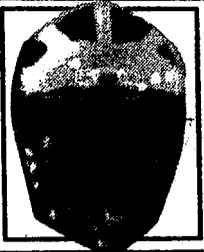


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Football season is here!



The varsity cheerleaders get into a challenge with the band at Friday's Clarkston High School varsity football home opener. A capacity crowd saw the Wolves trounce Waterford Mott, 42-6 in a warm up to this Friday's Homecoming game. For the Homecoming schedule of events, see page 1B. For photos of last week's "tapping" ceremony at the high school, see the back page.

Line-up awaits confessed armed robber

Richard Rice will be part of a line-up in front of victims in Independence Township, Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills Sept. 30, despite the fact that he has already confessed to armed robberies in each of the three communities.

Rice, 35, of Waterford, who has confessed to robbing the Waterford Hill Florist in Independence Township Aug. 29, was scheduled to have a preliminary examination before 52-2 District Judge Gerald McNally Sept. 20. However, his attorney, Earlene Bagget-Hayes, objected to the proceedings because the line-up is pending. She also objected to photographers taking photos in the courtroom, so McNally ordered that no photos could be used until the line-up is over.

Bagget-Hayes also argued that two prosecution witnesses who are expected to be at the line-up were in the courtroom, violating Rice's due-process rights. She requested the case therefore be dropped.

McNally disagreed. "I'm under the impression the line-up is somewhat unimportant because they have a confession," he said.

"My client is a crack addict," Bagget-Hayes said. "My client allegedly made some statements. I don't know what the circumstances were... I'm not sure they have a confession that will stand up in court."

McNally somewhat reluctantly agreed with the argument and postponed the preliminary exam until after the line-up. He continued Rice's \$100,000 bond and sent him back to jail, where he is awaiting trials in the other cases as well.

His exam in 52-2 District Court was rescheduled to Oct. 11 at 10 a.m.

Suspect warned in assault case

Ronald Johnson was ordered—again—not to have any contact with his wife while awaiting a preliminary examination on charges he beat and sexually assaulted her, sending her to the hospital.

Johnson was in 52-2 District Court Sept. 20. Though his preliminary exam was postponed due to his attorney's scheduling conflict, Judge Gerald McNally reminded him that he is not to have contact—direct or indirect—with his wife or daughter.

Assistant prosecutor Barbara Morrison told McNally Johnson had violated an earlier order of the same kind, going so far as to have another inmate at the county jail write to his wife.

"A letter was sent by another inmate to the victim in blatant violation of the no-contact order," Morrison said. McNally warned Johnson about the order, then returned him to jail on \$500,000 bond that has been in effect since his arrest. His preliminary exam was rescheduled for Tuesday.

Waldon-Main corner sold; is a court battle next?

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After two years of wondering what its fate would become, the last piece of vacant land in the City of Clarkston has been sold.

Deanna Olsen walked into Independence Township hall around 4:30 p.m. Sept. 19 and handed township supervisor Dale Stuart a letter of intent to purchase the 2 1/2-acre, five-lot parcel on the southeast corner of Main and Waldon roads. Stuart signed for the township.

Deanna and Bob Olsen, husband-and-wife partners with Planned Financial services in Clarkston, had until the end of the day to decide whether they'd purchase the land, where they hope to build a Greek-Revival style office building though the property is currently zoned residential. The township had extended their option to buy until Sept. 19 to allow for more offers.

Until the township board meeting Sept. 17, two days before the deadline, the Olsens were the only bidders and had the exclusive first rights to purchase or match any offer. They were waiting to see if the

township would consider a reduction of their original bid of \$130,000 to \$115,000 because they found a smaller portion of land was buildable than previously thought.

At the meeting Stuart reported that he had several other cash offers on the table, but, unlike the Olsens', all included various contingencies like rezoning.

Waiting in the audience was Tom Bullen, secretary for the Independence Land Conservancy, an open-space conservation group, who was there with three other members of the conservancy. He handed Stuart a \$5,000 "good-faith" check and a blank check, saying Main St. resident Robert Cook would offer the township \$131,000 cash for the property with no contingencies. Cook would give the ILC 13 months to raise the money to pay him back with the intention of deeding the land over to the city for a park.

It would "a pocket park" for everyone, township and city residents, and be maintained by the Clarkston Garden Club and the City of Clarkston, Bullen said. The conservancy had previously tried to buy the land through a state grant but the grant was denied.

Deanna Olsen, who appeared in the audience without her husband, asked if the agreement between

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The news in brief

Township hearing on Block Grant funds scheduled

Independence Township will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the township annex, 90 N. Main in Clarkston, to discuss changes in Community Development Block Grant fund distributions. Among the groups to be addressed are Lighthouse Clarkston and the Senior Center.

Video equipment needed for city departments

Both the Clarkston Police Department and the City of Clarkston's Department of Public Works are looking for a used TV and VCR for employee training purposes. If you wish to donate either or both items, call the CPD at (810) 625-0088.

Friend of the Court reopens

The Oakland County Friend of the Court will celebrate the opening of its new office with an open house Thursday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m.

The new office is located in the Oakland Pointe complex on Elizabeth Lake Rd., the same building where 52-2 District Court temporarily relocated after a fire destroyed the old Clarkston complex. The court has since moved back to Clarkston.

The move puts all FOC employees in the same location.

"The new facility, which once housed the Prosecutor's office, better serves the court's ability to handle family matters in a more dignified environment," said Joseph Salamone, Friend of the Court.

City assesses survey results

City of Clarkston council member Karen Sanderson told city council Monday that out of the 350 surveys mailed out to city residents 96, or approximately 35 percent, have been returned.

Although Sanderson expected to receive more input about "the big brouhaha" of parking, 45 percent of those who returned surveys said they had no problem. Other concerns included needs for parking enforcement and more downtown activities, the need for downtown business employees to park elsewhere, dissatisfaction with the number of downtown services offered and, surprisingly, inadequate Christmas lighting, she said.

A pervading concern within most surveys was the types of services in the downtown business district. "Less office, more retail was very much the flavor of the responses," she said.

Sanderson said surveys are still being accepted until the end of the month.

Free shots

The Oakland County Health Division will offer an immunization clinic in Holly Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and HIB will be available. A parent or guardian must accompany anyone under 18; bring records of previous immunizations and any school notices.

The clinic will be held at First Baptist Church, 15030 N. Holly Rd. north of Grange Hall Rd. Hours are 1-3 p.m. For more information call 634-4418, ext/8-1305.

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Stand up and be counted!

Clarkston Kids Voting hopes to teach students --and their parents--the importance of going to the polls on election day

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Jon Robinson thinks it would be cool to have a say about what goes on in government. In a few years, when he turns 18, he'll be able to. He plans to vote, as his parents do, as soon as he reaches that magic-age milestone which, he says, will come well before the year 2000.

For now, the 15-year-old Clarkston High school freshman pays attention in teacher John Zittel's ninth-grade civics class and says he watches CNN at home.

Other students in Zittel's class — where kids are required to keep up on current events each week — say they enjoy the political focus.

"It's a lot more interesting than history. It's a lot better learning about what's going on instead of what already happened," observes Cortney Roberts, 14.

Jessie Hupfer, also 14, admits she didn't know "anything" about government before taking the class. Now she looks forward to reading the paper and sharing



Left to right: CHS ninth-grader Jon Robinson points to civic teacher John Zittel's current events

board, flanked by fellow classmates Cortney Roberts, Lindsey Prudhomme and Jessie Hupfer.

with their parents, stand in the same long lines, pull the levers and see what it's like to be counted. The program hopes to instill lifelong voting habits in youth.

As in 1994, Detroit Edison is underwriting the program but this is the first year Clarkston schools will participate. The goal is to train teachers in the comprehensive, hands-on curriculum which will acquaint students with voting procedures before November.

More than 12,000 students participated from Michigan school districts in 1994, according to Kids Voting Michigan, and about 4,000 students actually went to the polls with their folks.

Kids Voting Michigan, a nonprofit, nonpartisan state affiliate of Kids Voting USA, is more than a mock election. It aims to "strengthen our democracy by encouraging young people — and their parents — to become more involved in the electoral process," says the organization. By 1998 Kids Voting Michigan hopes to reach 300,000 students in 50 state communities.

Results show voter turnout increased from three to nine percent in those districts that implemented the program in 1994, with 2.3 million students, 100,000 teachers and 50,000 volunteers involved.

Independence Township clerk Joan McCrary, who initiated the Clarkston program, said she heard about it at a clerks' conference. "This was introduced to the clerks because it is our job to increase voter participation," she said.

Supportive assistant superintendent Dave Reschke then pitched the idea to all Clarkston school principals, who were enthused about the program, McCrary said. But the contract needed final approval from new school superintendent Al Roberts.

"Like he says, 'Anything for the kids. If I think that's good for the kids, I'm all for it.' And he signed," McCrary said.

Though Detroit Edison has figured they'll contribute \$2.50-\$3 per child, any additional expense will have to come from fundraising. McCrary says she has received generous financial commitments from several local businesses. Approximately \$2,000 needs to be raised by Oct. 1.

Though kids haven't learned about the program

yet, teachers will be trained during an in-service day, then bring the information to their classrooms.

Many different groups will provide support, including PTO/PTA, Junior and adult Optimists and the high school's National Honor Society. Babysitters will be available at each precinct.

For example, members from Clarkston Optimist Club's high school group, the Octagon Club, are making ballot boxes, said McCrary. "(Students are) actually going to get real ballots," she adds, producing a familiar-looking, yellow form. Everything will be real, from start to finish, including the electronic tabulators McCrary hopes to use.

The whole point is to teach the kids to vote and get their parents out. I'll be hard to say no if the kid is saying, "Let's go vote! Let's go vote!" all week long.'

Township clerk Joan McCrary

"who, what, where, when and why" with fellow students every week. And, when she turns 18 she plans to be at the polls "because it's important to vote. It's our choice and it's going to involve us."

Lindsey Prudhomme's learned about women's rights. The fellow 14-year-old says, "I'm vocal about things like that. Mr. Zittel's telling us that women couldn't be drafted into the army and that just made me a little mad. I don't think that's fair."

Cortney Roberts figures voting could enable you to change those things — or at least be heard. "I think it's important that every citizen in the U.S. has an input on the decisions people make." When she was little she went to the polls with her dad.

As with most young children, the "long, long lines" are a vivid recollection, of course, but she has a pretty good memory of the procedure too. "I think you have to use your voter's registration card. You pull a lever down, it shuts the curtain. You pull the lever down to vote. You pull it up and leave."

This time Cortney and her classmates will get to do that — for real — when they experience "Kids Voting" on election day. On Nov. 5 Clarkston school children in grades K through 12 will go to the precincts

'It's important to vote. It's our choice and it's going to involve us.'

CHS ninth-grader Jessie Hupfer

Students will vote for only the top portion of the ballot — President, Vice President, U.S. Representative and Senator.

McCrary said all precincts will be implementing Kids Voting, including those in Springfield and White Lake townships whose children attend Clarkston schools.

Every child will get a sticker that says he or she voted and, hopefully, McCrary adds, something else to take home. She shows a memento from 1994 — a ruler that wittily proclaims, "Voting is the Rule." Results will be announced the next day at school.

Though Kids Voting will undoubtedly be a real-life lesson for Clarkston's kids, it also hopes to round up moms and dads.

"The whole point is to teach the kids to vote and get their parents out," McCrary said. "It'll be hard to say no if the kid is saying, 'Let's go vote! Let's go vote!' all week long."

Downtown loading zones next on agenda

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The businesses perhaps most affected by two proposed downtown loading zones were represented when Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston asked for input during Clarkston's City Council meeting Monday night.

Ormiston, who had a new parking ordinance approved at the last council meeting, said he will now take "one or two topics at a time" to be discussed at council meetings. The first two on his list were three proposed loading zones and setting a fine schedule for parking violations.

Briefly, Ormiston said he wanted to adopt the following fee schedule: \$10 for the first five parking violations, the sixth would be \$100; \$25 for parking in a tow-away zone; \$35 for parking in a fire lane; and \$50 for parking in a handicapped spot. Those amounts would have to be approved by city council, which took no action Monday night.

But the crux of the discussion involved the proposed loading zones, not a part of the ordinance like the fine schedule, but items that Ormiston feels should be addressed because they affect local businesses that rely on large deliveries.

Currently there is only one loading zone in the city, on the south side of E. Washington off Main St. Ormiston proposes to add two additional spots, one on the south side of W. Washington just around the corner from Main St., the other, closer to the center of town.

Ormiston's first choice in the second scenario is the east side of Main St., just south of Church. Another possibility is across the street from Morgan's Service gas station on Church.

One of the biggest problems with trucks making deliveries is accessibility, but currently many of them are blocking the alley behind Rudy's, Ormiston said.

"They want to be as close as they can to their delivery point," he told council.

Rudy's co-owner Robert Esshaki said sometimes trucks are parked for as long as five hours at a time, especially during the holidays. He agreed there is a problem but he didn't think the trucks frequently block the alley entirely. However, Ormiston said he sees that situation as much as "two or three times a day. (Cars) can't get through at all.

"I feel it's my responsibility to bring the attention of this board to any traffic problem," Ormiston told council members. "I don't think it's OK to block the alley so that (cars) have to edge past a vehicle."

Not in agreement with Ormiston's proposed site, mainly because it means the city would lose three parking spots, council discussed several alternatives which included loading zones in the alley behind Rudy's and NBD Bank flush to the buildings, or a loading zone in front of the Mills Mall on Washington.

In discussing his second proposed loading zone on either Main or Church streets, Ormiston said he'd have to get Michigan Department of Transportation approval for the Main spot because the road is a state trunkline.

Dick Morgan and his son John, who own the gas station and were in attendance, don't favor the Main St. site because the plan includes making Church St. one-way, westbound. Because of site distance problems with the loading zone and the danger of turning on to Main St. from Church, Ormiston feels that MDOT would require that change. That would impact business, the Morgans said.

"When's the last time you had to write an accident report on someone pulling out of there?" John Morgan asked Ormiston. "I have a lot of people who come down Church St. to get gas. but if you make it one-way those customers will no longer come down."

Dick Morgan added that it would also be difficult to get gas tankers to his station.

After council decided to continue the discussion at its next meeting Oct. 14, yet another issue that impacts city parking surfaced.

Clarkston Mills Mall owner Ed Adler, who's been waiting for months to get going on his proposed mall addition, told council he was going to offer them two alternatives. Most recently, Adler had his site plan redrawn and has met with the city's planner and engineer, only to find he now needs about 12 variances to gain site plan approval.

For years, Adler has allowed the city to use his parking lot in a lease agreement.

Now, Adler says, he either wants a new 30-year lease to keep things as they are, or he will pull out of the agreement and allow the lot to be used exclusively by his own customers. He would make improvements by constructing a retaining wall and moving spaces closer to the stream on his property, bearing the expense himself.

Adler pressed the council for a meeting to discuss those alternatives. He will meet with city attorney Tom Ryan, council officials, the planner and engineer within two weeks.

In other council action:

● Department of Public Works supervisor Bob Pursley reported that the condition of Depot Park is the worst he's ever seen after Crafts and Cider. Besides the multitude of trash left behind, Pursley said planters were run over and grass was destroyed. It will take the DPW three days to clean up the mess, he said.

● Pursley said he would contact several contractors to see about estimates for replacing and leveling several bad sidewalks within the city limits.

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Choirs to perform with DSO

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

The quality of Clarkston High School's choirs is well known. Now, it appears, their reputation is about to grow.

Thanks to a collaboration between the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan State Vocal Music Association, the two top choirs—the Varsity Concert Choir and the Madrigal Singers—have been invited to perform with the DSO at Orchestra Hall for a series of Young People's Concerts. Choir director Grayce Warren couldn't be happier.

"I was kind of pleased for the kids on this one. It's kind of neat," she said. "The DSO is known throughout the world for its quality. Just the fact you're able to perform with them is an honor."

The choirs will be part of a larger choir performing for public school students on Nov. 12, 14 and 15, two shows each day. They will attend rehearsals Nov. 8 and 11, the latter with DSO assistant conductor Lan Shui, who will conduct the concerts. The choir will include singers from Thurston, Northville and Grosse Pointe South high schools. Also included in the production will be drama students from Southfield.

Warren said her students will have no trouble adapting to the new surroundings.

"My kids are capable of handling that. Whoever's on the podium is correct. The conductor is always right. So I'm deliberately not doing a lot with dynamics and interpretation so they'll have to pay attention to him . . ."

"We instill upon them there's no wrong way of interpreting music. It's the conductor's choice."

The schools were selected for the honor based upon their past history in state competition, according to Mary Kay Pryce, Northville's director.

"They were selected based on their expertise. The repertoire is very difficult. Not all choirs could do this."

Warren said the Madrigals, for example, have received top marks at state competition for years. "They come out of the Varsity Choir. Both choirs are at the same level of skill," she added.

The students will perform two sections of "Carmina Burana," Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus," Copland's "Zion's Walls," and wrap up with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Some of the pieces are already familiar to the CHS singers, some not. But it only took one week before the kids "could read all the music and had learned all the Latin," Warren said

proudly.

According to Daisy Newman, a professional opera singer and the DSO's Director of Education, the songs will be part of a dramatic presentation called "Elementary, My Dear Watson" for which she wrote the script.

During the concert, the three key elements of music—rhythm, harmony and melody—will each be kidnapped, then rediscovered using the characters of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. The songs will be

Why not combine drama with as much of the fine arts as possible? This is the MTV generation. I've got to grab them the minute they walk in the door.'

Daisy Newman,
DSO education director

used to illustrate those three concepts.

"The object of this series is to teach the elements of music, the sections of the orchestra," Newman said. "The chorus will demonstrate music without those (three key) things."

For example, Newman described "Carmina Burana" as a "rhythmic puzzle, so rhythm will be kidnapped. Via Holmes and Watson they will discover rhythm hiding in the percussion section."

Similarly, melody will be demonstrated via the Copland piece, and Harmony via the Mozart.

"It's a harmonic gem in the choral world," Newman said of the Mozart. "Then when (all three key elements) are restored, we'll do the choral gem, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

By the end, students will have learned that only the conductor has the power to manipulate the music. And to further illustrate the point, the conductor will be arrested and removed from the stage.

"It was quite something to get the conductor to do that," Newman said with a chuckle.

Newman said the Young People's Concerts, which are free to public school students, are a perennial sellout.

"We turn away people and that really makes me unhappy," she said. "But the hall seats only 2,000. So we do six shows (spring and fall) packed to the rafters."

It's encouraging to see a free concert ticket is in demand."

The purpose of it all is to capture the kids' imagination and interest them in classical music.

"When I saw this series sagging and needing an energy boost, I said why not combine drama with as much of the fine arts as possible? This is the MTV generation. I've got to grab them the minute they walk in the door."

As for the CHS students, the concerts are a last-minute addition to an already busy fall schedule. Extra money will have to be found for acquiring the music and arranging transportation to Orchestra Hall.

"I always plan two to three months in advance so there's no panic at the end," Warren said.

The choirs also have on their schedule a fall concert at CHS Oct. 23, a holiday concert Dec. 6 and some Christmas caroling on various dates in December. Adding the DSO dates doesn't seem to faze Warren, who is at least as excited as the kids.

"I had warned them there was a possibility we might be going," she said. Then one day recently during class she dragged out "Battle Hymn of the Republic," a song her students know well since they perform it every year at graduation. They were wondering why they had to rehearse it, but Warren egged them on.

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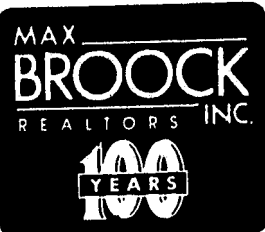
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by Annette Kingsbury

All crimes have victims

As I go through the police reports every week for Independence Township, often the same street names keep popping up. Why some neighborhoods have more problems is anyone's guess, but at least here, the problems are mostly property crimes, easy to shrug off because no one gets hurt.

At least that was my thinking, until recently. Now, with my brand new car having been victimized, first by a hit-and-run driver, then by someone who "keyed" the side, I began to understand the price—and the anger—inflicted by such destruction.

So when a homeowner in the Woodhull Lake area called Friday with anger in his voice, I listened.

The caller, who has only lived in the township for a year, had just been victimized for the third time by vandals who damaged the siding and windows on his home—probably, police said, with a wrist rocket or some other device using a BB.

It's easy for all concerned to assume juveniles are responsible, though that is unknown. The resident now has \$2,000 in fresh damage to his new house, and said if he reported it his insurance company was likely to cancel him because he's made so many claims.

"I built my dream house and this is what I get," he lamented. He said he was the only one in the neighborhood being victimized, and wondered if it had anything to do with his ethnic origin.

I tried to reassure him that probably wasn't it. I told him about the \$5,000 mailbox in Heather Lakes Estates that was blown up with explosives. Why? Probably because it stood out and made an easy target. It was later rebuilt and damaged again.

Such stories are all too common, unfortunately, in this town. The police logs are filled with streaks of vandalism, from car windows being shot out to "keying" incidents to mailbox destruction. Sometimes I wonder if the same person just goes on a tear once in awhile and is responsible for it all.

Sure we have other crimes—the occasional breaking and entering of a home and, of course, domestic violence, which knows no socioeconomic boundaries. Theft is also epidemic.

Clarkston is known for its upscale aura, so I guess it's a natural target for those looking for 'stuff' to steal.

The angry neighbor had calmed down by the next day and no longer wanted to do a story about his plight. But his observations still hold merit.

Assuming juveniles are responsible for the property damage, the easy solution is for parents to know where their kids are. Remember the recent case of the kids driving around in a van who pulled a gun on two Clarkston 14-year-olds? They didn't even live here. Three of them were related. Where were their parents?

Such events don't happen in a vacuum. We also shouldn't rush to judgement about who is doing them, poor kids versus rich kids. Remember the bus bombers?

Somehow, among all this talk about family values and teaching values in the schools, our kids have to learn the old commandments, "Though shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods" and "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." They *should* learn it at home. Until they do, I'm afraid such incidents will continue in Clarkston.

Letters to the editor

Retain Judge McNally

My name is Richard Chartier, I have resided in Clarkston for 30 years, having raised 5 children and have been married to my lovely wife for 40 years.

During my 25 years with the Michigan State Police, a majority of the time as a detective, I had regular contact with Judge McNally as a result of my being the officer in charge of numerous cases ranging from breaking and entering to the most serious, homicide, child molestation and domestic violence.

