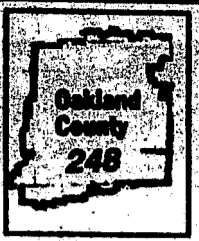


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NBD says no

Downtown site will go to highest bidder, even another bank, but won't be donated to museum

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

NBD Bank has reversed its earlier decision not to sell its now empty Main St. building to another bank.

A bank spokesperson said Monday that bids are now being accepted and the building will be sold to anyone—even another bank—who is the highest bidder.

"We've decided to put the building out to bid," said spokesperson Susan Cherry. "We will be accepting bids from other commercial and retail businesses, including other banks. And we've had a lot of interest. We think this will be a win for the community."

In July, members of the Clarkston Community Museum Foundation approached bank officials about donating the building for a proposed historical museum after NBD announced it would be closing the branch—and would not sell to another bank. The branch closed Friday. Assessing records show the site has a market value of \$367,700.

Foundation board president Lubomyr Hewko said he was disappointed at the decision, but he was philosophical.

"We did say from the beginning that our first choice also would be a bank. But if it was not going to be a bank, the community needs a museum." The building has been a bank consistently since it was built in 1911.

Hewko said he got a phone call from a bank official informing him of the news. The decision was based on business reasons, including stockholders' interests, he said. The decision didn't surprise him, based upon the initial contact.

"That kind of gift doesn't come along very often. We thought it would be worth trying."

Work on finding a museum site will continue. "We're going to get together to discuss all the options," Hewko said. "We were working on a business plan, a strategic plan and several committees. We're only four months old."

Cherry said the bank has offered its expertise in helping the museum get going in other ways, such as feasibility studies.

"Their expertise could be helpful to us. We will take them up," Hewko said.

"We do have a good group and we're very hopeful. There was an opportunity to accelerate this process by many years but it didn't happen. It's not the end of the world. What's most heartening is the response of the community. It was almost unanimous. This community needs a bank. We'll keep trying."

Welcome to the Jungle



The football version of The Jungle gets all fired up before Friday's opening football game against Royal Oak Kimball. Despite their best efforts, the Wolves came up short 21-7 to the Knights.

School project to be 2-phased

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

No matter how much desire there might be, trying to work on all 10 school construction sites at one time is not realistic, the Clarkston board of education was told Monday night.

Representatives of the district's architect and construction manager appeared at the regular school board meeting and got agreement from the board that the upcoming Phase III building project, which will have work going on at most district buildings at one time or another, should be accomplished in two phases.

The project, approved by the voters in June, will include a new elementary school, renovations and additions at the existing elementaries, and renovations at the current high school and two middle schools. It is expected to be completed by fall, 2000.

"Our principal focus is student housing and safety, and then we look at economics and logistics," said the district's Director of Business Services, Craig Kahler.

However, with a building boom going on in the state encompassing schools, stadiums and future casinos, the current shortage of manpower in some trades is only expected to get worse.

The board did not vote on a specific sequence of work, although Sashabaw Middle School is expected to get immediate attention due to physical problems there. The team of consultants made it clear, however, that

they'd like the new elementary school to be in the first phase of work because it will help alleviate crowding at the other buildings that will make construction difficult.

"The name of the game in renovation is freeing up the space you need to renovate," said Doug Laferle, vice president of French and Associates, the district's architect on Phase III. "If every space is being used for kids, how are we going to renovate? So my personal opinion would be to start the (new) elementary just on the basis of swing space."

Tom Landry of A. J. Etkin, the construction manager, said bidding the biggest portion of the package—the new building—also makes economic sense because of inflation, which is running at about eight percent in the construction industry.

"We're going to get our best buy in the new school bidding it as soon as possible," he said. "That's 20 percent of your bond issue. I'd rather get it committed early rather than later."

The public will have an opportunity to comment on Phase III Monday night at a special meeting. A public forum to discuss construction will be held Sept. 15, 7-9:30 p.m. in the Clarkston Elementary School multi-purpose room. The meeting will focus on educational specifications for the new elementary and the additions and remodeling of the older buildings.

"I would hope the board would look at the plan that makes the most significant amount of change for

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Budget hearing scheduled

The Independence Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing Wed. Sept. 24 on adoption of the township's 1998 budgets for all general and special revenue funds and proposed 1997 millage rates for those funds. The hearing will be held at 6 p.m. at fire station #1 on Citation Dr. The proposed budget will be available for public inspection from Sept. 12-24 weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the township clerk's office in township hall on Main St.

Public hearings set for Woodhull, Townsend subs

Public hearings concerning special assessment districts for sewer, water and road improvements in two Independence Township subdivisions were approved unanimously by the Independence Township Board of Trustees Sept. 2. Both will take place during the Oct. 7 board meeting.

On that evening residents in Townsend Lake Subdivision will consider an SAD for water and sewer improvements on Corunna and Harding avenues at an estimated total cost of \$462,000. Department of Public Works director George Anderson told the board 16 residents' wells are contaminated. Cost could be approximately \$2,000 per year for each homeowner over a 10-year period. Township engineer Randy Ford said the state health department is presently doing some monitoring in the area.

On that same night residents of Woodhull Lake Subdivision will address an SAD road-paving project affecting parts of Fourth, Second, Woodhull and High streets. The estimated project cost is \$150,000, with each affected homeowner possibility paying an average \$575 per year over a 10-year spread.

December millage levy set

Clarkston school district property owners got a break on their summer tax bill when the district decided to only levy 5.2 mills in debt retirement. However the other shoe has just dropped.

The board of education approved a 1.8 mill debt levy for the December tax bill. Normally the district would collect all seven mills in the summer.

"We did it that way in case the (June) bond issue didn't pass," said Director of Business Services Craig Kahler. "Next year it will go back to a seven mill July levy... This is the same process we undertook with the 1995 bond issue."

Levying the difference in December will give the district the money it needs to pay principal and interest on the new bond issue that will come due in May.

Vote on casinos coming

The Oakland County Commissioners have put the question of casino gambling on their Sept. 11 agenda.

The full board is expected to vote that night on a resolution opposing a casino which has been proposed for Auburn Hills by the Bay Mills Indian Tribe. The move was already approved at a meeting of the commission's General Government Committee on Aug. 25 after it was proposed by commissioners Larry Obrecht (R., Lake Orion) and Jeff Kingzett (D., Auburn Hills).

The board of commissioners meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Commissioners Auditorium in the Oakland County Courthouse.



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Clarkston MEAP scores mostly up

Educators note most kids doing well, even if they don't make the cut

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

It's long been said that you can get statistics to say anything you want. What officials at Oakland Schools said last week is that there is more than one way to look at the most recent scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

Results were released from last winter's writing and science tests for grades five and eight. And though scores generally increased over last year in Clarkston, educators are still concerned that the way they show who "passes" and who "fails" is misleading.

The scoring system is somewhat different than the traditional A through E grading parents may be more familiar with, said Dr. Guy Blackburn, Oakland Schools educational systems analyst. Rather, the numbers generally reported reflect more of a pass-fail mentality, where getting an "E" is no worse, for reporting purposes, than getting a "C" or "D."

"The question is what do these numbers mean," said Dr. Ernie Bauer, Oakland Schools' consultant for research, evaluation and testing. "How can we say only 21 percent of the kids in Oakland County—one of the most affluent counties in the United States—are proficient in science?"

Bauer and other educators who met with reporters Friday say that's really not the case. "There are really very small differences in districts when we compare how every kid did, rather than just ask did he get a 2.5 (in writing) or not... The difference between a winner and a loser is a very small number."

Statistics bear that notion out. For example, in Clarkston, only 24.4 percent of eighth-graders were rated proficient in science. They needed to get 53 of 65 questions (81.5%) right to make the cut. However, those same students averaged 72.7 percent of the questions right.

"I'm saying we've set a high standard and we're closer to getting there than the public is aware," Blackburn said. He compared the MEAP "proficient" standard to "solidly within B range on a teacher's grading system."

According to both men, the way the MEAP test is graded is consistently like that. While they declined to say that's a bad thing, they are concerned about public perception that the schools are failing their students because of the MEAP numbers

1997 MEAP scores

Percent rated proficient

	Writing		Science	
	'96	'97	'96	'97
Clarkston	79.4	87.1	28.2	47.4
Oakland Cty.	69.3	77.9	34.9	45.2
State	55.6	69.1	26.9	36.8

	Writing		Science	
	'96	'97	'96	'97
Clarkston	78.0	91.6	35.3	24.4
Oakland Cty.	83.5	84.0	28.7	21.3
State	73.4	77.0	21.5	17.5

All figure courtesy Oakland Schools

How many answers did they get right?

The column at the right in each series of figures shows the percentage of correct answers on the tests. This differs from the percent deemed proficient by the state and is offered by Oakland Schools officials to give a more commonly understood benchmark for grading a test.

	Grade 5 science			writing		
	% proficient	% right answers		% proficient	% right answers	
	1996	1997	1997	1996	1997	1997
Andersonville	14.5	30.3	69.9	57.4	92.4	73.7
Balley Lake	33.3	47.9	74.7	89.0	95.9	75.8
Clarkston El.	30.9	65.7	78.2	89.5	95.8	78.6
Pine Knob	28.8	32.5	69.2	73.2	79.2	69.3
North Sashabaw	26.5	53.2	75.1	78.7	60.7	65.6
Springfield Plains	30.1	53.8	75.7	79.4	89.1	77.3

	Grade 8 science			writing		
	% proficient	% right answers		% proficient	% right answers	
	1996	1997	1997	1996	1997	1997
CMS	38.0	25.8	72.6	75.1	92.8	78.5
SMS	33.4	23.2	72.8	80.1	90.7	78.5

Proficiency in science required 48 of 62 answers correct (77.4%) in 5th grade, 53 of 65 correct (81.5%) in 8th grade. All reading tests required a score of 2.5 out of 4 (62.5%) to rate as proficient. All statistics supplied by Oakland Schools.

released by the state.

In Clarkston, the percentage of students ranked as proficient went up in reading in both grades and in fifth-grade science, while dropping a bit in eighth-grade science. The state ranks students as proficient,

I'm saying we've set a high standard and we're closer to getting there than the public is aware.'

Guy Blackburn, Oakland Schools

novice and not yet novice. In order to be ranked proficient, students must get a required number of answers right. That number is adjusted each year, and was higher this year on the science tests, both in the number of questions and in the percentage required to make the proficient cutoff.

In writing, a score of 2.5 out of 4 has been required both years to attain proficient status, in both fifth and eighth grades.

"I don't think any of us are going to say bad things about these tests," Bauer said. "What we're trying to do is help you understand the data... Is this basic skills or is it a fairly high level of skills? I believe it is a high level..."

"It's not that in one district kids are bottoming out and in another district they're blowing the lid off the top. It's just not happening."

Clarkston's Assistant Superintendent Dave Reschke presented the district's numbers to the board of education Monday night and said he was generally

pleased, especially with the writing scores.

"We are a high-performing school district in terms of writing," he said. "There's been a tremendous amount of work done there... in terms of the writer/reader connection... We're way above where we expected to be. And we were happy last year."

On the science test, Reschke noted that this is only the second year for the current test and that's not enough time to establish a trend, since different students take the MEAPs each year.

"What I'm most pleased with in fifth grade... is you're seeing growth, in some cases startling growth. District wide, we gained almost 20 points."

In science, the big winners were Clarkston El., which went up 34.8 points, North Sashabaw, which improved 26.7 points, and Springfield Plains, which went up 23.7 percent. Andersonville and Pine Knob were below the county average. Both middle schools went down, as was the trend county- and statewide.

In writing, the big winner was Andersonville, which improved from 57.4 percent proficient last year to 92.4 percent this year, a 35-point gain. All Clarkston schools improved in the writing scores at both the elementary and middle-school levels.

As for why some buildings are still struggling, "Test people will tell you it's a socioeconomic pattern. It's a parental involvement pattern. We are closing the gap on that."

"Some of it is from year-to-year differences. What I would recommend is we look at the disparities from school to school over three to four years."

Reschke echoed county officials when he said that even in cases where the percent proficient scores are low, students are getting a good percentage of questions correct. And he said there has been no erosion when it comes to how Clarkston kids do on national standardized tests.

Savage walks out of city meeting

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After running into a dead end with his pitch for a new city planner, David Savage just ran.

Savage, a councilman on the Clarkston city council, walked out during the middle of Monday's regular meeting when he couldn't get council support on retaining the services of Hyett-Palma, a firm specializing in revitalizing small downtowns like Clarkston.

"I have to excuse myself. I'm outta here," he told the council as he left the meeting room. "I've just had it."

Savage used his time during committee reports to ask the council for action regarding the use of Hyett-Palma to help improve retail's presence downtown.

But none of the other council members threw much support towards Savage's plan.

"When I hear you read that, talking about revitalizing a downtown, I hear them talk about towns that have boarded up buildings," councilman Walt Gamble said. "Yes, we need more retail here, but we don't have a dead downtown by any means."

Councilman Bill Basinger said he wasn't sure the money Savage was asking the council for would be well spent. Savage said at some point, he would request around \$5,000 to allow Hyett-Palma to get its plans into gear.

"The question is, what are we going to get?" Basinger said. "Hyett-Palma can do all the studies it wants about what they think we need, but will it match

up with what we want?"

Basinger also pointed out after Savage left that the Hyett-Palma issue had been on two previous meeting agendas in the last couple months and was removed by Savage himself because he wasn't ready to give a presentation to the council. It wasn't on Monday's agenda.

"This was the first time this issue was brought to the council in a long time and we had some legitimate questions," Basinger said. "I just want to make it clear that the council didn't hear this and just sit on its hands."

Savage has been the driving force behind bringing Hyett-Palma to Clarkston for around two years. Since then, the city went ahead and hired McKenna and Associates to take charge of a new master plan. Savage has also spent time going to area businesses trying to raise money as a match to city funding to hire Hyett-Palma.

Monday, Savage talked about a conference in Muskegon where Hyett-Palma was willing to give an hour of its time for free to members of the council, should they choose to go. He said the meeting was set for Sept. 24, but most council members said they had a conflict on that day.

Gamble then said he would never vote to allocate

\$5,000 towards the Hyett-Palma project. At that point, Savage started to become frustrated, saying he might as well not waste any more of his time with the project. At one point, he and councilwoman Karen Sanderson started to shout and point at each other.

After Savage left, Gamble said he felt bad that Savage left the meeting thinking the council wasn't behind the project at all.

"I am just coming to my own conclusions on this," he said. "I have nothing against Dave, I just don't think this would be money well spent."

Afterwards, some council members said they didn't ever recall a councilman leaving in the middle of a meeting like Savage did.

In other council business;

● The council discussed the repaving of the parking lot along Depot Road. Gary Tressel of the engineering firm Hubble, Roth and Clark said all the drawings were approved and work would begin soon on the lot.

Tressel said the asphalt would be laid next summer and he would give the council a bid schedule so it can have enough time over the winter to make sure the job gets done right.

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Board divides on investment policy procedure

Trustee calls for regular reports

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

According to investment advisor Ken Carroll of Aileron Ltd., Munder Capital has done a "fairly good job" of managing the township's long-term investments since the firm was hired last year. And the good news is the portfolio seems to be performing adequately.

But on Sept. 2 Independence Township Board of Trustees members clashed on whether an amendment should be added to the township's investment policy — requiring that investment reports be provided on a regular basis. There is no such provision in the current policy, adopted in February 1996.

Carroll also suggested at least the board review its policy once every year, "just to say it's working."

During his presentation, Carroll recommended some changes which the board will vote on at its next meeting Sept. 16. The board also clarified some of the language. On Tuesday, township supervisor Dale Stuart also asked that if board members had additional suggestions, they should be brought up and approved before the board amends the policy next Tuesday.

