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Future royalty?

Seniors (L-R) Mike Underwood and Marla Moser share a smile, as they have just been announced as finalists for 1997 Homecoming King and Queen. Underwood and Moser were recognized at Friday morning's pre-tapping ceremony at the Clarkston High School gym. Complete with a drum corps and the entire student body, a total of 40 students were picked to be finalists for the queen, king and their respective escorts. Up next is the tapping ceremony, to take place Friday during 5th hour at the gym. By then, two lucky students will live with these honored titles of king and queen.

Next step: Locating new elementary school

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

School children may be bussed to temporary locations during the upcoming two-year remodeling project now being planned by Clarkston schools.

At a special meeting of the board of education Monday night, several options for housing children during construction were discussed. And though the board emphasized that no official plans have been made, several glimpses into the possibilities were offered.

Board president Karen Foyteck said she could envision entire classes boarding busses and being transported to a temporary location for several weeks at a time so construction work could be undertaken at their home schools. Board secretary Sheila Hughes asked about whether some portables could be used, such as those at the high school, during remodeling.

"At this point we haven't ruled anything out," said Craig Kahler, Director of Business Services. "There's a lot of options."

Craig said that the idea of moving portables can be costly and local building codes must be adhered to, even for temporary placements. Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts noted that fitting elementary curriculum into high-school portables could be a problem, as could transportation.

"That's dollars too that takes away from technology and other things we want to put in these buildings,"

he said.

What's clear is that trying to remodel buildings while children are in them is going to be difficult. The district plans to schedule as much work as possible during the summer months, but some will have to be done during school, hence the concern about moving students out of harm's way.

"I think we have to trust parents to understand everything is going to be disrupted for a short period of time, but there's going to be some disruption," said trustee Janet Thomas.

"I would rather that my kids get disrupted in one year at that school rather than be bounced around and disrupted multiple years," said parent Patty Turner.

Parent Diane Burger asked whether redistricting during construction was part of the discussion, and whether the district was still aiming for elementary schools no larger than 550 students, as previously decided.

"When the project is completely finished I would think we would be close to that," Foyteck said. Redistricting will come after all the construction work is completed.

Also at Monday's meeting, the board agreed upon what factors are important in locating a new school. However, no decision was made on where the school will end up.

"Do not be alarmed because you hear about or read about a plan," Foyteck said. "I do want to emphasize to you we are not making any decisions tonight. We are not selecting a site."

Some of the criteria the board will consider when

selecting a site, whether it's a currently owned parcel of land or not, are the following: availability of utilities, wetlands, demographic trends, safety, traffic, attendance boundaries, and impact on the neighborhood and the transportation system. Roberts said he would like to see a grading system for the sites, based upon which criteria the board deems most important.

"Among the list of seven (criteria) we may have some high priority items that we might want to weight," he said. He suggested putting cost last, saying the district should find the best site, then figure out if it can afford it.

In response to a question from the audience, Roberts said the district is still on a fast track to get the massive construction project approved by the voters last June started.

"We would hope that within the next month, at our next meeting . . . it's conceivable we could have some decision made . . . The next board meeting would be a good one for all interested parties to be at."

As far as the phasing of the remodeling project that will affect all the existing elementary and middle schools sometime during the next two years, no schedule has yet been established. The only building that is guaranteed a spot in the first phase of remodeling is Sashabaw Middle School, because of physical problems there. North Sashabaw Elementary is also expected to be part of Phase I remodeling because of its proximity to SMS.

"Let me caution you not to jump to conclusions that your child will not benefit," Foyteck said in response to a question. "Because we do not have a schedule. It will be planned very carefully."

The News in Brief

Divorce settlement week announced by county

The Oakland County Circuit Court has announced it will conduct Divorce Settlement Week the week of Oct. 27-31 in an effort to settle as many cases as possible prior to court reorganization which begins Jan. 1.

Certain divorce cases will be selected for intense negotiation with referees and private attorney facilitators who have volunteered their time. Notices are now being mailed.

The court has used similar tactics to successfully resolve civil cases.

Drunk driving now costlier than ever

On Sept. 16 the Independence Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved emergency response cost recovery rates for the township's fire department, whose employees respond to alcohol-related accidents. The fee schedule covers workers, vehicles and equipment used any time there's a drunk-driving emergency. It also includes overtime costs.

Restitution charges for Oakland County Sheriff's deputies were approved earlier when the board adopted an ordinance which cites drivers who operate their vehicles while under the influence of or impaired by intoxicants, controlled substances or a combination.

The ordinance makes them liable for expenses which, besides manpower, could also include blood, urine or breath tests. According to the ordinance, failure to pay within 30 days could result in default, then court costs if the township chooses to sue.

You can avoid all that if you follow a simple

slogan, says township fire chief Gar Wilson: "Don't drink and drive."

Commission expects budget vote

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners expects to hold a public hearing and vote on the county's 1998-99, \$555 million budget Thursday.

The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioners' auditorium, 1200 North Telegraph in the county complex. The hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. The commissioners are expected to vote after the hearing concludes.

The budget, as proposed by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and amended by the board's Finance and Personnel Committee, includes proposals for a new medical examiner's facility, a new office building and more district courthouses. It also includes 24 new positions.

Also on the agenda is an item calling for the board to censure Oakland County Community Mental Health.

Inspection ordinance to be presented by council

At the Clarkston city council's next regular meeting Oct. 13, city attorney Tom Ryan will present his first draft of a proposed inspection ordinance.

Ryan said at Monday's meeting that the ordinance would make it mandatory that all buildings, except single family residences, in the city limits be inspected once a year. The presentation will be the first reading of the ordinance, meaning changes can be made per council recommendations before it gets formally adopted.

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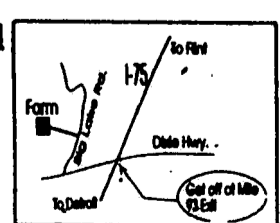
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Bridge Valley shines with state award

Springfield Township and developer receive honors

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads."

--Henry David Thoreau, "Walden"

If Thoreau had picked a place other than Walden, it might have been Bridge Valley.

But the setting is a permanent retreat for Clarkston residents Jim and Anne Evans, whose new Victorian home is nestled among tall white pines within the new development off Holcomb Rd.

"Serenity, lots of deer, good neighbors" are some of the amenities Anne Evans cites. "I think they've done a wonderful job of keeping the natural beauty which was (local pediatrician) Dr. (James) O'Neill's intention. It's really something," she said.

At one time the property was owned by Henry Ford, who used it to grow soybeans and to test and demonstrate his Ford tractor. Most recently it was owned by O'Neill, who sold it to Kirco Development, hoping it would never lose its charms.

"At sunset it's the most beautiful place in the world," said O'Neill, who spent many years with his wife and children walking on the old logging trails, building campfires, cross-country skiing in the winter, hiking in the fall. "We used to go down there every Christmas eve," he mused.

Half of the 300 acre-development falls in Independence Township, the other half in Springfield Township. Whereas Independence developed in a traditional manner, Springfield chose a "cluster option," which means smaller lots but more preserved open space.

In addition, approximately 50 acres of the Bridge Valley subdivision was deeded to the Independence Land Conservancy as a conservation easement, to protect an elaborate ecosystem.

Recently Springfield Township and Kirco received the 1997 "Bricks and Mortar" joint project Award from the Michigan Society of Planning Officials and the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association. But the development itself is the real winner, Springfield Township supervisor Collin Walls is quick to point out. Entrants came from all over the state, said Nancy Strole, Springfield Township clerk.

Walls and Strole made the application, which had to be submitted "blind," meaning criteria was evaluated but the exact location could not be designated.

The honor was presented at an awards dinner Sept. 18 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn during MSPO's annual joint conference. Both Kirco and Springfield will receive plaques, Strole said. It's a new category for developments — the first time a private development, not done by a municipality, will be recognized.

Springfield's portion is unique because of the cluster plan and "open space zoning," which sought to preserve one of "Oakland County's most environmentally important natural areas," according to an Oakland Land Conservancy Newsletter publication.

The development is part of a larger, sensitive wetland system known as Bridge Valley, which extends from the I-75 exit at Dixie Highway, northwest up to Bridge Lake, said Strole. The area is bounded by I-75, Dixie and Davisburg and Holcomb roads. In reality, it's "hundreds and hundreds of acres," she added.

According to information submitted for the award, compiled by Springfield Township, it is "one of the



Left to right, Springfield Township supervisor Collin Walls, Kirco Development Corp. marketing director Donna Turton, Springfield Township clerk Nancy Strole and land planner and project partner

Manny Kniahynycky stand next to one of several signs in Bridge Valley, citing the development's valuable ecosystem.

largest, relatively undisturbed natural areas remaining in southeast Michigan. This pre-European settlement landscape, called Bridge Valley, contains a prairie fen of state-wide significance, a relict conifer swamp, threatened species and other noteworthy features: all located within a stone's throw of a major interstate highway interchange and intense commercial development."

The ecosystem is rated "exceptional" by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory.

Land planner Manny Kniahynycky, also a partner in the project, said it took nearly two years to plan the development, through talks began four years ago between Independence and Springfield townships.

"I think it's innovative. I don't think anyone's done this before. The combination of measures we took in land planning, deed restrictions, conservation were all unusual. We fought over every tree we could. We put together such a package or integrated system for protecting this sensitive area."

Strole said the goal was "to make sure the most critical area was adequately protected," referring to the ecosystem and its rare natural features like lady slippers, wedge meadows, white cedar swamps, tamarack bogs, forests and streams.

And "it's very sensitive to any kind of impacts — to wells, septic systems, invasive plants that could destroy the area's uniqueness."

Springfield developed 73 parcels, after convincing Kirco it wanted to reduce the acreage in each lot with the cluster plan and scrutinizing the possibilities.

One agreement was to provide for 70 to 100 feet from each site to the wetlands, creating a primary buffer zone that would be left undisturbed, Strole said. "There

was a little bit of give and take. We said, push it harder, push it back more."

In addition, beautiful vistas were also left undisturbed, which could have been developed into homesites. "Access areas were opened to create vistas. Initially, we were going to put a house at one promontory. Now, it not only provides wetlands, but gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy the vistas." Kirco also agreed to dedicate the 50 acres to the ILC, she said.

Though smaller, the lots now prove to be more valuable because residents are surrounded by the glorious views and nature preserve.

"What happened was, it became an attraction ... And the developer, to his credit, is marketing that," Strole said. "I think (Kirco) deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the willingness to sit down with us, explore new ways of looking at this development, perhaps try some new ideas. And that entailed some risks."

"Preservation of open space is a practical thing to do," Walls said. "If we can convince them (the developer) to put more money in their pocket to set aside open space, it's win-win."

"It was a long, frustrating process," he said. "But it was rewarding because both the developer and the community had the same goal and the end result was fantastic."

"Any time you try something new, unique or innovative, it's more difficult," he said, adding that the teamwork between the township, the developer and the ILC turned out to be actually a three-way win.

"There's clearly an awareness of what's possible here and in other communities. We asked, 'They hiccupped a little,' he chuckled. "But they did it,"



Left to right, Clarkston Foundation past president Bob Olsen, president-elect Sherry Regiani and Clarkston Outback partners Mark Wibel and Gary Harchelroad hang out on the front porch.

Awesome Aussies invade Clarkston

Outback opens with charity benefit

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

According to the dictionary an outback is "an isolated rural country."

But a special opening held by the new Outback Steakhouse last Monday was anything but.

Teens related to Clarkston Foundation members, whose charity was targeted for a benefit, directed traffic and encouraged drivers to take advantage of another site down the street where a shuttle service was running.

In short — it was packed.

Clarkston's newest eatery includes a dining room and island bar with seating for 200 people, surrounded by Australian memorabilia that includes boomerangs, flags and, of course, Crocodile Dundee. The menu features the trademark "Bloomin' Onion" as well as steaks, prime rib, chops, ribs, chicken, seafood and pasta, accompanied by unique and delicious sauces.

A sampler platter was enjoyed heartily by those who attended and contributed a \$10 donation. Foundation president-elect Sherry Regiani said she estimated 270 people attended and \$4,000 was raised.

Clarkston Foundation raises about \$10,000 yearly to fund arts and science programs for Clarkston school children. Regiani said the proceeds "will enable us to do some projects on the back burner we've been unable to raise funds for."

One of those projects is the Chrysler Automotive Technology (summer) Program, which the Foundation couldn't afford to continue since it introduced the program in 1995.

Outback Steakhouse, 6435 Dixie Highway, officially opened to the public Sept. 16. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 4-10:30 p.m.; Friday, 4-11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 3-11:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 3-10 p.m. Phone: 620-4329.

Two teenagers arraigned in armed robbery

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two Waterford youths were arraigned in 52-2 District Court Friday on charges they robbed The Liquor Cabinet on Dixie Highway Aug. 30.

Brian Heath Maloney, 18, was charged with one count of armed robbery and one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Sept. 19. The maximum sentence for armed robbery is life, while the other charge carries a two-year maximum penalty.

The 14-year-old was charged as an adult with armed robbery. Both stood mute at arraignment. A preliminary exam for both was scheduled for Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. Maloney's bond was set at \$30,000, while the 14-year-old's is \$2,000.

Detective Don Key of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Substation said the two were tracked down when they tried to cash in winning lottery tickets they stole as part of the robbery. Key estimated the two stole 200 tickets, from which there were more than 20 winners. They also got away with \$2,500 cash.

"Winning lottery tickets have to be validated and they are traceable," Key said.

The robbery was the second time the liquor store had been robbed within about a week. In the earlier robbery Aug. 20, a lone gunman got away with cash estimated at \$1,000 and a gun stolen from the store. No one was injured in either robbery and the first one remains unsolved.

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Board does about face on investment policy

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In a dramatic reversal, Independence Township Board members changed their minds and hopped onto the band wagon with trustee Neil Wallace Sept. 16., backing his request for a quarterly reporting requirement to be included in the township's investment policy.

Wallace has been pushing for the provision before the board amends its current policy, planned for the next board meeting Oct. 7. On Sept. 2 his request was soundly defeated 5-2, with only fellow trustee Jeff McGee supporting him.

On Tuesday, the board reconsidered that motion, then voted 6-1 to include the provision, with supervisor Dale Stuart still objecting because he doesn't believe the provision belongs there. Though he doesn't back any such provision, Stuart said the matter could be handled in a separate procedural policy.

"I think that we are really batting at gnats when we're dealing with this subject, when we can handle it in a proper form without doing that," he said prior to the vote.

He also took offense to accusations that the board would be "hiding" information from the public, saying it is always public record.

"I think that it is a disservice to the board and to the community that we have hidden or intended to hide what the condition of the investments of this community are," he said.

The investment policy was adopted in 1996 after the township suffered a \$2.2 million loss under former treasurer John Lutz. With the extra provision, the township treasurer will be required to report to the board four times a year on the township's investment status.

Wenger manages about \$3 million in short-term investments, and Peter Root of Munder Capital manages roughly \$9 million of the township's long-term investments.

Before the board voted, Wallace read a lengthy prepared statement where he stressed more than "lip service" was needed for an effective policy.

He said the loss had been "a very expensive lesson for the taxpayers of this township ... Unless we require the township treasurer to report to us, the township board, and the people, this policy is absolutely useless. It is but an empty facade."

Wallace said the investment snafu was due in part to "the lack of aggressiveness" in obtaining reports from Lutz. Referring to his efforts to have Wenger make timely reports, Wallace said, "It seemed pretty clear to me that this board didn't want the treasurer reporting."

Though he appeared at first to take it personally, Wenger later admitted the provision is for the office, not the person. He said he would pledge himself to regular reporting if the board required it — even without the provision.

"I do not intend to hide it from the public or the State of Michigan. I would pledge to the board to do reporting on a quarterly, or even a monthly basis," he

said.

But eventually he, like fellow board members, clerk Joan McCrary and trustees Larry Rosso and Dan Travis, voted for the provision to be included. Most board members said they had had time to think about it since the last meeting.

McGee said he had "not yet heard a specific argument of why it couldn't be included in the investment policy."

Rosso pointed to "public perception" and said the whole board, not just the treasurer, is held accountable when things go wrong. "It's time we do it this way," he said.

"The people have every right to know and see every piece of paper we have, without question," said Travis. "If we had had any of this mechanism in place we might have avoided the fiasco. At least we would have had a signal, a clear light would have gone off. Wallace is absolutely right, when we asked for information and it was not forthcoming."

Two township residents who have been attending nearly every board meeting also voiced strong support.

Reiterating a section of Wallace's statement, Jeff Gallant said, "Policies are not needed when you have a diligent board and an excellent treasurer. You don't have to tell an honest man how to behave. I think you have to focus on the worst of times, not the best of times we enjoy now. Taxpayers need to know where their money is. There can be no stronger place than in a financial policy."

Peggy Dryer agreed. "I just don't understand why you can't say something to someone who's using your funds. ... because that's what I thought we did in a free society."

● The board approved parks and recreation director Ann Conklin's request for a concept plan to begin studying the possibilities for a new senior citizens center. "We've got an old facility and a tired facility," Conklin said later, referring to the long-standing center in Clintonwood Park.

● A request to rezone 1.35 acres on Sashabaw from industrial office park to office service two received a second reading and approval, 7-0. Dr. Bryan Cornwall plans to next submit a site plan to the planning commission for a future veterinarian hospital.

● The board approved an amendment to the investment policy, stating that any sale that results in a realized loss of \$100,000 or more must have prior approval from the board.

● Wenger said he thought the board should consider hiring investment advisor Ken Carroll on an hourly basis, rather than at the current rate of \$4,500 a quarter. The board agreed to look at that possibility in January, the start of the next fiscal year.

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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

Walls tumbling down

I hate to see what is happening to my favorite business in town, Morgan's Service. And I know a lot of other people feel the same way.

Grappling with the problem of what to do with leaky underground storage tanks has been a thorn in the side for some years now. Clarkston is not exempt when it comes to contaminated water from leaking tanks.

But the sad thing is that the Morgans seem to have done everything that was asked of them, and now they're standing by helpless as their business literally crumbles before their eyes. A few years back the state of Michigan had a fund, called MUSTFA, that helped pay to remove leaking underground tanks. We can argue the merits of having government pay for a problem that was caused by private business, but that's another column. That fact is that there was a public health problem and something had to be done about it.

Now MUSTFA has gone broke, and there are still sites that need to be cleaned up. Morgan's is one example. A couple of years ago, workmen dug on Church St. and installed a monitoring system funded by MUSTFA. It was to filter the leaking oil from a tank difficult to remove because it was too close to the building. But MUSTFA went bankrupt before the monitoring could begin, leaving Morgans to foot the bill—some \$32,000 a year. They decided to close down their gas tanks instead.

Ironically—and this part kills me—the Morgans now say they've been told the monitoring system wouldn't have worked anyway. It was designed for gas, not oil, which was the problem here. So the whole new system's been torn up. With investments like that, we can understand why MUSTFA went under.

For the Morgans, who've owned the place since 1932, this has been a tough couple of weeks. They've gotten rid of their contamination problem, but at tremendous cost. They've had to stand by and watch as their building fell apart and as their crews tore up a city street. I can't imagine what the bill will be for putting it all back together.

They do a great job at Morgans, as I've said before. They give you a good job for a fair price. People like this don't deserve to be driven out of business, and our community would miss them, of that I'm sure.

I'm all for environmental clean up. But it seems apparent, at least in this case, that the state has some questions to answer to.

AND BY THE WAY: Are Americans stupid, or what? Senator Jesse Helms wants to bar U. S. service people from making claims against \$1.3 billion in Iraqi funds frozen in the U. S. Those claims would be based on Gulf War-related illnesses. However Helms wants to allow the biggest tobacco companies to have first crack at the money. What's wrong with this picture?