I have been in Judge McNally's courtroom during my tenure as a Michigan State Police Detective Sergeant and have been able to observe Judge McNally preside over preliminary examinations which would test the patience and skills of any judge and have observed Judge McNally to be even-handed, fair and protective of people's rights, male and female, while maintaining decorum and integrity in the court.

My feelings as are expressed in this letter are shared by many of my Michigan State Police colleagues and I urge the voters to retain Judge McNally.

Those who know will vote for Judge McNally.

Dick Chartier
Detective Sergeant
Michigan State Police (Retired)

Responsibility is shared

Dear Clarkston Parents,

I feel compelled to respond to the letter that appeared regarding the recess time issue. If the facts are that the board of education and the teacher's union came to an agreement on cutting back recess time, why are the teachers the only parties being held accountable by "NO NAME"? Was this presented as a single issue to vote on, or a combined agreement with additional items on the ballot?

Splitting this issue between the teachers and the board of education, which came to a combined agreement on a difficult issue mandated by the state, does not serve any community interest. We need positive support in our community, not finger pointing!

Sincerely
Curtis Bell

Signs inappropriate

Signs for Pat Nowak, a candidate for Congress cluttered the area around the Crafts and Cider festival last weekend.

Not only was this in poor taste, but an illegal posting on public property.

Jerry Wilford

Letters continue on page 8A



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

Reviewing THE Almanac

Judson D. Hale Sr, 12th editor of the 205 year old *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, says nine million people read his publication. That's figuring four readers per issue. That's a long press run.

Early in this issue is their "Consumer tastes and trends for 1997" collection. In part, it says the 'khaki family' of colors (rich yellows and greens) will remain popular; Daylight savings time is dangerous (Mondays following the spring switch there are 8 percent more traffic accidents); Hotels report men staying two nights average two pieces of luggage while women staying the same length of time average only one; The number of Americans insuring their pets (for premiums ranging up to \$151 a year, with \$40 per visit deductible) has doubled in the last few years. Which, we say, proves Americans have too much money.

The estimated number of Santas hired by malls is 7,460; Rock music sales are twice those of country and ten times those of jazz; It's back to the 70's in women's fashions with military looks, textured cloths, brown, white and black colors with splashes of eggplant (restrained plum/purple) and clunky footwear.

THE Almanac is most often quoted for its weather predictions a season and year ahead. One tv news-reader quoted the 1997 version as saying we're in for a cold, snowy winter.

Not so in my Almanac. For our region Chicago & Southern Great Lakes, "Technically it would be correct to say that both temperatures and precipitation in the period from November through March will

be near normal." Take that, you tv tube people.

It also says record cold may occur in mid-to late December, but record warmth may occur in the first part of December. THE Almanac's predictions live with the word 'may.'

An Almanac survey finds its readers spend 5.5 hours a week in their gardens. That's fewer than this reader spends, thus, we're drawn to the 'Uncommon answers to common gardening questions' section.

And, What can I do with an over-abundance of zucchini? Cut it up in bits and mulch it.

What's an unusual way to control weeds in the garden? Attack them with a flame gun. Carefully applied heat will make short work of emerging weeds.

What's the best fertilizer for roses? Mushy bananas Bury an old brown one at the base of each bush.

What's the best fertilizer for flower gardens? A mixture of half urine and half water.

How can I keep woodchucks out of my garden? Feed them Juicy Fruit gum. Buy several packs, unwrap each stick and lay the sticks down all along the row where woodchucks have started to snack, or where you don't want them to. They eat the gum and go away.

Mixed in amongst the astrological things are gems like: Time and words can't be recalled even if it was only yesterday; Marrying for money is the hardest way to get it; One of the striking differences between a cat and a lie is that a cat has only nine lives - Mark Twain.

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1981)

After 45 minutes of discussion that involves 25 business people who oppose the issue, the Clarkston Village Council tables a decision on a proposed pinball arcade in Clarkston for "further study." At the Sept. 28 meeting, Conrad Bruce of Country Cords presents the council with a petition signed by 19 village business people opposing the proposed arcade slated for the lower level of the Max Broock Inc. real estate building on Main St.

After the budgets are trimmed, the pink slips are handed out and the Independence Township Building and Planning Department will have to make do without its ordinance enforcement officer and second secretary. After three years as ordinance enforcement officer with Independence, James Hock has been laid off, effective Sept. 30.

The illegal sale of bootleg T-shirts appears to be a lucrative business for violators working the Pine Knob Music Theatre. Twice during the recent Journey concert, deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department arrest people for selling counterfeit merchandise, once just outside the theater entrance in the parking lot and the second time just down the road from the theater.

25 YEARS AGO (1971)

A group of Clarkston parents schedules a meeting at the Little Theater at Clarkston High School to discuss school busing practices in the area. The concern expressed by the group centers around a lawsuit that would affect busing in the Tri-County area — Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties. Administrative assistant to the superintendent of Clarkston schools Milford Mason says that, at the present time, busing students from one district to another, with the exception of special education and sporting events, is prohibited by state law.

The Clarkston Village Council names Donald C. Auten, Clarkston businessman, to fill the vacancy caused when Richard C. Johnston is elevated to the presidency. Johnston's promotion is the result of the resignation of former village president Donald C. Cooper, who moved to Greenville. The action leaves the council with six members, one less than provided by state law.

50 YEARS AGO (1946)

Members of the newly appointed Citizen's Study Committee on School Reorganization meet with school board members Monday night. The object of the meeting is to conduct a study of school area problems and the advisability of several possible reorganization procedures. General statistical data on student census and membership in the Independence Township districts and also in some districts of Springfield, White Lake and Waterford townships is presented. The Clarkston schools area will need to be defined in the near future because it is impossible to continue to provide an education service to all of the districts which are applying for it.

Playing at the Drayton Theatre are Bing Crosby and Bob Hope in "Road to Utopia" and Joel McCrea and Brian Donlevy in "The Virginian." Showing at the Holly Theatre are Robert Henry and Ralph Lewis in "Daddy Boy" and Barbara Stanwyck, Robert Cummings and Diana Lynn in "The Bride Wore Boots."

Specials at Terry's Market include Blue Moon Cheese, assorted flavors, two packages for 29 cents; Smucker's Apple Butter, a 14 1/2-ounce jar for 21 cents; dill pickles, a pint jar for 23 cents; spaghetti, two packages for a quarter, and French's Mustard, two jars for a quarter.

60 YEARS AGO (1936)

The first football fracas of the season takes place Friday on the local field. The Clawson team is defeated by Clarkston after a game which ends with a score of 13-0 in our favor. At a previous game played here last Friday against South Lyon, the resulting score is 7-0, again in favor of our squad.

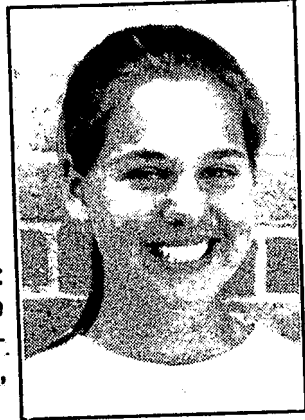
Featured at the Holly Theatre this week are Guy Kibbee, Anne Shirley and John Beal in "M'Liss," Robert Kent and Rosalind Keith in "King of the Royal Mounted" and Alice Faye, Adolphe Menjou and Ted Healy in "Sing Baby Sing."

Specials at Rudy's this week include sugar, 10 pounds for 53 cents; short ribs, 12 cents a pound; hamburger, two pounds for 29 cents; lard, a two-pound package for a quarter; tomatoes, three large cans for 29 cents; and crackers, two pounds for 15 cents. Rudy's asks customers to compare the price of the cooking fat you are using with Crisco, which costs 53 cents for a three-pound can.

People poll

By Eileen McCarville

If you were in space for six months, what's the first thing you'd ask for after returning to Earth?



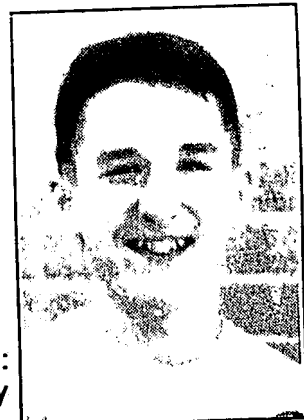
LAUREN RITCHIE: Real food, not the dehydrated, freezer-dried stuff. And a nice, hot bath.



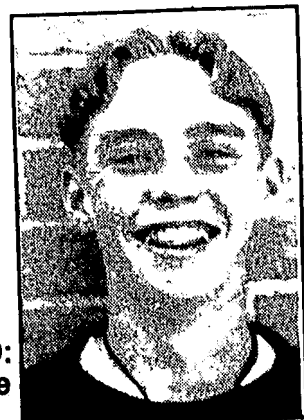
MICHELLE JACQUES: I'd want to go shopping to see what I missed.



JENNISZILVAGY: I'd want to sleep in a nice, cozy bed.



KEVIN TURNBULL: I'd want to see my girlfriend.



KENNY LEONARD: See everybody, see my family.

All are Clarkston High School ninth-graders.

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Good luck stinky socks



As of the other week my youngest sister, Nancy Christine, is finally out of my hair. The little freckled-faced kid who, at the age of 4 or 5, used to punch my friends in the face just for fun, got married.

There's almost eight years difference between myself and Nancy Christine. She's the youngest of the clan, I happened to be the oldest. Lucky me.

When I was a month away from my eighth birthday, Mom and Dad brought Nancy home. She was a little slug back then, not the beautiful, full-grown lady she is now. She was the first baby I ever got to hold. When she was about one the only way I could lug her around was to grab her from behind, wrap my arms around her and lean backwards. When she started crawling I remember her playing tug of war with our dog, Lady, over Lady's bones.

For whatever reason, genes or training, I've always felt I had to play the big brother role. The fact that I was the big brother, had nothing to do with anything. When she was old enough to whine, talk-back and run to Mom for protection, being the older brother meant tormenting Nancy.

I can't remember why, but somewhere along the line either sister Barb, sister Patty or myself gave Nancy the dreaded nickname, "Stinky Socks

Nancy." Oh boy, she hated that one. Teasing the heck out of her was not only fun, but I'm sure it made her tougher (nice rationalization, Rush).

And, I think all that harassment definitely sharpened her wit and tongue. She can shoot back from the hip with a verbal tirade that makes me want to hide under the couch. Paybacks are heck, I suppose.

As she grew to adulthood, big-brotherness turned to giving advice -- wanted or not. Did I write "advice?" I bet she'd agree "opinion" would be the better term for what I dished out.

I always worried about Nancy Christine, for no particular reason except she's the youngest and I'm the oldest. So, I just worried.

But, now all that is done. No more big-brothering for me. I'm a free man. As of that blissful wedding day in August she's in the capable hands of Alex Piper (who the entire Rush family gave the big thumbs up to). I think Nancy is a lucky girl, I think she picked the right guy.

I mean, how many guys would go out with, let alone marry someone nick-named Stinky Socks? Good luck kids. If you need any advice, just holler.

Supports Fortinberry

Dear Editor:

A judge is in the court not as an advocate, but to represent the law. The judge determines if the argument, or evidence presented in support of a position, meets the test of the law. When a judge is acting as the fact finder, in place of a jury, they are expected to decide the matter based on the elements of the law. A judge must represent the law, and, through the law, the people of the community.

Most people pay no attention to the District Court in Independence Township. We all know the sitting judge has been earned the name and reputation of "Gentle Jerry." I had heard Judge McNally would go out of his way to dismiss traffic tickets, or to reduce the charges.

My daughter was attacked in the parking lot of Clarkston High School. The attack was an outgrowth of a dispute. Two young women, one an adult, came to the high school for the express purpose of attacking my daughter. Their testimony was that the two sisters carried out a coordinated and simultaneous attack as planned. Following a long and tortured oration from the bench, "Gentle Jerry" found the adult defendant not guilty, to the complete surprise to all in the court. However the surprises in this case were not over. A few days later, following a rebuke he received from somewhere, "Gentle Jerry" put The Constitution of The United States aside and changed his mind, finding the defendant guilty as charged. In one simple case he refused to make the obvious decision on Friday, and then violated the defendant's constitutional rights on Monday. Was I offended by the decision that the assault was "a school yard fight"? Yes I was. I was even more offended by the blatant violation of the defendant's rights. If that young adult's rights are not protected by the District Judge, none of us are assured of our rights in that court.

Judge McNally has in his campaign speeches stated that his action in this case has not been appealed. I was inclined to give the judge the benefit of the doubt on this point. The law requires that the victim be notified of the status of the case, and we had no such notice. I thought, I would check the file. On August 19, 1996, Judge Alice Gilbert granted the appeal of the judge's second- thought finding of guilty. The case was remanded to Judge McNally, with an order to vacate his finding of not guilty. This was accomplished September 3, 1996. The action seems to have been done as quietly as possible. I wonder if the appeal slipped the judge's mind during his campaign presentations?

In a recent case a young lady testified that when her robber produced a gun, she closed her eyes thinking she was to be killed. Based on this testimony, "Gentle Jerry" refused to bind the defendant over on charges of armed robbery. The heavier sentence for armed robbery is designed to prevent robbers, in a moment of panic, killing the victim. This was not the imaginary monster in the closet of a child. This was a real live person, with a real loaded gun pointed at the young lady's face. She would not have heard nor seen the shot that killed her. Following the tortured logic of Judge McNally, she would not have been dead, only hiding. No harm no foul. Decisions of this caliber are everyday occurrences in our local court. These are not isolated cases.

You will read in the papers that The Oakland County Bar Association has rated Judge McNally highly, while damning his opponent by faint praise. The truth of the matter is that the OCBA has never rated any sitting judge and their opponent any other way. All lawyers contribute to the re-election fund raisers for sitting judges. Who would want to be absent either in person or by check, and then practice law in front of that judge? While privately attorneys will bemoan and even laugh at the judges they perceive as unqualified, or illogical, they will never fault a sitting judge in public. The lawyers know that once a person is elected as a judge, they are usually

there for life.

The truth of the matter is that it is not the judge's bench, it belongs to the people. The person sitting on our bench must protect us according to the law. If the law is not enforced it is of no use. If the rights of the most contemptible among us is not protected, we cannot depend on our rights.

his election cycle, I challenge you to look closely at the candidates for District Court. Read their resumes, ask tough questions. Pay close attention to who is endorsing whom. This will be our last opportunity to chose who will represent the law for the next six years. Call the candidates to your meetings, examine them carefully.

For me this is an easy decision. I will support Dana Fortinberry. If Judge McNally is defeated, he will not be unemployed and destitute. He will find work as a visiting judge, live quite well on his pension, and hold forth on the issues of the day in local coffee shops. In my opinion, this is a better venue for Gentle Jerry. He can champion his feel good, You're OK, I am OK ideas without harm to anybody. What the heck, he may even practice law for a change.

Thomas McCloskey

Thanks Fire Department

We would like to publicly thank Independence Township firefighters Bob Cesario and Greg Ulrich for spending their free time to come and spend a day with our class. They instructed our students in correct fire safety and emergency life-support procedures to use in our classroom.

Culinary Arts Students and Staff

Senior voters beware

Independence Township senior voters,

Even if you are on the automatic absentee ballot list, you will NOT automatically receive any school ballots. Someone from the schools has requested that the township not send any absentee ballots without a special request, per a township employee on Sept. 18, 1996.

Discriminated senior voter
(no name please)

Corrections

● A time mentioned in a letter to the editor last week was incorrect.

The correct time for invited guests to meet with drug-prevention speaker Sue Blaszcak on Sept. 26 is 1 p.m., not 1:30.

● A clarification: Last week's article about the new High School Proficiency Test contained a paragraph that has caused some confusion.

It read, "Anyone who receives a mark of 'proficient' in one of three categories—math, science and communications arts (reading and writing)—will receive a state endorsement on his or her diploma."

The article should have said that students will receive the endorsement only in the subject area in which they received the 'proficient' mark.

Clarkston High School English teacher Chris Nemesi said some students erroneously believed they didn't need to take the test over if they were judged 'proficient' in less than all three areas. Retests are available to students so they can earn proficiency in all three areas.

Looking for fall color? Your nearby Huron-Clinton Metropark can help. For details on the best places and times to see the "show," call Indian Springs Metropark at 1-800-477-3192.

Heritage Hunt II

By Virginia Block

The queries received from those living out of state most often are sent to library or genealogical society group or historical societies. On the 10th of Sept., the Pontiac Area Historical and Genealogical Societies received a lengthy letter from a lady who would be arriving on the 12th to visit family members in the Highland area.

She enlisted our help to direct her toward finding the most answers during her week's visit. 15 questions were listed that were of the most in need of research or concerning record locations.

First - Can we look for birth, death or marriage records ourselves, or must we pay someone to look for us? (I don't need copies, just information from them.) (Wouldn't you need to document & cite the source, Ruth?); 2) Birth records for Camus, Merchant, Rehner families (1850's - 1920); 3) Death records for the Camus, Hancock, Merchant (Marchand), Rehner and Bourquin families (1840's to 1957); 4) Marriages for same (1840 - 1894); 5) Naturalization for Camus, Merchant, Rehner and Bourquin (1840-1913); 6) Immigration and Emigration (I suspect a Camus or two went back to France, then returned); 7) Wills and Probate; 8) Divorce (possibly 1924-34); 9) School records (mostly Oak Park & Royal Oak, (1880's-1915); 10) Newspapers, including French (1850's-1920); 11) Land records/deeds, etc.; 12) Church records and cemeteries; 13) Militia records around 1890; 14) City directories (Pontiac 1880-1910's, Rochester 1900-1910, Royal Oak); 15) County histories for the above.

The names for Camus: Hermes, Peter, Clarence, Emile, Eugene, Marguerite & Emily; Hancock: John and Elizabeth, Charles, Rupert, Emily (12 kids); Merchant: Jacob and Julia, Clarence (Clarence); Bourquin: Marguerite; Rehner: Martin, Michael, Katherina, Suzanna (Roderick).

If we could have had family group sheets in advance, along with pedigree charts, for preparation of an itinerary for time to be spent in Oakland and Wayne counties, it would be more beneficial to Ruth.

She indicates that she has never visited a court house, therefore attempting to hit each record office to do her research alone will probably be pretty frustrating. While the Burton Library in Detroit will hold many answers, cost of copies plus lack of knowledge and time to find the desired information will be even more discouraging to her.

The inclusion of her local relatives' phone number did give us the chance to call them with the details on how to locate us when she arrived. Naturally just pointing the family in the best direction for where to look first is the best offer we can make, until we can see what information has already been found.

We welcome the query, from the state of Washington and will do our best to make the visit fruitful. Jump on board if you connect with any of the family surnames listed.

Happy Hunting!

Insider

Beep beep!

During a recent city council meeting, Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston was in the midst of a discussion about traffic and parking problems when he received a phone call. Wading through the many people who were in attendance was ironic enough to prompt city council candidate Tom Zukowski to crack, "Traffic jam."

Waldon-Main

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the city and conservancy had been decided at a meeting or otherwise.

Bullen said Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catalo and city manager Art Pappas had used phone canvassing to contact fellow council members which Catalo, who was there, confirmed.

Pappas said Monday that Bullen had contacted the city about the offer and he and Catalo had then called all council members, except one who was out of town, to see what their feelings were.

Though several board members were elated over the conservancy's offer — trustee Jeff McGee even called it the "one clear choice" — Stuart reminded them Bullen had only made a verbal offer and it had to be in writing. At that point, he said, the Olsens still had the sole right to purchase.

"They can buy it for \$130,000 by just telling us by the 19th," he said.

During the rest of the often-confusing discussion, board members decided not to reduce the Olsens' original offer. The board passed a 5-1 motion to table the matter "indefinitely," or until after the 19th. Stuart was the lone dissenter.

On the 20th, a day after he closed the deal, Stuart said he couldn't believe the number of offers that came in Monday and Tuesday.

"Now I've got offers from people who are going to do something at the last minute," he said, looking back. Though the conservancy told him there would be a written offer on his desk the next morning, Stuart said that never.

Stuart said he had hoped the board would accept Cook's offer that night, subject to it being formalized in writing. The Olsens would have had 28 days in which to match it. Because the township and the Olsens had endured a long relationship of two years, Stuart said he felt the extension would be fair.

However he referred to the scenario as obvious game-playing, wondering why the city and conservancy hadn't made their pitches earlier if they were so

serious about acquiring the land. He also wondered why the Olsens didn't tell the township what they would do Tuesday night.

"Why didn't they stop all this nonsense and tell everybody they were not going to be taking it for \$115,000?" he said later. Out of the myriad of complex offers, Stuart added that the best deal for the township, in his opinion, would have been to sell the two west lots to neighboring Waldon Rd. resident Bill Rausch, who made an offer of \$30,000, and the other three more-buildable portions to the Olsens for \$115,000.

During an interview Monday morning at his office inside the Clarkston Mills Mall, Bob Olsen said Stuart had talked to him about that possibility. "I told him, 'Dale, do I look that stupid?'" Olsen said, adding that he could have sold the portion to Rausch himself "and come out at \$100,000."

In response to the conservancy's wishes, Olsen said two years ago, when he first made his offer, he told the township "If the conservancy wants to act on this,

if they come up with the money, I won't interfere."

Since then he said he has spent over \$14,000 on a variety of consultants, including an architect, engineers and attorney.

Though the Olsens now officially own the former fire department property, they still need rezoning to build their office building. In recent months they've been in hot debate with the city over changing the zoning to office, a category the city doesn't now have.

Olsen said he was planning to meet with his consultants within a week or two to determine what they next steps might be.

"We'll certainly want to run this by (the city) again to see if there's any change of heart. I would expect at this point they would not be amenable to a zoning change at the board level.

"But our intention is to pursue the Greek Revival building," he said.

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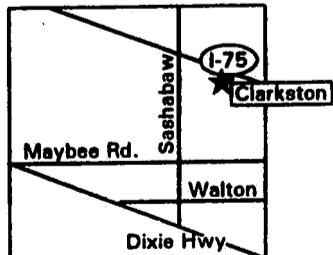
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Clarkston Police

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, non-injury accident on Main. A driver backed out of a spot next to Rudy's and struck another car. Minor damage.

Non-injury accident on Main St. A Waterford man made a left-hand turn from N. Main toward a driveway, striking a car driven by a White Lake man. The Waterford driver was cited; significant damage to both cars.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, non-injury accident in the Clarkston Mills Mall lot when a driver hit a parked car. Minor damage.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22, a car was stopped for erratic driving on Main St. at Washington. The driver, Marie Handy of White Lake, was arrested for drunk driving after taking a Breathalyzer test which registered a blood alcohol level of .21 (.10 is legally drunk). She was arraigned in 52-2 District Court and released on a \$500 personal bond, contingent on her not consuming any alcohol between now and her pre-trial which is scheduled before Judge Gerald McNally Oct. 2 at 1 p.m.