Several suggestions were formed into motions and failed, including a request from trustee Neil Wallace, who wanted treasurer Jim Wenger to provide quarterly reports to the board, on how the market is faring with both long- and short-term investments.

Wenger manages roughly \$3 million in short-term investments — cash or cash equivalents like certificates of deposit, savings accounts and treasury bills, which he draws from to pay township bills. Munder manages roughly \$9 million of the township's long-term investments or "fixed income" which, according to the policy, is defined as "all operating funds with

initial maturities of one year or more."

The board voted 2-5, with only fellow trustee Jeff McGee supporting Wallace's motion.

Stuart feels the board doesn't need regular updates because the market fluctuates throughout the year.

"We have been cautioning, again and again, that we shouldn't be looking at this in small snapshots, but longer term," he said. Clerk Joan McCrary agreed, calling the market "a moving target."

Trustee Larry Rosso said Wenger is doing a good job, keeping his eye on gains and losses, and reporting to the board whenever necessary. Wenger will certainly "wave a red flag or a green flag" when board attention is needed, he said.

However, McGee had no problem with regular updates — and said they would even help him. "I believe the process of a report such as that would be very simplistic. And it will help me as a trustee analyze a little bit more of the makeup of the portfolio we have," he said.

But the bottom line, Wallace said Thursday, is he doesn't want to see history repeat itself, and the board needs regular reports to insure that. The township suffered a multi-million-dollar investment loss under former township treasurer John Lutz.

"This requires the treasurer to report to the board if we have a realized loss of \$50,000 or more," Wallace said. He believes Wenger should report on both realized losses (losses in sales) and unrealized losses (losses on paper).

By voting no the board decided "not to disclose at all," Wallace said. "Five members voted against requiring the treasurer to report how our township taxpayers' money is invested."

Lutz didn't report regularly to the board either. That's why he's worried. And, it's a matter of public

record, he added.

"In my estimation, the taxpayers of Independence Township spent more than \$2 million on a very important lesson that the majority of the township board has not learned. Those lessons could have been prevented with full, timely, regular disclosure," Wallace said.

In a separate motion, which also failed, Wenger moved to make reports twice a year.

Stuart said Friday he doesn't object to regular reporting — if that's what the board wants.

"I'd like to be clear that there shouldn't NOT be reports to the board," he said. "But this is an investment policy. This is not a procedural policy." The board could adopt that as a separate policy, not included in the investment policy, he said.

Stuart stressed the scenario is different now. The township is not in the dire straits it suffered under Lutz — It's in good shape financially. And, with the recent hiring of investment experts, the township put its faith in their expertise.

In fact, you could compare the situation to a doctor. "You follow their advice — or you get someone else," Stuart said.

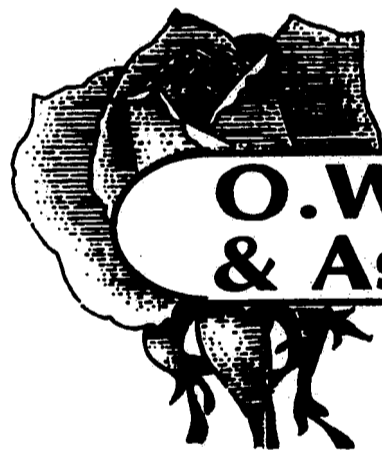
In other board action:

● The board approved a \$43,000 bid from North Heating and Cooling to install new heating and cooling systems in the township hall and annex.

● Representatives from Detroit Edison hosted a presentation on deregulation in the electric industry.

● Sheringham Woods, on Maybee between Chestnut Hill and Spring Lake, received a first reading on final plat approval, subject to conditions.

● The board unanimously approved rezoning property on Sashabaw Rd. from industrial office park (IOP) to office service two (OS2). Local veterinarian Bryan Cornwall has increased his business and hopes to build a larger office on that site.



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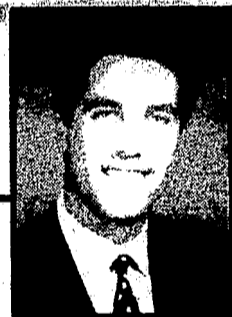


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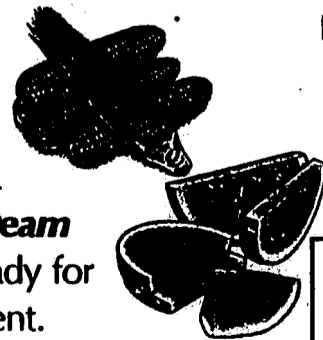
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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

*Who's media,
who's not*

The furor over Princess Diana's death and the assessment of blame once again brings me to the question of who is legitimately considered "media," and who is not.

This has been a sore spot with me for several years, at least since the Jenny Jones murder case. Even big-shot reporters were making the mistake of calling her "media," when, in fact, she's an actress who happens to have a TV talk show. She's never worked as a reporter as far as I know.

It was only after Diana's tragic death that I learned that the so-called paparazzi are all freelancers, not on any news organization's payroll, not responsible to anyone except themselves. Of course, editors who buy their work are implicit in what they do. But it just goes to show that here, too, shutterbugs masquerading as trained journalists are at work.

The bad thing about all this is that these high-exposure types set a standard that the rest of the journalistic world has to grapple with. Remember a few years ago when the Michael Jackson scandal broke? There was much to do then about the National Enquirer using its vast resources to track down people and pay large sums of money to get them to talk, something legitimate media had not generally done before. Other newspapers and television networks were left in the dust when it came to coverage because they didn't pay.

Since then, big-buck journalism has been creeping up as everyone struggles to be competitive. No one likes to be behind on a big story, so everyone plays whatever angles they can to get the scoop.

Barbara Walters made the observation, discussing Diana's death, about just how much things have changed. Back in the 1960s, reporters knew a lot about President Kennedy that they didn't publish; a lot of personal stuff was considered strictly out of bounds. While I'm not sure I agree with that level of self-censorship, one could argue that those were kinder, gentler times.

Now, nothing is off limits, even children. In a televised interview, Diana noted how photographers would plead with her to give them a smile, saying one good picture meant they could send their kid to a better school. That's pressure.

Interestingly, last week there was an article in the Detroit Free Press noting how Chelsea Clinton has been "hands off" since her father became president. Apparently the Clintons and the media were able to come to a "gentlemen's agreement" that she would not be subjected to scrutiny. The results are impressive. Too bad Diana wasn't allowed such a courtesy.

New laws regulating the media won't work. Enforcing laws that are already on the books, such as stalking and harassment, could help.

The sad irony is that the tragic death of Diana may change the way the big-dollar media do business, maybe just a tiny bit. The discussion began the day she died. Editors, including that of the National Enquirer, went on TV to talk about how they do business. That's a good start. Let's hope the dialogue keeps going.

Parent gives thanks for what schools gave child

When the big yellow monster gobbled up my little son and waddled down our bumpy road, I cried. He didn't. He fell asleep and had to be awakened and escorted to this first day of kindergarten. Then, on its return, when the hissing doors opened and released the tiny "prey," he excitedly bounced out singing and chattering on about the wonderful adventure the great coach had taken him to.

In the twelve-plus years that followed, the adventure became a treasure hunt. It took place in three wonderful, crowded school buildings. It was directed by the guidance, encouragement, and example of dedicated administrators and staff, scores of challenging teachers, supportive parents, and many, many friends. Piece by precious piece, a fortune grew.

It swelled with the discipline, enjoyment and performance of music and drama, with the freedom and challenge of writing, the predictability and exactness of numbers, the explorations into sciences, the invigoration of sports and competition, the responsibility of respect to institution and people, the bonding of friendships and the enjoyment of social events. And it sparkled with the development of self-worth through the exploration and acquisition of all that was offered.

Here in the safety of Clarkston's mid-American hometown shelter and recognition, the lamp of knowledge illuminated paths and dark rooms in his mind, filling a bulging cache. With immense gratitude for the gems this school district has given, he moves on to the next phase of the hunt.

The yellow coach is not his ride. This month I drove him to the new "monster"...the university residence hall. It devoured him. I cried. He didn't. He was anxious to get started again. He came with the provisions of home in a foot locker, and the treasures of his Clarkston schooling in his mind. He's ready to make a difference in this world.

This mother thanks all who are a part of what he will become.

Bev Territo

Liked article

Dear editor,

I just wanted an opportunity to thank you for the wonderful article on the Wildcat plane and documentary. It was a joy to read. After watching the many tireless hours Michael, Larry and many people put into making the project a success, your poignant article is a very gratifying tribute to their hard work. I thought you did a wonderful job of capturing the emotional journey of the Wildcat's restoration. Thanks for all the support you have given the studio.

Sincerely,

Erin Devlin

Clarkston Public Access



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

A few quotes on education

But first... Death shows us immediately what is really important. Whether it be a princess or someone close to us, what we thought was "news" isn't. Bosnia, California fires, rapes, murder, football, etc. are dropped from our conversations when there is unexpected and sudden death.

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Now some quotes:

Part of the American myth is that people who are handed the skin of a dead sheep at graduation time, think it will keep their minds alive forever.

John Mason Brown

Not one student in a thousand breaks down from homework.

William Allan Neilson

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

The first time that a school boy realizes that a little learning is a dangerous thing is when he first brings home a poor report card.

Mark Twain

Without popular education no government which rests on popular action can long endure; the people must be schooled in the knowledge and if possible in the virtues upon which the maintenance and success

of free institutions depend.

Woodrow Wilson

The aim of education should be to teach the child to think, not what to think.

John Dewey

The best teacher is not life, but the crystalized and distilled experience of the most sensitive, reflective and most observant of our human beings, and this experience you will find preserved in our great books and nowhere else.

Nathan M. Pusey

Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration.

Thomas A. Edison

There is nothing so stupid as an educated man, if you get off the thing that he was educated in.

Will Rogers

The things taught in college and schools are not an education, but the means of education.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

When you educate a man you educate an individual. When you educate a woman, you educate a whole family.

Charles D. McIver

15 YEARS AGO (1982)

School enrollment predictions are reported "on the nose" as a preliminary count numbers 5,990 students, 308 fewer than expected. The tally won't become official until the fourth Friday count on Oct. 1, but superintendent Milford Mason expects the number to stay about the same.

Allen Hawke of W. Washington St. in Clarkston grows a whopper of a hubbard squash in the hillside garden behind his house. He figures it weighs 100 pounds. "I like to get them big enough to put in the oven, but I haven't got an oven big enough," quips Hawke, who gives the 2 1/2-foot long veggie to Ritter's Farm Market for display.

Carol Eberhardt, owner of resale shop "One More Time," is appointed by the Clarkston Village Council to replace trustee Jerry Powell who resigned three weeks ago. Eberhardt will sit on council through March 31, when she must decide if she'll run for office to fill the final year of Powell's two-year term. She's pleased about the appointment because "I really felt the business community needs representation on the council."

25 YEARS AGO (1972)

Both the Board of Education and the Clarkston Education Association ratify the new teachers' contract which calls for an expenditure of over \$3 million in teacher salaries. Concern is expressed by trustee David Leak, who says if increases accorded teachers for the past two years are maintained, it might mean teachers could double their salaries every 11 to 13 years.

On Friday, Sept. 15, the Clarkston Varsity Wolves will play a crucial game with Oxford. Football Coach Rob White spells out its importance. "We have a young team that is learning a new system." Clarkston has not had what would be termed a winning season since 1966. Hopes for great improvement over last year's 3-6 record are high.

The township gears up to defend itself in the Singer-Kaplan mobile home case, involving rezoning of land off Clintonville Rd. It will be heard Sept. 19 in Circuit Court.

50 YEARS AGO (1947)

News from "By The Way": If any Clarkston folk happen to travel north on M-24 after Monday, they want to make it a point to stop by and have a bite at the restaurant at Mayville. Why? Because the Howard Deans of Orion Rd., Clarkston have purchased the restaurant and expect to move there on Monday ... "It's a small world after all" is a saying we hear quite frequently. We begin to think it's true when we hear about Vivian O'Roark and Elsie Smith visiting in Rochester, NY. While shopping in one of the larger stores, they happened to see "Susie" VanDeusen (Charlotte Sue Miller) on the escalator, just a few steps ahead of them. The VanDeusens live in Boston but were visiting his folks in Rochester ... Si and Jan Ruddick have come from Holly to own and operate The Clarkston Dairy Bar ... In the George Smith building, just back of Rudy's Market, the Rite Way Plumbing and Heating have started business.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Sonny Tufts in "Blase of Noon" and Olivia DeHavilland and Lew Ayres in "The Dark Mirror." Featured at the Drayton Theatre are Judy Garland and Robert Walker in "Till the Clouds Roll By" and Eddie Albert and Constance Moore in "Hit Parade of 1947."

60 YEARS AGO (1937)

With an attendance of 171 pupils in the high school and 160 in the grade schools, Clarkston schools open for enrollment. As there are known students who will enroll shortly, the attendance will be slightly larger than last year.

Both Village Treasurer T.L. Parker and Village Councilman Irving Ronk resign at the council meeting held Tuesday. Mr. Parker intends to spend the winter in Oregon. Mr. Ronk has accepted a position with the state highway department and will soon move to Lansing. The council appoints Mrs. William Baldwin and Howard Huttenlocher to those respective offices.

Specials at Rudy's include hamburger, 17 cents a pound; bacon strips, 24 cents a pound; Miracle Whip, 37 cents a quart; macaroni, two pounds for 15 cents; and Gold Medal Flour, 24 1/2 pounds for 99 cents.

People poll

By Eileen McCarville

Who is to blame for Princess Diana's death?

SUE ADKINS, WATERFORD: I think it was a combination, with her driver being drunk and not having the proper bodyguard, but I do mostly blame the press.



KATE SOAVE, CLARKSTON: I really feel that the person that is responsible was driving the car. Whether drunk or not, he had those people's lives in his hands.



KATHY CHERNOWSKY, CLARKSTON: There's so many details coming out of this. I think it's a combination of a lot of things. I believe if the paparazzi hadn't been hounding them, they wouldn't have asked the other fella, who was drunk, to drive.



LINDSAY COOPER, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP: Everybody. As they said on the news, there's plenty of blame to go around. If she wasn't divorced, she wouldn't have been there; in that respect I blame the monarchy ... And if the photographers hadn't been chasing them, they wouldn't have been acting like they were.



BLAINE ROBINSON, CLARKSTON: I would have to say it's the driver. I suppose some of the blame could go to the press.



Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Soaring with The Eagle



While reading my copy of *The Eagle Magazine* (a magazine published quarterly by the Fraternal Order of Eagles), I ran across what you're about to read.

As I am gleaning it from the Eagles, so too did they glean. This appeared in *The Green Line*, the official publication of the California Fish & Game Warden's Association.

It's headlined, "What Eagles (people) can learn from geese? Plenty!" It's written by naturalist Milton Olson.

1. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an up-lift for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71 percent greater flying range than if the bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

2. Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go and we will be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others.

3. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point po-

sition.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. With people, as with geese, we are inter-dependent on each other.

4. The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure that our honking from behind is encouraging.

5. When a goose gets sick or wounded, or is shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own with another formation or catch up with their flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we too, will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong.

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Also from the magazine . . .

"Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence."

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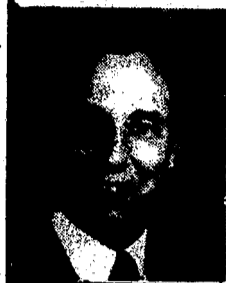
But wait, there's more . . . "We are all manufacturers. Some make goods, others make trouble and still others make excuses."

Finally . . . "You can complain because rose bushes have thorns. Or, you can rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."

Te-dal

Superintendent's corner

By Al Roberts, Ed. D.



