, including filling out applications, how to dress and selling your strong points. To sign up for this free workshop, call 625-2212.

● A German translating workshop for genealogists will be held at the Ortonville village offices, 395 Mill St. on May 11, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Translators will be on hand. Drop-ins are welcome but you are encouraged to bring copies of items you need translated, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, in case time runs out. For more information or to

RSVP call Georgena Miller at 627-4549.

● A free training for people who assist the elderly or handicapped will be offered by Interfaith Caregivers of Lighthouse at St. Daniel Church on Thursday, May 9, 8:45 a.m.-noon. RSVP by calling 335-2462.

● The Springfield Township Library will host an evening storytime for children ages 2-6 and their parents on Wednesdays, 7:45-8:30 beginning May 8. Call 625-0595 to pre-register.

● The CROP walk, a 10-mile fund-raiser to help end hunger overseas and at home, will be held May 5 at 1:30 p.m. Marchers should meet at Oxford United Methodist Church, 21 E. Burdick St. in downtown Oxford. Call 391-0819 or 693-6201 for more information.

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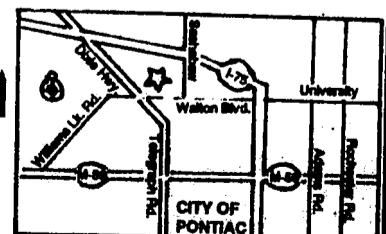
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Lisa Herron

Lisa Herron

GPA: 4.0

PARENTS: Glenn and Judy Herron

Lisa plans to study premed/biology this fall with an eye toward sports medicine or surgery. She is a National Merit Scholar who is as yet undecided on which college she will attend but is considering Kalamazoo and Alma.

Lisa has been a member of the track, volleyball, basketball and cross-country teams and has been recognized as an Academic All State in track, volleyball and cross-country and All State in track. She was co-MVP of the volleyball team for the last two years and has served as president of the National Honor Society, co-chair of Blue and Gold's publicity committee and was a member of WOL-F. She has volunteered as a speaker for the DARE program and at summer Bible School at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Stefanie Burklow

GPA: 3.980

PARENTS: Michael and Carolyn Burklow

Stefanie plans to attend the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, where she has been awarded an athletic scholarship, the Provost's Scholarship and a Talented Student Tuition Differential Grant. She is planning to study engineering.

Stefanie has been a member of the track and cross-country teams and plans to continue to run in college. Other activities have included choir, National Honor Society, SADD, LIFE and Wol-f, for which she is a director. She is also a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Rochester and plays the piano.

Amy Brent

GPA: 3.956

PARENTS: Barry and Carol Brent

Amy plans to attend Michigan State University this fall and study biosystems engineering, a new program at MSU.

She has been a member of Blue and Gold and NHS, and attends St. Anne's Church in Ortonville. She was a participant in the MSU Alumni Distinguished Scholarship Competition.

Elizabeth Fletcher

GPA: 3.945

PARENTS: Ed and Lila Fletcher

Beth plans to attend either MSU or Alma College this fall and has been awarded the Trustees Scholarship at ALMA. She plans to study psychology or sociology.

She has been a member of the CHS color guard, the band and has run track for three years. She has membership in NHS, Blue and Gold and the WOL-F leadership committee. She attended Girls State and was a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Don Downey

GPA: 3.94

PARENTS: Donald Downey and Joan Sheffer

Don plans to take the next year off to live and work in Greece, where he spent last summer, then attend the American University in Paris and the Sorbonne. He plans to major in international affairs and education with an eye towards a career as a business lawyer or an English professor in a non-English-speaking country.

Don has been a member of the CHS band and has won several math competitions. For the last two years he has written a column and criticism for The Clarkston News. He was also a National Merit Finalist and



Stefanie Burklow

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**Clarkston High School
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Elizabeth Fletcher



Don Downey



Michael Romein



Jeff Roselli



Michelle Newton



Scott Hill

recently received a Clarkston Youth Assistance Youth Recognition Award.

Michael Romein

GPA: 3.925

PARENTS: Tom and Carolyn Romein

Michael plans to attend Lyman Briggs School at Michigan State University in the fall to major in chemical engineering. Last summer he attended the High School Engineering Institute at MSU.

For the last two years he has been the JV and freshman sports reporter for The Clarkston News, for which he recently received a Youth Assistance Youth Recognition Award. He was also a member of NHS, the science club, Spanish club, French club and WOL-F. Starting at an early age, Michael completed four years of both French and Spanish.

For the past three years Michael has worked as a page at the Independence Township Library. He has also been honored with the Clarkston Area Optimist Club Youth Recognition Award.



Julie Lloyd

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GPA: 4.0

PARENTS: Robert and Dorothy Lloyd

Julie will attend Michigan Technological University in the fall to study civil or mechanical engineering, and has received a Board of Control Scholarship from MTU.

Julie was a member of the CHS marching band and is active with Waterford Community Church, where she has been involved with the youth group, youth council and as a volunteer in the nursery. Last summer she attended a Women in Engineering seminar at MTU and was a finalist in a writing contest sponsored by Lawrence Technological University.

Jeff Roselli

GPA: 3.924

PARENTS: Carl and Pat Roselli

Jeffrey plans to attend the University of Michigan this fall to major in mechanical engineering. He hopes to work for an auto company someday.

Jeffrey has been a member of Blue and Gold, Interact and NHS. He has also tutored younger students and been named an Interscholastic Scholar and Scholar Athlete. He also received an award from the Optimists.

Michelle Newton

GPA: 3.923

PARENTS: Gary and Janis Newton

Michelle plans to attend the University of Michigan-Flint, where she has received the Chancellor's Scholarship. She plans to major in physical therapy.

She has been a member of the French club, science club, NHS, Bel-Canto Choir, WOL-F and has served as the boys varsity basketball team's assistant statistician. She has received awards from both Youth Assistance and the Optimist Club, and attended Girls State and Manuscript Day at Western Michigan University. She attends St. Daniel Church as has been an altar server since 1991.

Michelle has also had perfect school attendance since eighth grade.

Scott Hill

GPA: 3.921

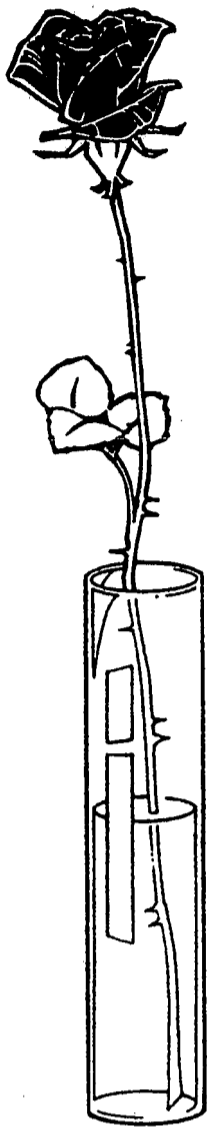
PARENTS: Sharyn and Bill Hill

Scott has been awarded the Trustee Honors Scholarship from Alma College, where he plans to major in biochemistry in the pre-med curriculum this fall.

Scott just completed his second year on the two-time regional champion varsity basketball team as one of the senior co-captains. This year he was chosen to receive the Steve Secatch Memorial Scholarship award. He also plays varsity baseball and is a member of NHS. As a sophomore he attended the HOBY Leadership Program and recently he was chosen to receive a Detroit Association Phi Beta Kappa Certificate of Recognition. Scott has been a member of Interact and Blue and Gold and has been named a school scholar/athlete.

Less than one-tenth of a grade point separates the number 1 and number 10 students in the Class of 1996.

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Pedestrian killed on Sashabaw Rd.

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An alleged lovers' quarrel ended in the death of an Oxford woman Sunday night.

Georgea Theakston, 28, of Oxford was killed around 9 p.m. April 28 after she ran from west to east across Sashabaw Rd. in Independence Township near the entrance of Pine Knob Elementary School.

Witnesses said Theakston came running out of the swampy area across Sashabaw and into the side of a car driven by a 16-year-old Oxford girl. She fell and was then run over by a car driven by a Clarkston minister. Both cars were traveling in the northbound lane.

Theakston died instantly when she was hit by the second car, said Deputy Tom Poulin of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's crash investigation unit, who was at the scene.

The drivers were not ticketed, Poulin said. One witness dialed 911 from a car phone, while another called police from a nearby gas station.

Sheriff's deputies and the Independence Township Fire Department arrived around 9:04 p.m., Poulin said. They closed off traffic in Sashabaw's northbound lane for nearly two hours, north and south of the school.

Police questioned Theakston's boyfriend, who said he had last seen her approximately one-half hour earlier. He said he learned of the accident after arriving at his Oxford home.

Poulin said the boyfriend admitted he and Theakston had had an argument after he had fixed her car and it had broken down twice. He told police it had last broken down near the school, but as of press time, police had not found the car.

"He said he offered her a ride home. She refused," Poulin said.

There was no indication of high speed from the two drivers, Poulin said. At press time, neither autopsy reports nor a police investigation had been completed.

See spring in the wetlands

Don your boots and head for the woods May 5 and May 12 at the Michigan Nature Association's Brandon Township Nature Sanctuary.

The MNA will be offering guided tours of the sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. each day. If conditions are right, the marsh marigolds should be in bloom this weekend and will provide a breathtaking first look at spring. On May 12 the trillium, a much-loved Michigan wildflower, are expected to be in bloom.

To get to the sanctuary, go north on M-15 3.2 miles from I-75. The entrance to the sanctuary is on the east side, just north of the driveway to Solley's.

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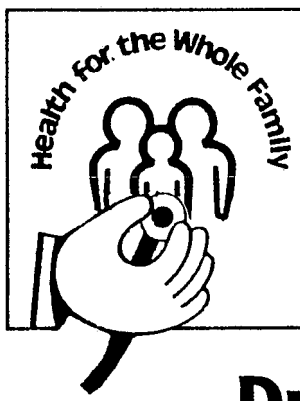
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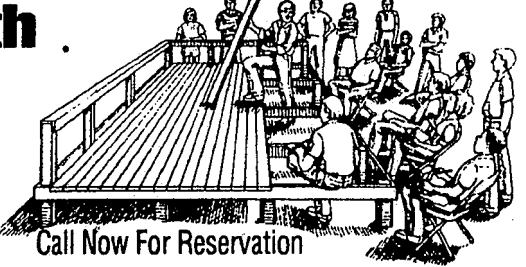
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Academic achiever

NAME: Lisa Suzanne Vallad

GPA: 3.886

PARENTS: Dennis and Jean Vallad of Springfield Township.

PLANS: "Work this summer and then attend Western Michigan University. I'm leaving my options open as far as what to major in because it changes daily. Each day I see something and say 'Oh wow; that would be fun.'" Her interests include physician's assistant and teaching.

FAVORITE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY: "I like to work out and Rollerblade. It helps me clear my mind if there is something bothering me. Basically it's a big stress reliever. It's fun; you don't even realize it's exercise." She's also run cross-country and track.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS: Academic Excellence scholarship from WMU, Presidential Education Award, scholar/athlete award, chenille letter and pin, most improved player in cross country in 1994.

FAVORITE CLASS: "Psychology because it was interesting to explore myself (my own thoughts, behaviors, etc) and even apply it to other people. You get so much freedom in it; there's no wrong answer."

JOB: "I am the Murray's Girl at Murray's Discount Auto. I am a cashier and a stocker. I also lifeguard over the summers." She expects to teach swimming this summer at Groveland Oaks.

HEROES: "Anyone who works hard to achieve



Lisa Vallad

their goals, my parents especially. They've come a long way."

FAVORITE MUSICAL ACT: "I love every kind of music, especially Van Morrison, Bob Marley, and country and a lot of dance music."

A GOOD BOOK SHE'S READ: "A Time to Kill" by John Grisham.

PETS: Cody and Cimmarron, two golden retrievers.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: "Things don't usually make me feel embarrassed, but... one moment had something to do with a McDonald's stray." She won't say more, "not unless I move."

LIFE ACCOMPLISHMENT SHE'S PROUDEST OF: "When I went out for cross country my junior year, I couldn't

even run a half mile. I worked so hard and sometimes it felt like I was going nowhere, but I stuck with it. I'm proud of myself for not giving up."

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: "I have so many it's hard to narrow it down. Homecoming of my junior year was special because we all went as friends and I had so much fun."

SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT HER: "I used to be really shy. I never said anything. Now it's hard to get me to be quiet."

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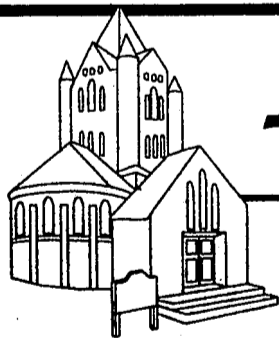
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Mills addition awaits final approval from city

Clarkston Mills mall owner Ed Adler said last week his plans to build a 1,000-square-foot addition on the south end of the mall were approved by the Clarkston Historic District Commission at a meeting April 23.

"They liked it and OK'ed it. It doesn't really impact the historic district because it's not an historic-type structure," he said. The Mills building, on W. Washington St., was originally owned by Ford Motor Company when Henry Ford built the first structure in the 1930s, Adler said. Over the years it has seen two more additions.

Adler wants to move forward on the addition because of increased clientele and prospective new tenants. He was granted a variance by the city zoning board of appeals in 1992, followed by a recommendation from the planning commission for site plan ap-

proval.

Now four years later, Adler says he didn't think he had to get a council vote to proceed. He said he wrote to the city in December, asking if there was anything else he needed and was told he only needed historic district commission approval.

Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas said Tuesday morning he had talked to planning commission chairman Dave Huttenlocher, who said he remembered the intent was to recommend the addition in 1992. Pappas said Huttenlocher told him it was expected that the planning commission would "clarify the motion" it made four years ago at its May 6 meeting at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Pappas said Adler would need a council vote for final site plan approval. He added that the issue would be put on the agenda for the next council meeting May 13.

Commission studies outdoor seating request

A subcommittee has been studying a request by Clarkston Union owners to add outdoor seating to their restaurant. They will report their findings at the Clarkston City Planning Commission Monday night, May 6, at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 375 Depot Rd.



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Recreation association honors Middleton

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BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Parks and recreation departments across the state of Michigan are thanking Rep. Tom Middleton.

And their thanks came in the form of a "Legislative Award" from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, which is presented "to an individual who has exhibited exceptional support ..." of parks and recreation.

Middleton (R., Ortonville), who represents the communities of Independence, Clarkston, Springfield, Brandon, Groveland, Holly, Rose and Highland, was one of two winners in his category. It's the first year a Legislative Award has been given.

Barb Wisney, director of programming for the MRPA, said Middleton's selection was mainly based on his efforts to push through legislation supporting

local parks and recreation departments.

The youth recreation mini-grant program is administered by the MRPA. As a member of the State Appropriations Committee, Middleton was able to move the bill along and secured \$100,000 towards that program from the state.

As a direct result, according to Wisney, 21 communities are providing programs and services which emphasize recreation as a positive prevention program. Independence Township's Parks and Recreation Department is one of the local departments that took advantage of the \$1,000 grant.

The award also says that Middleton, running for his fourth term, is active in the communities he represents and is strong supporter of Independence Township's parks and rec department.

The other Legislative award winner with Middleton is Woodrow Stanley, mayor of the City of Flint.



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, two-car accident on N. Main at Miller. No citations.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, Clarkston police assisted the Independence Township Fire Department when a 3-year-old who got his finger caught in a ladder.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, a complaint was received about trucks parking in the alley behind a Main St. business.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, three-car accident on N. Main at Clarkston Rd. A Clarkston woman was ticketed.

Attempted break-in on Miller St.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, an Overlook resident reported a cellular phone had been taken from his car while parked in the garage.

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Emily Boose, 11, a fifth-grade student at Clarkston Elementary School, won first place in the annual "Peace Begins at Home" poster contest sponsored by the Child abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County, the Children's Trust Fund and the Pontiac Creative Arts Center.

Emily's winning art is on display at the Creative Arts Center this month, along with that of the other winners, including Jeremy Zito, 11, another Clarkston El. student. Their art deals with non-abusive ways to resolve family conflicts. One hundred sixty children in north Oakland County entered the contest.



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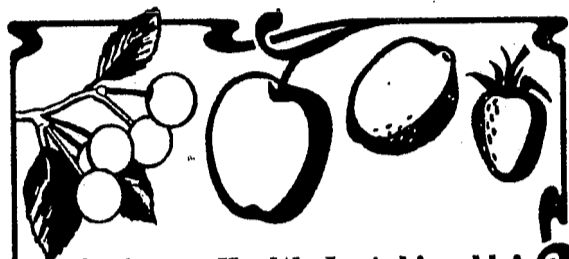
Parents: phone calls coming

As part of the North Central Association accreditation process, Clarkston High School will be calling parents of 1995 graduates on May 1 and 2.

The purpose of the survey calls will be to allow parents to reflect on their child's education at CHS and where the graduate is now, according to CHS teacher Mike Taylor.

Several National Honor Society students have volunteered to make the phone calls, between 6-8 p.m. on both days. There will only be about 10 questions asked and Taylor said they hope to reach at least 100 parents.

There were about 450 graduates from Clarkston High in 1995.



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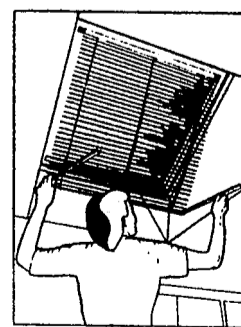
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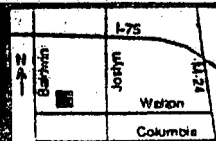
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Sheriff's log for Independence Township

MONDAY, APRIL 22, breaking and entering of a 1994 Geo Tracker on Cecelia Ann. A plastic window was cut and a stereo stolen.

A 1993 Chevy pick up had its window broken while parked in a Maybee Rd. lot and numerous items stolen.

While a deputy was working on another case, he found a Chevy Laser with its window smashed in a Sashabaw Rd. lot. Since the owner could not be located and the car could not be secured, the deputy had it towed.

A license plate was reported missing from a 1994 Buick parked in a Heath driveway overnight.

A house and a trailer had their siding and windows damaged, probably by a BB gun, on Amy Dr.

A witness saw a purple Grand Am with four people in it remove lug nuts and cover caps from another Grand Am in the Park and Ride lot on Sashabaw. A jack was found under the car. The witness scared the responsible off and got their license plate number. It is registered to a Clarkston man.

A Waterford woman reported someone stole her license plate while her car was parked in a Dixie Highway parking lot and left another license plate in its place. That plate was later recovered in Pontiac on a car stolen from a Davisburg man.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, a fire in a 1988 Blazer found on Waldon that was a possible arson was turned over to investigators. The fire was coming from the driver's seat when a deputy found it and the driver was gone.

An investigation is underway of an employee of an office on Dixie who allegedly made a bank deposit for the employer, then wrote unauthorized money orders against the deposit.

A woman said she was threatened by a man while driving on Dixie because she stopped to let a car in traffic. The victim said she was followed by the man until she went into a restaurant.

A 17-year-old Clarkston man fled a Dixie store after he set off the burglar alarm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, non-injury accident on the I-75 exit ramp to Sashabaw.

Driver dies on Sashabaw

The first of two fatal auto accidents on Sashabaw Rd. last week occurred on April 23. A 23-year-old Ortonville man was killed.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's traffic investigation unit, Bruce Edward Carlton was driving northbound on Sashabaw in a 1989 Ford when he crossed the southbound lane and went into a ditch, rolling the car. He was not wearing a seat belt at the time. Carlton as alone in the car.

Speed is thought to have been a factor though as of press time it's unknown whether alcohol was involved. The accident remains under investigation.

Someone reported that on April 9, a 1996 GMC pick up parked in the high school parking lot received numerous scratches.

A Havelock resident reported a young man peeping in a bathroom window. The resident said it was the second time it had happened there.

Attempted arson at Clintonwood Park. An employee saw two juveniles leave a restroom, then smelled smoke and found a fire inside.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, three sheds were broken into overnight, one on Sylvan View and two on Longview. Locks were cut and items stolen include wheels, fishing equipment, a bicycle, leaf blower and trolling motor.