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Board does the right thing

The Independence Board of Trustees deserves two thumbs up for backing trustee Neil Wallace's pitch for a quarterly reporting requirement to be included in the township's investment policy.

Four board members changed their minds after the motion was defeated at an earlier meeting. We're pleased they did.

Even though supervisor Dale Stuart says the current portfolio is sound, we shudder to think about what could happen if the board doesn't watchdog the taxpayers' money.

And, like Wallace, we wince every time we remember the past mistake. We don't want to see history repeat itself. What better insurance than a reporting requirement, fitting snugly into the policy to protect future generations?

Though Stuart maintains the provision isn't necessary, we agree with trustee Jeff McGee who said we

"have not heard a specific argument of why it couldn't be included in the investment policy."

The provision means you, I and the board will know, four times a year, just how our money is being handled. We will know if things are rosy or if they're risky.

We also applaud two residents for standing up to the board and demanding a provision that concerns THEIR money. Peggy Dryer said we do such things in a free society. And Jeff Gallant said such policies aren't just needed just in the worst of times.

"We don't need reporting for the good times, we need it all the time to avoid the bad times," said Wallace in a prepared statement to fellow board members. Without the reporting requirement the policy becomes just "an empty facade."

We say, amen. EMC

Letters to the editor

Thank you Clarkston

Those of you who were lucky to have known my brother-in-law, Chris Nicholas, will remember that back in 1956 he moved his wife Nia and two small sons Louis and Paul, to Clarkston. He bought a small "greasy spoon, the Tally-Ho, at the corner of Dixie and M-15 and turned it into one of the busiest 24-hour-a-day restaurant in the area - the best home-made bread, it was great toasted, and fried chicken to die for (no Kentucky Fried back then). Later, before anyone else, he put in pizza ovens and had the best and only pizzas in the area.

Who can forget that "horrible" Tally-Ho sign that was higher than the building? Chris had to appear before the Township Board for approval.

Although it wasn't approved, justice prevailed (the grandfather clause) and Chris kept his sign.

For many of the young locals, their first job was working for Chris at the Tally Ho. Later, when my father retired, he worked part-time for Chris doing all the food prepping. He was "grandpa" to young and old alike. Chris knew everyone in the Village and everyone knew Chris.

Later he bought the Tally-Ho Bar next door, from Leona. After a time, he sold his business, but a few years later he got it back. I guess that was meant to be because Chris always had a dream. We got together in 1979 and decided to make that dream come true, a new and bigger family restaurant. Thus, "Alexander's" was born, named by his son Lou for his idol "Alexander the Great." We opened for business in January of 1980. Chris had come to America as a young lad of 10 and had experienced the American Dream before he died on Thanksgiving Day in November of 1990. Paul, Vern and I carried on that dream.

Now it's time for Vern and I to enjoy our retirement years so we decided to sell Alexander's to someone who could do it justice. We're getting too tired to keep up with the times.

(The most difficult part is that we won't be able to see the many friends that we have made over the years. We live in Clarkston and will continue to live here during our retirement.

You can find Vern every morning at the Village Bake Shop having his coffee, reading the newspaper

and discussing "world affairs" with the old-timers—"I'm one of them now"—or working around the house on another project or at our Carry-Out "Little Louie's". Thanks, Clarkston, for the best 20 years. We love you all.

Martha Savas Post
Vern Post
Paul Nicholas

Crafts & Cider a success again

To the editor:

The Clarkston Community Historical Society Board of Directors would like to thank all the people and organizations who made the Crafts and Cider Festival a huge success again this year. First and foremost, our thanks to the City of the Village of Clarkston for allowing the festival to take place in Depot Park. An extra thank-you to the DPW for their hard work getting the park ready and cleaning up afterward. We appreciate your time and effort.

Several companies provided goods or services for free or at reduced cost. Thank you for helping us keep costs down so that more money can be given back to the community.

Without volunteers, hosting the festival would be impossible. Thanks to the members of the Historical Society who came and donated a few hours of their time over the weekend to sell cider. We would also like to thank members of the Clarkston High School Blue and Gold Club and the National Honor Society for their help on Sunday. They were ready and willing to pitch in wherever they were needed.

And finally, thank-you to the community for coming out and supporting the festival in spite of the rainy weather on Saturday. We hope that everyone had a great time, and we look forward to serving the community again next year.

Sincerely,
Tom Smith, President
Kim Huttenlocher, Vice President
Clarkston Community Historical Society

People poll

By Eileen McCarville

What do you think about President Clinton's proposal to raise the price of cigarettes to \$1.50 a pack?

NANCY LAWREY, WATERFORD: I think it's terrible. What really gets me, they're complaining about the cigarettes so much but they're not doing anything about alcohol ... You can't smoke on an airplane but you have to sit next to a drunk. And you can't kill anyone on the road with a cigarette.



VICKI KATCHMARK, DAVISBURG: I think it's great — yeah! Me and my husband think it's great because he's trying to quit smoking. Maybe it's the incentive he needs.



CHARLIE JACQUES, LAKE ORION: For one thing, if he's trying to raise tax money, I don't think he's going to collect any more revenue because, more and more, people will stop smoking. The main smokers are probably the poorest people.



JAMIE PHELPS, CLARKSTON: I guess it doesn't really affect me. I don't really take it into consideration. But maybe, me being young and smoking, it'll give me more of a reason to quit.



RICK CARLSON, DAVISBURG: I'm an ex-smoker. Maybe it'll help people quit. I don't know how people afford it now.



15 YEARS AGO (1982)

Resident Gary Sutton blasts the Clarkston Village Council Monday, urging it to take another look at the power of the Historic District Commission. Sutton's application to aluminum side and insulate his 80-year-old home on Holcomb was denied by the commission last week. Two weeks earlier that same commission approved a duplicate plan for a Miller Rd. residence. Both homes are located in the historic district. "I feel personally you have created a monster," Sutton tells council. Council president Jackson Byers moves to appoint a special committee to review procedure, look at guidelines and recommend ordinance changes. "It appears the ordinance has divided our people," he says.

Negotiations have all but stopped between the Clarkston Community School District and the Clarkston Education Association. The teams met for only about one hour last week; the next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 7. "I have no idea when we're going to settle this thing," says Conrad Bruce, chief negotiator for the school district.

The Clarkston Village Players open their 21st season with "Romantic Comedy" by Bernard Slade, author of "Same Time Next Year." Starring in the lead roles are Norman E. Davis and Suellen Fausel. Other players include Judy Rood, Lee Ann Woolcox and Denny LaLone. Larry McGee is director and Chuck Haskins producer.

25 YEARS AGO (1972)

Agreement on the part of the developer to abide by acre-and-a-half lot sizes has quelled the fears of Reese Rd. residents, who worried about city-type development in their neighborhood. Larry Mattingly informs the Independence Township Planning Commission that he will accept the larger lot sizes in lieu of 15,000 square-foot sites.

The Clarkston Wolves drop their season opener, 27-20, facing the Oxford Wildcats in the first of a nine-game football schedule. Skip Kennedy totals four touchdowns for his Oxford teammates. Those scoring for Clarkston include Larry Miracle, Dave Whitehead and Greg Swanson.

The Clarkston Jaycees announce their 11th annual Junior Miss Pageant at Clarkston High School. The theme for this year's pageant is "Up, Up and Away." Contestants are judged in areas that include scholastic achievement, physical fitness, poise and

appearance, creative and performing arts and an interview with the panel of judges. The young senior-class woman selected will be awarded a scholarship to the college of her choice.

50 YEARS AGO (1947)

What can an 85-year-old woman do to lighten the burden borne by men for whom wars have no ending? About a year and a half ago Mrs. Jessie Field Campbell of Clarkston determined she could and would do something for the hospitalized veterans of this state. For the past 18 months she has crocheted warm, beautiful afghans and bed coverings for the sufferers, assuring them they would never be forgotten by the people "outside." In recognition of this outstanding gift, the American Legion will honor her publicly at a special ceremony Oct. 10.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Maureen O'Hara and John Payne in "Miracle on 34th Street" and Ginger Rogers and David Niven in "Magnificent Doll." Showing at the Drayton Theatre are Alan Ladd and William Bendix in "Calcutta" and Joan Caulfield and William Holden in "Dear Ruth."

Specials at the Village Market include Bake Rite, a 3-pound can for 95 cents; fresh pork liver, 31 cents a pound (reporter's note: who cares? Yuch!); frozen raspberries, 39 cents a package; and beef short ribs, 28 cents a pound.

60 YEARS AGO (1937)

On Tuesday Mrs. Edward Wieland and her daughter, Mrs. C.A. Kitchen, are quite surprised when a group of friends gathers at their home to help them celebrate their birthdays, which happen to fall on the same day. A very delicious cooperative luncheon is served, with a lovely birthday cake made by Mrs. I.F. Walter. A pleasant afternoon is spent visiting, in which Mrs. Wieland and Mrs. Kitchen receive best wishes from all their friends.

Featured at the Holly Theatre are John Beal and Harry Carey in "Border Cafe," Dick Foran in "Cherokee Strip," Robert Montgomery, Marion Davies, Frank McHugh and Patsy Kelly in "Ever Since Eve" and Kay Francis and Errol Flynn in "Another Dawn."

Specials at Rudy's include hamburger, two pounds for 35 cents; bacon strips, a quarter a pound; pastry flour, five pounds for 19 cents; shortening, two pounds for 29 cents; and fresh cranberries, two pounds for 35 cents.

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Here's what you gotta' do



From the Mail Bag . . .

Occasionally one of the handful of Don't Rush Me readers likes to write me a letter. Some are nice, most take me to task, others just like to have fun with something I've written about.

Those are the best kinds of letters. Here's one from Sue Bellairs of Oxford Township, responding to my fishing trip column of August 20. This was my Canadian fishing trip where all caught fish, 'cept yours truly.

Sept. 10, 1997

Dear Mr. Rush (excuse me dear readers, my dad was Mr. Rush. You all can call me Don, from now on),

I do believe that I might have some good suggestions for catching fish on your next fly-in fishing vacation. Having made it through my first of such trips, I have learned more than just some new fishing terminology. For instance:

1) Do not listen to Mr. Sherman (of Jim's Jottings fame) about taking a small tackle box. Take two of everything because you must pay the snare monster his due.

2) You must stay in your boat, on the lake, rod in hand, line in water. This is imperative. Up at dawn —

out till dusk.

3) Take several Johnson's Silver Spoons. They caught the big pike. Unfortunately, our tackle box was void of the little darlings. A valuable lesson.

4) Don't be so cheap! Pay the extra for the live bait. If you want the granddaddy walleye — you gotta pay the price.

5) The last day is most important. This is the day you finally understand when to jig and when to use the crawler harness. This is the day you find all the great spots. Don't despair. Catch all you can on that day and instead of a day-by-day journal, just give your grand tally.

Word of caution. Fishing is not a high exercise sport. Be very prudent when consuming those good meals. Keep in mind that you will be returning on that same small plane that brought you there! Leaving your toothbrush behind will not help.

Keep Fishing!

Sue Bellairs

P.S. Yes, I did catch fish — along with a cold and blistering sunburn.

What is Sue trying to tell me?

Focus on the family

By Dr. James Dobson, sponsored by First Missionary Church

QUESTION: My husband is a good man, but he gets angry at the kids and says things that he later regrets. Help me convince him to be careful about these off-the-cuff comments.

DR. DOBSON: Psychologist and author Abraham Maslow once said, "It takes nine affirming comments to make up for each critical comment we give to our children." I believe he is right. All normal human beings respond negatively to criticism and rejection. Conversely, some of us crave affirmation so much that we'll do almost anything to get it.

Children are especially vulnerable to those who use affirmation to manipulate them. As someone said, "Whoever gives your kids praise and attention has power over them." That could be a drug dealer, a gang member, or anyone who could harm them.

People with evil intentions know how to use praise to get what they want from lonely kids. This is, in fact, the technique routinely used by pedophiles to abuse their victims sexually.

The average pedophile abuses 150 children in the course of a lifetime. Each sexual exploitation lasts for seven years, typically, before the truth comes to light. And how do they accomplish that? A highly skilled pedophile can enter a room full of children and instantly spot those who are vulnerable to affirmation. They can have those needy kids under their control in five minutes or less.

All human beings have deep psychological needs for love, belonging and affection. If you don't meet those longings in your children, I can assure you someone else will.

More letters

Task Force honors unsung heroes

Dear editor,

There are many people across all sectors of our community of Clarkston who are setting a positive example for youth and establishing meaningful relationships with them. So what is this new buzzword, this radical approach to youth, this "developmental asset" thing?

Research has identified 40 positive building blocks that every person needs to grow up healthy, competent and responsible. When the majority of these "developmental assets" are in place in a young person's life, it's more likely that she or he will make positive life choices and grow up to be a productive citizen. But is this such a new concept? Isn't it just common sense? The answer is "yes" and "no"!

In previous generations, many of these developmental assets occurred naturally--through the connections of extended family, church involvement, and a general attitude of caring and commitment to youth in neighborhoods. But somehow in our present-day, fast-paced, highly mobile society, we have lost touch with many of those social and inter-generational connections that in previous decades helped youth to feel valued by the community.

As community leaders and interested citizens (both youth and adults) become active in the community coalition process in Clarkston, we hope people will begin to consciously focus on the idea of developmental assets. It is a barometer for young people to know in which areas they may need further growth; it is a tool for the community to see new and creative ways to support and encourage meaningful relationships with young people (even the ones who don't live in your own house!)

We want to honor and celebrate many of the "unsung heroes" and "wise elders" across all sectors of our community of Clarkston--the people who are already investing much of their personal time and energy into being an "asset-builder" for youth. We invite you to nominate someone you know, who has made outstanding personal effort to encourage, mentor, and value youth either as individuals or in groups. This could be either in long years of past community service to both youth and families, or in specific efforts during the past year. Consider both formal and informal settings, secular and religious, neighborhoods and after-school programs, planned and random acts of asset-building. Please send us your name and phone number, the name of the person nominated (their organization, if applicable) and a 50-100 word description of this person's personal asset-building effort and/or character qualities.

On October 27, we will honor these individuals

at the first annual "Clarkston Cares" Awards Dinner, held at Clarkston Creek. Please mail your nominations to:

Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth
PO Box 702
Clarkston, MI 48347

Cindy Dixon

Fire dept. saves a life

Thanks to the Independence Township Fire Department and Paramedics.

Thursday, Sept. 18, 1997. I was moving some trash beside my garage and was attacked by a swarm of bees. I got stung a number of times. As I am allergic to bee stings I was in big trouble. I started to swell up around my hands and legs. My lungs started to close and I knew I had to have help soon. I couldn't get ahold of my doctor so I called the Fire Department. Within 5 minutes they were at my home. The paramedics gave me shots, oxygen and intravenous feeding.

Immediately I recovered but with a swelling in my throat they took me to the hospital. I spent the rest of the day in the hospital and am now completely recovered.

Dr. Basse of the hospital said that I had about 30 minutes without treatment; after that time I would have been in bad trouble.

So, I am sure the Fire Dept. saved my life and I want to say thanks, thanks, thanks to them.

Bob Jones

In praise of local dentist

Congratulations to your community of Clarkston, MI. I want you to know that you have a wonderful dentist in town: Dr. John W. Stevenson D.D.S. of 22 South Main Street.

My mother, Frances Schasser, lives at the Country Ladies Estate, an assisted living home. She has Alzheimer's and cancer and is failing. Dr. Stevenson had done extensive work on my Mom's teeth, including some very expensive bridge work and just recently repaired a tooth that was giving her great difficulty. If I may add, Dr. Stevenson volunteered his services at no cost to my mom. I would also like to include his staff. They took very special care in helping my mom to our auto, all the way to the parking lot.

Bernadine Schasser

Express your opinion!

Write a letter to the editor

CHS life

By Kevin Kosbab

So where's the pool?

Hello! I'm a lowly freshman at Clarkston High School, and I'll be writing a column here every other week or so. Hopefully I'll be able to give you a better understanding of what life is like here.

Has it really been a whole month since school started? I'm still getting used to the place! The biggest problem I've found with the high school is its size and the number of people in it. Silly me, I had thought I was going to be the only person in the whole building.

As you are probably aware, the school is over 800 students above capacity right now. Nevertheless, this concept cannot be fully understood until you're standing in the intersection of a few corridors, with bodies coming at you from every angle--and naturally this produces a lovely domino effect.

After I'd discovered the intersection survival guidelines, a curious and severe omission from our student handbooks, my problem was finding and retaining my orientation in the halls. The building has a perfectly logical layout when sitting in the comfort of your own home looking at a map; completely the opposite when in the high school amid hundreds of other people. I think navigating the subway system in Boston, where I lived for a year, may have been easier than finding classes, even if I don't have to worry about the doors gliding shut on my foot or a trailing backpack.

Inevitably, the counselors thought it amusing to throw my friends and me into none of the same classes. This seems to be the case for everybody. When we looked at our schedules for the first time at one of the numerous orientation meetings, we thought there must be some sort of evil conspiracy at work, but we've now come to accept that it wasn't a conspiracy, it was just a computer program trying to irritate us. Despite the lack of classes together, I can still talk to my friends due to overlaps in lunch periods. And since over half of the students here didn't go to my middle school, I'm getting to know new people.

As much as I complain, it all works out fine. I'm stunned that time between classes is adequate and I have yet to be late to a class. The cafeteria is never as full as we've been led to believe. So far, homework is moderate--of course, now that I've said that, they'll start packin' it on. And I am getting used to the building's layout and the masses of students within. All I have to do now is determine how to get to the pool on the roof that the seniors keep telling me about...

Raffle raises \$8,000

Judy King is the lucky winner of a kit car raffled off Saturday night after the Clarkston Invitational.

After all the marching bands had finished their competition, the band boosters and Clarkston Rotary pulled the lucky name on the raffle. About \$8,000 was raised, half of it for each charity.

John Coval, president of the band boosters, and Dick Ayers, raffle chairperson for the Rotary Club, each said the money raised would go into their organizations' general funds for support of many projects.

Coval said the band boosters generally purchase equipment the school district cannot provide, and are interested in a new string program which just got underway this year in the middle schools.

"We enhance an already good program," he said.

The Rotary has a number of projects it supports each year. "As things come to us throughout the year we always give," said Ayers. "We didn't earmark it (the raffle) for any venture... I think it's kind of neat too that the ticket sales are 50-50." Each group sold about \$4,000 worth of tickets at \$10 each.



Ruth Coulson shows off her beautiful pottery.



Sally Rodenbach and her children Collin and Alex ooh and ahh over flowers sold by the Clarkston Garden Club.

Crafts and Cider

The weekend turned out surprisingly pleasant for exhibitors at the 22nd annual Clarkston Crafts and Cider Festival Sept. 20-21.

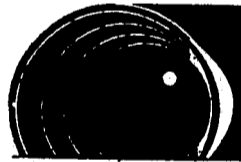
Though the sky looked ominous, only a few sprinkles fell during what appeared to be the perfect fall weekend.

Over 100 crafters from Michigan and surrounding states took part during the event sponsored by the Clarkston Community Historical Society. Proceeds went toward the Independence Township Library's historical room and a local history book now used in Clarkston schools.

— By Eileen McCarville

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Chapter 13 is for consumers with a debt load under \$1 million. Finally, Chapter 12 is for farmers.