Expanding the challenge

What an exciting time to be in Clarkston! The 1997-1998 school year is one brimming with new initiatives, a refreshed staff and student body, and an opportunity to transform our school district. After all, our system of education was designed to meet the needs of the 19th-Century pupil, not to prepare our youngsters to thrive in the new millenium. The journey to the 21st-Century will not be without controversy or challenge; but the future of our boys and girls is too important to ignore.

Last year, the journey began with a challenge. Our faculty and staff were urged to raise the academic bar, and improved job performance was the expectation for all of us employed by the Clarkston Community Schools. Today several initiatives are underway which directly respond to the challenge and which plainly address our #1 goal, to improve the performance of the faculty, staff and students. The creation of multi-age classroom environments, the adoption of new curricula, the selection of high quality employees, a pilot program for teacher evaluation, the new bus fleet, and a variety of other actions speak to our absolute commitment to make our schools even better!

My premise is a simple one. If every member of the school team strives to reach his/her potential, we can't help but improve performance!

This year, I would like to expand the challenge to our students and their parents. Improving performance is certainly a complex issue, but a few simple tasks can really make a difference. You have probably heard the following suggestions before, but if everyone just followed through on these we would likely see improvement.

- Students should get a good night's rest. The ability to focus and to think are clearly are somewhat tied to sleep habits. While everyone is not a "morning" person, it is difficult to be at your peak performance when you are ready for a nap!

- Youngsters need to eat a nutritious breakfast. Sounds dull, but there is evidence which ties a hungry belly to poor performance, and poor performance can lead to discipline problems.

- Pupils must complete their homework and participate in classroom activities. Baseball players must participate in practice, not just show up for the game. This is how they develop their skills. Homework is the vehicle for students to practice, and class participation is the main event.

- Parents and their children need to spend some time discussing school. What did you learn today? Nothing! Sound familiar? It is important for parents to demonstrate respect for the learning process. Studies show that students do better when their parents are active in school activities and when they make it clear that doing well in school is admirable.

- Parents should feel free to address any school concern with their child's teacher and/or with the school administrator. However, it is important to do so in a manner which does not give a child the wrong message. The attitude which a parent displays toward school and toward solving problems impacts student achievement for better or worse. Just as with household differences, we must avoid giving children the green light to "divide and conquer."

The idea of parents, teachers, students and administrators working in concert to make schools better is not new, but success is dependent upon our ability to put these words into action. My future columns will address several areas which require collaboration, commitment and a focus on the greater good.

Ei-liners

By Eileen McCarville

One of us



I spent a long time wondering how I should write this column. Like you, I've been bombarded with spin-off story after story about Princess Diana's untimely death.

Issues have surfaced, everything from conflicting reports about the chauffeur's drunk-driving status and Di and Dodi not wearing their seat belts, to the role of the paparazzi and the future state of the monarchy. And our hearts are breaking because, no matter how much wealth and status they have, Princes Wills and Harry will be without their Mom.

There will be more, much more. The books, the interviews, the movies. The Di collector's plate. A local bookstore owner said he couldn't sell his copies of Time, Newsweek and People fast enough. Already public television is hyping a Di video to generate pledges. We claim to shun the Star, the Globe. But like hungry dogs, we still can't get enough. We turn on the TV and wait for the next morsel.

We were hit with a bolt of lightning last weekend. A fairy tale that was over much too soon, without a happy ending.

But before we elevate Diana to sainthood, unlike Mother Teresa who is said to have earned that title, let's remember Diana's real legacy.

She bit the stiff upper lip of age-old protocol — and smiled. Diana gave English royalty a human face. She reached our hearts across the Atlantic, bridging the gulf between the privileged and the ordinary.

She used the press to her advantage, for causes that included lepers, landmines and AIDS. And to let us know she was a good mother to her precious sons, graciously allowing the lens to linger occasionally on their excursions to hamburger palaces, amusement parks and first days of school.

But she wasn't much different than the rest of us — and that's why we connected. Everyday people do good in this world. In our own community there are

many who work for the less fortunate.

And there are lots of caring moms who struggle to balance career, social life and parenthood.

Diana was only different in the sense that she used her status to be a good role model, showing us that no matter how high-born and beautiful you are, you can be a human being.

But she was also a shopaholic, a woman who had trouble with her in-laws, a vulnerable soul who succumbed to psychics and bulimia to deal with her problems, as well as the arms of another man. A woman who jet-setted to islands for romantic interludes.

Some say if she hadn't been so beautiful, we wouldn't have cared. That may be. But, like the Velveteen Rabbit, she became real. We loved the stuffing out of her. With Diana we could look in the mirror and see ourselves — our fears, our flaws, our goodness.

She was England's rose, just as Elton John sang during her funeral. But a rose isn't perfect. It has thorns. And, like all living things, it doesn't last.

What will last is her memory. It will shine on, through her sons' shy, blond beauty, through those picking up the torch for her causes, through all the lives she touched.

Like that Candle in the Wind, her external and internal beauty, said her brother Charles Spencer, will "never be extinguished from our minds."

On Saturday my husband and I drove back to Clarkston from a football game and noticed it had been raining. Suddenly the sun broke through some thick clouds and sent shafts of sunlight streaming down to earth.

And I thought of the simple, but eloquent words of one of the "common folk," a mourner: "There goes another wonderful spirit who filled the earth with good light, good life."

That's how we should remember her.

Up With Parents has the answers

There is a guaranteed way to stop your kids from bickering and fighting. A method does exist to get them to do what you ask the first time, without the usual screaming.

Dr. Larry Koenig, nationally acclaimed author and humorist, will share these secrets and others during "Up With Parents," a how-to workshop Oct. 12 at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston.

The first half of the program deals with "Smart Discipline," an eight-step program that is most effective with children 4-17, although parents can apply the concepts as early as two and as late as the early 20s. The second half of the workshop is devoted to self-esteem, focusing on the process of how we form opinions of our selves, along with proven ways to reinforce self-esteem.

A practicing psychotherapist for over 20 years, Koenig began his career specializing in therapy for adults with low self-esteem. Soon after he started, he saw the need to help children with similar problems. In 1985 he originated "Up With Youth," an all-day workshop which has been presented in over 40 states. In 1986 he developed "Up With Parents," which has been met with enthusiasm throughout the country.

The program promises to be fun as Koenig pokes fun at parenthood while imparting neat ways to skyrocket children's self-esteem and get them cooperating.

Admission is \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Child car will be provided for children over 2 with pre-registration. For more information call 625-1750. Send checks, by Oct. 5, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to St. Daniel Church, Up With Parents, 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 or Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5850 Lorac, Suite C., Clarkston, MI 48346.

For those unable to attend the seminar, alternate dates are available in surrounding communities: Oct. 13 in Sterling Heights, Oct. 14 in Southfield, and Oct. 15 in Dearborn. Videotapes will also be available for \$29 by calling 1-800-538-7107.

CROP walk needs volunteers

Clarkston's annual CROP walk is at the starting line, but workers say the event still needs more walkers and sponsors.

The national event held Sunday, Sept. 28, takes place locally at Calvary Lutheran Church on Bluegrass beginning at 2 p.m.

CROP Walks are interfaith community events that draw people from all walks of life. The goal is to stop hunger "around the block and around the world." In Clarkston, half the proceeds will go to Lighthouse Clarkston and the other half to Pathfinders to Opportunity, Inc.

When you walk, you're walking for the neediest children in the world, says CROP. And more volunteers will make a difference.

The following local churches are participating and may be called if you wish to sign up: Clarkston Community Church of God (625-1323); Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church (625-3288); Clarkston United Methodist Church (625-1611); Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church (673-3101) and St. Daniel Catholic Church (625-4583).

For more information call the CWS Hotline at (800) 456-1310. Its Web Site is <http://nccusa.org/cws>.

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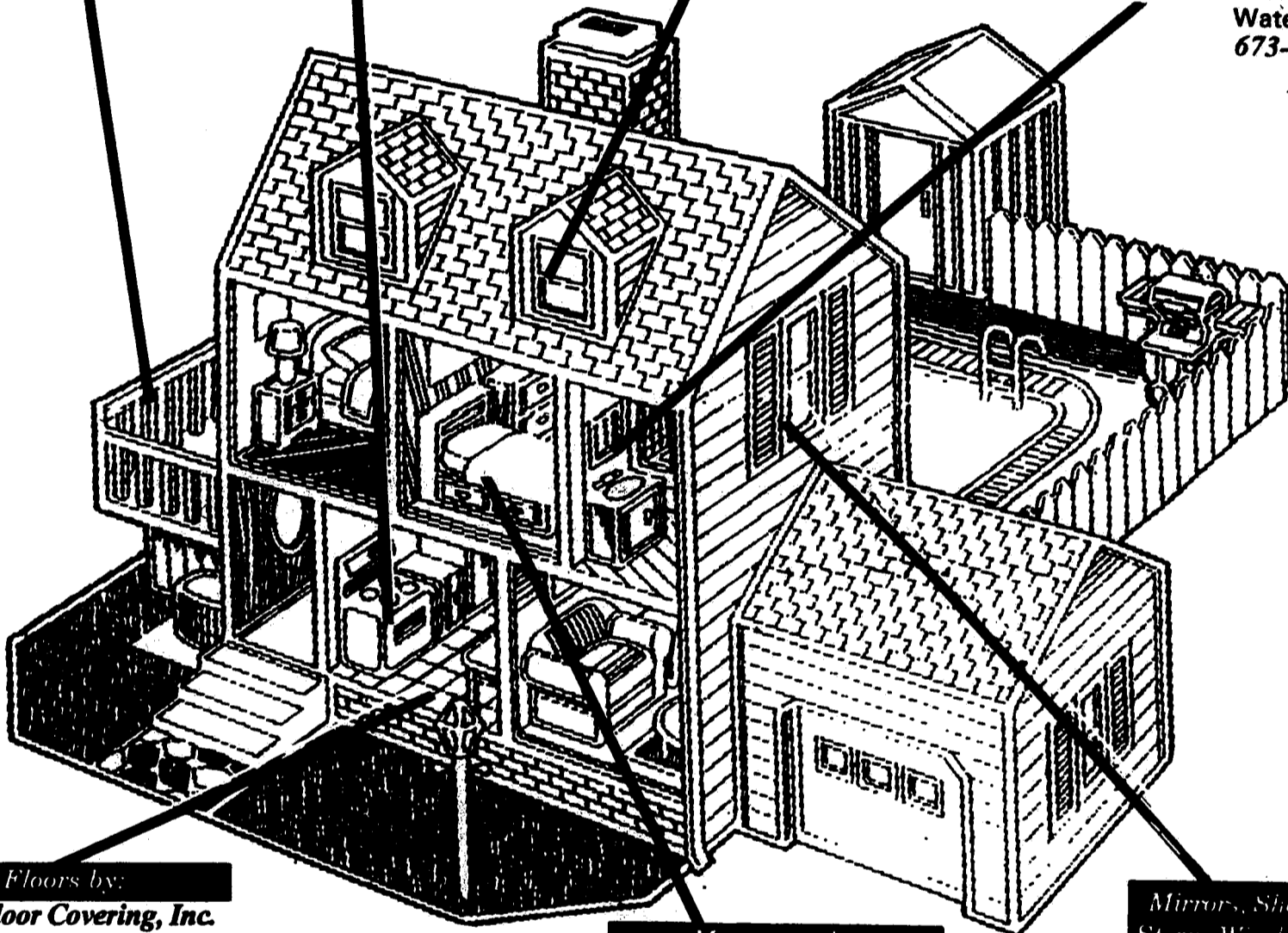
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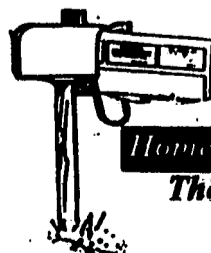
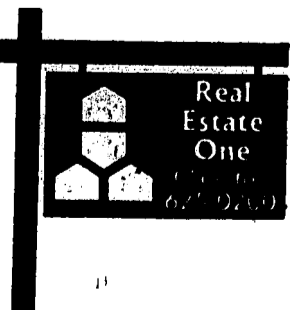
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Carjacker caught after high-speed chase

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A former Detroit man was arrested Thursday in connection with a carjacking that led to a high-speed chase along I-75 in Independence Township.

Dwon Charles Sherrors, 24, was charged with carjacking, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 and third-degree fleeing and eluding after a Thursday morning incident.

It started at around 10 a.m. when a 66-year-old Clarkston woman stopped on Sashabaw Road near I-75 to put up a garage sale sign on a telephone pole. When she walked back to her car, the suspect approached her and asked her for a ride or money. She said "No thanks," then the man grabbed her keys and forced her down onto the ground.

After he took off with the car, a 1994 Lincoln Towncar, witnesses called 911. Deputies waited for the man at I-75 and Dixie Highway. According to a report filed with the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation, the car was spotted and the chase ensued. Exceeding speeds of 100 mph, the car finally crashed into some trees and a pole at the rest stop nearby. The man then fled into the woods, where he eventually gave himself up.

His only statement to Oakland County sheriff's deputies was "I bought that car for my boy." He then declined any other comments until consulting a lawyer.

The victim was taken to St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland where she was treated and released. Sherrors faces a preliminary exam Sept. 17 in 52-2 District Court. Bond was set at \$525,000 cash.

The maximum penalty for carjacking is life in prison. The other two charges are five-year felonies.


Senior gold card returns

Clarkston schools has announced that it will continue its Senior Gold Card program for district residents who are 62 and older.

The Gold Card entitles the holder to free entry to all Clarkston home athletic events, discounts at the Oakland Technical Center Boutique, free birthday dessert at the Northwest Inn, also at OTC, and discounts on selected classes through Community Education.

In addition, some special events are scheduled for Gold Card holders. One currently in the works is a hard-hat tour of the new high school.

To obtain the Gold Card, apply at any Clarkston school building. Bring suitable identification such as a driver's license.

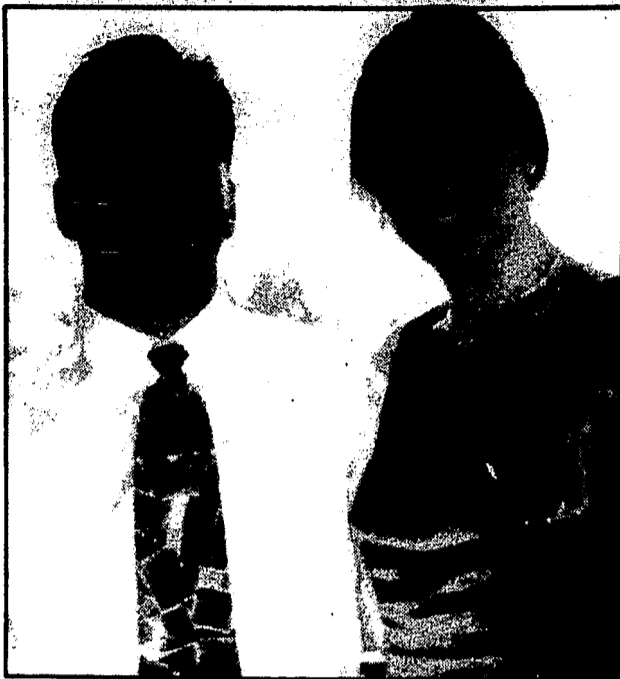


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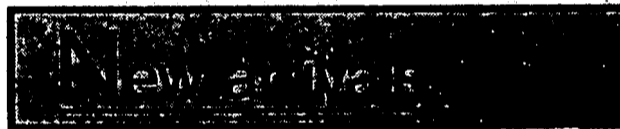
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Slavin-Fillar

Dennis and Marian Slavin announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea to Geoffrey F. Fillar. Andrea is a senior at Western Michigan University and a native of Clarkston. Parents of the prospective groom are Tom and June Fillar and Margurite Mosher. The wedding is planned for Sept. 27 at the Agape Christian Church in Kalamazoo.