Larceny of a men's Schwinn bike from a Paramus backyard overnight.

A 24-year-old Joy resident was arrested for assaulting his girlfriend. Deputies were sent to the home by the victim's mother, who was concerned because her daughter was unable to leave or call her. Deputies found the woman, 21, with injuries to her face, neck, chest, arms and hands.

Larceny from cars on Lancaster Lake and Lancaster Hill. A jacket was stolen from one car, a large amount of camera equipment was stolen from another. The next day, much of the equipment was

recovered after a deputy stopped to assist a 17-year-old Clarkston resident on Clark Rd. in Springfield Township. A witness said he had seen the suspect carry some items into the wood and return without them. The deputy went into the woods and recovered the items, and the suspect later confessed.

Rocks broke a glass sign on Maybee Rd.

While on a traffic stop on Dixie, a deputy arrested a 21-year-old Holly man on a criminal sexual conduct warrant out of Waterford.

A driver on Sashabaw Rd. hit a tree and went into a pond near Pine Knob Rd. around 1:15 a.m. The driver, a 26-year-old Clarkston man, received minor injuries but the car overturned and was severely damaged. He was wearing a seat belt at the time. Alcohol was thought to be a factor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, larceny from an auto on Lancaster Hills Dr. A door was bent open on a 1994 Dodge and a CD player stolen.

dumping on Stickney. A 31-year-old Waterford man was seen by a firefighter dumping on vacant land. The firefighter got the license plate number off the vehicle, and the man was ticketed.

Two men and one woman were seen by a deputy loading building materials into their car from the site of the new fire hall on Citation Drive. One man fled, the other claimed he had permission to take the materials. Since that could not be verified, he and the woman were released, but without the materials.

Breaking and entering of a church on Clarkston Rd. A thief broke a window and stole \$50 from an office.

A Maybee Rd. man is being investigated for possible child abuse after he allegedly shook his stepson until he hit his head. The fight started over a Tootsie Roll.

Larceny of a gas can from a shed on E. Circle.

Window peeper on Thendara.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, felonious assault with a gun on Whipple Lake Rd. A 49-year-old Clarkston woman allegedly stuck a loaded gun into the stomach area of a 48-year-old Highland man and threatened to kill him. She was disarmed before deputies arrived.



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MONDAY, APRIL 22, grass fire on Sashabaw. Assault victim on M-15. Injury accident on Dixie. Medical at the high school and on Snowapple. Investigation on Plum.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, vehicle fire on Waldon. Medical on Meyers and on Pine Knob Rd. Injury accident on Sashabaw.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, building fire at Clintonwood Park.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, injury accident with auto in pond. A smoking vehicle on the northbound I-75 exit ramp at M-15. A 3-year-old child with a finger stuck in a ladder on N. Main.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, medicals on Perry Lake Rd., on Snowapple, on Lancaster Hill and Lancaster Lake Ct. Dwelling filled with smoke on Allen Rd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, injury accident on Sashabaw. Medicals on Mann, on Upland Dr., on M-15, on Northcrest Way, on Huron and on Gulick. A grass fire reported on Iroquois Ct. was out by the time the fire department arrived. Investigation of an electric stove on Caribou.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, medicals on South River and on Dixie. Injured motorcyclist on Sashabaw. Assault victim on Whipple Lake Rd. Medical on Clintonville; one to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Investigation on Mann.

TOTAL CALLS THIS YEAR THROUGH APRIL 28 at 7:58 p.m.: 572.

Correction

● An article about wildfires in last week's edition incorrectly stated that Springfield Township does not allow burning. Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole said the township does allow burning, with a permit, of certain things. A new burning ordinance just took effect April 24. Residents should contact the township to obtain a permit.

K-9 Stray Rescue League



Taz is a terrier mix between 1 and 2 years old. He is a neutered male, housebroken, well-behaved and loves the company of people and other dogs. He would fit best in a home with other dogs and people who are home often. Taz and other dogs will be available for adoption Saturday through K-9 Stray Rescue League at Pet Supplies Plus, 5304 Dixie, Waterford. Hours are noon-5 p.m. Call 620-3784 for more information.

And the winner is . . .

When Jason Gougeon saw the ad in The Clarkston News about a pothole contest, he thought, "That's an easy question."

And for his answer, Jason, 23, is the winner of a free front-end alignment from Randy Hosler Pontiac. Jason drives a 1991 Camaro he says can really use the alignment.

Jason chose the pothole—it's actually a double-dip—on Clarkston Rd. at Pine Knob Rd. Anyone who drives that road regularly knows it's been a problem all winter and was the hands-down selection of our staff from among the problem spots entered.

Ironically, Jason works for a paving company. A 20-year Clarkston resident, he lives near the winning spot. However, in our efforts to investigate the other entries, we noticed that a lot of roads, including many side streets, are in need of some hot asphalt—and quick.

Thanks to all who entered, and to Randy Hosler for sponsoring the contest.

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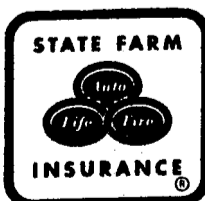
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Youth Assistance honors Clarkston's young volunteers

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

The papers are filled daily with bad news. No one knows that better than the people of Oakland County Probate Court, which handles juvenile matters.

So it's perhaps ironic, perhaps fitting, that the court celebrates the good in kids each year through Youth Assistance. And the celebration came to Clarkston April 24 with the annual Youth Recognition Awards reception.

The reception was held at Clarkston United Methodist Church and in attendance were chief probate judge Joan Young, several county commissioners, Youth Assistance officials and many parents. They were all there to congratulate and thank the youngsters who have made their community better through volunteerism.



Michael Romein, who has written a column for The Clarkston News for two years as a volunteer student writer, receives congratulations from Cal Engelberg on his award.

The community at large was asked to nominate the awardees, and the list was long—73 people and organizations. They ranged from a person who returned a wallet containing money and legal documents to some who volunteered hundreds of hours to a charity.

Young talked about the good effects of volunteerism, what she called "warm fuzzies" or the "helper's high."

"We do really get something out of volunteering, and maybe it's more important than compensation," she said. "When you do something good for somebody else you get kind of a good feeling inside. It can come back any time you want it to. All you have to do is remember it."

Young also said that there is monetary value in volunteering. "We're talking about billions of dollars worth of people's time," she said, pointing out that nearly one-half of all adults volunteer some time for a cause of their choosing.

And volunteering is non-discriminatory, she said. Former president Jimmy Carter's mother joined the Peace Corps when she was in her 80s.

"You can be old, you can be young, tall, short, male, female. That's the great thing about being a volunteer. There are very few qualifications."

Kal Engelberg, chief of Oakland County Youth Assistance, also thanked the parents of the children being honored for their part in raising good citizens. Using his own son as an example, he pointed out that when you get a car, you get instructions. But when you become a parent, it's "good luck." Making the effort, and succeeding, should be recognized.

"What we hope to accomplish is to say to other young people in this community that one of the ways you can be recognized... is to do something positive," he said.



Kara Weil belts out a Marilyn Monroe style "Happy Birthday" as part of the Sashabaw Middle School choir's medley of "happy" songs.



Cal Engelberg looks over the shoulder of Virginia Walter, 82, a longtime Youth Assistance volunteer in Clarkston. Emery was surprised to learn she had been nominated for a Golden Oldie award from the YMCA of Metro Detroit's Heritage Club. She has worked with Youth Assistance for 23 years and chairs its membership committee.

Like dad, like daughter--for a day

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

His was a uniform. Hers was a pair of jeans and a Mickey Mouse sweatshirt.

Perhaps it was intentional, perhaps only coincidence, but both Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston and his daughter Molly decided on the same color last Thursday — navy blue.

The reason? April 25 was "National Take Your Daughter to Work Day" and Molly, 14, who attends Clarkston Middle School, got to spend the day with her dad.

It wasn't too hard for her to wake up Thursday morning and get to the Clarkston Police Department by 7 a.m. "I usually get up at 6:18 'cause my mom wakes me up for school," she explained. But before that, Molly shared in the ritual most working adults can't do without — the coffee break.

"I was with my dad having coffee at (Morgan's) gas station. That was cool," the eighth-grader said, bobbing her head enthusiastically.

Actually the day was pretty quiet. There weren't any criminals to catch or speeders to stop. But Molly did enjoy going on the foot patrols and riding in the police car. "I didn't know my dad's route very well. I got to know it better."

The most exciting event was accompanying her

dad to a scene where a 3-year-old got his finger stuck in a ladder. And the dullest was attending a meeting where Molly did something many adults only dream of.

"I fell asleep," she admitted with a grin. "I didn't know meetings were so boring."

During the day she also helped her dad pick up Meals on Wheels, shared lunch with a senior, assisted with computer work and calls at the office, and visited Oakland County Dispatch.

"That was awesome. There were lots of little red and white lights," Molly said, wide-eyed.

Paul Ormiston said he enjoyed spending the day with just his daughter. "When you work 12 hours a day, five days a week, you don't get as much time with each other as you'd like to," he said.

Molly said she's considered following her dad's career path, but right now has her sights on becoming a marine biologist. "I love animals, sharks, whales and stuff. I saw something on the Disney Channel — a girl swimming with sharks and they didn't bother her at all."

Her father didn't flinch. Obviously courage runs in the family.

There's mutual admiration too. Molly gazed at her dad affectionately and added, "I don't know if this has anything to do with him being a cop, but my friends think he's awesome."



Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston and his daughter Molly spent the whole day together during "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" April 25.

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Section B

Softball team's pitching and hitting solid; errors costly Few setbacks in undefeated OAA start

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

You'll hear no complaints from Clarkston softball coach Al Land.

With a strong 12-4 start, Land said he's pleased with his team's effort and play. If not for bad weather and an injury that has forced at least four players into new positions, Land is confident that record could be even better.

The Wolves, 4-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I, played well again last week, going 5-2 overall, including two wins over division foe Waterford Kettering May 24.

Land said he can account for his team's four losses because of errors, mainly due to players in new positions with the season-ending knee injury to centerfielder Stephanie Giroux two weeks ago.

"All of those losses were because of bad innings where we gave up a lot of errors," said Land. "But they are coming from kids who are just getting used to new positions so we know it's just a matter of time for everyone to get comfortable."

In addition to position changes, the weather has also been uncooperative. It's forced Land's team to have limited practices outside. In addition, they've

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Softball coach Al Land

played only one game this season in nice weather.

But besides those concerns Land said his squad is playing well behind strong hitting and solid efforts from pitchers Alesha Ulasich and Rachel Fuller.

"The pitching has been above my expectations," said Land. "They are both going strong."

After sweeping Kettering in the doubleheader 13-11 and 8-4, the Wolves headed to the Oakland Press-North Star Classic, held in Rochester on April 27-28. Clarkston went 3-2 in the tourney, good for second place in the Flight C division. There were 32 teams competing in six flights.

Clarkston earned a win April 26 when Birmingham Seaholm forfeited. An April 29 home game against Waterford Mott was canceled because of rain, but will be made up May 1.

In the first game of the doubleheader against Kettering, CHS came back from a 7-2 deficit, thanks to some potent hitting by everyone in the lineup.

All-OAA catcher Amanda Jenkinson didn't play due to illness but her teammates picked up the slack. Senior Nicki Hard continued her solid play with two triples, while junior Sue Naboychik hit a two-run homer.

In the second game, Clarkston got a strong pitching performance from Fuller, a sophomore, who went the distance. Three of Kettering's four runs were unearned.

Hard had two more hits, while sophomores Aimee Giroux and Tiffany Honey also had two.

In the first game of the North Star Classic, the Wolves were crushed by Fenton, losing 11-0. If not for the first inning, however, the game would have been up for grabs. The Wolves gave up 10 runs in the first, thanks to seven errors.

"There's nothing you can do but sit and watch," said Land.

While the Wolves settled down on defense, they still couldn't score. On the positive side, however, Land said Fuller took another step to being a better player.

"Looking at the score, ouch," said Land. "But I think Rachel came out of that a better player. When things are falling apart like that and you have no

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Last-second loss has soccer team in shock

Despite tough week, young Wolves playing well in losses

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"I've never seen anything like it in 25 years of playing soccer," said Clarkston girls soccer coach Brian Fitzgerald about his team's last-second 2-1 loss to Bloomfield Hills Lahser April 23. "It was just a shock."

It's a rarity to have a soccer game decided with one second left on the clock, but that's exactly what happened to the Wolves.

The game was tied 1-1 with about 30 seconds left and the Wolves only had to control the ball. Instead Lahser stayed aggressive, and, with six seconds left, took a final shot on goal. As the ball made its way to the net, the Wolves couldn't control and it slowly moved past the goalkeeper. With one second left it just barely crept past the line to give Lahser the win.

"I didn't even know what to say," Fitzgerald said. "They played well... we had the best team in the league (OAA Division II) beat. We couldn't have played any better."

Clarkston took a 1-0 lead in the game's first 10 minutes on a Brynn Allyn goal. And the Wolves played solid defense the rest of the way, until the game's final minutes.

Lahser got an easy goal with about five minutes to play to tie it up. From there CHS was unable to control the ball, allowing Lahser to set up for the game-winner.

"We needed to play the game for 80 minutes and not 75, but for the most part we played good defense," said the coach.

Freshman starter Jenny Kerney fractured her



Clarkston defenders, as pictured left, couldn't contain the Lake Orion Dragons April 25 and lost 3-0. The Wolves fell to 2-3-1 overall despite play-

elbow in the game and it's not known when she'll return to action.

Against Orion April 25, the Wolves couldn't stop Orion's best player and lost 3-0. Orion sophomore Tamara McArthur scored all her team's goals.

"She was definitely the best player out there," said Fitzgerald. "She scored from every angle. We had her marked but maybe we should have put two defend-

ing teams tough last week (photo by Lake Orion Review reporter Mike Kamyszek).

ers on her."

CHS goalkeeper Nicole Talliver played strong in the loss.

The Wolves are now 2-3-1 overall but coach Fitzgerald remains positive because he said the team is working hard and just needs to get a few breaks.

"So far so good," said the coach. "We've just been unlucky."

Track teams join together for strong finish

Both squads defeat Berkley; look to improve each meet

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's the one time of year when the Clarkston boys and girls track teams race as one.

And though the combined team didn't win at the April 27 Bloomfield Hills Andover Relays, they put on a good show, taking third overall, with one first-place and three second-place finishes.

For each event, teams use two girls and two boys and places are awarded on combined efforts.

In first place overall was Rochester Adams with 86 points; Rochester was second with 76. The Wolves had 56 points, while fourth place finished with 39.

"We had a disqualification in one race where we would have been second so that would have helped us move up," said boys coach Walt Winiemko. "But this is a meet that's fun for everyone. These are kids who practice together in track and cross country and go to school together. In this they get to compete together."

Taking the team's only first-place finish was the shot-put crew of Jason Olafsson, Eric Leigh, Latisha Hawley and Kammy Powell. The same four took third place in the discus.

In second place were long jumpers Michelle Erickson, Kellie Christie, Chris Evans and Marc Venegoni; the shuttle-hurdle team of Evans, Curt Brewer, Kim Ledwell and Michelle Wilson; and the

Running as one

Top finishers in the boys/girls combined Andover Relays

Event	Place	Boys/Girls team
Shot put	1st	Latisha Hawley, Kammy Powell, Eric Leigh, Jason Olafsson.
Long jump	2nd	Michelle Erickson, Kellie Christie, Chris Evans, Marc Venegoni.
Shuttle-hurdles	2nd	Kim Ledwell, Michelle Wilson, Evans, Curt Brewer.
4x400 run	2nd	Lisa Herron, Stefanie Burklow, James Holst, J.D. Zuchelkowski.
4x1600 run	3rd	Matt Gifford, Jon Burklow, Stefanie Burklow, Liz Cook.
Sprint-Medley	3rd	Megan Plante, Adrienne Brown, Jeff Long, Zuchelkowski.
Discus	3rd	Hawley, Powell, Leigh, Olafsson.
4x3200 run	4th	Lissa Lukens, Kristin Maine, Brian Ginn, Jeff Deevey.

4x400 team of Lisa Herron, Stefanie Burklow, James Holst and J.D. Zuchelkowski.

In third place was the 4x1600 team of Matt Gifford, Jon Burklow, Stefanie Burklow and Liz Cook, and the sprint medley team of Megan Plante, Jeff Long, Adrienne Brown and Zuchelkowski.

The 4x3200 team of Jeff Deevey, Lissa Lukens, Brian Ginn and Kristin Maine finished in fourth place.

Both the girls and boys teams dominated Berkley in an April 23 meet. The boys won 82-46 and the girls won 88-40.

Winners for the boys were the 4x800 team of Jon Burklow, Gifford, Josh Holst and Deevey, Evans in the high hurdles, Long in the 100 dash, Olafsson in the shot and discus, Venegoni in the long jump, Burklow in the 800 run and the 4x400 team of Burklow, James Holst, Josh Holst and Zuchelkowski.

"These kinds of meets give our kids a chance to show they can win," said Winiemko. "Time-wise we are getting better and that's what we are focusing on."

Taking first for the girls were Powell in the shot and discus, Amanda Warden in the high jump, Wilson in the long jump and 300 hurdles, Adrienne Brown in the 100 and 200 yard dashes, Erica Holman in the 400 dash, Maine in the 800 run, Cook in the 3200 run, and the 3200 relay team and 1600 relay team.

Girls coach Gordie Richardson said his team continues to improve each meet.

"We had some real good times Saturday and, for the most part, we're seeing some strong efforts," he said. "Our freshmen are giving us some good runs."

On a disappointing note, senior Liz Murphy, the team's top hurdler, broke her ankle last week and it's not known when she will be able to return.

First tennis loss comes to OAA rival Groves

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A 6-2 loss to division rival Birmingham Groves April 25 could easily have been a 5-3 win.

But on this day it wasn't meant to be and a disappointed Clarkston tennis team must wait for another chance.

The Wolves went into the match undefeated at 6-0, which included an 8-0 April 23 win over Lake Orion and a 6-1 win over Lapeer East April 24.

Coach Kevin Ortwine said the Groves match was something his team was ready for from the beginning of the season.

"We were disappointed because the guys were looking forward to this all year," said Ortwine. "We had our chances, but last year we probably would have been happy to win a set. This year the team wants more and we're closing that gap with schools like Groves."

The Wolves got wins from #3 singles Kevin Kopec and #4 singles Jim Kyle, but the match could have gone either way due to a three-set match at #4 doubles with Chas Claus and Jeremy Davidson and second-set tiebreakers at #1 singles with Mike Aulgur and #2 singles with Mike Kopec.

"We started off bad because ev-

eryone lost their first set to Groves," said the coach. "We didn't figure out how to play the wind until the second sets."

Ortwine said the team has its sights set on the OAA meet and regionals.

"I think this will motivate them even more," he said. "It was a real quiet bus ride back home after that."

Clarkston performed well at the Warren Mott Invitational April 27, finishing fourth among eight teams.

State-ranked Bloomfield Hills Andover was first, Troy was second and North Farmington third.

"We finished about where I expected to," said Ortwine. "This was a tough tournament for us."

The #2 doubles team of Zach Sanger and Dan Brazier made it to the finals but lost, while #2 singles player Mike Kopec finished third, as well as the #4 doubles team of Claus and Davidson.

Jim Kyle took fourth place at #4 singles.

An April 29 match against Andover was canceled and will be made up May 7.

Kopec sets school record

On April 24 senior Mike Kopec set Clarkston's all-time school record

for career wins when he won his 45th match.

Kopec, who plays at #2 singles, is 9-3 this season and is 47-20 for his

career. He beat the 44 career wins of

Keith Turner, who played from 1988-90.



Area hoopsters win at Oxford

"Three Jocks and a Strap" won the 14-15 age group of the Oxford Wildcat 3-on-3 March Madness Basketball Tournament. The four team members are all from Clarkston. Pictured, left to right, are Kevin Stalker, Adam

Schapman, Ryan Thomas, Chris Brecht and manager Bryan Trevaskis. Three Jocks and a

Strap are one of four all-Clarkston teams to finish in the top five of the 14-15 group.