No one likes to face this possibility, but sometimes it's the best option if your debts exceed your ability to pay. We will help you consider all the options available to you which best cover your situation. We urge you to ask us questions about any aspect of the law which concerns you. At my office (620-1030), we handle civil matters as well as business and family law, and work in the areas of medical malpractice, personal injury, and auto accidents. Our offices are at 11 North Main Street.



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Alexander's sold; will become Duggan's West

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Look out, Big Mac. Here comes Big Chief.

The Big Chief Burger is one of several menu items that will be offered by the new Duggan's Irish Pub West in Clarkston.

Bill Grannis, who owns two Opa's restaurants, one in Clarkston, the other in Lake Orion, said he and partner Larry Payne Sr., who owns the original Duggan's in Royal Oak, clinched the deal last week. Their new enterprise will be established in the 19-year-old Alexander's Restaurant on Dixie, just south of M-15.

The menu will be the same as Duggan's, Grannis said—standard American fare with the signature burgers, pizza and ribs. The new owners were granted approval by the Independence Township Board of Trustees last week for a dance/entertainment liquor license for the new Duggan's West.

Alexander's was operated by Martha and Vern

Post and Chris Nicholas, who took over what had once been the Tally-Ho from her brother-in-law Chris Nicholas, who had owned it since 1956. In 1979 it became Alexander's. The Posts are now retiring and decided it was time to sell. They plan to remain in the Clarkston area.

Grannis said he'd heard the Posts were retiring. "I contacted Larry and he made it happen," Grannis said. "We're excited to be partners. He's a good friend of mine and he works day and night. So do I. We have a good work ethic so we're going to put it together."

Grannis said he has no plans to leave his two family-style restaurants, famous for their Coney Islands and Greek specialties. He currently splits his time between the two eateries.

Payne, in addition to Duggan's, also owns to other eateries, Woody's Diner in downtown Royal Oak and Payne's Woodward Inn in Berkley. His son Larry Payne Jr. and Norman Sugden, slated to be the Duggan's West manager, are also partners.

The Duggan's repertoire will include its special sauce, which is bottled and sold; an artichoke dip, a

"heart smart" menu, rotisserie chicken and turkey and seafood specials such as whitefish, salmon and the occasional lobster, Payne said. Prices are expected to be "affordable," he added.

Intense renovations are being planned. Payne said the building may go green in keeping with the Irish pub theme. He plans to add a knotty pine and tin interior with seating for 200 people.

The restaurant will be closed for several weeks for remodeling; the new owners hope to have it open by Thanksgiving. Some staff are expected to come from the other Duggan's restaurant.

Payne also built the former Long Branch Saloon in Oxford, now a Mr. B's. He is a member of the Royal Oak Trolley Committee and is interested in being part of his new community.

"It's a great thing. You've got to get involved in the town. And in Clarkston, too, we want to do that. We get people to come to our place, we like to give back. That's the only way to do it."

Editor Annette Kingsbury contributed to this report.

NEWS

OF HEALTH

Chlorine: You Really Can't Live Without It

(NAPS)—The good news is chlorine is our friend. There is also good news of progress against cholera, a gastrointestinal infection caused by the bacterium *Vibrio Cholerae* in drinking water. Symptoms are severe diarrhea and vomiting which can cause such acute water loss that death results in hours. Because the disease can also be spread by food that has been washed with infected water, many communities in countries such as Mexico and Cost Rica are taking precautions by ensuring the purity of their water supplies.



Fortunately, chlorine kills the cholera virus on contact. Chlorination—the introduction of elemental chlorine into the water supply—is a sure way to eliminate the cholera virus and is considered absolute protection against the disease. Of the three methods of chlorination in common use today—gas chlorination, dry powder and liquid—gas chlorination is the safest, and generally the most economical and effective.

To help prevent the spread of cholera in South and Central America, communities throughout Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Mexico have installed Regal Gas Chlorinators, manufactured by Chlorinators, Inc., of Palm City, Florida. The gas is available in safe steel cylinders, that can be drawn off under a vacuum and is introduced into the water supply with the moderately priced chlorinators. The Regal Chlorinators are widely used because their design makes them inherently safe and they require little or no maintenance under adverse conditions.

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through stories, games and other educational activities. Cost is \$4 and the series is open to ages 8-11. Call 625-0877 to register.

● Habitat for Humanity North will hold an informational meeting, open house and office shower on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 14 Judson, Pontiac. Come see Habitat's new office in the lower level of the church; donations of office items will be accepted. The church is located just south of the Phoenix Center between the two loops of Wide Track. For more details call 338-1843 or 627-6011.

● A fund-raiser cookbook is being put together by Clarkston Wolves football and the community is invited to share favorite recipes for tailgates, Super Bowl parties, etc. Send recipes and \$10 for each

cookbook order to Debbie Clement, 6546 Walters Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346. Include your student's name, sport and number to be printed with your recipe. For more information call 625-9329.

● Planning for college is the topic of a free program at the Independence Township Library on Monday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Licensed professional counselor Sheryl Krasnow will cover finding the right college program, high-school course choices, getting the most out of college visits and the admissions process. Parents and students in all high-school grades are invited.

Then on Monday, Dec. 1 and 8, Krasnow will return to present "Dollars for College." The two-part seminar will cover financial aid, including definitions, college costs and government programs.

● A sacred dance workshop series begins Sept. 27 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. No previous dance experience is necessary. Planned choreography will prepare you for events during the liturgical calendar year. Teacher is Sue Deacon. For more information call 625-4558.

● An after-school series begins Sept. 24 at the Independence Oaks Nature Center. Each week members of the fabulous feline family will be investigated

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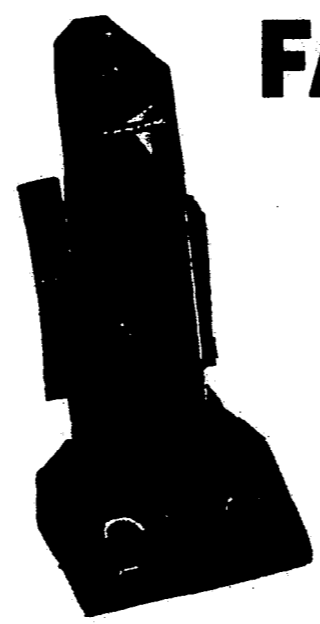
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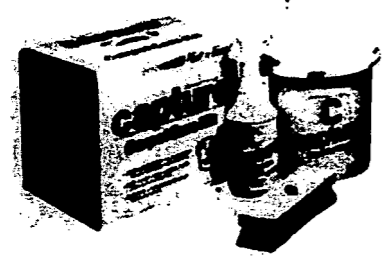
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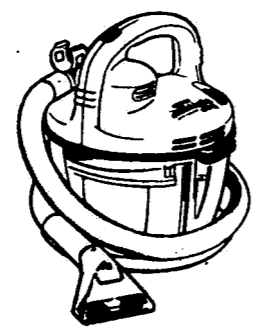
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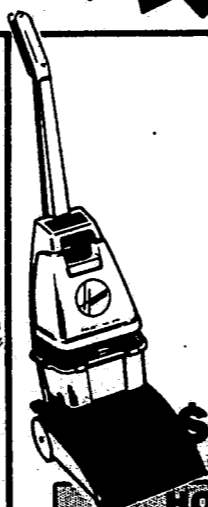


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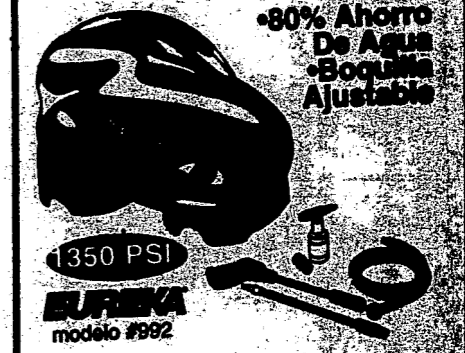
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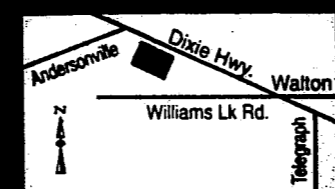
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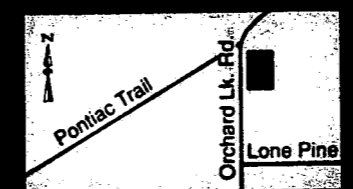
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● The Clarkston Task Force will offer a parenting workshop called "Up With Parents" Sunday, Oct. 12, 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Daniel's Church. Created by author and humorist Dr. Larry Koenig, the program will let parents laugh themselves silly while walking away with wonderful new ways to build self-esteem and get their children self-motivated to follow the rules of home and school. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door and are available at St. Dan's or through the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. For registration and child care call 625-1750.

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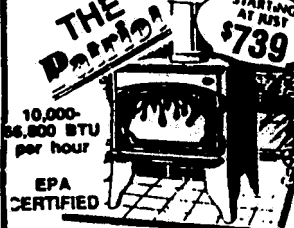
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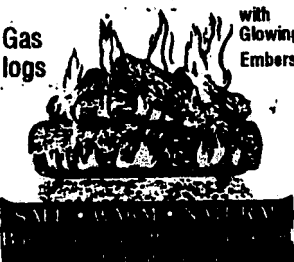
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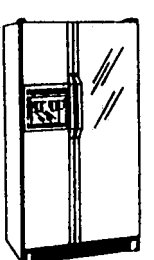
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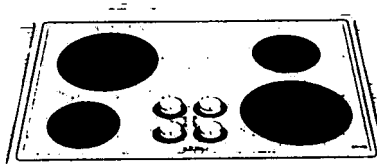
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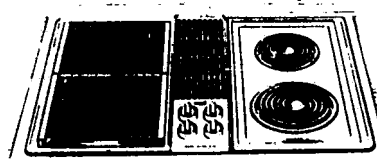
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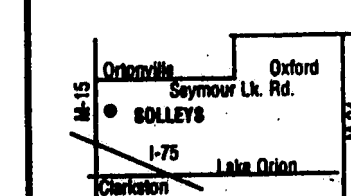
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On Oct. 7, Crittenton will offer a free exam by a staff urologist. You must make an appointment by calling 652-5269.

At Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and its eight Oakland County satellite centers, for \$10 you get the blood test and a digital rectal exam. You must make an appointment by calling 338-5191.

The American Cancer Society says prostate cancer screening is advised annually from age 45 on for African-American men and men with a family history of the disease, and from age 50 for all men.

Prostate cancer is the most common form of malignancy in men and the second leading cause of cancer death (behind lung cancer) in American men. Approximately one in nine will develop the disease, but when detected early it is curable.

Screening before symptoms occur can detect tumors at a stage more favorable for treatment. Some abnormal PSA test results are due to benign conditions.

The risk of prostate cancer is 34 percent higher for African-American men than for white men. While the exact cause of prostate cancer is unknown, age

'Most cases of early prostate cancer cause no symptoms, which is why screening . . . is so important.'

Cal Morgan, American Cancer Society

and race appear to be the biggest risk factors. Chances of getting prostate cancer increase rapidly after age 50, with peak incidence occurring around age 65.

"The encouraging news about prostate cancer is that if found early, the five year survival rate is 99 percent," says Cal Morgan, Vice President for the

Southeastern Region of the American Cancer Society. "Most cases of early prostate cancer cause no symptoms, which is why screening with PSA and DRE is so important."

For more information on prostate cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Free shots

An immunization clinic will be offered by the Oakland County Health Division at the United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint St. in Lake Orion on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, HIB and Hepatitis B will be available. A parent or legal guardian must accompany children under 18 and bring previous records of immunizations.

The next clinic at this location will be Nov. 12. For more information call 858-1305.

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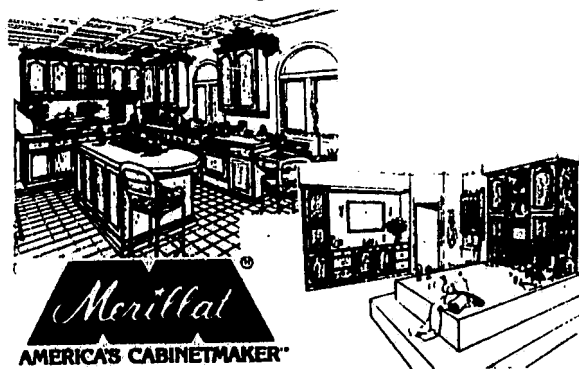
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P.S. Drinking alcoholic beverages does not cause rosacea, but it can aggravate the problem, as can sun, cold, wind, hot drinks, spicy food, and facial products (such as witch hazel) that cause stinging.

Talk starts on athletics funding

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

For the last two years, the athletic budget for Clarkston schools has run in the red, simply because the board of education could not decide how much money to put into it from the general fund. Monday night, it became apparent why.

In a nearly two-hour discussion, the board, administration and athletic director Dan Fife revealed that they really don't know how much it costs to run the program because they don't have strict accounting of the contributions from outside booster groups. That is about to change.

Though no formal action was taken, Fife went home with a clear directive to bring back solid figures to the board so it can begin to make policy about what it will pay for and what it won't, and how it will reach such decisions in the future.

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said that in the past, when it came time to build a budget, the district simply looked at what it had spent the year before and adjusted from that.

"The board is looking for concrete figures from the administration in what it takes to run a program," he said after the meeting. "We haven't been able to get that information just because of its complexity. We're getting closer. We're trying to come up with a different view of athletics, a more team-oriented view of budget

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School superintendent Dr. Al Roberts

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Roberts stressed that this doesn't mean a shrinking of the board's commitment. As Fife pointed out, Clarkston is one of the few districts around where athletic participation is growing. In addition, the district wants to provide more activities, such as intramural sports, for students who don't make the cut on varsity teams.

To get it all going, the district has established an Athletic Council under Fife's leadership to deal with the knotty issues. The council was recently credited with writing a stricter athletic code covering drugs and alcohol which has been adopted into school policy. By November it is expected to bring to the board a new policy on intramural sports.

"We need to offer more activities for all our students . . . understanding that kids participating in activities get into less trouble," Fife said.

Other issues discussed Monday night were gender equity, what equipment is paid for on various teams, and how new sports are added to the roster. Hockey was a catalyst in that discussion.

Varsity hockey was added last year after a group of parents stepped forward to say they would pay for it. "This year went very well . . . but there were problems," Fife said. They included money being spent before it came into the business office and decisions about how and when it was disbursed. That led to a general discussion about boosterism and the endless fundraisers that go on, often at the same time.

The athletic council is also looking at ways to generate new funds, such as parking fees, small (\$25-\$50) playing fees for athletes, selling advertising on scoreboards and fences, and premium fees for the best seats. Fife said he has spoken to representatives of Coke and Pepsi.

"We as a group need to identify ways to accomplish all of our goals," Fife said. "I realize there is a problem, but I think there's a way to get things done."

"Development of character, that's what sports are really about," Roberts said. "We want our kids to be winners on the field . . . but we really want them to know how to deal with adversity . . ."

"This is meant to be a discussion, a dialogue. There's no solution mapped out ahead of time."

Hockey parent Steve Facione praised the board for tackling the tough issues. "You've had some excellent dialogue tonight. These are tough issues. You're trying to deal with them and I appreciate that."

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Animals help kids understand wetlands

Nature groups get together to fund school program

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Once upon a time, Michigan had 11 million acres of wetlands, home to an incredible variety of flora and fauna. Now there are only three million acres left. Their fate is up to the generations of the future.

That was the message wildlife biologist Bruce Wojcik left with elementary students across Clarkston last week. Wojcik visited all six of Clarkston's public elementary schools, thanks to the Independence Land Conservancy and the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club. He talked about wetlands and why they are important in a program of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

He brought with him four animals native to Michigan wetlands—a mink, a snapping turtle, a wood duck and an Eastern fox snake. He used the animals to explain life in a wetland and the four different varieties of wetlands that exist in the state—marsh, swamp, fen and bog.

As someone who does over 300 such programs a year, Wojcik made it clear to the kids that there is a big difference between a wild animal and a pet. He cautioned them never to take an animal out of the wild, and never to try to touch one they see.

Animals and plants are only part of the reason wetlands are important, he said. "We have water all around us, right? Only because we have wetlands . . . People have to have water."

In fact, he said, humans could only live about three days without water. And it's wetlands that make water clean enough to drink.

"Tonight, if you go home and take a nice big gulp of well water, I want you to think about something—a dinosaur took a bath in it," he said as the kids giggled. "The reason it's clean is that a wetland cleaned it up for you."

He explained that wetlands act like sponges. They absorb water along with anything in the water. But when the water is released, the debris stays behind. One acre of wetland, he said, cleans as much water as a six-acre sewage pond.

And then there's the economic impact. Tourism in this water wonderland we call Michigan is worth \$18 billion a year, he said. Yet in the U. S. an acre of wetlands is destroyed every two minutes. That's the size of a soccer field, he told the kids.

"Right here in Michigan we destroyed more wetlands than several states ever had," he said. "We should be ashamed. But if it does upset you, you can do something about it. You can take better care of the three million (acres) that are left."

Wojcik said the news isn't all bad. After logging stripped the state of much of its forests 100 years ago, wood ducks were on the verge of becoming extinct because they nest in holes in mature trees. Scientists knew they couldn't replant those trees overnight, so they built boxes on poles instead. Now some two million wood ducks are thought to live in Michigan, enough so that now they can be legally hunted.

"Their population continues to grow because we take better care of the swamps," Wojcik said. "Instead of trying to save one animal, let's try to save the habitat—the wetlands . . ."

"You young people, you're the hope of the future. And I'm confident you're going to do a much better job than we did."

Did the kids absorb anything? You bet they did. Students at Springfield Plains wrote letters of thanks to the Garden Club and talked about the lessons they took home. As Brett Miller wrote, "I learned that we should save the animals so they won't become extinct, and never get that close to a snapping turtle."



The wood duck is one of Michigan's success stories, having made a strong comeback after logging almost wiped them out.



The kids had a hard time not "ooohing" and "aahing" over the common snapping turtle as Wojcik described how tough it is. The reptile predated the dinosaur and lives mostly in water. Unlike other turtles it can't recede entirely within its shell but it has spikes on its tail and claws on its paws for defensive purposes.



Bruce Wojcik shows the crowd what he called a Shaquille O'Neal sized mink. Minks are mammals that like all four kinds of Michigan wetlands but particularly marshes, where they feed on, among other things, muskrats. "Predators keep the balance," he said. "This is one of the greatest predators on earth."

I learned we should save the animals so they don't become extinct, and never get that close to a snapping turtle.'

Brett Miller, Springfield Plains Elementary

Iggy come home

Lost lizard found by neighbor 2 months later

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

We've all heard of dogs that break free of their leashes and cats that refuse to wear them. But when an iguana gets away, there's no catching up with him. And with his green skin, he hides pretty well in the grass.

That's what happened two months ago in one Independence Township neighborhood. Brothers Don, Mike and Ian Brennan thought they'd seen the last of Iggy, the biggest of their three iguanas. And after two months went by, that appeared to be the case.

But last week a neighbor a couple of houses away, who was out cutting his lawn, spotted what he thought was a toy. He touched it, and it moved. Iggy had been found.

The boys' mom, Lynda Brennan, said Iggy had travelled probably four or five acres, through woods and perhaps wetlands that surround her house. A vegetarian, Iggy probably found plenty to eat. He looked better than ever when found, she said.

"That's why we believe he lived," she said. However he was a bit sluggish,

probably from the cold weather he's not accustomed to as a native of Mexico. That sluggishness probably saved his life, for it allowed him to be caught.

After Iggy was found, "for two days now all he's done is sleep," Lynda Brennan said. "He's trying to get his body temperature up. He's from Mexico; he has to be warm to digest."

