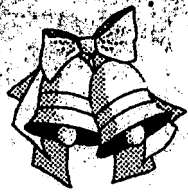


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The apple doesn't fall far from the tree



Charles Oaks is the new man in charge at the Springfield Township Fire Department.

For Springfield's new fire chief

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Tracing the lineage of people who have been chief of the Springfield Township Fire Department isn't too hard: Just check out the Charles Oaks family tree.

On Aug. 1, Oaks became the third Springfield Fire Department Chief, taking over for the retired Marlan Hillman. Hillman, who was chief for more than 20 years, is Oaks' father-in-law.

"I moved here from Kentucky and met my wife Marlene," Oaks said. "She had lived here all her life and I got to know her dad. He said they were always in need of daytime personnel, so I helped out."

Marlene's grandfather was the original Springfield Fire Chief in 1947. Marlan was a charter member of the department, started that year.

Oaks currently runs the BP gas station on Davisburg Road and is most often seen with small grease smudges on his hands, clad in his tan and green BP shirt.

"I'm not much of a uniform guy," he chuckles in his southern drawl.

After Oaks moved to Springfield in 1970 and established his gas station, he quickly became more involved in the community's daily activities. He served on the parks and recreation board from 1976-84. He left that post after he was elected to serve on the Springfield Township Board of Trustees as a trustee. He remained there until taking the fire chief's job.

During his time on the board, Oaks was named

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--Charles Oaks

department captain, putting him in a natural position to take over the chief's job. In keeping with the family theme, Marlan Hillman's brother Owen - Oaks' uncle-in-law - is the assistant fire chief.

"Owen was not really interested in the (fire chief) position," Oaks said.

Oaks becomes chief during a very dynamic time for fire departments such as Springfield's. With the trend moving more and more to paid-call firefighters and states setting higher standards in terms of education and training, Oaks said his fire chief position could become a full-time one before too long.

"I think that's got to be done in the next year or two," he said. "Right now, I'm doing 30-40 hours a week of fire department business, doing things like setting up a budget and supervising the training of all our personnel. Nowadays, there's a lot more to being a firefighter than chasing fires."

Oaks said there are 28 paid-call firefighters with the department right now. In addition to perhaps taking the chief's job on a full-time basis, Oaks does have other goals for the department under his direction.

"I would like to see an eventual addition to Station No. 2," he said. "We have a great proportion of our calls on the Dixie corridor, and we'll need that. I would also like to improve our tankers."

Requiem for a downtown? Tierra ponders following Rudy's out of Clarkston

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Is Clarkston sounding the death knell for downtown retail? With businesses like Hallman's Apothecary, NBD Bank, the Village Bookstore and, most recently, Rudy's decision to leave, many think so.

The situation is crucial and one that calls for an about-face for change, said Buck Kopietz, owner of Tierra Jewelers on Main St. for 25 years. Though he runs the thriving bed and breakfast Millpond Inn at the other end of town, Kopietz can gaze into his crystal ball and say, that unless things improve, he's out of here too.

"We've been looking at our options for the last three or four months — including the possibility of leaving downtown." Traffic through Tierra has steadily declined within the last eight years and they haven't drawn a paycheck from the business for the past two years, he said.

Currently, Tierra is "getting ready to make major changes," Kopietz said. One of those changes is reducing its hours. Through the week Tierra will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. "We're not sure about Sunday yet," Kopietz said.

"We're cutting overhead to give us a little more time to make decisions ... If moving is what it takes, we'll move."

Recently, Rudy's, a long-time and beloved staple in Clarkston, announced a major move out of town, to take place within the next year. Robert Eshaki, who co-owns the business with Chris Thomas, said they have an "option to buy two parcels in Independence Township," but won't say where. The family owns the S. Main building.

Eshaki cites water, parking, hassles with the local police department and also "the overall lack of vision of the downtown" as reasons for leaving.

He hasn't met officially with the township yet, but has talked to them "unofficially ... Independence Township is a very impressive outfit. They have great vision," Eshaki said. "They have programs designed to make business succeed, such as Vision 2020. They've welcomed me into their community. They're going to work with us as much as possible."

But Eshaki denies that run-ins with Clarkston Police over parking tickets and garbage dumpsters are the straw that broke the camel's back. "We believe that in a small town everybody must work together," he said, summing things up.

Meanwhile, the retail crisis seems to be on everyone's mind and many are debating the issue.

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New awards dinner scheduled

A new event on the fall calendar arrives October 27.

"Clarkston Cares" is an awards dinner sponsored by the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth. Nominations for outstanding "asset builders" in the community, that is, people who set positive examples for and work with youth are currently being accepted. An award will be given in each of the following areas: schools, churches, civic groups, business, media and neighborhoods.

To nominate someone, either an adult or young person, send your name and phone number, along with the name of the person nominated and a brief description to the task force at PO Box 702, Clarkston, MI 48347.

The award dinner will include a buffet meal, music and a talk by Mary Ann Solberg, executive director of the Troy Coalition. Solberg, a leader in the prevention movement, will talk about practical ideas on how communities can work together more effectively for the benefit of youth.

Cost for the evening is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple or \$10 for students. For reservations call Cindy Dixon at 394-0252.

CDBG funds set

The public will get a chance to hear how the 1997-98 Community Development Block Grant funds will be used in Springfield next month.

During the regular township board of trustees meeting Nov. 13, a public hearing will take place on how to best use these federal funds for local projects.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. The township hall is located on Davisburg Rd. in downtown Davisburg.

City sets hearing for CDBG funds

The City of Clarkston has scheduled a public hearing for allocations of 1998 Community Development Block Grant funds for its next meeting, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 375 Depot in Clarkston. City manager Art Pappas said he expects the estimated \$8,000 received next year will go toward the usual projects like Lighthouse Clarkston, senior citizen needs like Meals on Wheels, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance and the Independence Township Library. Lighthouse has already requested \$1,000, he said. Applications must be submitted by Dec. 1.

Cafeteria workers, school board agree on contract

The Clarkston board of education ratified a two-year contract Monday night with its Cafeteria Association.

The contract calls for a three-percent raise in the first year and a 2.8 percent raise the second year. There are about 50 employees represented by the union, according to Linda Nester, Director of Administrative and Personnel Services.

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Great Scot!

Renaissance man helps fifth-grader trace her roots

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Canton man recently drove all the way to Clarkston to have a Highland fling at Bailey Lake Elementary.

John Abaire Jr., a costumed character at Michigan's Renaissance Festival, overheard fifth-grader Kaitlyn Lewis and her parents talking about Kaitlyn's upcoming school project, while all were recently browsing at "Highland Fling," a Scottish imports store at Orion's Canterbury Village.

Every year teacher Sallie Smith asks her students to trace their heritages, and Kaitlyn had decided to do her report based on the Duncan side of the family, her mother's ancestry from Scotland.

Abaire graciously volunteered his services as a "prop" — a plaid-clad warrior similar to "Braveheart."

He took time off work to appear at Kaitlyn's school Sept. 17, where the little girl beamed as Abaire,

'After making merry all night long I used my credit card and yelled -- I bought the sword!'

--John Abaire Jr.

dashing in a kilt ("five yards of wool from Jo Ann Fabrics"), knee-high moccasins and a four-foot-long sword, strode into the classroom.

Though Abaire, 28, confesses to nary a drop of Scotch blood, his heart's nevertheless in the heather.

"I'm Scottish in spirit," Abaire said, explaining he's always been fascinated with anything medieval. Hence his work with the Renaissance Festival, where he's been a regular fixture for the past two years as a squire, a "hawker" at crafter's shop "Kilts and More" and a worker who helps prepare knights for jousting tournaments.

It's a natural when you consider his favorite movies are "Braveheart," "Excalibur" and "Highlander." A college fencing class helped, although ac-

ording to Abaire his instructor asked, "Why are you interested in this if you didn't play Dungeons and Dragons?"

But after one day at Hollygrove, he was hooked. "I spent three-quarters of the day with the knights and the next day I was in an outfit," he said.

Kaitlyn's elaborate presentation included a map, family crests, tartan plaid, photos, a video of bagpipers, even a clever clip from Disney's "Lady and the Tramp," which showed Scottie dog Jock talking with a rreally cool brogue.

She also drew an enthusiastic thumbs down with her vivid description of "haggis," a special Scottish dish served on holidays where the liver, heart and lungs of a sheep are boiled and stuffed with onion and oatmeal into the animal's stomach. ("I'll stick with turkey," her mom, Rosanne Lewis, later said.)

But the highland highlight was definitely Abaire, who showed off his finery, much to the class's delight. Accessories to his warrior's wardrobe included arm guards called "bracers," a pewter cup and a "sporrán," a pouch worn at the front of the kilt, usually used to store food and water. Today they held Abaire's wallet and car keys.

Children were especially fascinated with his weapon, traditionally used in battle to break bones of the enemy. He needs a weapons permit to bring it into the Renaissance Festival, he said.

Out in the hall afterwards, Abaire told how he bought it for \$400 at a "Medieval Times" restaurant in Orlando.

"After making merry all night long I used my credit card and yelled 'I bought the sword!'" Abaire said, demonstrating how he had waved his Excalibur high in the air after almost everybody at the bar awaited the purchase.

In thanks for helping out, Kaitlyn presented Abaire with a gift certificate for Highland Fling, where he often makes purchases and conducts research.

After the report he was asked the obvious question. What — if anything — did he wear under his kilt? The answer was: conservative underwear.

"If I slip and fall, family show becomes show the family," he quipped.

Kaitlyn's mom couldn't get over his generosity. "He took time off work to come down here for our daughter's fifth-grade presentation," she said.



Kaitlyn Lewis and the "prop" she used for a fifth-grade report on Scotland: John Abaire, a character from Michigan's Renaissance Festival.

City moves forward with building ordinance

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A new inspection ordinance aims to keep structures safe in the City of the Village of Clarkston.

City attorney Tom Ryan read the rough draft of a new ordinance, designed to protect commercial buildings, at Monday night's council meeting, asking members for their input. He said the ordinance is needed because of the buildings' age and proximity to each other. Some structures, especially in the downtown business district, date back to 100 years or more.

In the ordinance, Ryan recommends that inspections be conducted annually, but they may be waived for certain conditions, such as if that business has had a more recent inspection for a safety issue. Items like

BOCA codes, fire prevention, structure, maintenance and fee schedules would be covered as well as enforcement and procedures to handle violations. Council could also establish a "construction board of appeals," he said.

The goal is to "insure the health, safety and welfare of the community," Ryan said. "We're just trying to protect the village. We don't want the building to go up in flames because of a fire wall problem."

Council members discussed some issues in detail, working with Ryan on clarifying language and items they wanted included before he brings it back to council for a revised first reading.

Foremost were compliance issues and the concern that the ordinance be pro-active and "friendly" to building owners.

Councilman Doug Roeser suggested that a copy

of the ordinance be sent to those owners for input.

"I have to agree with Doug because I think it's very important to communicate what we're driving at," said fellow councilman Walt Gamble. Ryan said the ordinance should provide "the minimum amount of intrusion possible" to make sure it's safe.

Councilman Bill Basinger said he was also worried because some buildings are close to residences.

Finally, council agreed to invite the building owners to a future council meeting for suggestions and discussion, before the ordinance is adopted.

The proposed ordinance is "sort of a wellness program for old buildings," Basinger said.

Ryan agreed. "An HMO," he quipped.

"All we're saying is, given the age of our build-

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Townships, schools consider partnership on playgrounds

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

A new partnership between Independence and Springfield Townships and Clarkston schools is in the talking stages.

The partnership revolves around playgrounds and could, if negotiated successfully, bring federal Block Grant dollars to school playgrounds.

Assistant school superintendent David Reschke presented the idea to the Clarkston board of education Monday night. He said that in July he was approached by Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin about the partnership, which is already in use in some communities.

Each year municipalities receive Community Development Block Grant funds via the county from the federal government. There are restrictions on how the money can be spent.

Conklin wanted to know whether the school district and the individual building PTA/PTO organizations might be interested in such a partnership along with the two townships. Many school facilities are already used for township programs, so the fit seems a natural, although many details remain to be worked out.

"I suggested we were interested," Reschke said of the first meeting. "All the parties at that table suggested the concept had some merit."

Reschke asked the board of education for permission to keep exploring the plan, and received the board's blessing.

In addition to responsibilities for funding and maintenance, "We also didn't explore issues of control," he said. "But in the earlier meeting Ann suggested the school district would maintain control" of the facilities.

Involved in the meetings with Reschke and Conklin so far have been PTA/PTO presidents, Dan Stencil of Oakland County Parks, and Collin Walls, Springfield Township Supervisor.

"I left all the meetings with the strong feeling there is the ability to do something for all the citizens of the community," Reschke said.

"We've been trying to find ways we can work in cooperation with township and city officials and this is one possibility," said school superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

"I think this is one step in the right direction," said trustee Janet Thomas. "The school district has always shared its facilities with the township but this is a more organized approach."

Clarkston News recognition

Your community newspaper, The Clarkston News, and its publishing group recently received recognition in the 1997 Michigan Press Association Newspaper Contest.

Between The Clarkston News and her sister newspapers, The Oxford Leader and Lake Orion Review, Sherman Publications, Inc., brought in 11 awards in their class. Judging was done by the North Carolina Press Association, who studied over 3,000 entries, submitted by 148 Michigan newspapers.

The Clarkston News' Eileen McCarville received an honorable mention in the "Human Interest Feature Story" category.

Clarkston News columnist and Independence Township resident Don Rush was awarded second place in the state for "Local Columns." Wrote the judges, "Very personal and filled with unexpected humor. Well written." Rush's column originates from The Oxford Leader.

Besides that award, The Leader garnered a first place for "Best Local Reporting," second places for "Enterprise Feature," and "Spot News Story." The Leader also had third place finishes for "Editorial Writing," and "Human Interest Feature Story."

The Lake Orion Review won first places in "Human Interest Feature Story," and for "Feature Picture." They also won a second place award for "Sports Feature," and a third for "Feature Picture."

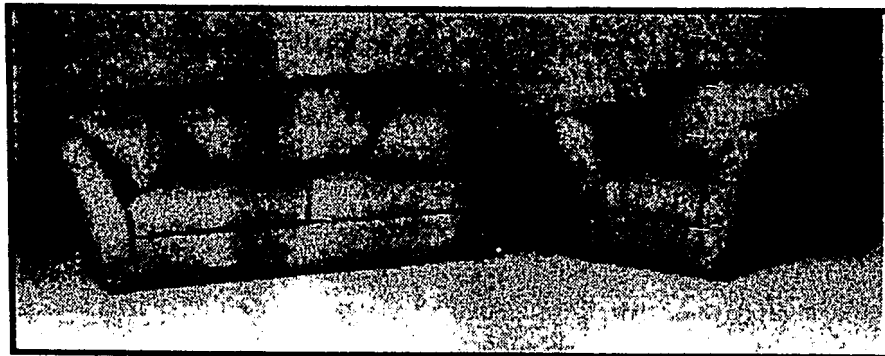
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Contaminated sub to get water, sewer

Carcinogens found in some water samples

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Public hearings for water, sewer and road improvements in two Independence Township subdivisions drew a full house and mostly positive comments at the Oct. 7 Board of Trustees meeting.