It's a boy for Dr. Michael Zielinski and Michelle Zielinski, RN. Carter Michael Zielinski was born August 7, 1997. He has two sisters, Paige and Payton. His grandparents are Jim and Brenda Craig of Oxford and Edmund and Rosemary Zielinski of Sterling Heights. Carter shares his birthday with his grandmother Rosemary and his Uncle Ed.

● Christopher Haskell, son of Sandra and Frank Haskell of Davisburg, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program Aug. 5, 1997. A 1998 prospective graduate of Holly High School, he is scheduled for enlistment July 1. He will attend basic training in San Antonio, Texas.

● Marine Pfc. Douglas Monroe, son of Ronald and Vicki Monroe of Clarkston, recently reported for duty with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC. He joined the Marines in January.

● Air Force Airman Russel Vernan has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Kay Ann Workman of Waterford and a 1995 graduate of Kettering High School.

● Kimberly Blakeslee has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. She is the daughter of Thomas Harrison of Clarkston.

● Daniel Jackson has joined the U. S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. A 1995 graduate of Clarkston High School, he will report to Ft. Jackson in Columbia, S. C. for basic training on Sept. 30. He is the son of Michael and Lorraine Jackson of Clarkston.

● Joel Sanford has been named to the Management Honor Society at GMI. The society is comprised of upperclassmen who have demonstrated leadership potential and are nominated by their co-op employers. Sanford is the son of James Sanford of Clarkston and Sandra Schutte of Grand Blanc. His co-op employer is General Motors TG, Flint Assembly.

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Morgan's foundation collapses during cleanup

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A contamination cleanup project has turned out to be more costly than Morgan's ever imagined.

Just after Labor Day a construction company began excavation work at Morgan's Service on Main St., in order to remove an underground storage tank that's caused ground contamination from leaked motor oil. The company had to dig in front of and just underneath the garage, but found a surprise — two more storage tanks farther back.

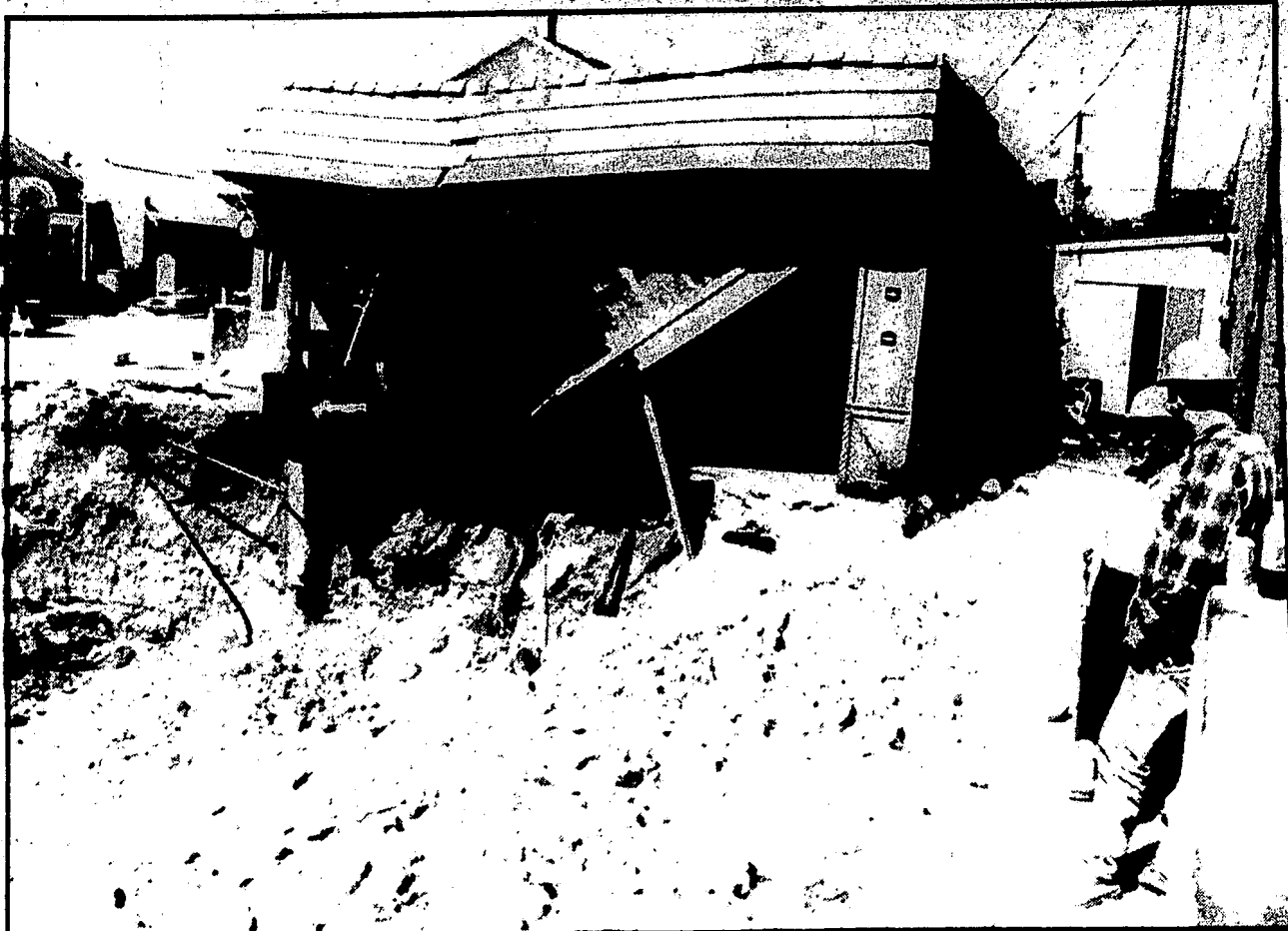
Bulldozers continued their digging Thursday morning, venturing under the building. Although Morgan's installed hoists to hold up the roof, the front floor began to sag and finally collapsed Friday afternoon. On Thursday state representatives from MIOSHA (Michigan Occupational Safety Health Administration) stopped work to conduct a routine safety inspection and were concerned when they saw the foundation sagging, according to owner John Morgan.

To make matters worse, Morgan's hired environmental consultant found more contamination and a second hole had to be dug under Church St., John, who owns the business with his father Dick Morgan, added.

However, a complaint was filed against the project's contractor, Midstate Construction, and an inspector was assigned, David Foster, MIOSHA regional supervisor of construction sites, said Monday. MIOSHA won't release details until an investigation is completed, which is expected to drag on for several weeks, he added.

"The complaint said the building had been undermined and a backhoe was used to hold it up," Foster said. But, he added, "We really didn't find that to be the problem."

Dick Morgan bought the service station in 1932, with just \$200 borrowed from his grandfather. Though Morgan's continues its thriving repair and maintenance work, it ended 65 years of gasoline sales after Labor



Dick Morgan talks to a worker Friday, after the foundation collapses.

Day because the pumps had to be torn up. Replacing them would be too costly, John said.

Initially the Morgans expected to pay around \$80,000 for the cleanup project before everything went wrong, he added. The Morgans don't expect the insurance to cover anything, including the reconstruction on Church St.

They don't blame Midstate, John said. "We had to get those tanks out of there. There's not much you can do." The loss is even more devastating than a fire that destroyed two garage bays in 1977, said Connie Morgan, John's wife and Morgan's office manager. They had insurance on that, John said.

In 1990 the state passed a law which required gas stations to upgrade their tanks. That's when Morgan's found the underground contamination problem. Morgan's opted to take advantage of state funds from MUSTFA (Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance), which installed a remediation system under Church St. two years ago. The system was designed to pipe the waste oil down to Detroit.

However, when MUSTFA later went bankrupt, the Morgans were faced with paying for the implementation of that system out of their own pockets — a whopping \$32,000 a year.

Since then the Morgans found the system wouldn't

have worked because it was designed for gasoline contamination, not waste oil, and they have no gas contamination. Ironically, the system was destroyed with the second excavation.


Midstate was hired to do the excavation because Morgan's would have been fined \$1,000 a day from the state if the contamination wasn't removed, John Morgan said. Connie Morgan said Midstate will continue digging until it ceases to find contamination.

John said if the cleanup had taken place four or five years ago, the state would have assumed the cost. "MUSTFA would have paid for all of this," he said. "The reason this is such a costly and difficult cleanup is all the buildings and there's no room to work."


Morgan's acquired a second garage next door, after Independence Township's Fire Station #1 moved to a new site on Citation Dr. "I can't undermine the fire hall building and have it collapse," John said. "You can only do so much. There's no room."

He said the real tragedy is the unfortunate series of events. "Nothing was done in the proper order."

Nevertheless, the Morgans are trying to keep their spirits up. Connie said she's trying to look on the bright side. "Well, we always complained Church St. needed to be repaved," she quipped.



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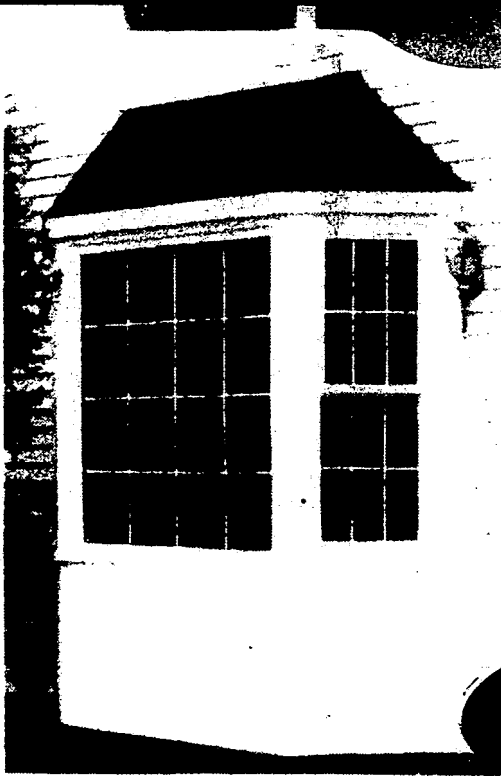
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SIDING - TRIM



Tidy mystery leaves its audience clueless

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Whodunnit?

If you're like most of the folks who attended Clarkston Village Players' opener "Cat's Cradle" Friday, you won't get it.

Like the play's title, the neat little mystery tangles up lives and situations that are hard to unravel. After the final curtain, Players' president Al Bartlett asked for a show of hands on who'd solved the puzzle. Not one shot up.

Obviously that's the intent of playwright Leslie Sands, who must have thoroughly enjoyed himself as he developed a group of Agatha Christie-like characters, as unique and complex as those in the "Clue" board game.

Was it crusty, pipe-smoking Sam Fletcher, who delivers a cup of suspect tea? Rich, uppity Lady Charlotte Cresswell whose carefully controlled demeanor could be a front? Or innocent bride-to-be Sarah Fulton, whose amnesia could indeed be "self-induced" to create the perfect foil?

The plot concerns revisiting the murder of a baby boy that occurred years earlier and was never solved because the detective bungled the investigation. As Scotland Yard Det. Jack Frost, Bruce Bishop — he of the "helter-skelter eyes" in a former Players' production of "Roshamon" — douses his character with lots of frowns and raised eyebrows.

Playing a wise-cracking cop who wants to close the books before he gets his gold watch, Bishop dishes up the sarcasm well. When Sam (Mel Case) shoots him a dirty look, he shoots back with droll British humor: "From that look you gave me you would have thought I'd trodden in something," he drawls.

Like the audience, Frost has a tough time cracking the case. And he doesn't want to botch it the second time around. But what's mysterious is the fact that no one wants him back — not even the baby's mother (Linda McNatta).

Bishop carries the little comedy/drama well, rounded out by especially fine performances from Case and Linda Killewald as a stunning Lady Charlotte. Think Queen Mu-thah.

Once again, Player Jaime Fish has painted a fabulous streetscape seen through the window, and the set is appropriate English Tudor with lots of candle sconces and period pieces.

Back to the puzzle. If you're one of those people who stays up all night with a Rubik's Cube, pay attention. You just might solve "Cat's Cradle."

But remember this line, which is both a metaphor for Sands' toying with us, as well as a clue: "You never know which way the cat will jump."

"Cat's Cradle" continues its run Sept. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 at Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Rd. (next to the railroad tracks) in Independence Township. Curtain time Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m., Thursdays 7:30 p.m. "Cat's Cradle" is directed by Al Bartlett, produced by Mel Case and stars Case, Nancy Penrose, Melissa Breckenridge, Heather Miller, Linda VanNatta, Bruce Bishop, Tam Logan and Linda Killewald. For more information call (248) 625-8811.

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Remembering the sacrifice

Clarkston's founder is one of two Revolutionary War soldiers honored by the DAR

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

On the same day England buried a princess, the graves of two local Revolutionary War patriots were honored, including the founder of Clarkston.

The memories of both Jeremiah Clarke and Caleb Merrell were ignited during grave-marking ceremonies, officiated by the local Sashabaw Plains chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Both ceremonies took place on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston. Such ceremonies are traditionally conducted by the DAR each year.

Both soldiers' graves were covered with the stars and stripes prior to the ceremonies. The flags were removed, as special gold markers were dedicated and stirring biographies were read.

Descendants of both Clarke and Merrell stood silently, amidst state and regional DAR members, local American Legion color guards and Clarkston High School trumpeter Paul Talbot, whose sweet strains of "Amazing Grace" and "Taps" filled the air.

The Clarke family resided in Clarkston for three generations before the war broke out, said Kim Huttenlocher, president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society, who provided a brief biography on Jeremiah Clarke.

During the Revolutionary War Clarke, who lived from 1760 to 1845, served under Capt. Samuel Robertson. In 1834 he moved to Clarkston.

"He did much to improve the community of Clarkston," Huttenlocher said, explaining how the town was eventually named after him around 1840. Clarke built a grist mill and improved an existing dam and saw mill, she said.

His former residence was 71 N. Main St., now dubbed "the Clarke house." Brother Nelson owned and operated a general store, built a school across the street on land that now houses township hall and started a community newspaper which evolved into today's Clarkston News, Huttenlocher said.

Clarke was the first Independence Township supervisor and justice of the peace. He was also elected to the Michigan legislature and named a judge just a few years before his death. Huttenlocher said he is remembered for his "sterling good sense and sound judgment."

In another ceremony the DAR honored Merrell, a Revolutionary War captain who lived from 1764 to 1842, said Donna Himmelspach, who provided the reading. In 1833 Cpt. Merrell, like Clarke, moved to be closer to his son — John Merrell of Springfield Township.

DAR members said the two men, like other soldiers, are responsible for the freedom we enjoy today. Afterwards the DAR treated descendants to cookies and lemonade, in the shade of the cemetery's tall trees.

DAR state historian Zephine Culp, who attends similar ceremonies all over Michigan, said they help folks remember soldiers' contributions to the area, as well as their patriotism. "Most of them are very civic-minded and do many things in the area in which they live," she said. "They contribute to their community."

DAR Sashabaw Plains chapter regent Nancy Woodruff said there are eight Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Independence and Springfield townships. Last year Jacob Petty, said to be one of Gen.



From left, William Merrill, DAR Regent Nancy Woodruff and Andrew Merrill are shown at the grave marking ceremony Saturday.

George Washington's bodyguards, was honored. DAR members hope to have all the graves marked someday. Andrew Merrill and his dad William of Indepen-

dence Township said they feel quite certain they're descendants of Merrell, even though their last name is spelled a little differently. They have information that goes back to the New England area where Merrell lived, and they've traced their ancestry even further, to France and Wales.

Teenager Cari Cobb came all the way from Allen Park to see Clarke, her great-grandfather — "seven times removed" — honored. "I told my grandma it was really neat. It's something you can just do once." Plus, she got to meet other extended family members, she said.