Twins Don and Mike, 10 and baby brother Ian are glad Iggy's back home with his cohorts, Liz and Kirby. "The boys really like them; they bathe them and put them on their shoulder," Mom said of the three small iguanas that now live in a glass case in the family kitchen.

So far Iggy is the only one of the three lizards that has been allowed outside. "He's more aggressive. He wanted room to run so that's why we let him out," Lynda Brennan said. "I'm hoping he's changed. They can run 100 miles per hour."

The Brennan home is also home to two dogs, two cats and a couple of aquariums full of fish. The iguanas can grow to four to six feet in length and will soon outgrow the present living quarters. Mom's not too thrilled about that. Dad's promising to build them another home.



From left, Mike, Ian and Don Brennan are glad Iggy, one of three pet iguanas, is back home safe and sound.

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Kids meet astronaut

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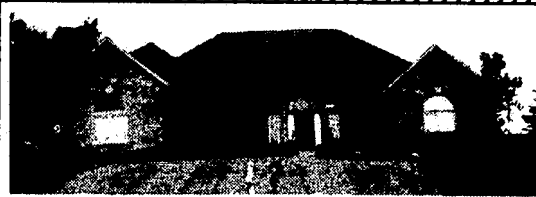
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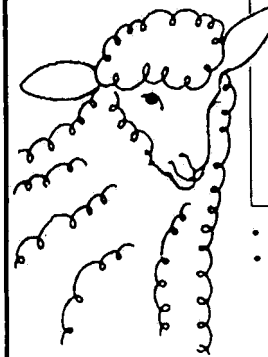
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Church music director retires

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

A few years ago Yvonne Lowe was one of seven people from Calvary Lutheran Church who visited Germany and Slovakia.

"Although there were just seven of us we sang in worship services in each of those countries," said Pastor Bob Wolters. "She led us in one that was a big hit called 'Hush,' a spiritual."

One day, in Slovakia, the group went to attend a worship service, even though no one spoke the language.

"All of a sudden our host turned to me and said, 'Sing Hush,'" Wolters said. "He said it in English. It was probably the best we ever sang it."

That kind of success is what kept Lowe (pronounced like 'wow') behind the keyboards at Calvary for the last 22 years. She retired Aug. 30 as the church's paid director of music, and there will be a celebration of her career Sept. 27.

As both Lowe and Wolters remember it, the Lowe family, consisting of Yvonne, husband David and four children, had just joined the church when she was asked to put her musical skills to work.

"The first time we were here, my husband (David) likes to tell the story that we were one-fourth of the congregation," she said. "It was on metal folding chairs."

Though she was new to the congregation, she was already an old hand at church music. She had served as music director at Sashabaw Presbyterian, and as part of a paid vocal quartet at All Saints Episcopal, as well as in other volunteer capacities.

"I sang my first solo for the congregation when I was 4," she remembered. The child of two musicians, both of whom sang, Lowe said home was her musical academy growing up.

"When I was a kid mother would wash the dishes

and three of us kids would dry. And we would sing three-part harmony. We never fought, we sang."

Later, she and three other girls formed a quartet and "even auditioned for a talent scout in Detroit." After marriage, she worked as a church organist and eventually choir director.

"I was given a talent and I was expected to do something with it," she said. "That's the way I felt. I used it the way God wanted me to."

Though she didn't have a lot of formal training, she attended many workshops and conferences along the way. "I was like a big sponge. I worked with great conductors. I sang in a couple of groups."

In fact it was that busy schedule that brought her to Calvary in the first place. "We came here because it was the only church in town that had an eight o'clock service. And I had to be in Pontiac at 9:30 for choir rehearsal." She was quickly snapped up to be Calvary's choir accompanist.

Over the years the church has had as many as five choirs going at one time. Wolters said it hasn't always been easy.

"Voluntarism is tougher than it used to be. So in her choirs she couldn't always be sure who was coming. But she made do. She didn't put a guilt trip on them."

Lowe said she always tried to keep it fun. "It was a labor of love because I just found it so interesting," she said. "I think we've stayed pretty current. This



Yvonne Lowe

church is unique in that they've let me bring in new things." Those included dance, mime, musicals and contemporary services. "We've had complaints, but this is not a typical congregation for a Lutheran church... It was the way we did it. It was very well done."

Lowe's successor is Inger Nelson, a longtime church member. "When she became available I thought this is really good because she knows everybody. I think there's a time when you need to change and you need young, vital people in here. And it's time to move."

Wolters agreed the transition has been smooth. "Inger is really one of her proteges. Inger sang over the years, even as a young person. So it's almost as if Inger is Yvonne's chosen successor. I feel very confident in her. At one time it looked like she wasn't going to be available and I was scared to death."

However, Wolters said Lowe may still have a thing or two to teach. "She's a master accompanist. She knows how to lead a congregation in a meaningful way and often they'll have no idea she's helped them... That's a real skill."

Lowe said she doesn't have big plans for retirement. Right now she's catching up on all the lunch dates she didn't find time for before, walking daily and taking a watercolor class. Her husband has been retired for five years. "He's afraid I'll cramp his style now," she said with a laugh.

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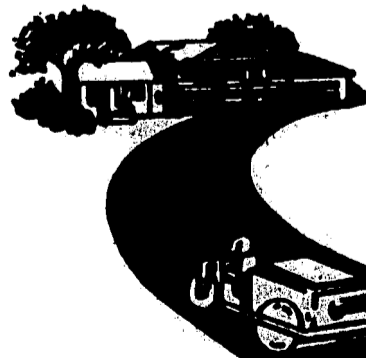
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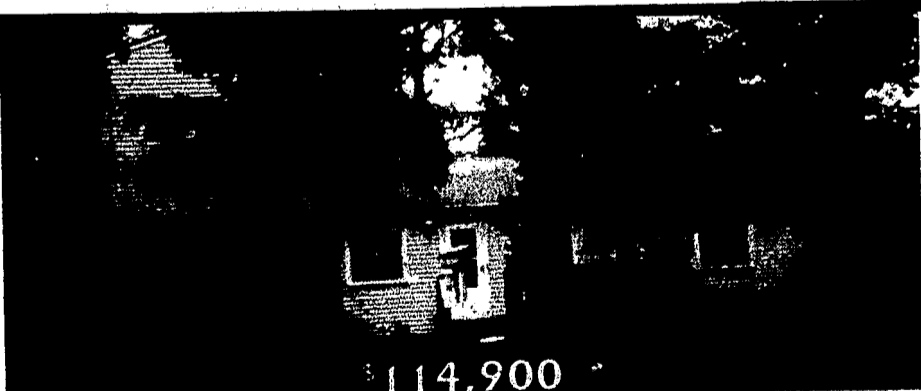
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Historical society awards young artists

This year in conjunction with the annual Crafts and Cider Festival sponsored by the Clarkston Community Historical Society, an art contest was held for fourth- and fifth-graders in the Clarkston schools.

Judges were local artists and art lovers Betsy Travis, Pam Kessler and Donella Reese Vogel. Three awards were given in each grade; each winner received a \$50 savings bond and a copy of the book "Our Children's Heritage," a local history published by the Society. First-place winners also received a gift certificate from the Bubble Dragon toy store.

Fourth grade winners were Nick Luibrand, 1st; Alex Gilford, 2nd; Chelsea Antonides-Gottschalk, 3rd. Fifth grade winners were Renee Flores, 1st; Angela Vito, 2nd; and Katie Jorgenson, 3rd.

Maybe they'll be displaying their works in the Depot Park in 20 years or so.

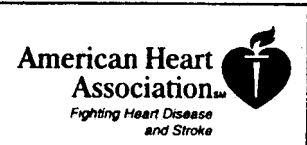
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Even though Thanksgiving is still a few months away, Lighthouse Clarkston is already planning for the big day.

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A lawn was driven over on Canterbury.

A 1997 Chevy Sportvan was taken without permission on Pine Breeze.

A 1978 Yamaha motorcycle was taken without permission on Felix.

Harassing phone calls on Wellington.

A check for \$21.55 that did not clear was written to an M-15 business.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, a 39-year-old Clarkston woman allegedly kicked a 44-year-old man during an argument on Mann.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, a \$279 cellphone was taken from a 1993 Chevy truck on Woodhill.

A house was egged on Lake Waldon Dr.

A lawn was driven over on Pine Ridge.

An 18-year-old female employee at a Sashabaw restaurant was slapped across the face by a 17-year-old

male customer.

A \$200 cellphone was discovered missing on Kingfisher.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, a 39-year-old Waterford man was accused of violating a personal protection order on Sally.

Threats on Rioview.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, a 35mm camera, a cordless drill and a bicycle were taken from a garage on Pinedale.

A house under construction was broken into and items were scattered about on Sashabaw. A \$400 fax machine, a \$500 copier and a \$500 sump pump were taken.

A \$180 bicycle was taken from a garage on Major.

A \$442 bike was taken from a garage on Pinedale.

A 32-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of the 52-2 district court for

filing a false police report. He was lodged in the Oakland County Jail.

A \$200 cellphone was taken from an auto on Garnet.

A 20-year-old Grand Blanc man was arrested for driving with a license that had been suspended nine times, failure to appear in court and minor in possession of alcohol on Dixie.

Someone drove across a golf course on Waldon.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, a radar detector, cordless drill, cordless saw, other tools and CDs were taken from a garage on Clinton.

A 21-year-old Ortonville man was ticketed for reckless driving on Flemings Lake Road.

There were five fights going on at the same time at a Dixie bar/restaurant. Deputies were able to break up all the fights and several people were ticketed for disorderly conduct.

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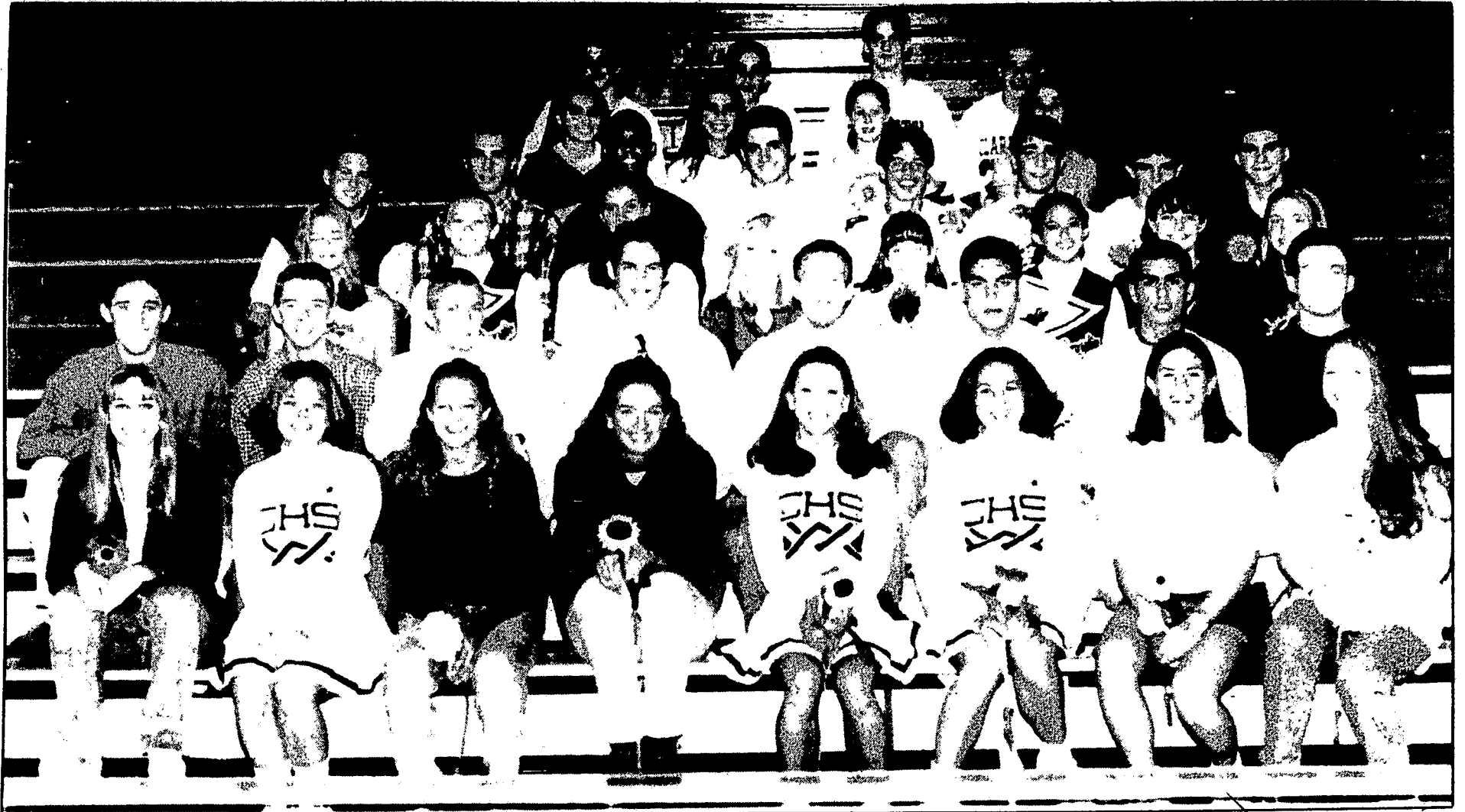
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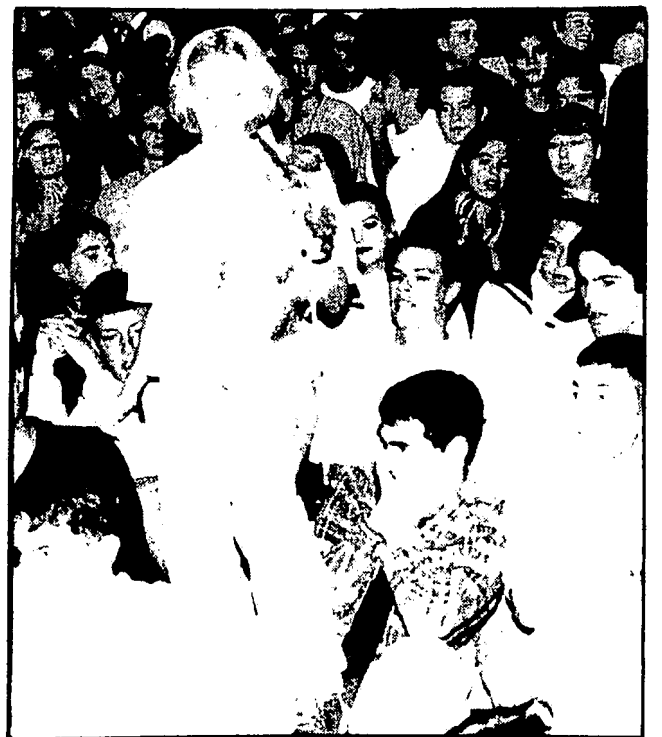
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The Clarkston High School pre-tapping Homecoming ceremony is filled with high tension, surprises and drums. At left, drummers Dave Whipp, Jeff Brinn, Jon Meloche and Stuart Pedaso set the beat as students crawl through the crowds at the CHS stands to tap the chosen ones. Above, senior Amanda Yarber eyes the crowd, searching for the one guy she must honor with a tap.

Bang the drum loudly!

It was 8:30 a.m. Second hour. A time when high school students normally spend their time listening to teachers, taking quizzes, or yawning from a curious lack of sleep.

But the slumbering CHS student body was awakened last Friday with music blaring from the sound system, the rhythmic beat of the drummers and the excitement of finding out who would be the finalists for this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

The pre-tapping ceremony kicked off the 1997 CHS Homecoming season that continues with a number of events leading up to the Oct. 3 football game against Waterford Kettering and the

Oct. 4 dance at the CHS gym. At the pre-tapping ceremony, finalists for the class escorts and the king and queen were chosen.

The senior queen finalists were Marla Moser, Danielle Facione and Heather Mitkiff. King finalists were Justin Dionne, Dane Fife and Mike Underwood.

The next step comes at the tapping ceremony Friday, when the king and queen will be chosen at a 12:30 p.m. assembly. Other planned activities for Homecoming include the co-ed challenge, field day, the football run from Kettering High School (weather permitting), the bonfire, and of course, the game.

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Section B

A hair's breadth away

Cagers put up great fight in close loss to Falcons

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rochester	39
Clarkston	36

In sports, progress can be measured in many different ways.

When it comes to the varsity girls basketball team, Thursday night's scoreboard may have shown a 39-36 loss to the Rochester Falcons, but the team made a big leap forward in spite of the loss.

Rochester came into the game ranked seventh in the state and first in the county. Two days earlier, the Falcons blew out an excellent Farmington Hills Harrison team by 22 points.

But thanks to several highlight film performances, the Wolves hung tough with Rochester and could have pulled the game out in the end.

"I told the team that we've got the talent, the heart and the desire," coach Ann Serra said after the game. "Now we know how good we have to play to be at Rochester's level. What I didn't know before was the kind of composure this team had. They showed a lot out there tonight."

Rochester broke open a close game with a 15-11 third quarter to take an eight-point lead after three. The lead got up to 10 before Clarkston (5-1 overall, 1-1 in OAA Division I) started its comeback.

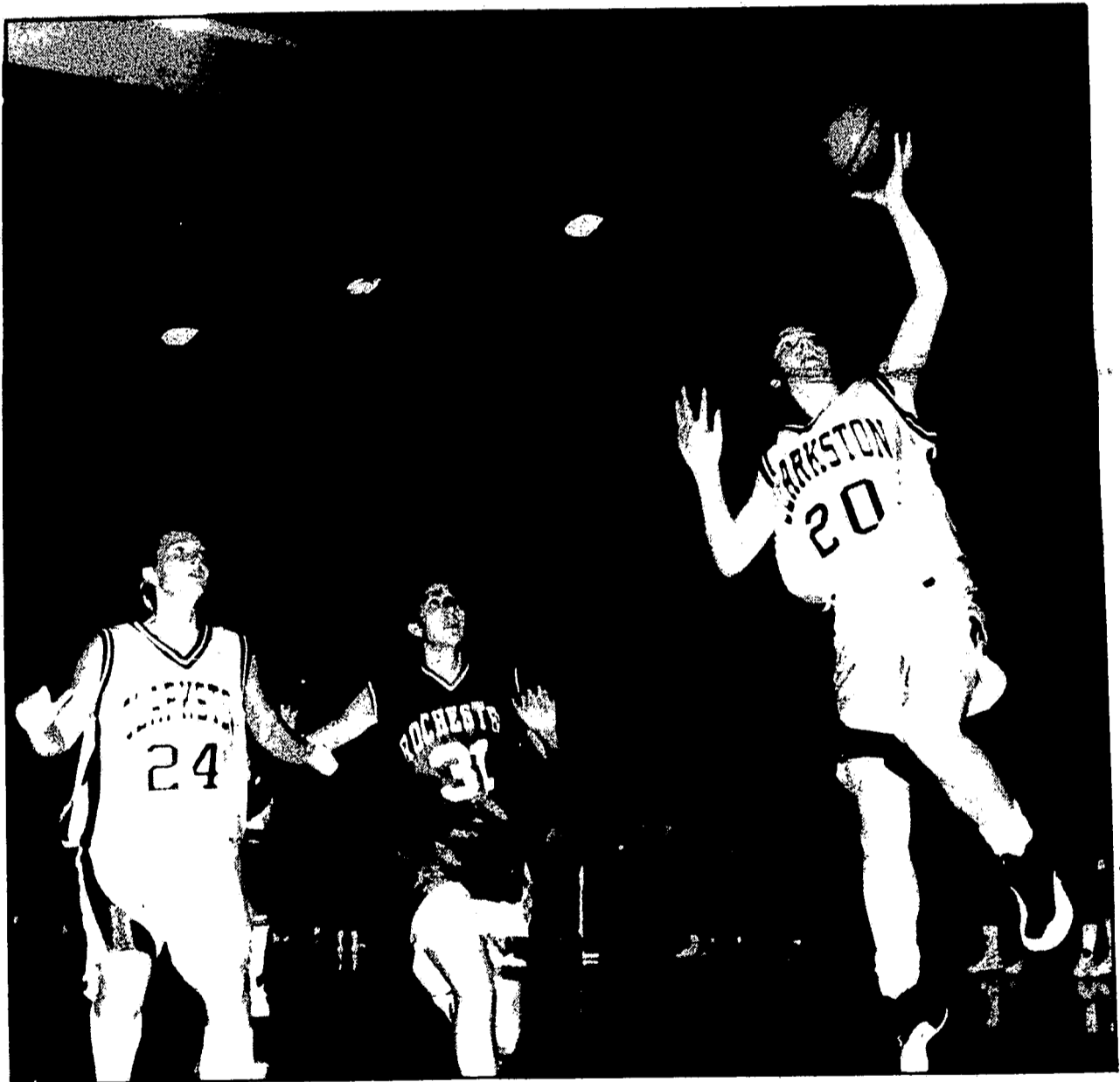
Sparked by senior guard Tiffany Honey, Clarkston got its deadly fast-break offense in gear, as she assisted on transition baskets by junior Corinne McIntyre and sophomore Lori Wild to cut Rochester's lead to six with five minutes left.