After discussion among board members and residents, the board unanimously approved special assessment districts for water and sewer improvements for Townsend sub and road paving for Woodhull sub.

It was mostly Townsend residents who expressed concern — over contaminated wells found in their subdivision. Out of 15-16 wells tested, nine households on Rockcroft, Corunna, Dixie Highway and Waterford Rd. show especially high levels of contamination. Those residents and others in the sub have been on bottled water supplied by the state, township Department of Public Works head George Anderson said. Both the state's Department of Environmental Quality and the Oakland County Health Department are continuing to test in that area, he added.

Sampling has indicated the presence of five volatile organic compounds, known as "VOCs," to be above the state's health advisory level. That means water isn't safe for drinking, Anderson said. The VOCs come from a mixture of petroleum and cleaning products and are considered to be cancer-causing chemicals. Residents were also concerned about the lake where, as one homeowner put it, "people swim and fish."

Contamination was not the impetus for the water

Arsenic has also been found around Clarkston, particularly in the northwest quadrant of the township, depending on which aquifer you draw from.

improvements in Townsend subdivision, Anderson said; rather, it was discovered during the process of regular testing.

Other Townsend residents wanted to know if the state will also provide drinking water to their homes while they wait for the new water mains to go in. According to Anderson, they won't be installed till next spring.

But Anderson said there are no guarantees for the state to supply additional bottled water. "It's a crashout," he said, pointing to lack of manpower at the state and county levels as part of the problem. However, he's putting the water project "on the fast track," he said later.

Anderson has contacted the Oakland County and state health departments, which are trying to define areas of contamination in Clarkston and Independence Township.

Within the past few years, certain areas have been found to be significantly contaminated: wells around the old Ben Powell landfill on Clarkston Rd., east of Perry Lake Rd.; the north portion of Main St. (north of township hall) where residents have hooked up to the community well system; near Sashabaw, the north side of Woodhull Lake and Lake Oakland, where residents also hooked up; and the Maybee-Sashabaw area, where a community well was replaced at the site of an old gas station.

Over two years ago, state health officials visited

the City of Clarkston, warning of contamination there too. N. Main residents were especially concerned, as their properties border those which fall on the township portion of Main St. that were hooked up to the community well system. But a vote to hook up the city to the township's watersystem failed.

Adding to the area's contamination woes, arsenic has also been found around Clarkston, particularly in the northwest quadrant of the township. There are "high levels" in some wells, depending on which aquifer you draw from, Anderson said.

Once hooked up, residents need not fear the township's community well system. "It's very safe," said Anderson, adding that state and county tests are conducted several times a year.

He's sure the problem is escalating. "We're probably going to find more," he said of contaminated wells, adding that many have been found near commercial sites. Folks who live near places that have hooked up to township water should be especially cautious. "It doesn't stop at a property line," Anderson said.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality environmental sanitarian Lois Graham said information found in the area is being sent to the DEQ's environmental response division to investigate sources of contamination in the Independence-Clarkston area.

But the state was unaware of the Townsend sub problem. "This one took us by surprise," said Graham. Graham said the county will continue to sample wells throughout the area — with no end in sight. "We'll stop when we stop finding wells that are contaminated. We don't know when that will be," she said.

The estimated total cost of paving the gravel roads in Woodhull is \$150,000. Over 10 years, this would cost the average homeowner \$575 annually. Townsend water and sewer improvements are estimated to total \$462,000. Each homeowner will pay, on the average, \$2026 per year over a 10-year span.

Additional public hearings will be scheduled before final costs are established, said Anderson.

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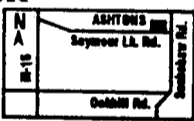
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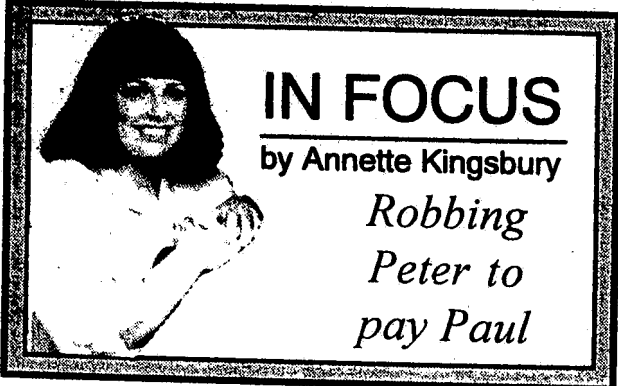
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IN FOCUS

by Annette Kingsbury

*Robbing
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pay Paul*

This is a confusing time to live in Michigan.

On the one hand, we've seen our property taxes fall dramatically while school funding has been nearly equalized from district to district. On the other hand, if you've bought any big-ticket items, you've felt the sting of the increased sales tax. Our gas taxes went up recently, but the price hike at the pump was way more than the new tax. People are being bounced off welfare and state employees cut left and right, but our state's debt is spiraling.

That last one was news to me until last week, when state senators Joe Conroy and John Cherry sent out a fax that pointed out that our state's debt has grown from \$7.8 billion in 1990 to \$12.5 billion in 1996, a 60-percent increase at a time when the economy is booming.

I don't pretend to have done any research on this. I take the senators at their word. And frankly, it bothers me. For some time now I've noticed that when I try to find someone at state level to talk about a particular topic, there is no one. For example, positions have been cut within the Department of Education that have to deal with Title IX oversight and equity/civil rights. Ever tried to call the Department of Natural Resources' local field office? Good luck speaking to a human being.

Maybe these departments were overstaffed; I don't know. But I have to wonder why, with all the cuts and the economy healthy and inflation low, our debt is growing at such a rate.

According to the senators our total debt is among the highest in the country—9th of the 50 states and growing. They quote Wall Street's Bond Buyer newspaper in saying that our taxpayer-supported debt has more than doubled since 1989.

You may have read that the governor is talking about a bond issue to pay for the court-ordered restoration of some school special education funds. That means more borrowing, backed by the customary "full faith and credit" of the taxpayers—you and me.

The senators say debt payments will cost the state's general fund \$211 million in 1998, money that could have been spent on other things—like the lawsuit, or our much-maligned roads.

"It didn't have to be this way," the senators say in their fax. "Other states are using these prosperous economic times to pay off their debts, but our governor is increasing ours. Even the federal government has finally wrestled its deficit under control."

Meanwhile, you may have also read that the state's budget stabilization fund, also called the "rainy day fund," has over a billion dollars in it. Some wags say the governor doesn't want to touch it to pay off the school lawsuit so he can throw us an election-year tax cut. But the senators point out, "The interest on the BSF alone, paid out over 10 years, could provide enough to pay these local school districts what they're owed."

I should point out that both senators are Democrats but what they say makes sense. Why should we borrow from ourselves to pay ourselves? It's like transferring your balance from one credit card to another. It sounds good, and may offer some temporary relief, but it'll cost you more in the end.

The Clarkston News

Letters to the editor

We will miss our doctor and our friend

Dear editor,

We will certainly miss our wonderful doctor and friend. After we moved to Clarkston in 1970 we looked for a doctor to care for our family. I talked to Dr. LePere and he said that the doctors at the clinic were just a phone call away. How right he was. We found Dr. Al Hamilton and Dr. Ronald LePere at the Clarkston Village Clinic. Both were excellent doctors and when Dr. Hamilton retired we continued with Dr. LePere. He took such good care of our family that we will always be grateful for his excellent care. He is a great doctor and will be truly missed by us and also by many other patients and friends. We wish he and his wife, Peggy, much happiness and relaxation in their retirement.

Sincerely,
Margaret and John Priebe

The insider

Trick or feat?

Recently the Independence Township board of Trustees set Halloween begging hours for 6-7 p.m. and trustee Neil Wallace joked that he wasn't too happy. Providing a light finale to an especially long meeting, he quipped, "Too limited. I can't get near enough candy in an hour."



JIM'S JOTTINGS / by Jim Sherman

'Mild Winter,' Woolly Bear

It will not be a good season for winter sports enthusiasts. I got it straight from a woolly bear.

The woolly bear as a predictor of winter weather is as accurate as the Farmer's Almanac and many meteorologists. The woolly bear is right 80 percent of the time according to a 49-year study reviewed in the 1998 Old Farmer's Almanac.

Typically, the bands at the ends of the caterpillar are black, and the one in the middle is orange, giving the caterpillar its distinctive striped appearance.

The wider the middle, orange section the milder the coming winter will be. Conversely, a narrow band predicts a harsh winter.

My woolly bear has a major orange section and minute black ends.

The Almanac says my conclusion isn't based on scientific findings. Neither, the Almanac says, is weather predicted by the thickness of corn husks or how high above the ground wasps build their nests.

We've probably missed it, but each October the town of Banner Elk, North Carolina has a "Woolly Worm Festival" and caterpillar race.

Anyway, I liked what I saw in my woolly bear, but I think I'll still keep anti-freeze in the radiator.

Around town

● The first-ever Sweetest Day Ball to benefit the Women's Survival Center will be held Oct. 18 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Guests are asked to wear black and white attire reminiscent of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Tickets are \$100 and up (\$75 for age 30 and under) and include dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions. Call 335-2685 to RSVP by Oct. 10.

● "Centennial Farms: Remnants of our Pioneer Past" opened Oct. 1 at the Oakland County Galleria and will run through Nov. 14. The show, a collaboration between the Oakland County Historical Commission and the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, features the work of photographer James Barrett and artifacts from Pine Grove Museum in Pontiac. Gallery hours are 9-5 weekdays inside the Executive Office Building. Call 858-0415 for more information.

● Clarkston Area Youth Assistance will host an evening of Pampered Chef on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at Clarkston United Methodist Church's fellowship hall. Anyone unable to attend can place an order for these unique and helpful kitchen tools until Nov. 4. A portion of the proceeds will benefit CAYA. Please RSVP by calling 625-9007.

● Aerobic dance performers are wanted by the American Lung Association for the "Be Fit to Breathe" halftime show. The performance will take place during the Detroit Lions - New York Giants football game at the Pontiac Silverdome Oct. 19. To register, call the American Lung Association of Michigan at 800-LUNG USA (586-4872).

● A young adult mystery night will be held Friday, Oct. 24 at the Orion Township Library. The program will run 6-8 p.m. and will include a pizza party following the solving of a mystery. Kids ages 12-17 are invited to this free program. Registration is required by calling 693-3001.

The Almanac brings us some other not-so-important news. Like: The average woman speaks 25,000 more words per day than the average man does.

Food trends: Leftovers, take-out (only 55 percent of dinners eaten at home include even one home-made dish), and Mediterranean Rim cuisine (Moroccan, Tunisian, Greek and Israeli) will be popular. We also detect a forth coming health-food backlash.

Hot collectibles: Look for vintage Indian blankets (one, circa 1820, sold for more than a half million dollars), old blue jeans and anything that reminds baby boomers of Grandmother's house (1950's stuff).

Home news: Home coffee-roasters will be popular holiday gifts, green is still the decorating color of choice (but its popularity will peak in 1998), pantries are what most people want in a house (second only to linen closets), and tv stands will soon be a thing of the past as hang-on-the-wall tvs come into popularity.

In case none of that interests you, perhaps you'll pick up a 1998 Old Farmer's Almanac to learn a special technique on how to hypnotize a frog. The technique also works on certain cats.

In the meantime, see if your woolly bear agrees with mine.

People poll

By Eileen McCarville

Is Grant Hill worth an \$80 million endorsement for Fila shoes?



JENNY KATES, CLARKSTON: The company probably knows he's worth it if they're going to get their investing from him. He's a big name, plus he's a good role model for kids. After all, Nike did pretty well from Jordan.



EILEEN DECKER, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP: No, not really. I just don't think any basketball player is worth that.



CHARLES SCHIEL, AUBURN HILLS: Grant Hill's a great basketball player. He's worth it.



KARYN JONES, SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP: Why not? If Chicago can have one, why not Michigan? He doesn't talk trash and he's honest and open. He's a good role model for any person.



STEVE PEW, CLARKSTON: I don't think he is 'cause no one's worth that much for advertising for shoes.

15 YEARS AGO (1982)

After nearly two years of study and review and 22 meetings, the M-15 task force recommends three lanes and fewer business driveways for the controversial state highway widening. If implemented, M-15 would fluctuate between three, four and five lanes, and curbs and gutters would be added as driveway entrances and exits are condensed for right-turn lanes, according to task force chairperson Lew Wint.

Double trick-or-treating won't happen. Halloween is now on the same day for Independence Township and the Village of Clarkston. After polling fellow council members via phone, village council president Jackson Byers determines there's been an about-face from an earlier decision to have Halloween on the 30th, and decrees that it will happen Sunday, Oct. 31 from 6-7 p.m., coinciding with the township's plans.

A strong fourth quarter and a little bit of luck lift the Clarkston High School varsity football team to a 20-13 win over Lake Orion Friday night. David Newblatt rushes for 96 yards, scoring all three touchdowns.

25 YEARS AGO (1972)

A long-haired, bearded ex-Marine who calls the Vietnam War "phoney," but who believes America's presence is needed there, is awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. Cecil L. Caverly, formerly a sergeant in the Marine Corps, receives the citation "for meritorious achievement while serving with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group Sixteen, First Marine Aircraft Wing in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam." Caverly says he is better "educated," having come through the war whole, but adds the drug situation "is worse than anyone realizes."

Independence Township's Fire Department announces an open house at all three stations for Sunday, Oct. 15, from noon to 3 p.m. The program is offered in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week to acquaint residents with fire services in the township.

The Clarkston Wolves continue a losing slump as they fall 14-0 to the Waterford Kettering Captains Friday. This is the second league loss of the season for the varsity team.

50 YEARS AGO (1947)

News from "By The Way": It looks as though we are getting that 80-degree temperature that was due here last June and July. This grand weather gave many more hunters the urge to take to the woods. If they are not getting the birds, they are feasting on beautiful scenery as the trees are adorned with all of their autumn glory. But the report is that the pheasants are very scarce this year ... In talking to George Walter, we learn that some of his dahlias grew over eight feet high this year and right now he has some potato vines over five feet long ... Rumor has it that there is going to be a motor court on M-15 just off the Dixie Highway, one of those pretty courts like you see out west.