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Five homers, nine errors in game

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's baseball record book was assaulted last week, but it didn't help the team win.

CHS lost four of five games last week, putting its record at 3-4 overall and 2-1 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I standings.

In a game April 27 against Grand Blanc, the first of a doubleheader, the Wolves smashed five home runs. That was the most for a Clarkston team since the state championship squad hit six in 1976.

But even records don't always mean a win. On defense they had nine errors and lost 16-15 in extra innings.

"We really hit the ball but had too many errors and we couldn't stop them," said a disappointed coach Roy Warner. "Either we'd boot it or throw it away."

Clarkston started off the game with a seven-run lead but couldn't hold it.

Senior Justin Morgan hit two home runs, while junior Eric Knake, senior Jeff Mull and junior Jason Frack hit one each. Senior Dave Barth was 4-for-5

hitting on the day.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Grand Blanc continued its offensive show and beat the Wolves 12-1. Clarkston had only three hits and Barth hit a home run for his team's only run.

The Wolves started the week on a good note, beating division foe Royal Oak Kimball 2-0 on April 24. In that game Mull pitched a two-hitter with 11 strikeouts. Knake had one hit and three walks while Barth was 2-for-3.

On April 25 CHS took on defending Class B state champion Detroit Country Day and lost 13-3.

The first division loss came on a cold, windy April 26 against Troy Athens. In 12 innings of play, the Wolves lost 10-9.

Warner said his team played well against Athens, scoring three runs in the fourth and sixth innings, but couldn't hold on.

While the coach won't make excuses for his team, he said the weather and lack of early-season practice time could be having an effect. Once the errors stop, they can win the close games and continue to battle for the division title.

"We just have to start playing with more confidence," he said.

Softball team takes second at tourney

Continued from page 1B

control over it, as a pitcher you can fold. But she didn't give up out there and showed a lot of character."

In the second and third games, Clarkston beat Warren Woods Tower 12-0 and Royal Oak Dondero 16-2.

Against Tower, Ulasich pitched a one-hitter, senior Mary Brewer had two hits, including a triple, and senior co-captain Crystal Lemke came out of a slump with some clutch hits.

"We changed her swing and her stance and it seems like she's hitting better now," said Land. "She is a real student of this game and works real hard on what you tell her."

Against Dondero, Fuller went the distance, striking out eight. Freshman Mandy Harrison, Honey and

Lemke hit well, along with the entire team.

In Flight C play, Clarkston beat North Farmington 9-3 in the first game, but lost in the final, 5-2, to Utica Ford.

The Wolves got strong pitching from Ulasich and Fuller and a two-run homer from Brewer against North Farmington.

Clarkston was leading Ford in the fifth inning, 2-1, before errors once again did the Wolves in. Four errors allowed Ford to score four runs, giving them the lead for good.

"Most of the time we can survive one error, but when you get multiples, it really hurts," said Land.

Clarkston took a 2-0 lead in the third inning. Lemke led off with a double and Honey bunted and stole second. That set the stage for junior Stephanie Vogler's two-run single up the middle.

The Wolf Den

By Jack Leech,
Clarkston Wolfpack
Hockey Club

The newly formed Clarkston Wolfpack Hockey Club started its season at 1-2.

On April 18, the Wolfpack, composed of high-school-age boys, beat Walled Lake Western 8-4 at Lakeland Arena.

The pack scored three power-play goals, one each from Ryan Peters, Joe Grech and Marcus Johnson. Anthony Facione and Andy Cote added to the score while Jason Stoecker scored a hat trick.

The club's second and third games didn't come with the same results, however. They lost a tough 3-1 contest to Milford last week and couldn't stop Redford Union in a 5-3 loss.

Against Milford, goalie Steve Badger turned away 33 of 36 shots for Clarkston, including three breakaways in the first period. David Vogt scored his team's only goal on a pass from Andy Cote.

Scoring against Redford Union were Facione (two) and Josh Babe.

The team's next game is scheduled for May 2 at Lakeland Arena.



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JV sports

By Michael Romein

JV Softball

A win, a loss and a forfeit made for an interesting week for the Wolves.

On April 24, the Wolves played a doubleheader against Waterford Kettering. In the first game, the Wolves won 3-1 in extra innings. Allison Prudhomme picked up the victory for the Wolves, bringing her record to 3-0. She struck out 11 and only walked two. Kettering tied the game at 1-1 in the fifth inning. In the eighth, Angie Thompson singled, stole second, and scored on a single by Beth Tuttle. Tuttle then scored on a single by Corrine McIntyre.

In the second game, the Wolves did not hit very well. They lost 5-1, with Sam Hardenburgh picking up the loss on the mound. Her record is now 2-1. The Wolves scored their only run in the third. McIntyre led off with a base hit, Nicole Buck singled, and then Wiley singled to drive in McIntyre.

On April 26, the Wolves played half an inning against Birmingham Seaholm, when Birmingham coaches decided it was too cold to play. Clarkston did not want to quit, so both the varsity and JV teams for Seaholm forfeited the game, giving Clarkston the wins.

This week the Wolves play Mott at home, and a doubleheader at Troy.

JV Baseball

The Wolves went 1-2 this past week, bringing their season record to 3-2.

On April 24, the Wolves lost 4-0 to Royal Oak Kimball. Ryan Dudek, John Drallos, Bryan Herzog, Jeff Oliver and Jared Thomas all had hits for Clarkston. Spencer Hynes did the pitching, going six innings, and giving up five hits. He only allowed one earned run, as the Wolves made some costly errors.

On April 25, the Wolves lost to Detroit Country Day 4-1. Bryan Caudill, Hynes, Oliver, Nick Upchurch, and Phil Johnston hit for Clarkston. Johnston had Clarkston's only RBI. Eric Jenks did an outstanding job on the mound, pitching five innings and striking out 10 Yellow Jacket batters. He allowed three hits, but the team made some costly errors, allowing three runs. Jared Thomas pitched one inning, allowing one run, and striking out three.

On April 26, the Wolves got back on track with a 2-1 extra-inning victory over Troy Athens. Mike Little and Herzog had two hits apiece, and Herzog had the game-winning RBI in the eighth with two outs. He drove in Drallos, who had reached on an error. Josh Clark, Drallos, Oliver, and Thomas each had one hit. Matt McInnis had an excellent outing on the mound, pitching the entire eight innings, striking out eight, and only allowing two hits. For the season, he has allowed only three hits over 13 innings.

The Wolves play Southfield Lathrup, Rochester and Rochester Adams this week.

Sport shorts

● David Chomet, a physical education teacher at Springfield Plains Elementary School, posted the fastest time for a Michigan man at this year's Boston Marathon. Chomet, who was the subject of a recent story about marathoning in The Clarkston News, finished in 2:33:23.

● Chris Brecht, 14, hit a hole in one at Spring Lake Country Club April 27. It was his first ace and it was on the 16th hole. Chris attends Sashabaw Middle School.

● The Flying Rhinos Cycling Club's "Back 40 Challenge" will return on Mother's Day, May 12. Registration is 7:30 a.m.-noon at Clarkston Middle School. The event offers three scenic routes to choose from: 17 miles of flat to rolling roads; 27 miles of rolling to hilly roads; and 44 miles of the most challenging roads. Proceeds benefit Clarkston's DARE program. For more information call 625-7000.

Wolves hoopsters are good sportsmen

The regional champion Clarkston boys varsity basketball team, which finished 21-5, was named the regional winner of the Good Sports Are Winners! award.

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Regional Good Sport winners receive a plaque.

Freshman sports

By Michael Romein

Freshman Softball

The Wolves split a pair of games this week.

On April 22, the Wolves lost at home to Waterford Mott 5-3 in cold weather. They played well, but the pitcher for Mott was too strong.

On April 25, the Wolves defeated Lake Orion, 9-6. Meghan Hodges pitched well, and the win was a total team effort. The Wolves are now 2-3 overall.



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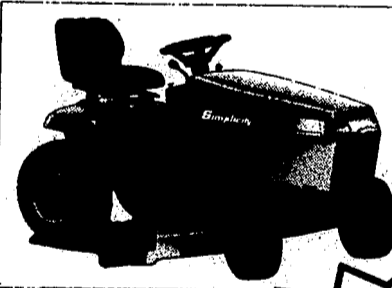
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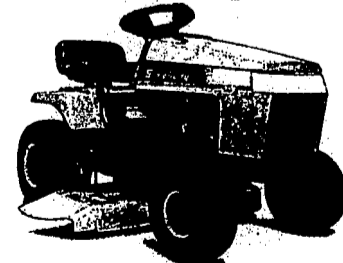


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Obituaries

Constance Love

Constance D. "Connie" Love, 63, of Fort Myers, FL, formerly of Clarkston, died April 23, 1996.

Mrs. Love was retired from both the U.S. Post Office in Clarkston and Fort Myers. Family members say her hobby was her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband William; four children, Ronald (Vicki) of Clarkston, Richard of Ft. Myers, Laura of Clarkston and Vivan (Ed) Roy of Ortonville; seven grandchildren, Kristi, Jenna, Angela, Jessica, Eddie, Anthony and Mason; two brothers, Louis (Jeanette) Walterhouse of Flint and Winston (June) Walterhouse of Naples, FL; and a sister, Donna (Harley) Smith of Lake.

Mass of the Resurrection was held April 26 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford with the Rev. Larry Delonnay officiating. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery.

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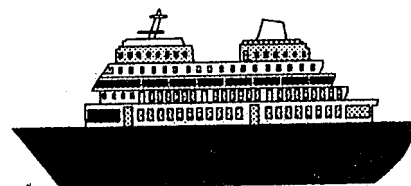
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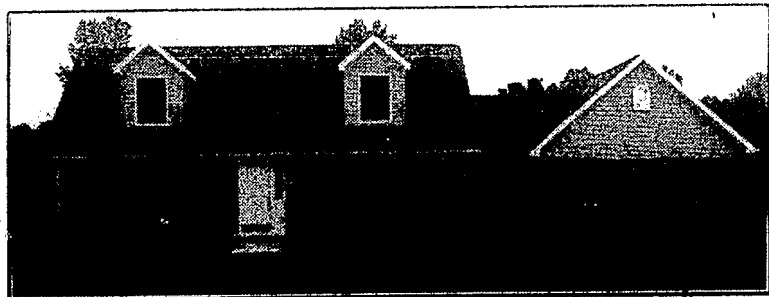


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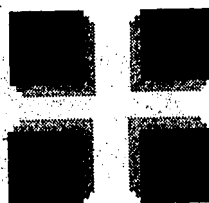
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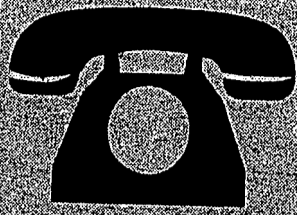
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Milestones



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Auchterlonie

Auchterlonie-Goodell wed in Bloomfield Hills

Robert and Lori (Goodell) Auchterlonie were married Oct. 21, 1995 at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.

Maid of honor was Dana Bickerstaff of Clarkston, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids included Alma Eley of Farmington Hills, Sandy Peterson of White Lake, Denise Collins of Nashville, TN, Vivian Jones of Glendale, AZ and Theresa Latvanas of York, PA.

The groom's best man was Kurt Thomas of Franklin. Groomsmen included brothers of the groom Jim Auchterlonie of Mount Kisco, NY and Richard Auchterlonie of Houston, TX and Chris Elder of Hinsdale, IL, Chris Morris of Flushing and Scott Bickerstaff of Clarkston.

European-styled flower arrangements for the wedding were designed by students in the floral design program at Oakland Technical Center, Northwest Campus, Clarkston.

A reception for 200 guests followed at Brentwood Country Club in White Lake.

Lori is the daughter of Harry and Carrol Goodell of Clarkston. She received an engineering degree from General Motors Institute and an MBA and MA in East Asian Studies from the University of Virginia. She is employed as an export operations manager at Saturn Corporation in Troy.

Robert is the son of Marilyn Auchterlonie of Franklin and the late James Auchterlonie. He received an engineering degree from Purdue University and is employed as a sales engineer at Sage Technologies in Livonia.

The couple spent their honeymoon in the Turks and Caicos islands. They reside in Clarkston.

Reunions

● Pontiac Central High School's Class of 1951 will hold its 45th class reunion August 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Deer Lake Racquet Club in Clarkston. For more information call Norma Pond at (810) 674-2306.



OTC students place in car competition

Students from the Oakland Technical Center Northwest took second place in the annual Micro-Electric Vehicle Competition April 23 at Lawrence Technological University. The event was sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers, Detroit Edison, Ford Motor and LTU. Pictured are (from left) SAE's Mike Arnott and

students Fred Taylor, Bill Elliott, Andy Gilbert, Rick Nelson, Derek Budry and Shane Henderson. They competed against students from 15 high schools. Students received savings bonds; cash prizes go to their schools. Bloomfield Lahser won the competition.

In service

Christopher Colburn has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and will soon enroll in technical school at the same location. He is the son of Helen and Ron Colburn of Clarkston.



● Army Pvt. Donivan L. Wynn has graduated from basic military training at Fort Knox, KY. He is the son of Lindsay and Leord Wynn of Pontiac; his wife, Danniellee, is the daughter of James Sturgis and Sandra Sturgis of Clarkston.

● Army Pvt. Sean Carmichael has arrived for duty at Fort Stewart, GA. A cannon crewmember, he is a 1994 graduate of Clarkston High School and the son of Wayne and Linda Carmichael of Clarkston. His wife, Mary, is the daughter of Edward and Linda Carlton of Ortonville.

● Army Pvt. Paul Noel has arrived for duty at Fort Stewart, GA. A cannon crewmember, he is the son of Michael Noel and Leona Noel, both of Clarkston. He is a 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School.

● Air Force Reserve Staff Sgt. Duane Nancarrow has graduate from the flight nurse course at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.

Nancarrow has been trained for duty as a member of a medical crew in aeromedical evacuation units. He is the son of Lee Nancarrow of Clarkston and a 1984 graduate of Clarkston High School.

● Air Force Airman 1st Class Brad Sagiwitz has graduated from the airborne computer system apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. He also received the Enlisted Aircrew Wings. A 1988 graduate of Clarkston High School, he is the son of Margaret Sagowitz of Clarkston and Larry Sagowitz of St. Clair Shores. He is also a 1991 graduate of ITT Technical Institute, Buena Park, CA.

● Air Force Airman Kathleen Choler has graduated from the services apprentice course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. She is the daughter of Michael and Dolores Choler of Waterford.

● Air Force Airman Sean Keffer has arrived for duty at Yokota Air Base, Japan. An aircraft pneudraulic systems apprentice, he is the son of Harry Keffer of White Lake and Lynda Faught of Clarkston.



Wall-Phillips

Gayle Teresa Watts of Clarkston announces the engagement of her daughter, Kristin Elizabeth Wall, to Dean Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Phillips of South Lyon. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Marian High School and Central Michigan University. The prospective groom is a graduate of South Lyon High School, Wake Forest University and Florida State graduate school. He is employed by IBM. An August 1996 wedding at MeadowBrook Hall in Rochester is planned.

Honored by ABWA

Toni Miller, school secretary at Donelson Hills Elementary School in Waterford, has been elected Woman of the Year by the Inde-Spring Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Miller was selected for the award because of



her commitment to the chapter, her employer and her community. She has been head of the club's education committee for the last two years and as such seeks out women who can benefit from the club's scholarships. Over the last 16 years, the Inde-Spring Chapter has provided over \$100,000 to local women in scholarships.

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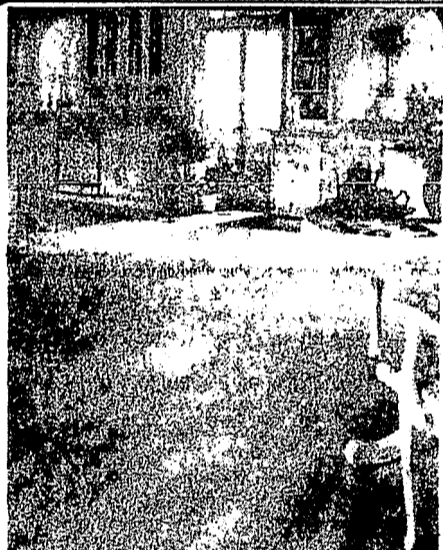


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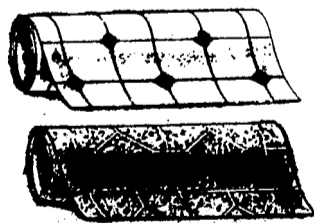
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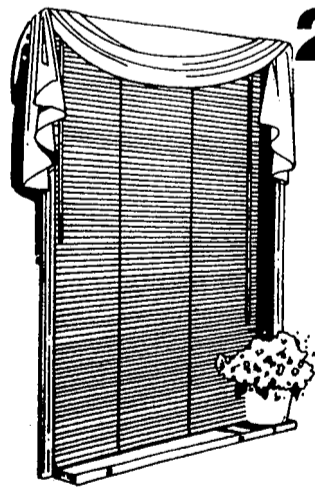
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on May 9, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #96-1-016
REZONING REQUEST
Thomas & Janet Villarreal, Petitioners
From: R-1R (Rural Residential)
To: R-1C (Suburban Farm Residential)
Parcel Identification Number: 08-12-200-009
Common Description: 7 Acres, Eston Road North of Clarkston Road

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

JOAN E. MCCRARY, CLERK

Publish April 17 and May 1, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAYS

The Charter Township of Independence will hold its Annual Spring Clean-Up Days Saturday, May 11 and May 18, 1996. The Department of Public Works, 6050 Flemings Lake Road, will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Residents of Independence Township and City of Clarkston only. Proof of residency will be required.

Because of the tremendous cost of disposal, the Township is forced to charge a fee for the dumping. Fees are as follows:

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Auto w/single axle trailer	10.00
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Tickets for dumping may be obtained at the Township Treasurer's Office, located at the Township Hall, 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, MI. Tickets will also be on sale at the dump site, the days of the clean-up.

Publish April 17, April 24, May 1 and May 8, 1996

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA

7:30 P.M., MAY 7, 1996

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- List of Bills
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Public Forum
- Presentation - Common Ground

- #### Old Business
- Award Bid for Central Dispatch - Fire
- #### New Business
- Bow Pointe Road Improvement Resolution Further Adjusting Payment Schedule
 - Meadow Brook Historic Races Concours D'Elegance Waterford Hill Raceway
 - Permission to Bid Repair Underground Storage Tanks - Station 2
 - Request to Purchase Road Grader from City of Clarkston
 - Request to Install an In-Line Skating Rink at Clintonwood Park

- Final Plat Approval - Wyngate Subdivision
- Variance Request - Development Design Standards - Cul-de-sac Length Parcel 08-15-351-001
- Rezoning R1R to R1C Parcels 08-12-200-001 & 002 Eston Road
- Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Revised Lighting Regulations
- Rezoning - R1R to R1C Parcel 08-18-401-002 Reese Road
- Proposed Contract to provide Transportation Services to Springfield Township

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on May 23, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #96-1-009
REZONING REQUEST: Silverman Development Company, Inc., Petitioner.
From: R-1A (Single Family Residential) & O (Office)
To: P.U.D. (Planned Unit Development)
33.44 acres
Intended Mixed Use
Parcel Identification Number: 08-27-100-014, 015, 028, 038 & 041
Common Description: NW 1/4 of Section 27, South of Waldon & West of Sashabaw Rd

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

JOAN E. MCCRARY, CLERK

Publish May 1 and May 15, 1996

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 1996.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the annual school election called to be held on Monday, June 10, 1996, is Monday, May 13, 1996. Persons registering after 5 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 13, 1996, are not eligible to vote at the annual school election.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Sheila J. Hughes
Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Annual School Election.
Publish May 1 and May 8, 1996

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SUMMARY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 22, 1996

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:05 p.m.
Roll: Present: Basinger, Catallo, Roeser, Sanderson, Savage, Secatch.

Absent: Gamble.
Agenda approved.
Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved "That Hubbell, Roth and Clark will resubmit sketches showing maximum parking that could be established with improvements to Depot Road."

Second readings were held for the following:
Ordinance 119: Adoption by Reference 1993 BOCA Basic Building Code with Modifications and Applications to the City.