Another Clarke descendant, Steve O'Neill of Ortonville, who didn't have to travel quite that far, said the ceremony meant a lot to him. "I think it gives you a sense of roots and belonging. You realize how far back the family goes."

And, he noted, many descendants haven't strayed too far from Clarkston. "Like they say, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree," he said.

Parent Network

Schedule of meetings

Sept. 16: Straight talk about substance abuse. Speaker Dennis Kaszeta, Behavioral health therapist, Triad Associates.

Oct. 21: Helping kids help themselves. Speaker Kathie Patric, Director of Community Education, HAVEN.

Nov. 18: Mom and Dad at odds: What's a parent to do? Speaker Dr. Rody Yexman, PhD., Counseling Insights, PC.

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Kids care

United Way's annual event finds CHS students helping others

Saturday was a perfect fall day and there were lots of things a teenager could find to do—shoot some hoops, ride a bike, hang out with friends.

But for students in Clarkston High School's National Honor Society and Student Council, the day was set aside to help spruce up Robert Frost Elementary School on Pontiac's east side.

The students were among nearly 1,000 people participating in the United Way of Oakland County's sixth annual Day of Caring. They spent the morning painting a fence, pulling out weeds and planting flowers with other volunteers at the school.

The day started at 9 a.m. as volunteers from civic, student, social, employee and church groups fanned out all over north Oakland County. Lighthouse Clarkston was one of the sites, where residents of the Timbers of Lake Oakland Neighborhood Association took on painting and sorting donated school supplies, among other tasks.

Then, around 1 p.m. volunteers were scheduled to gather at Oakland Schools for a free lunch prepared by United Way board members, as well as a concert.

The Day of Caring started in 1991, when 125 volunteers worked at one site—HAVEN—and built a playground. Ever since, the first Saturday after Labor Day has been designated to carry on the tradition.

Some CHS National Honor Society students said they took on the job in order to earn service credits required by their organization. But as Kori Weingust put it, "There's easy things you can do to get points, but you like to do something that's important."

—By Annette Kingsbury



Britt Detkowski (left), Carly Fuller and Amy Vaughn, all members of student Council, show off the tools of their painting trade.



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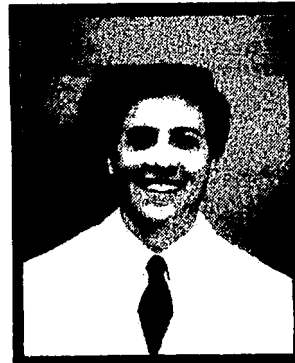
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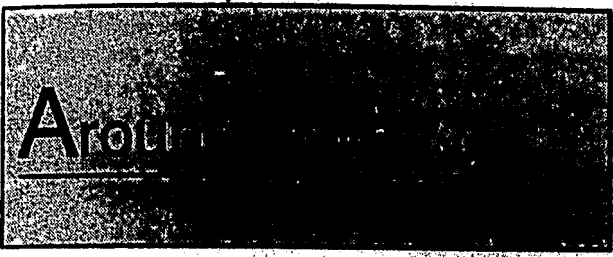
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● The Caregivers Support Group will meet Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Waterford Senior Center, located at 6455 Harper. The group is for those who care for someone with Alzheimer's Disease.

● Springfield Township's Parks and Rec. will have its Fall Perennial Swap Sept. 13 at the Mill Pond Park in Davisburg at 11:30 a.m. Plant enthusiasts can come and trade their favorite earthbound friends with one another.

● A Swiss steak supper will be served Sept. 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the Seymour Lake United Methodist Church in Brandon Township. For more information, call 627-2544.

● Free installation of Lifeline, a personal response system, will be offered by Crittenton Hospital during September. For more information call 652-5658, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

● Be a positive adult role model for a child age 5 to 16 in need of a one-to-one mentor. Youth Assistance will offer mentor training Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakland County Courthouse (north entrance). Call 858-0041 for more information.

Car raffle to benefit band

Clarkston Rotary and the Clarkston High School Band Boosters have teamed up to raffle off a car during football season.

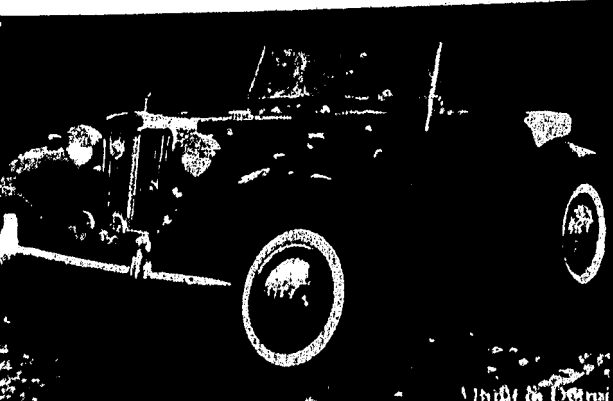
The car, which made appearances at Friday's season opener and in the Labor Day parade, is a limited edition London Roadster, made in Dearborn by London Coachworks. A kit car, it is a replica of an MG Roadster and features a custom-built coach with a 1.7 liter, 4 cylinder engine.

The car was donated to the Rotary Club by Jim Scharl of Kieft Engineering. "We decided to raffle it off," said Dick Ayers of the Rotary Club. "We are always looking for people to sponsor, and we had heard that the band could use some things for the new high school."

The car is valued at around \$7,500 and proceeds from the raffle will be split between the Rotary Club and the band boosters. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and are available at football games and through Rotary and booster club members until Sept. 20.

On that date, during the Clarkston Marching Band Invitational, the car will be on display and tickets will be sold for the last time. During the event the winning ticket will be pulled.

To purchase a ticket, call Bob Emick at 623-2538, John Koval at 625-6052 or Marla McKee at 625-7067.



This London Roadster will be raffled off Sept. 20 to benefit the Clarkston Rotary and Clarkston Band Boosters.

● Career training will be starting throughout September at the Clarkston Community Education Center. Courses include administrative assistant, dental assistant, hospital unit clerk, medical billing, medical first responder, medical terminology/anatomy, veterinary assisting and landscape technology. For more information call 674-4791.

● Pass the state builder's license exam with the help of a pre-license seminar offered by Clarkston Community Education and the Oakland Builders Institute. Class runs Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 23 in Clarkston. Cost is \$190.

A second seminar, "Smart Planning for Home Building," will be offered Sept. 17 at Sashabaw Middle School. It will cover what you need to know before remodeling or building to save time and money. Cost is \$10.

For both classes, call 674-0993 to pre-register.

● Grab yer partner and swing 'round for country western dance lessons starting Sept. 14 at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg. The classes meet Sunday evenings and the cost is \$32. For more information, call Springfield Township at 634-0412.

● Crossroads Village is the site for the annual Harvet Jubilee Sept. 13-14. Classic crafts such as historic amusement park rides, riverboat excursions and early 1900s-autumn activities are planned. Crossroads Village is located off I-475 north of Flint, exit 13.

Greenery hosts sale

The news about the Greenery, an Independence Township nursing home, has been bleak of late. But the Family Forum, a patient support group, wants the public to know that a lot of good things go on too.

The Forum will present a "Trinkets, Treasures, Crafts and Bake Sale" at the Greenery, 4800 Clintonville Rd., on Saturday, Sept. 13. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine. All items for the sale have been donated by the residents, families, friends and employees of the Greener and proceeds will benefit the activities department.



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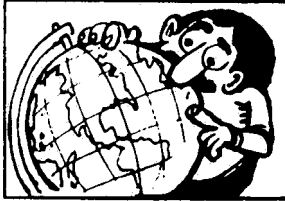
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Students from OSMTech's robotics team scrub down a car next to Carol's Flowers and Gardens on Sashabaw Sept. 6. The team's goal is to raise \$10,000 in entry fees for a robotics competition, and they are in the process of building a robot. The regional competition will be held in March, with the national competition at DisneyWorld's Epcot Center in April. Last year the team won top honors at regionals. The OSMTech Academy is housed in Oakland Technical Center Northwest in Clarkston, and enables students from seven surrounding school districts to participate in half-day programs geared to math and science. The team is looking for sponsors, said Kyle Hughes, teacher and director of the robotics team. If you'd like to help, call (248) 620-3270.



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Obituaries

Tracy Siple

Tracy L. Siple, 35, of Waterford, died Sept. 4, 1997.

Mrs. Siple was a 1980 Clarkston High School graduate and a member of the North Auburn Hills Baptist Church.

She is survived by parents Karen Sue (Don) Pace and Vern Siple; brothers Scott and Jason Siple; step-brothers Michael, Stephen (Reenie), Jeffrey (Cheryl), Kevin (Debbie), Joseph (Barbara), Derrick and Trevor Pace; step-sister Suzan (Wayne) Flewwelling; aunt Jean (Red) Tillie; and friend Allan DiTripani.

A funeral service took place Monday at the Riverside Chapel in Waterford with Dr. John E. Marine officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the Diabetes Foundation. Funeral arrangements were made by Voorhees, Spile & Summerford Funeral Home in Pontiac.

Jenny Marinelli

Jenny Theresa Marinelli, 20, of Clarkston, died Sept. 1, 1997.

Jenny was a 1995 graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, where she was a National Honor Society member. She most recently attended the University of Michigan.

She is survived by parents Thomas and Carol; sister Laura; grandparents Joseph and Pearl Mancuso and Clara and Anthony Marinelli of Connecticut; and great-grandmother Cologera Mancuso of Connecticut.

A Mass of the Resurrection took place Thursday at the St. Fisher Chapel in Auburn Hills. Donations in Jenny's memory may be made to Gilda's Club, 31000 Northwestern Highway Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

Jan Porter

Jan (Weber) Porter, 61, formerly of Clarkston, died Aug. 13, 1997.

Mrs. Porter was the former owner of the Heart of the Hills Bed & Breakfast in Arkansas.

She is survived by husband C.B. Porter, son Michael Weber of Lansing; daughter Beth Martin of Highland; stepsons Bruce Porter of California and Scott Porter of Germany; sister Ann Woods of Bridgeman; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at the Clarkston United Methodist Church with Rev. Douglas R. Trebilcock officiating.

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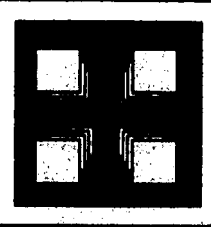

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School project to be 2-phased

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the biggest number of students in the shortest time," said superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "That will make some people unhappy, but I would expect folks in the Clarkston community to look beyond personal impact ... and that's tough. Because maybe your kid doesn't benefit from this plan."

In other action

● Goals for Roberts and the district for the 1997-98 school year were approved. "I don't think there are any surprises in here," Roberts said. The goals were formulated at a day-long retreat the board and Roberts attended together recently.

● Eight new instructional and 28 new non-instructional staff were hired to fill vacancies. One new position, a special education paraprofessional, is still vacant.

● A bid of \$38,380 by Lab Corporation for health/dental biotechnology equipment at the Oakland Technical Center Northwest was approved. Funding comes from Oakland Schools.

● The board passed a resolution to participate in the Michigan School Readiness Program after learning the district has won a grant for \$43,400. The grant will allow 14 at risk 4-year-olds to get special help. "Perhaps when they enter our kindergarten they will not find themselves behind," Roberts said, calling the grant "early diagnosis and treatment."

● The board approved a grant to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance of \$2,500, up from \$2,000 last year.

● The board set a special meeting for Monday, Sept. 22, 7-9 p.m. to discuss the athletic budget.

● The first two technology bids were approved. Industrial Communications Corp. won a bid of \$700,287 for wiring the new high school. Video Land Services Co. won a bid for \$46,434 for TV mounts district-wide, including supporting steel and brackets.

● The board went into closed session "to consider real property" and negotiations.



● In the Aug. 27, 1997 edition in a story on the city of Clarkston voting against a planned Auburn Hills casino, Jeff Gallant was identified as a spokesman for an anti-casino group. In fact, Mr. Gallant said he is not associated with any particular group.

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Parade Winners

This year's Labor Day parade featured 40 separate units, and the judges' decision is in on the winning entrants.

The theme of the parade was "Preserving Heritage Strengthens the Community." The following entrants were honored by a three-member Rotary Club panel of judges:

President's Award— First Congregational Church of Clarkston.

Best Theme Award—1918 Dodge Touring Wagon, the oldest car in the parade, entered by Stan and Cathy Garwood.

Best Float—three awards were given.

First place: Family Farms, four generations, entered by State Rep. Tom Middleton.

Second place: The Oakland Press

Third place: Gifts for Kids, by Danielle Weddle and friends.

Best Costume—again three places were awarded.

First place: Dance Place dancers.

Second place: Clarkston Chiefs Cheerleaders

Third place: Two Beauty Queens

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, medicals on Oakvista and Scenic Pines Ct.

An 81-year-old man was experiencing weakness on Hummingbird. He was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy - Oakland Hospital for evaluation.

Property damage accident on M-15.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, diabetic reaction on Kingfisher. The patient received a glucose injection and refused further medical attention.

Multiple vehicle injury accident on I-75.

Medical at Clintonwood Park.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, medical on Clintonville Rd.

Injury accident on Sashabaw.

A female was taken to St. Joe's as a result of her car being stolen on Sashabaw.

Diabetic reaction on Whipple Lake Rd.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, possible heart attack on Sashabaw.

Seizures on Andersonville.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, medical on Clearview.

Injury accident on Dixie.

Medical on Chickadee.

Burning complaint on Waterford Rd.

Medical on Indianwood.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, medicals on S. River Rd., Mann, Meyers, Maybee and Winell.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, family trouble on E. Church. The dispute was between a mother and daughter.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, a stolen amplifier was found in a car on Pheasant Run. A 17-year-old Clarkston boy was arrested in connection with the theft and lodged in the Oakland County Jail.

Two bad checks were written to a Dixie business.

A \$250 cellphone, case and a disk drive were stolen from a vehicle on Old Cove.

Failure to pay for \$20.33 in gas on Sashabaw.

Windows were smashed on a house under construction on Forest Valley.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, someone was making false orders on a credit card belonging to a Tuscarora resident. A total of \$2,704.93 was charged.

A 22-year-old Pontiac man coming into the Independence Substation was arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to return rented property in Waterford.

A 17-year-old boy was ticketed for marijuana possession on Clintonville.

A 24-year-old woman was hit in the back of the head by her 25-year-old husband on Mann. The man fled the scene before deputies arrived.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, a 31-year-old woman hit her estranged husband during an argument and keyed another woman's van on White Lake Rd.

Four windows were broken on a van on Waldon.

A drill, batteries and other tools were taken from the bed of a truck on Dixie.

Two cellphones, some clothes, a radar detector, gold watch, boom box and 15 CDs were taken from a bag in a car on Tuson Blvd.

An 18-year-old Davisburg man turned himself in to the Independence Substation. He was arrested on an outstanding warrant for receiving and concealing stolen property. He was lodged in the Oakland County Jail and arraigned in the 52-2 District Court.

A \$171 cellphone was taken from an unlocked vehicle on Paula.

Two Flint men and a Grand Blanc man were

fishing on a private lake on Oak Hill. They apologized for the fishing.

A 44-year-old woman was hit in the eye with a cardboard box by her husband on Hadley. The man was not found.

A 40-year-old Waterford man was found to be intoxicated in a parking lot on Mary Sue. He was ticketed and driven home.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, someone stole a license plate from a 1994 Saturn on Dixie.

A pager, cellphone, keys, \$150 in cash and golf clubs were taken from a garage on Woodcrest Ridge. The objects were sitting in the front seat of the unlocked car with the keys in the ignition.

The screen door was pried open and \$340 in cash was missing from a home on Whipple Tree Lane.