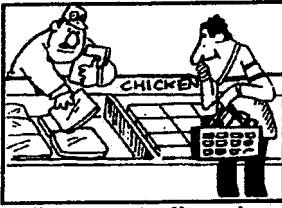
What to do with green tomatoes

"What can I do with all those green tomatoes still in my garden?" This is becoming a common question these days at the Oakland County Michigan State University Extension Food Hotline, says Sylvia Treitman, home economist. Home gardeners are finding themselves overloaded with green tomatoes as the weather cools.

"Green tomatoes make tasty relishes and side dishes," says Treitman. If they haven't frozen and are solid they can be safely canned.

To ripen green tomatoes:

- Wrap each individually in paper.
- Store at 55-70 degrees F.
- Sort once a week and use up ripened tomatoes.



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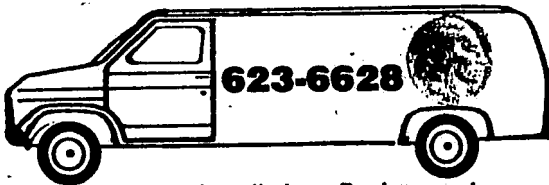
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Autumn's splendor will be the backdrop for classic cars at the 12th Annual Fall Color Car Classic.

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Spectators can view and vote for their favorite vehicles in 18 classes including antiques, street rods and sports cars.

New this year is "Cruisin' Kids World" with car show activities especially for children.

"Kids will have their own activity area with

puppet shows, games, sports, contests, face painting and pumpkin decorating," Greg Lester, event organizer, said. "They can also try the Oakland County Parks' Inflatable Bouncer and Orbotron."

Car show participant registration is \$10/first vehicle; \$8/each additional vehicle by September 27. On-site registration is \$12/vehicle. Vehicles must be operational. There is a one-mile gravel entrance to the show site.

Show participants receive free pedal boat, canoe and row boat rentals, goodie bags and commemorative dash plaques.

Event set-up and check-in is 10 a.m.-noon.

Judging takes place 1-2:30 p.m. with spectators voting for their favorite vehicle. Trophies will also be given for "Best of Show" and "Club Participation".

A fall color cruise through Historic Clarkston to Opa's Restaurant on Dixie Highway immediately follows the show.

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Marc Wisniewski and K.C. Kerby are the newest student contributors to the Clarkston News.

Marc is a sophomore at Clarkston High School. A three-sport athlete, he is studying intensive language arts and took a journalism class last year. He is also, coincidentally, the grandson of late Clarkston News advertising director Stu McTeer.

Marc is described by his former journalism teacher as an "exceptional sophomore." He will cover junior

varsity sports for the News.

K.C. is a freshman at CHS and was the subject of a recent story in the News about her trip to NASA Space Academy. As a freshman, she feels she can bring readers the perspective of a new kid at school.

K.C. will alternate in the "CHS Life" spot on the editorial pages with Meghann Smith, whose column debuted last week.

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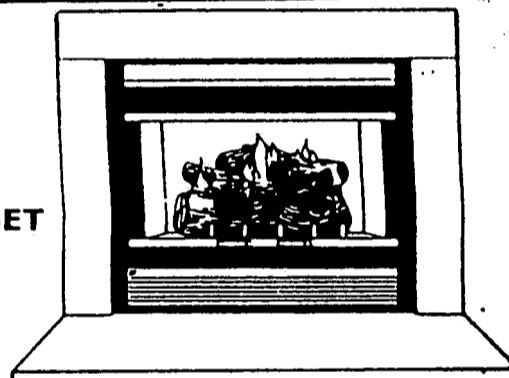
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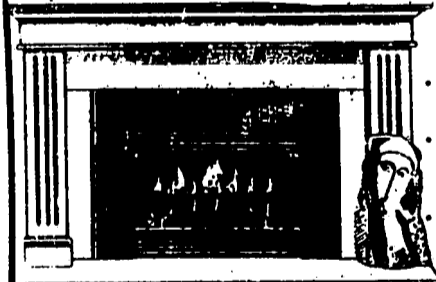
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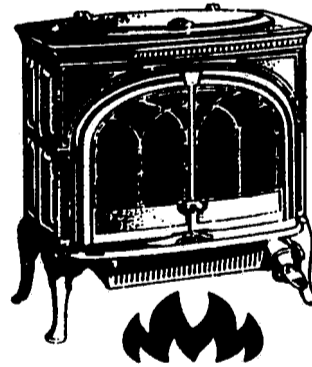
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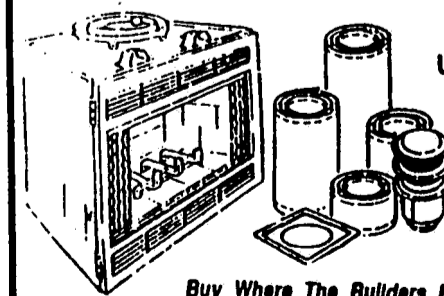


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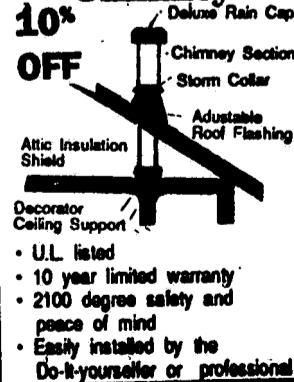


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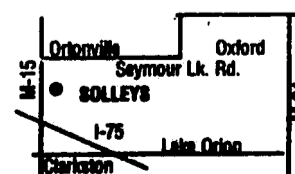
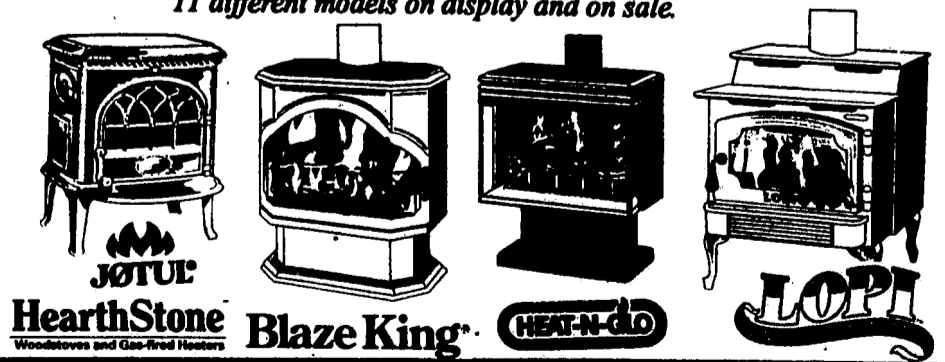


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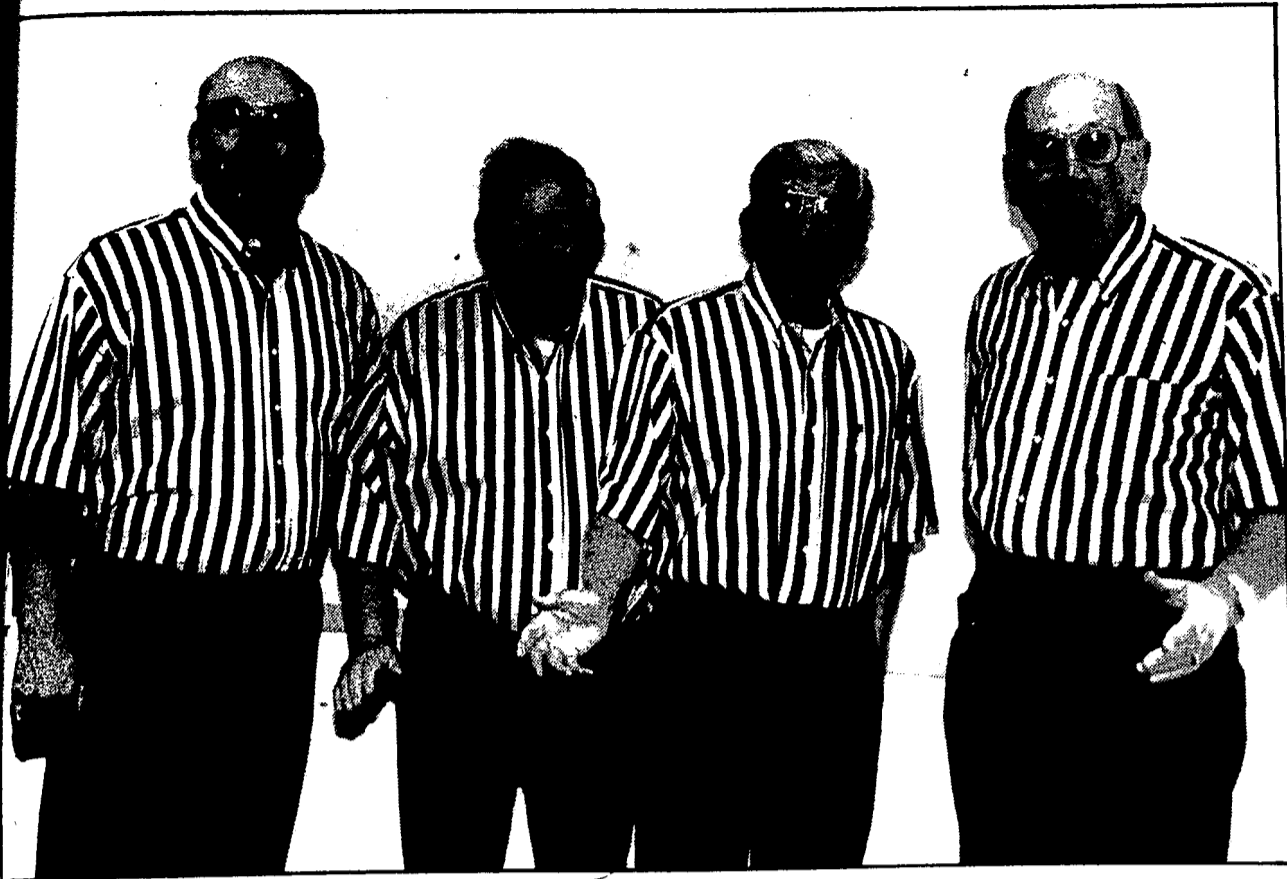


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Township gets another restaurant

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

If you're a hungry driver, there's a long stretch of Clarkston Rd. from M-15 all the way to Lake Orion with almost nowhere to stop for food. But that has changed.

On Sept. 10 Hungry Howie's opened for dinner business just east of North Eston Rd. Owner Doug Doyle said he found the perfect spot for his second restaurant.

"I picked this location because I love this location and I could see the potential," he said. "There's nowhere to eat around here. And as far as I know this is the last piece of commercial property in the area."

A resident of Madison Heights, Doyle opened his first Hungry Howie's in Auburn Hills 15 years ago. In building the new restaurant, he incorporated everything he's learned, making it bigger and better in every way he could think of, including more floor space, a better layout and state-of-the-art pizza ovens that can crank out 200 pies per hour.

One thing he didn't try to do was improve upon his staff, bringing his experienced leaders over from the other store. Manager Darrin Green has been with him for 10 years, and Jeff Moak, who helped Doyle with the finish work in the new store (including laying thousands of tiles), has been with him a long time too.

There are currently 15 employees, with an expected crew of 25 before all is done. Doyle's wife Karen helps out as bookkeeper and even does some grounds maintenance.

Though the store sells subs, breadsticks, chicken wings and salads, "Our mainstay is definitely pizza--90 percent of our business," Doyle said. And what sets their pizza apart from the competition?

"The flavored crust, without a doubt," Doyle said. "Hungry Howie's invented flavored crust ap-



Back row, from left, manager Darrin Green, Jeff Moak and owner Doug Doyle; front row, Lisa Knakal and Jessica Richards.

proximately 10 years ago. That's been our niche ever since."

There are seven flavors in addition to the traditional, and Doyle said butter-cheese is probably the most popular.

Doyle served as general contractor on the construction of his building and is proud of the results. "The township is very pleased with the look and appearance of the building, and the health department, we got 100 percent on our first inspection. They could not find anything wrong."

The new store is serving as the only site in Michigan to test the company's new calzone-style sub.

Basically you can get any of their sub fillings on folded pizza dough instead of the traditional bun. Response so far has been great.

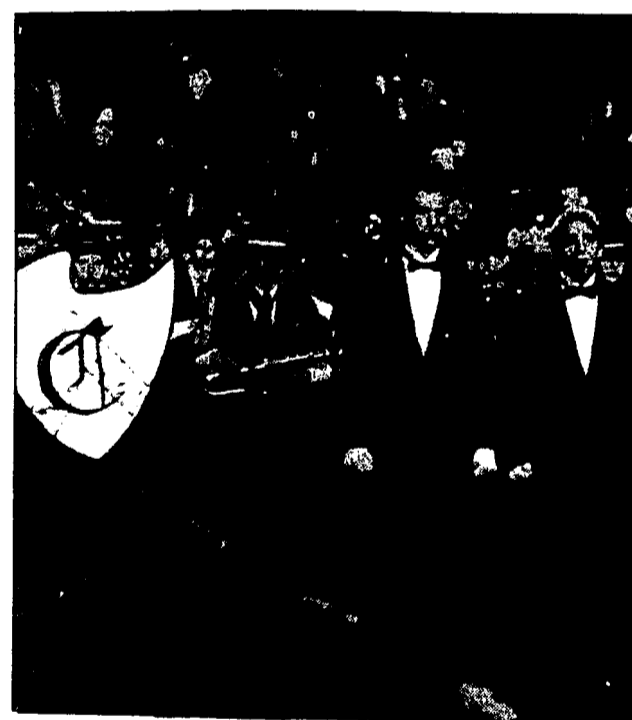
As for himself, Doyle confesses that ever after so many years in the business, he hasn't gotten tired of eating pizza.

"I still do eat pizza regularly, at least once a week," he said. And his favorite flavor? "I'd have to say I usually put sesame seed on it."

Hours at the new Hungry Howie's, located at 4726 Clarkston Rd., are 3-10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-midnight, Friday and Saturday, and noon-10 p.m. Sunday. Call 394-1200.



Xylophones line up between the band and the audience during the performance.



The band takes the field at half time. That's drum major Kit Cischke on the right.

Marching season begins for band

Thunder, lightning and marching bands don't mix.

For that reason, Saturday's Clarkston Invitational had to be moved inside Clarkston High School. It wasn't the kind of program the bands had prepared for, but it had to do.

"Obviously in a gym we don't have the room for them to do their marching show," said Band Boosters

president John Coval. "So they got into their concert positions. They could only be graded on about one-half of the program."

Sixteen bands were planning to attend, and all of those people and all their equipment had to be brought inside.

"Under the circumstances it went really well, but moving all those people inside was a little tough," Coval said.

Fans attending Friday night's home-opener football game got a preview of what the band can do on the field, however. Under balmy, clear skies the band performed a half-time show that proved they were ready for the Saturday night competition that, alas, was not to be. The accompanying photos were taken Friday during half time.

—By Annette Kingsbury

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Additional census funds coming

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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The mid-decade census allows communities experiencing extreme growth to be reimbursed with more state shared revenue if it can be proven they've gained a 15-percent population increase since the 1990 federal census.

Though the township figured it would get the full \$300,000, it was told last month it would actually receive a lot less because so many Michigan communities had applied. The state only appropriated around \$457,000 in that specified census fund this year — not

enough to cover the 31 municipalities that were anticipating full funding.

Up until last week, the township knew it would receive \$42,245 — more than enough to cover the \$16,000 it spent to conduct the census, but far from the amount expected.

However, the Senate Appropriations Committee finally voted last week to provide supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$2.4 million to be divvied out to the 31 applicants, bringing the total to \$2.9 million. Independence Township will receive an additional \$225,630, bringing the total to \$267,875, its earnings in state shared revenue.

State Rep. Tom Middleton (R-Ortonville), a member of the appropriations committee, said Monday the Senate has passed the appropriations bill; it's waiting in the House for a vote.

Middleton was optimistic, adding that Gov. Engler indicated he'd sign it. "It's a done deal," he said.

Earlier last month Middleton explained the problem. He said usually only two or three municipalities apply for the funds every year. Realizing so many municipalities had applied this year, he said it would be tough to guarantee full supplements for all of them.

However, township supervisor Dale Stuart feels the state should've foreseen the problem. And he's not quick to praise them for solving it — even if the funds are a bonus.

"I think it is absolutely the responsibility of our representatives in Lansing, both of them (Middleton and Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion) to see that this special census revenue is fully funded. This is the law. The state has created the law and says these are the percentages you pay on.

"They have a rainy-day fund of a billion dollars. So I don't want to hear anybody in the state senate bragging about the money they've set aside," he said.

Middleton said, so far, the appropriations for the 1997 fiscal year — which starts in October for the state, unlike January for the township — are set at \$841,300. The state appropriations committee "will have to put that up to \$3.1 million" total for the 1997 mid-decade census, he said.

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Sheriff's log for Independence Township

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, the windshield was cracked, a window broken and the dashboard gouged on a 1995 Chevy van parked overnight on E. Harvard.

A phone was stolen from a 1989 Cadillac parked in a Snowapple driveway.

A 1986 VW parked on Ellis had the door pried and lock punched. Stolen were speakers, an equalizer and four amplifiers.

Lost or stolen license plate on Glenwood.

Someone removed the striker and broke the wood on a door on Thornhill but entry was apparently not gained.

Lost telephone on Sashabaw.

A trunk lock was damaged on a 1986 Chevy parked on Cramlane and a speaker and amplifier were stolen.

Two boys, ages 12 and 13, were ticketed for possession and/or use of tobacco after being caught inside Sashabaw Middle School with cigarettes. They were also suspended for three days each, in accordance with school policy.

A phone was stolen from a 1996 Cadillac parked in a Balmoral driveway.

A Dixie Highway car dealer reported a fraud in which a Flint man purchased a 1996 Grand Am with a \$1,000 down payment check which bounced. No payments have been made on the car either. The case is being investigated by the sheriff's auto theft unit.

Malicious destruction of several mailboxes on Hubbard.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, a car stolen in Flint was recovered at a gas station on Sashabaw at Waldon with two teenagers inside. One, a 16-year-old Flint girl, was reported as a runaway. The other, a 17-year-old Flint boy, apparently stole the car from a used-car lot, where he found it with the keys inside. Deputies were notified by the girl's mother, who told them she might be in Independence Township with her boyfriend in a stolen car. The two had fallen asleep at a gas station, where they hoped to get the car repaired.

A 39-year-old Clarkston man was arrested by Clarkston Police for assaulting his wife earlier at a gas station on M-15 in Independence Township. A witness pulled into the sheriff's substation parking lot and

informed a deputy he had seen a man assaulting someone at a pay phone nearby. The deputy approached and found a woman bleeding profusely. She was taken to a clinic, where she was diagnosed with a broken nose. The man had fled; he was later arrested and taken to the Oakland County Jail.

A phone and Nintendo game were stolen from a Grand Am parked unlocked in an Old Cove driveway.

An M-15 business reported that a bank deposit worth \$944 never made it to the bank and is missing.

A juvenile jumped on the back of a friend's 1984 Chevy at Sashabaw and Maybee and the rear window accidentally shattered.

A deputy stopped a suspicious car in the high-school parking lot and found the passenger, an 18-year-old Clarkston man, was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant. He was arrested and taken to jail.

A 19-year-old Pontiac man told repeatedly to stay out of Sashabaw Middle School was caught trespassing. He was taken to the substation and ticketed.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, assault and battery between two roommates on Willow Park.

Deputies were dispatched to a bar on Dixie to pick up a 38-year-old Clarkston man who was wanted on a \$1,000 bond for violating parole.

Larceny of a girl's mountain bike from a garage on Ranch Estates.

Larceny of an \$850 barbecue grill on Autumnwood.

A CD player, videotape and a wallet containing \$20 and some ID were stolen from a 1990 Buick parked in a Dixie lot.

A Marysue couple reported obscene phone calls followed by someone changing the message on their answering machine without their knowledge.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, tools were taken from a truck parked at an M-15 clinic.

A window on a 1983 Caprice was shot out overnight on Pear.

Two neighboring homes on Ridgeview were the target of break-ins. One resident reported that after hearing her doorbell ring several times and hearing knocking, she went to answer the door just as it was kicked in. Shortly thereafter she found her neighbor's door had also been kicked in while no one was home.

She described the suspect as a white male in his mid-20s with short brown hair.

A stolen 1985 Buick was recovered at a construction site on Michigamme, where it was stuck in the mud. The suspect is a 19-year-old Waterford man who was trying to get it unstuck. He also had a wallet and radar detector on him that were not his. The case was turned over to the auto theft division.

A 1985 Pontiac was reported stolen on Doorview. A brand new TV/VCR still in the carton was reported stolen from the high school.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, malicious destruction of property on Ennismore. Damage to siding and windows was valued at \$2,000 and was probably inflicted by a wrist rocket, deputies theorized. It was not the first such attack at the home.

A 37-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on Mann Rd. for assaulting his girlfriend and her daughter.

A garage door was pried on Major and numerous tools and equipment were stolen.

A 43-year-old man was arrested during a traffic stop on an Ohio warrant.

Tools and equipment were stolen from a 1986 Chevy parked at a construction site on Bridge Valley after a lock was cut.

A 1991 Buick was scratched and dented while parked in a Dixie restaurant parking lot.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, a window on a 1996 Saturn was damaged while it was parked in an Eston Rd. driveway, possibly by a BB gun.

Some good news: a woman reported accidentally leaving her purse, containing credit cards, ID and a phone in a shopping cart outside a Dixie Highway grocery store. It was turned in, intact, to the store's office.

Larceny of 48 CDs from a Plymouth parked on Thornhill.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, larceny of a radio, speaker, two amplifiers, 20 tapes and a wallet containing ID and a pager from a 1984 Chevy parked in a S. Eston driveway overnight. The residents found the car with the doors wide open in the morning.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, medical on Eastlawn.

A 12-year-old girl was hit by a car on Clarkston Rd. at N. Eston. She was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, medical on Clintonville Rd.; one to North Oakland Medical Centers.

Public assist on Clarkston Rd.

Medicals on Lancaster Bay Way, on Clintonville Rd., on W. Princeton, on M-15 and on Sashabaw.

Natural gas leak at the high school.

Smoke in a building on Glenalda.

Welfare check on a Pine Knob resident.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, medical on M-15; one to St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland.

Medical on Maybee; one to an area hospital.

Medical on Clintonville; one to an area hospital.

Medical on M-15; one to an area hospital.

Medical on Iroquois; one to POH.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, medical on M-15.