Honey and senior Aimee Giroux were making key steals and getting the Falcons out of their comfortable motion offense. With the game scrambled, Honey made a dramatic steal and layup to pull Clarkston to 34-30.

But Rochester's Liz Cibor killed Clarkston with a pullup jumper and a steal on the next play. After making

"I told the team that we've got the talent, the heart and the desire. Now we know how good we have to play to be at Rochester's level."

Coach Ann Serra



Junior point guard Deana Kanipe (20) slashes to the basket during first quarter action Thursday against Rochester. Getting in position is junior forward Corinne McIntyre (24), who played very well, scoring five points and collecting 10 rebounds in the team's heartbreaking 39-36 loss to the county's top team.

one of two foul shots, her late run put Rochester up 37-30 with three minutes left. The Wolves held Cibor to only five points, but her three here were big.

A boisterous home crowd wouldn't let the team give up, as Honey and senior Georgia Senkyr each made steals and converted layups to make it a 37-34 game with under a minute remaining.

But the deficit was too great and the time left too little, as Clarkston was forced to foul and put the Falcons on the line.

Honey played big down the stretch in her first action since coming down with shin splints two weeks ago. She finished with four points, four rebounds, three steals and three assists.

As a team, Clarkston was impressive off the boards, with three players in double figures rebounding. Wild led the team with 11 points, 11 rebounds, three blocks and three steals. Senkyr turned in her typical outstanding all-around effort with five points, 11 boards and four steals. McIntyre also turned in a yeoman's effort with a career-high 10 rebounds to go with five points.

"Corinne is just playing great," Serra said. "Now that she is a defensive and rebounding force, we've got to make her more of an offensive player. She's just got so much talent."

Senior guard Jenny Bauer was still nursing her

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After lightning, Wolves thunder over Mott

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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Waterford Mott	6

The Clarkston varsity football team played in a torrential downpour Friday night at Waterford Mott, but it was the Corsairs who ended up all wet.

The Wolves used a grinding ground game and a punishing defense to defeat Mott 28-6, improving their record to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the OAA Division I.

The game's start time was delayed until 8:30 p.m. because of lightning.

Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said he was happiest with the defensive play, which made its mark with several big hits on this soggy Friday night.

"Defensively, we were very good and really hit some people," he said. "I was a little worried how we would do with the weather, but we came out and got after it."

On their second possession of the game, the Wolves broke through and ended their first quarter scoring drought thanks to senior QB Dane Fife. On a 2nd-and-6 from the Mott 40, Fife took a quarterback keeper the distance, shucking three Mott defenders on the way to give his team the early 7-0 advantage.

Then Clarkston struck quickly in the second quarter on two Fife touchdown passes, one to junior

WR Erich Poley and senior TE Jeff Rieman. Poley scored on a five-yard fade pass from Fife, a play that also worked the prior game against Berkley. Fife's good touch on the pass and Poley's sure hands by the goal line make this a tough play to defend.

The play of Rieman was also a big plus for Clarkston, as he finished the game with three catches for 25 yards. He scored his touchdown late in the first half on a first-and-goal strike from Fife to up Clarkston's lead to 21-0.

"We looked at some films and saw we can get the tight end open," Richardson said. "With the weather, we knew we would have some trouble throwing, but overall, I was real pleased with the effort."

Senior RB Brad Phalen finished Clarkston's scoring with a one-yard dive in the third quarter.

For the third game in a row, Fife completed seven passes on the night, but also improved his completion percentage. He finished going 7-for-13 for 50 yards and two touchdowns. Fife also ran for 47 yards and a score.

Richardson said he was also pleased with the punting job done by senior Ron Grinold. With the bad field conditions from the rain, field position was a key factor in the game. Four times in the game, the Corsairs started a drive from inside their own 25-yard-line.

One negative for the Wolves was the penalties they committed during punt situations. Three times on Mott punts, Clarkston committed penalties that kept Mott's drive alive. However, on all three occasions, the Clarkston defense kept the Corsairs from scoring.

The Clarkston road show next hits Rochester Adams Friday night, when the Wolves play a key OAA I game against the Highlanders. Adams is 3-0 on the season, with wins over Pontiac Northern (23-12), Berkley (28-0) and Troy Athens (20-17). Barring any more lightning, kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Football notebook

Recruiting time

The latest in the parade of college coaches coming out to Clarkston football games was University of North Carolina assistant coach Phil Ford, who braved the rain Friday to watch senior QB Dane Fife play.

Apparently, it wasn't raining in Chapel Hill earlier in the day, because Ford came to the game with no coat and only a red and black umbrella for protection. UNC is considered one of the frontrunners in the Dane Fife Recruiting Derby.

Delay of game

The start of Friday's game at Waterford Mott was delayed 90 minutes because of dangerous lightning, and the Wolves rewarded their faithful fans with a resounding 28-6 victory.

By the time the game started, parts of the field were under water. However, players adjusted and coach Kurt Richardson said the only changes he made because of the weather were some secondary coverages.

Some resourceful Clarkston fans spent the extra time before the game by heading over to the Summit Place Mall to catch a warm bite to eat.

Wing T tips

Clarkston's next opponent, Rochester Adams, runs the Wing-T offense, even better than Berkley did, according to Richardson.

"They come at you with the run and then they can throw the ball well too," he said.

Adams' regular starting QB is senior Matt Danielson, son of former Detroit Lions QB Gary Danielson. He also has a sister, Tracey, who plays on Adam's varsity basketball team.

No time to rest for tennis team

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Thanks to two rainouts, the Clarkston girls tennis team will be busier than ever in the coming weeks.

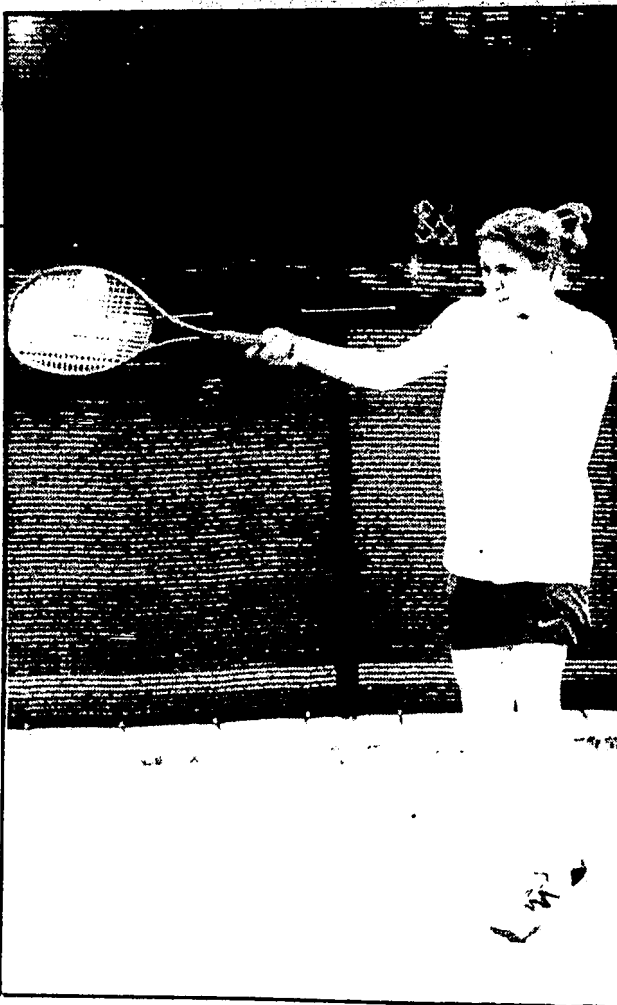
This week sees the girls in action four out of the next five weekdays, starting Wednesday with a home contest against a tough Birmingham Seaholm team. Thursday the team heads to Bloomfield Hills Andover, then gets the weekend off before traveling to Waterford Kettering Monday. Then Tuesday, the Wolves test their team skills in the OAA Division II meet.

Monday, the Wolves put up a good fight in losing to a powerful Troy Athens team 5-3. Winners for Clarkston were senior Amber Mitchell at #4 singles, 6-2, 6-1. It was Mitchell's first starting singles action of the season and she had an easy time of it.

The #2 doubles team of juniors Alaina Dodds and Kristen Atkinson kept up its fine court play with a hard-fought 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 win. The #2 doubles team of Jenny Claus and Lauren Stout have had similar success the last couple weeks and emerged Monday with a 6-3, 7-5 victory.

On Sept. 17, the team had a tough day, losing to an outstanding West Bloomfield team 7-1. The only winner for Clarkston was the #4 doubles team of Amber Mitchell and Catie Baetens. It was a marathon of a match, as the team pulled out a 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 win. Down 5-1 in the third set tiebreaker, Mitchell started the comeback with two straight aces to help her team to the win.

A match Friday with Brandon went unfinished, as rain and lightning forced play to be suspended.



Senior Amber Mitchell delivers a forehand return during her #4 doubles match Friday against Brandon. Mitchell and her partner Courtney Bomler would see their efforts wasted by Mother Nature, who forced the match to be suspended because of her rain and lightning.

Basketball

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sprained left ankle and did not play in the game.

Serra said the team now has to improve on the little things that will take it to the next level.

"We're just not quite there yet," she said. "We missed some key layups early in the fourth, and the girls know they didn't have the angles right. Early, we made some mental mistakes that got us down, but then, we picked it right up. We just have to learn how not to get down."

The Wolves will have another opportunity to learn those skills Thursday, when the Berkley Bears crawl into the Wolves' den. The JV game starts at 5:30 p.m.

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Kickers unbeaten, but see room for improvement

Wolves own first place in OAA Division II with 4-0-1 record

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston	6
Waterford Mott	0

In what coach Dan Fitzgerald called one of its better efforts this year, the Clarkston boys varsity soccer team enjoyed its biggest win of the season Thursday at Waterford Mott, 6-0.

Most of the season, Fitzgerald said, the Wolves (5-0-3 overall) have played just well enough to win. That was also the case after the first half, when the team only managed a 2-0 lead.

But after a halftime pep talk, Clarkston came out firing, scoring two quick goals within five minutes to put the game away.

"We talked about putting a team away when they

were down, and we finally did that," Fitzgerald said. "I don't know, but something clicked with them and we came out playing very well."

Clarkston was led by Dan Jackson, who continued his hot play of late with a second-half hat trick. Other goals were scored by Shawn Verlinden, Mike Licata and Brent Bergkoetter.

"Dan can be a very, very good player for us when he's on," Fitzgerald said. "He is up and down a bit and is a laid back guy. But when he gets going, he can really score for us."

The Wolves return home for a Wednesday night game against league rival Berkley. Clarkston already holds a 3-0 win over the Bears from earlier this season. Monday, the team takes on a solid Grand Blanc squad at home also.

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Brandon	1

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Athlete of the Week: Mike Underwood

Salut, Mike: Senior Mike Underwood isn't exactly one to sit quietly in the shadows. No, you can usually find him wearing a purple sequin vest to school, or a mini Green Bay Packers helmet to football practice.

But it's a different story on the field. "Undie" turns on the switch and becomes all business, as he anchors the offensive and defensive line for the varsity football team. He's in his third year on the varsity team, second year starting at right guard. On defense, he plays nose tackle, causing havoc for the opposing team's running game.

Mike remains just as serious when it comes to his academics, as he sports a 3.45 grade point average. He hopes to get a degree in business at college. He also stays active in extracurricular activities, such as the student government, prom and graduation planning.

Coach Kurt Richardson on Mike: "Mike just goes out and does his job every day. His technique is very good and he has great quickness. Mike is clearly the team clown. He's always coming in with some kind of goofy outfit on. He keeps the players loose, and the coaches loose too. But he knows when it's time to work."

Mike on Mike: "It does help to play both offensive and defensive lines. I know what the other guy is trying to do and I can counter that. Sure, I like to have fun with my friends here at school, but when I'm out on the field, I take it very seriously. When I make a good play, I get the satisfaction out of knowing I helped my team. It takes all of us working together to make us successful."



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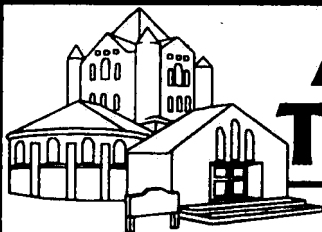
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From Page 3B.

This Sept. 16 game was a win for the boys soccer team, but to hear coach Dan Fitzgerald and the players after the game, you sure wouldn't have guessed it.

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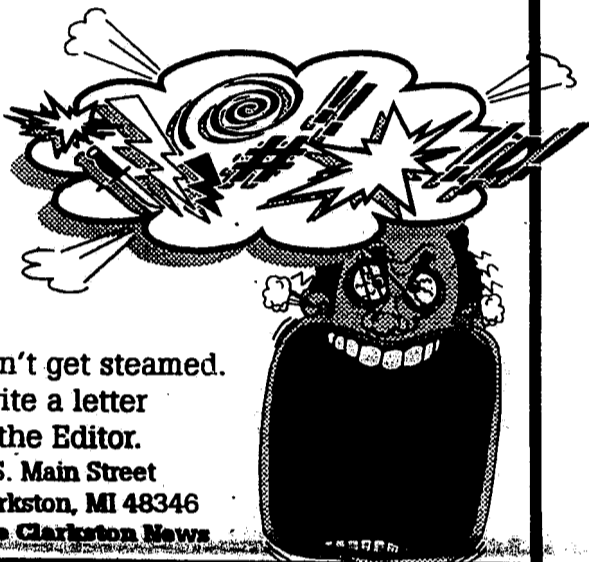
"Mentally, we just weren't ready to play tonight," he said. "We came out and thought they would lay down for us and they didn't. They played harder than we did."

Regardless of who played harder, the bottom line is Clarkston was able to keep its undefeated record intact thanks to first-half goals by seniors Mike Linhardt and Shawn Verlinden.

The champions!



The boys 13-14 year old baseball team, sponsored by Ziller Electric, powered its way to the playoff championship this past summer in little league action. The team won the championship game over Lee Cleaners 20-7 in a good overall team effort. Team members are: (bottom L-R) Robert Bryan, Matt Carlson, Greg McEvoy, Mark Rencher, Eric Bryan, (middle L-R) Scott McGregor, Ryan Victory, Gary Strutz, Paul Grace, Ryan Brown, Jon Chenet, coach Mike Strutz, (top L-R) coach Tom Grace, sponsor Guy Myers, coach Rick Victory, Shawn Miller, Ian Stanley and coach Randy Miller.



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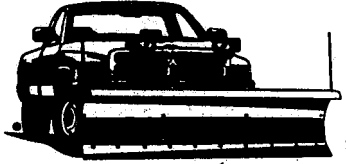
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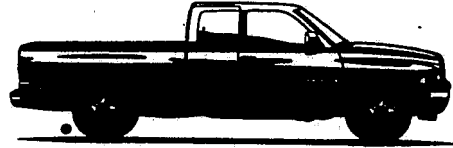
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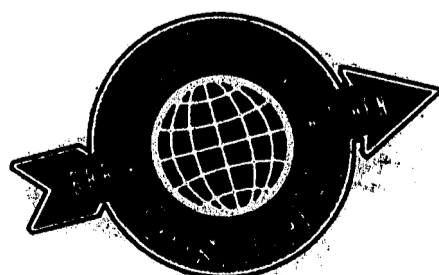
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Jv sports

By Marc Wisniewski



JV Football

The JV football team had another good week, beating Waterford Mott 28-6.

Offensively, Chris Mitchell led in rushing, taking 12 carries for 130 yards and one touchdown. Rocky Lund also had a touchdown along with kicking 4 PAT's. Ryan Marino and Ryan Thomas added the other two touchdowns, each catching a 13-yard pass. Ross Martello went 8 for 12 in passing for 91 yards.

Rocky Lund led the team defensively with 8 tackles and a blocked punt. Derick Tegler added 6 tackles, followed by Ryan Luken with 4, and Tim McIasac with 3. Chris Mitchell had an interception, Ross Martello recovered a fumble. Andy North and Ryan Luken each had a sac.

"We did a pretty good job although we did get off to a slow start with a lot of penalties. We played much better in the second half," said Coach Doug Colling.



Bombers tryouts coming

Tryouts for the Bloomfield Bombers 10-year-old baseball team will take place Sept. 27 and 28 at Abbott Middle School at the corner of Orchard Lake and Commerce roads starting at 2 p.m. For more information, call 248-693-8307.

● The Flying Rhino Cycling Club will present its 16th annual Back 40 Challenge on Oct. 12. Registration is from 7:30-noon. Newly revised routes of 16, 27, 44 or 62 miles on dirt roads in northwest Oakland County are available. Proceeds benefit DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). For more information call 625-7000.

● Brent Gibson of Clarkston and Todd Hensel and Gregory Vess of Davisburg are among 355 Michigan residents selected to participate in the 1997 elk hunts. They were computer drawn from a pool of some 34,000 applicants.

● Leftover antlerless deer hunting licenses will be available Sept. 25 and 29 at license outlets around the state. Sale begins at 10 a.m. Sept. 25 for general licenses; the same time Sept. 29 for private land licenses. This year the antlerless deer license is a stand-alone hunting license so no additional licenses are necessary. They are valid during all deer hunting seasons beginning Oct. 1.

● Waterfowl reserved hunting permits are now available for reserved hunts which occur on Oct. 11, 12, 18 and 19.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has granted temporary approval for the use of tungsten-iron shot during the 1997-98 waterfowl seasons.

● Francis Reinholtz of Clarkston won Oakland County Parks' annual fishing contest at Independence Oaks Park. He won with a 20 inch, 4 pound, 1 ounce bass. Winners were determined by multiplying length by weight. Reinholtz won a \$50 gift certificate.

Having a milestone?
Send submissions to 5 S. Main St.,
Clarkston, MI 48346. Deadline is
noon on Monday.

Cooking Corner
Bacteria Can Spoil Outdoor Grilling

(NAPS)—This barbecue season, help keep your family and friends healthy. Be careful to clean and disinfect surfaces when handling raw meat and poultry. Surfaces that appear clean may still harbor invisible bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli which can cause foodborne illness. An estimated 81 million Americans a year suffer from foodborne illness, more commonly known as food poisoning.