Featured at the Holly Theatre are Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake in "Blondie's Holiday" and Loretta Young and Joseph Cotten in "The Farmer's Daughter." Playing at the Drayton Theatre are Joel McCrea and Veronica Lake in "Ramrod," Clark Gable and Deborah Kerr in "The Hucksters" and Gary Cooper and Walter Brennan in "The Westerner."

60 YEARS AGO (1937)

Not to be confused with a "boom," the value of real estate in this section is steadily growing. Last Saturday Mr. L.H. Cole, president of the L.H. Cole Oil Co., distributors of Gulf Products, took over one-fourth of the south end of a subdivision known as Clarkston Estates No. 2, which was formerly the Robert Reed Farm, amounting to 90 lots. In the meantime the Clarkston, Ainsley, Squiers and Beach homes are nearing completion. The old adage that the value of real estate may be lower for a while but it always comes back is true. You cannot go wrong on well-located real estate.

Specials at Rudy's include rolled rib roast, a quarter a pound; sliced bacon, 28 cents a pound; Scott Towels, three for 25 cents; Crisco, three pounds for 53 cents; and macaroni, two pounds for 15 cents.

Celebrating its second anniversary, the Holly Theatre announces the following films: Patsy Kelly, Jack Haley and Laurel and Hardy in "Pick a Star" and Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew and Lionel Barrymore in "Captains Courageous."

DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush

Up north with Martha Stewart



Spending the better part of last week in the great out-of-doors was fulfilling. A spiritually revitalizing adventure. There's nothing like being lost in miles and miles of forest for self-discovery.

It's like karma, man.

For the record, I spent the first couple of days with buddy Tom Roberts at his cabin in Kalkaska. The rest of the days were spent camping in the Huron National Forest (up M-33, between Rose City and Mio) with my uncle, Jim McDonald.

Like most Don Rush adventures, things don't turn out as planned. Your hero undoubtedly loses \$100, gets a flat tire or hurts himself. It's a tough way to go through life, but what the heck, unexpected turn of events make for an interesting existence.

Weather was the pivotal factor which shaped this outdoor experience. It rained and then it was 80 degrees. I don't know about you, but myself and most white tail deer don't like to get out in these conditions.

And, so the first day up in good old Kalkaska, Tom and I found ourselves drinking coffee in the morning and watching Channel 9 & 10. Before we knew it we were involved in one of the biggest travesties known to "He-Mandom." *Real men, please turn away from the newspaper for a moment. Now that they're gone...*

Tom and I found ourselves watching Martha Stewart — that oh-so chipper television blond who makes living at home a cooking, and crafting and gardening paradise — as she whipped up a yellow cake.

with lemon-curd filling and chocolate frosting. "My dad just loved this cake," she explained.

Ow, I just felt a bit of my manhood slip away.

When we realized our lapse to the feminine side, we unconsciously started to burp and scratch and talk about Martha in locker-room terms. Our feeble attempt to regain stature in the He-Man Club, I think, fell short.

We stayed in the woods the rest of the time, grilled stuff on the barbecue and unplugged the TV (just to be safe).

* * *

Out in the woods with Jim the weather was still in the upper 70s and lower 80s. After camp was set, we were informed by a local hunter that somewhere down the two-track, west of our campsite was a baitpile for bear. As the days wore on, we found many signs of bear not far from camp.

I have always heard that in bear territory, when camping not to keep food in the camp site — the smell lures bear to camp. That's not a good thing.

Of course, I forgot this age-old bit of wisdom while up in the woods. We camped, cooked over a fire and left the leftovers in the pot we cooked in, next to the fire.

Not one bear, not one skunk, not one raccoon, not one fly bothered what we made -- French onion soup and 12-bean soup. I was kind of hurt, actually. I thought we did a bang up job as campfire cooks. (*Oh, god. There's that feminine side, rearing its head again.*)

I'm going to have to quit writing now, go outside and spit in public.

Focus on the family

By Dr. James Dobson

Sponsored by First Missionary Church of Clarkston

QUESTION: You've talked about being a full-time mother versus having a full-time career. Give us your view of a woman handling both responsibilities simultaneously. Is it do-able, and is it smart?

Dr. Dobson: Some women are able to maintain a busy career and a bustling family at the same time, and they do it beautifully. I admire them for their discipline and dedication. It has been my observation, however, that this dual responsibility is a formula for exhaustion and frustration for many others. It can be a never-ending struggle for survival.

Why? Because there is only so much energy within the human body, and when it is invested in one place it is not available for use in another. Consider what it is like to be a mother of young children who must arise early in the morning, get her kids dressed, fed and located for the day, then drive to work, labor from nine to five, go by the grocery store and pick up stuff for dinner, retrieve the kids at the childcare center, and then drive home. She is so dog-tired by that point and needs to put her feet up for a few minutes. But she can't rest. The kids are hungry and they've been waiting to see her all day.

"Read me a story, Mom," says the most needy.

This beleaguered woman then begins another four to six hours of very demanding "mothering" that will extend into the evening. She must fix dinner, wash the dishes, bathe the baby, help with homework, and give each child some "quality time." Then comes the task of getting the tribe in bed, saying the prayers, and bringing six glasses of water to giggling kids who want to stall. I get tired just thinking of a schedule like this.

You might ask the married woman, "Where is your husband and father in all this exertion? Why isn't he carrying his share of the homework?" Well,

he may be working a fifteen-hour day at his own job. Getting started in a business or a profession often demands that kind of commitment. Or he may simply not choose to help his wife. That is a common complaint among working mothers.


"Not fair," you say. I agree, but that's the way the system often works.

The most difficult aspect of this lifestyle is the constancy of the load. Most of us could maintain such a schedule for a week or two, but the working mother must do it month after month for years on end. On weekends there's housecleaning to do and clothes to be ironed and pants to be mended. And this is the pace she maintains when things are going right. She has no reserve of time or energy when a member of the family gets sick or the car breaks down or marital problems develop. A little push in any direction and she could go over the edge.

Admittedly, I have painted a more stressful scenario than most families have to endure. But not by much. Overcommitted and frazzled families are commonplace in our culture. Husbands and wives have no time for each other. Life is nothing but work, work, work. They are continually frustrated, irritable and harried. They don't take walks, read the Scriptures together, or do anything that is "fun." Their sex life suffers because exhausted people don't even make love meaningfully. They begin to drift apart and eventually find themselves with "irreconcilable differences." It is a tragic pattern I have been observing for the past 25 years.

The issue, then, is not whether a woman should choose a career and be a mother, too. Of course she has that right, and it is nobody's business but hers and her husband's. I would simply plead that you not allow your family to get sucked into that black hole of exhaustion. However you choose to divide the responsibilities of working and family management, reserve some time and energy for yourselves - and for each other. Your children deserve the best that you can give them, too.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, PO Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the President of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Copyright 1997 James Dobson, Inc. All rights reserved. International copyright secured.



CHS LIFE
by Meghann Smith
Cinderella

How many of you think that your parents need to relax a little? If you are a teenager, chances are pretty good that you answered with the affirmative. Do you ever realize that your hooligan friends are always the cause of your delinquency? Our parents seem to forget that we've grown up with Cinderella's pumpkin rolling into the driveway at 12:37, but then again maybe they haven't forgotten.

I can assure you, the day my carriage is 15 minutes late my carriage is going to be up for sale, fast. My parents are like ticking time bombs. At six o'clock when I'm walking out the door, they remind me to be home by midnight and their little internal clocks start the six-hour countdown.

11:55 comes around and whether my dad is asleep or watching TV, everything stops at a standstill and his back stiffens at the sound of every car that passes our house.

At 11:59 the TV is flipped on or the newspaper picked up just so I can rest assured that he was not waiting up for me. (It's just a coincidence that he goes to sleep right after my arrival.) Beep-beep-beep, the subconscious midnight alarm sounds, and still no sound or sight of a car. Or a daughter.

Sirens begin to sound at 12:01 and my mother is awakened from her beauty sleep by the absence of shutting car doors, soft lock clicks, and echoing goodnight whispers in the front hallway.

12:02, my dad has begun looking for his car keys and is grumbling about all the illegal things I could have done in the two minutes I haven't been home.

By 12:05, if not earlier the grocery-getter is backing out of the driveway, heading towards wherever I am supposed to be and, with my luck, am not. Now if I'm intending to drive my car sometime in the next five years I would be driving up my street at the requested 25 miles per hour, with a valid "my tire blew out" story. However, according to recurring midnight activity, my tires are squealing into our neighborhood entrance. My father then slams on his brakes when a familiar looking blur of white flies past him. By the time he returns to our driveway, my scrambling mind has the perfect plan:

"Well, Dad I would have been on time, but I ran out of gas. I know I filled the tank yesterday, but do you have any idea how far away my friends' houses are? Not to mention that we went to the movie theater tonight. Well of course I was driving at a residential speed limit. That's why I'm late, because I drove the legal limit the whole way home. No, I don't speed on a regular basis, but I didn't leave in time to get home. You see this boy I really like was there and I didn't want him to know that I'm the modern day Cinderella, by the way watch your step there's some pumpkin rinds in the driveway. The car keys? I'd love to give them to you, but I'm not sure of their exact location."

Now, if you'll excuse me, I really must go find my other glass slipper.

School audit report rosy

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Auditors from Plante and Moran gave Clarkston schools a clean bill of financial health Monday night with their annual audit report.

The audit revealed a fund balance, similar to a savings account, of \$4,583,044 as of June 30, the end of the fiscal year. Of that, only about \$1.1 million is uncommitted. However, the entire fund balance constitutes 11 percent of the general fund, about average for the state, the auditors said.

In addition to a healthy savings account, the actual revenues and expenditures came it within two percent of where Director of Business Services Craig Kahler said they would at the beginning of the year.

"It's a tremendous indication of what a good job the district has done in budgeting this money," said Dan Girard of Plante and Moran.

Revenues for 1996-97 were \$42,501,202, with expenditures at \$41,365,025, he said. Revenues were up 4.5 percent over the previous year, mostly due to

more students moving into the district and the state per pupil allowance that travels with them. Clarkston's per pupil grant is \$5754.

"Really the only way you can get more revenue is to have more students," said Mike Walsh of Plante and Moran.

As with any discussion of school finance, both the auditors and school officials issued cautionary notes despite the rosy report.

"We've been directed by the state to add five days of school over the next few years," said superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "There are no dollars that come attached to that mandate."

Other uncertainties include the state's future economic health and the fluctuating costs of health care and retirement. Fred Hailer of Plante and Moran noted that fund balances are rising statewide in response to the current good times.

But for now, "We're very pleased with the results," Kahler said about the audit. And Hailer agreed.

"In effect we're saying everything is fine and nothing needed to be changed."

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POP QUIZ!

1. What local restaurant uses over 600 thimbles in its decor?
2. Which restaurant is still locally owned and managed?
3. Which Clarkston restaurant has a "Two Pound Hamburger"?

Answer in Sport's section

Shenanigans log

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, a 19-year-old Clarkston man and a 20-year-old Clarkston man were ticketed for underage drinking on Holcomb.

A \$130 portable CD player, a \$250 set of speakers and an \$80 amplifier were taken from a car parked at Clarkston High School.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, three letters were stolen from a concrete sign at a golf course on Oakhurst.

A 15-year-old girl was caught trying to steal a cassette tape from a Dixie music store. The store didn't press charges, but told the girl never to return.

A \$106 car stereo and a \$63 cellphone were taken from a 1986 Chevy Caprice on Mann.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, a bike was stolen from an apartment complex on Marshbank.

A 38-year-old Davisburg man was arrested on several outstanding warrants on Dixie. He was wanted out of Troy for driving with a suspended license, the Clarkston police department for fleeing, eluding and obstructing a police officer, and the OCSO for domestic violence. He was lodged in the Oakland County Jail.

An Andersonville business has been receiving many faxes lately that interrupt their business.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, a 25-year-old Clarkston man was cited for trespassing and dumping on White Oaks Ct.

A white male and white female filled up a grocery cart full of food and left the Dixie store without paying for it. They were seen driving away in a silver Dodge Omni. A computer check revealed the car had been stolen from the Summit Place Mall in Pontiac earlier in the week.

Harassing phone calls on Pinedale.

A set of golf clubs and a weed whacker were taken from an open garage on Pine Knob Rd.

An 83-year-old patient at a Clintonville health care center had his watch stolen. A 29-year-old employee is suspected because she returned the watch

and she was one of the only ones with access to his room at the time it was taken. The center paid for a new watch for the victim, who said he didn't wish to press charges.

A \$2,000 generator was taken from a pickup truck on Tucson.

The letters R and M made of glass were taken from a Dixie business.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, a 1994 Chevy Blazer was stolen from the Park and Ride lot at Sashabaw and I-75. In the car was \$2,000 in cash also.

A 17-year-old boy was caught driving across a golf course on Maybee. The 1989 Jeep was stuck in mud on the course and had to be towed away.

A \$500 yard lamp was damaged when a pellet was shot through it on Southampton.

A \$100 tree stand was taken from a yard on Hadley Rd.

Two teenage girls disagreeing by \$10 on the cost

of a concert ticket resulted in one writing an expletive in the glass door wall at the other's home.

Two men, one 6-foot-3, the other 5-foot-8, went to three Dixie businesses trying to confuse employees into giving them more money in change than what they paid.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, a 33-year-old man slapped his 37-year-old live-in ex-wife across the face and left the house on Mann.

A 64-year-old woman and a 31-year-old woman got into a shoving match over why the younger woman was out all night and not caring for her two children.

A 28-year-old Clarkston man was arrested for driving with an open intoxicant on Maybee. He was lodged in the Oakland County Jail.

Twenty-one rolls of insulation were taken from a house under construction on Forrest Valley.

Some clothes and storage boxes were taken from a shed on M-15.

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Another retail business may soon leave city

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At Monday night's council meeting, council member Anne Clifton produced the results of a survey that, unlike Karen Sanderson's past local survey, went out of the boundaries of Clarkston, into Independence.

Clifton said the survey, conducted by local brokers, showed "area residents would like to see more retail in downtown Clarkston — Surprise, surprise." Specific retail mentioned included a pharmacy, specialty shops, a bank, ice cream soda shops, antiques and book stores, Clifton said.

Other results indicated those polled wanted to see parking problems addressed and businesses take charge in matters of clean-up and advertising — in order to make a go of it. Ironically, before the Village Bookstore closed, some residents polled expressed the need for a book store, indicating that maybe lack of advertising is a primary issue — because those residents didn't even

realize there already WAS a book store.

"So, what do we do with this, I'm not sure," Clifton said, adding that it's important to remember, "Just because residents say they would like to see retail downtown, doesn't mean it would survive downtown."