Carbon monoxide detector activating on Iroquois.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, medical on Maybee.

Medical at the high school. No transport.

Car/tree accident on White Lake Rd.

Medicals on White Lake Rd. and on M-15.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, carbon monoxide detector activating on Mockingbird.

A child was bitten by a dog on Mann and suffered a minor puncture to the face. The child was taken to a local clinic by the parents.

Medical at the high school.

Medical on M-15; one to POH.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, injured football player at the high school; one to St. Joe's.

TOTAL CALLS THIS YEAR THROUGH 2:56 P.M. SEPT. 22: 1,294.

Burying Van Gogh's Ear

BJ Blackford grew up knowing Vincent Van Gogh. Her great-grandfather was a first cousin to the painter, and among her most cherished memories are the family stories about unusual Cousin Vincent.

Blackford will give the true account of the most infamous act by a most famous artist when she speaks at the Brown Bag Lecture Series at noon on Thursday, Sept. 26 on "Burying Van Gogh's Ear; Death of a Myth." The lecture is held in the Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium and is sponsored by the Office of Arts, Culture and Film.

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Board approves more funds for Bow Pointe

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An important part of Vision 2020 is back on track.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees approved two motions during its Sept. 17 meeting that affect the Bow Pointe Road Improvement project just north of Pine Knob Elementary School on Sashabaw Rd.

Because of additional expenses, particularly with drainage, the board passed a unanimous resolution to add another special assessment of just over \$71,000. It then voted to sell bonds for that expense.

The Bow Pointe project is part of the future vision for Independence Township which blends residential, commercial and industrial development. Owned for years by North Cranbrook Associates, the 45 acres of land nestled at the end of Bow Pointe Rd. are designated for a light industrial park.

North Cranbrook Associates partner Leo Sklar said the object is to sell the acreage to one or two companies, "like a large company which needs a big facility. The 45 acres are an ideal site for a large corporation. It would be a great location for a high-tech industry, research and development, or electronics, that sort of thing. We're waiting for someone to buy the property."

Those affected by the special assessment include not only the developers, but Detroit Edison, which owns five acres on the southwest corner of Sashabaw and Bow Pointe, and two homeowners.

Township attorney Gerald Fisher told the board most of the landowners have been notified about the extra assessment.

Both Detroit Edison and the developers have attempted to buy out the two homeowners. So far, both have refused any offers.

In other board action:

● Attorney Fisher reported that the state Supreme Court has refused to take a case concerning a strip mall at M-15 and Oak Hill Rd. which the township lost at the local level.

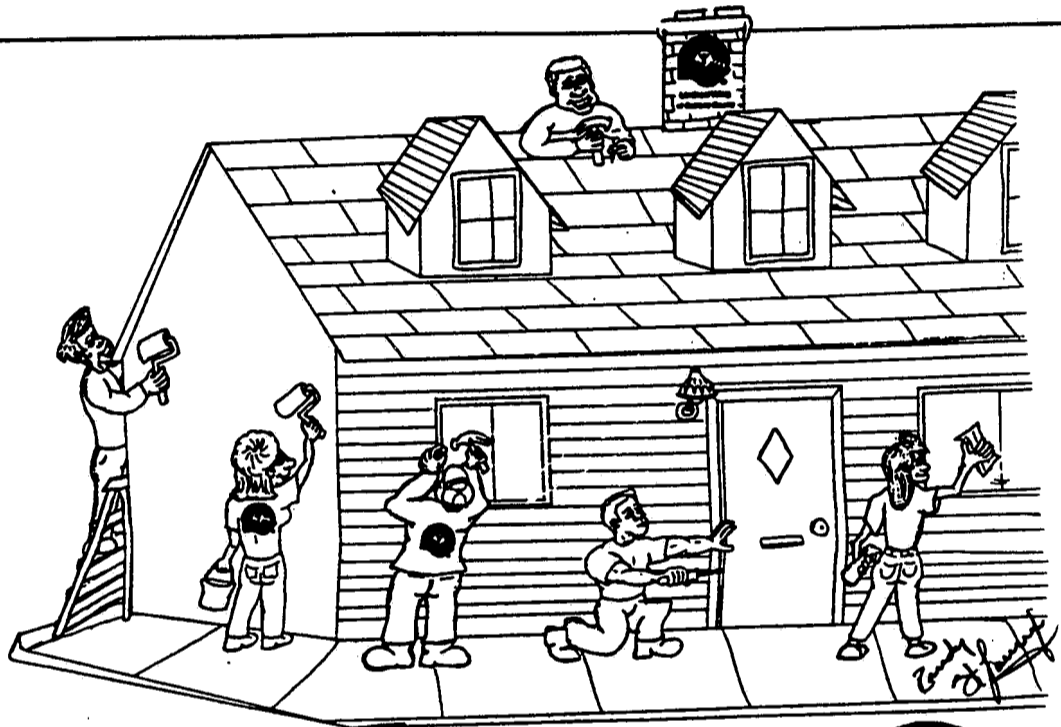
● Treasurer John Lutz reported that the township has been paid over \$12,500,000 of its summer school taxes, leaving roughly \$1,200,000 to collect. The total levied for the summer was about \$13,900,000. Lutz said the nine percent that's delinquent "is very low for our community," adding later that only a portion of that sum is considered delinquent as some residents have applied for summer tax deferments.

The deadline for payment was Sept. 16. Residents who still haven't paid will have one percent interest tacked on to their total each month. In February that becomes a three percent interest penalty. Then the

matter is turned over to the county.

● Independence Township Library director Mollie Lynch approached the board for support in applying for a grant that will increase data for the library's local history room. Lynch will submit a grant proposal to the Library Services Construction Act. If the library receives the grant it will enable one or two people to research materials, including old newspapers, at the State of Michigan Library in Lansing and the Wisner Mansion in Pontiac.

"Basically what we want to do it go back through the old issues and pull out anything and add it to our data base in full text form," Lynch said. Currently the library has primarily old issues of The Clarkston News on file. "That was our foundation and now we want to expand," Lynch said. The board passed a unanimous resolution to support her request.



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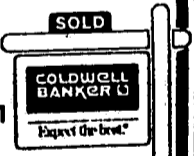
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SKIN DEEP

by Scott Friedman, D.O.



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Pityriasis rosea is a skin condition of unknown cause that often begins with a single, large, scaly pink patch of skin on the chest or back, called a "herald" or "mother" patch. At this point, the problem is sometimes thought to be ringworm, in which case antifungal medications may be applied. A fungus is not the cause, however, and additional pink patches may appear on the body, arms, legs, and neck within a week or two. About half the number of patients with pityriasis rosea have itching that can be severe. Exercise and overheating the body may exacerbate this symptom, as well as cause the rash to temporarily worsen or reappear. The first step toward appropriate treatment is a visit to the dermatologist, who can rule out fungus infections and reactions to certain medications that may mimic this disease. After that, antihistamines and medicated lotions may be prescribed to relieve itching and corticosteroids may be called upon to promote healing.

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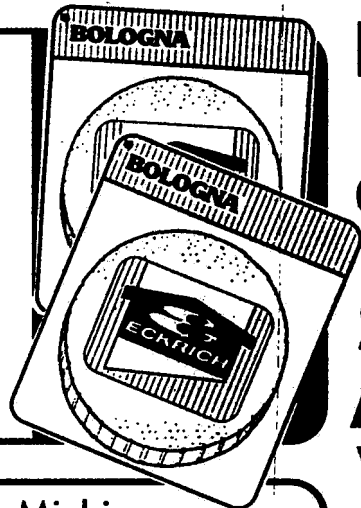
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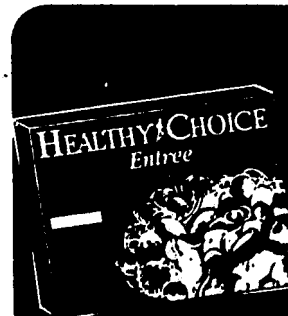
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SPORTS

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1996

The Clarkston News

Section B

Gridders crush Mott, 42-6

BY FRANK BUSCEMI
Special to The Clarkston News

A capacity crowd saw the Clarkston Wolves remain undefeated on the season (3-0, 1-0 OAA Div. I) with a convincing 42-6 victory over Waterford Mott in Friday's home opener.

Junior tailback Brad Phalen rushed for 141 yards on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns on runs of 13, 2, and 24 yards to lead the offense.

"He gets better every game," said Clarkston head coach Kurt Richardson.

Clarkston's defense set the tone early in the game with several key stops of the Mott offense. The solid defense gave quarterback Dane Fife and the offense a short field to work with. Fife had another solid game, completing 10 of 12 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns, and started the scoring with a 48-yard touchdown run early in the first quarter.

Richardson said that his game plan was to mix the run and the pass on offense and to stop Mott's running game on the defensive side of the ball.

Clarkston led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter, with Fife's touchdown as the only tally, but quick strikes on their next two possessions added to the lead.

A fumbled snap by Waterford Mott gave Clarkston a first down at the Mott 13-yard line. One play later, Phalen found the end zone to put Clarkston up by 13. On the first play of their next possession, Fife hit senior wide receiver Matt Brown on a slant pattern. Brown split the defenders and raced 53



Brad Phalen gathers some of his 141 yards on the night.



Brad Conley carries the ball early in the game.

yards for the score. Phalen added the two-point conversion to make the score 21-0. Phalen put the Wolves up 28-0 just before half-time with his second touchdown from two yards out.

The defense pressured Mott throughout the half and sent Mott quarterback Brent Courter to the sidelines for the second half.

Clarkston's offense continued the roll into the second half as they mounted a solid, 73-yard drive. Phalen would cap the drive with his third touchdown of the night, a 24-yard effort, set up by senior wide receiver Brad Conley's excellent juggling catch at the Mott 24-yard line.

Mott backup quarterback Greg McPherson could fare no better against the swarming Clarkston defense, which consistently forced Mott into punting situations.

Clarkston again capitalized when Fife hit Conley on a six-yard pass on fourth and goal to make it 42-0 late in the fourth quarter.

Mott scored on the final play of the game to make it 42-6 and avoid the shutout. The victory was Clarkston's first within the OAA Division I.

The Wolves now look to this Friday, when they face Rochester Adams on Homecoming. Game time is 7 p.m.

"We were excited about the game; we knew tonight would be a zoo," Richardson said. "Next week should be even better with Homecoming."

Homecoming schedule

Friday: Pre-game activities, 4-6 p.m., CHS tennis courts

Football game: 7 p.m. vs. Rochester Adams

Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7-9:30 a.m., Clarkston El.

Parade, 10 a.m., downtown Clarkston.

Note: Members of the CHS Blue and Gold Club will be collecting toiletries at the game for Lighthouse Clarkston. Fans are asked to bring things like shampoo, soap, combs and brushes to the game. Students will be collecting the items from fans as they enter.

Sport short

● Tryouts for next year's Riverdaws Federation Baseball team will be held Sunday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. at Clintonwood Park. Boys who will be between the ages of 11 and 14 as of July 31, 1997 are eligible to attend either day. Tryouts are free but if you make the team cost is \$130. For more information call 625-8223.



Runners in the front row, from left, are senior Chaz Claus, freshman Dave Sage, freshman Chris Weber, senior Jayson Scheiderer and freshman Matt Haver, shown during the meet versus Rochester at Independence Oaks County Park.

Klimek misses a week of golf; JV'ers move up

BY MARALEE COOK
Special to The Clarkston News

When senior varsity golfer Tim Klimek injured his knee in a Sunday afternoon football game it signaled the beginning of a bad news/good news week for the team.

Klimek's injury came at the start of the team's busiest week to date and kept him out of the meets until Friday. But it also gave three JV players a chance to play on the varsity team and see what it's like to play under more pressure and with better players.

The boys played in an Oakland Activities Association Division I meet at Bald Mountain Tuesday, September 17, coming in sixth with a score of 326. Jeff Cumberworth shot a 78 over 18 holes, and Mike Gray, in his best effort so far this season shot an 82. Bob Schultz and Ben Ness each shot 83. Bryan Haggard shot 85, and Mark Churay, the first of the all-freshman JV team brought up to serve as sixth man due to Klimek's injury, shot 99.

"He got into a tough role," said varsity coach Jim Chamberlain of Churay. "It was his first varsity experience, and then he was thrown into a league tournament."

Wednesday the Wolves faced another tough loss, to Waterford Kettering at Pontiac Country Club, 158 to 168 over 9 holes. Cumberworth had the best round of the day for Clarkston, scoring a 39, followed by Ness with 42, Haggard 43, and Schultz, 44. Gray shot a 51, and JV golfer Aaron Cooper shot a 53.

That was it for the team losses, however. When the team returned to Clarkston Creek to host Rochester in a 9-hole match Thursday, they won 158-161. Ness had the lowest score for the Wolves with a best-of-season 37. Cumberworth and Schultz followed with 40 each, and Gray shot a 41. Haggard shot a 45 and Pat Cook, the last JV player brought up for the week, shot a 47.

Klimek returned Friday to help the Wolves place second in the 12-team Koresky Classic, hosted by Hartland at Hartland Glen. This is the second year in a row Clarkston has finished second in the 27-hole tournament. They scored 330, behind Hartland's 317, and just one under Lakeland's 331. Last year it was Lakeland that beat Clarkston by one stroke.

Of the 36 twosomes that played, Cumberworth and Haggard finished 4th overall with 107; Schultz and Ness were 7th with 110; and Klimek and Gray were tied for 13th with 113. Chamberlain said the results of this tournament won't be included in the team's record. It's a fun day and good experience. Chamberlain said bringing up the JV players gave them a good learning experience.

"They recognize everybody (the varsity players) as being a notch above and they'll make the transition to varsity easier. It also demonstrates that they have work to do. They must be more accomplished if they want to compete on the varsity level."

The varsity team hosted West Bloomfield Tuesday and then gears up for Friday's 24-team Oakland County meet at Pontiac Country Club. Chamberlain said the team will be going into a difficult regional in three weeks.

"We have a tough road ahead of us," he said. "We need everyone at peak performance."

Runners beat Rochester

BY MARALEE COOK
Special to The Clarkston News

Senior Kristin Maine led the girls' cross-country team to another win September 17, as Clarkston hosted its first dual meet at Independence Oaks County Park against Rochester High School.

And while the boys did not fare as well, Coach Mike Taylor is confident they will be competitive in their first season as members of OAA's Division I.

Maine, running in 20:48, and junior Liz Cook, in 21:02, took first and second place. Junior Megan Plante was 5th in 21:55, followed by sophomore Jenny Rooding, 6th in 22:09; junior Kathy Vernier, 10th in 22:49; junior Emily Hogan, 11th in 22:58; and sophomore Christina Rooding, 12th in 23:02. The girls' score (using the lowest five times) was 24, beating Rochester's 31 by seven points.

In the boys' race, David Sage came in second overall, first for Clarkston, with a time of 17:41, followed by senior Jeff Deevey, 7th in 18:38; freshman Matt Haver, 8th in 18:40; senior Jason Scheiderer, 10th in 18:56; junior Curt Brewer, 12th in 19:03; freshman Chris Weber, 13th in 19:05; and senior Chaz Claus, 14th in 19:07. The boys lost to Rochester 39 to 19.

The top seven runners in the boys' race for Clarkston did not change from last week, said Taylor. "David Sage put in the most work over the summer," he added, "and if he had any doubts about his abilities, they should be gone now. It's exceptional to be this young and consistent. And I'm real pleased with Deevey," Taylor added, "he's closing the gap between Sage, and moving up there."

Taylor said he was encouraged by the performances of sophomore Dave Dixon, 15th in 19:09; Dan Burke, 18th in 19:23; Jeff Hopcian, 20th in 19:33; Scott Watson, 22nd in 19:56; and Aaron Sailor, 25th in 20:22. "You wouldn't be as good a team without those guys backing you up."

Girls' coach Debbie Zonca said she was happy with her team's performance. "I thought they ran well, especially after the busy weekend (the team's weekend canoe trip). Kathy Vernier made a big difference, stepping up her pace the last half-mile." Zonca also said she likes Jennifer Rooding's consistency.

Sophomore Katie Bills, 17th in 23:53, junior Gretchen Pitser, 18th in 24:26, and sophomore Amy Hopcian, 19th in 24:28, are "on the bubble" said Zonca, close to being in the top seven.

Thanks to 'the Monster Hill' at Independence Oaks, the teams' temporary home course, most of the times were about a minute slower than those run at the Cavalier Classic, Clarkston's first race. The 5K/3.1 mile course is tough, due in large part to a half-mile hill and some blind turns. Coach Taylor said that when course maps are sent to the other teams, they are also encouraged to give the course a trial run.

The team has run Independence Oaks in the past, but made it the official home course this year because of complaints of rough footing on the high school property, as well as some other problems. Taylor said there will be plenty of room to run at the new high school.

The team hosted Troy Tuesday.

Sports shorts

● A girls basketball clinic four grades four through eight will begin Saturday, Oct. 5 in Clarkston and run for five weeks. Cost is \$35 for the first child in a family; \$30 thereafter. Directors are Clarkston basketball coaches Larry Mahrle and Gary Kaul. Make checks payable to Clarkston Community Schools and mail them to Clarkston Basketball Clinic, Clarkston High School, 6595 Middle Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346 by Oct. 3.

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Several other community groups were on hand selling goodies, including the Sashabaw Plains Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Clarkston Athletic Boosters. And the Garden Club had a colorful assortment of cut flowers. But of course the real attraction was the art, and judging by the number of packages being carried out, sales were brisk.

—By Annette Kingsbury



Customers wait to buy some very popular birdfeeders.



Bellair's Hillside Farm provided a petting zoo.



From right, Anne Weber, Laurie Stern and library director Mollie Lynch peddle the Friends' wares.



A flag vendor relaxes with her dog.

JV sports

By Marc Wisniewski

The Wolves opened the '96 season with two great victories, beating Royal Oak Kimball 36-6 and crushing Mott 41-0.

The Wolves did a great job on both sides of the ball. Leading the offense during the Kimball game was Tim Loveless with 13 carries for 52 yards and two touchdowns. Steve Bradford had 4 carries for 34 yards. Eric Jenks was 6 for 12 in the passing game and Mark Whiteman had 3 receptions for 53 yards and two touchdowns. Chris Himburg added some points with 4 PAT's.

Defensively, Klint Powell led with 6 tackles followed by Tim Loveless with 5.

During the Mott game rushing was led by Tim Loveless with 4 carries for 54 yards and 2 touchdowns. Also, Steve Bradford had 2 carries for 54

yards and a touchdown. Eric Jenks was 3 for 6 in the passing game; Mike Simko was 2 for 5. Catching those passes were Mark Whiteman, two catches for 49 yards.

Leading defensively for the Wolves were Nate Jerdan with 5 tackles and Steve Bradford with 4. Eric Jenks, Erich Poley, and Justin Nanny each added an interception.

"We did an excellent job. We did what we wanted to and applied constant pressure on the opposing quarterback. We got a great group of kids who have a chance at an excellent season," said Coach Doug Colling.


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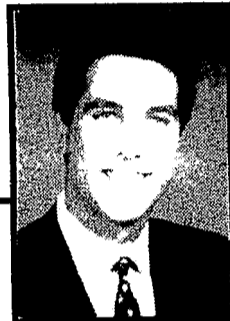
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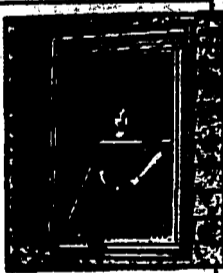
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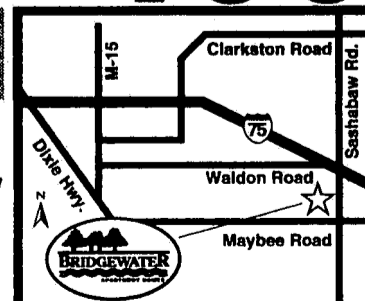
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● A children's health fair sponsored by Crittenton Hospital will be held Saturday, Oct. 12 at Great Oaks Mall in Rochester. hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Included will be spinal screening, fingerprinting, cookie decorating, entertainment and much more. There is a \$2 materials fee for the KidCare ID program but the rest is free; call 652-5269 for more information.

● Walk for your health—join the third annual Family Fun Walk of the Oakland Heart Health Coalition Saturday, Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. in Pontiac. The event offers a one-, two-, three- or four-mile non-competitive walk. Pledges and donations are encouraged but optional; all proceeds will benefit OHHC activities. To register, call 858-1407.

● A country dance benefit for Lighthouse Clarkston will be held Friday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg. Admission is \$7; call 625-5217 for more information.

● "One, two three, magic" is the name of a parenting class offered by Waterford Youth Assistance Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Oakland Schools kiva. Admission is free; presenter is Marion Smith, a school psychologist. Call 674-7691 for more information.

● The Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists will feature Jo Cigna Burke's handmade paper during the month of October, as well as Ariene Brown's oils and watercolors. The gallery is inside Summit Mall; call 683-8142 for more information.

● The third annual crafts show of the Waterford Parks and Rec. Golden Age Club will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, 9-3 at the Community Activities Building, 5840 Williams Lake Rd. Lunch and a bake sale will also be available; call 674-5441 for more information.

● "Planning for College" will be presented Monday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Presenter is Sheryl Krasnow of College and Career Counseling Associates. The free talk will cover how the admissions process works, how to look at colleges, making the most of campus visits, selecting schools that meet your needs, and timetables for tests and applications. To register, call 625-2212.

● "Getting Started in Genealogy" will be the topic of discussion Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Independence Township Library. Local researcher Katie Macom, librarian for the Family History Center at the Clarkston Church of Latter Day Saints, will lead the workshop. Call 625-2212 to register.

● "Not Just a Shrub" includes a hike to identify the many beautiful shrubs that grow in the Huron Swamp. It will be held Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at Indian Springs Metropark. Pre-registration is required; call 625-7280.

● A free presentation on "Why You Should Vote" will be held at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the student center arena. The program is sponsored by the League of Women Voters and women's Action for New Direction. The campus is located at 7350 Cooley Lake Rd.; call 360-3186 for more information.

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● "Your Estate: How to Plan it," will be presented by Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit Foundation Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Dr. J. Dan Recer an estate planning consultant, will speak. Registration is \$25 and reservations are required; call 810-964-3900 to RSVP.

● Pianist, singer and composer Jeanne Cotter will perform a concert at St. Irenaeus Church in Rochester Friday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door and a dinner reception will precede the concert at 6 p.m. (advanced tickets at \$9 are required). There will also be a workshop on parish music programs at a cost of \$15. Call 651-9595 for more information.

● NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners) North Network meets Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1500 Opdyke, Auburn Hills. Cost is \$10 members, \$15 visitors. NAWBO is open to women who own and operate their own business. Call 253-3711.

● Auditions will be held by Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus for the clown college and for female dancers on Thursday, Oct. 3 at Joe Louis Arena. For more information call 1-800-755-9637 for clown college and 1-800-880-3047 for dancers.

● The Oakland County Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. The meeting will be an open house for members and guests. Beginners are especially welcome. Call 335-4061 for more information.

● A harvest candlelight dinner will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Huron at Wayne streets in downtown Pontiac Saturday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include a full course, roast beef dinner, with dessert table, a quilt drawing and entertainment. Tickets must be purchased in advance; call 335-6866.

● October events at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester: Learn CPR Oct. 5; Play It Safe for kids 4-6 and their parents Oct. 8; Before You Conceive, Oct. 9; SafeSitter Oct. 12; 15 Habits of Highly Effective Women Oct. 15. Call 652-5269 for more information.

● A four session workshop for adults on black and white photography, including darkroom, will be offered at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester evenings and Saturdays in October. Register by Oct. 2 by calling 651-4110.

● Cranbrook Institute will offer the Honey and Apples Festival Sept. 28-29 and Oct. 5-6, 1-4 p.m. Observe each stage of honey production, as well as the role of honeybees in bringing apple crops to fruition. Make fresh cider (bring your own apples and jugs if you want to take some home). Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for kid 3-17 and senior citizens 65 and older. Call 810-645-3200 for more information.

● The fourth annual "Fall Tapestries" arts and crafts show will be held at Oxford High School Oct. 5, 10-4. Admission is \$1. Call 969-6929 for more information.

● A fall fest and craft show will be held at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 28. The craft show will be held noon-7:30 p.m.; a pig roast and turkey dinner will be held 4-7 p.m. It all takes place at the Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg. There will also be a pie contest; call 627-4803 to enter the contest or to buy tickets at \$1 off in advance.

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Chris Martin, sales manager at Bowman Chevrolet in Clarkston, called to report that about two weeks ago, someone apparently dropped their knitting at the dealership. Martin theorizes it might have been a customer looking at conversion vans, judging by where it was found. The knitting consists of an American flag and is about 90 percent done.

"It's beautiful," he said. "Someone is probably tearing their hair out."

Martin believes the owner probably has no idea where it was lost. If it belongs to you, call Martin at 625-5071.

Community Health & Education Calendar OCTOBER 1996

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month One in Eight Women Will Develop Breast Cancer

Oct. 3 **PREMARITAL COUNSELING 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

Fee: \$20.00 individual, \$30.00 couple. The class is required by the state for a marriage license. Certificate good for 60 days after issue. Pre-registration is necessary.

Oct. 8 **ADULT CPR 5:30 - 8:00 P.M.**

Fee: \$15.00. Learn CPR and receive American Heart Association certification. Pre-registration required.

Oct. 16 **PROSTATE CANCER SCREEN 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

Free. Includes PSA blood test and exam for detection of prostate cancer. Call 338-5191 for an appointment

Oct. 17 **PREMARITAL COUNSELING 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

Fee: \$20.00 individual, \$30.00 couple. The class is required by the state for a marriage license. Certificate good for 60 days after issue. Pre-registration is necessary

Oct. 22 & 24 **MAMMOGRAPHY & BREAST EXAM
2:00 - 6:00 P.M.**

Fee: \$65.00. Not billable to insurance. Call for an appointment. Deaths due to breast cancer could be reduced, if more women had mammography beginning at age 40!

Oct. 31 **CANDY SCREEN 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

Free x-ray screening of that "bag of treats." Building closed at 8:00 p.m.

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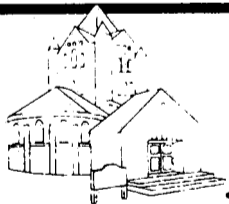
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CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston
(W. of M-15, just S. of I-75) 625-3288
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday Church School: 9:45 am
Nursery Available
Staff: Pastors- Dr. Robert Walters,
Todd von Gunten

MUSIC - Yvonne Lowe, Susie Jones

Christian Ed. - Karen Zelle

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

(Episcopal)
625-2325
6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 am

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD

6300 Clarkston Road
Clarkston 625-1323
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Mid-Week Service Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

6300 Maybee Road, Clarkston
Worship 11:00 am Nursery Provided
Charles Mabee, Pastor
Phone 673-3101

OAKLAND WOODS BAPTIST CHURCH

5628 Maybee Rd., Clarkston, MI
(810) 625-7557
Pastor: Bob Gale

Located between Sashabaw & Clintonville Rd.

Sunday: 8:30 am - Early Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

4:30 pm Adult Choir

6:00 pm Worship

Wednesday: 5:45 pm Preschool Choir

5:45 pm Children's Choir

7:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer

7:00 pm Mission Organizations for

Preschool & Children

7:00 pm Youth Activities

ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston

(W. of M-15, S. of I-75) 625-4580

Pastor: Msgr. Robert Humitz

Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00 am

Religious Education: 625-1750

Mother's Group

RCIA

Scripture Study

Youth Group

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(A Stephen Ministry Church)

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 625-1611

Sundays: Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am

Church School 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 am

Pastors: Doug Trebilcock, Tracy Huffman,

Jon Clapp

Support Program Director: Don Kavern

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625-2311

High School 625-9760

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Sunday School 10 am - Church 11 am

AWANA Wednesday 6:45

Wednesday evening service 7:00 pm

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CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner of Winell at Maybee Road

Roger Allen, Pastor Phone: 623-1224

Mike McArthur, Assistant Pastor

9:00 am 1st Worship Service

10:05 am Sunday School

11:15 2nd Worship Service

6:00 pm Vespers

Wednesday Family Program 7:00 pm

Milestones



Wilson-Ford wed in Holland

Timothy and Michelle (Wilson) Ford were married June 8, 1996 in an afternoon wedding at Western Theological Seminary in Holland. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Brad Norg.

The bride wore a white satin gown trimmed in Alencon lace which featured a scooped neckline and chapel-length train. Her maid of honor, Lori Van Ommeran, and bridesmaid, Sarah Wise, both wore black, tea-length formal gowns.

The groom's best man was his brother, Matthew Ford, and the groomsman was a close friend, Gerik Granlund.

Michelle is the daughter of Grayson and Rhonda Wilson of Zeeland and a nursing student at Grand Valley State University.

Timothy is the son of Tom and Beth Ford of Clarkston. He is a 1992 Clarkston High School graduate who is working toward a degree in health care administration.

The couple spent a seven-day honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. They reside in Walker.

Hole in one

● Patti Brown of Clarkston hit her first hole in one September 18, 1996 at Grand Blanc Country Club. It was on the sixth hole of the blue course and she used a five iron on the 130-yard shot.

New arrivals

● It's a boy for Jeanie and Tim Lamreaux of Clarkston. Wyatt Dale Lamreaux was born August 15, 1996. He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Luana Hunt of Clarkston, Jim and Sandy Lamreaux of Owosso, and John and Sandi Rogalski of Fenton.

Reunions

● The Clarkston High School Class of 1990 will hold a six-year reunion Friday, Oct. 25 at Clarkston Creek (formerly Spring Lake) beginning at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person and you must RSVP by Oct. 6. Send a check to Nancy Needham, 55 Buffalo, Clarkston, MI 48346. For more information call Nancy at 620-0955 or Julie at 625-5584.

● Waterford High School Class of 1976 will hold a 20-year reunion at White Lake Oaks Country Club on Oct. 19. For more information call Class Reunions Plus at 886-0770.

In service

● Michael Shreves has completed US Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps field training encampment at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. The training is normally attended by cadets between their second and third year of college. Shreves is a student at the University of Michigan. The 1993 graduate of Kettering High School is the son of Gary and Janet Shreves of Waterford.

● Richard T. Feltzer attended Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The camp is attended by cadets between their third and fourth year of college. Successful completion, along with college graduation, results in a commission as a second lieutenant in the US Army, Guard or Reserve. Feltzer is a student at Eastern Michigan University and the son of Richard W. Feltzer of Waterford.

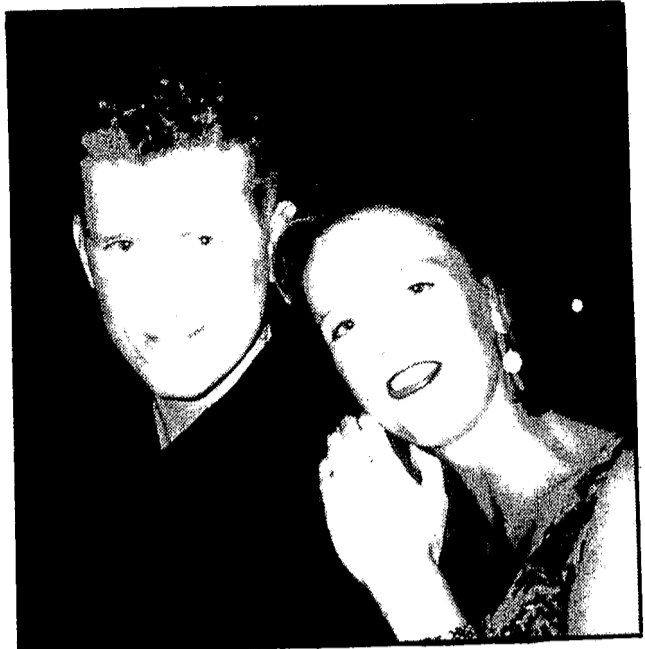
● Army Pvt. Christopher Taylor has begun basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA. A 1996 graduate of Clarkston STRIVE High School, he is the son of Michael and Melodie Taylor of Davisburg.

● Marine Pvt. Christopher Daniel, son of Jacqueline Daniel of Davisburg recently completed basic training at Parris Island, SC. He is a 1993 graduate of Lakeland High School.

● Marine Lance Cpl. Peter Kamego recently graduated from the Basic Hygiene Equipment Operator Course at Marine Corps Engineer School at Camp Lejeune, NC. The course covered basic plumbing, water supply, water purification and more. A 1995 graduate of Clarkston High School, Kamego joined the Marines in August 1995. His wife Kelly is the daughter of Tim Warner Sr. of Davisburg.

Business briefs

Steven Hoffman of Clarkston has been appointed director of corporate affairs for American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. in Detroit. Hoffman joined AAM in 1994 and has 20 years of experience, including five years as manager of corporate relations at GMI. He holds a BA from the University of Michigan and an MA from Central Michigan University.



Yocum-Radabaugh

Barbara Yocum of Pontiac and Jerald Yocum of Knoxville, TN announce the engagement of their daughter Annette to Joe Radabaugh, son of Jim and Pam Radabaugh of Minneapolis, MN. The bride-to-be is a 1986 Clarkston High School graduate. She received a BBA from Western Michigan University and an MBA from Walsh College. She is employed as a senior financial analyst with First of America in Birmingham. The prospective groom received a BS from the University of Michigan. He works for Nestles in Glendale, CA.

School news

● Don Downey, a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School, has been awarded a Florida State University Merit Scholarship.

● Casey Bolten of Clarkston received a scholarship from Loctite Corporation to attend Space Camp at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Casey was one of 38 students selected from hundreds of applicants in grades four-eight from the metro Detroit area. The scholarships included airfare, tuition, a flight suit and spending money and were raised through the Loctite-Alan Shepard Golf Invitational. Shepard was America's first man in space.

Students were nominated by their teachers for the award. Casey was a fifth-grader last year at Clarkston Elementary School. While at Space Camp she received the Right Stuff award. Only three campers receive the award at the closing ceremonies of each session.

● Julie Johnston received a master's degree in city and regional planning from the University of Memphis Aug. 11, 1996. A 1987 graduate of Clarkston High School, she was vice president of the UM Planning Association. She holds a BS in psychology from Central Michigan University and is the daughter of Wayne and Sheryl Johnston of Clarkston.

● Amy Holland and Amy Newmarch, both of Clarkston, made the Dean's List at Eastern Michigan University for winter semester.

● The following students received advanced degrees from Eastern Michigan University in April: from Clarkston, Thomas English, continuing certificate-secondary; Amy Morris, master of arts; Shelley Newsome, continuing certificate-secondary; Steve Wyckoff, master of arts; from Davisburg, Diane Loucks, master of arts.

● Janae Cooley of Clarkston is one of 70 University of Michigan students who have been awarded scholarships to study abroad. She is participating in the Aix-en-Provence, France Academic Year Program via the Vincenti Scholarship. Alumni, past participants of the program and private donors and foundations have all contributed to the scholarships in the interest of promoting international academic and cultural exchange.

● Wendy Conklin of Clarkston made the Dean's list at Baker College of Auburn Hills for summer semester. The list requires a 3.5 GPA or better and full-time enrollment.

Obituaries

Wesley Adler

Wesley Kent "Kenny" Adler, 24, of Auburn Hills, died Sept. 15, 1996.

Mr. Adler worked at Adler Towing as a dispatcher.

He was preceded in death by his brother Michael. He is survived by two children, Shawn and Shannon Young; his parents, Darla (Gary) Gross of Auburn Hills and Robert (Marilyn) Adler of Capac; two sisters, Robin (Gary) Brennan and Dawn; three brothers, Jeff, Greg and Gary; special aunt Janet Mersino; three nieces, Amanda, Krystal and Shirley Jane; and two nephews, Gary II and Jeff Jr.

A funeral service was held Sept. 21 at Walton Blvd. Church of God with the Rev. Wayne Chelette officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to March of Dimes, Birth Defects Foundation.

LeEtta Fender

LeEtta M. Fender, 75, of Clarkston, died Sept. 17, 1996.

Mrs. Fender was a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church and in recent years was active in real estate sales.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Erial "Red" Fender.

She is survived by four children, Mary (Walt) Poe of Orchard Lake, Mel of Clarkston, Bob (Kathy) of Clarkston and Richard of Clio; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Donald Kevern officiating. Interment was at

Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

William Griffin

William Donald "Don" Griffin, 80, of Clarkston, died Sept. 19, 1996.

Mr. Griffin was a milkman for Maple Leaf Dairy, Pontiac for 25 years and retired in 1980 from Oakland County Department of Public Works as an inspector.

He was preceded in death by his son William II (Bill).

He is survived by his wife Jean, to whom he was married for 57 years; two daughters, Jacky (David) Larkin of Clarkston and Sandy (Roger) Deiderich of Clarkston; six grandchildren, Tammy (Dan) Leichtnam, Cindy (Bob) Cattin, David (Shannon) Lakin, Dawn (Craig) Frasa, Bill Larkin and Derek Diederich; two great-grandchildren, Eric and Megan Leichtnam; two brothers, Lawrence (June) and Russ (Shirley), both of Caro; three sisters, Alta Mae (Charles) Griggs and Margaret (Paul) Montei, both of Akron, and Lorin (Carson) Dunham of Carol; and many other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held Sept. 21 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Richard C. Nelson officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

Elizabeth Sans

Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Sans, 66, of Clarkston, died Sept. 22, 1996.

Mrs. Sans was a member of St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston and a friend of the Jesuits at Colombiere Center.

She was preceded in death by her brother Francis. She is survived by her husband Arthur, five

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children, Jeffrey (Cynthia) of Ortonville, Elizabeth (Sean) Tierney of Royal Oak, Artha (Jonathan) Horowitz of Westland, Peter (fiance Gretchen Barrie) of Gingellville and Margaret Mary of Clarkston; six grandchildren, Garret, Hilary, Austin, Anna, Rebekah and Matthew; a sister, Mary (Frank) Muscat of Clarkston; and two brothers, Paul (Sarah) Zwicker of Harland and Joseph (Dorothy) Zwicker of Metamora.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery.

A Rosary Service will be held today (Wednesday) at 4:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Colombiere Center.

Elsie Waggener

Elsie C. Waggener, 92, of Bradenton, FL, and a former resident of Clarkston for 20 years, died Sept. 18, 1996.

Mrs. Waggener born in Lancaster, PA. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Gusie of Bradenton and Cheryl Conklu of Jupiter, FL; a son, Russell of Woodhaven; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made with Grown & Sons Funeral Homes 26th St. Chapel in Bradenton. Interment was arranged with Brown & Sons Cremation Service.

A memorial service in Michigan may be held at a later date. Friends may contact the Brown & Sons Funeral Homes 26th St. Chapel, 5624 26th St. W., Bradenton, FL at (941) 758-7788.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Public Hearing

The Charter Township of Independence will hold a public hearing on October 1, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Annex, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, to discuss a change in description and reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Funds:

1994 Lighthouse	\$3,083.73 to 1994 Chore	\$3,083.73
1995 Chore	3,083.73 to 1995 Lighthouse	3,083.73
1994 Senior Van	8,662.00 to 1994 Senior Center Renovations	8,662.00
1994 Senior Center	268.00 to 1994 Senior Center Renovations	268.00
(chairs, tables)		
1995 Senior Center	7,316.00 to 1995 Senior Center Renovations	7,316.00
(chairs, tables)		

John Lutz, Treasurer
CDBG Administrator

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE Supervisor Stuart called the September 17, 1996 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex.

- Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Present: Lutz, McCrary, McGee, Mercado, Stuart, Travis, Vaara.
Absent: None.
There is a quorum.
1. National Pollution Prevention Week Resolution Adopted.
2. Approval of the agenda with the addition of Grant Request by the Library and Mid-Decade Census Resolution.
3. Approval of minutes of September 3, 1996 as amended.
4. Approved the payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$2,894,039.57.
5. Adopted the Bow Pointe Road Improvement and SAD adjusting Payment Schedule and confirming additional pro-rate assessments Resolution.
6. Approved the Bond Resolution for Bow Pointe Road Improvement and SAD.
7. Approval to table sale of the Fire Department property at Main and Waldon Roads indefinitely.
8. Approved the Resolution to the Library application for dissipation of 1997 Library Service Construction Act Contracts and Grants Program.
9. Approved the Resolution for the Mid-Decade Census.
10. Adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

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NOTICE

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1996

FOR

GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996

To the Qualified Electors:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE
90 NORTH MAIN STREET, CLARKSTON, MI 48346
DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR
REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID CITY
OR TOWNSHIP. TO REGISTER, VISIT ANY SECRETARY OF
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JOAN MCCRARY
TOWNSHIP CLERK

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

375 DEPOT ROAD

CLARKSTON, MI 48346

SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1996

7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by President Catalo at 7:03
Minutes of August 26, 1996, approved as presented.
Agenda approved as presented with the addition of Homecoming
parade to New Business.
Bills in the amount of \$23,407.54 approved for payment.
Adoption of Ordinance No. 125, An Ordinance to Establish a Traffic
Violation Bureau in the City of the Village of Clarkston Address-
ing The Parking and Penalty for Violation.
Permit to be requested from MDOT for the Clarkston Senior High
School Homecoming Parade to be held on September 28, 1996,
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
City Council entered into a closed meeting to discuss the purchase
of real property by the City of the Village of Clarkston.
Closed session entered at 8:50 p.m. and closed at 10:10 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Artemus M. Pappas
City Clerk

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ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS, CLERK

Sept. 18, Sept. 25, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

SHIP BOARD

AGENDA

7:30 p.m.

DATE October 1, 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

Public Hearing - Reprogramming of CDBG Funding

Old Business:

1. Request Reprogramming of CDBG Funding

New Business:

1. Approval of 1996 Tax Levy

2. Premarc Corporation - Request for Industrial Development
District.

3. M-15 Sewer Lift Station - Carbon Filter System

4. New Heating and Cooling System - Township Hall

5. Approval of 1997 Budget

6. Derivative Investment Discussion

7. Discussion - TCI Cable Rates

8. Permission to Hire Clerk Technical - Library

9. First Reading - Rezoning Request Dixie Hwy C-1 to OS-2,
08-33-302-001 & 002.

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



King Jay Richardson and queen Natalie Vaughn switch crowns.



From left, Allison Prudhomme, Stephanie Vogler and Natalie Vaughn keep the suspense going over the heads of king candidates Jay Richardson, Brad Conley and Jason Ostrom.

Making the cut

The final cuts on the Homecoming court were announced Friday at Clarkston High School during tapping ceremonies.

Tapping is the second step in the process and follows pre-tapping, which occurred Sept. 13. This time, maids and escorts were narrowed down to one each per class, and the king and queen were uncovered before an enthusiastic student body which filled the bleachers.

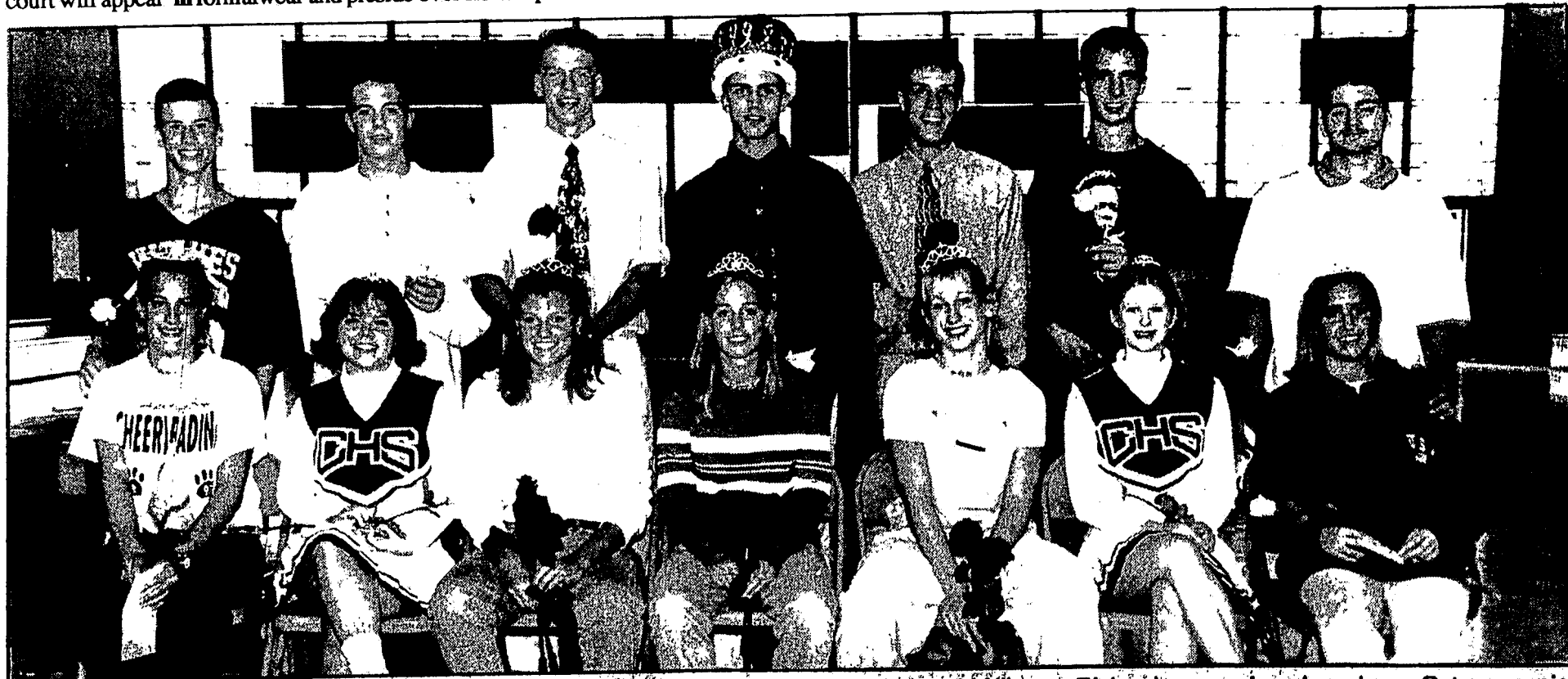
This year's Homecoming queen is Natalie Vaughn. Jay Richardson was crowned king.