Here are some easy tips you can follow:

- Cook red meat until brown inside (180°), and poultry until juices run clear (160°).
- Never place cooked foods on the same plate already used for raw meats and poultry.

For a free Food Safety Tip brochure and the latest information on killing germs, call The Healthy Home Hotline at 1-800-99LYSOL.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND COUNTY OF MICHIGAN
In the Matter of the Estate of KURT H. WITKE, Deceased.
KURT HELMUTH WITKE, Deceased.
FILE NO. 97-280,284-DE
Last Address: 4188 Kenmore Berkley, Michigan 48072
SS No. 281-03-7887
ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24624
Attorney for Per. Rep.
2745 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, Michigan 48328-2863
Telephone: (248) 882-8800
PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
TAKE NOTICE: On 9-15-97, A.D. 197, at 8:30 a.m., in the probate courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, before Honorable Sandra G. Silver, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the Position of MARK H. WITKE, MARK H. WITKE was appointed personal representative of KURT H. WITKE, a/a KURT HELMUTH WITKE, who lived at 4188 Kenmore, Berkley, Michigan 48072, and died on 7/23/97; and the will of the deceased dated 8/8/88 was admitted to probate.
Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative or to both the probate Court and the personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Estate will be thereafter assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: August 28, 1997
MARK H. WITKE
6231 Huron Ct. E.
White Lake, MI 48386

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. (P-24624)
Attorney for Personal Representative
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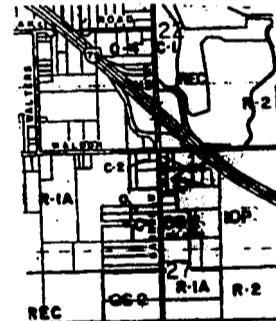
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on September 16, 1997, the Board authorized a second reading and adoption of an amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance No. 83 as follows:

To rezone from IOP (Industrial office park) to OS2 (office service II) part of parcel 08-27-201-006, described as the south 185 feet of the west 318.9 feet of said parcel. Located East side of Sashabaw Road.

The motion to approve this amendment was offered by Travis, supported by Wenger, the vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: McCrary, McGee, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Wenger. Nays: None. The motion carried. This ordinance amendment is effective immediately upon publication.



ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT
(IOP to OS2, Sashabaw Road)

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 83, as amended, the "Zoning Ordinance," for the purpose of changing the zoning classification on certain properties on the Zoning Map, which is part of the zoning ordinance ("Zoning Map").
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 of Ordinance
The Zoning Map is amended by changing the classification on that part of parcel number 08-27-201-006 described as the south 185 feet of the west 318.9 feet of such parcel, from IOP, Industrial Office Park to OS2, Office Service 2.

Section 2 of Ordinance
All other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in effect, amended only as provided above.

Section 3 of Ordinance
The effective date of this Ordinance shall depend on whether the ordinance is requested to be submitted to the Township electors for approval. A notice of intent to make such a request must be submitted within seven days of publication of the ordinance. If such a notice has not been timely submitted, this ordinance shall take effect on the eighth day following publication. If a notice of intent is timely filed, a petition requesting the submission of this ordinance to the township electors must be filed within thirty (30) days of publication of the ordinance. If such a petition has not been timely filed, this ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day following publication. If such a petition has been timely filed, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the final determination by the Township Clerk that a majority of the registered electors in the Township have voted to approve it. A petition requesting submission of this ordinance to a vote of the electors must be signed by a number of registered Township electors equal to not less than 10% of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected.
INTRODUCED: 9/2/97
ADOPTED: 9/16/97
PUBLISHED: 9/24/97
EFFECTIVE: 9/24/97

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Supervisor Stuart called the September 16, 1997 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex. Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Present: McGee, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Wenger and McCrary.
Absent: None.

There is a quorum.

1. Approval of agenda as submitted.
2. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 1997.
3. Approved the payment of the list of distributions in the amount of \$320,224.42.
4. Approved the issuance of purchase requisitions in the amount totaling \$28,371.32.
5. Approval of motion transferring ownership of 1997 Class C liquor license from Alexander's to Duggan's West without dancing.
6. Approval of Second Reading and Adoption from IOP to OS2, part of parcel 08-27-201-006 Sashabaw Road.
7. Approval of motion to amend the Investment Policy by stating any sale which results in a realized loss of \$100,000 be approved by the Township Board.
8. Approved motion to reconsider action at the last Board meeting regarding a quarterly report on investments.
9. Moved to table the approval of the investment policy to the next Township Board meeting.
10. Adopted the Investing in Abilities Week Resolution.
11. Adopted a Fire Emergency Response Cost Recovery dated September 5, 1997.
12. Adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
WOODHULL LAKE SUBDIVISION PAVING PROJECT
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date: October 7, 1997

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: 90 N. Main Street
Clarkston, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on October 7, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall Annex of the Charter Township of Independence, 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, the Township Board shall meet for the purpose of hearing comments and objections to the Petition requesting the Woodhull Lake Subdivision Paving Project, to the project itself, and to the tentative Special Assessment District.

The proposed maintenance ("The Project") is:

The improvement and paving of all or portions of the following private roads situated within the Woodhull Lake Subdivision, Independence Township: Second; Fourth; Woodhull Drive and High Street, adjacent to the properties identified on the attachment to this Resolution.

The cost estimate for the improvement is \$150,000.00. The Project is intended to provide benefits to the properties described on the attachment to this Resolution, which together shall constitute "the District".

The Township has determined that the signatures contained in the Petitions represent the property owners owning more than 50 percent of the frontage along the roads to be improved.

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

Joan E. McCrary, Township Clerk

Published: September 17 & 24, 1997

Mailed to Residents: September 15, 1997.

WOODHULL LAKE SUBDIVISION PAVING PROJECT

Description of Special Assessment District
The Woodhull Lake Subdivision Paving Project Special Assessment District shall consist of the parcels having the following tax identification numbers in the Charter Township of Independence:

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|---------------|---------------|
| 08-34-329-025 | 08-34-378-034 |
| 08-34-329-026 | 08-34-377-034 |
| 08-34-329-027 | 08-34-377-032 |
| 08-34-329-028 | 08-34-377-027 |
| 08-34-329-029 | 08-34-377-008 |
| 08-34-329-021 | 08-34-377-028 |
| 08-34-351-017 | 08-34-377-033 |
| 08-34-351-016 | 08-34-377-011 |
| 08-34-378-001 | 08-34-378-005 |
| 08-34-378-002 | 08-34-378-036 |
| 08-34-378-003 | 08-34-378-036 |
| 08-34-378-004 | 08-34-378-019 |
| 08-34-378-032 | 08-34-378-020 |
| 08-34-378-029 | 08-34-378-028 |
| 08-34-378-028 | 08-34-379-001 |
| 08-34-378-011 | 08-34-379-008 |
| 08-34-378-012 | 08-34-379-007 |
| 08-34-378-030 | 08-34-379-009 |
| 08-34-378-031 | 08-34-379-010 |
| 08-34-378-018 | 08-34-379-011 |
| 08-34-378-035 | 08-34-379-012 |

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

INVITATION TO BID

The Charter Township of Independence is seeking sealed bids for fencing material and installation of 1,823 ft of SCH. #40 chain link fence along the east and west property boundaries at the Department of Public Works, 6050 Flemings Lake Road, off Clarkston Road. Specifications can be obtained at the DPW building. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 3, 1997 at the Township Clerk's office, 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids will be awarded at the regular township board meeting on October 7, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. The Charter Township of Independence reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or waive any irregularities.

For further information contact Linda Richardson (248) 625-8222.

Joan McCrary, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF HEARING

TOWNSEND LAKE AREA WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. The Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvements in the Charter Township of Independence: Townsend Lake Area Water Supply Improvements
The improvements shall consist of the acquisition and construction of water supply improvements along Corunna and Harding Avenues in the Charter Township of Independence;

and to assess the cost of such improvements to the lands which will be especially benefited thereby. The estimated cost of the improvements, the amount to be specially assessed, the amount to be a general obligation of the Charter Township of Independence and the special assessment district are as follows:

ESTIMATED COST	\$170,000
AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST LANDS IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	\$170,000
AMOUNT TO BE A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE	\$ 0-

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The Townsend Lake Area Water Supply Improvements Special Assessment District shall consist of the following parcels located along Corunna and Harding Avenues in the Charter Township of Independence which have the following tax identification (sidwell) numbers:

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|---------------|---------------|
| 08-33-304-004 | 08-33-330-001 |
| 08-33-304-006 | 08-33-330-002 |
| 08-33-327-033 | 08-33-331-019 |
| 08-33-328-018 | 08-33-331-018 |
| 08-33-328-022 | 08-33-331-017 |
| 08-33-328-021 | 08-33-331-016 |
| 08-33-328-023 | 08-33-331-015 |
| 08-33-328-019 | 08-33-331-014 |
| 08-33-328-017 | 08-33-331-013 |
| 08-33-328-020 | 08-33-331-021 |
| 08-33-355-001 | 08-33-331-010 |
| 08-33-355-002 | 08-33-331-009 |
| 08-33-355-010 | 08-33-331-024 |
| 08-33-355-011 | 08-33-331-023 |
| 08-33-329-005 | 08-33-331-022 |
| 08-33-329-006 | |

2. Maps showing the location of the improvements and the special assessment district, plans, specifications and a cost estimate for the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

3. The Township Board will meet in the Township Hall Annex located at 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, on Tuesday, the 7th day of October, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, to hear and consider any objections which may be submitted by any interested person with respect to the making of the improvements and to the assessing of part of the cost thereof to the aforesaid special assessment district.

4. If the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the total land area in the proposed special assessment district file written objections to the improvements with the Township Board at or before this hearing, then the improvements shall not be made without petition of the record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total land area in the proposed special assessment district.

5. If the Township Board approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Township clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN by order of the Township Board.
Joan E. McCrary, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

September 17 and 24, 1997.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

NOTICE OF LAST DAY TO REGISTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1997

FOR ANNUAL CITY ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE AT 375 DEPOT ROAD DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID CITY. TO REGISTER, VISIT ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICE, THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE OR THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 375 DEPOT ROAD.

ARTEMUS PAPPAS
CITY CLERK

9/24 & 10/1

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF HEARING

TOWNSEND LAKE AREA SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. The Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvements in the Charter Township of Independence: Townsend Lake Area Sewer Improvements
The improvements shall consist of the acquisition and construction of sewer improvements along Corunna and Harding Avenues in the Charter Township of Independence;

and to assess the cost of such improvements to the lands which will be especially benefited thereby. The estimated cost of the improvements, the amount to be specially assessed, the amount to be a general obligation of the Charter Township of Independence and the special assessment district are as follows:

ESTIMATED COST	\$292,000
AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST LANDS IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	\$292,000
AMOUNT TO BE A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE	\$ 0-

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The Townsend Lake Area Sewer Improvements Special Assessment District shall consist of the following parcels located along Corunna and Harding Avenues in the Charter Township of Independence which have the following tax identification (sidwell) numbers:

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| 08-33-304-004 | 08-33-330-001 |
| 08-33-304-006 | 08-33-330-002 |
| 08-33-327-033 | 08-33-331-019 |
| 08-33-328-018 | 08-33-331-018 |
| 08-33-328-022 | 08-33-331-017 |
| 08-33-328-021 | 08-33-331-016 |
| 08-33-328-023 | 08-33-331-015 |
| 08-33-328-019 | 08-33-331-014 |
| 08-33-328-017 | 08-33-331-013 |
| 08-33-328-020 | 08-33-331-021 |
| 08-33-355-001 | 08-33-331-010 |
| 08-33-355-002 | 08-33-331-009 |
| 08-33-355-010 | 08-33-331-024 |
| 08-33-355-011 | 08-33-331-023 |
| 08-33-329-005 | 08-33-331-022 |
| 08-33-329-006 | |

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THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN by order of the Township Board.
Joan E. McCrary, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

September 17 and 24, 1997.

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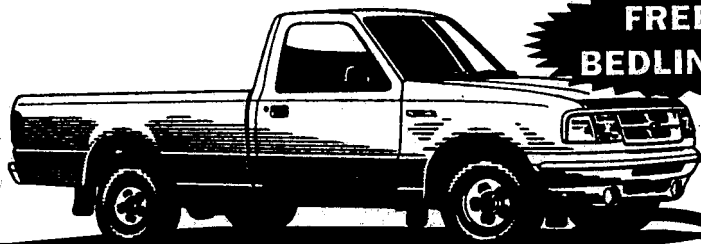
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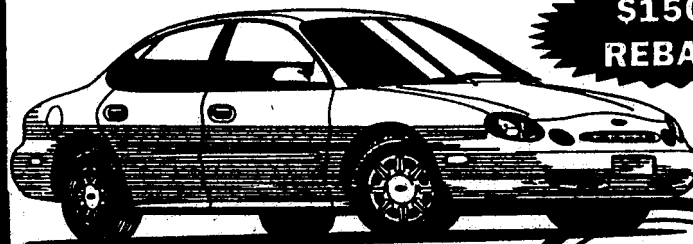


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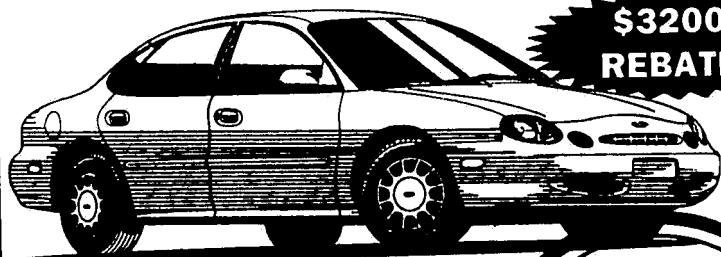


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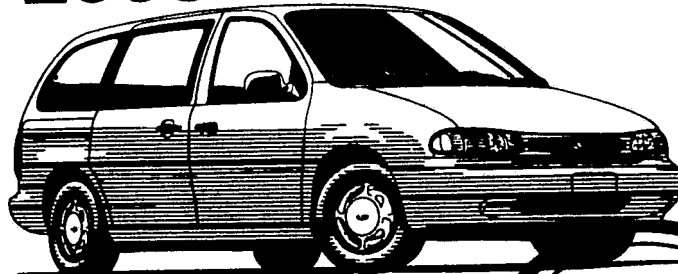


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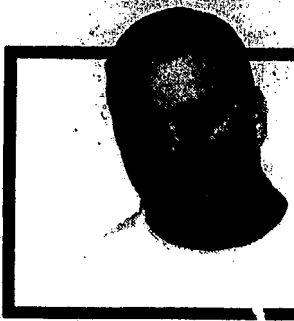
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In the penalty box

with Brad Monastiere

All the right moves

It was like Scottie Pippen playing for the New York Knicks.

That was the first comparison I pictured when Clarkston boys basketball coach Dan Fife told me Wednesday that Angelo Taylor, an All-Oakland County player from Pontiac Northern, had transferred to Clarkston and will play for the Wolves in the 1997-98 season.

Outside, uninformed observers will see this and start protesting faster than players' union after a suspension.

But because they haven't actually talked to Fife and Taylor, as I did after Taylor's second day at CHS last Wednesday. Having only seen him on the basketball court, wreaking havoc against the Clarkston front line, I wasn't sure what kind of person he would be.

After only a few minutes with Taylor, I found him to be honest, engaging and very easy-going. But what most impressed me was his reasons for coming to Clarkston.

"For me, it was all about the school," he explained. "I needed a different environment than the one I was in. I know I have to be more focused and work harder on my grades and I will be able to do that better here."



Angelo Taylor

That sure doesn't sound like an athletically motivated transfer to me. More like an academically motivated one. And Fife wanted no part of Taylor if the only reason he was coming to Clarkston was to play in one of the state's best basketball programs.

"It wouldn't be fair to Angelo and to the integrity of our program if he were to come here just for basketball," Fife said. "If I go out and openly recruited him, I couldn't look myself in the mirror."

"I believe Clarkston can help Angelo as an athlete, but more importantly, as a student. There, I have to give the credit to our entire faculty. They don't punch a clock and will stay the extra time necessary to help any student, whether they are an athlete or not. This has a lot more to do with academics than it does with basketball."

Rumors of Taylor's arrival started last spring, when after playing AAU ball with Dane Fife, he expressed an interest in coming to Clarkston. The issue was then dropped and nothing more happened until Labor Day Weekend, when Taylor's family met with Fife and Clarkston Assistant Superintendent Dave Reschke to discuss Taylor's transfer.

Taylor will be eligible for the entire season, as his whole family has moved and established residency in Clarkston.

"His family has made the commitment and Angelo will graduate from Clarkston High School," Fife said.

Naturally, Taylor's arrival in Clarkston will shift the balance of power in the always-tough OAA Division I this season. With Taylor, Northern was returning four excellent starters from last season's regional championship team. Clarkston lost the services of 6-foot-10 Marc Mazur and 6-6 Chad Bailey to graduation.

But now, Taylor, a 6-4 power forward, gives Clarkston a presence on the inside it hasn't had in a long time. Taylor plays like a Karl Malone, crashing the boards with a frenzy and scoring 20 points per game. On the boards, Taylor is so dangerous, he should come with a Surgeon General's warning sticker. In two games against Clarkston last year, Taylor averaged 19.5 points and 13.5 rebounds per game.

Ah, but will Taylor feel a bit torn when the first Clarkston-Pontiac Northern game comes up in January?

"I hope we kill them," he said, flashing a smile.

Taylor's older brother Derric plays for Alcorn State University's basketball team. Taylor is being recruited by Division I schools Central Michigan, Central Florida, Stetson and Marquette.

In all this, Taylor, his family and Fife deserve a tip of the cap for making this move, but making it for all the right reasons. As much excitement as Taylor could provide for Clarkston fans this winter, that will be small compared to the strides he can make for himself as a student and a person. Go get 'em, Angelo.

Runners green with envy at MSU

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Spartan Invitational

The Clarkston boys and girls cross country teams made a good showing Saturday at the Spartan Invitational, but solid might not be good enough for the coaches.

Boys

Coach Mike Taylor saw his boys finish 11th as a team with 281 points. But he recognized that with a couple of better performances and with better health, that finish might have been much higher.

"We were missing (senior) Curt Brewer and that hurt us," Taylor said. "I was a little disappointed with how we ran. We have yet to see a runner who steps up when it's important."

As has been the case all season, Clarkston was led by a pack of sophomores in the race. David Sage and Matt Haver were medalists for the Wolves. Sage finished sixth overall with a time of 16:18, while Haver finished 15th at 16:48.

The rest of the top five scorers for Clarkston were Chris Weber, Kevin Breen and David Wicklund, all sophomores.

"We just seem to be inconsistent with some of our times," Taylor said. "I'm not really sure what the problem is. We do need to work on our pacing a bit. It is still early, though. I'm confident we'll get to where we need to be."

The boys suffered a key dual meet loss to Roch-



Junior Jennifer Rooding finds herself alone, with the finish line near at Saturday's Spartan Invitational. Rooding has been a consistent number two runner for the girls cross country team this fall, but is facing some sibling competition, as sister Christina has been improving by leaps and bounds of late.

ester Sept. 16, 25-30. The teams split the top four in the race, but the difference came from a Rochester runner who took fifth, giving his team the win.

Girls

Although the girls team took 13th at the Spartan Invitational, coach Deb Zonca said she was happy and optimistic about what the near future holds for her team.

"We are running better now," she said. "We've had some girls really start to cut their times and it's showing."

Helping the team's cause is the return to health of senior standout Megan Plante. She had missed two meets because of leg injuries, but she returned Sept. 16 against Rochester and took a first overall with a time of 20:18.