Council member Dave Savage said he's been trying to address that issue of survival for quite some time, pushing the need for a \$10,000 study by Hyett-Palma, a national planning firm that specializes in city revitalization. It has tailor-made plans for small towns

like Clarkston.

He has raised nearly \$5,000 from downtown business owners, asking for the city to match the funds so the firm can be hired, but the city has not agreed to the match.

Savage and Koptiez solidly believe the study could be the chance for Clarkston to make "a comeback," Koptiez said — something they have done for "hundreds of downtowns across the nation."

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The wheel, it's believed, was invented about 3500 B.C.



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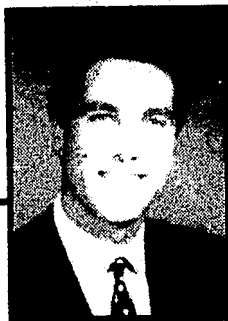
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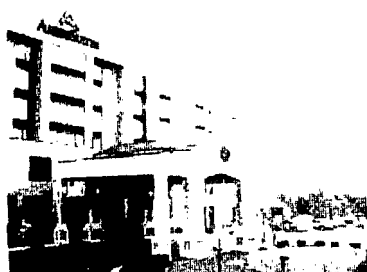
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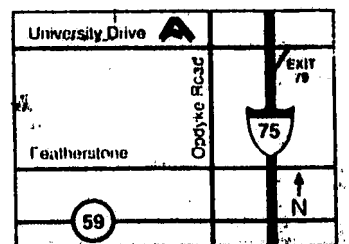


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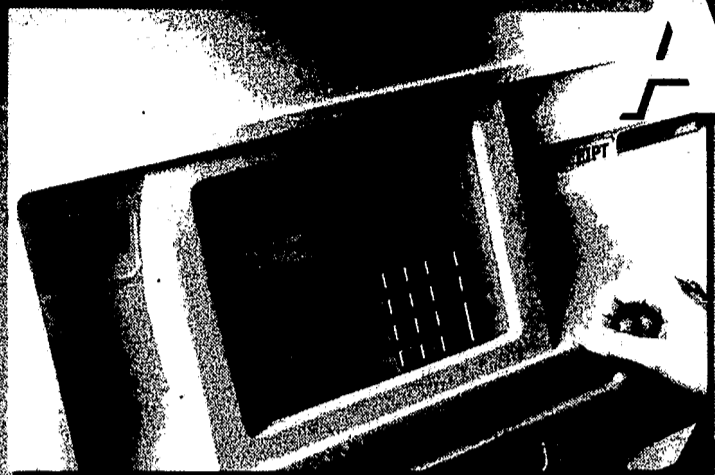
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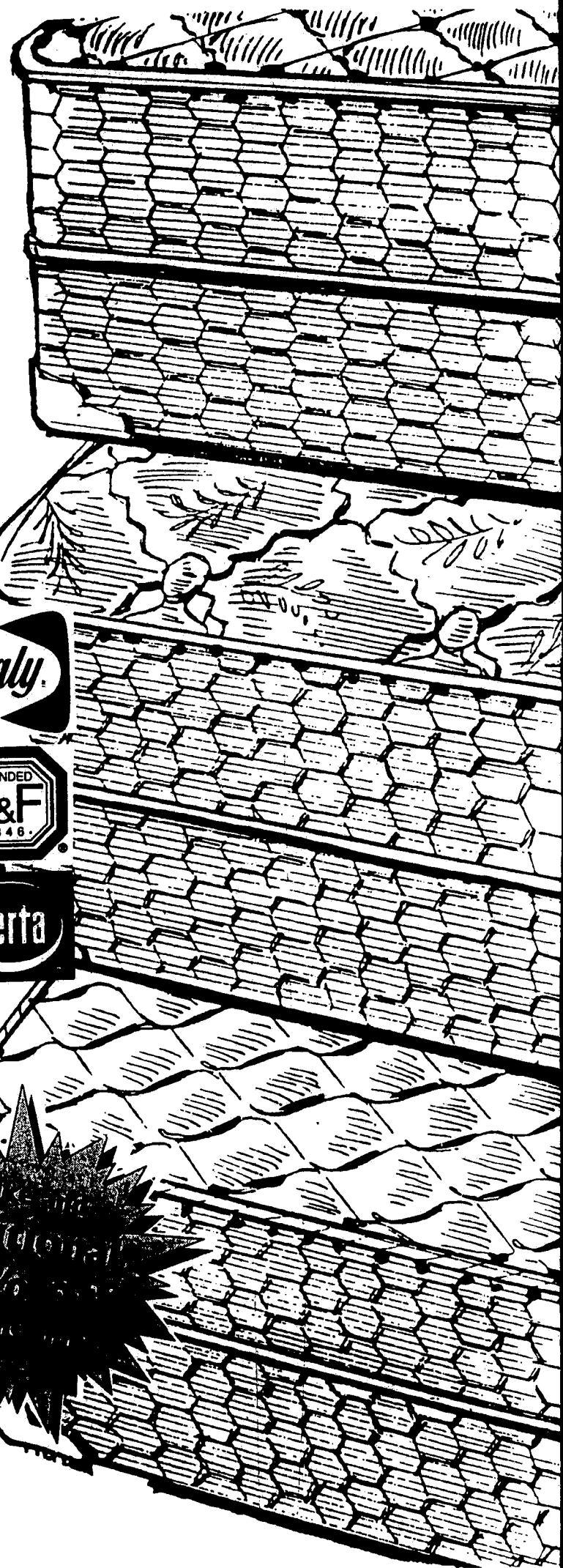
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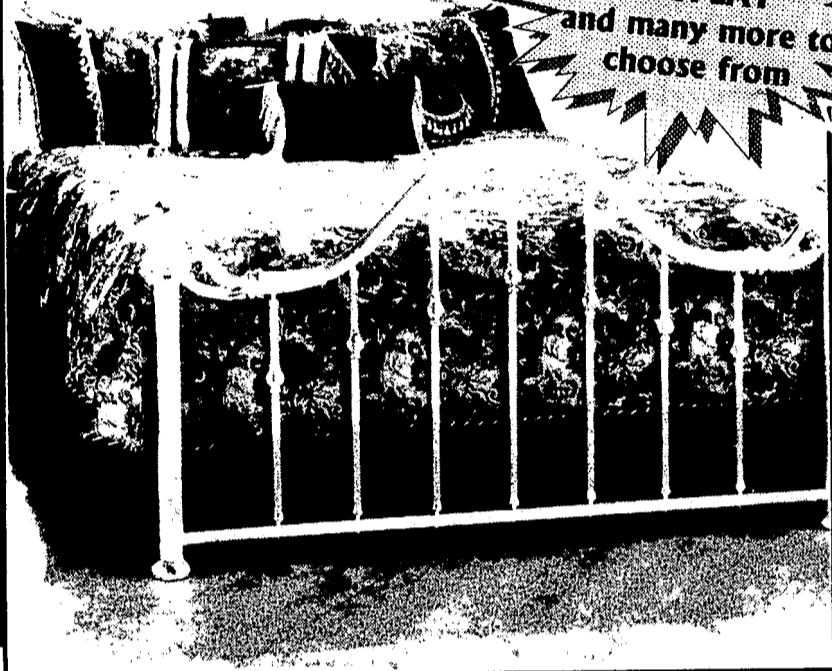
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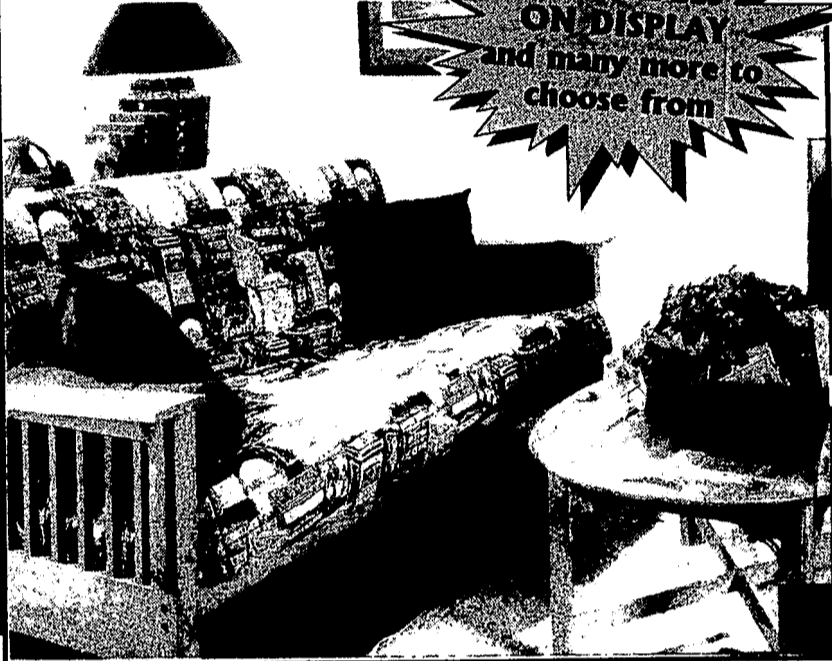
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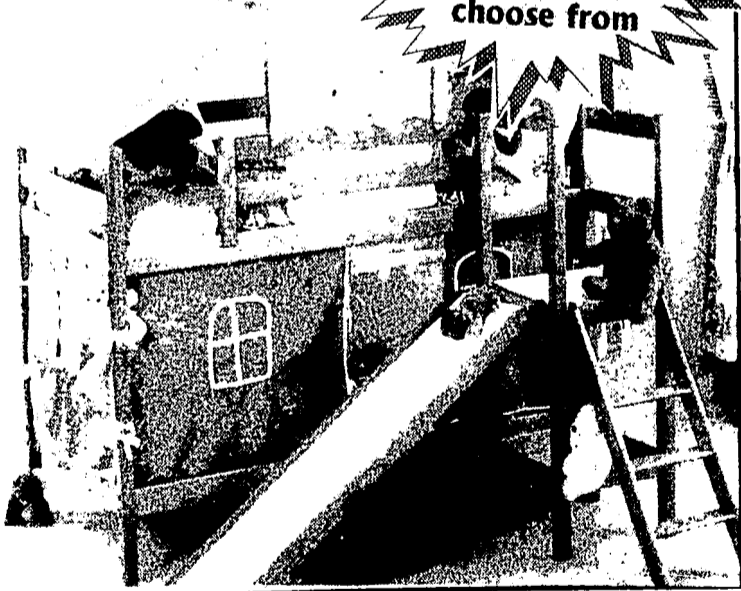
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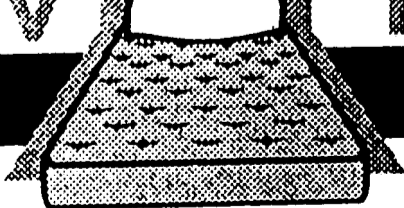
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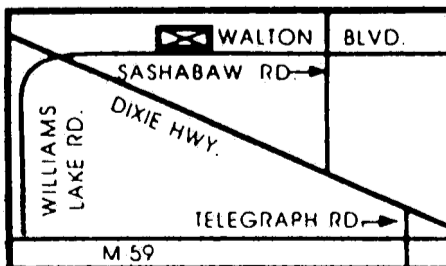


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Downtown faces another store moving

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Monday, Savage announced that he is forming a "Clarkston Village Enhancement Foundation" to raise the extra money. Contributions would be tax-deductible, he said.

Frustrated by his efforts to get the city to back the Hyett-Palma idea, Savage said the move is "out of the political arena" and now "a community-at-large effort."

Savage agrees with council that one of the reasons retail is moving out is the lure and competition of "the mega-store, shopping malls and the like." All communities "pretty much have the same problems to overcome," he said.

Though he knows of no towns as small as Clarkston in Michigan that have been resurrected by the national firm, some comparable U.S. cities with small-town populations under 7,500 are Jefferson City, Iowa and Arcadia, Louisiana, Savage said.

Savage said he feels other council members "care very deeply" but may "lack the creative, visual capacity to see what could be done." All the more need for Hyett-Palma and, perhaps, "some fresh, new faces on the council," he said.

But other council members seem to be concerned over retail as well. Recently, council passed a resolution to keep the old NBD Bank building retail, thereby not supporting the establishment of a community museum in the historic S. Main location, next to Rudy's.

And Monday, councilman Bill Basinger asked that a special committee be established to negotiate with Rudy's owners. Retail is "at stake here," Basinger

said. "The mayor (Sharron Catalo) did a good job in spearheading concern about the bank."

Catalo, Sanderson and Basinger agreed to serve on the committee. Basinger said they will try to encourage owners to either sell the building to another grocery store or keep it retail.

Basinger agrees with Savage that competition is a significant factor. Both strip malls and downtown retail have "been hurt by big-box stores like Office Max, Builders Square, Home Depot and Arbor," he said, naming a few.

But both he and Kopietz have their individual arguments. Basinger said downtown business owners didn't respond to council's idea to create a special assessment district for downtown improvements. And, even if Savage raises the money for a Hyett-Palma study, how will the city be able to afford its implementation, he said.

Kopietz agrees that members of the now-defunct Clarkston Downtown Business Association didn't step to the plate after they agreed to individually assess their parking problems. The city "has a legitimate gripe" over that, he said.

But he and Savage have a beef over the city's planning commission who, they say, "ignored" city

planners McKenna & Associates, who suggested the downtown commercial district be extended. That isn't fair, Kopietz said. "They are apparently willing to rezone commercial to residential at the drop of a hat."

Kopietz cited two situations that, in the past, hurt his Tierra business across the street. The city rezoned the Plum House from commercial to residential and the Sutherland House from commercial to multiple-family, which now houses apartments.

"I've been telling them for eight years, this is going to happen," said Kopietz, speaking of the death of downtown retail. "The bottom line is either nobody cares ... well, I can't think of another. It may just be nobody cares."

Still, Kopietz maintains, success can happen if all the players cooperate, "from all different aspects: city council, businesses, residents. And there has to be more than lip service ..."

He says it may be "too late" to save Tierra. With overhead costs rising, "We can't emotionally stay here just because we love Clarkston."


"This isn't a matter of saving Tierra anymore," he said. "Long after Tierra's gone, the residents will have to pick up with the consequences of what happens downtown."

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It's a girl for Jennifer and Doug Baenziger of Clarkston. Lauren Elise was born May 9, 1997. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. She has two brothers, Jonathan and Mitchell. Grandparents are Mildred and Richard Ziemann of Waterford and Helen Dimbauer of Troy.



● It's a girl for David and Sam (Mallett) Moltmaker of Clarkston. Kelly Ann was born October 2, 1997 at Beaumont Hospital in Troy. She weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. She has a brother, Steven, 2. Grandparents are Merelyn and Don Mallett of Clarkston and Phyllis and Dean Moltmaker of Mt. Clemens.