Homecoming events continue this week with the Queen's Assembly Friday at CHS, during which the court will appear in formalwear and preside over field

day events. Friday night kicks off with pre-game activities from 4-6 p.m. The Homecoming game versus Rochester Adams begins at 7 p.m. and there will be an alumni tent near the concession stand during the game.

Saturday features a pancake breakfast at Clarkston Elementary School from 7-9:30 a.m., sponsored by the Athletic Boosters. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids (under 5 free). Then the parade kicks off at 10 a.m. and winds through the streets of downtown. Students will attend the Homecoming dance Saturday night beginning at 7 p.m. in the CHS gym.

Homecoming events are sponsored by the CHS student council, which invites the community to participate in the events.



This year's Homecoming court includes (front row, from left) freshman maid Marie Fahrner, junior maid Whitney Renz, senior princess Stephanie Vogler, queen Natalie Vaughn, senior

princess Allison Prudhomme, senior maid Allison Farah, and sophomore maid Kate May; (back row) freshman escort Ross Martello, junior escort Mike Moran, senior prince Brad Conley, king Jay

Richardson, senior prince Jason Ostrom, senior escort Todd Bauer and sophomore escort Frank El-Chaer.

INTERIORS

EXTERIORS

Supplement To:
The Clarkston News & Penny Stretcher
Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Start fall decorating now

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

If you're planning to spruce up the inside of your home in time for the holidays, you'd better get cracking.

According to Clarkston resident Shannon Longstaff, owner of Plum Hollow Home Decor, workrooms are already starting to fill up with orders for such things as window treatments and custom furniture. Anticipating a big fall rush, Longstaff recently doubled the size of her store to better accommodate the demand.

"In the fall people are already decorating for the holidays," she said. "They want everything fresh for the holidays . . . We'll start getting busy in the next two weeks."

Longstaff said wallpaper is the biggest-selling item, followed by window treatments. Both can give a room a brand new look at a reasonable price, and are



From left, Pat Stephenson, Beverly Severance, Susie Bennett and owner Shannon Longstaff.

often installed by the homeowner. But her store also stocks a wide variety of decorative accessories and offers design consultation services.

By enlarging her space, Longstaff was able to add more of everything, including space for customers to just sit and pour over the offerings. About half, she said, are do-it-yourselfers.

"We always did window treatments and we never had enough space to display them. Plus the business grew so rapidly we didn't have enough space to accommodate people coming in here, especially to look at wallpaper."

Longstaff said there have been days when people were even sitting on the floor selecting wallpaper. That will no longer be necessary.

"We added more accessories, we've enlarged the floral department, added a new fabric line and another line of wallpaper," she said. "The day after Halloween we revamp the whole store for Christmas."

Plum Hollow is entering its fourth year of business in the Food Town shopping center at Sashabaw and Waldon. When the business next door moved out,

it was an easy decision for Longstaff to expand and avoid having to move the whole store to a bigger spot. The work was accomplished basically over a weekend and she couldn't be happier about the results.

"I didn't want to leave this shopping center," she said.

Plum Hollow can shop with you, whether that means a trip to the Michigan Design Center or help picking out paint colors. They can help with room layout and have a custom floral designer on staff.

Longstaff cautions that if you're thinking about having any custom work done, including ordering upholstered furniture, there's no time to lose.

"We work with three workrooms and they stop taking orders the end of October," she said. "People don't think that far ahead. They think, 'Oh, I've got a couple of months.'"

Plum Hollow is open Monday and Wednesday, 10-8, Tuesday and Thursday, 10-6 and Friday and Saturday, 10-5. Hours will be extended for the holidays. There will also be a holiday open house on Nov. 8, 9 and 10. For more information call 620-9000.



Shannon Longstaff, owner of Plum Hollow, stands with a magnificent rooster that's for sale in her shop.

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✓ **FREE** & Fast delivery

✓ **FREE** set up & removal of old bedding **plus**

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✓ With purchase of \$250 or more

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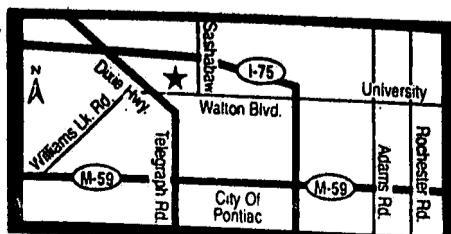
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The house is one big canvas for local painter

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

While some homeowners might look at a blank wall and see nothing but work waiting to be done, Clarkston artist Debby Sweetman sees it as a canvas.

Sweetman, owner of Sweetman's Interior Artwork, has filled the walls of her home with murals, borders and faux finishes. A child's room, for example, has a delightful outdoor scene featuring a cat (see photo). Her living room has an enticing garden scene. A bedroom has a border painted on to match the wallpaper.

Sweetman started painting as a hobby eight years ago when she started staying home to raise her children. Then she took some decorating classes, but soon found she preferred painting to the other parts of decorating.

"I decided I like the painting aspect of interior design most of all," she said. Moving from the canvas to the wall, Sweetman, a certified interior designer, began doing decorative painting for friends and family, small projects at first, such as a border around a door or window frame. When she'd consult on a decorating job, she'd find herself suggesting little touches that she could paint.

"I'd say 'this would look real pretty with something painted up here on the wall.'"

Now, with her children in school full-time, she's decided to start her own business. She also does painted furniture, and has paintings on canvas for

sale through the Frame It Gallery on Dixie Highway in the Northway Plaza. She'll even do a custom painting for a client, so everything can be tied together into one decorating scheme.

"I know a lot of designers," Sweetman said. "(But) I really don't know a lot of people who do this."

Sweetman learns new techniques by doing—at home, on her own walls.

"I use my house as a guinea pig. I'll see a new technique and I'll say 'Oh, I've got to try that.' My husband comes home and never knows what he'll see."

The large mural on her living room wall took about 12 hours over a period of two days, she said. She just "winged it," painting it all freehand, Sweetman said.

"A lot of times for clients I'll sketch it out for them because what I'm thinking and what they're thinking may be totally different," she said.

For her brother, a Harley motorcycle lover, she did a Harley-themed mural. She can use your own colors too, like she did in one bedroom of her house, where a mid-wall horizontal border mimics the existing wallpaper on the bottom of the walls.

Her typical client is often in a new home, or redecorating, and staring at a lot of blank walls, Sweetman said.

"People want to do something with white walls. It's a lot of new homes and they're decorated nice, but they need something."

Sweetman charges by the job, based upon time and materials. For more information call her at 620-2155.



Artist Debby Sweetman shows off one of the murals she painted. It was designed for her children's bedroom.

10 tips for preparing for the cold months ahead

For most homeowners, household maintenance and improvements are ongoing year-round. Luckily, there usually is a season when it is most appropriate to undertake particular tasks, so caring for a home need not be too overwhelming.

With crisper temperatures upon us and memories of last year's severe winter, now is the time to think about readying a home for the cold days ahead.

To get homeowners started, the CertainTeed Home Institute has prepared the following guide for maintenance and home improvements this season:

- Clean and store outdoor furniture. It will last longer and be more quickly available in the spring if it is cleaned and thoughtfully stored now.
- Clean gutters and downspouts to prevent serious damage to your home resulting from poor drainage. To clean them, choose a dry day since you'll need to stand on a ladder. Stand below the level of each gutter and using a towel, scoop out debris into a bag or onto the ground for sweeping up later.
- Upgrade attic insulation. If your home was built before 1980, chances are it needs more insulation to meet today's Department of Energy recommended levels for residential insulation. Insulating yourself is even more simple to do now than in years past as new products like EasyHandler™ are available. EasyHandler is a fiber glass insulation encapsulated with a breathable non-woven fabric specifically designed to reduce dust and itchiness and add comfort while handling and installing insu-



lation. Consult with your building material retailer for the amount of insulation you'll need for your attic based on the geographic area in which you live.

- Maintain garage doors. Garage doors and down. Lubricate the rollers (the small wheels attached to the sides of the door) with a few drops of household oil or spray a small amount of silicone lubrication onto their spindles. Also check that the hinges are fastened securely to the door panels and tighten the screws if they are loose.
- Organize the garage. The goal of a well functioning garage is to get everything you can off the floor. Walls, for instance, offer a wealth of storage opportunities. Hooks and pegboards are perfect for storing things like garden tools. Plastic bins or storage racks are good ideas as well.
- Caulk to prevent drafts. Sealing a home is especially important in the colder months. Caulking is a successful way to achieve a draft-proof home. Caulk

when the temperature is above 60°F around stationary parts of window and door frames, where house siding joins at corners or meets the roof eaves and foundation, around wall and roof vents, skylights and chimneys, around exterior water faucets and where other plumbing or electric wiring enters the home.

- Weatherstrip windows and doors. Drafty windows and doors rob heat from homes. Sealing them with weatherstripping is an easy, quick and effective cure to this problem. For double-hung windows, use channel stripping. For doors, seal the sides and tip of the door, then the bottom using foam edged wooden strips. Both products are available from your building materials retailer.
- Maintain storm windows and doors. Before the cold weather arrives, make minor repairs on storm doors and windows to prevent major annoyances later on. Rub frames and sashes with fine

steel wool to rid them of corrosion. Then wipe with paste for further protection. Also, spray windows with silicone lubricant to keep sashes sliding smoothly.

- Prepare your heating system to begin working again. For safety reasons and because of the complexity of most home heating equipment, it is suggested that you call a qualified professional heating technician for inspection and service. These experts are available through your oil or gas supplier. Also, consider a professional chimney sweep to check fireplaces and woodstoves.
- Drain pipes to prevent freezing. When water freezes and expands inside pipes, it can cause major damage requiring expensive repairs. The surest way to prevent pipes from freezing is to drain them before the colder weather arrives. To drain pipes supplying water to outside faucets, first close off the shutoff valves on the pipes supplying them.

Next, open the faucets letting any water in the pipes run out and leave them open until the water supply is turned on again in the spring. That way any water remaining in the pipes can expand if it freezes without creating damaging pressure.

For more information on energy saving home improvement projects, write to the CertainTeed Home Institute, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA 19482 or call 800 782 8777 for a list of all pamphlets available for homeowners. Also visit us on the Internet at <http://www.certainteed.com>.

The 3 most frightening words: "Some Assembly Required"

Local businessman can help

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
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If you're Tim "the Toolman" Taylor, your solution to the problem of a tricky household task might be MOREPOWER—a bigger hammer, more horsepower, whatever.

But if you're Clarkston's own Mr. Fixit, you know there's probably a more sensible way to deal with the problem.

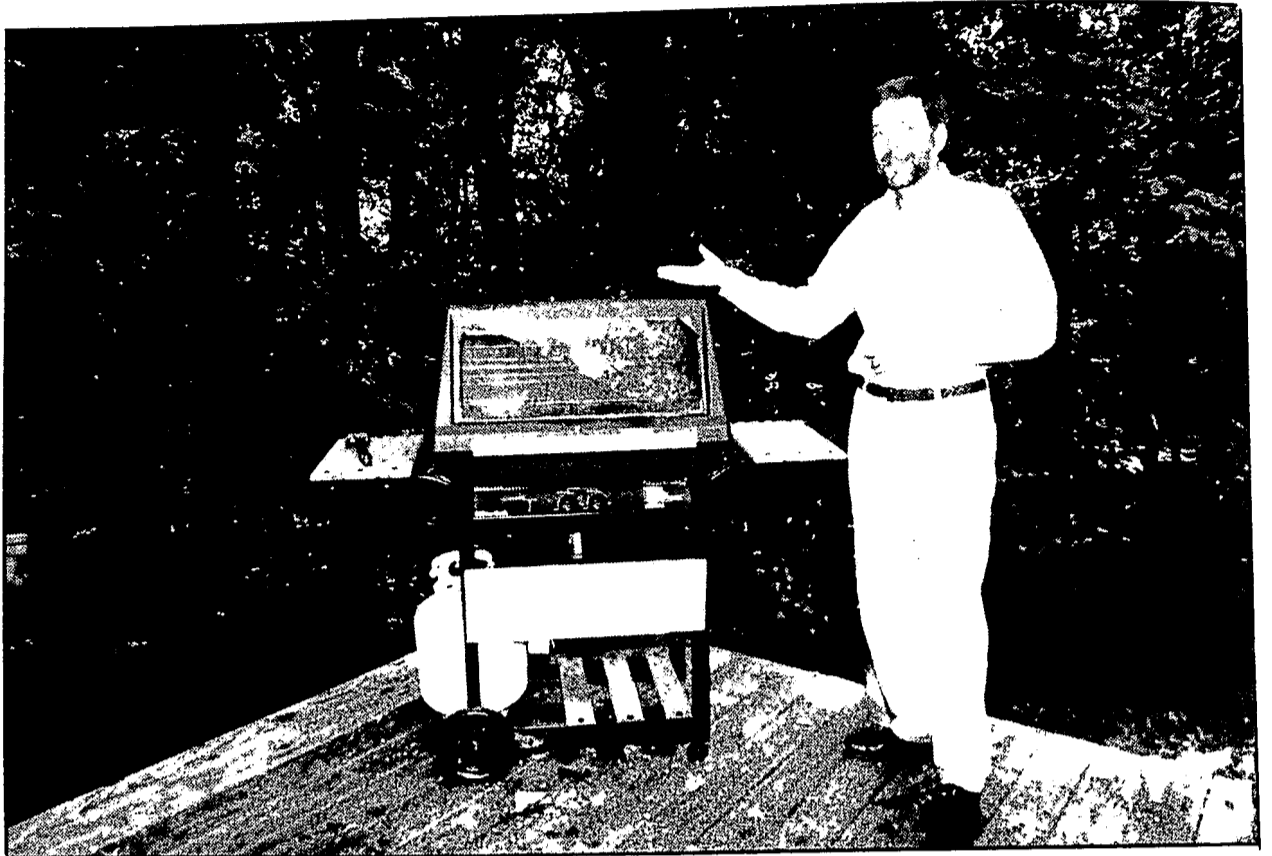
Jerry Warren, a retired builder and the proprietor of "Some Assembly Required," has made it his business to help people with household projects that just don't get done, for one reason or another.

Maybe it's a household where both adults work and are too busy to get around to the fixing a sticky door or a leaky faucet. Maybe it's a woman living alone who doesn't have the skills or tools required. Or maybe there's a not-so-handyman who has trouble working with tools and not hurting himself.

"My kids have always called me "The fabulous Mr. Fixit," Warren said. "I've always been kind of mechanical and enjoyed doing it... I knew there were lots of unhandy couples and single women, especially widowed... So I saw the need."

Warren recently opened his new business, which works by appointment. He will come to your home and give you a free estimate on small projects that need doing, from a stuck window to assembling a barbecue to installing a sink.

The former owner of a construction company, Warren is a licensed builder who retired after being struck with rheumatoid arthritis. He can no longer do the big jobs, like hanging drywall or installing a furnace, but the smaller jobs—well, he still enjoys the tinkering.



Piece of cake: Jerry Warren assembled this barbecue grill in a couple of hours.

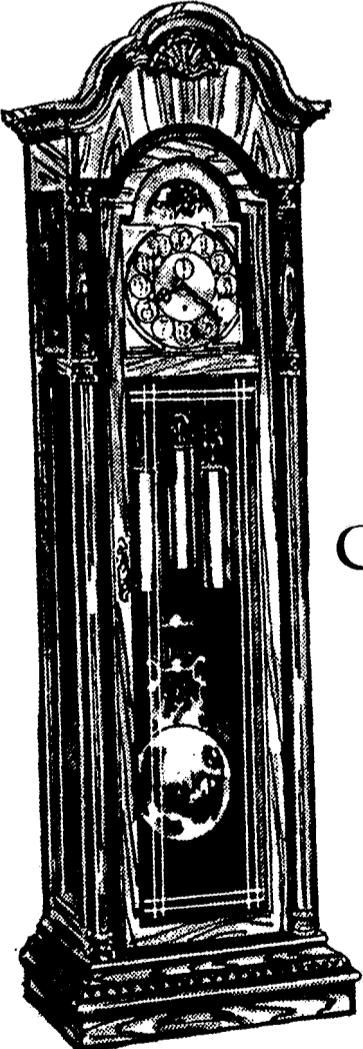
One look around his well-organized basement workroom proves that. Tools hang neatly on the wall. Equipment is organized by what type of job it's for. And it's cleaner than any workroom has a right to be.

Warren prefers to be called a "household helper," not a handyman because there are some jobs he can't do. What he can do, however, encompasses a large number of those nagging jobs that homeowners sometimes put on the back burner for months because of the labor required.


So far, since starting his business, Warren has put together a play structure, installed light fixtures and ceiling fans, repaired locks, changed switches and installed faucets, assembled computer shelves, put up a birdhouse, installed weather-stripping and put together a barbecue grill. Jobs come in all sizes.

"An elderly widow needed a repair on a grill," he said. "She bought the part and I put it together in five minutes... I have dealt all with women so far, and some

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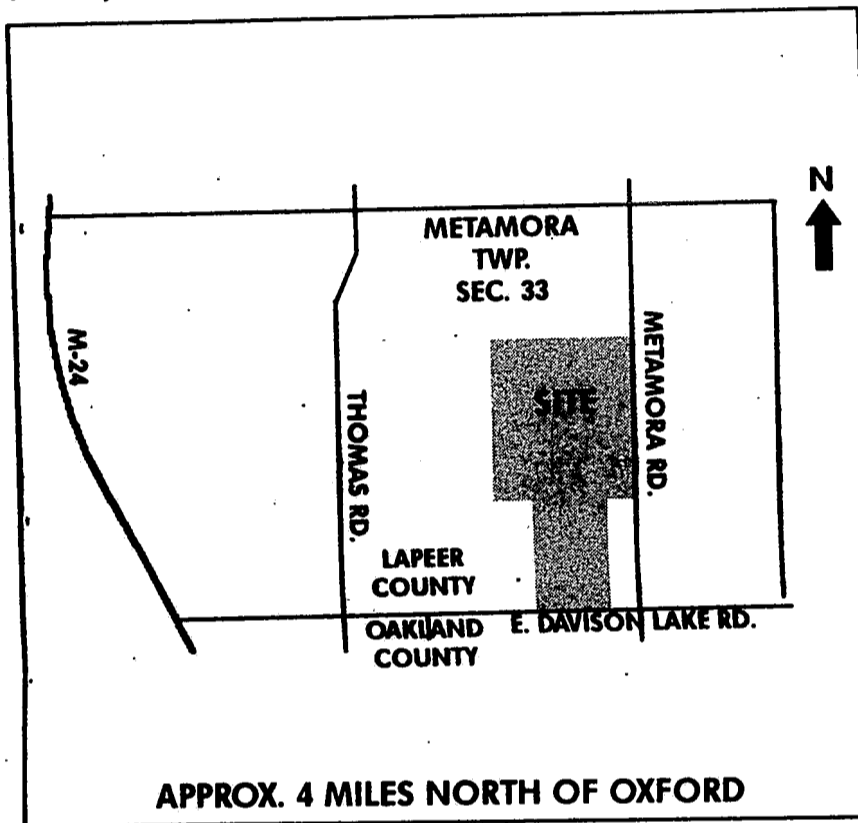
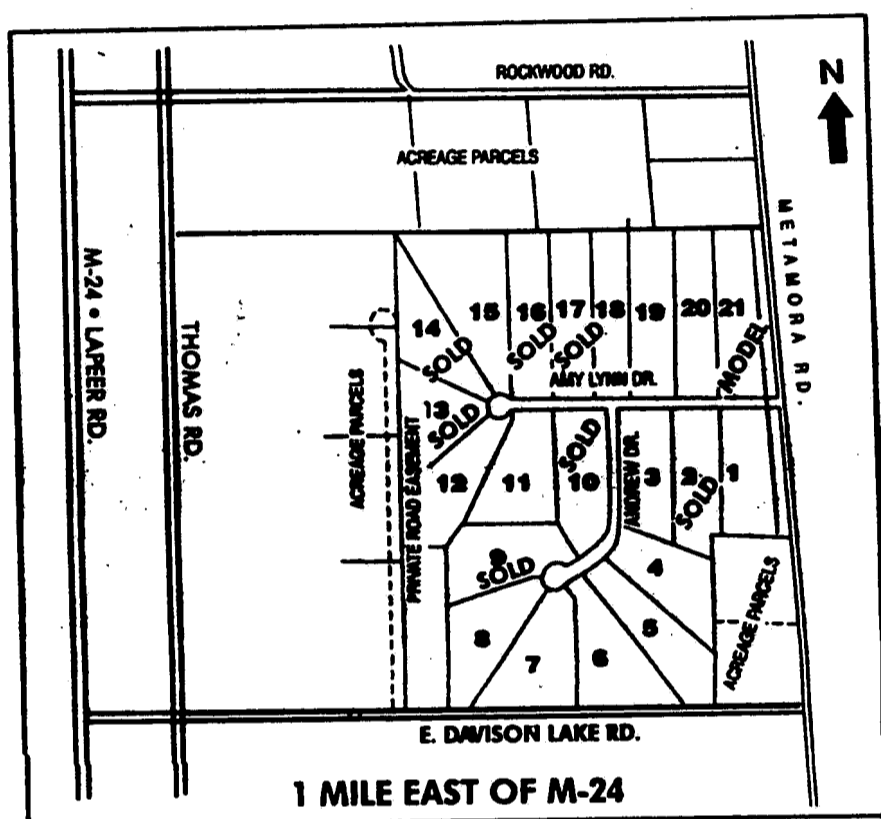
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Fall is optimum time to curb weeds

Early fall is the ideal time to reduce perennial weed problems.