Three Clarkston youths were ticketed for marijuana possession and possession of a cigarette on Tuscarora.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, a \$400 CD player, \$70 pager and a \$200 leather jacket were taken from a 1994 Jeep at Pine Knob Music Theater.

An 18-year-old Waterford man tried to steal a package of meat from a store on Sashabaw. He was ticketed when his blood alcohol level measured .133, above the legal limit.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, threats on Mann. Windows were smashed and \$40 was missing from a Dixie business.

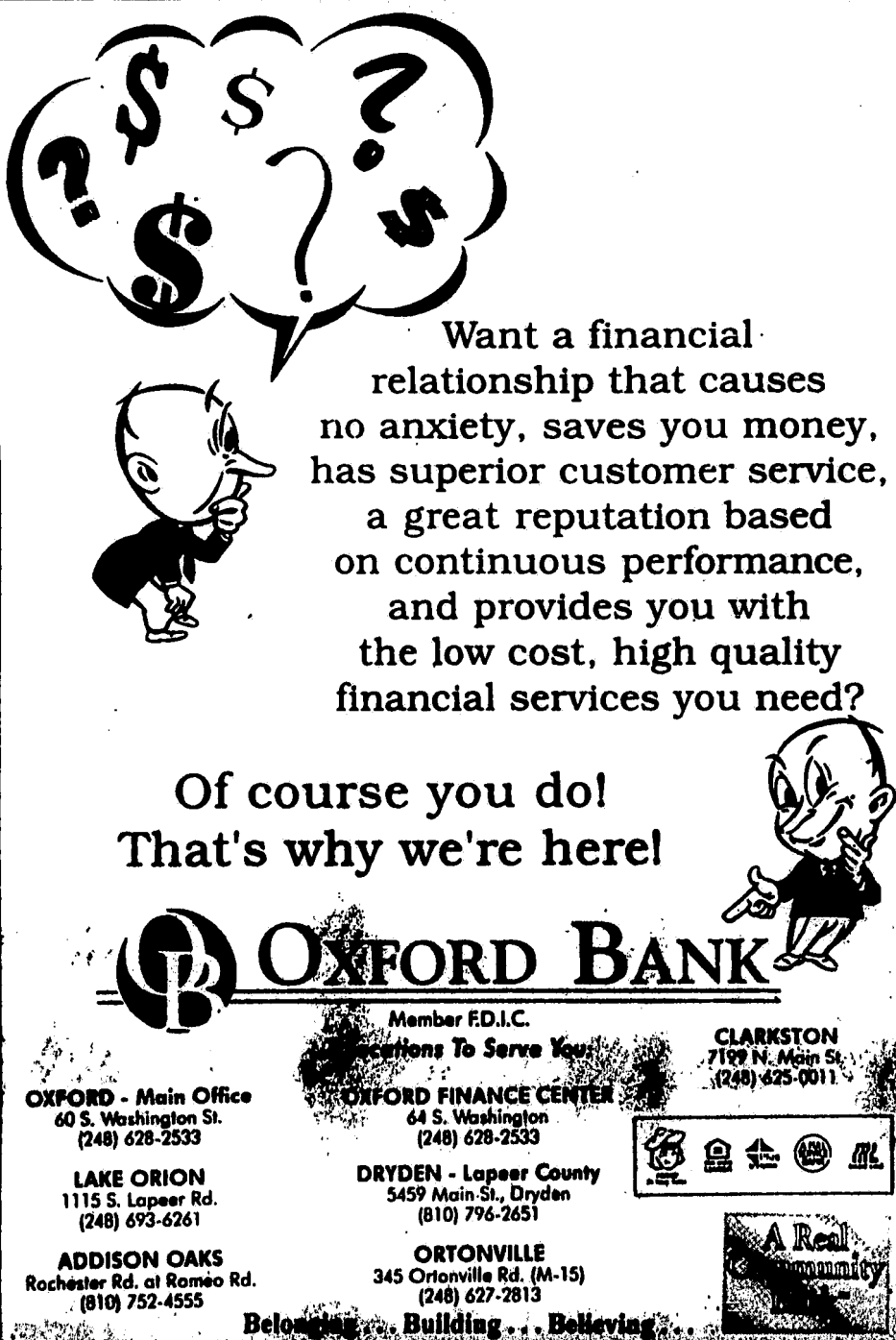
Two tackle boxes, a cordless drill, a screwdriver and two manual drills were taken from a truck on Glenalda.

An egg broke a window on Maybee.

Bad checks were written to a Dixie grocery store.

A \$150 stereo receiver was taken from a van on Sunnyside.

A 58-year-old man beat up a 44-year-old woman at a golf course under construction on Mann.



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New IRAs offer taxpayers more choices

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

In recent years, filing federal income taxes has become easier and easier, as precious deductions were thrown into the Congressional dustbin.

But now, with the passage of the Taxpayers Relief Act of 1997, accountants and financial planners all over the country must be grinning, knowing the act's complexities will probably keep them in business for years to come.

Just tackling one aspect of the multi-faceted bill, Individual Retirement Accounts, has gotten a lot more complicated, according to Robert Olsen, CFP, owner of Planned Financial Services in Clarkston. However, he generally likes the new law, saying it will encourage Americans to save.

"On a practical side, if people can get a deduction, you'll do it," he said. "It will get people saving money and overall I think that's a good thing."

The new law keeps intact the conventional IRA, but offers taxpayers several other options. One is a new Roth IRA, another is an educational IRA.

The Roth IRA

According to Olsen, the Roth IRA introduces an exciting concept--tax-free withdrawals, not just tax-exempt contributions.

"Tax-free withdrawals--that's very unusual," he said. "Overall the tax deferral over a long period of years is better than tax deductibility. So actually, this Roth IRA I think is one of the best opportunities in IRAs."

Beginning next year, taxpayers may make nondeductible contributions to a Roth IRA of up to \$2,000 a year (subject to income limits). When these funds are withdrawn upon retirement (age 59 1/2), they are tax free.

In addition, the funds may be withdrawn by first-time homebuyers and in the case of death or disability, without penalty, another new wrinkle.

"The old distributions you could take out for death or disability, but it was taxable," Olsen said. Often that created a tax nightmare for heirs.

"I think Roth IRAs long range offer more tax savings than regular IRAs because the tax-freeness gives you more money than the tax deduction," Olsen said. It's interesting. It's better than most tax laws . .

"Tax-freeness is a very new concept. The only place you can get tax-free money versus tax deferral is a municipal bond, and that's limited to about five percent. These can be invested at 10-15 percent.

"If people are richer in retirement because they've done this, there are all kinds of benefits, like less welfare, less dependency."

Roth IRA's may appeal to younger people who have more time to accumulate money in the new funds. As Olsen put it, quoting Warren Buffet, "It's time in the market, not timing the market. So it's remarkable what you can do if you're young."

Olsen said taxpayers can move funds from a regular IRA to the new Roth IRA, but the money is taxable at the time of transfer. That's because it won't be taxed when ultimately withdrawn from the Roth IRA. Taxpayers may elect to pay the tax over four

years.

"If you have a lot of money (in a regular IRA) and you're in a high tax bracket, that would be difficult," he said.

Educational IRAs

A way to help parents fund their children's college education is the new educational IRA. Again, it is subject to income limitations. But those who qualify may deduct \$500 per year for each child under 18 for use in paying tuition, fees, books, equipment and supplies and room and board. Distributions are not subject to taxes or penalties. Funds must be withdrawn by age 30.

Other educational options were included in the new law that should help older students. The lifetime learning credit will allow income eligible adults to deduct 20 percent of educational expenses (up to \$1,000) for classes, even part-time, to acquire or improve job skills. And the Hope Scholarship Credit allows up to \$1,500 in tax credits for tuition and fees for two years of post-secondary education for students enrolled at least half-time.

All of this doesn't reflect a shift in attitude by the Republic controlled Congress, according to Olsen, who describes himself as a conservative.

"I think the Republicans have always wanted this, and now that they control Congress they can do this," he said.

And he sees the increasing deductions as good for the economy. "Whenever government taxes, there's not as much money to expand. People will spend, but more likely they'll invest. People are making tons of money (on investments) now."

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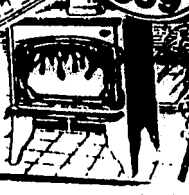
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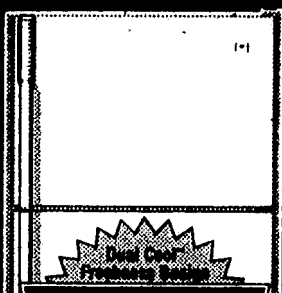
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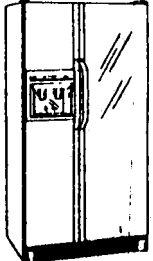
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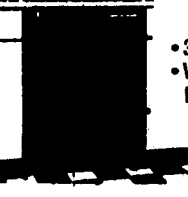
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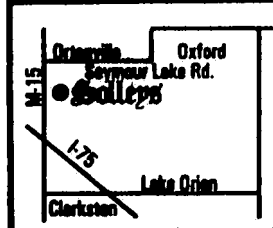
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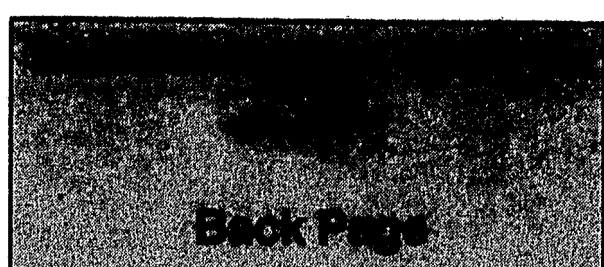
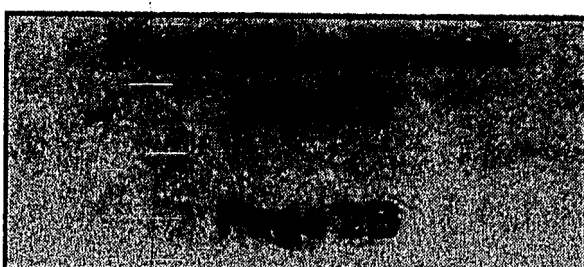
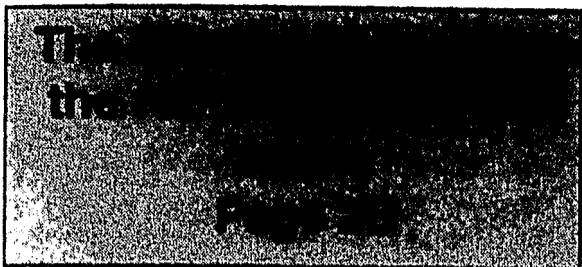
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The Clarkston News

Stunned silence

Wolves on the short end of 21-7 shocker

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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It is not unusual to see a football team in blue and gold mix an efficient passing game with a power running attack and come out with a win at the Clarkston football stadium.

What was unusual is that the team doing all that came from Royal Oak.

In what can only be described as a shocking upset, the Royal Oak Kimball Knights defeated Clarkston 21-7 Friday night in the season opener for both teams.

A quick look at the box score shows the Wolves outgaining the Knights on the ground (174-164 yards) and through the air (97-73). But it was turnovers that killed the Wolves.

Senior quarterback Dane Fife threw three interceptions, two leading to Kimball touchdowns. Fife only threw five picks all last year, and finished the game completing only 7-of-28 passes for 80 yards.

"They beat us in every phase of the game," a stunned coach Kurt Richardson said after the game. "Now, we just have to get back to basics. We played tonight like we've been practicing. We aren't hungry wolves, we're fat cats."

The game started off promisingly enough, with Clarkston putting a couple of long drives together. But they both stalled inside the Kimball 35-yard-line when fourth-down passes were broken up.

The Clarkston defense started off strong also, holding the Knights to two three-and-outs on their first two possessions.

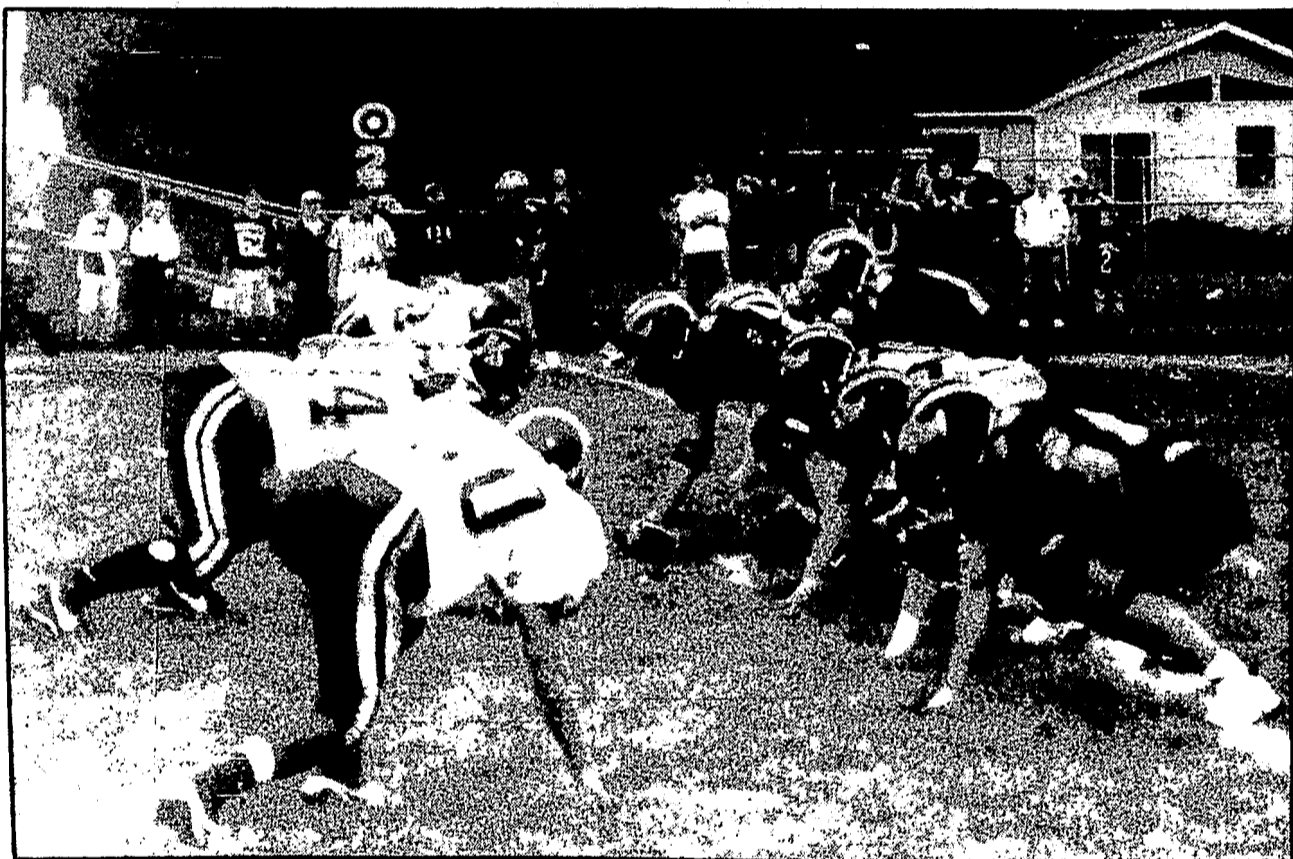
On the first play of Clarkston's third drive, Kimball's Chad Roberts intercepted Fife, giving his team excellent field position at Clarkston's 40. A 13 yard run by Adam Brewster put the Knights up 7-0 as the first quarter came to an end.

Fife only completed two passes the rest of the game, as his protection broke down and he had to force some throws.