● Army National Guard Pvt. Evan Thomas has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA. He is the son of Chris and Julie Thomas of Clarkston and a 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School.

● Air Force 1st Lt. Ross Novack has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal. The medal is awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties. Novack is an electronic combat systems engineer assigned to the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center at Eglin Air Force Base in Valparaiso, Fla. He is the son of Frederick and Beverly Novack of Waterford.

● Army Sgt. Jacqueline Turner has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal. The medal is awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties. Turner is a petroleum supply specialist-squad leader with the 702nd Maintenance Support Battalion at Camp Nimble in Unhyong-Myon, South Korea. She is the daughter of Jean and Jerry Messing of Clarkston and a 1987 graduate of Clarkston High School.

● Army Pvt. Jason Keiser has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA. He is the son of Karen Green of Clarkston and a 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School.

● Air Force Capt. Kimberly Blakeslee, daughter of Thomas Harrison of Clarkston, has graduated from Commissioned Officer Training at the Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. COT is the premiere four-week training program for nearly all the Air Force's health professions officers, judge advocates and chaplains.

● Captain Christopher A. Walker currently is serving as operations officer, G6 Second Force Support Group Marine Forces Atlantic, Camp LeJeune, NC. He was promoted to his current rank Oct. 1, 1997. He is the son of Russ and Dorothy Walker of Clarkston and a 1988 graduate of Clarkston High School. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1993.

Business briefs

● Marilyn Moir, an Associate Broker with Coldwell Banker Professionals in Clarkston, recently attended the company's "Elite Retreat," a three-day conference Aug. 14-16 in Boston. Only associates in the top two percent internationally qualify to attend, based on 1996 sales volume.

Moir has been a consistent multi-million-dollar producer during her 10 years in north Oakland County and in 1996 was recognized as one of the top 10 performers with Coldwell Banker in Michigan.

● Gregory Hall of Clarkston has joined Hermanoff & Associates public relations consultants as an account executive. He will provide customer support for McDonald's of southeast Michigan and the Road Commission for Oakland County's FAST-TRAC system.

Hall received a bachelor's degree in communication arts from Oakland University. He has also worked for EDS and Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

● Frank Buscemi of Clarkston has been promoted to assistant account executive at John Bailey & Associates Inc., a public relations firm in Troy. Buscemi holds a bachelor's degree in communications/journalism from Grand Valley State University and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). He previously worked for the Oakland Press, LDM Technologies, Universal Sound Environments/Duck Ankles Productions and Bottom Line Advertising.

● Lucille Kelley of Clarkston has been reappointed to the Michigan Board of Counseling, which is responsible for licensure and examination of professional counselors prior to their entry into practice. Kelley is a self-employed counseling consultant. She was reappointed to represent professionals. Her term expires June 30, 2001.



Marking 25 years

Paul and Linda (Leslie) Maas of Clarkston celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house at the home of her parents in Clarkston. The event was hosted by their daughter and Mrs. Maas parents for family and friends after the couple renewed their vows at Clarkston United Methodist Church, where they were married July 22, 1972. The couple has one child, Leslie Ann, who attends the University of Michigan.



Michelle and David Stover

Birdwell-Stover wed in Depot Park

Michelle Lee Birdwell and David Lawrence Stover were married in Depot Park in Clarkston May 31, 1997.

Pastor Thomas Hampton of Community Bible Church officiated the ceremony. Matron of honor was Tracie Petrie of Lynn Haven, Fla. Bridesmaids were Tracy Sorrentino of Waterford, Tony VanConant of Clarkston, Anne Frechette of Auburn Hills and Barb Slaght of White Lake. Flower girl was Nicole Daniels of Clawson, goddaughter of the groom.

The bride wore a short sleeved, matte satin gown with embroidered lace accented with pearls and sequins and an elbow-length veil. Bridesmaids wore coral crepe floor-length sheaths with sweetheart necks and cap sleeves. The flower girl wore a white dress with a coral waist accent.

Best man was Steve Percival of Waterford. Groomsmen were Pat Rausch of Ortonville, Walt Birdwell of Clarkston, brother of the bride, Doug Stover of Clarkston, brother of the groom, and Keith Bailey of Clarkston. Ushers were Casey Daniels of Clawson, Bob Pursley of Clarkston, Merlin Doran of St. Ignace and Dave Lippicott of Waterford. Ring bearer was Nick Petrie of Lynn Haven, Fla.

A reception for 230 guests was held following the ceremony at Waterford Oaks.

The bride is the daughter of Walt and Nancy Birdwell of Lapeer. The groom is the son of Lawrence ("Smokey") and Margie Stover of Clarkston. After a two-week honeymoon in Antigua and Orlando, the couple resides in Clarkston.

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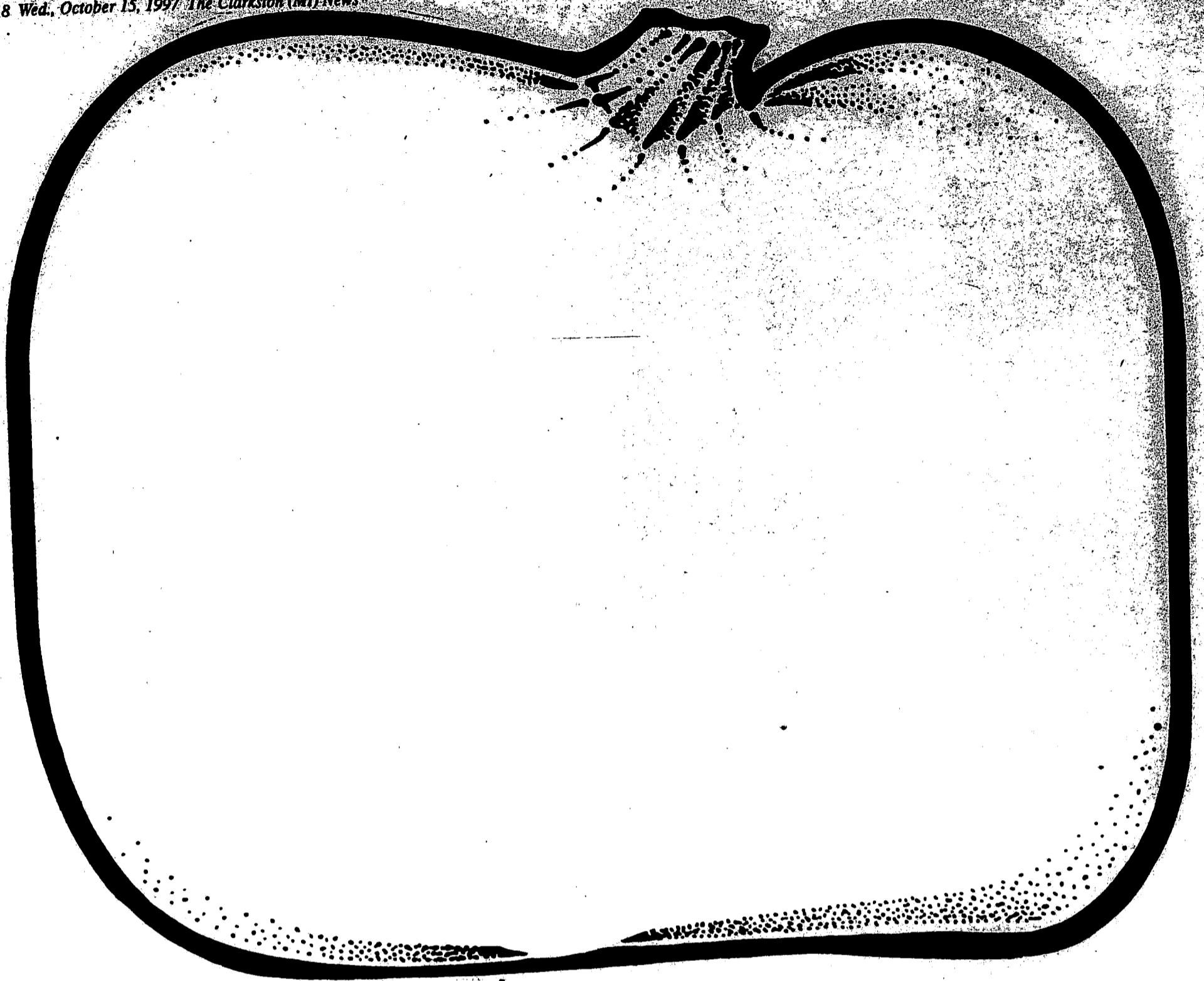
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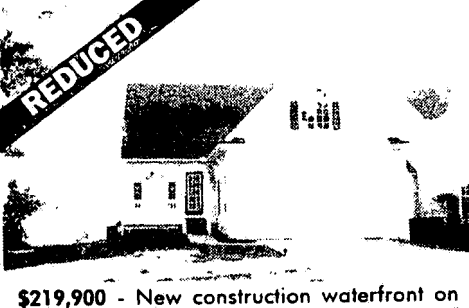
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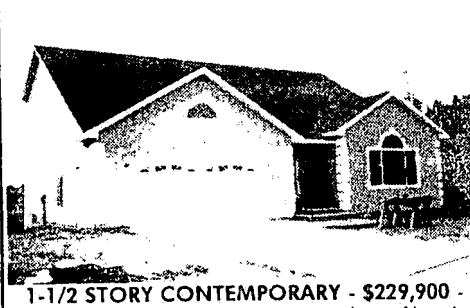
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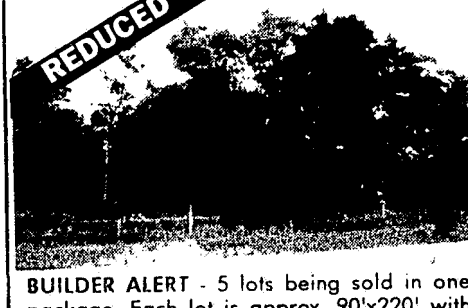
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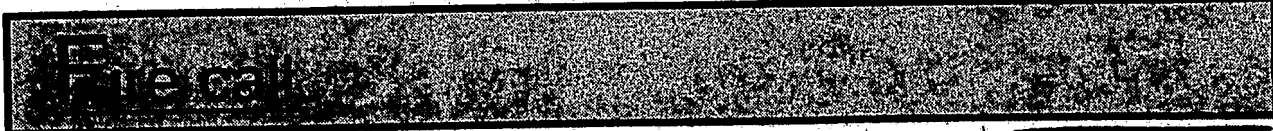
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, medicals on Lancaster Hill, Curtis Lane, Mann, Clintonville, Mary Sue, Southampton, Eastlawn, and Oak Park.

Injury accident on White Lake Rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, fuel spill on Garnet.

Injury accident on I-75.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, difficulty breathing on Oak Park.

Injury accidents on Dixie, White Lake, Andersonville, Clarkston Rd. and I-75.

Medical on Mary Sue.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, medical on Clarkston Rd.

Injury accident on Maybee.

An 82-year-old Alzheimer's patient was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy-Oakland Hospital after a medical run on Cramlane.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, medical on Sheffield.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, injury accident on I-75.

Medicals on Everest and Clarkston.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, medicals on Pinedale, Everest.

Injury accident on I-75.

THURSDAY, OCT. 9, police were contacted when an Ortonville man was arrested on an outstanding traffic warrant out of Clarkston. He was lodged in Oakland County Jail after he was unable to post bail for that offense and a second violation for failure to appear in the local district court on a suspended driver's license charge.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10, Larceny of a cellular phone from a car parked on Surrey Lane.

Two tires slashed on a car parked on S. Main.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11, arguments on Buffalo St.

BUSINESS REVIEW

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Ross Homes, Inc.

Building Quality Custom Homes Since 1941

A custom home is something most people plan for and dream about for years. So, when it is time to build, it's important to find a contractor that produces only first quality workmanship. Ross Homes, located in Waterford at 4568 Elizabeth Lake, phone 682-8831, has been building custom, energy-efficient homes for many years. This is one contractor that believes in staying on the job site and working closely with each owner to ensure complete satisfaction. A custom home by Ross Homes always reflects the uniqueness and individuality of the owner.

Whether it be one of their own energy-efficient designs or a plan of your choosing, Ross Homes will be responsible for all phases of your project. They employ only master craftsmen who get the job done with quality and efficiency. They are fully licensed and insured for your protection, and offer warranties on each of their custom homes. They apply the same professionalism to the construction of commercial and industrial buildings.

When the time comes to start the construction of your new home, call Ross Homes. They will sit down with you and work out all of the details from concept to completion with accurate estimates. The next door you open will be to the dream home you have always wanted.

Clarkston Ear Nose & Throat Associates, PC

Romuald T. Szymanowski, MD

One of the first medical specialties formally established in North America, otolaryngology, deals with diseases and defects of the ear, nose and throat. As one of the finest practitioners in this field in the area, Dr. Romuald T. Szymanowski treats patients from his office located in Clarkston at 6803 Dixie, Suite 2, phone 625-8450.

Some of the disorders treated by Dr. Szymanowski are ear infections, sinus infections, acute and chronic tonsillitis, laryngitis, facial nerve disorders and tumors of the head and neck. Using specialized equipment, this specialist examines the affected organs and determines the nature and extent of the disorder. Since 5% to 10% of the population have severe temporary or permanent hearing impairment, one of the important services rendered by Dr. Szymanowski is to perform tests to ascertain the use and extent of loss of hearing. With all the resources of his profession, he prescribes and administers medication or surgery for the problem.

Ear, nose and throat infections are not uncommon and if left untreated could develop into chronic conditions or even into acute and dangerous infections. Offering expert diagnosis and treatment to all ages for ear, nose or throat problems, Dr. Romuald T. Szymanowski is committed to providing excellent medical care to all his patients.

Clarkston Brandon Credit Union

Serving The Community Since 1957

Clarkston Brandon Credit Union, located in Clarkston at 8055 Ortonville Road, phone 625-2923, and in Ortonville at 4 South Street, phone 627-9944, offers the people of the area complete personal banking services. This reliable credit union offers many services free of charge and the rest at lower rates than are available at other institutions.

Clarkston Brandon Credit Union was established solely to provide low cost financial services to its members. As a non-profit organization owned and operated by its members, it offers low interest rates on all types of loans and high interest rates on savings accounts and other savings plans. All accounts are insured up to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration, a U.S. government agency. A wide range of services are offered here, including financial counseling, free checking, life insurance and credit cards with low finance charges and no annual fee. Friendly, personal service is another outstanding feature of Clarkston Brandon Credit Union. You will never feel like just an account number at this credit union. Members are always assisted courteously and efficiently.