Ordinance 120: Adoption by Reference 1993 BOCA National Electrical Code.
Ordinance 121: Adoption by Reference the 1993 BOCA National Plumbing Code.

Ordinances 119, 120 and 121 were adopted.
First readings were conducted by Attorney Tom Ryan for the following:

Proposed Ordinance No. 122, Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance No. 123, 1993 BOCA Property Maintenance Code.

Council approved the purchase of a Bunton Mower at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

Budget Amendment passed as follows: Transfer from Village Hall - Equipment, \$1,000; Village Hall - Storage Shed, \$2,500; and Village Hall - Maintenance, \$500, to New Equipment, DPW, \$4,000.

Clerk authorized to purchase Optech III-P Eagle with Ballot Box and Memory Pack Voting Equipment and two Model VI Voting Booths, for a total of \$5,725.

Funds in the amount of \$5,725 transferred from reserves to Election Equipment.

Halfway from main entrance to the City/Hall to be constructed with an entrance into the Council Chambers subject to the approval of the building inspector with respect to ADA requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas
Clerk

PROBATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CLAIMS NOTICE

Independent Probate
FILE NO. 96-250,319-IE
Estate of John Martin, a/k/a JOHN W. MARTIN, a/k/a JOHN WARREN MARTIN, Deceased, 382-28-3864.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:
The decedent, whose last known address was Greenery Health Care Center, 4800 Clintonville Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, died 4/9/96. An instrument dated 8/9/95 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.
Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Laura A. Traylor, 381 Crestwood Drive, Oxford, Michigan 48371, or to both the independent personal representative and the Oakland County Probate Court, Pontiac, Michigan 48341, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

This estate is not being supervised by the Probate Court. Any interested party may file a written petition with the Oakland County Probate Court, located at 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48341, and with the independent personal representative, objecting to the appointment and the admission of the decedent's will to probate.
MITCHELL DECHTER, P-12604
21 South Main Street
Clarkston, Michigan 48346
(810) 625-6600

PROBATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

In the Matter of the Estate of:
SUZANNE E. RYMAL,
Deceased.

Last Address:
2895 Walmsley Cir.
Lake Orion, MI 48360
ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924
Attorney for Per. Rep.
2745 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, Michigan 48328-2653
(810) 682-8800

PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To all interested persons:
TAKE NOTICE: On May 29, A.D., 1996, at 8:30 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, before Honorable Eugene Arthur Moore, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Eric V. Rymal requesting that he be appointed personal representative of Suzanne E. Rymal, who lived at 2895 Walmsley Circle, Lake Orion, Michigan 48360, and died on April 4, 1996, and requesting also that the will of the deceased dated September 7, 1991, and codicils dated June 3, 1994, be admitted to probate.
Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.
Dated: April 22, 1996
ERIC V. RYMAL
305 Pioneer
Pontiac, Michigan 48341

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR., (P-24924)
Attorney for Personal Representative
2745 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, Michigan 48328-2653
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, May 15, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #96-0045 Thelma Potvin, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (WIDTH TO DEPTH RATIO)
E. Princeton, Lots 69-72, R-1A
Round Lake
08-01-351-018

Case #96-0046 Richard Lee, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 11' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME
Garnet Circle, Lot 33, R-1A
Stone Valley
08-10-402-006

Case #96-0047 Jeannette Habermas, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 2ND FRONT SETBACK VARIANCE OF 32' TO CONSTRUCT ATTACHED GARAGE
Morningstar Dr, Lot 1, R-1C
Heritage Heights
08-18-129-004

Case #96-0048 Philip Sawdon, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 17' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Lakeview Blvd, Lots 11-13, R-1A
Sunny Beach Country Club #2
08-13-151-053

Case #96-0049 Michael Bonomo, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF APPROX 11', PLUS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF APPROX 6', AND 5' SETBACK VARIANCE BETWEEN STRUCTURES FOR FIRE REPAIR
Fourth, Lots 126 & 127, R-1A
Woodhull Lake
08-34-376-035

Case #96-0050 Gerald Stroud, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR OUTDOOR STORAGE
N. Main St, R-1A
The Birdfeeder
08-20-252-002

Case #96-0051 Spyros Drutis, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF APPROX 29', PLUS ALLOWANCE OF 192 SQ FT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN FRONT YARD
Sequoyah Ct, Lots 58-60, R-1A
Thendara Park Country Club
08-12-356-032

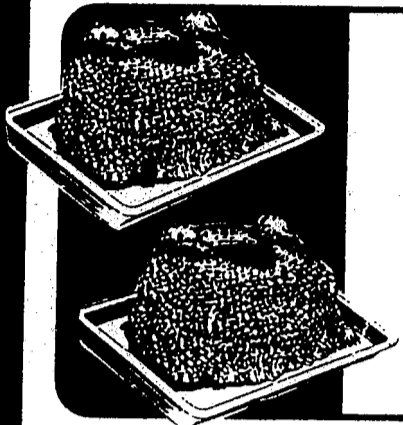
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For more information call (810) 625-8111.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Katherine A. Poole
Secretary

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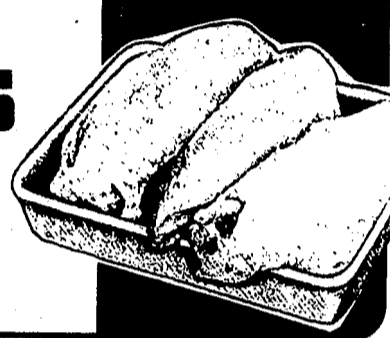


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REAL ESTATE

Buying your first home? Looking for more space? Seeking the right agent? This issue may have the answer!

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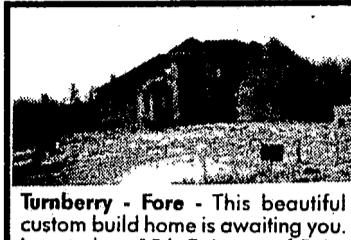
**Supplement to: The Ad-Vertiser and
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Wednesday, May 1, 1996**

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If you're looking for charming, come take a look at this well maintained home. Features family room w/vaulted ceiling, 1st floor master, 2 tier deck and more. Rochester Schools! \$175,000.



Turnberry - Fore - This beautiful custom build home is awaiting you. Located on 15th Fairway of Paint Creek Country Club - 1st floor master, vaulted ceilings and all the amenities you would expect. Call today for your private tour! \$399,900



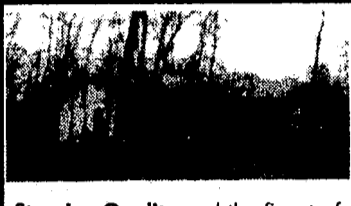
Lake Orion Waterfront - Custom built on a secluded bay on all sports Lake Orion. Double decks, terraced lawn, whirlpool tub, oak trim, central air and much, much more. Beautiful views from every window \$229,900. P-238.



All sports Orion waterfront + in-ground pool/hot tub. Living is more than a vacation here! Finished w/ o with 2nd kit, in-law qtr. New features including carpet, 6 Andersen skylights, landscape, invisible fence. Breathtaking \$384,500.



The view goes on & on. Raised ranch situated on a hilltop, Bald Eagle Lake views, woods, peacefulness. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Must See! Ask for Patty Pascoe! \$124,000. 2031A.



Stunning Quality and the finest of features, inside and out in this NEWER home. Wooded location, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, gourmet kitchen, screened porch and more. \$245,000. Call Kathleen Sanchez.



Oxford New Home! From the soaring ceilings to the 12 ft. lower level walkout, this home is quality everywhere you turn. Features 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths and a mountain top view. \$264,900. A-3870



OPEN HOUSE! It's spring in the country! 2.5 acres & barn for horse privacy for you and your children in home and property. Updated light decor throughout - a steal at \$179,900. DIR: I-75 to Lapeer Rd., exit approx. 5 miles North to Scripps w. 1 mile. See you Sun. 2-5



A lakefront pleasure! This very spacious brick ranch is designed for year 'round entertaining & living. Finished walkout basement with custom bar, 2 story atrium with hot tub & circular stairs to deck off master bedroom, 2 fireplaces, 3 or 4 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths. \$295,000. Call Jim to see LE600.



Gorgeous builders home! Contemporary flair w/open flr plan. 6 panel drs, Andersen windows, soaring ceilings, 1st floor master suite w/elegant bath. Owner will finish walkout base for add'l cost. Over 2700 sq. ft., 3 car garage. \$239,500.



Want Breathing Space? And convenience, nice big back yard with pine trees, 3 large bedrooms, open eating area, large kitchen pantry and lots of storage in easily finished basement. Close to township park. \$118,900 (MLS#613204) B-471.



A picture is worth 1000 words! Can you picture this 4 bedroom Weinberger ranch on all sports lake as yours? If you're still having trouble, picture swimming all year 'round in your indoor pool that is off the great room. Come take a look! You won't be disappointed. \$310,000 (MSL#608213) T-676.



Outstanding Value - super sharp 2 story, contemporary overlooking all sports Stoney Lake in Oxford. Lake access one door away, walkout, 3 bedrooms, fireplace. (229O) \$114,900.



Charm & individuality! Four bedroom home on cul-de-sac. Large master bedroom with private bath, updated kitchen, formal dining room with bay window, basement, garage, deck & a brick patio. Many fine features. \$155,500. Ask for Jim GC2703.



Very clean Orion lakefront! Spacious, well maintained home on gorgeous lot with mature trees. 2 decks, boat dock, master suite w/balcony and water views. Library could be 4th bedroom. Newer furnace, air conditioning, hot water heater, softener and dishwasher. Priced for quick sale at \$259,900. (MLS#601718) SW-1035.



Enjoy the Country in this "better-than-new" colonial on 2-1/2 acres in Brandon. Hardwood flooring, oak cabinetry, bay windows and gorgeous finished basement with dual walkouts. Get inside and be surprised! 13880. \$209,000. Call Lori Carroll-Mancini



Lake Orion - This beautiful maintenance free ranch offers 4 br, 3 full baths, FP in LR, LL finished by a perfectionist, fenced yard, very well maintained home. All this and walk to lake. \$129,900. ML#613944. Ask for Dawn or Carol.



Village of Lake Orion - Completely redone 3 bedroom home w/ basement and extra large garage. Large kitchen, wood floors and woodburner. Over 1600 sq. ft. All appliances and it's cute, cute, cute. (230C) \$129,500.



Lake Voorheis - Lakeview ranch. Priced below all others in area. 3 bedrooms w/hwd flrs, great room, finished basement, former bldrs model. A must see! ML#561521, CK2352 \$214,000. Ask for Dawn or Carol.



Wooded & Rolling! 40 acre and small lake. 5+ bedrooms, library and study, 4 full baths, 1st floor laundry, formal dining room. Small barn and dog kennel. \$395,000. (MLS#617821) S-4244.



Look at this doll house! Recently remodeled, hardwood floors, large corner lot, Orion Schools, possibilities plus! \$74,900. Ask for Pam, pager 704-7304.



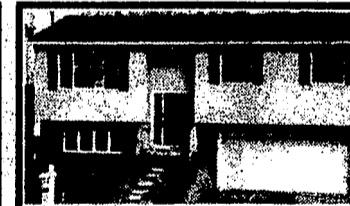
Cute & clean as a button! Doll house in the village of Oxford features hwd flrs, ceiling fans in liv rm, kitchen & master, large enclosed porch, newer roof & hot water heater, even a 1st floor laundry. Neutral decor. Move-in condition! \$104,900. Call Coldwell Banker Shooltz (810) 628-4711 or 810-628-3040. Ask for 141E.



Pack your bags and get ready to move into one of two charming Cape Cods. Features include a great room w/ fireplace, first floor master suite, formal dining room, full basement, 2 car side entry garage & more. Home is just minutes from I-75, schools and shopping! All for \$169,900. Call Kathy Frantz at (810) 628-3040. Ask for 1535B.



Pack your bags! Large 3 bdrm ranch on fenced wooded lot features hardwood floors, large kitchen and x-large family room. Just minutes from I-75, schools and shopping. All for \$89,000. Call Kathy Frantz at (810) 628-3040. Ask for 165P.



Hilltop setting w/spectacular lakeview! Nestled in a woodland setting overlooking Perry Lake. 3 BR, 2 bath, immaculate well maintained with finished LL. Must See! ML#613942. \$126,000. Ask for Dawn or Carol.



Oxford Twp. Brick Home - 3 bedrooms, family room w/ fireplace, 2+ attached garage w/ additional heated workshop. Beautiful back yard w/hot tub and gazebo. \$124,500. Ask for Patty Pascoe (1361F)



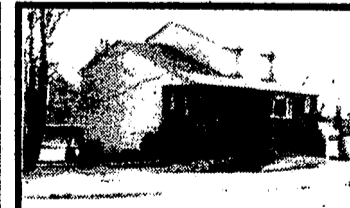
Perfect Paradise! Lakefront and 8.7 parklike acres includes walking bridge, 2 story barn, separate workshop and a VERY nice walkout ranch. Call Madeliene for more info about this unique combination. \$279,900. HL3810.



Seasonal Fun - own your spot on all sports Lake Orion. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished walkout basement, 2 car garage. Bring your personal decorating ideas. \$141,000 (493A) Ask for Patty Pascoe.



Excellent Residential Lot - 2.5 acres, 330X328, rolling, wooded, LC possible, Oxford Schools, Barr Rd & Indian Lake. \$64,000.



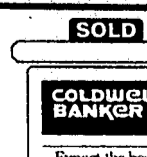
Gorgeous Paint Creek riverfront colonial. Enjoy beautiful riverside deck, and deep lot. This home is spotless. Big family size kitchen, great room with fireplace. So many pluses. \$189,900. (576F) Call Patty Pascoe for all details.



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Ask your mover questions

Start your move right, understand costs

Finding out how much your move will cost and how the charges are determined will get you off to a good start, a moving company executive says.

"Because companies offer a variety of services, it's important that consumers know how they are being charged," according to Richard Meyer, President of DMS Moving Systems.

Meyer, whose company is an agent for Atlas Van Lines, explains that interstate moves are priced according to weight of the household goods and the distance moved. These estimates are either binding (the mover guarantees the price prior to the move) or non-binding (the move estimates the price and provides fi-

nal charges after the shipment is weighed).

"Binding estimates are written agreements that guarantee the cost of the move," Meyer explains. "It is crucial that you make sure the binding estimate contains all of the items to be moved and any additional services you request because anything that is added later will increase the cost and may delay the move while the costs are being re-figured."

Non-binding estimates are approximations based on a survey of the household goods to be moved, Meyer says. The actual cost consists of transporting the household goods and other services, such as packing. Local moves are usually based on hourly charges.

Other services you may have to pay for involve situations at your new home that the moving company estimator was not aware of, Meyer points out.

"These include the existence of elevators and stairs, or where household goods must be carried a long distance, or transported between the moving van and the house in a smaller truck because the new residence is on a narrow street or steep grade.

"Also, protecting your goods against loss and damage is another extra, but important, cost consideration," he says.

Meyer points out that "you must pay the moving company driver before the goods are unloaded at the new residence, unless credit arrangements are made ahead of time. On a non-binding estimate, if the actual charges are higher than the estimate, due to your goods being heavier than estimated or additional items being added, you will be required to pay, upon delivery, the amount of the estimate plus 10 percent of the amount over the estimate. Any remaining costs are due within 30 days."

1996 starts out with bang

Michigan 1996 housing project starts were up 19.5% from 1995 year to date totals through the month of February, and February housing project starts were up 23.3% from January.

"1996 has started out very well," commented Jerel Konwinski, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. "Our outlook for the year is optimistic, but we will be keeping our eye on lumber prices and the inventory of unsold homes. This is a great time to buy a new home for the consumer; mortgage rates are still low as are lumber

prices."

Fixed-rate mortgages climbed a bit to 7.32% in February from 7.08% in January, which is still well below the rates of a year ago. Lumber prices for 1,000 board feet of framing lumber jumped to \$350 in February from \$322 in January.

The Michigan Association of Home Builders is comprised of more than 10,500 member companies, thus providing service to over 400,000 people in the home building/construction industry. MAHB also represents 36 local home builder associations throughout the state.

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City of Pontiac Starter Home. Cute 2 story aluminum-sided home, large kitchen, 2 large BD, large fenced back yard, new hot water heater, possible 3rd BD in basement with half bath. Close to parks and shopping. Price includes Home Warranty. \$28,000. Lister - Bill Gunter.



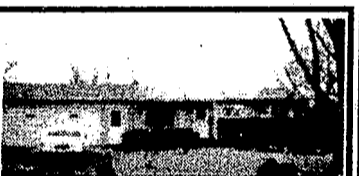
Elegant and secluded in Clarkston. This home is situated on 2.5 acres of wooded, rolling land. Stone and wood English style, 1.5 story home. It boasts over 4,700 sq. ft. of quality luxurious custom features, including private membership in park and all sports lake. Priced at \$500,000. Lister - June Lauer.



Country privacy and convenience, too! This custom brick ranch w/walkout basement has 3,200 sq. ft. and sits on 1.5 acres of wooded land. It is located near State and County parks and a proposed golf course in Northern Oakland County. Paved roads and easy access to I-75, to Troy or Flint. Priced at \$279,000. Lister - June Lauer.



Country Condo in the City. Enjoy country life with this newly built ranch, 1,400 sq. ft. condo in the Village of Ortonville. It features 2 BDs, 1st floor laundry, and an exposed lower level ready for you to finish. There's still time to pick out the carpeting. Priced at \$149,900. Lister - Peggy Piddington.



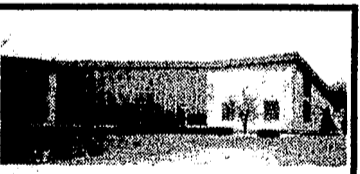
Ideal for first home buyers. Lovely 3 bedroom ranch, new kitchen, walkout basement, large deck overlooking 1.3 acre lot. 2 car attached garage, paved road, Oxford schools. Priced at \$114,900. Lister - Roger Piddington.



Goodrich ranch - This sharp, wood-sided ranch features neutral decor, Berber carpet, 1.5 baths, beautiful wood foyer and crown moldings. It has new linoleum, central air, 2.5 car garage, a full basement that is partially finished. Priced at \$112,000. Lister - June Lauer.



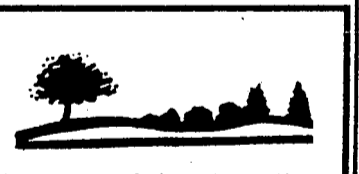
Wooded building site - this lot is located on 1.5 acres that is wooded. It boasts a paved street, underground utilities, good park convenient access to state and County parks, and a proposed golf course. It is conveniently located near I-75, for easy access to Flint and Troy. Priced at \$59,900. Lister - June Lauer.



Passive Solar Contemporary - This stunning 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, custom-built ranch is situated on 2.5 acres of land in Springfield Twp. Cathedral ceilings throughout the house, finished lower level with kitchen. Surprise storage space for the delight of everyone. Priced at \$260,000. Lister - Siglinde Miotke.



Secluded Contemporary - This 2-story contemporary was built for entertaining. It has a main floor open-floor plan, with 3 BD, 2.5 baths and sits in a valley of hardwood trees on 4.4 acre lot. Brand new, custom-designed kitchen, newly painted family room are just a few of the updates. Priced at \$229,000. Lister - Siglinde Miotke.



Pristine wooded acreage. These wooded 3.9 acres is perfect for a walkout basement. Located on a private road in Groveland Twp, with Brandon schools. All the hardwood trees provide perfect cover from the hot summer sun. Sandy soil. Priced at \$60,000. Lister - Siglinde Miotke.



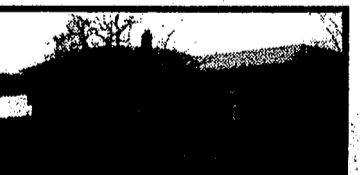
Several Hundred Acres - State land is located across the road from this 3 BD ranch in a spectacular hilltop location. Move-in condition, close to main routes, Brandon schools. Features a finished walkout basement and a 2 car garage. Priced at \$119,995. Listers - Ed Pierson and Bob Shaffer.