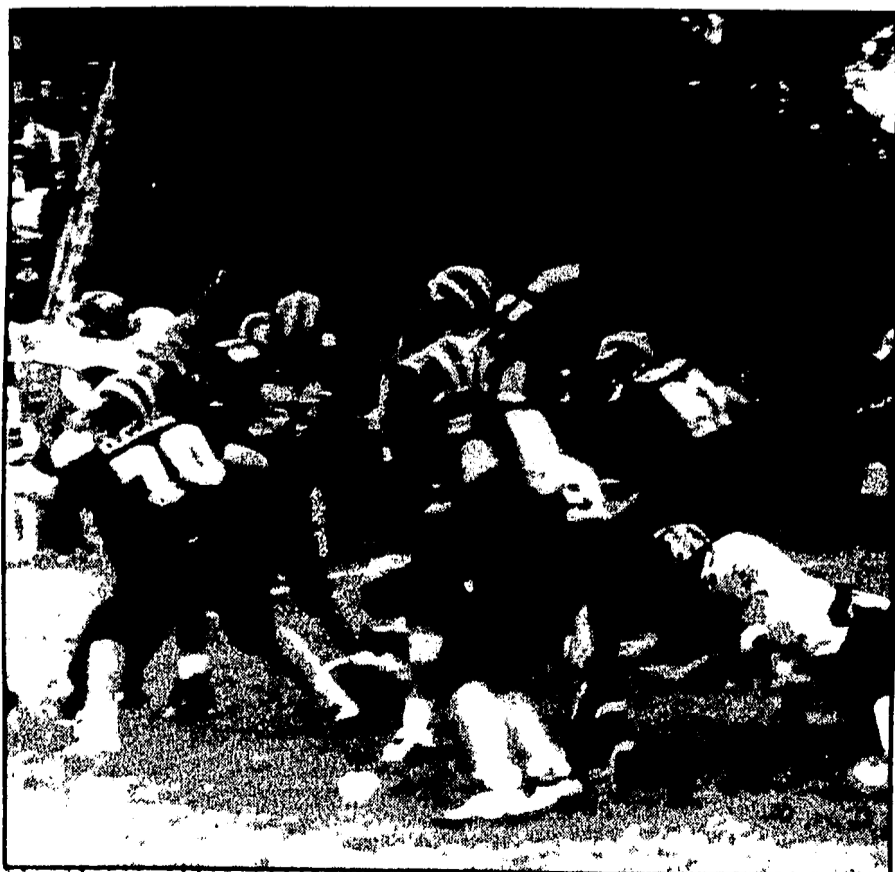
As the second half started, momentum appeared to be favoring Clarkston. Kimball fumbled on its first play from scrimmage in the half, giving the Wolves the ball at Kimball's 22-yard-line.

The game's key play, according to Richardson, came on a 2nd-and-14 from the 16. Fife threw to senior wide receiver Marc Venegoni, who appeared to make a clean catch down inside the five. However, the officials

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Although senior quarterback Dane Fife suffered through a 7-for-28 passing performance, many of his passes were rushed thanks to pressure by Royal Oak Kimball's defense. At right, Fife manages to get a long throw off despite a Kimball defender trying for the sack.





In the penalty box

with Brad Monastiere

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● Football weekends just don't get much worse than the one I had.

Friday night, my pals on the CHS football team were upset by the Royal Oak Kimball Knights 21-7, spoiling a possible perfect season. Saturday, my proud CMU Chippewas were the latest victims of Steve Spurrier's bloodthirsty offense, losing by the video game score of 82-6. Then Sunday, our old Lions paid us a visit, losing to Tampa Bay 24-17.

Since last Friday, a number of people have asked me what went wrong with our hometown heroes, the Wolves. I have found myself unable to put together a concrete answer, except for this. It seems almost all Clarkston teams are successful by banding together and playing as a team better than their opponents. Other teams may be blessed with more physical talent, but the Clarkston way has been to play with more heart, desire and togetherness than the other team. Friday night, that formula was used against the Wolves.

Perhaps it's in the makeup of this football team to play better when it's the underdog. Witness last year's game against Troy. The Colts came in on a high horse, winning the last four in the series. But Clarkston was like the skinny kid who was sick of the bully taking his lunch money every day at recess. The team came out absolutely breathing fire and didn't stop until the final score read 33-8, Clarkston.

But then two weeks later, Clarkston was favored to beat Dearborn Fordson, a team that never met a cheap shot it didn't like. The players somehow seemed uncomfortable playing the role of favorites and went away with a 34-20 loss.

A word for the varsity football players who are reading this: Every team you will play saw the Kimball score and now thinks you guys aren't so tough. They will strut into packed stadiums this fall, believing they are the better team. They all resented you before because of the USA Today ranking. Now, they resent you because they feel you didn't deserve it in the first place. It's Us-Against-the-World time, guys.

I have seen this team play and practice, and there are few better anywhere. But true character is measured in times of crisis, not in calm. Players on this team have proven in the past they have character. This is another opportunity to show it.

● On a more positive note, how about the job Ann Serra has done already with the girls basketball team.

I remember watching the team's district loss to Lake Orion not long after I started last November. A few players almost seemed relieved to have the season over.

That feeling seems a million miles away now. I see the girls often just before practices and I have been to their first three games. It's so nice to see them having fun and playing the game the way players with their talents should.

Last year the team rarely broke the 40-point barrier in scoring. This year, through three games, the Wolves are averaging 59 points per game. Serra has implemented a fast-paced style both on offense and defense that takes advantage of the considerable athletic skill possessed by players like sophomores Lori Wild, Candace Morgan and Rachel Uchman, junior Corinne McIntyre and seniors Jenny Bauer, Tiffany Honey and Georgia Senkyr.

Wearing long-lost smiles and having fun at practice is one thing. Playing the games is another. This team can really play basketball and is a true threat in the OAA Division I, no matter what other local prognosticators say. Junior point guard Deana Kanipe is a transfer from West Bloomfield and might be the best pure basketball player on the team. She can handle the ball so well, she doesn't slow down when she's dribbling as opposed to just running. She can also nail the 3 and is a fierce competitor.

So I hope all those teams from Rochester and Troy enjoyed last year, when the Wolves lost several close games. It should be a different story this year. Watch this team, my friends. They might just surprise you and several other teams this fall.

Football notebook

Injury update

Clarkston's undefeated season wasn't the only thing that was scarred after Friday's 21-7 loss to Royal Oak Kimball.

Senior tailback Brad Phalen suffered an injured ankle during the game and might not play against Berkley this Friday. Coach Kurt Richardson said Phalen took the first couple of days off from practice and a decision will be made from there.

Junior Eric Jenks also is battling a bum ankle, but should be OK to play. He aggravated an old ankle injury when he returned a fumble in the third quarter. He was able to come back in and finish the game.

Senior wide receiver Mike Maitrott is scheduled for a doctor's appointment Sept. 15 on his injured ribs.

Grin and Bear it

This Friday, the Wolves get on the road to recovery from the Kimball loss when they host the Berkley Bears. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

Berkley lost in its opener to a much-improved Rochester Adams team 28-0 Friday.

The Bears are the defending OAA Division II champions and run the Wing-T offense. The Wing-T is a run-oriented set, designed to gain yards through deception. The quarterback fakes handing off to one or two players and sneaks it to the real runner.

"It's tough to defend because we can't duplicate it in practice," Richardson said.

Adams rushed for 347 yards against the Berkley defense, which could mean a field day for either Phalen (if healthy) or Loveless.

Last year, the Wolves trounced the Bears 47-18.

Football team drops opener to Kimball

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ruled he trapped it, even though Venegoni's arms were underneath the ball as he slid to catch it. The next two passes to the end zone were broken up, and Kimball took over on downs.

"If we score there, all of a sudden momentum is on our side," Richardson said. "We got a break and we probably go on to win the game."

Clarkston's lone score came with 1:11 left in the fourth when junior tailback Tim Loveless capped a solid varsity debut with a five yard run off tackle. Richardson said Loveless' play was the only good thing he saw from his team on this night.

"Timmy ran very hard and didn't quit," he said.

Clarkston is now faced with having to win its remaining eight games in order to make the playoffs. This is the time to get rid of all the stowaways, Richardson said.

"Anybody can ride the ship when it's sailing on smooth waters," he said. "Now, we find out what these people are made of."

Clarkston will take the first step towards moving on with the season when it hosts Berkley Friday night. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

● Boys and girls interested in participating in the NFL's Punt Pass and Kick competition should sign up at the Springfield Township Parks and Rec. office as soon as possible. The local leg of the competition takes place Sept. 12 at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve. All participants must have a birth certificate. For more information, call 634-0412.

Jv Sports

By Marc Wisniewski



JV Golf

The JV golf team had a decent week. They opened the week against Brother Rice at Oakland Hills, losing 189 to 177. Trae Morenee had the lowest score with a 45, Brian Anderson followed with a 47, and Matt Harrison shot a 48.

Last Friday the golf team had a tri-meet against Troy and Troy Athens. The Wolves beat Athens 178 to 182, but came up short against Troy, who shot a 170. Pat Cook had the low score with a 41, Derick Hool had a 42, and Jeff Walters had a 47.

"We didn't play bad at Oakland Hills, but I thought we played much better against Troy and Troy Athens," said Coach Tim Kaul.

JV Girls Basketball

The JV girls basketball team got off to a very good start beating Davison, Lapeer West, and Southfield Lathrup.

During the Davison game, Heather Combs led the team with 9 points. Sarah Morgan played very well in both the Lapeer West and Lathrup games scoring 15 points and 19 points, respectively. Britany Brewer, Jenny Winn, and Kelly Plante have also been playing very well for the Wolves.

"We've started the season off very well. We're coming into some league games which will be tougher, but we're working hard," said Coach Gary Kaul.

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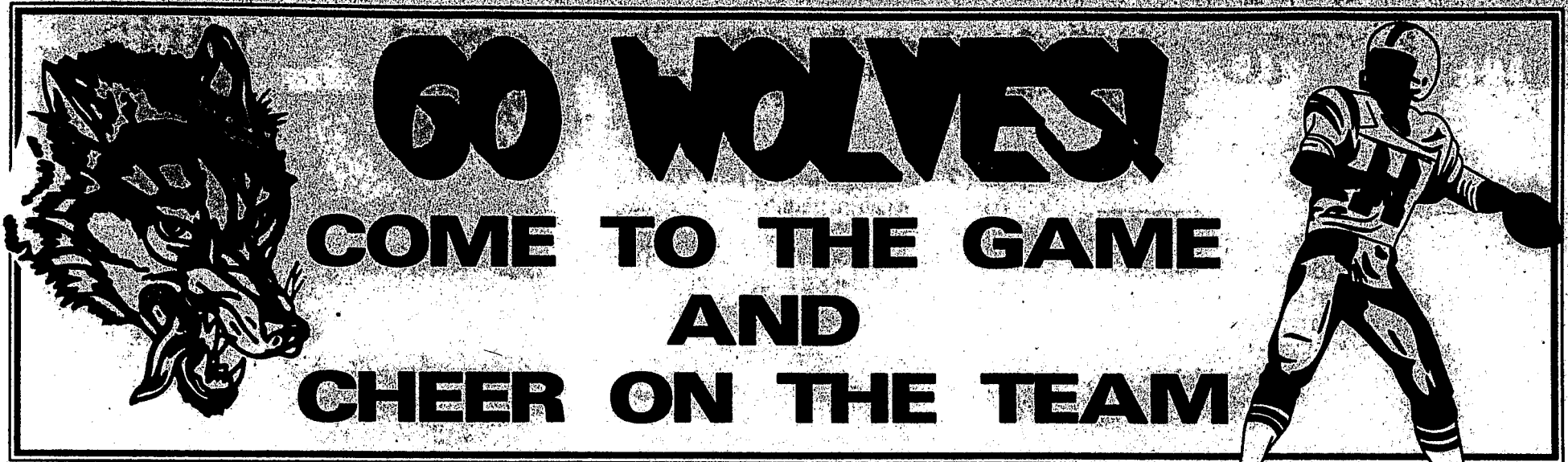
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Girls off to good start on the tennis courts

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston 6 Waterford Mott 2

For a team that has faced its fair share of adversity already this season, the Clarkston girls tennis team breezed through Wednesday's match with ease.

Thanks in part to a dominating performance by the four doubles teams, Clarkston defeated Waterford Mott 6-2 at home in the team's dual meet season opener.

Starting with the #1 doubles team of Jenny Claus and Lauren Stout, Clarkston won the doubles matches by a combined score of 38 games to 19. Included in that was a gritty win by #2 doubles team Emily Tate and Allison Olinger 7-5, 7-5.

On the singles side, junior Alaina Dodds made a smashing debut in the #1 slot, coming from behind to pull out a 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 win.

"Alaina was down 5-1 in the third set and came back to win," coach Dick Swartout said. "She showed a lot of tenacity and it was good to see her play so well so long into a match." The match lasted more than three hours.

Lauren Bogart cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 win at #3 singles.

Clarkston 8 Southfield Lathrup 0

This was a match that didn't serve much purpose, according to Swartout.

"This wasn't a good indication of how good we are," he said. "The one good thing that happened was we got some experience for the girls who played at 2, 3, and 4 singles.

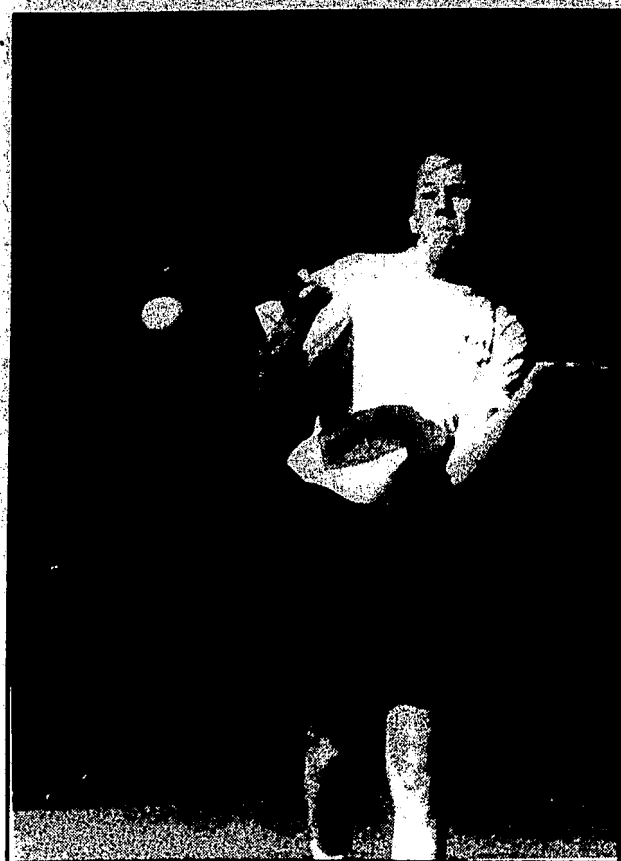
The four singles players - Bogart, Lytle, Claus and Stout - won their matches by a combined score of 24-4, 24-5.

Swartout said he is still waiting to determine his solid 1 and 2 singles players. He said no one has stepped forward and won the spots in practice, but he needs to get them filled in order for the girls to qualify for the league meet.

"We'll just let them fight it out at practice," he said.

Wednesday, the ladies welcome Royal Oak Kimball to the Clarkston courts. The match will start at 4 p.m.

"Kimball lost a lot of seniors last year, so they'll be inexperienced like us," Swartout said.



Junior Kristen Atkinson puts some power into her forehand as she returns a serve during Wednesday's match against Waterford Mott.

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13 an unlucky and a bad number for girls

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Girls Cross Country

The number 13 was not what Clarkston girls cross-country coach Deb Zonca had in mind when her team ran at Saturday's West Bloomfield Invitational.

But that's where the team finished overall, with 368 points, in a performance she called disappointing.