The directors and officers are committed to giving their members the best personal and financial service possible. You are invited to call or come by Clarkston Brandon Credit Union for information on becoming a member and enjoying all the advantages of banking with them. You will find them to be a reliable financial institution here to serve you.

Modified Roofing Richard A. Maybee, Owner

A good roof is an all important factor in the protection of your building investment, and a company well-known for quality work at competitive prices is Modified Roofing. In Waterford, you can reach them at 623-1979, in Pontiac at 338-1240, and in Lake Orion at 391-2912.

Just about everyone in this area who knows the difference between a shingle and a roof truss realizes that for all types of residential, commercial and industrial roofing work, these are the experts to call. With over 20 years of experience, many customers and hundreds of beautiful, functional, weather-resistant roofs to their credit, they realize that their fine reputation rides on every job they accept. A lot of people call themselves roofers, but can't back up their boasts with good jobs every time. The people at Modified Roofing carefully estimate every job, quote a sensible price and complete the work in a minimum of time. They give personal attention to each and every job. Free estimates are provided and they are licensed and fully insured for your protection. Remember, a good roof isn't luck. It's the result of durable, quality products and professional workmanship.

Call Modified Roofing at 623-1979, 338-1240 or 391-2912 for all your roofing needs. Their fine reputation is your guarantee of a quality roof that will last for years to come. Richard Maybee thanks his many customers for contributing to the success of Modified Roofing and looks forward to serving them, their families and friends in the future.

Paint & Paper Place, Inc.

Paint & Paper Place is located in Waterford Township at 7100 Highland Road, phone 666-7944. A small amount invested in paint will beautify your property, and at the same time help to preserve it. A well-painted house lasts years longer than one which has been neglected. This popular store not only sells the very best in paint and other kindred items, but they stand behind all of the products sold in their shop.

Paint & Paper Place features premium paints at practical prices for beautiful homes like yours. Their experienced personnel can suggest just the right finish for every application. Whether it's paint, varnish, enamels or specialty finishes, they can advise you of the best product for your particular needs. If it's wallpaper you need, you're sure to find just the right pattern and color for any room in your home. Choose from one of the largest selections in the area, at prices well within your budget. Their trained salespeople can also suggest decorators who are sure to please even the most discriminating customers.

For a complete line of paints or wallpaper for any interior or exterior surface, contact the friendly professionals at Paint & Paper Place. Remember, shop at the store where quality makes a difference.

Tom Nell Bicycles Ltd. Brent Phillips, Owner

Mountain bikes are the newest trend in bicycles today because of their comfort and rugged durability. Tom Nell Bicycles, located in Waterford Township at 2528 Elizabeth Lake Road, phone 682-5456, features only the finest name brand mountain bikes and juvenile bikes. They may well be considered your one-stop bicycle headquarters.

Tom Nell Bicycles carries a full line of Trek, Gary Fisher, Specialized and Cannondale mountain and juvenile bikes for the serious enthusiast and the entire family. They also feature one of the area's largest selections of bike accessories, including custom wheels and all the accessories you'll need for racing and touring. You'll also find a good selection of fashions in sportswear for racing and touring. Should your bike ever require service, there is no better bike repair shop in the entire area. Their good service is backed by a complete selection of replacement parts for all makes so you won't have to wait for weeks to get back on the road again.

Whether you're shopping for a rugged, on and off the road mountain bike, a superior racing bike or your child's first bicycle, visit Tom Nell Bicycles. They are the bike connection for the area's bike enthusiasts.

Regal Feed & Seed Ron Gaddis, Owner

Regal Feed & Seed, one of the area's most prominent establishments, is located in Waterford at 4266 Dixie Highway, phone 673-2441. Committed to assisting in the development and continuance of agriculture in this area, Regal Feed & Seed stocks a complete line of fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, bulk and retail seeds, livestock feeds, animal healthcare supplies and other agricultural necessities. But they're also committed to the homeowner and backyard gardener and carry grass, flower and vegetable seeds, garden insecticides and soil improvers as well as a good supply of pet foods.

Concerning feeds, Regal Feed & Seed is an authority on the subject. Local residents can rely on them for advice and up-to-date information regarding feeds and feeding. They supply a complete line of mineral supplements and name brand feeds for horses, cattle, hogs, poultry and other domestic animals as well as pet foods and wild bird seed. Every buyer is met with the same courtesy and quality service with a sincere effort being made to supply their needs at the lowest prices possible.

To do business with a dependable and trustworthy concern, visit Regal Feed & Seed. Whether you farm or raise livestock for a living, or garden or own pets for enjoyment, you can be certain of expert advice, quality products and competitive prices.

Kurtis Kitchen & Bath Centers

Established 1968

If you ask any homeowner where the heart of the home is, they will probably tell you it's the kitchen. Statistics reveal that more time is spent in the kitchen than in any other room in the home. Doesn't it make sense, then, that your kitchen should be attractive and convenient? If you are dissatisfied with the state of your kitchen or bath, or you are planning to build a new home, be sure to consult with Kurtis Kitchen & Bath Centers, located in Independence Township in Clarkston at 6460 Dixie, phone 625-7780. These experienced artisans can turn your kitchen into a functional and beautiful room that you will truly love.

Their quality-crafted cabinets are constructed from the finest hardwoods and sculptured in all periods from traditional to contemporary. They offer a total design service from concept to completion. The professionals at Kurtis Kitchen & Bath Centers will offer you their selection of kitchen layouts, or custom build your kitchen or bath according to your specifications. Expert installation is always available.

If you are a discriminating buyer who appreciates unique features, outstanding design and first quality workmanship in a kitchen or bath that conforms to your personality, contact Kurtis Kitchen & Bath Centers today for a design consultation. They can turn your dream kitchen into a reality.

Evola Music Center, Inc.

Serving The Waterford & Clarkston Areas For Over 20 Years

Evola Music Center, located in Waterford at 4977 Dixie Highway, phone 674-0433, has come to be considered musical headquarters for this area. They feature high quality, name brand musical instruments of every variety.

It is very difficult to select a musical instrument and be assured of getting full value for your money. The experienced professionals at Evola Music Center can expertly guide you in the selection of just the right instrument for you. They carry a full line of guitars, amplifiers, keyboards, pianos, PA systems, drums, band instruments and a complete line of music software in price ranges to suit any budget. They also have good, reconditioned used instruments for sale as well as a complete line of instruction books, sheet music and supplies. They offer music lessons, repair service and instrument rentals and have a full-time guitar repair specialist available for your convenience. Discounts are available on all instruments.

Remember, for the finest in name brand musical instruments, always in stock and always at the best price, visit Evola Music Center. Their reputation is your guarantee of satisfaction. Manager Paul Cusumano thanks the many customers who have contributed to the success of Evola Music Center and he looks forward to serving them in the future.

Springfield Township considers new salary structure

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In an effort to better understand where the township stands salary-wise, the Springfield Township Board of Trustees revealed a salary study at Thursday's regular meeting.

The board has been looking at how to best structure salaries at a competitive rate with some neighboring townships. In order to do that, clerk Nancy Strole has been putting together job descriptions for positions like supervisor, treasurer and assessor. She said with these descriptions, the township can get a more accurate reflection as to where a salary should be set.

"This will be done for all employees and staff," she said.

An August 1997 study compared the salaries of Springfield Township employees with those from Brandon, Lyon, Oakland and Oxford townships.

Springfield consistently ranks first or second among those townships in salaries for all positions. It pays the most for the clerk's position, at \$40,600. That same salary for the treasurer is also the highest in the group.

The supervisor's salary of \$45,400 is second to Oakland's \$47,972 salary.

On the low end, Springfield pays the least among non-commissioned building inspectors at \$20,000 and deputy treasurer, also at \$20,000.

The board debated for awhile about how legitimate those comparisons are, but did agree to place this item on the January regular meeting agenda. By that time, the board will have approved job descriptions and can move forward from there.

In other board business:

● The board authorized fire chief Charles Oaks to do whatever he wanted with the department's 1973 GMC fire truck. Oaks said he had the idea of donating it to an Upper Peninsula community that could get some more use out of it, since it's worth very little on the open market.

"We've had offers of only \$500 for it," Oaks said. "We can get some nice P.R. by just donating the thing."

● A request for rezoning by Barry Stulberg was tabled until the December regular meeting.

● Annette Zeeman-Parker was approved to be the township's gypsy moth consultant again for 1997-98. She will be paid \$27.50 per hour with the total cost not to exceed \$2,000. Those funds have been accounted for in the new budget.

BUSINESS REVIEW

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The Runway Cafe Operated By New Owners

Delicious food, friendly faces, reasonable prices and a whole lot more await you when you stop in at The Runway Cafe. Conveniently located in Waterford at 1431 Airport Road, phone 666-8119, they feature fabulous home cooking in an informal atmosphere, serving freshly prepared food from scratch.

Try their widely acclaimed dinners off a menu that really gives you a choice. They have something for everyone including an extensive selection of homemade soups, delicious main dishes, salads and tantalizing desserts. For your dining pleasure, they also feature daily luncheon specials. Their homemade desserts are sure to please at The Runway Cafe, and are a delightful end to an enjoyable meal.

A pleasant atmosphere, consistently fine quality and warm, friendly service have made this restaurant a favorite of people in-the-know. But don't just sit there—find out for yourself why The Runway Cafe has pleased so many other people in the area. Stop in soon and sample one of the area's favorite dining spots. Their courteous service and fine food will bring you back time and time again.

Trio Cards & Gifts Shop Edward Wodowski, Owner

Choosing just the right gift for that special someone is often a very difficult and time-consuming task, but not at Trio Cards & Gifts Shop, located in Clarkston at 7113 Dixie Highway, phone 620-1330. This store is a delight for shoppers who want to find the very best of everything under one roof. They feature a truly unique and complete selection of gift items for even the most discriminating individual.

Trio Cards & Gifts Shop understands that you have only so much time to devote to searching for that perfect gift, so they've done the searching for you. They feature creative ideas for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and "just because." Choose from an extensive selection of gift items, figurines and much more. Trio Cards & Gifts Shop also carries an imaginative variety of greeting cards for any occasion.

If you can't decide on just the right selection, their courteous, experienced sales staff help will be more than happy to help you choose the perfect gift for your special someone. Stop in soon and make gift shopping for your loved one a breeze with something from Trio Cards & Gifts Shop. Their gifts are always a pleasant surprise.

AJ Cremation Services, Inc. Nancy Bowen, Owner

Serving the area's families with dignity and respect, AJ Cremation Services, located in Waterford Township at 5489 Perry Drive, phone (248) 673-6140, provides an environmentally responsible alternative to space-consuming burial. Cremation, the practice of reducing the body to its essential elements by burning, can be traced back to the Ancient Greeks who viewed it as the only virtuous and fitting conclusion to life.

Today, as the shortage of cemetery space in urban areas becomes more acute, cremation is experiencing a revival. More and more environmentally-conscious people are looking to cremation as a means of easing the country's growing demand for space. Pre-need counseling and pre-arrangement services are available for those who are concerned with preserving the earth to plan ahead so that their final wishes are respected.

The directors at AJ Cremation Services are concerned with assisting families with service that is both compassionate and dignified. You'll find that their services are comparatively more affordable than traditional burial. Contact them for more information on the benefits and advantages of cremation. AJ Cremation Services provides a fitting final tribute to those who care about the future of our planet. They are working to preserve the earth for those who need it most—our children.

North American Alliance Of Martial Arts

Mike Colangelo, Chief Instructor

Already known to the people of this area for the ultimate in self-defense training, North American Alliance Of Martial Arts would like you to realize the many benefits their programs offer. The isometric, aerobic exercises utilized by these professionals include movements originated many centuries ago.

Since its founding, North American Alliance Of Martial Arts has been committed to providing students with quality martial arts training and disciplinary education in an atmosphere that preserves human values and individual identities. The accomplished instructors provide martial arts training as well as an appreciation for its traditional forms and ideologies while keeping pace with modern martial arts. When people think of exercise, they do not realize that self-defense instruction provides a total body workout adaptable to any age.

The instructor's responsibility is to ensure that when students branch out into society they maintain an understanding of martial arts and its philosophies. They instill in their students the value of practicing their knowledge in everyday life. North American Alliance Of Martial Arts is located in Waterford Township at 5384 Highland Road, phone 673-2710. You are invited to call for further information and class schedules.

Training Effect Of Clarkston Fitness & Golf

Celebrating Their 10th Year Of Business

Tea off this season at Training Effect Of Clarkston Fitness & Golf, located in Clarkston at 711 Dixie Highway, phone 620-9616, the area's one-stop discount golf equipment center. From beginner to pro, you'll find everything to take you from the clubhouse to a hole in one. Men, women and children are taking to the greens and fairways in record breaking numbers, and you don't have to be Arnold Palmer to enjoy this fun and relaxing sport.

At Training Effect Of Clarkston Fitness & Golf, you'll find a wide selection of golf bags, tees, balls, clubs and name brand accessories all at super savings to get you well on your way. The experienced golfers in the area will be glad to know that a stylish selection of men and women's golf apparel is available in all sizes, colors and name brands. Pro line equipment, custom fit clubs and expert golf club repair are all specialties of this well-known pro shop.

his season, why not "drive" on in, "putt" around the shop, and get fitted to a "tee." If you want an outstanding selection of name brand golf equipment and merchandise all at discount prices, stop by at Training Effect Of Clarkston Fitness & Golf today.

Bonnie's Pet Parlor Bonnie Fields, Owner

We all know how our canine prances around and loves to look well-groomed. The people at Bonnie's Pet Parlor are specialists in grooming all breeds of dogs and cats. They are proud to take that extra care to make your pet feel and look great!

When you bring your pet to Bonnie's Pet Parlor, they will start their grooming with a good brush, shampoo and bath. Next, to the clipping table for a stylish haircut or trim. Shitzu patterns are a specialty at Bonnie's Pet Parlor. Their professional groomers always remember the ears and nails, and they can add a bandanna or a bow or two for that final touch! If your pet suffers from fleas, Bonnie's Pet Parlor offers flea dipping. They also offer a weekly or bi-weekly bathing program. They symbolize themselves as groomers with a "gentle touch."

Remember, for expert grooming for show, the holidays or just keep your canine looking its best, visit Bonnie's Pet Parlor, located in Clarkston at 5883 Dixie Highway, phone 623-8635. They provide the best grooming in town!

Touch Of Class Painting Brian Burke, Owner

For a professional painting service, regardless of the size of the job, the company to call in this area is Touch Of Class Painting, located in Waterford Township, phone 623-4784. Give them a call for information on any residential or commercial project. Contact them anytime and let one of their trained estimators come out to your home or business to discuss your painting needs. They carefully analyze each job before the first stroke of the brush and provide accurate, written estimates.