What a view, what a lifestyle - boat, swim, fish & private all sports William Lake. This stone house offers 2066 sq. ft. on main level with master suite facing the lake, updated kitchen & 27x9 sunroom, 1200 sq. ft. lower level complete with 2nd kitchen & full bath for entertaining family & friends, Call Linda Walsh - 317-6967



Oxford Lakefront Michelson - All sports, excellent beach, swimming and fishing. 4 bedroom, 1-1/2 baths with lower level walkout. New carpet throughout and open floor plan. \$229,800. Call Lynda Hayes Stumpf, Coldwell Banker, The Michael Group - 625-1333, ext. 214.



Sharp Brick Lakefront - Enjoy swimming or boating from our own dock, this 3 BR brick ranch is excellent for entertaining with a spacious family room, whirlpool bath, newer carpet and windows and includes all appliances. Only \$219,900. Call Gwen Hopp today at 625-1333, ext. 220



Wow! What a Buy! Lovely 1700 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath cape cod, approx. 1 acre, beautifully landscaped with mature trees & garden. Remodeled kitchen, huge 2 car garage, more...Call Naomi 625-1333.

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Is your home physically fit?

Pre-purchase problems

Most people take better care of their car than they do the home they live in.

According to a survey by the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), the leading association for the home inspection profession in the U.S. and Canada, "poor overall maintenance" was rated one of the top five problems most frequently found during home buyers' pre-purchase inspections.

Yet just as cars need regular oil changes and tune-ups to run smoothly and prevent major engine problems, so do houses need periodic preventive maintenance.

Regular preventive maintenance preserves the structural and mechanical systems of the home, as well as its general cosmetic appearance, say the home inspectors. It can also greatly reduce the cost of repairs. They report that many home owners end up hiring contractors to perform major and costly repairs for problems that could easily have been avoided through preventive maintenance.

Keeping the home in good physical condition also enhances its financial value as an investment. Real estate agents agree that well-maintained homes sell more quickly and at higher prices than poorly maintained ones.

Where to begin

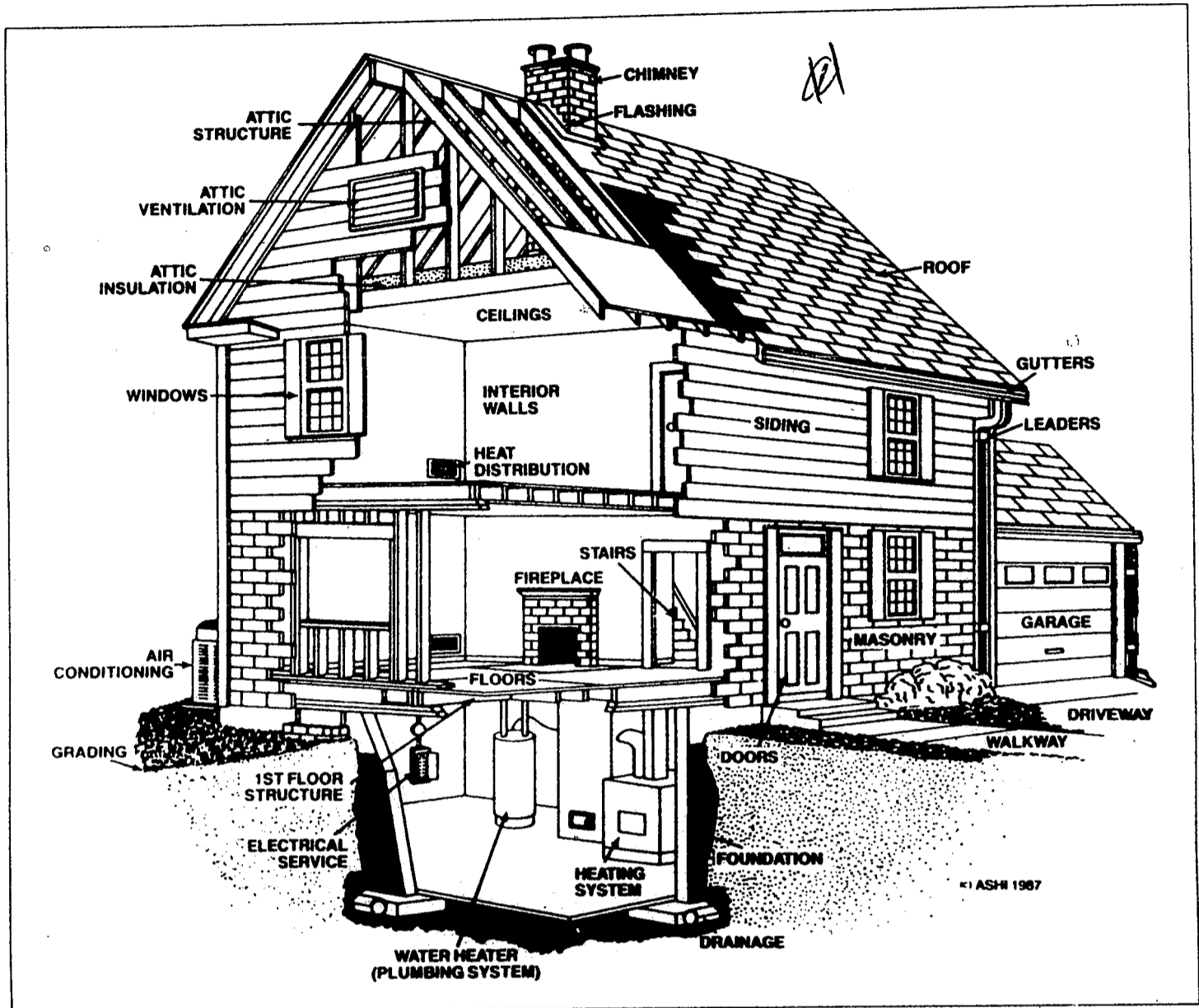
One of the obstacles to regular maintenance for many homeowners is the task of figuring out what needs to be done. If you have a wet basement or a leaky roof, for example, you know that something needs to be done, but there might be several alternatives. Do you buy an expensive waterproofing system or do you simply fix the gutters? Do you buy a new roof, or merely install better chimney flashing?

Other conditions are not always so obvious. Overloaded circuits might be slowly heating up the wiring and building a potential fire hazard. Galvanized steel pipes, corroded with age, might be serviceable today but cause a plumbing nightmare just down the road. Yet if symptoms such as these aren't readily apparent, how do you know you even have a problem.

Get Professional Advice

When the list of maintenance options becomes confusing, or when you don't know where to begin, it's time to call in a professional home inspector, advises Ron Passaro, a spokesperson for the home inspectors' association. Trained and experienced in the visual examination and evaluation of the condition of a home, the inspector can help a homeowner focus attention on the tasks that need to be performed in order to bring a home into top physical condition.

While examining the attic, for example, an inspector might detect subtle evidence of water penetration



through the roof. Allowing for the age and condition of the roofing material, he would then be able to recommend either the installation of a new roof or perhaps some simple flashing repairs. In either case, serious water damage to the house can be avoided.

Similarly, an inspector's recommendation to install a power vent in the attic (\$150-\$200) in order to reduce the heat load might well double the lifespan of a shingle roof (\$2,000-\$3,000).

If a home has aluminum wiring, periodic preventive maintenance inspections are essential. The condition of wire connections at outlets and switches must be monitored so that corrective measures can be taken if necessary.

An inspector will note plumbing leaks and aging water heaters and indicate whether there is a need for repair or replacement to prevent failure or flooding. Improperly graded soil around the house, or defective gutters, the most common causes of water in the basement/cellar, would also be marked for correction.

Be realistic

Passaro cautions homeowners not to attempt to do all the maintenance chores themselves, especially items like electrical or roof top work. "Today, with our busy lifestyles, it is important to be realistic about whether one has the time, not to mention the ability and the tools, to perform all the necessary tasks.

"I recommend that individuals first decide what they think they can accomplish themselves and then hire professional contractors to do the rest. This is the most efficient way of ensuring that preventive maintenance is actually carried out."

How often should a comprehensive maintenance inspection be performed? ASHI recommends a schedule of once every two to five years to keep a home in good physical condition. Individual house components, such as heating, air conditioning, and septic systems, for example, require annual or semiannual inspections and servicing by qualified tradesmen or service technicians.

"Intervals of 15 and 20 years are also important," Passaro noted, "because that is the lifespan of many of a home's systems and materials, such as furnaces and roof coverings. Homeowners can anticipate some heavy maintenance work at those times."

Choose wisely

On-site professional advice for preventive maintenance is a relatively new concept for homeowners, say the home inspectors, yet there is a definite advantage to getting an objective opinion before consulting individual contractors. Members of ASHI, for example, are not permitted to do any work on the homes they inspect, or to recommend any contractors, so homeowners can trust that the inspection is not being used as a means of soliciting unnecessary repair contracts.

ASHI membership also signifies that an inspector meets the highest technical and professional standards. The names of local members may be obtained directly from ASHI headquarters at 85 West Algonquin Road, Suite 360, Arlington Heights, IL 60005-4423, 1-800-743-2744.

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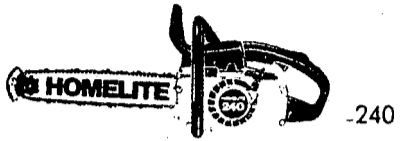


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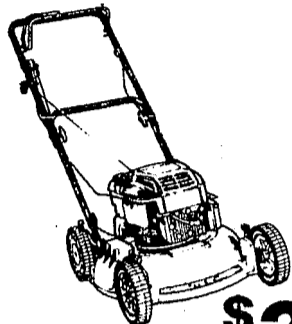
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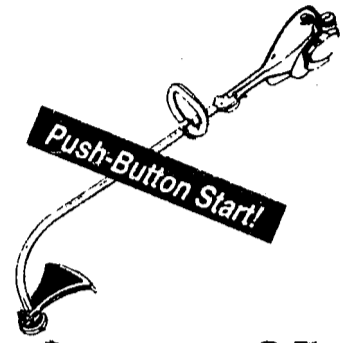


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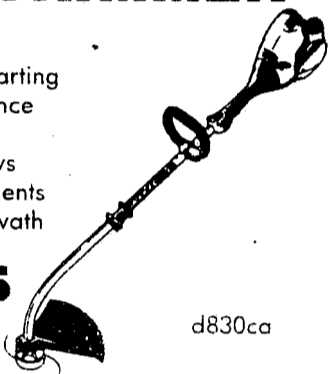
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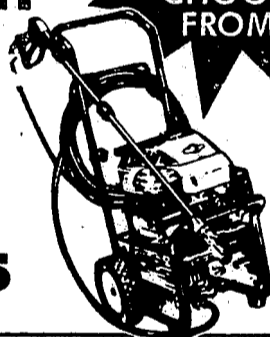
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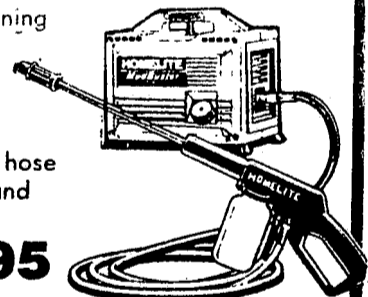


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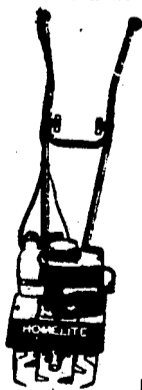
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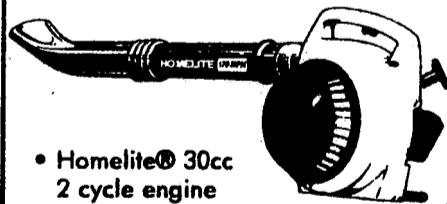
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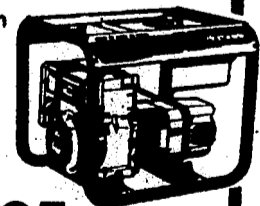
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Log homes have become a \$2 billion segment of the single family, custom built housing market. Like the Fagerlees, more consumers are forsaking solid log building in favor of insulated log homes, which combine the romantic log look with the best of conventional construction.

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David Janczak, founder of

Wisconsin Log Homes, says consumers experience a 25 to 30 percent cost savings just from the speed of construction of insulated log homes. "Our home packages, which include energy efficient doors and Low-E windows, can be built by any quality custom home builder. Plumbing and electrical work is all conventional and any qualified subcontractor can do the job."

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For instance, the Fagerlees wanted a bright contemporary home while others may desire a more rustic appearance. But everyone who builds a custom log home wants to create something they can feel comfortable in and that reflects their personality.

"The good feeling keeps growing. It looks good, feels good and I hate leaving it. After a year, I still find



Log homes ain't what they used to be.

myself sitting down, looking around and admiring the home. It's a dream come true. It's where I want to be," says David Fagerlee.

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From start to sale: home owner deductions

(Prepared by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants)

Your shelter from the elements is also probably the best shelter from tax liability you'll ever have -- that is, your home. And, unlike some other tax shelters, your home can provide you with a full cycle of tax advantages. According to the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, your home can bring you valuable federal income tax benefits from the day you buy it until the day you sell it. Here's how it works.

Purchase: Deductions From The Start

In the year you take title, you may deduct your share of property taxes and interest you paid during the year. Property taxes are usually divided proportionately between the buyer and the seller based on the number of days each owned the property during the tax year to which the taxes relate. The allocation of property taxes normally appear on your closing statement.

In addition, if you pay points or loan origination fees to secure a mortgage for your principal residence, you can fully deduct these points in the year they are paid. And, if you moved to your new home because of a job relocation, you also may be eligible to deduct certain moving expenses.

Ownership: Deductions That Go On and On

One of the major tax advantages of owning a home is the ability to deduct mortgage interest. Under current law, you may deduct 100 percent of the interest you pay on up to \$1 million of mortgage debt incurred to buy, build or improve your residence. What's more, the interest you pay on up to \$100,000 of home equity debt is also fully deductible, even if the proceeds are used for personal expenditures. Keep in mind that you can take mortgage interest deductions for only two personal residences at any one time (your principal residence and one other).

Another advantage of home ownership lies in the deductibility of property taxes for federal income tax

purposes. Generally, the lender pays the taxes on your behalf out of money collected as part of your monthly payment and will send you a statement showing how much you can deduct.

If you work at home and have an office dedicated solely for work, you may qualify for the home office deduction. But beware, the IRS typically scrutinizes such deductions closely.

Sale: Your Last Hurrah

One of the most important tax-savings strategies you can follow while you own your own home is to keep adequate tax records. That's because the cost of all permanent improvements to your home, such as installing hardwood floors or adding a room, can be added

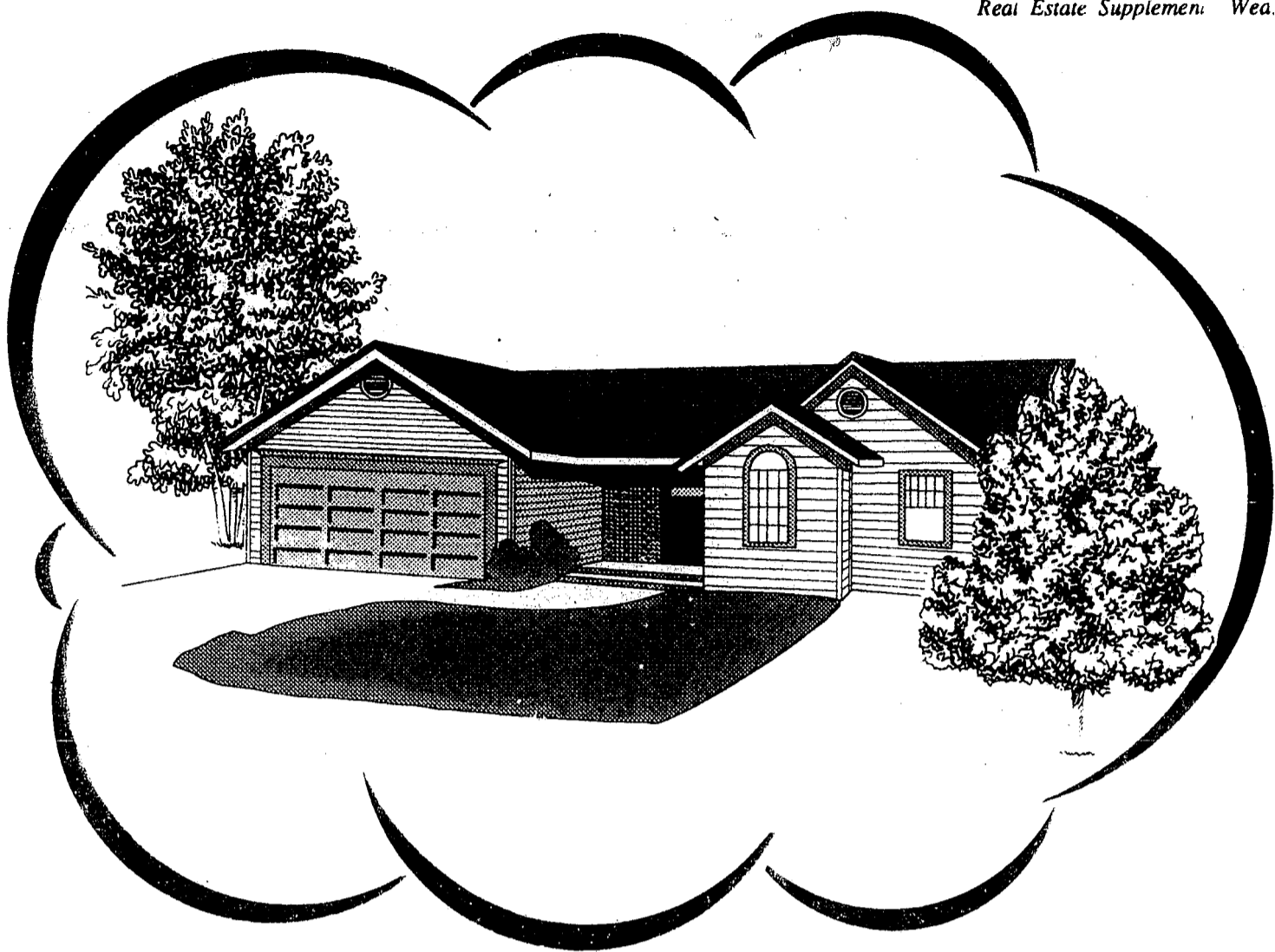
to your home's basis (the official cost of your house for tax purposes). Increasing your basis reduces any taxable gain on the sale of your home. It's a good idea to set up a file where you can keep records and receipts to back up your expenses. When you sell your residence, any profit you realize is generally taxable as a capital gain. However, you may be entitled to postpone your gain or take a one-time exclusion on your profits.

To postpone your gain, you must meet two conditions: (1) you must either buy or build and then occupy a new principal residence within two years before or after the sale of your principal residence, and (2) the cost of your new principal residence must equal or exceed the adjusted selling price of your old principal residence. The gain may not be rolled over more than once in a two-year period unless the second sale is work-related. If during the two-year replacement period you acquire and use more than one home as your principal residence, only the last acquired property is considered the new residence.

If you're like most people, eventually the time will come when you want a smaller house. Surprisingly, the tax code recognizes this phenomenon and has a special rule that allows a taxpayer age 55 or over to make a once-in-a-lifetime election to exclude up to \$125,000 of gain (\$62,500 if married filing separately) realized on the sale of a principal residence. Only one \$125,000 exclusion is allowed per married couple.

To qualify, you must be at least 55 years old on the date your house is sold and you must have owned and lived in the house as your principal residence for at least three of the previous five years ending on the date of the sale. Special rules can be used in applying the residency requirement for people living in nursing homes or similar facilities.

CPAs recommend that you take advantage of all the special tax benefits available to you as a homeowner.