"There is about a four-week period from mid-September to mid-October that provides the opportunity to get perennial weeds under control," says Jim Kells, Michigan State University Extension agronomist. "Some of these weeds are quackgrass, hemp dogbane, Canada thistle and field bindweed."

Kells says that early fall is an ideal time to control perennial weeds because the plants resume growth - in response to cooler temperatures and more frequent rains - to build nutrient reserves for winter survival and spring regrowth.

"This is when they are most vulnerable to control with systemic herbicides that are applied to the leaves of the plant," Kells says. "The herbicide moves into the root system and kills the entire plant."

Kells says that perennial weed control in wheat stubble is ideal now because the weeds have been growing uninhibited since wheat harvest and are large and at or near their reproductive stage.

"We want the weeds as large as possible but not injured by a frost and before they have begun to senesce (enter advanced maturity), which is indicated when the leaves begin to turn yellow and fall off the plant," Kells says.

MSU Extension fact sheets E-2244 through E-2257 contain details on

controlling the 14 most common perennial weeds in Michigan. The fact sheets are available from the county MSU Extension office, or from the MSU Bulletin Office, 10B Agriculture Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824-1039. The phone number is 517-355-0240.

The fact sheets contain recommendations on controlling perennial weeds in corn and soybeans and rates the effectiveness of chemical use in the fall.

Kells says that even though growers may be preoccupied with the coming harvest, controlling perennial weeds now will save money and time and improve crop performance in early spring.

"It's a long-term economic investment that is worth making in the fall," Kells says.

Kells says that when growers get into the harvest, it would be advantageous to note or map areas that contain patches of annual or perennial weeds that survived control efforts. He says that this can be as sophisticated as using a site-specific field mapping program or as simple as a notepad and pencil in the combine.

"Whatever technique is used, having some record of those weeds that were not adequately controlled in 1996 will be very helpful in planning a weed control strategy for 1997 because those weeds that are not controlled this year are likely to exist at a higher population in the next growing season," Kells says.

DECEMBER, PLANT BULBS NOW.

To bring a flash of color and hint of spring to dark winter days, prepare bulbs now for indoor blooms. Bulbs generally planted or left in the ground outdoors during the winter months can be forced to bloom indoors if planted now.

"These bulbs should be planted from mid-October to early November," says Adrienne O'Brien, a senior horticulture assistant at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens. "Plant them in a sterile packaged soil mix of mostly peat and perlite."

A six-inch pot with five tulip bulbs will need a minimum of 14 weeks of cold treatment to produce colorful blooms inside while snow and winter winds howl outside. Once the bulbs are planted in pots, the containers should be placed in an unheated garage or shed, in the crawl space under a house or in an unheated attic. A coldframe or window well will also work well," says O'Brien, as will a balcony or porch if the pots are placed inside a heavy box that is heavily insulated and placed right next to a house.

The pots should be watered only when the surface of the potting medium begins to dry out and the pot feels much lighter," says O'Brien. "The soil should not completely dry, as the roots will be damaged. Check them weekly for the first month and less often later on. If over watered, the bulbs will rot. There

should be roots at the bottom of the pots by late November, especially the tulips and daffodils."

When bringing the bulbs indoors from cold storage, first put them in a cool place out of direct sunlight. Foliage will already be growing. "If the foliage is frozen, don't touch it," O'Brien says. "After a day or two, the pots can be moved to a brighter area. The cooler and brighter the conditions, the better. Plants will be more compact and have better quality flowers which will last longer."

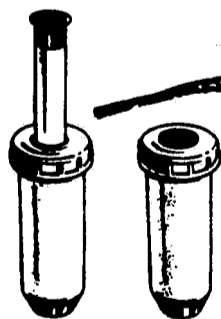
When the buds begin to show color, they will open in a day or two. The blooming process can be slowed at this point by placing pots in a cool (40-50 degrees) area for several days. Under ideal conditions, flowers will last a week to 10 days.

"It is not a good idea to try and speed the blooming process by moving the pot to a warmer area as inferior foliage and blossoms will result," says O'Brien.

After the flowers have died, there are a couple of options for the grower. The bulbs can be thrown out. They cannot be forced again. It may not be worth the time and effort to save them and plant them outside. "Do not feel guilty if you decide to toss them," O'Brien says. "You may keep the potted bulbs inside until it is warm enough to put them outside, mid-to late April, in a protected area."

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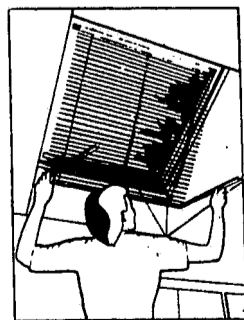


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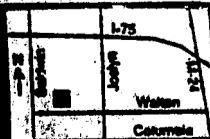
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What will my next house be like?

A look at the future of home design

According to a panel of residential architects at the recent Builder's Show of the National Association of Home Builders, the houses built during the next five to ten years will enhance our quality of life dramatically.

"The architects agreed that the biggest single factor impacting design will be in how technology changes the space needs in the home," said Gilbert Silverman, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and of the Silverman Companies in Farmington Hills.

With the option of telecommuting to work expanding throughout the country, people will need dedicated home office space with appropriate telephone, fax, modem and computer services. While this will create a more fluid workday with less rigid lines between professional and personal lives, it will also affect the use of space in the home and family dynamics. In addition, people are looking to the home to be their center for entertainment. Many homes will have media rooms with sophisticated sound and video systems built in or retrofitted to suit the owners.

"Life cycle housing is another trend in home design," Silverman said. "Many people are moving less, and they want their homes to grow and change with them as they go through different stages in their lives."

For example, a builder may offer a home with three bedrooms today, but he'll give the new owner the option to finish an attic or garage area as needed to accommodate a new child or a parent that comes to

live with the family. Other homes will be placed on a lot so that there is plenty of room for an addition of a family room or sitting area, and the owner can see the plans for that addition when the original house is purchased. This will also help when the owner wants to sell the home since the floor plan is flexible and can meet the needs of many potential buyers.

Garages are likely to be set back from the street and be attached or detached depending on the market. In addition, the space above the garage can also be flex space for later additions such as an in-law suite or home office. Garages are increasing in size to an average of three berths, both to accommodate more vehicles in the household and to provide more storage space.

"We will see more features designed for casual entertaining such as front porches and expanded kitchens and family rooms with formal areas like dining and living rooms becoming multi-purpose rooms," he said. For example, many new custom homes come with bookshelves built into the dining room so the area can be used as a substitute home office or study area when it is not needed for formal entertaining. The architects also called for all-season rooms in a finished basement to allow for specialized areas for exercising, hobbies and other projects. The rooms will have light shafts from the ground level to allow for natural lighting, floors designed to cushion an exerciser's feet and specialized storage for tools and hobby supplies.

Home owners will continue to ask for homes that use energy efficiently and are easy to maintain. More and more homes will come with flat ceilings, vinyl windows and use glass strategically to enhance natural lighting without creating glare.

The architects are also forecasting a decline in the use of closets and a greater use of furniture such as chests and armoires to hold clothing and personal

items. This will allow for greater flexibility in furniture placement since the owner would not have to worry about blocking access to a closet.



Fall family fun

Looking for something unique to do with the kids this fall? Try the sixth annual Sheep and Wool Festival at Mt. Bruce Station in Romeo.

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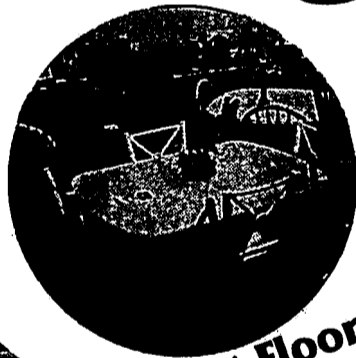
The festival takes place Sept. 28-29 and will feature ongoing demonstrations, fiber workshops, grilled lamb, farm games, hay wagon rides and entertainment. Llamas, Angora goats, border collies, alpacas and Angora rabbits will be visiting with the sheep.

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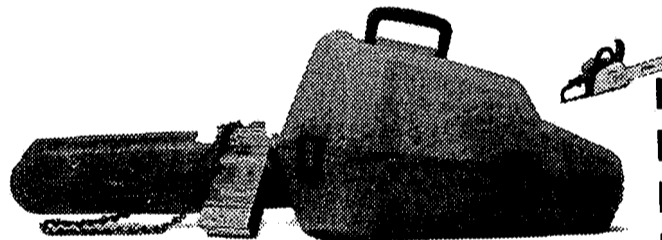
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Murphy was a gardener

If there's one supreme law of the universe, surely it's Murphy's Law: anything that can go wrong will. That's why gardeners - and farmers, parents, employees and bosses, students and everyone else subject to Murphy's Law - need a sense of humor.

The following list of Murphy's laws for gardeners were generated by Extension specialists at Michigan State University. Enjoy!

--Planting cool-weather crops invariably causes a heat wave. Planting warm-weather crops generates a cold snap.

--If you set out frost-sensitive plants before local frost-free date, they will freeze. If you wait, it will be one of the earliest springs on record.

--No matter what extraordinary measures you resort to, someone else will always have the first ripe tomato. If you have the first ripe tomato, it will develop blossom end rot.

--Two or three plantings of snap beans at 10-day intervals will all produce a crop at the same time.

--If you plant one hill of summer squash, bugs and disease will wipe it out by mid-July. If you plant several hills at various times, they'll all thrive and inundate you with squash.

--Early tomatoes aren't. Late tomatoes always are.

--Seed your crops at the recommended final spacing and the majority of the seeds won't germinate. Seed them thickly and they'll all germinate.

--The probability of rain will always be in inverse proportion to the need for it.

--The likelihood of rain increases whenever you irrigate the garden or apply a home orchard spray to your fruit trees - unless you need the rain (see above).

--Robins are better than you are at telling when strawberries are ripe.

--Gardening tools put away in excellent condi-

tion in the fall will be rusted, decayed and decrepit by spring - if you can find them at all.

--Cutworms invariably find the one pepper plant out of 50 that doesn't have a cutworm collar.

--If you have to be away from home for several days and you water the lawn and garden thoroughly before you leave, rain will fall the whole time you're gone. If you don't water before you leave, drought will parch the land.

--If someone enters a community garden looking for produce to steal, your garden will be the one hit.

--If there's a single thistle in your lawn, you will find it the one time in the entire summer that you walk barefooted.

--Perennials aren't.

--The farther you have to drive to obtain a particular plant, the more desirable it becomes and the more you'll have to pay for it. As the length of the drive, the cost and desirability increase, the likelihood that the plant will survive its first year in your landscape decreases.

--If you buy a plant with a one-year guarantee, it will die in 13 months. If it dies within the year, you will have misplaced the receipt.

--The likelihood that your lawn mower will break down is in direct proportion to your lawn's need to be mowed.

--The likelihood of insects, diseases, hungry rabbits or the neighbor's dog committing atrocities on a newly planted shrub is in direct proportion to the cost of the shrub and the difficulty you had in obtaining it.

--Failsafe flowering annuals aren't.

--The likelihood that a tree will break in a storm is related to the amount of damage it will do when it falls.

--Any fast-growing, bug-repelling, high-yielding, easy-to-grow plant that sounds too good to be true probably is.

--The likelihood that family members will want to "help" you in the garden is in inverse proportion to your need for peace and quiet.

--Under identical growing conditions, weed seeds will outgerminate and outcompete vegetable and flower seeds 100 to 1.

--The greater the cost of seeds or transplants, the more likely they are to:

Never come up.

Be eaten belowground by moles or grubs before they come up.

Be eaten by rabbits, groundhogs, deer or beetles after they come up.

Come up and contract a fatal disease.

Get stepped on.

Be killed by frost.

Be drowned in too much water.

Die of drought.

--The chemical that kills your neighbor's tomato hornworm only inspires yours to greater appetite.

--Garden problems multiply fastest when you have the least time and energy to deal with them.

--The more meticulous you are about keeping garden records, the greater the likelihood that you'll lose them.

--All gardening tasks take longer and cost more than you think they will.

--You always need one more gadget.

Corollary 1: You don't realize you need it until after the store that has it is closed.

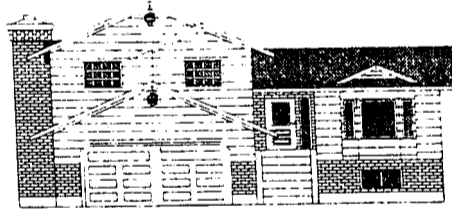
Corollary 2: If the store is open, the gadget you want is back-ordered.

Corollary 3: If you can get it, it doesn't work.

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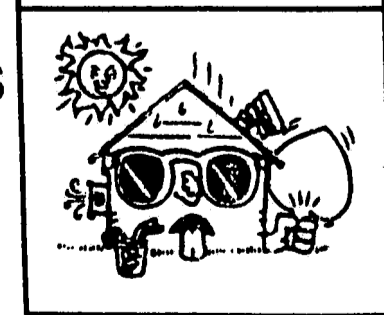
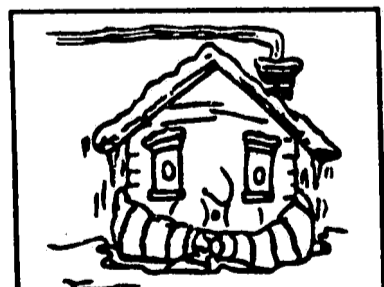
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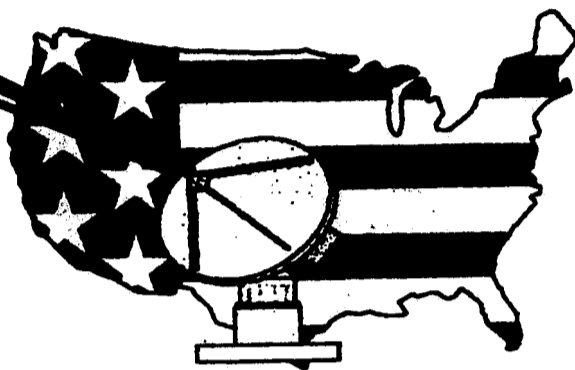


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Fall remodeling show opens Sept. 26 in Novi

The fourth annual Fall Remodeling Show opens its doors Thursday, September 26 and runs through Sunday, September 29 at the Novi Expo Center. "The pleasure we get from our homes can enhance our quality of life dramatically," said Gilbert Silverman, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and president and chief executive officer of the Silverman Companies in Farmington Hills. "The Fall Remodeling Show exhibits the trends in home design and amenities that increase a home's enjoyment factor - inside and out." The non-profit BIA is the event sponsor.

A special highlight of the show, columnists and authors Katie and Gene Hamilton, creators of HOUSENET on America Online and on the Internet, will help homeowners decide whether to tackle home improvement projects themselves or not. The pair has been seen on NBC's "Today Show" and Lifetime Channel's "Our Home." Other highlights include members of the American Society of Interior Designers conducting designer consultations and clinics and the Home Office Show, a show within the show, featuring products, services and support for home offices.

Additional show features include BIA's Remodelers Council Home Remodelers Clinic, offering seminars on moving to a new home or remodeling an existing home; the second annual Showcase of Distinctive Homes sponsored by BIA, which will kick off at the show and displays detailed home illustrations, demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.



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Novi Expo Center is located at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10pm Thursday and Friday; 10am - 10pm Saturday and 10am - 7pm Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$3 for children 6-12 (children under 6 are admitted free). Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, call (810) 737-4478.

Giant pumpkin judging coming

Judging for the third annual Southeastern Michigan Giant Pumpkin and Vegetable Contest will be held Oct. 12 in Armada.

If you grew pumpkins from the giant seeds offered by Van Houtte's Market and Larry Gavette back in the spring and grew a whopper, this is your chance to show it off. Cash prizes will be awarded to the three largest pumpkins and the best-decorated one, as well as the oddest-shaped pumpkin and the heaviest or largest vegetables brought in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. that day.

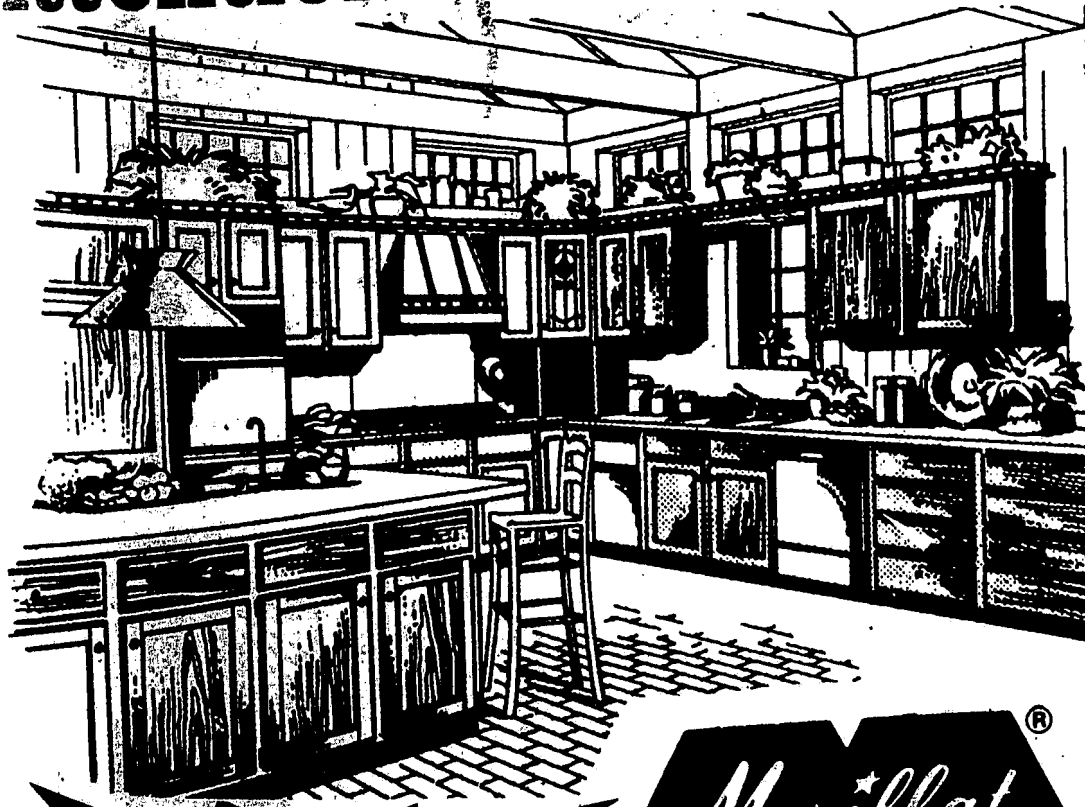


"Entry is open to everyone, regardless of seed source," said Gavette, host of the cable TV show "See how they grow."

The world record for a pumpkin is almost 1,000 pounds, Gavette said, and entries at the Armada contest have topped 600 pounds in the past two years.

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Give home grounds a fall checkup

Before you know it, you'll be trading the leaf rake for the snow shovel. In the meantime, take advantage of mild fall weather to stroll around your home grounds and give your landscape a fall check-up.

Start with the big picture, suggests Mary McLellan, Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University. Ask yourself how your landscape looks? Are you pleased with the plants you have and where they are planted? Would you like to see more fall color around the house?

"Fall is a good time to plant many landscape ornamentals," McLellan points out. "Be sure to choose plants carefully. Look for hardiness, adaption to the growing conditions in the proposed planting site, freedom from serious pests and diseases, mature size, shape and presence of desirable traits such as flowers, fall color, fruits that persist into winter, and interesting branching and bark texture."

Check plants already present in the landscape. Are shrubs overgrowing walks or interfering with home maintenance? Do trees contain dead limbs that could crash down in an ice storm and damage structures or vehicles or take down power lines?

Do you need to protect landscape plants against winter damage? If rain has been scarce, evergreen shrubs, especially, may need regular watering until the ground freezes to protect foliage against winter desiccation (drying out). Shading plants against winter sun can help, she notes.

Plants exposed to salt spray can be shielded by canvas fastened to sturdy stakes. Plants in danger of being flattened by snow sliding off a roof or ice that forms when water drops from an eave can be protected by bundling and tying the branches in close or building deflectors of recycled lumber to prevent

snow and ice buildup.

If gnawing rodents have damaged or killed fruit trees and other landscape plants in past winters, fall is the best time to surround trees and shrubs with cylinders of light gauge metal or hardware cloth. Be sure that rodent guards extend well above the usual



snow level, McLellan cautions, so they are effective all winter.

Keep leaves from matting on lawn areas, either by running over them repeatedly with a lawn mower or raking or vacuuming them. Starting a compost pile will solve the leaf disposal problem and produce compost for use as mulch or a soil additive. The same compost pile can be used to recycle plant debris from

the vegetable and flower garden, as well as vegetable scraps from the kitchen.

After the ground freezes, mulch bulb plantings and perennial beds to prevent alternate freezing and thawing from pushing plants out of the ground. That's the time to winterize roses, too, McLellan notes, and mulch strawberries.

When you put away the lawn furniture and mower, gather up other things that have accumulated around the yard in the summer that could pose a hazard if buried under the snow. Fill in holes and even up rough spots that could cause someone to fall or twist an ankle.

"Whether you have to put up storm windows or not, take time in the fall to check for cracks and other openings around windows and doors, in the foundation, under the eaves and anywhere else where an opening could become an entryway for rodents, insects or other pests looking for winter shelter," McLellan suggests. "Caulking and sealing up such openings can reduce the number of unwanted houseguests you'll have to deal with later on."