Touch Of Class Painting specializes in brush, spray and roller, and handles interior as well as exterior applications. Unlike some, these professionals fully prepare the surface to be painted so the job will be attractive and long lasting. With their pressure washing capabilities, they can kill mildew and clean off mold stains, allowing your paint job to last much longer. They are, of course, fully licensed and insured for your protection.

If quality workmanship at a fair price and qualified supervision on every job are important to you, call Touch Of Class Painting at 623-4784. Their years of experience and many satisfied customers are your assurance of a job well done.

City Taxidermy, Inc.

Steven Pieters, Owner • Serving The Community For 15 Years

A prized hunting trophy is every sportsman's fantasy. Whether you hunt or fish, you will need the services of an experienced taxidermist when you bring home that prize catch. Preserve your valued trophy with the expert taxidermy services of City Taxidermy, located in Waterford Township at 54 South Cass Lake Road, phone 663-2119. This well-known taxidermist specializes in lifelike mountings of game heads, birds, fish and other wildlife as well as large and small animal rugs.

Through many years of training and experience, this taxidermist has gained a reputation for high quality life-like work. You can be assured that any game you bring in will be preserved in the most exacting manner, and at a price you can well afford. Give them a call when you are planning your next hunting expedition or fishing trip. They will be glad to discuss the different mounts and procedures used and offer you tips on how best to preserve your trophy.

These taxidermy specialists have earned a reputation in the hunting and fishing communities for top quality work. Remember City Taxidermy for all your taxidermy needs. With your trophy proudly displayed, you can relive the thrill of the hunt for years to come.

Best Western ConCorde Inn Of Waterford

Julie O'Neill, Director

Are you in charge of the arrangements for your daughter's wedding reception, your high school class reunion or your firm's annual dinner dance? Is it up to you to arrange your professional organization's seminar or your industry's trade show? For these purposes and more, you can confidently rely on the facilities and staff of Best Western ConCorde Inn, located in Waterford at 7076 Highland Road, phone 666-8555.

This establishment offers complete banquet facilities and renowned catering, and will handle all details according to your specific needs. They will gladly offer you helpful advice based on their experience and expertise in catering. When your next affair is held at Best Western ConCorde Inn, you can expect to receive accolades from your pampered and impressed guests.

Known for coordinating all details into an excellent occasion and providing the very best menu, the catering manager gives personalized attention to each client, regardless of the size of the event. Whether it's a prom, Bar Mitzvah, bowling banquet, wedding reception, anniversary celebration or any other special occasion, make your affair a memorable one. For reservations and information, call the banquet specialists at Best Western ConCorde Inn.

Oakland Christian School

Gareth Volz, Superintendent

Oakland Christian School is located in Auburn Hills at 3075 Simmons Road, phone 373-2700. This school offers an educational curriculum built upon traditional ideas and values where Christianity is the watchword at all times. An investment in a Christian education is an investment in your child that will pay real dividends in future years. In the classroom, your child will receive necessary skills and guidance and will learn to make good decisions in the world and the community.

To get anywhere today, one must have a good education. Oakland Christian School offers programs for kindergarten through 12th grade, with a dual emphasis on a Biblical world view and strong academic program. They have been a leader in advancing the educational and spiritual level of students in this area since 1968. Graduates of this school are able to excel in college as well as later in life. To help your child prepare for the future in a healthy, well-rounded environment, contact them today. Your child will thank you for it later.

For information about their registration, academic programs, class schedules, or special events such as Cal Thomas to speak at the Lifebuilders Banquet in September 1998, feel free to call Oakland Christian School at 373-2700. Contact Elementary School Principal Andrea Osterlund for grades kindergarten through 6, or High School Principal Roger Van Dorp for grades 7 through 12. Let them help make the difference in your child's education and future.

Natural healing for women

The Clarkston Community Women's Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Speaker is Nancy Galbraith from the Health Food Connection in Waterford on alternative and natural healing for women. All interested persons are welcome. Call 394-0406 for more information.

Amateur Photo Contest

Enjoy taking pictures? Then enter them in this contest! Photos must be any subject taken in an Independence Township public park, recreational facility, public fair or festival. Entry deadline is November 1st. Call 625-8223 to receive a registration and rules packet.

Adult Sunday Basketball League

Four divisions to choose from for competitive basketball. Registration for returning teams begins Oct. 20. Call for more details.

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Clarkston city council takes action at last meeting

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ings, we should have an inspection go in there once a year and make sure everything's OK," Basinger said.

In other council action:

●Council resolved to support the recent adoption of the city's master plan by the planning commission, 6-1. Dave Savage objected because he feels the commission has "ignored" some of the city planner's suggestions to rezone certain properties, such as the Sutherland House and the Waldon-Main corner, to multiple-family or commercial.

Roeser disagreed with that interpretation, saying planners McKenna & Associates did not recommend

those zonings, but only asked the commission to consider them.

●An "ombudsmen committee" was approved, 7-0, to handle complaints received by the city. Mayor Sharron Catalo appointed Anne Clifton, Roeser and city manager Art Pappas to serve on it.

●Catalo, Savage and Basinger volunteered for a subcommittee that will meet with Independence Township over the Deer Lake Beach lease situation.

●Catalo reported that she had received a response from the Road Commission of Oakland County on the city's concerns over anticipated traffic problems on Clarkston Rd. once the new high school opens. According to a RCOC representative, engineers are

working on several issues.

●Gamble was unanimously appointed to the post of city street administrator.

●Trick-or-treat hours were approved, 7-0, from 6-7 p.m. for Oct. 31, Halloween, in the City of Clarkston. They coincide with the township's hours.

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Land ho!

Conservancy celebrates 25 years

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

What better place to celebrate a land conservation milestone than the wide open spaces of Bay Court Park.

On Saturday, Sept. 25 members of the Independence Land Conservancy relaxed at a picnic held at the park's new beach house, honoring 25 years of conservation easements acquired in Independence and Springfield townships. A non-profit organization and regional land trust, the ILC is looking into also acquiring new easements within Brandon and White Lake townships.

"We don't have a grand design other than to preserve what we can," president Tom Stone said. "Our efforts with preservation have enabled us to be invited into other townships."

Members work so hard because they want to keep the area's rural character intact. "That's what we're really about ... and that's a challenge," he added.

Treasurer John Dryer said he moved to Clarkston 14 years ago because he loved its rural character. It reminded him of his former residence in Ohio. "It was a nice small town," he said.

Like others, board member Mel Vaara is concerned about area growth. The ILC aspires to "preserve as much open space as possible. (Independence) Township is growing so fast, I'm worried there won't be parks and open space for the next generation," he said.

To date the ILC has acquired 400 acres, preserving 20 parcels in Springfield and Independence, Vaara said. Two of the conservation easements are visible from major thoroughfares, vice president Fred Roeser said. Both are at corners of I-75 and M-15; one is located in back of Mesquite Creek, the other is on the right side as you exit I-75 south onto the Clarkston-



Left to right, members Mel Vaara, Fred Roeser and John Dryer enjoy the ILC's silver anniversary picnic.

Ortonville ramp.

Members are also proud of the 50-acre conservation easement in Bridge Valley. According to the ILC publication "Scenic Vistas," the Environmental Protection Agency "hopes to use this example of a development with a comprehensive conservation easement as a model for future developers throughout the United States."

Dryer said another goal is to preserve land around the headwaters of the Clinton River.

The conservancy hopes to eventually have an executive director. "Everybody is a volunteer or non-paid," Vaara said.

For more information about the ILC, and to find out about membership, call Tom Stone at (248) 625-8193.

Paint the town

Some lucky art students from Clarkston and Sashabaw middle schools got to skip out on regular classes one morning last week and paint the town instead—literally.

The students were keeping up the tradition of painting downtown business windows for Halloween. This year, the event was sponsored by Carrol Harris of the Clarkston Cafe and Jean Cavalier of Morgan Moreno & Milzow.

The students brought with them, along with their paints and brushes, drawings on white paper they would then use as patterns on the windows. Some were original; one was a copy of the famous "Scream" by Edvard Munch.

"It has to do with art; it's an actual painting and it's Halloweenish—it's scary," said Laura Barnett when asked why her group had chosen that painting.

After a morning of painting the kids were treated to lunch at the Cafe as a "thank you" for their efforts.



Doug Smith of SMS uses a drawing of a favorite picture to paint on the window of The Clarkston News.

HAUNTS FOR HALLOWEEN

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP: The Friendly Forest will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, 5-8 p.m. at Clintonwood Park. This event is for younger children and includes trick-or-treating at decorated stations while strolling through the park. You must pre-register. Tickets are \$4 for residents, \$6 for nonresidents at the Parks and Recreation office. Call 625-8223 for more information.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP: The Trick or Treat Trail returns to Mill Pond Park in Davisburg Oct. 31, 6-7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Springfield Township Parks and Recreation and will feature 12 stations where kids can receive treats down a scary or spooky path. Advance tickets are \$3; \$3.50 the day of the event at the parks and rec office. Call 634-0412 or 634-3382.

WATERFORD PARKS AND RECREATION: "Halloween Hoots," a family event, will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, 3-7 p.m. followed by a family dance from 7-9 p.m. at Hess-Hathaway Park, 825 S. Williams Lake Rd. Event includes hay rides, puppet show, face painting, carnival games and a costume parade at 4 p.m. Adults are free; kids ages 2-13 are \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. For information call 674-5441.

EDSEL AND ELEANOR FORD HOUSE: Monday, Oct. 27, 5-7:30 p.m. Tour the grounds in costume and bring your treat bag. Admission is \$6; reservations are available by calling 313-884-4222. The house is located at 1100 Lake Shore Rd., Grosse Pointe Shores.

Seniors get in on the scare

A monthly listing of the activities and programs held at the Independence Township Senior Center can be obtained by calling 625-8231 or drop in to the center at 5900 Clarkston Road, in Clintonwood Park, (between M-15 and Sashabaw Road) and pick one

up. Halloween Party, Friday, October 31, 11 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.; \$2 lunch donation and one canned food item for Clarkston Lighthouse. Pre-registration by October 29.

SPORTS

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Section B

Atkinson, Dodds make history with regional title

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Tennis regionals

It took coach Dick Swartout his entire 29-year career as Clarkston girls tennis coach to have a regional champion.

That wait was ended Friday at the regionals at Troy when the #1 doubles team of juniors Kristen Atkinson and Alaina Dodds captured the championship with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over top seed West Bloomfield.

"It was very exciting to watch them win it," Swartout said. "They sent me out with a championship."

Swartout resigned his position as coach after the regionals were over (see box).

Other winners for the Wolves at regionals were sophomore Courtney Schubering at #1 singles and #4 singles senior Amber Mitchell. Schubering won her first round match over Troy Athens 6-2, 6-1 before losing in the second round to West Bloomfield 6-0, 6-1. Mitchell swept away her first-round opponent from Southfield 6-0, 6-0 before getting swept herself 6-0, 6-0 by Grand Blanc.

But the big story was the superb play of Atkinson and Dodds, who overcame long games in the semifinals and finals to walk away with the title.

"It was definitely the best we played all year," Atkinson said. "We finally put it all together. We hit the ball hard and connected on our volleys."

As a team, Atkinson and Dodds finished the season with a 17-4 record. The team's championship helped Clarkston total eight points at the regional, the most in school history. Last year's squad scored seven points at regionals.

"They both played very well and won all the big points," Swartout said of Atkinson and Dodds.

"I was so excited after we won," a grinning Atkinson said. "We wanted to beat West Bloomfield so bad, it just ended a great season for us."

Swartout resigns as girls tennis coach after 29 years

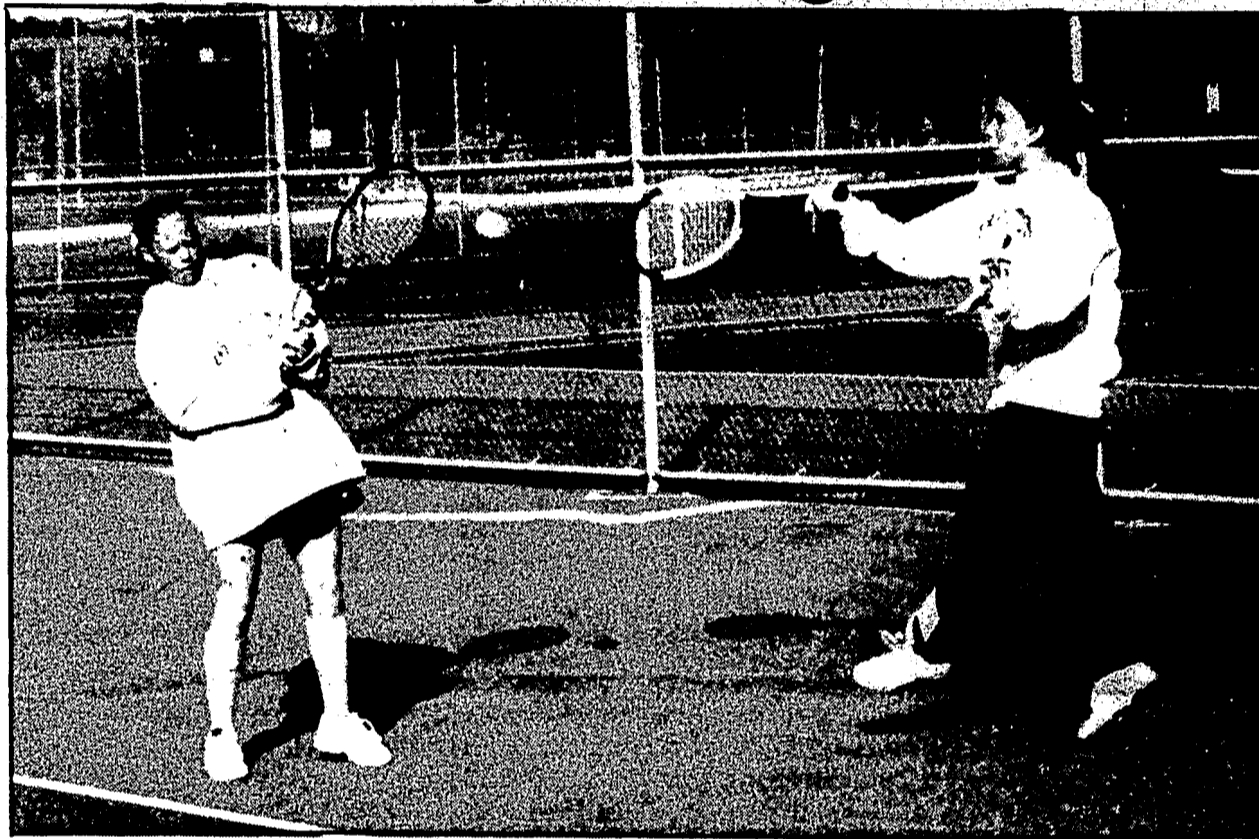
Saying he's run his course during his coaching career, Clarkston girls tennis coach Dick Swartout said Monday he has officially resigned as the team's coach after 29 years.