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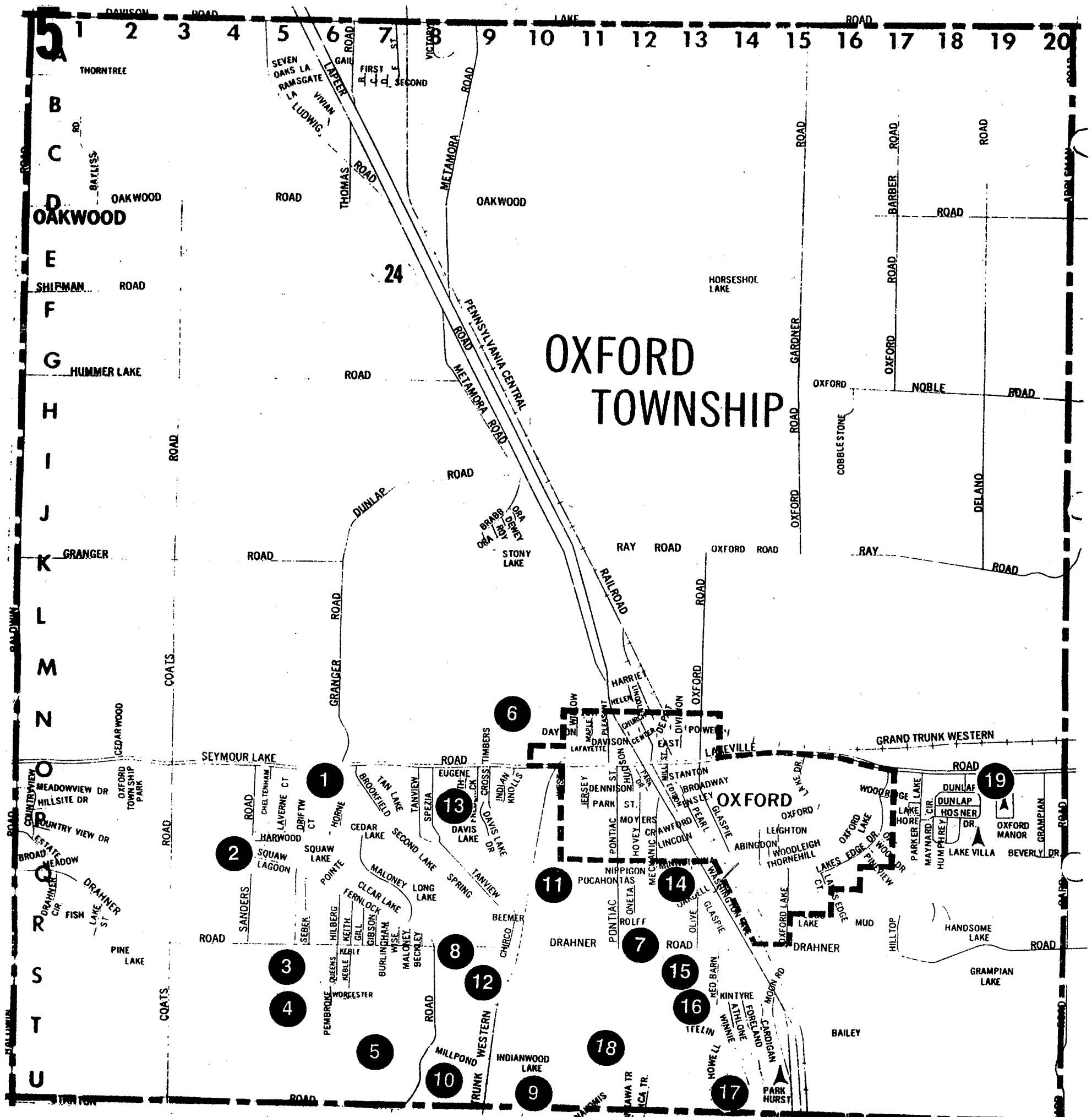
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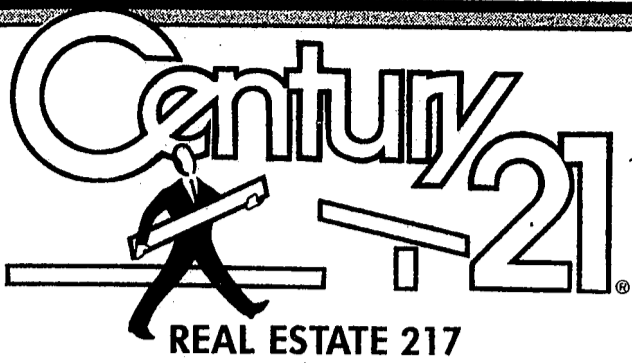


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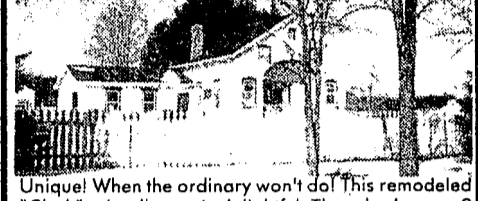
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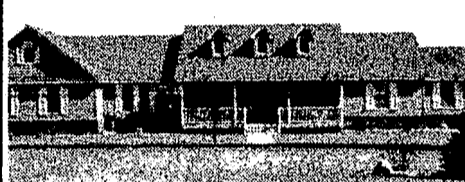
A steal of a deal! 5 acre mini farm w/3 car garage and barn, in beautiful Brandon Twp. Full semi finished basement. Loads of potential. DIR: M-24 (Lapeer Rd.) North to Left on Oakwood, past Sashabaw Rd. to 2870 Oakwood.

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Unique! When the ordinary won't do! This remodeled "Clark" schoolhouse is delightful. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, kitchen and living room. The extras are sat. dish, new pool and custom fencing around property. \$129,900. DIR: Off M-24 to Newark W., on the corner of Baldwin and Newark, 1986 Baldwin.

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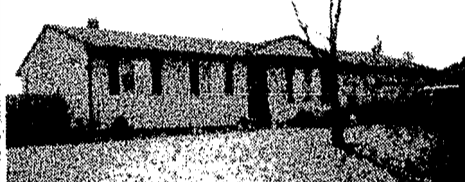
Gorgeous custom built ranch on 6+ peaceful acres. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3500 sq. ft. inc. finished walkout basement, oak cabinetry, x-lg deck, 3.5 car garage. Too many features to list. DIR: S. on Baldwin to Left on Broad Meadow to 3581 Estate Drive.

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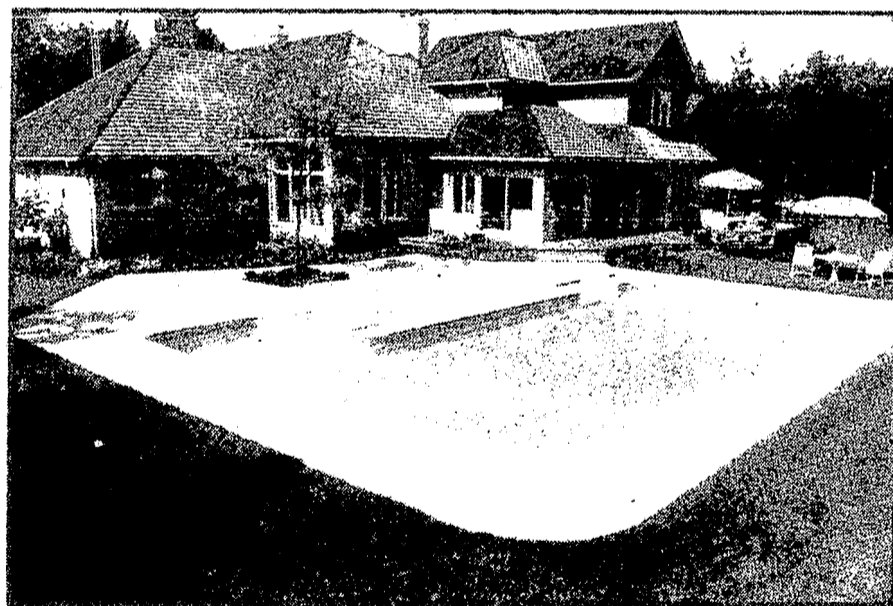
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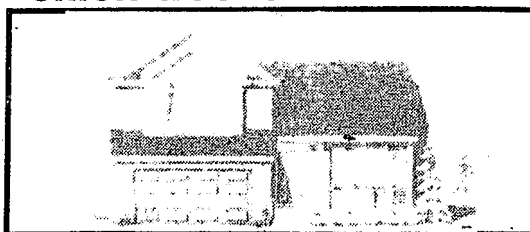
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One development's colorful history

Wolves, bears and a guy named Ford

Bridge Valley, a 296-acre development off of Holcomb Road in both Independence and Springfield Townships, features 139 single-family exquisite homesites and a charming stone gatehouse entry. The planned custom homes will utilize natural building materials, such as brick and/or stone on the exteriors. Aluminum or vinyl siding, metal windows, or metal primary-entrance doors may not be used. Each custom home will rest on expansive homesites, many more than one- and one-half acres.

Bridge Valley will be a premium residential development - featuring an Architectural Control Committee - to ensure the preservation of the natural topography, slopes, hillsides, trees, groves, ravines and other natural features of each site through custom home design, placement, construction and landscaping. Working with the partnership of both Independence and Springfield Townships to allow beautiful mature trees to remain close to the lovely winding roads within the community, a natural harmonious environment has been created.

Bridge Valley offers large country homesites surrounded by mature woodlands which have been preserved for generations. Majestic stands of 80-foot fir trees and groves of white pine coexist with lush meadows, meandering streams, ridges, valleys and tranquil ponds. A large, 70-acre, unspoiled natural area will remain for the protection of wildlife with access provided via nature trails for the enjoyment of the residents.

What follows is a history of the land:

A Magnificent Inheritance

A report by government surveyors in the early 1800s stated that Michigan was completely unfit for farming, being full of bogs and swamps. Yet the land now designated as Bridge Valley abounded with fine springs and splendid forests of oak and pine. Already widely renowned among Indians and traders as a resting place on their journeys to and from Saginaw, the fertile soil attracted the attention of hardy pioneers.

Independence and Springfield Townships were formally proclaimed, and settlement of the region began.

The first actual settler on this land was Asahel Fuller, who located in Springfield Township in 1830. Mr. Fuller's daughter, Ann, was the first non-Indian child born in the township. It appears that in 1832, Melvin Dorr was the first settler in the Independence Township portion of Bridge Valley. He later became the township's first supervisor.

The year 1833 saw an increase in immigration as the townships were found to have a "goodly heritage"

with a fair land cost of fifty cents an acre. Their praises were sung in the New York and New Jersey homes of many future settlers. Among these were Butler Holcomb, a man of great enterprise, whose family possessed a strong sense of civic duty and proved responsible for many innovations in land management.

In early September 1833, the New York families of John J. Merrell and Arza C. Crosby settled together in Springfield Township. The two families lived in a large double log house for four years after their arrival.

At the time they settled, there were no more than nine families in the township. These early pioneers depended upon each other tremendously for companionship and moral support, eagerly looking forward to their precious fortnightly visits together.

On the last leg of their westward journeys, many immigrants found a merry welcome from established

nature had so abundantly spread over the land." The presence of the chief and his braves gave the settlers a sense of protection which dispelled their fears.

While wild game was plentiful, beasts of prey were also frequently seen. Occasionally a black bear would venture into a settled area, and wolves became desperately fierce in the barren winter months. Strong fences were deemed to be essential, as evidenced by a town meeting vote that stated "a lawful fence be four and one-half feet high, and sufficiently tight to turn all hogs weighing over 50 pounds."

Bounties were paid for the hides and scalps of animals such as woodchucks, weasels, badgers, skunks and even sparrows due to the problems they caused the farmers. In 1837, the scalp of a full-grown wolf brought the bearer \$3.00 in Springfield Township and \$5.00 in Independence Township.

The 1884 bounty for woodchucks was twenty cents, but had to be lowered the following year to ten cents as the cost had become too burdensome for Springfield Township's fledgling budget. The practice of paying bounties continued well into the 20th century, at which time it is recorded that the discarding of animal ears on a trash heap behind the barber shop had to be discontinued when enterprising local youngsters retrieved the ears, waited a few days, and recycled them for a second bounty payment.

The existing house in Bridge Valley, owned and occupied by the Dr. James O'Neill family, dates back to the Civil War era. The King family began construction in the beginning of the 1860s, only to lose heart in their venture when their son was killed in the course of Civil War duty. Coincidentally, young King's 425th Light Infantry unit became the 225th Infantry in which Dr. O'Neill served during World War II. The house was finally finished by the King family in 1865.

Modern history was visited upon the property when Henry Ford purchased the Holcomb Road farm around 1935. Ford bought it for the protection and seclusion of his family in the wake of the kidnapping of Charles Lindbergh's son. Three caretaker-security homes were built on the site, and an existing chicken coop was converted into a schoolhouse (now the O'Neill family's poolhouse). Though it was never intended to be a primary home for the Fords, the farmhouse was used as a family retreat. As an expensive gesture to the manufacturing concern bearing the family name, the interior was painted red and grey to match the colors of Ford-produced tractors.

The farm remained under Ford family ownership until it was turned over to Dearborn Motor Company


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settlers at Bishop's Tavern, a log "backwoods" building where the hardships of pioneer life were shared and, undoubtedly, temporarily forgotten in the course of a visit. Other noteworthy buildings sprung from the soil that is now Bridge Valley, including a saw mill and adjacent small feed mill, as well as a frame barn built in 1834 whose granary contained the first school in Springfield Township, called Springfield Plains School.

Deer were abundant in the early settlement days and were reported to have been "exceedingly fat." Venison was consequently delectable and was considered a staple food item. Fat from the deer meat was dried and used to make candles. Journeys were made to Pontiac, and often Detroit, to buy pork. The settler would return with it on a pack-horse, balancing a barrel of pork with a barrel of flour. Wild crab-apples, plums, cranberries, huckleberries and others of nature's creation were plentiful, and supplies of delicious preserves and sauces were beyond want in certain seasons.

The Indians who inhabited the vicinity were always peaceable and friendly. Many of the settlers learned to speak a good deal of the Indian language. Chief Sash-A-Bagh (thence the name Sashabaw used today in the area) "looked upon the white man as a brother with whom he would share the bounties which



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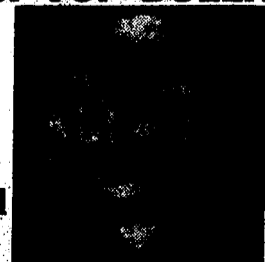
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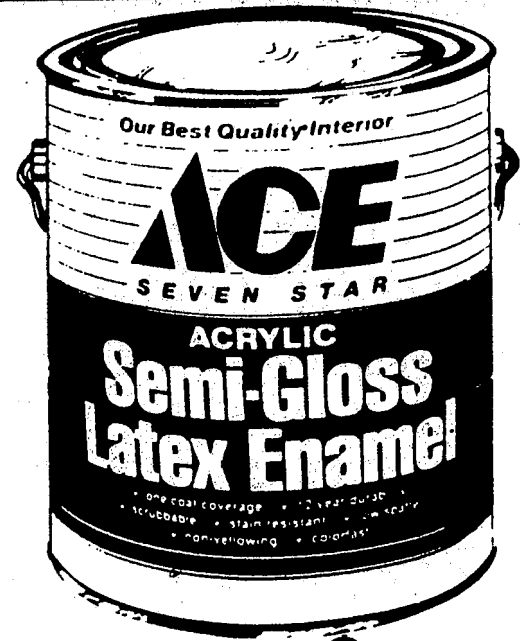
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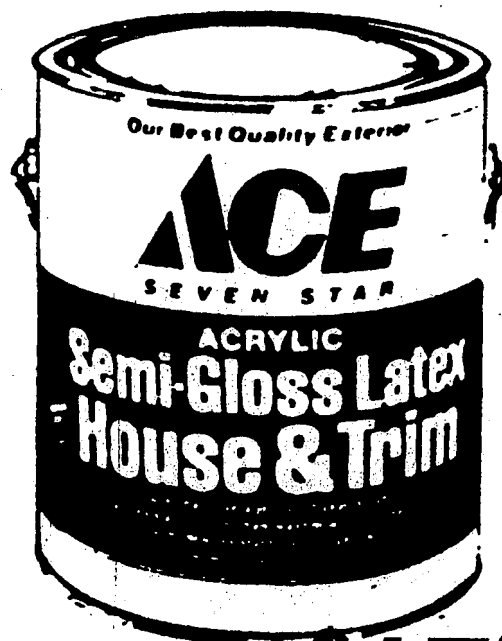
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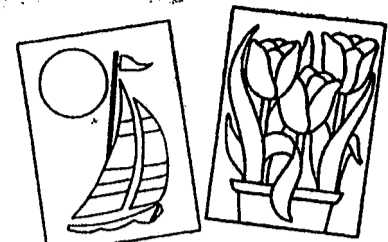
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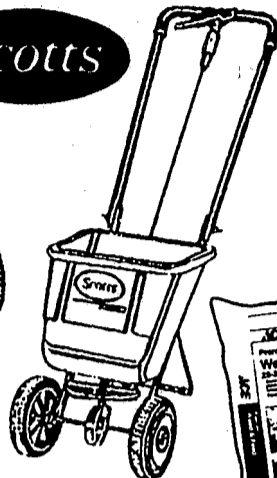
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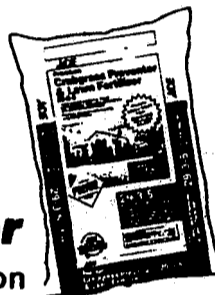
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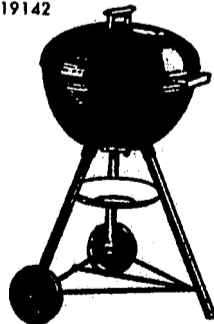
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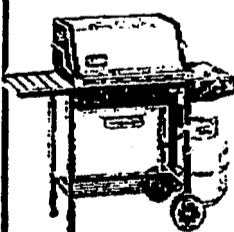
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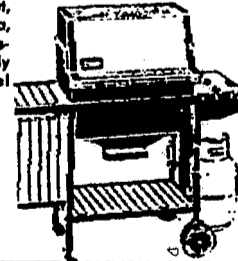
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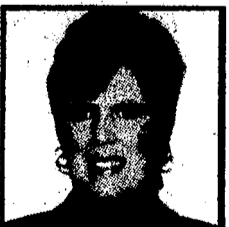
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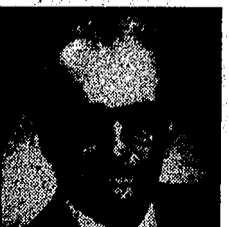
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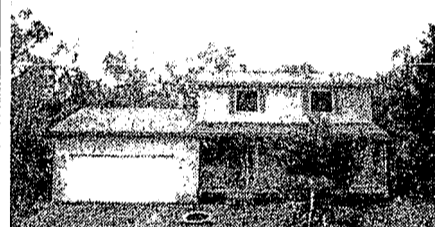
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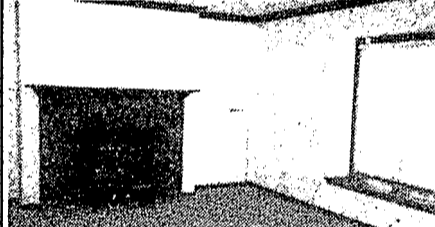
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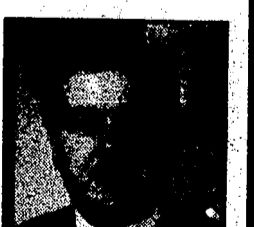
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Wild beast and a guy named Ford

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and Ford Motor Company by Henry Ford II. During the 1940s and 50s, people from all over the world were brought to study Ford tractors. The visitors came by bus from Detroit on Sundays and stayed until the following Saturday. They were housed in a large white residence near the front of the property.