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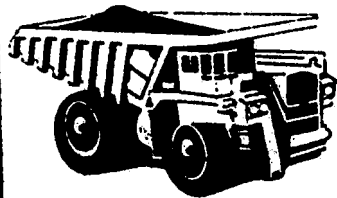


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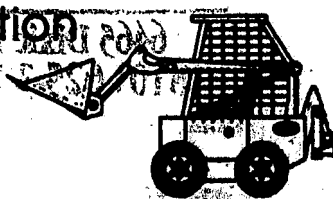
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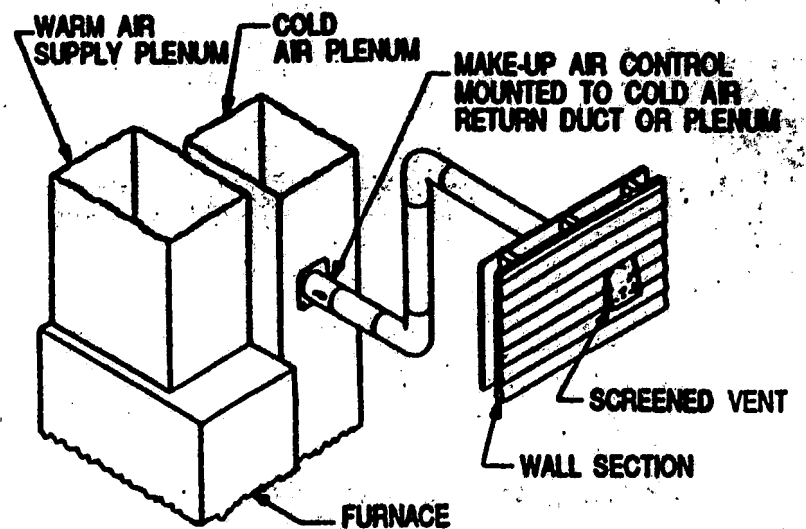


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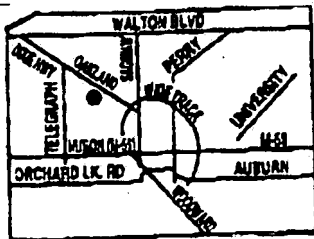
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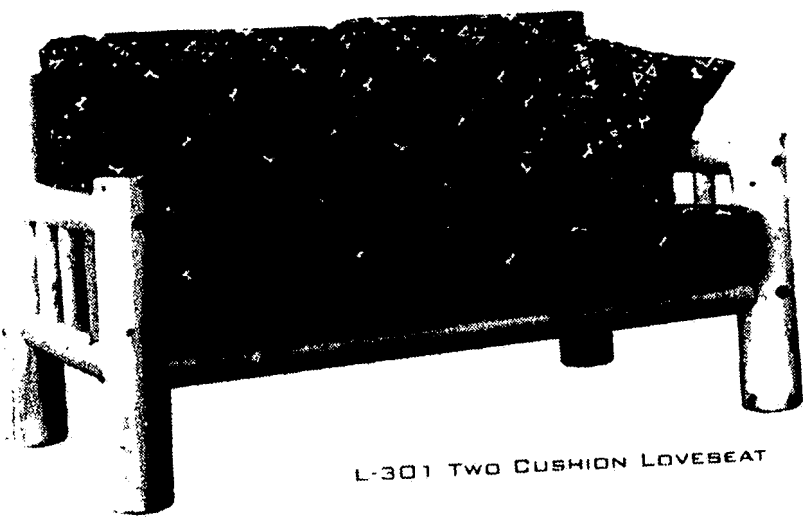
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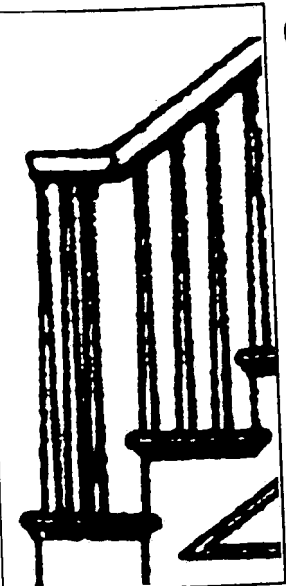
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Species, moisture content determine firewood quality

Whether you're trying to start a campfire to cook your hotdogs and dry your socks or a fire in the fireplace to take the chill off the family room, it pays to know your wood.

Some types of wood are easy to start; others are especially difficult. Some burn to ash quickly, while others burn slowly and hot and produce coals ideal for campfire cooking. Often the best firewood isn't one type but a mixture of woods with different characteristics.

Extension foresters at Michigan State University suggest using pine, aspen, birch or willow to start a fire - they're relatively easy to ignite. Then you can add small pieces of dry hardwoods such as cherry, elm, soft maple and boxelder or, for a long-lasting, hot, coals-producing fire, stack on oak, hickory, locust, hard maple, walnut, beech, or yellow or white birch.

Apple and other fruitwoods, beech and locust tend to be difficult to start. Added to a fire that's burning well, however, the fruitwoods - along with walnut and other nut trees and sassafras - give a fire a pleasant, distinctive aroma. Aspen, basswood, cottonwood, balsam fir, pines, spruces and hemlocks may ignite readily, but they tend to produce little heat and burn quickly. Burning pine is aromatic, but it also tends to pop and spark, so it should be used sparingly.

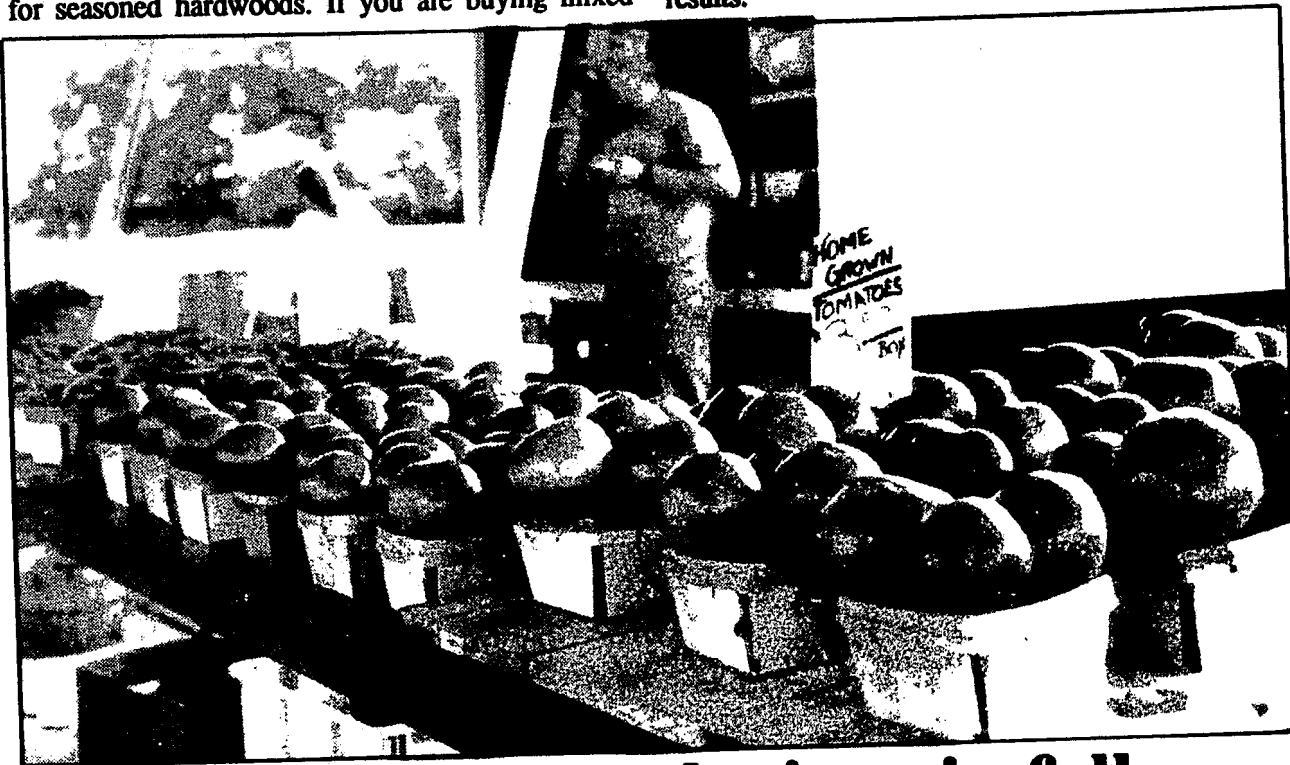
Even wood from the most desirable species will burn poorly and produce more smoke than heat if you try to burn it while it's still green and full of water, the foresters point out. Wood that's cut green should be split and stacked criss-cross fashion on pallets or skids in a sunny, well ventilated area for several months or a year to dry before burning.

If you cut and split your own wood, you'll probably want to avoid hardwoods such as sycamore, beech, hophornbeam (musclewood) and hornbeam (ironwood) unless you have a hydraulic log splitter.

These species are difficult bordering on impossible to split by hand. Knotty or crooked logs of any species are harder to split than straight-grained logs.

If you buy your firewood, plan on paying extra for seasoned hardwoods. If you are buying mixed

hardwoods, find out what the mixture consists of. If it's mostly hard-to-start species such as green locust or quick-burning types such as aspen (often called "gofer wood" because you throw some on and then go for more), you'll probably be disappointed with the results.



Farmers' Market glorious in fall

Fall is a glorious time to visit the Oakland County Farmers' Market in Pontiac, especially if you're a cook. Michigan's produce never looked better and the bounty will continue at least until the first frost. Look for a wide variety of vegetables, fall

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Mad for eggplant

"I thought it was poisonous." "Isn't it a mushroom?" "I think it's hard to cook." These are some of the many kitchen myths that still surround the eggplant - one of the garden's most elegant and eminently edible vegetables.

The eggplant is, in fact, a member of the nightshade family (Solanaceae), a huge genus that includes such garden and crop species as potatoes, tomatoes, and petunias. Because it thrives in warmer climates, the eggplant has long been a constant in Mediterranean cuisines. The English and French call it *aubergine*, the Greeks *melitzanes*, and the Italians know it as *melanzane*.

One of the earliest eggplant myths derives from the time of the Roman empire. Calling it *mala insana* (mad or raging apple), the Romans soaked eggplant in salt and cold water to draw out the "insanity of the fruit."

Contemporary cooks do the same thing, but for more practical reasons. Sliced eggplant rubbed with salt and set aside for at least 1/2 hour draws out excess water before cooking.

The enduring appeal of eggplant is its versatility. Eggplant can be enjoyed with or without the skin (the slightly bitter taste of the skin adds the tangy contrast in many eggplant recipes), whole or chopped, pan-fried, batter-fried, sauteed, baked, stuffed or marinated. It can be served cold in salads, hot in stews and casseroles, as a filling main course, or as a delicate side vegetable.

The following eggplant recipe is a traditional Italian dish that pairs especially well with a medium-bodied wine such as Bolla Sangiovese. Like the noble eggplant, Sangiovese has long been enjoyed with Italian meals. Produced from one of the oldest and most prominent varietal wine grapes in all of Italy, Bolla Sangiovese's clean character and velvety texture perfectly compliment such tomato-based dishes as this one.



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(Baked Eggplant with Tomato Sauce)

- 2 medium-sized eggplants
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1 medium-ripe tomato
- 2 anchovy fillets packed in olive oil, diced
- 2 Tbls. capers, diced
- 6 Tbls. Italian extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 2 Tbls. chopped fresh garlic
- 4 Tbls. freshly-grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Wash eggplants, do not remove stems. Cut lengthwise. Score each half with criss-cross cuts. Salt and let stand 1/2 hour to release water. Dry

eggplants, set aside in ovenproof dish. Mix garlic and 4 tablespoons olive oil and pour one tablespoon over each half. Bake in preheated 400F oven for 25-30 minutes.

To make sauce: Put remaining 2 Tablespoons olive oil into pan, add diced anchovy fillets and capers; add chopped fresh tomato and tomato paste. Salt, pepper to taste. Cook on low heat for 8 minutes, stirring gently. Remove eggplants from oven to serving dish. Spread spoonfuls of sauce over each half. Sprinkle with grated cheese and bits of chopped parsley. Serves four.

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Pick vegetables at peak of quality

Zucchini approaching the size of a baseball bat and broccoli that's turned into a bouquet of yellow flowers are obviously past their prime for harvest.

Recognizing overmature vegetables is sometimes less difficult than determining peak quality for harvest, says Mary McLellan, Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University.

"Vegetable crops will taste better if you harvest them at their peak of quality," she says. "For some, such as zucchini, that is when they are quite immature. For others, such as winter squash and pumpkins, you want to wait until they mature."

A lot of other crops are somewhere in between. Snap beans, for instance, are tender and taste best when the pods are nicely rounded with developing seeds. If you wait until they are obviously bulging and lumpy-looking, the pods will be tough and stringy. Pick them too small and you'll sacrifice a lot of yield.

Pick cucumbers and all types of summer squash as soon as they're big enough to eat. Skins will be tender and seeds virtually unnoticeable. Overly large fruits will get tough and seeds will be woody.

Remove oversized fruits and toss them on the compost pile, McLellan says. If you leave them, the plant will concentrate on maturing seeds rather than producing more fruits. Removing fruits keeps plants flowering and setting fruit.

Many root crops are best harvested small also. Carrots and beets, for instance, are higher in quality when they're small. If you hold off thinning carrots until the roots are 1/2 inch in diameter, you can eat the thinnings. Pick beets when they're less than 3 inches in diameter, before they get woody. Radishes left too long in the ground will get woody and hot. You can harvest onions at any stage of develop-

ment. Thinnings can be used like green onions. Bulbs can be harvested and used for fresh eating or cooking as soon as they're big enough. Varieties planted for winter storage should be left in the ground to mature and dry, then cured and stored.

Peppers and eggplants can be harvested before they reach full size or left on the plants. Peppers turn color as they mature, going from green to yellow, red or purple. Harvest them at any stage.

Most gardeners pace the garden waiting for the first ripe tomato, but there's no shortage of recipes calling for green tomatoes.

Sweet corn can be a puzzle. Once the silks turn

days after the silks appear. Doughy kernels indicate that corn is past its peak.

Melons, particularly watermelons, can also be tricky. Watermelons ready for harvest should be full-sized and dull colored, and the portion touching the soil should have turned from a greenish white to cream color. The tendrils nearest the melon should be curled and dried up. Muskmelons or canteloupe are ready to harvest when fruits begin to separate from their stems.

Garden peas should be plump with peas but still bright green. Snow peas are best when pods reach full size but the seeds are still barely noticeable. Edible-podded cultivars such as Sugar Snap should be harvested when the pods are nicely rounded with seeds.

Harvest cabbage when heads are solid and big enough to use. Cauliflower heads should be 6 to 8 inches in diameter, compact, white and smooth. Broccoli heads should be fully developed but individual flower buds should be tightly closed and showing no yellow color. After the main head is harvested, plants will send up side shoots that will form smaller heads for a second harvest.

Brussels sprouts should be good-sized and solid. Kohlrabi, another member of the cabbage family, is grown for its enlarged stem. Harvest when stems are 2 to 4 inches in diameter. Overlarge ones tend to get tough and woody.

Harvest leaf vegetables such as spinach and lettuce when leaves are big enough to use or plants are crowded and need thinning. Harvest before plants flower - leaves then become bitter.



brown, one ear looks pretty much like any other. To check for peak quality in sweet corn, peel back the leaves and check for fully rounded kernels filled with milky juice. They should reach this stage about 21

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of them have husbands . . . These are things either people put off, don't have the tools or the knowledge or don't have the time."

When asked what was the toughest thing he ever had to put together, Warren had a hard time thinking of one. Frustrating, yes; but difficult . . . Apparently not.

"I was putting together a very complicated stereo system and I couldn't get one speaker to work properly," he said. "I spent hours before I realized I had some wires crossed. That was very frustrating."

With the fall season upon us, there are many things homeowners should be doing to get their homes ready for winter, Warren said. They include:

- Making sure all gutters are clear of leaves and other obstructions;
- Making sure windows are weather-stripped and closed properly;
- Making sure your furnace humidifier is working properly;
- Getting an annual chimney cleaning, if you have a fireplace or wood stove;
- Making sure outside faucets are turned off and drained;
- Changing the oil and draining the gas from your lawn mower;
- Cleaning garden tools and coating them with a film of oil.

Not all of those items would be within the purview of "Some Assembly Required," but many of them would.

"I can't fix everything," said Warren, adding that cars and electronics are out. But, he added, "I think a lot of people have things like table legs loose or a chair wobbly . . .

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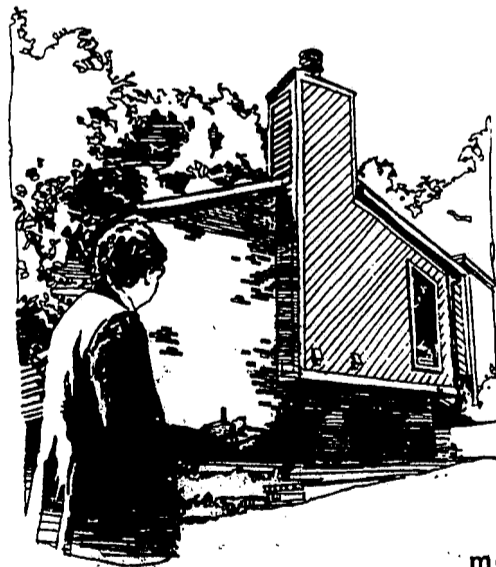


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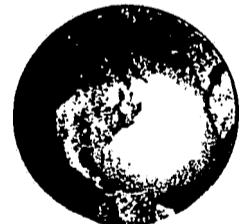
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Building homes for equestrians

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Equestrians definitely go their own way. How else do you explain these often very wealthy people driving down the road in mud-splattered four-wheel-drives, and sitting in local coffee shops at six in the morning wearing faded jeans and rubber boots? As a home builder who specializes in building for equestrians, I've found that their differences extend to the homes they live in.

Equestrians don't really care what others think of them. They don't build as large, or as ostentatious, a home as others in their income group prefer. Their homes tend to be more practical, simpler, warmer with less design detail. The equestrian homes that we've built in recent years have averaged about \$115 per square foot, while homes for other clients have approached \$150 per square foot. And while the individual rooms are often rather large, the homes themselves don't tend to be. We've often built equestrian homes that were 4,500 square feet.

With four out of five equestrians keeping their horses on their property, it's not surprising that much of their focus is on the back of their homes. They want large, utilitarian service areas, such as mud rooms, boot storage areas, and large laundry facilities. They prefer durable, attractive, and easily cleanable floor surfaces, such as tumbled marble. And almost all the homes feature a large, furnished, screened-in back porch.

The rest of the home tends to lean toward informality as well. Equestrians don't tend to entertain in their homes on a grand scale. When they stage riding events at their residence, they're held outside and are often tented gatherings for a few hundred. When they do entertain in their homes, equestrians prefer smaller, more intimate parties, so the most important space in the home is often an open country kitchen/great

room combination.

When it comes to their horses, equestrians tend to spare little expense. According to Equidare magazine, the average equestrian spends 20 percent of their income on their horses. When we build the stall barn, tack barn, and training arena for our equestrian clients, they often account for more than 25 percent of the cost of the entire project.

And because they tend to keep their horses at their residence, equestrians have larger properties. The minimum size property for keeping a horse may be quite small - about ten acres - and the average size

is closer to 30 acres. In most cases, they're caring for between two and five horses at a time.

Finally, I've found that equestrians want to be comfortable with the workmen who are building their home. They tend to spend a lot of time at the site. They will often sit and talk with the workmen, even take them to lunch. As a home builder with more than 20 years experience, I can say that that truly does set them apart.

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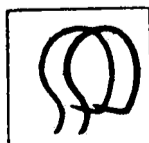
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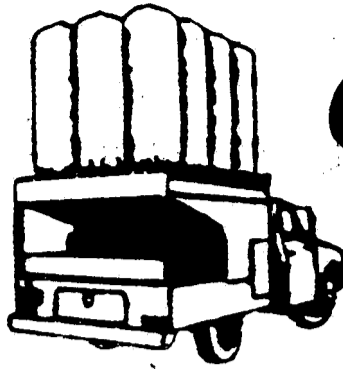


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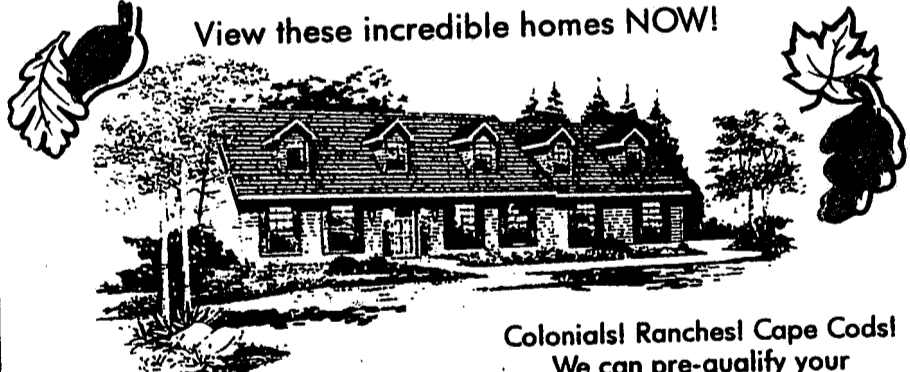
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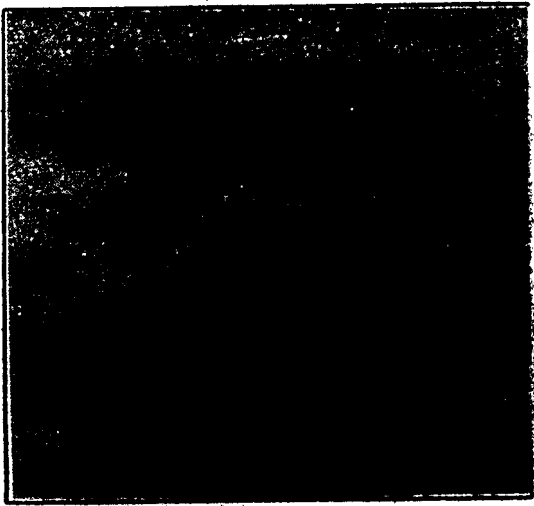
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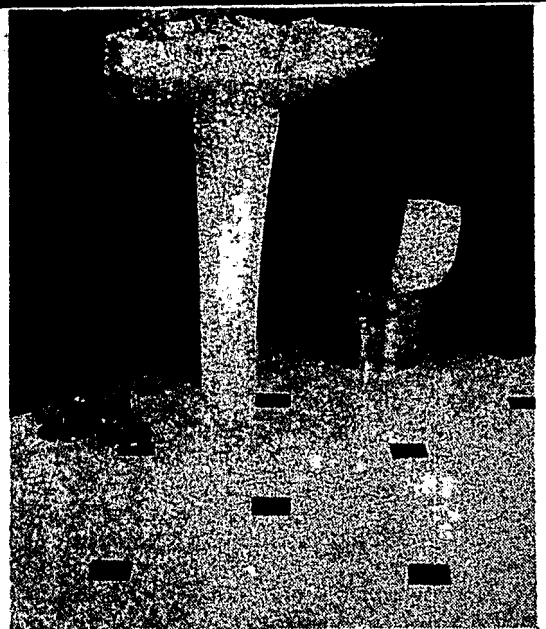
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