"I don't know what happened. We just never got into the race," she said. "We had a good hour talk after we got back and I think we realized that we can't be complacent. Other teams have been shooting for us and have improved to the point where they've passed us. We can't rest on our laurels."

Although those laurels are considerable - consistent state meet participants - the Wolves finished way down in the standings and behind league rivals like Rochester Adams (10th) and Troy Athens (9th).

Senior Megan Plante finished 13th individually (20:33), but again, that number may have come with a price.

Zonca said Plante injured her foot during the race and is questionable for Thursday's Chesaning Invitational. In addition, sophomore upstart Nicole Fischer is also injured and did not run Saturday and won't run Thursday.

Other top finishers for Clarkston were sisters Jennifer and Christina Rooding (22:23 and 22:36 respectively), Amy Hopcian (23:35) and Katie Bills (23:37).

The meet featured some of the top teams in the state, including state favorite Livonia Stevenson.

Boys

The competition was tough on the boys side at West Bloomfield as well, as the team finished eighth overall.

With defending state champion Lakeland setting the pace, Clarkston finished with 276 points, just behind Plymouth Salem.

Coach Mike Taylor said there was some adjustment in the warm weather conditions and the tough course for his team.

"I don't think we ran to our potential," he said.

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Senior Megan Plante finishes up the tough course at West Bloomfield Saturday afternoon. Plante finished 13th overall and was the top Clarkston runner at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

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Athlete of the Week: Nicole Fischer

Salut, Nicole: Dedication, enthusiasm, smiling. Those are just a few of the words girls cross-country coach Deb Zonca used to describe sophomore Nicole Fischer. Nicole made a smashing debut in her first year on the team by finishing second on the team at the Flint Carman-Ainsworth Invitational Aug. 28. Nicole, who ran the 200 and 400 for the girls track team last spring, wasn't sure how well she could handle the 3.1 mile cross-country course, so she trained during the summer, even during her family's western vacation in Arizona, Nevada, Colorado and California. As if the long miles of cross country don't keep her busy enough, Nicole plays the flute in the marching band.

Coach Deb Zonca on Nicole: "Nicole was real hesitant at first to run, but she did a great job with her summer mileage. She would even send me postcards from the Grand Canyon with her miles every week. Nicole is a very dedicated person. She will go above and beyond what people ask her to do, and she always runs with a smile on her face."

Nicole on Nicole: "My mom really helped to keep me motivated to run during the summer. It was something I wanted to do for myself to get into shape. I was worried that I could even finish a 3.1 mile race, but I'm happy I did and surprised how high I finished. I like being both in band and in athletics. It gives you a chance to meet many different people and keeps me pretty busy. I just take each day by itself, between running and band practice."



Nicole Fischer

CHS hockey team needs support

Coming off a very successful first season, the Clarkston High School hockey team needs more funding in order to compete for a state championship this season.

To help out, coaches Rick Rowden and Glenn MacDonald have organized a golf outing for Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Clarkston Creek Golf Club.

Tee time is 11:30 a.m., with a cost of \$95. That includes a New York strip steak dinner, or a fish/chicken substitute. There will be prizes and a silent auction. Tee sponsors are \$100 per hole. There is a maximum of 128 participants.

Golfers can create their own foursomes or can be placed in one. The entry deadline is Sept. 29. For more information, call Rowden at 248-698-2441, or MacDonald at (day) 313-864-6575, or (night) 248-333-3219. Donations can be mailed to the Clarkston Athletic Department at 6595 Middle Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI, 48346.

Golfers drop opener to Troy

The Clarkston boys golf team fell just a few strokes short of the Troy Colts in the team's OAA Division I opener Sept. 3.

The Wolves dropped a 159-166 decision. Three Wolves tied for the best score on the team, as Bob Schultz, Bryan Haggard and Mike Becchelli each shot a 41. The top three for Troy shot 39 apiece.

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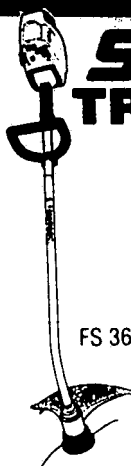
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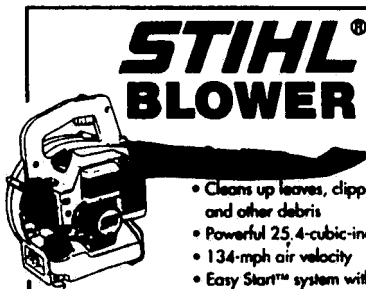
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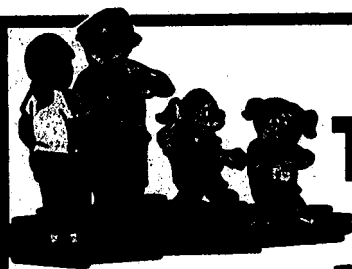
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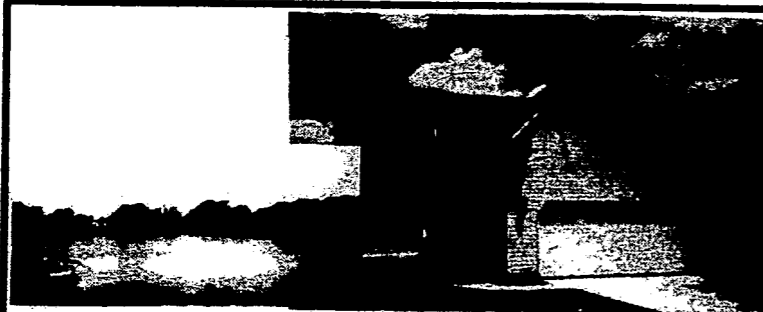
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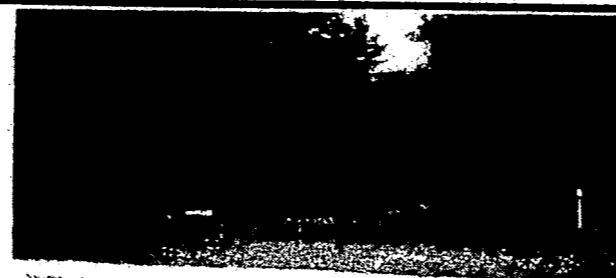
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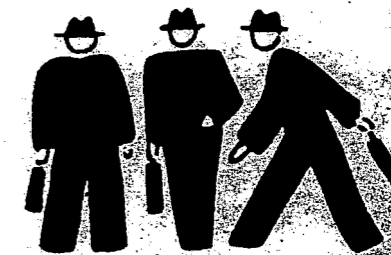


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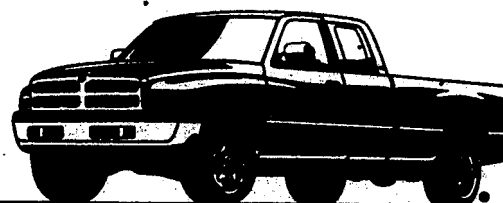
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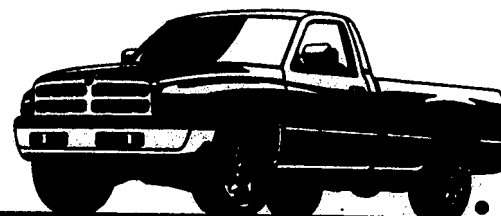


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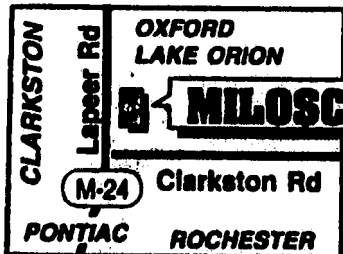
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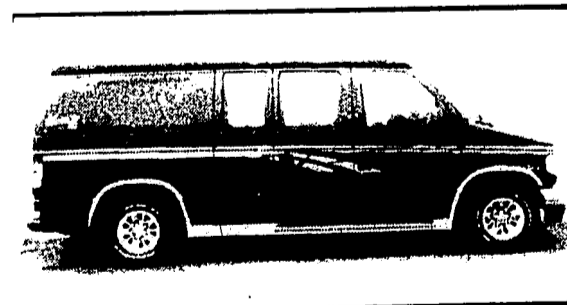
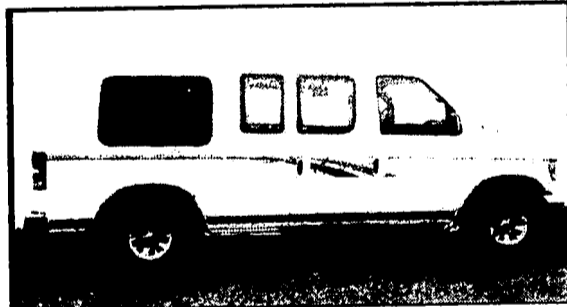
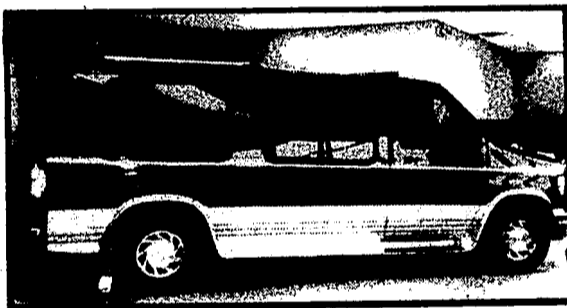
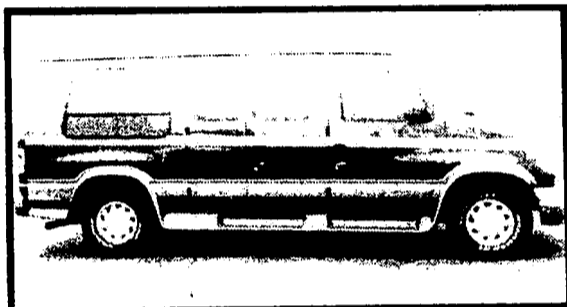
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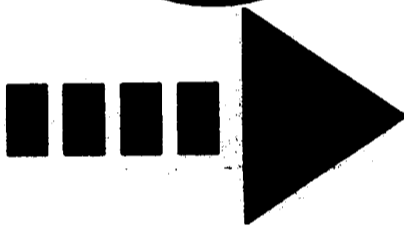
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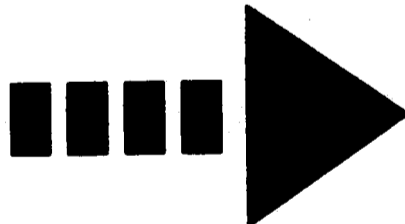
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The varsity girls basketball team is a picture of perpetual motion and off to a 3-0 start. Top, sophomore Rachel Uchman gets right in the middle of the action in the first quarter. Uchman was a force in the game, finishing with 12 points and 5 rebounds Thursday against Southfield Lathrup. At left, junior guard Deana Kanipe doesn't let anyone get in her way as she drives to the basket. Kanipe made her Clarkston debut that same night. Kanipe's quickness and slick ballhandling could go a long way towards giving the Wolves a very successful season.

Ladies stay unbeaten by grounding Chargers

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
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In its first two games, the Clarkston varsity girls basketball team had an easy time of it, winning by an average margin of 22.5 points.

But in Thursday's home opener, the Wolves needed some time to adjust to a stronger, more aggressive opponent.

Like one quarter.

Down 14-8 after the first quarter, Clarkston rediscovered its game plan and went on to outscore the Chargers in the final three quarters en route to a 58-52 OAA crossover win.

Clarkston coach Ann Serra said she was pleased with the way her team kept its composure in light of the full-court defense Lathrup was throwing at it.

"This was the first pressure defense we had seen this year," she said. "In the first quarter, we didn't get the ball inside once. But later, we were able to do that and that set up our inside/ outside offense."

Clarkston turned the momentum in the second quarter with an 11-0 run in the first four minutes. The key sequence came when senior Abby Wiley nailed a 10-foot jumper to tie the game at 14. On the ensuing inbounds pass, sophomore Candace Morgan stole the ball and made a driving layup and was fouled in a play that brought the good-sized crowd to its feet.

A minute later, sophomore Lori Wild converted a three-point play by getting her own offensive rebound. That gave the Wolves a 19-14 lead and the energy they needed.

A big revelation in this game was the superb play of sophomore Rachel Uchman. She played very big in the second half, scoring 12 points and corralling five rebounds. She also hit 5-of-6 from the free throw line, leading an improved overall team percentage from the charity stripe. Clarkston shot 24-for-37 overall, good for a 65 percent clip. In the first two games, the team shot below 50 percent from the line.

"Rachel is on varsity straight from the freshman

team last year. She never even played JV," Serra said. "This summer, she couldn't score at all, but she could really rebound and play defense. It's nice to see her improved confidence in scoring like we saw tonight."

Wild led the Wolves in scoring for the third straight game with 14. Morgan rebounded from a scoreless outing against Lapeer West with 12 points, four assists and four steals. Senior Georgia Senkyr contributed a team-high nine rebounds to go with four points, three steals and three assists.

The game also marked the Clarkston debut of junior point guard Deana Kanipe. She finished with six points and did a good job breaking down Lathrup's full court pressure with her swift ballhandling.

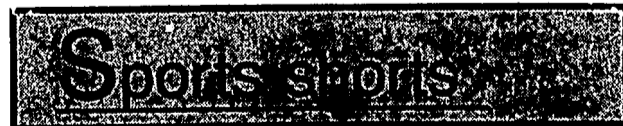
Clarkston	57
Lapeer West	32

For the second straight game, the Wolves had an easy time with a non-league opponent, this time blowing by the Lapeer West Panthers on the road Sept. 2.

But despite the 25-point win, Serra still sees a lot of room for improvement from her young and athletic team.

"We have to improve our defense and rebounding over the whole game," she said. "But that's OK that we have things to work on now. I want us to peak in November, not September."

On offense, the Wolves played the inside-outside



A new kind of golf tourney

Among the many golf tournaments through the year, the Warren Orlick Inclusion Open has a unique format. A disabled golfer will be paired with another golfer as part of a four-person scramble.

The tournament honors PGA Hall of Famer Warren Orlick, who teaches golf to physically disabled people at St. Joseph's Mercy - Oakland Hospital.

The tournament will start at noon Sept. 11 at White Lakes Golf Course in White Lake Township. For more information, call Sandy at 248-858-7596.

game very well, thanks to the improved shooting of senior Jenny Bauer and the low post action provided by Wild and junior Corinne McIntyre.

Wild was the team's leading scorer, tossing in 14 points, seven of those coming in the third quarter when Clarkston outscored West 15-2 and pulled away.

"We definitely wanted to get Lori involved early in the quarter," Serra said. "She was non-existent in the half-court offense in the first half, but when we can get her the ball, good things will happen."

Bauer, who had a rough shooting game at Davison, regained her outside touch, scoring nine points including six quick points to end the first quarter. After nailing a 3, she stole the ball in the backcourt, converted a layup and was fouled.

"Jenny has learned that if her shots aren't falling, she's got to keep shooting," Serra said. "It was nice to see a couple drop for her."

McIntyre was a big force underneath, as she scored eight points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. Even in cases where she didn't convert an offensive rebound herself, she was able to keep the play alive and another player stepped up and made the shot, or was fouled. She also made 4-of-5 from the free throw line.

"Corinne has done some super work for us in practice. She and Lori really go at it and I think they make each other better," Serra said.

The Wolves travel to Waterford Mott Thursday for a showdown with the Corsairs.

Cross country

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"We grouped our guys pretty well, but too far back to help us in the standings."

Troy Athens was the only OAA Division I team to finish ahead of Clarkston, as it took fourth with 222 points.

For the Wolves, sophomore David Sage finished 13th overall with a time of 17:03. Other top placers for Clarkston were Matt Haver, who medaled with a time of 17:29, senior Curt Brewer (18:27), and sophomores Kevin Breen and Chris Weber.