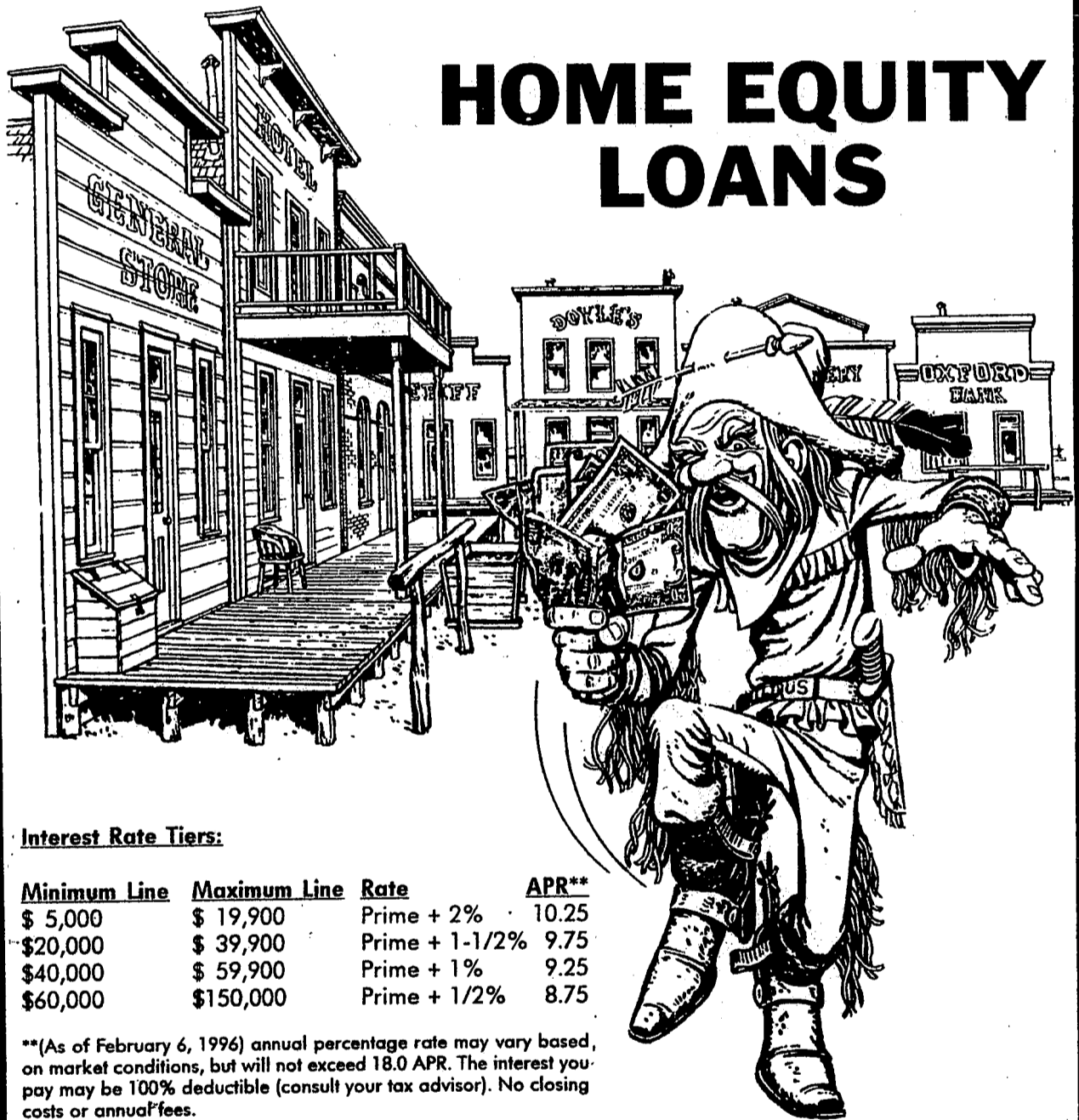
Classes on the use, repair and maintenance of the new tractors, as well as farming principles and crop

rotation, were taught in the schoolhouse. Large tent parties were held in a field near the house when new implements were introduced. Known also as an experimental farm, soybeans and other foods were reportedly grown there.

The Ford Tractor Division was eventually relocated to Georgia due to Michigan's harsh winters. Dr. and Mrs. O'Neill subsequently purchased the acreage in 1962.

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Plan Before You Plant

Look around your yard for a logical focal point for a flower bed. Do you have a small tree or a large flowering shrub? Or how about a birdbath, sundial or some other object that will be taller than your plants when they're fully grown? Pay attention to how much sun the area receives - is it in the sun most of the day or only a few hours? This will be important when selecting plants.

Use a tape measure to determine the size of your new bed. Keep it small - 3 feet across or less is ideal, so you can reach plants growing toward the center or close to the back. Sketch the dimensions of the bed on graph paper. On another page, make two columns for notes on shorter and taller plants. Then, take both with you to visit your local home or garden center.

Select Plants

You don't have to spend hours weaving through the plant aisles to get what you need. Simply select a few flowers with colors and textures you like, then check the labels for how much sun the plants need, how tall they'll grow and how far apart they should be planted. Look for taller plants to surround your focal point and shorter ones toward the edges of the bed.

If you have trouble choosing, pick out just two varieties, one taller, like zinnias or geraniums, and one shorter, like marigolds for sunny spots or coleus and bright impatiens for the shade.

Next, look at the various edgings available - from

bricks or landscape timbers to flexible plastic garden edging. The edge separates lawn and flower bed, so you can mow grass without cutting down plants.

Once you've selected the plants and edging you want, quickly sketch their dimensions on your graph paper to determine how many plants you'll need. To get you started, here's a sample shopping list and the tools you'll need to finish the job.

Shopping List

- Small bag of Canadian sphagnum peat moss
- Two to seven medium-tall plants that complement or contrast with your focal point
- Two to seven shorter plants, all of one type
- Shredded bark or other mulch
- Edging to surround flower bed

Tool Checklist

- Shovel
- Hoe
- Rake

Before You Plant

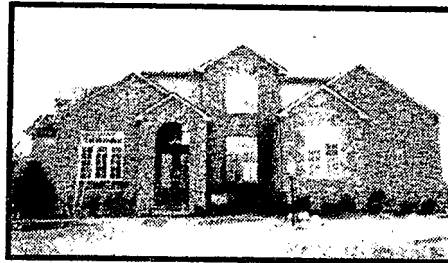
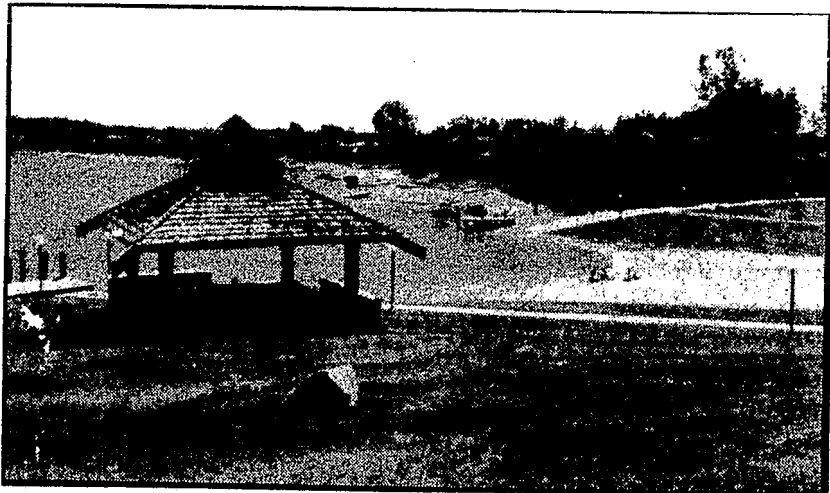
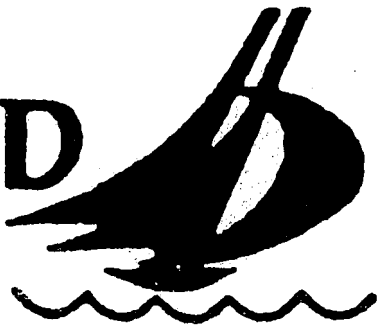
Use a garden hose or a length of rope to create an outline for your flower bed. This lets you see how you like the shape of the bed and provides a digging guide. The next - and most critical - step is to improve the soil.



• Start by loosening the ground across the entire bed. Remove the weeds, sod or old plants from the area. Next, spread 2 to 3 inches of peat moss across the bed. Then, dig this into the top 6 inches of soil. The peat moss helps sandy soil hold moisture, so you won't have to water as often, and it loosens and improves the drainage in clay or hard-packed soil, so air can get to the plant roots. It also makes weeding easier and reduces the amount of fertilizer you'll need.

Once the soil is ready, position the plants according to their planting instructions. Then, complete the bed with a layer of shredded bark or other bagged mulch to give it a more polished look. Water your new bed frequently until the plants take hold and, then, regularly during the summer to supplement the rainfall in your area. Then, just watch your garden grow and enjoy. No one has to know it took less than a weekend to create.

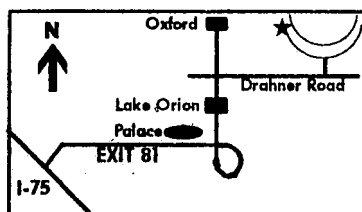
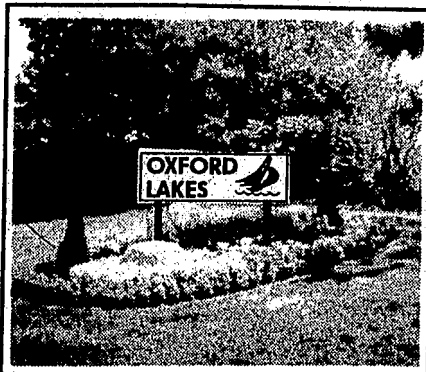
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The use of open spaces, clean lines and simple elements. The very things that are the current hot trends in the remodeling industry, according to the Michigan Remodeling Association, the local chapter of NARI (The National Association of the Remodeling Industry).

"That is what the design in Universal Design is all about," says J. Duncan Brock, CR, NARI President. "It's meeting the needs of everyone with popular trends and products that are easy for everyone to use."

With today's trend toward Great Rooms and open floor plans, a universally designed home requires little change from the original plans. All it takes is a little creativity, perspective and use-friendly products, such as lever door handles and non-skid floors.

Gone are the days of a hospital-style home with enormous, unsightly ramps, stainless steel grab bars and stark rooms. A universally-designed home employs common sense design elements that make the home easier to use for all occupants, disabled or not, through barrier-free layouts.

NARI believes that the key to a successful universal design is to make the accessible features blend into the existing structure or plan for the house. The added touches should be invisible solutions to any previously existing barriers, such as narrow doorways and hallways.

Some of these imperceptible touches could include wide pocket doors, extra lighting (perhaps with a sensor response), bermed entrances, curbless showers, cabinetry with pull-out shelves, and multiple-height kitchen counters. Or, to accommodate someone who is in a wheelchair or who needs to sit while preparing meals in the kitchen, try installing sliding cabinet doors to hide an open space below the counter.

This would eliminate the need to extend the counter farther into the room or having to leave the counter without any base cabinetry below -- a sure giveaway to your "accessible" solutions. Another trick is to use removable shelving units on wheels for a more universal appeal and adaptable feature.

The goal is to make the features you choose look as if they belong in the overall scheme of the home. Many of the ideas mentioned above appear regularly in popular home magazines for people of all abilities and ages, and they are rarely marked accessible. The reason you may have missed them is because the designer took the extra time to make the solutions blend into the overall design and decorating.

Speaking of decorating, it is important to remember that structural design is not the only element of a home that can create an institutional impression or scream "this room is accessible." One badly chosen, albeit "accessible," product, can destroy the look of an invisibly accessible home. Select products, hardware and appliances carefully. Don't just open the catalog and order the products marked "accessible." While these products may work, they usually are not discreet and can destroy the stylish look of a home, making it appear strange or "different."

Universal design can and should be attractive and invisible. With a little thought, imagination and extra effort, you and your designer or contractor can achieve a beautiful home, which also just happens to be universally accessible.

A professional remodeling contractor can offer ideas and options for making a home universally usable. For a free roster book and tips on selecting a professional remodeling contractor, call the Michigan Remodeling Association at 810-335-3232. For more information about universal design and accessibility, call the Center for Accessible Housing at (800) 647-6777.

10 things to fix before you sell

Knowing the 10 most critical items to fix before you put your home on the market can result in earning thousands of extra dollars, claims consumer advocate and author Bob Easter.

Many sellers fix the wrong items when trying to get the most benefit for their hard-earned money. Certain items bring a larger return than others, and some items really don't cost any money, just some work.

There are two types of homes in every marketplace: 1) the home people live in on a daily basis and 2) the home people make ready for sale and present to the public.

There are at least two major mistakes that owners overlook when selling their home.

1) They never look at their home through the buyer's eyes.

2) Sellers seldom realize home buyers will drive through neighborhoods and make a snap decision to call about a home based upon their impression of the home from the street.

Some exterior mistakes that most sellers make include:

*garage door opens and showing a messy garage.

*cars parked in the driveway and in front of the house.

*car repairs in the driveway, along with bicycles, lawn mowers and equipment in the yard.

*boats or campers parked in the driveway.

The more attractive your home shows from the street, the more likely it will sell quickly, particularly if the price is competitive, says Easter.

"The 14 Home-Selling Secrets, The Mistakes Everyone Makes," is the best little straightforward house-selling book we have seen... It's full of gems of inside information. Easter tells you what any house seller should know," writes Judy Rose, Detroit Free Press.

To see your home through a buyer's eyes, send for the free checklist of "The 10 Critical Items to Check Before You Sell." Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the address below. To order "The 14 Home-Selling Secrets," call 1-800-848-5593

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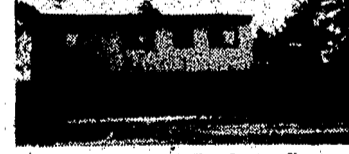
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Curb appeal

Keep your lawn in shape

When selling your house you want curb appeal — from the curb to the end of your back yard and everything in between you want potential buyers to like what they see.

Curb appeal starts at the curb — with your lawn. With the return of spring, homeowners begin to work on their yard, planting everything from beautiful floral borders to huge vegetable gardens.

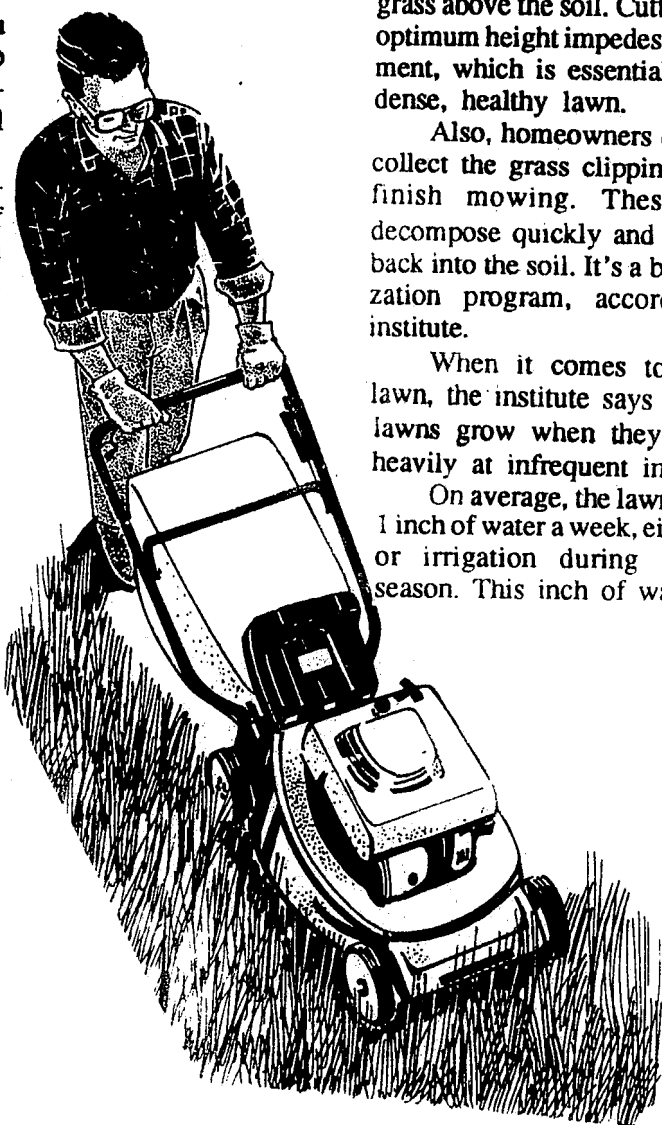
However, their lawn can lose its appeal and all of the work put into it could be for naught.

To help homeowners maintain a healthy lawn, the Lawn Institute recommends that they have a lawn-care program that works.

Many lawn-care experts believe that a majority of lawn problems are a result of not mowing at the proper height and not keeping the lawnmower blade sharpened throughout the mowing season.

Every type of grass has a specific height for optimum performance. Keeping grass at its best growing height will increase a lawn's density and attractiveness — and reduce problems.

A simple rule of thumb to follow when mowing is to never remove more than one-third of the leaf surface each time the lawn is mowed. Leaf surface, or cutting height, refers to the length of



grass above the soil. Cutting below the optimum height impedes root development, which is essential to having a dense, healthy lawn.

Also, homeowners don't have to collect the grass clippings after they finish mowing. These clippings decompose quickly and put nutrients back into the soil. It's a built-in fertilization program, according to the institute.

When it comes to watering a lawn, the institute says that the best lawns grow when they are watered heavily at infrequent intervals.

On average, the lawn needs about 1 inch of water a week, either from rain or irrigation during the growing season. This inch of water normally

will soak the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches, which allows the water to reach deep into the root system.

Homeowners should determine the rate of application of their sprinkler system to set up any irrigation program. An easy way to do this is to set out a series of cans if they have an underground sprinkler system or a couple of cans if they use a single sprinkler.

After running the system for 30 minutes, they can measure the water in the cans and determine the length of time it will take to apply 1 inch of water.

The best times to water a lawn are in the early morning or early evening, when there is generally less wind and heat. The least desirable times are in the heat of the afternoon, when water evaporates too quickly, and very late in the evening, which can cause the lawn to stay wet all night. This encourages disease development.

With these tips, homeowners can be well on their way to a healthy, lush lawn — and a beautiful yard.

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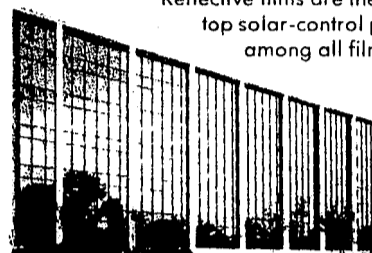
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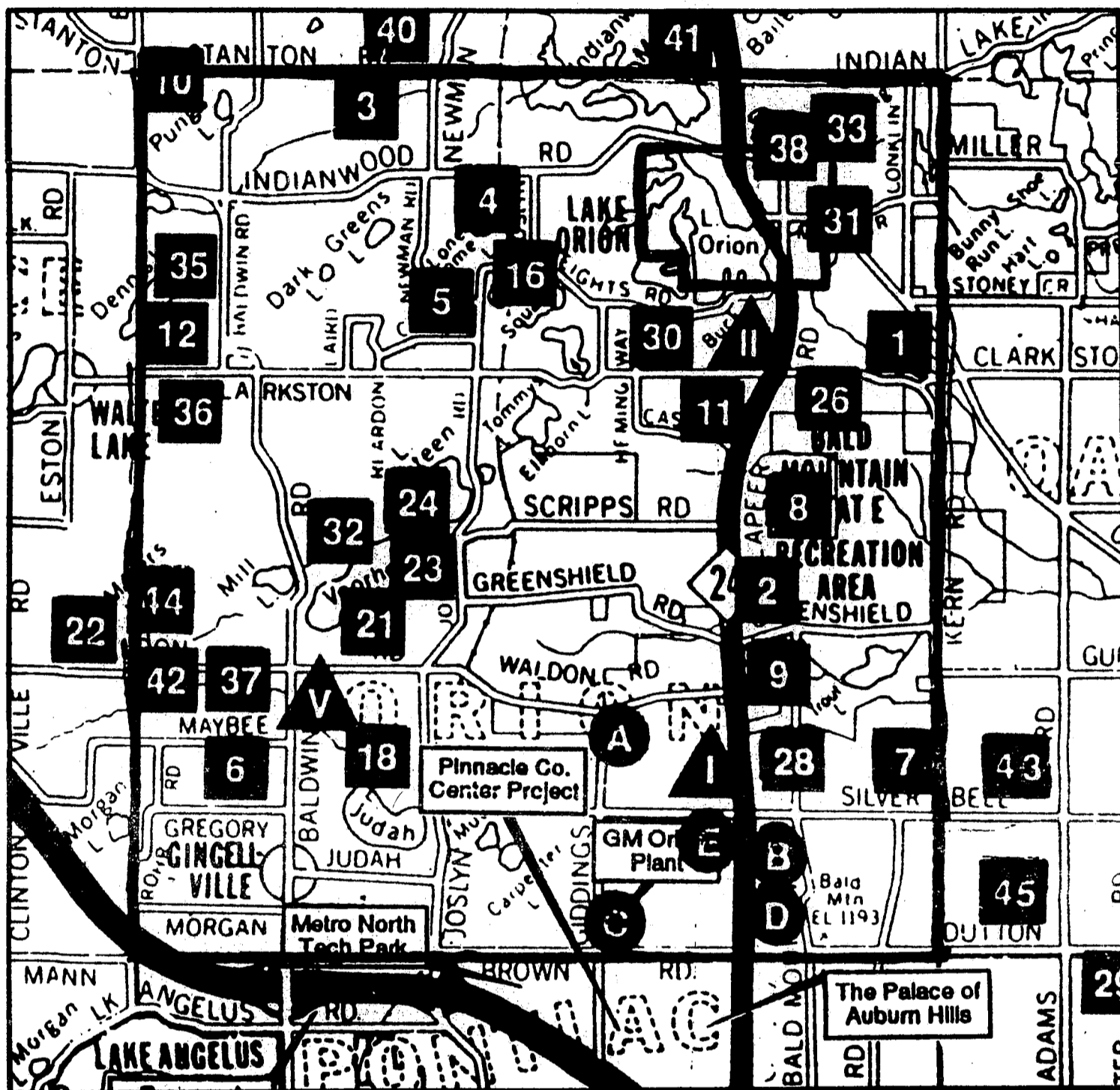
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Residential developments

NOTE: Developments listed are either completed, under construction or planned. Information and map compiled from Orion Township Building Department and Cyrowski & Associates.