She improved upon that at the Spartan, checking in with a time of 19:47 to give Clarkston its only medalist.

Zonca said one of the most improved runners has been junior Christina Rooding, one of the Rooding triplets along with sisters Jennifer and April.

"Christina has turned into a very good runner for us," Zonca said. "She sees herself in competition with Jennifer and they push each other in practice. It's a good rivalry that will make us a better team."

The other top placers for Clarkston Saturday were sophomore Nicole Fischer (21:10), Jennifer Rooding (20:54) and junior Amy Hopician (22:09).

The next trail the cross country teams will blaze comes Tuesday when the team hosts its only home meet all season against league foe Rochester Adams.




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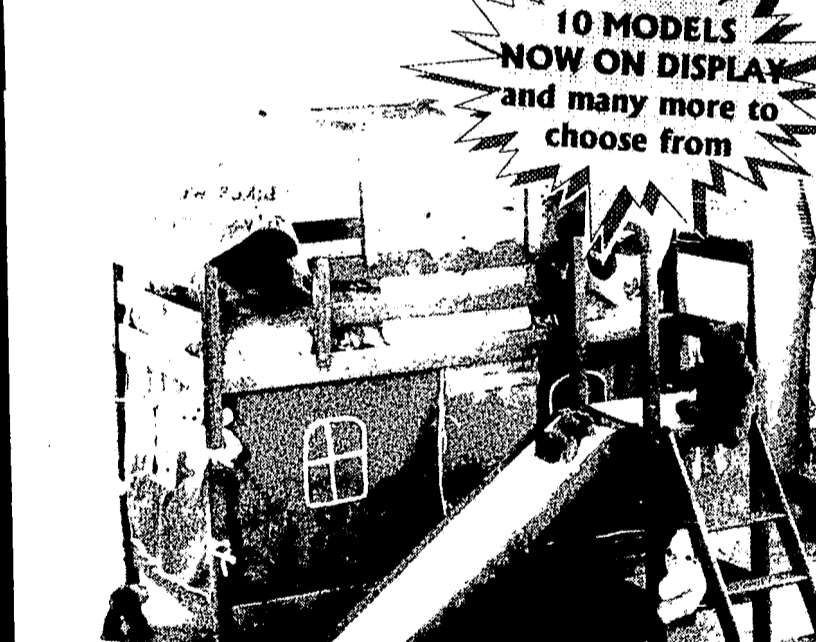
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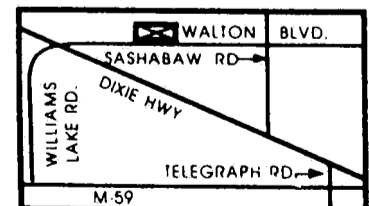
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Architect helps define the Clarkston look

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

David Katz didn't expect his building to become a T.V. star.

"I was up at 6 o'clock this morning and there was that commercial," says the local architect — modestly — of the building he designed for the local "Billy Bob's" in the Kroger shopping center. Katz' design was picked to hype the Michigan gameroom furniture store chain.

Admittedly shy, Katz hates to be in the limelight. But he doesn't mind if his buildings are.

His creations have peppered local streets for years — and they're growing like guppies, in step with development. Several projects are now under construction along bustling Dixie Highway and elsewhere.

Last week the Independence Township Board of Trustees rezoned some land on Sashabaw for local veterinarian Dr. Bryan Cornwall, who hopes to eventually build a larger office building. Katz — who is a loyal Cornwall client with three cats and a dog — walked him through some of the planning processes.

Seeing Katz's name on the agenda, trustee Neil Wallace quipped, "I think we should amend our zoning ordinance to require that David Katz be the required architect for all commercial developments in the township. He's that good."

Katz has filled two local shopping centers with new buildings that mimic their long-time architecture. That's why you see the familiar lines and colors in Billy Bob's and Ameritech at Kroger's, and Wendy's and Century 21 Real Estate at Farmer Jack.

Also rising on Dixie is Clarkston Hill, set to house the new Pete's Coney II and an office. "That should be a very fine-looking building, if I do say so myself," says Katz.

But there are longtime landmarks folks may not be aware of. For example: the charming gazebo in Depot Park where generations of lovers have said their "I do's." The elegant Williamsburg-style Prudential Square north of town. And, abounding in the once-a-year kingdom of Hollygrove, home to the Renaissance Festival, turreted buildings, rustic craft booths and — new this year — a large castle playscape.

Out of Clarkston territory is the Detroit Skating Center addition with a gymnasium floor that has a special "bounce to it." Other Katz creations include a fire station in White Lake Township ("one of my early ones") and several other Wendy's and Century 21's, including the newest in Independence Township, where he is also construction manager.

Katz is especially proud of the interior design, which includes a wood-grid ceiling, custom reception desk and offices for 59 people.

It seemed inevitable Katz, 63, would become an architect, following in the footsteps of his brother and father, who once played football for the Green Bay (then Acme) Packers. "I've always liked to draw," he



Architect David Katz, at work in his Clarkston office.

admits and was already doing sketches for his father at age 13, growing up in St. Louis, Missouri.

"Dad had his own company. He would draw up his own plans and build the facility."

Katz worked his way through architecture school at St. Louis' Washington University, graduating in 1964 with a degree in building design and building technology. His first job was with a Detroit architectural firm. Twelve years ago he started his own business, David Katz & Associates in Clarkston.

Primarily a commercial designer, he also plans recreational parks. The soccer and softball fields at

His dog 'does have a designer house . . . (but) he'd rather dig a hole and stay under a tree.'

Architect David Katz

Seymour Lake and Baldwin roads are his creation. He enjoys the occasional special project as well — for instance, a rec room and covered bridge for one client, Charles McMichael, not a millionaire but "he's comfortable," Katz admits. The rec room includes a fiber optics ceiling that "changes color eight times, also in the floor."

Other projects off the beaten commercial path include a Victorian home, modern churches and a bar. Letting his and a client's imaginations run wild, he once

designed a contemporary home, complete with cascading waterfalls, "a continuous skylight" and glass block-plaster exterior — something you'd expect to see at Malibu. Its value? Three-quarters-of-a-million dollars.

There's no favorite building, although some point to Prudential Square as being "one of the better ones," he says. Though he essentially will "perform as the client dictates," he likes it when people listen to him. After all, he IS the architect. It's disappointing when a problem has to be rectified later, costing the client a lot of time and money.

"The challenge may be to make it appealing to the people who are most interested in the building — the client, the public, the reviewing agent," he says.

Very few aren't wowed. However, there is one ... his 123-lb. Newfoundland, Brandy.

"As a matter of fact, the dog does have a designer house, insulated, painted, sided... He'd rather dig a hole and stay under the tree," quips Katz.

Satisfaction comes from not only the client, but seeing one of his creations realized, like a beautiful painting. Sometimes it takes weeks to get there. For example, it took him nearly six months to complete the Century 21 drawings.

Katz, a former Independence Township planning commissioner in the '80s, then co-authored a new township landscape ordinance with past and present commissioner Joe Figa. He also worked with township planner Dick Carlisle on design guidelines for Independence.

Many of his jobs come via word of mouth. "It's a network situation. You spin new jobs from the jobs you have. You make the contacts." Being a member in organizations such as Clarkston Rotary and the Clarkston Community Museum Foundation has been fruitful — plus, it makes him feel a part of the community.

He's definitely left his mark here.

"Everywhere you turn, you've got a David Katz building," says Cornwall.



Katz is proud of his Century 21 Real Estate building at White Lake Rd. and Dixie.

Fall Remodeling Show returns

The Fall Remodeling Show will be held at the Novi Expo Center this weekend, and two free passes are available at the Clarkston News office on a first come, first served basis.

The show runs Thursday-Sunday; hours are 2-10 Thursday and Friday, 10-10 Saturday and 10-7 Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for kids 6-12. Discount tickets are available at Farmer Jack stores. For more information call 248-737-4478.

Old house remodeling a labor of love

Living with the dust is nothing new to owners of a downtown Greek Revival

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Watching someone saw the roof off your 19th Century house is a scary proposition. Just ask Carol Eberhardt.

But as an experienced remodeler, Eberhardt had assembled a crew of local tradesmen she had worked with before and trusted. So when she decided to add on to her Greek Revival village home, she knew who to call.

The work is nearly done now, and Eberhardt got exactly what she wanted—a new office and studio with lots of light she can call her own. And she does need one.

Eberhardt is chairman of the board of Habitat for Humanity of North Oakland County, a Realtor, artist and graphic artist. Most of her work takes place at home. As she describes it, her previous office, which took over one room on the first floor of the house, had become counterproductive.

"It always looked like an explosion in a paper factory," she said with a laugh. "It got to the point where it was ridiculous and I was frustrated."

Add to that the fact that she had nowhere to do the messy art work, such as painting, and a basement full of projects waiting to be done. Every time she looked at her attic, "I kept thinking this would be great studio space."

The problem was the attic was only about as tall as she was—five foot one—at its tallest, and was very dark, with only one small window and no heat. It had recently been reroofed, but—eventually—even that didn't stop Eberhardt.

Calling upon Robin Johnson, an architect she had



Carol Eberhardt sips coffee in her new office/studio. This once was a dark attic.

met through Habitat, Eberhardt learned that raising the roof and adding space was possible, even though she insisted it be in keeping with the home's existing style of architecture. Local builder Bud Olafsson, who has

himself renovated an old house on Main St., did the rough carpentry and drywall. A friend who is an accomplished carpenter did some woodwork.

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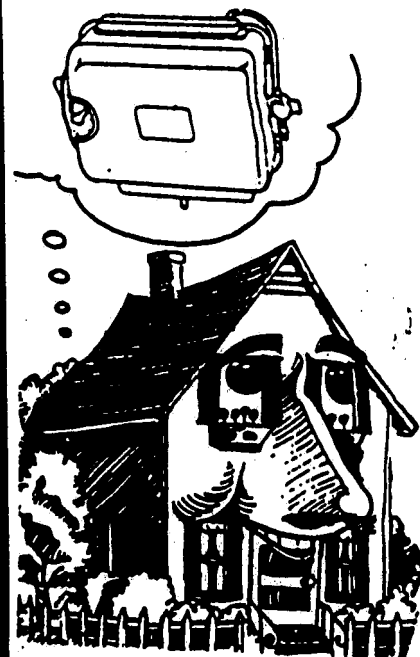
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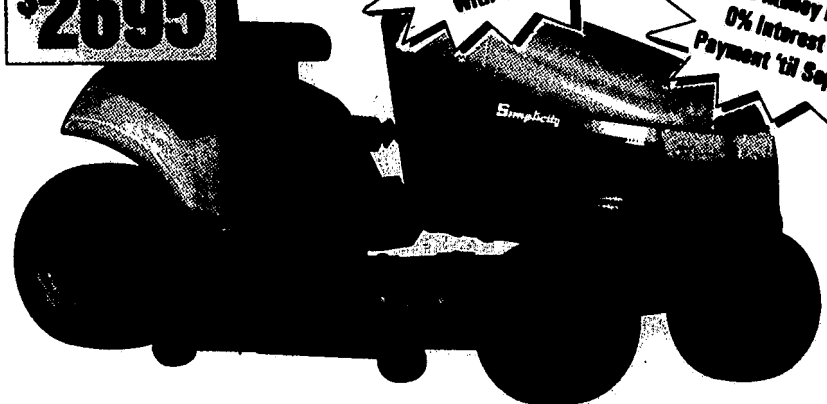
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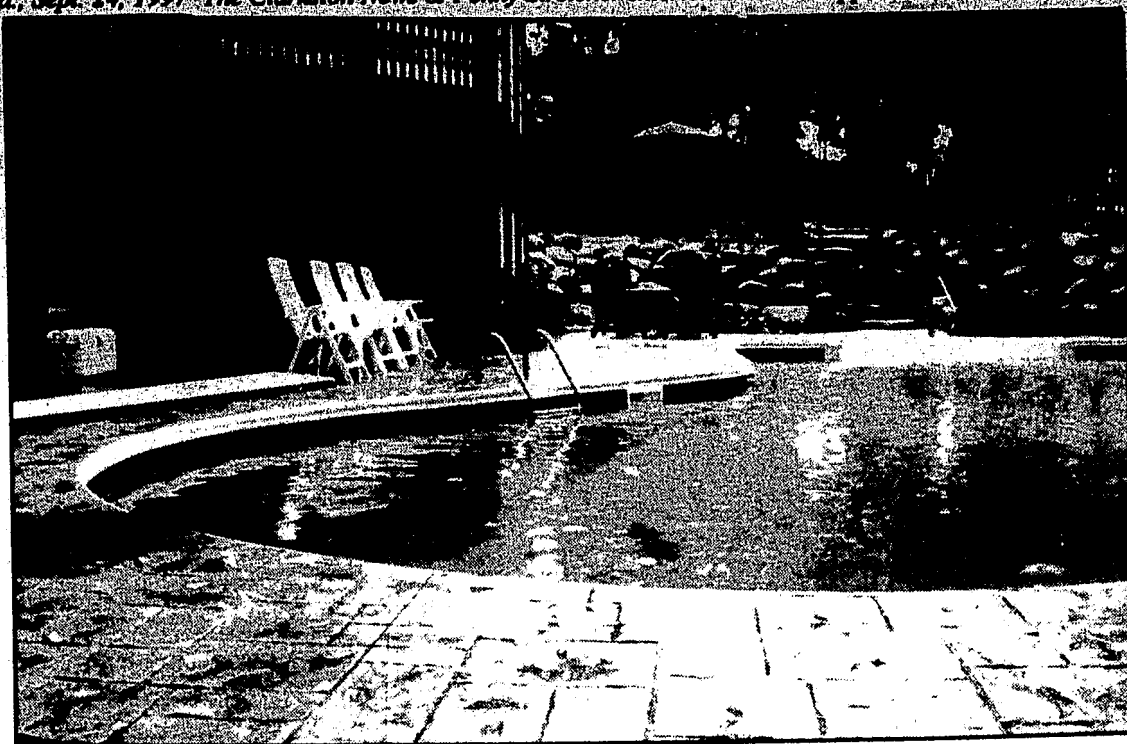
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Steve Russo is from Clarkston; brother Tony is from Ortonville and Jason King lives in Oxford. They've been in business together for five years. Tony Russo is a builder, the other two do most of the concrete work.

There are still about six to eight weeks left in the season. For more information call them at 1-800-992-9379.

Michigan cider safe, MDA says

New initiatives recently proposed by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration to make fresh juice products safer are already being taken by Michigan's apple cider industry, according to Michigan Department of Health Director Dan Wyant.

"We've been working with Michigan's apple industry since last fall to develop a program aimed at enhancing the safety of apple cider produced in Michigan," Wyant said.

Michigan has already implemented what are known as Good Management Practices, a hazard analysis and critical control point program to eliminate risks along the product's route from farm field to sale, producer training and educational outreach.

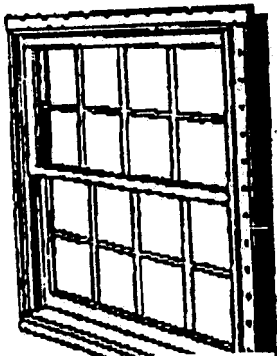
After spending seven months analyzing cider-making practices, a group which included the Michigan Apple Cider Advisory Group, MDA, Michigan State University, the FDA and the Michigan Farm Bureau distributed its new standards to all state apple cider producers.

The good news is no one has ever reported getting sick on Michigan apple cider, as has happened in other states. But the industry is continuing to work on research and technology and the education of cider-mill operators, about 200 strong in Michigan.

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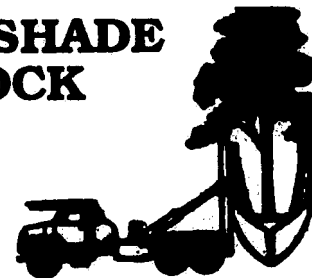
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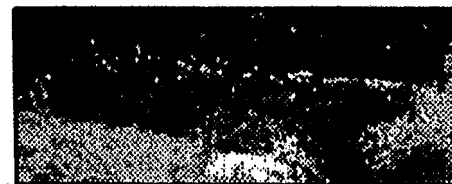
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Minding the bees' wax

Fall is the time for Michigan honey

By Jeanette Brown
Oxford Leader Staff Writer

This is the time beekeepers wait for all year. My husband, Don Brown, has eight hives and is harvesting honey.

"Taking the honey off around Labor Day gives me time to put medicine on that the bees need to eat before winter," Don said. "Honey bees throughout the world are in danger from mites that eat the bee's blood and deform the larvae."

Don said mites have decimated nearly 90 percent of wild bee populations in the United States in the last 15 years.

In years past, before the mite problem, the honey would be harvested later, after the first frost killed all the flowers.

Don described the life of a bee. Honey bees only live around six to seven weeks. The first two days of their lives are spent cleaning cells and keeping the brood (babies) warm.

For several days they feed the older larvae, then they spend six days feeding the younger larvae. The next six days finds them producing wax and transporting food (pollen and honey).

They are promoted for four days to guarding the hive entrance. The rest of their life is spent collecting pollen, nectar, propolis and water. Then they die of old age.

The queen lives several years. The only difference between queen larvae and regular larvae is that the queen is fed royal jelly.

"There are only around 400 males per hive," Don revealed. "That compares with approximately 60,000 females. The males are very lazy. The only thing they do is fertilize the queen on her mating flight. Then they are done." Don't all males wish their life was so good?

After the frames with honey are removed from the hive, beekeeper Don uncaps the honey with a hot knife: Then the frames are put into the extractor.

Since it isn't bolted down like it should be, we both lean on it with all our weight and he turns the handle. Centrifugal force slings the honey out of the cells and onto the sides of the extractor:

The honey runs down the sides and pools at the bottom. We then drain the honey from the extractor into a bucket, where it sits for several days. This allows the wax and other contaminants to rise to the top.

Don then bottles the honey from a spigot in the bottom of the bucket. Commercial operations heat the honey slightly to run it through filters, which leaves it less likely to form granules.

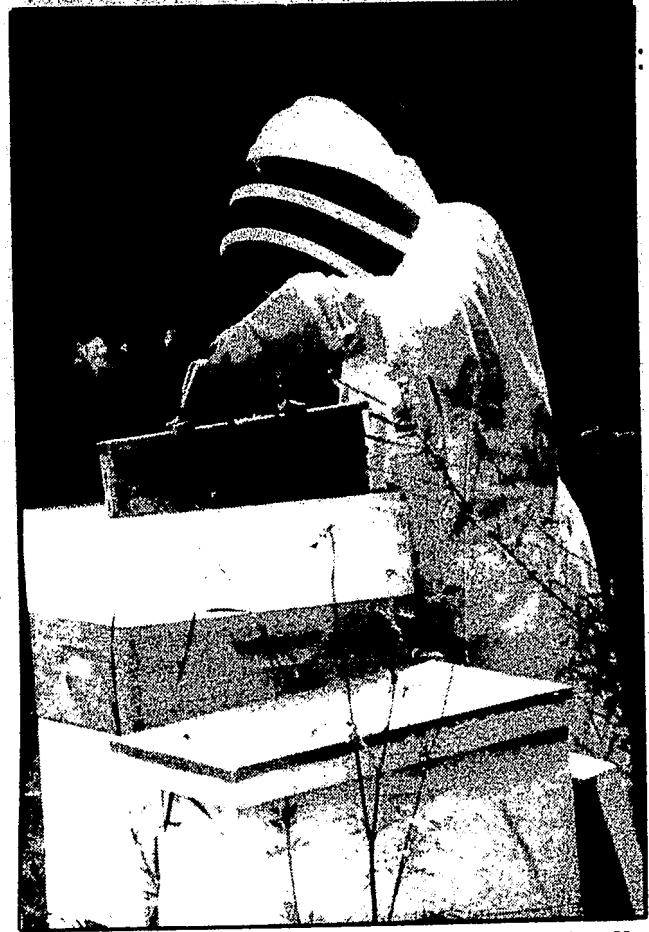
Creamed honey is made by a special process of heating and cooling to exact temperatures. Creamed honey is needed to start the crystallization process, which acts as a catalyst. Very fine crystals are formed. We haven't learned how to do that yet.

If you buy honey that has granulated (you'll know when you see it), heat the jar slightly in either a pot with water on the stove or in the microwave. Watch it carefully, as it will run over and make a sticky mess.

When I asked Don about the killer bees, he said "I've got some!" He has been stung at least ten times in the last few days harvesting honey. Don said true killer bees have invaded the United States, but only into southern California, Arizona and Texas.

I asked him if there was anything a person should know before getting into beekeeping. "You will get stung," he said.

"If you do get stung," he continued, "scratch the stinger out with your fingernail. If you grab it with your fingers, it will force the venom out into your



The bees fill frames with honey and cap it off with wax. During the harvest, Don pulls the capped frames and inspects them to make sure no larvae are present. They shouldn't be.

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Scottish writer J.M. Barrie said, "God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December." Roses may have to remain a memory until spring, but with indoor gardening, you can have fragrance and color even in the dead of winter. These ideas from the American Nursery and Landscape Association (formerly American Association of Nurserymen) should satisfy your horticultural longings throughout the season.

Tropicals. Okay, so it doesn't compare to Hawaii, but a sunroom full of tropical plants is bound to lift your spirits. Perhaps your patio boasts tropical beauties like hibiscus, orchids or gardenias all summer. Before you move plants indoors for winter, inspect them thoroughly. Outdoors, insects have the elements to battle; indoors, without natural controls, they thrive. Make sure plants are clean and check under leaves for bugs. If you find infestations, ask a nursery professional to recommend an insecticidal soap.

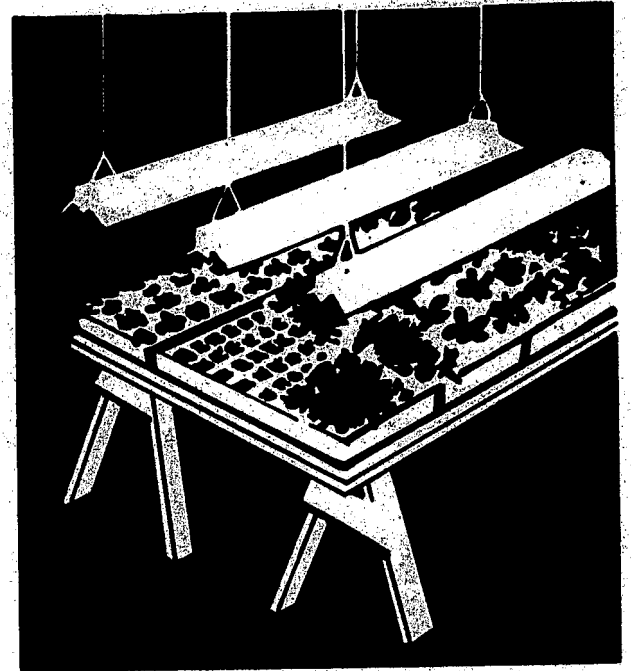
Geraniums. Don't give up your geraniums just because Jack Frost pays a visit! Place cuttings in

colorful or interesting antique bottles. By next spring, roots will be established and cuttings ready for planting.

Forced Bulbs. Forced is a strong term for such delicate beauties as paperwhite narcissus, hyacinth and amaryllis. In the warmth of your home, bulbs contribute color and fragrance. In the fall, garden centers stock a variety of bulbs for indoor forcing. Ask staff for ideas if you don't know how to start.

Herbs. Vegetables generally don't perform well in the low humidity of heated homes, so try herbs instead. A sunny window sill makes a great spot for herbs. Herbs add zest, vitamins and infusions of greenery to your diet at a time of year when you need them most.

Remember to water and mist indoor plants regularly and decrease feedings. Exercise caution when reintroducing plants to the great outdoors next spring. Gradually acclimate tender plants to the stronger light, fluctuating temperatures and winds they will experience upon reentry.



Variety of decorative pots available

According to the American Nursery and Landscape Association (formerly American Association of Nurserymen), if you haven't visited your local garden center lately, you're in for a surprise. The range of choices in decorative pots has exploded. The old reliables, terra cotta and plastic, are still around but exciting designs are waiting to be discovered also.

Mexican and Italian pottery have traditionally dominated the market. Imported pots from the Far

East are bringing welcome diversity. Garden center shoppers will note the delightful differences in pottery from Thailand. Mulberry and earth tone glazes and rough, yet refined designs tempt the shopper in search of unique decorating possibilities.

Plastic containers are lightweight and practical, but often lack style. Better designs are becoming available. One example is a line of plastic pots from Italy that resemble Greek Urns.

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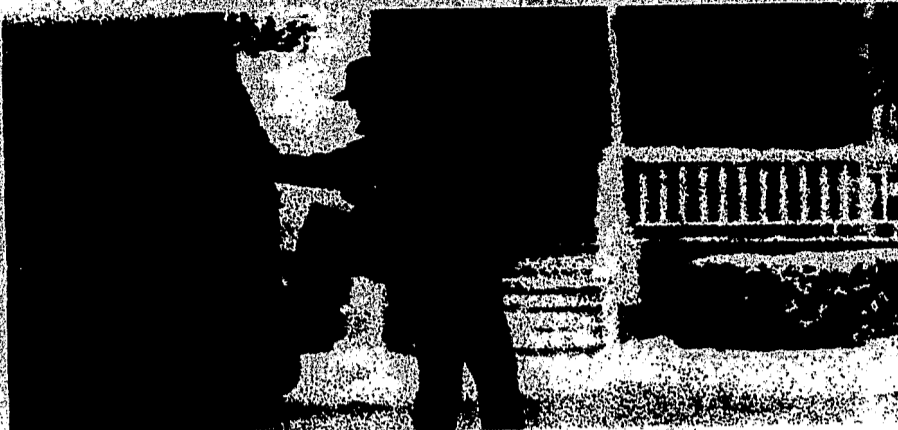
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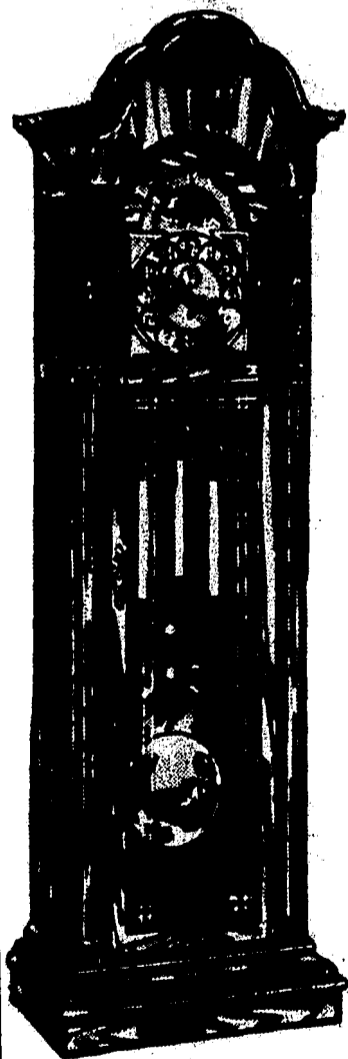


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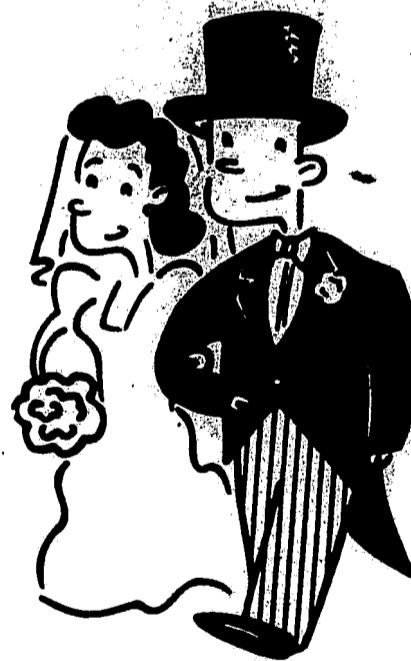
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Tulips give your yard an elegant touch

Each spring you look forward to seeing the vibrant hues of the tulips you planted in the fall. From golden yellow to deep purple, tulips are one of the only flowers to command such a wide range of the rainbow.

These beauties can add elegance to landscapes from as early as February to as late as June. All it takes is the right conditions and some attentiveness.

Planting tulips is a fairly simple process, but it's the surrounding elements that can affect the length of their life. These six tips from "The Old Farmer's Almanac Gardener's Companion" (Yankee) can help keep your tulips in bloom.

1. Plant your tulip bulbs as soon as you get them. The bulbs' home is in the ground; put them where they feel comfortable.

2. Take precaution to keep pesky rodents away from your budding babes. Even though your tulip bulbs are snug under the earth, it doesn't mean they are out of harm's way. If mice and moles have been a problem, put thorny leaves like holly in the planting holes. Crushed gravel and kitty litter are also recommended by some gardeners. For those who need to take stronger measures against these rodents, planting bulbs in a wire cage may be the best solution.

3. Tulips are suckers for dry

soil. Conditions like wet soil promote fungus and disease, which can rot bulbs. Tulips need to be surrounded by earth that is dry or soil that is not continually damp.

4. Dig Deep. Tulips should be planted deep — at least 8 inches deep — measuring from the base of the bulb. Remember, it's important to dig even deeper than this suggested depth to loosen the soil and allow for greater drainage.

5. Water the bulbs directly after planting. Tulips are fickle flora. While bulbs despise continually wet conditions, they need water to start growing.

When you plant then, feed them. This goes for perennial tulips. Bulbs are resilient; they have a storage

system containing all their necessary nutrients for one year. Feeding them in the fall promotes growth for the upcoming year. Gardeners recommend time-release bulb food, compost or organic material.

One last hint if you desire perennial tulips. The success of planting one fall and having these flowers bloom continually each spring depends on your climate. Tulips grow best in arid areas. If you live in a rainy part of the country, it will be necessary to have a great drainage system to keep your tulips happy year after year. It may be to your advantage to plant a wide variety of the bulbs annually to have these beauties in bloom from early spring until early summer.

Old house remodeling *Continued from page 4*

"It wasn't easy," Eberhardt said. "A lot of people get frustrated with old houses . . . Murphy's Law will prevail. If you can't handle that stuff, you get frustrated."

All those involved were experienced at old houses. Eberhardt and her husband Larry moved into the house on Washington St. with a lot of work ahead of them. Built in the late 1800s, it was moved from Main St. (where Morgans sits now) in the late 1920s. It was the town telephone office for awhile, was rented out and eventually left vacant before the Eberhardts bought it in 1982. Somewhere along the way it also caught fire.

"It was trashed, totally trashed. There had been no heat in the house so plaster had fallen off in big hunks. All my friends were like 'I can't believe you bought this house.' But for some reason when I walked in this

house—and it was trashed and filthy—I said this is it."

With the help of friends the Eberhardts did as much cleaning as they could and then moved in to live with the renovations. It took two summers to take off siding, but it was worth it when the original wood clapboards were revealed underneath. Same for carpeting, which had hardwood underneath. "I stripped all the woodwork; that took three years," Eberhardt said. "There was zero insulation . . ."

"It's been a long, long project. Really when you do old houses it's a labor of love because if you didn't you'd either go crazy or get divorced."

As if all that wasn't enough, in 1988 a new kitchen was added. Eberhardt thought she'd done her last remodeling. But nine years later . . .

"What I had in my head is absolutely what's up

there, and that's so wonderful," Eberhardt says of her new office/studio. Though it's new space, it retains a bit of the old-house feel thanks to several structural beams that are visible. Closets had to be raised up to accommodate one, and another runs through the new wood flooring.

Decorating is still not complete, but Eberhardt, a former decorator, is mixing old and new styles and likes the more modern feel of the room. Eyebrow windows suggest an old house but most of the windows are stock. Tall, antique moulding has been recycled in the bathroom from another house. New stained glass is yet to be added, as is an antique door for the bathroom.

"I can't believe how much it's changed the quality of my life already," Eberhardt said. "It's so restful; a lot of times I just come up here and sit."



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It's time to think about fall yard/garden chores

The American Nursery and Landscape Association (formerly American Association of Nurserymen) suggest the following general guidelines for fall yard and garden maintenance. For advice tailored to your specific growing zone, clip this list and review it with your local garden center.

- Rake leaves onto compost pile or shred and use for mulch.
- Fall is garden clean up time. Trim back spent perennials (except roses). Chop up debris and compost. Pile loose mulch - such as pine needles, straw or leaves - on tender plants that require protection - roses, young seedlings, strawberries and perennials.
- Harvest cold-sensitive vegetables before frost.

Dig beets, radishes and carrots when ground cracks at plant stem. Plant cool weather vegetables: kale, hardy onions, collards, cabbage, garlic and potatoes in some areas. Mulch well.

• Evaluate your lawn. Some parts of the country can apply broadleaf weedkillers if necessary. Fall is the time for one last mow in most areas. Set mower blade to highest setting. Fescue lawns can be reseeded now; summer grasses can be overseeded with rye in mild winter regions. Drain gas and oil from all power equipment to prevent starting problems in spring.

- Remove broken, diseased or damaged branches from trees and shrubs.
- Plant new trees in fall. Give the new trans-

plants an extra watering before winter sets in.

• Enjoy fall annuals - mums, asters, pansies - in warmer regions. Cut back mums after they bloom. Deadhead pansies for prolific blooms all season long.

• Plant daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs when soil is cool.

• Direct sow wildflower seed that requires cool temperature - larkspur and poppies, for example.

• If a live (not cut) Christmas tree is in your plans, dig its hole before the ground freezes and mulch well.

• Continue to feed the birds with seed and suet -- they'll rid your trees of pest larvae, eggs and insects.

Fall care is the key to a healthy lawn in spring

While some people may be looking forward to the end of the lawn and garden season, professionals and those "in the know" realize that this is the most important season of all. In fact, this is the start of the 1998 growing season.

This is not the time to think "What can I do to wrap things up?" Quite the contrary, it's time to think "What can I do to make my lawn and landscape look better next spring?"

Everything you do now will have a direct impact on the health and beauty of your lawn and landscape when things green up next April. If there are weeds in the lawn or flower beds now, they'll still be there next spring. If dead spots abound, they won't go away during the winter. If the lawn is weak now, imagine how it'll look next spring.

Applying a slow-release fertilizer to the lawn during the fall is highly recommended by professionals. Some experts suggest that nearly half of all the annual fertilization should be done after Labor Day. An appli-

cation in September and another in late October or early November will benefit the lawn significantly next spring.

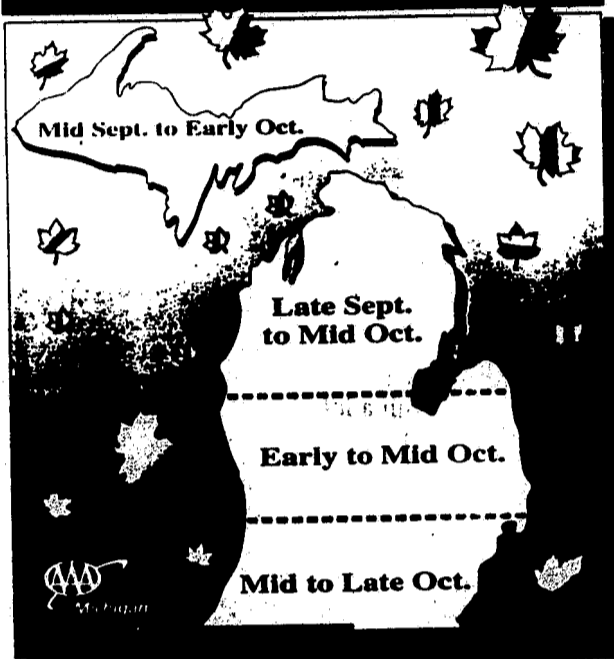
If weeds are a problem, the next month provides the best window of control. Cooler temperatures allow the weeds to be more succulent, thereby allowing herbicides to be more effective. Of course, hand pulling can be done at any time, but is less taxing to you when it's cooler.

"Whatever we can do to encourage developing strong root systems in the fall only makes the plants more viable next spring," says Larry Wright, president of the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association. "It is very easy to pick out those lawns and landscapes that have been properly tended to in the fall. They are the ones that look the very best in the spring."

Before you put away the mower and weeder, take a good look around. What could be done now? Procrastination positively produces poor plants.

For more information, visit the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association's website at www.landscape.org or call 248-646-4992.

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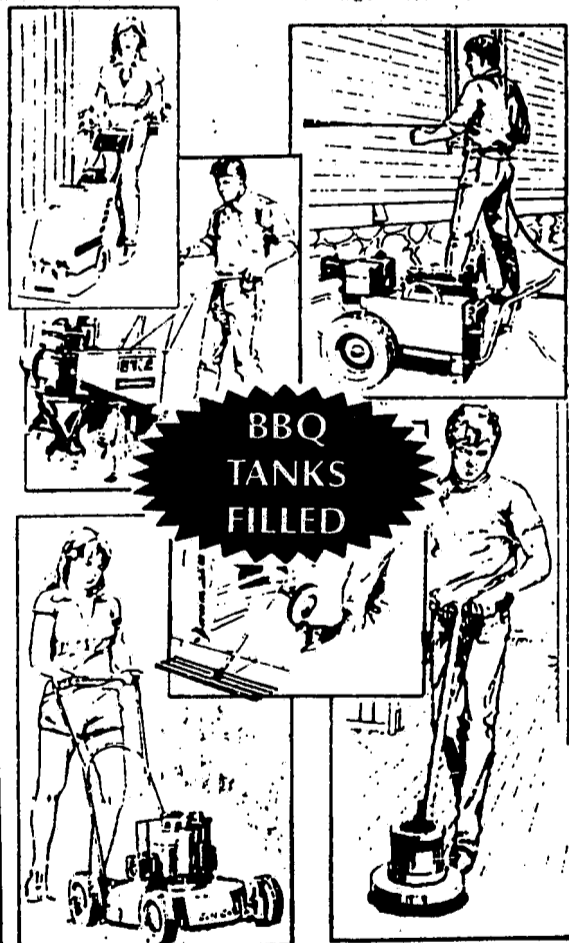
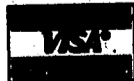
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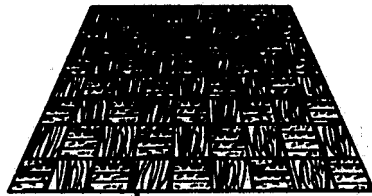


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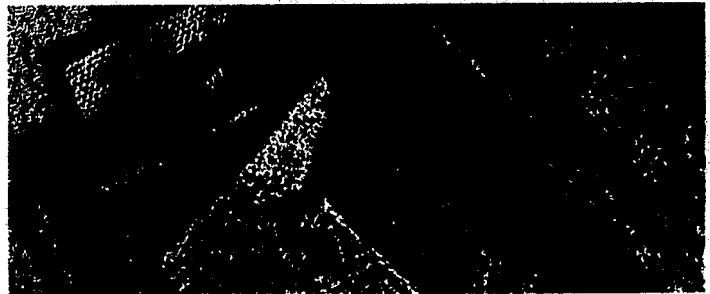
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