1. 220 lots, Paint Creek Ridge (Phase I and II).
2. 56 lots, Bald Mountain Estates.
3. 159-unit cluster home development, in planning.
4. 255 lots, St. Andrews Estates, Indianwood Country Club.
5. 39 lots, Lonesome Lake.
6. 259 lots, Rolling Meadows, Pulte Homes.
7. 152 lots, Silver Bell Oak, Jaikens Development.
8. 159 lots, Roundtree with 199 apartments, Pheasant Ridge, Wineman and Komer developers.
9. 630 apartments, Bald Mountain Properties, Walker & Walker developers.
10. 41 lots, Paint Creek Farms.
11. 112 condominiums, Nelson Properties.
12. 300 (about) lots, Heather Lakes Estates.
16. 80 (about) lots, Marina Point, Pulte.
18. 87 lots, REI developers.
21. 50 (about) lots, Pulte.
22. (On Independence border) 300 (about) lots, Country Club of the North.
23. 48 condos, Lochmore Estates.
24. 82 condos, Scripps Lakeview.
26. 52 lots, Silver Maple, Van Every - Foley developers.
28. 87 lots, Silverbell Estates.
29. (In Oakland Township) 110 lots Phase I, 106 lots Phase II, Oakland Hills.

30. 30 lots, Hemingway Woods, Jaikens.
31. 120-plus lots, Franklin Settlement, Robertson Brothers developers.
32. 64 lots, Keatington Cedars II and III.
33. 69 lots, Indian Hills, Phase I and II.
35. 160-units, 81 acres, preliminary plans.
36. 97 lots, Clarkston Ranch Estates.
37. 32-units, Park Place Estates.
38. 21 lots, Long Lake Estates.
40. (On Oxford border) 68 lots, Twin Lakes Estates.
41. (On Oxford border) 320 units, Parkhurst Estates Mobile Homes.
42. 21 lots, Baldwin Woods.
43. (In Oakland Township) 1,200 homesites, Pulte, Robertson Brothers and Gliberman developers.
44. 211 lots, The Preserve, Pulte Homes.
45. (In Oakland Township) 110 lots, Kings Pointe, Mocerri developer.

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- A. G.M. Orion Plant (459 acres).
- B. Kay Industrial Park (36 acres).
- C. Northpoint Industrial Park (63 acres).
- D. Orion Business Park (26 acres).
- E. Orion Ridge Industrial Park (26 acres).

Traffic Counts

- NOTE: All counts are within a 24-hour period.
- I. M-24 north of Silverbell, 39,000 (1992 count).
 - II. M-24 south of Clarkston, 38,600 (1989).
 - V. Baldwin south of Waldon, 20,000 (1990).

Are you water-wise?

You use water in most aspects of your daily life, from cooking to cleaning to just plain drinking. However, this fundamental "ingredient" is often misunderstood. Test your water smarts with this true-or-false quiz:

1. Boiled water is sterile and free of all contaminants.

False - While it's true that boiling kills many harmful bacteria, evaporation during boiling actually can increase the concentrations of contaminants in water that boiling doesn't remove. Distillation is the most effective method of water purification.

2. Hard water makes water-using appliances and fixtures hard to clean, but seldom causes permanent damage.

False - Scale from hard water builds up on the inside of pipes and appliances just like it builds up on the outside. This buildup forces appliances to work harder and often less efficiently, causing premature maintenance problems over time.

3. Reverse-osmosis filters are the best drinking-water filters available.

False - No single filter is the best for solving all drinking-water problems; the best filter is the one that directly addresses your specific problems. Reverse-osmosis filters remove bacteria, lead, mercury, iron and other contaminants. Carbon filters reduce chlorine, organic materials, dissolved gases, and other materials that can cause water to taste and smell bad.

4. It's easy to determine the quality of your home water supply.

True - Determining your home's water quality is as easy as having a water-treatment professional conduct several in-home tests. A trained consultant can test your water for iron, acidity, hardness and other common problems. For a complete water analysis, most testing laboratories provide inexpensive kits to mail in your home water sample.

5. Water that's been softened too much won't rinse away soap and shampoo.

False - Water cannot be "too soft." Washing with soft water may give a slippery feeling like soap hasn't rinsed away, but that sensation is actually your skin's natural softening agents. In reality, hard water clogs pores with soap residue, leaving skin "squeaky," but not clean.

6. Acidic water smells like rotten eggs.

False - Water that smells like rotten eggs contains hydrogen sulfide, but is not necessarily acidic. Acidic water can't be detected by smell, appearance or feel; however, it can eat away at fixtures, corrode water-using appliances, and etch sinks, countertops and tiles.

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Manufactured housing factoids

•Nearly 10,000 manufactured homes were sold in Michigan in 1994. (Statistical Surveys, Inc.)

•In 1994, 64 percent of manufactured homes sold were multi-section homes with an average retail price of \$40,506. The rest were single-section homes retailing for an average \$26,009. (Datacomp Appraisal Systems, Inc.)

•Manufactured housing construction costs in dollars per square foot are about one-half that of site-built housing. (U-M study)

•In 1994, manufactured homes constituted more than 31 percent of all new home purchases - highest yet recorded. (1990 Census)

•16-foot-wide homes make up 78 percent of single section home sales. (Datacomp Appraisal Systems, Inc.)

•There are over 1/4 million manufactured homes in Michigan -- half on private land, half in land-lease communities. (Manufactured Housing Institute and 1990 Census)

•The manufactured housing industry annually contributes more than a half-billion dollars to the Michigan economy. (Manufactured Housing Institute).

•In rural Michigan, about 80 percent of manufactured homes are on private sites. In urban areas, about 80 percent of manufactured homes are located in manufactured housing communities.

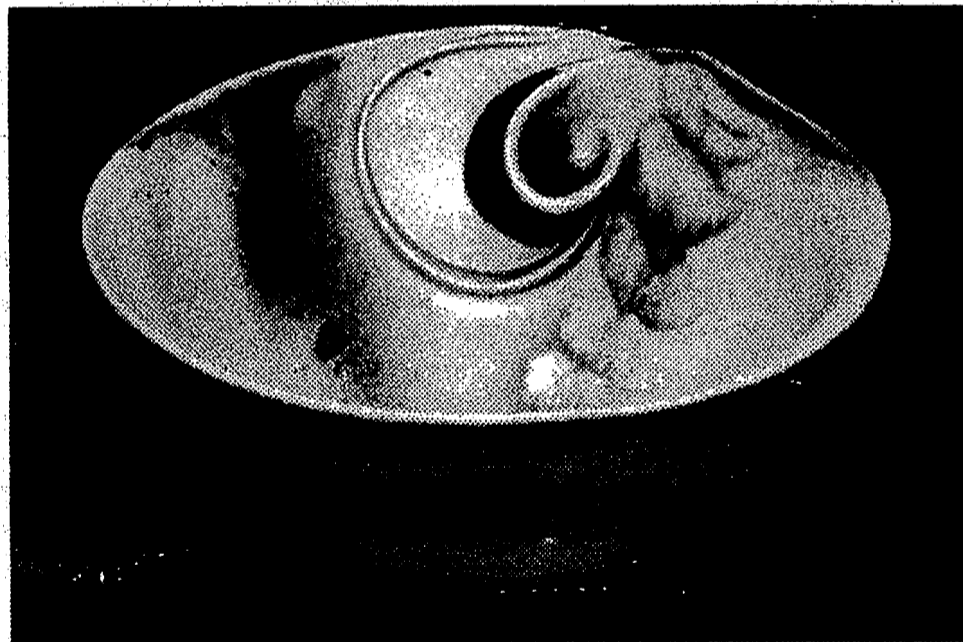
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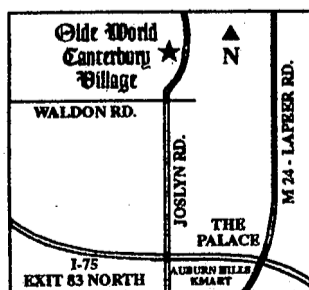
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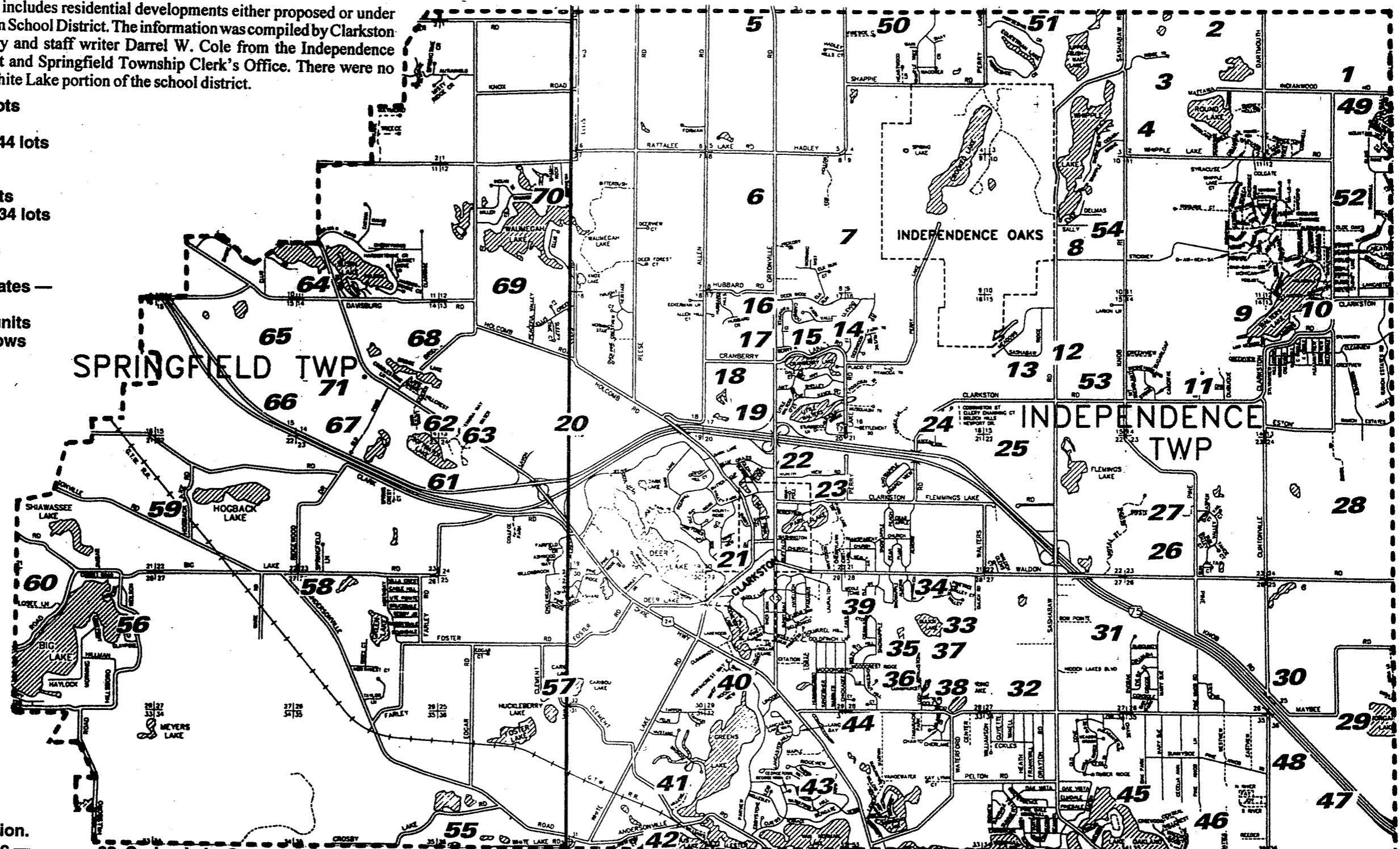
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Residential developments in the Clarkston School District

NOTE: The following list includes residential developments either proposed or under construction within the Clarkston School District. The information was compiled by Clarkston News editor Annette Kingsbury and staff writer Darrel W. Cole from the Independence Township Building Department and Springfield Township Clerk's Office. There were no developments planned in the White Lake portion of the school district.

1. Indianwood Court — 8 lots
2. Robin Hills — 16 lots
3. Independence Valley — 44 lots
4. Rendell — 8 lots
5. Oakhill Corners
6. Strawberry Hills — 10 lots
7. Manors of Deerwood — 34 lots
8. Stone Valley — 34 lots
9. Hilltop Estates — 42 lots
10. Adult Care Home
11. Pine Knob Country Estates — 74 lots
12. Clarkston Ridge — 43 units
13. Sashabaw Creek Meadows — 54 lots
14. Cranberry Hill — 4 lots
15. Cranberry Pointe — 42 lots
16. Canterbury Estates — 44 lots
17. Proposed residential development
18. Cranberry Woods
19. Cranberry Park — 43 lots
20. Bridge Valley — 67 lots in Independence/ 73 in Springfield.
21. Village West — 8 lots
22. Independence Pointe
23. Steeple Ridge — 11 lots
24. New Port Condos
25. Wyngate
26. Pine Knob Manor Homes — 19 lots
27. Pine Knob Bluffs — 49 lots
28. Oakhurst (formerly Stonehedge) — 82 sites in Independence/ 400+ in Orion.
29. Morgan Lake Golf Classic — 300 units
30. Clintonwood
31. Hidden Lakes — 397 units
32. Bridgewater — 260 units
33. Lake Waldon Village — 126 lots
34. North Gulick Lake
35. Sheringham Woods — 53 lots
36. Sheringham Place — 74 lots
37. Spring Lake North — 213 lots



38. Spring Lake South
39. Waldon Woods — 40 lots
40. Northcrest — 20 units
41. South Village Park — 16 lots
42. Lake Forest — 9 lots
43. Clarkston Bluffs
44. Clarkston Pines — 83 units
45. Timbers of Lake Oakland — 15 lots
46. Pine Breeze — 31 lots
47. Independence Woods — 132 lots
48. Odom — 339 units
49. Indianwood Estates — 38 sites
50. Country Junction — 3 lots
51. Cedar Grove Development — 6 lots
52. Oakridge Meadows — 23 lots
53. Proposed residential rezoning
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55. Mariner's Cove -- 28 lots
56. Big Lake Estates -- 74 lots
57. Caribou Lake -- 18 lots
58. King Farms -- 7 lots
59. Boulder Ridge -- 14 lots
60. Old Oaks -- 12 lots
61. Softwater Condos extension--26 units
62. Stonehouse -- 12 lots
63. Edge of the Pines extension -- 12 lots
64. Hills of Dixie Lake -- 32 lots
65. Pebble Creek -- 112 lots
66. Oak Valley -- 89 lots
67. Forest Ridge -- 29 lots
68. Bridge Lake Bluffs -- 39 lots
69. Autumn Shores -- 72 lots
70. Canterbury Cove -- 13 lots
71. Possible multiple and single family development, up to 110 units.

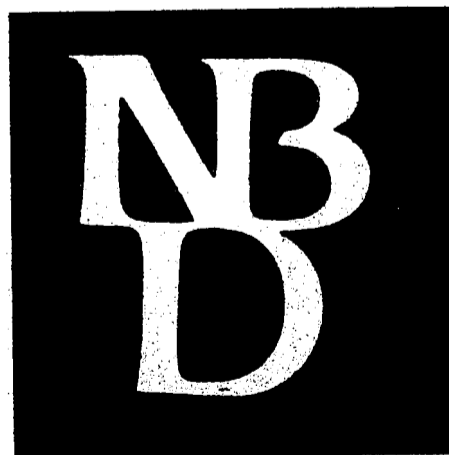
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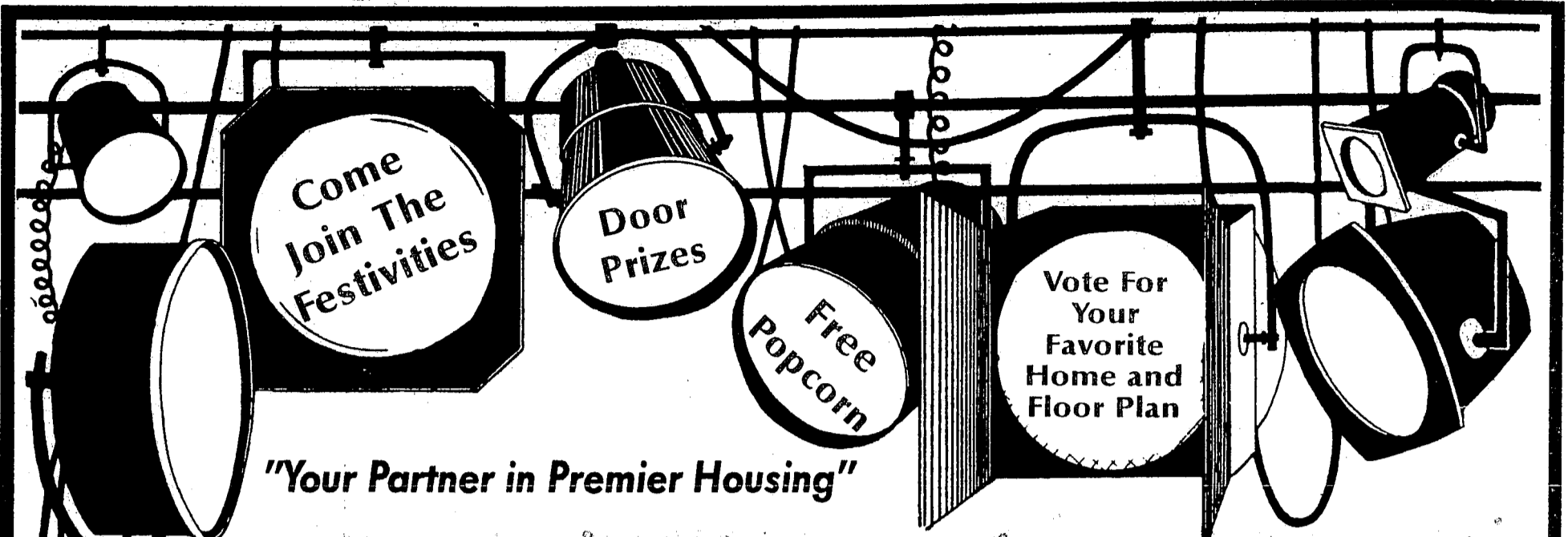
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