"I like the game of tennis and I like working with the girls, but it was time for me to go," he said, relaxing in a teacher's lounge at Clarkston High School.

His long tenure as coach ended with a true highlight, as his #1 doubles team of juniors Kristen Atkinson and Alaina Dodds captured the regional championship. It was the first such title for a Swartout-coached team and a win that brought a wide smile to his face.

"This way, I'll get two more weeks of summer vacation," he said.

—By Brad Monastiere



Juniors Kristen Atkinson and Alaina Dodds are the pride of Clarkston tennis after their regional championship Friday at Troy. Here, the two get right in the middle of second-round play against the Colts Friday morning.

Boys peaking at the right time

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Oxford Invitational

Clarkston boys cross country coach Mike Taylor is not usually all that happy with his team's performances.

More often than not, he will point out where his team fell short, especially when competing against league foes like Rochester, Rochester Adams and Lake Orion.

But after Friday's Oxford Invitational, Taylor was extremely happy with his team's second-place performance.

"The last three meets have been very good for us," Taylor said. "We have become more consistent and our balance from one through six and seven has become much better."

The Wolves finished with 84 points in taking second. Lakeland, the favorite to win another state title, finished first overall. But it wasn't where Clarkston finished that pleased Taylor as much as who Clarkston finished ahead of.

Rochester, who was 5-0 in dual meets in the OAA Division I during the regular season, finished tied for fourth at the meet with Adams with 125 points. Lake Orion took third with 98 points.

Top finishers for the Wolves were: sophomores David Sage (8th), Matt Haver (11th), Kevin Breen (16th) and Chris Weber (24th). All of them won medalist honors at Oxford.

"It was important for us, with the league meet coming up, to give teams like Rochester something to think about," Taylor said. "I think we rattled them a little bit."

"I like where we're headed. We got Adams in a dual meet, we tied Rochester at county and beat them at Oxford, so I like our chances for the league meet."

The Falcons won the OAA I regular season championship by winning their dual meets. But the true league champion will be determined at Thursday's league meet, which takes place at Rochester's Bloomer State Park. If a team other than Rochester wins the league meet, that team is OAA I co-champions with the Falcons.

"That is a fast course and I expect the times to be good all the way around," Taylor said. "We went there last year and ran our best times of the season, but so did everyone else. That will happen again this year."

Phalen dials 2-1-1 for grid win

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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It was only appropriate that senior RB Brad Phalen bounced off Troy Athens defenders like a pinball.

The rate at which Phalen racked up rushing yards and the way his team scored points, Friday's game better resembled a pinball machine score than a football game.

The Clarkston varsity football team won its fifth straight game, 58-24 over the Athens Red Hawks. The win propels the Wolves to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the OAA Division I.

Phalen rushed for a season-high 211 yards and three touchdowns. Athens simply could not hope to stop Phalen, who was so dangerous in this game, he should have been childproofed.

"Our offensive line worked real well tonight," a humble Phalen said after the game. "A lot of what I do is split-second decisions. I feel like I can see the field real well and that was to my advantage."

On Clarkston's third play from scrimmage, Phalen made a play that let the Red Hawks know it would be a long night. On a third-and-one, Phalen ran off tackle, made two moves and was gone for a 71-yard touchdown run to give the Wolves a 7-0 lead.

Clarkston was stopped on its next possession, but was never kept out of the end zone again, as Phalen ran around, through, and by the Athens defenders all night.

On the second scoring drive, Phalen carved up Athens for three runs of 10 or more yards. The drive was capped by a touchdown pass from senior QB Dane Fife to senior WR Mike Maitrott. Maitrott has emerged as Fife's favorite target, along with junior WR Erich Poley. Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson praised Maitrott's performance after the game.

"Mike was outstanding tonight. He just makes catches," he said. "He makes Dane a better quarterback."

Phalen's second touchdown run was strictly highlight-film material. On a broken play, Phalen burst up the middle, shook off two defenders, cut back against the grain, made a 360-spin move and outran the rest of the defense. It was similar to plays Barry Sanders made two days later in the Lions' win at Tampa Bay.

But most promising on this night was the way Clarkston came out in the first half. The prior two weeks, the Wolves found themselves trailing at half-time to Rochester Adams and Waterford Kettering. It was a different story Friday, as Clarkston took a 30-8 lead into halftime.

"I thought their turnovers took them out of it early," Richardson said.

Indeed, the Clarkston defense made big plays that set up the offense, especially in the first half. Junior lineman Mark Whiteman recovered two fumbles in the first half. Both resulted in Clarkston touchdowns.

Senior Mike "The King" Underwood recorded Clarkston's first safety of the season midway through the second when he blocked a punt that bounced out of the end zone. The play gave Clarkston a 23-0 lead and the ball back on the ensuing free kick.

For the game, Fife finished 8-for-16 for 120 yards and a pair of scores. Maitrott caught four passes for 55



Senior QB Dane Fife hangs in the pocket to deliver this throw despite pressure from Troy Athens Friday. Fife and his teammates turned in their best offensive performance of the season in the 58-24 win.

yards and a TD. Poley caught three for 60 yards. The Wolves rolled up 478 total yards on Athens, 340 of those coming on the ground.

With the blowout, fans got a look into the future of Clarkston football and saw some encouraging things. Junior QB Eric Jenks played the last quarter-and-a-half and made some excellent plays, including a 30-

yard bootleg run for a touchdown. Junior RB Brent Deuel ran for 30 yards and a touchdown, while junior PK Chris Himburg converted both of his extra point attempts.

A big test awaits the Wolves Friday as they travel to Rochester for a game against a good Falcon team. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

Football notebook

Rack 'em up

It's hard to top the incredible performance turned in Friday by senior RB Brad Phalen.

He riddled the Troy Athens Red Hawks for 211 yards on only 16 carries, a 13.2 yards-per-carry average. The 211 also marked a career-high for Phalen. He ran for 193 yards and four touchdowns in last year's 33-8 win over Troy.

No mercy

After Clarkston took a 44-8 lead late in the third quarter, a new MHSAA rule kicked into effect. Anytime the margin of a game exceeds 30

points, a running clock is instituted. The clock only stops on changes of possession and injuries.

Number crunching

The last two years, Clarkston has beaten Athens by a combined score of 103-24. Last year Clarkston ruined Athens' Homecoming and No. 10-state ranking with a 45-0 win... The Wolves scored in double figures in every quarter of Friday's game except the first... During the team's five-game winning streak, Clarkston is averaging 37.4 points per game... So far this season, Fife has thrown for 717 yards, while Phalen has run for 719 yards.

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Close losses no longer good enough for cagers

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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The true measure of how far the Clarkston girls basketball team has come this year came during coach Ann Serra's postgame comments.

"We are long past taking anything from a moral victory," she said, eyes moist. "I'm just sorry we had to learn this through a loss. But the foul trouble hurt us and they are tough to defend, with five players who can hurt you."

Athens came into the game 9-0, blowing out most of its opponents so far this season. Clarkston came in nearly equalling its win total from all of 1996, with its only loss to then-seventh-ranked Rochester by three.

Despite coming off the 10-11 season a year ago, Serra and the players have taken the team to a new level - one where a narrow loss to a team like Athens is no longer acceptable.

"I was mad. We made way too many mental mistakes in this game," she said after her team's heart-stopping 53-51 loss to the fifth-ranked Troy Athens Red Hawks Oct. 7. "But give Troy Athens credit. They kept their composure and showed how to win a close game."

The Wolves (9-2 overall, 3-2 in the OAA Division I) stayed right with the Red Hawks the entire game, never trailing by more than six and leading by as many as nine early on.

In the fourth quarter, Clarkston made several runs at Athens, tying the game on two different occasions. Senior Georgia Senkyr scored five quick, dramatic points to knot the game at 47-47 with 1:15 left. She converted a layup and was fouled. She then missed the ensuing free throw, but got her own rebound and scored on a play that brought the entire Clarkston bench off the floor.

But that's when the foul trouble haunted the Wolves. Starters Lori Wild, Corinne McIntyre and Deana Kanipe all fouled out, taking with them a big chunk of the team's scoring and rebounding.

Without these three standouts, Athens was able to use its size to get offensive rebounds and scores. Clutch free throw shooting also went the Hawks' way, as they made 8-of-12 from the charity stripe in the quarter.

Kanipe led the team in scoring with 16 points, adding three rebounds, three steals and three assists. Senkyr played a brilliant floor game, coming in with six points, nine rebounds and six steals.

But this year, close just isn't good enough for Serra and this much-improved team.

"Our kids never gave up," she said. "It's amazing the way they can keep digging themselves out of a hole. What we have to do now is not dig the hole in the first place."

Basketball Notebook

Here comes the bride

This week will almost assuredly be the most memorable one of the season for coach Ann Serra. Thursday, she takes her 9-2 Wolves to Birmingham Seaholm, where she coached the last two seasons. The game will be a good OAA crossover test for Clarkston, who comes off a tough 53-51 to sixth-ranked Troy Athens.

The Saturday, Ann Serra will become Ann Lowney, as she gets married to Pat Lowney, the current JV coach at Birmingham Marian. The wedding will take place at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, where Serra played high school basketball.

As if all that won't be enough, Tuesday she hosts Bloomfield Hills Lahser and her high school coach at WOLL Chris Drogosch. At Lahser last month, the Wolves pulled out a 36-32 win.

... but no cigar

The Wolves certainly have to be considered one of the most improved teams in Oakland County, and that could be shown by their two losses.

Athens and Rochester, both in this week's top 10, have wins over Clarkston by a combined total of five points.

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Athlete of the Week: Alaina Dodds

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Coach Dick Swartout on Alaina: "Alaina is one of our most determined athletes. She has great athleticism with her speed and strength. She is very communicative on the court and her enthusiasm is infectious."

Alaina on Alaina: "I like that tennis is both an individual and a team sport. Kristen and I get along real well and that's why I think we play well. I mean, we're never apart. I am a person that tries to get along with everybody. You can't have too many friends."



Alaina Dodds

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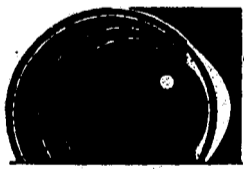
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FILE #97-1-047

Mr. Michael Collins, Petitioner

REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL

in accordance with Section 8.04, Article VIII

Consideration for Home Occupation

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

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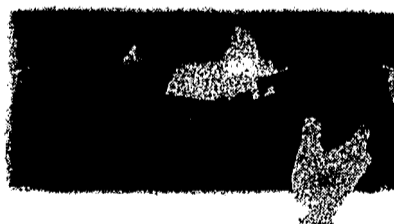
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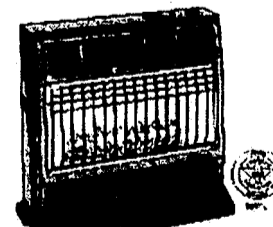
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Letdown results in loss to Brandon

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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Coming off an emotional loss to Lake Orion three days earlier, the Clarkston boys soccer team finally had its inevitable letdown game Thursday.

The kickers dropped a 3-1 decision at Brandon, dropping their overall record to 8-3-4, 6-2-2 in the OAA Division II.

"We let in a couple bad goals early and they (Brandon) packed it in defensively," Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "I'd like to say we didn't have a letdown, but I'm not so sure."

Senior Mike Hard scored Clarkston's lone goal in the contest.

But after losing the game and the league title to Lake Orion, the focus for the Wolves now shifts to district play, which starts Monday at the home field with a first round game against Walled Lake Western starting at 7 p.m.

1997 Playoff Preview

Come Out and Play: The Clarkston varsity boys soccer team takes on Walled Lake Western at the CHS field Monday at 7 p.m. in the first round of districts.

Who Else is Invited: Walled Lake Central, West Bloomfield and Waterford Mott.

Who Plays Who: The winner of the Clarkston-Western game takes on Waterford Mott at 7 p.m. Wednesday. West Bloomfield takes on Walled Lake Central in the other first-round match. The district finals take place Saturday, Oct. 25 at the CHS field at 1 p.m.

We Are the Champions: The district champs move on to regional play the week of Oct. 27. Grand Blanc is considered one of the favorites in the other district.

"I saw that both Walled Lake schools don't have a good record, but they play in a tough league," Fitzgerald said.

The winner of the Clarkston-Western game takes on Waterford Mott Oct. 22.

Haggard the surprise state-qualifier in golf

All season, senior Bryan Haggard toiled on the Clarkston golf team, usually taking second or third on his team during dual meets and tournaments.

But at Friday's regional, it was Haggard's turn in the spotlight, as he was the only Clarkston golfer to qualify for this weekend's state golf meet at Forest Acres West in East Lansing.

Haggard shot a season-best 77 to finish tied for fourth overall at the regional. The top five golfers regardless of team affiliation, qualify for states as individuals.

"It was definitely his best round of the year," retiring Clarkston coach Jim Chamberlain said. "It was strange because he couldn't tell what he did differently to lower his score so much. He putted a lot better, and that helped."

As a team, the Wolves finished a distant fourth overall at regionals with a team score of 331. The top three team finishers - Grand Blanc, Waterford Mott and Bloomfield Hills Lahser - move on to states.

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Crittenton Hospital now offers a new breast

biopsy technique that is minimally invasive, less painful and enables women to resume their regular activities by the next day. The new outpatient procedure is called computer-guided Stereotactic Breast Biopsy, a one-step process that is performed under local anesthesia. The procedure lasts 60-90 minutes, produces little or no scarring and does not change the shape of the breast.

"Stereotactically guided needle biopsy of the breast is used with increasing frequency in place of traditional needle localization and open surgical biopsy to investigate lesions," said Keith Hinshaw, MD, a general surgeon on staff at Crittenton. "The procedure can be done in an outpatient setting, causes minimal discomfort and is highly accurate."

"The major benefit of this technology is it's going to allow breast lesions to be diagnosed without having to go to surgery," said Jeffrey Shulak, MD, a radiology specialist at Crittenton. "Most patients are up and around immediately after the procedure because they do not experience the pain and discomfort of surgical biopsy."

Shulak said each of the different types of biopsies have their own applications and advantages and disadvantages. The correct course is determined in consultation with the patient's physician.

For more information call Crittenton's radiology department at 652-5325.

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Oakland County's cost of living is among nation's worst

Oakland County's cost of living is 15 percent higher than the rest of the nation, according to a new report.

A survey conducted by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association of 33 municipalities of more than one million people ranked Oakland County ninth in the nation when it comes to cost of living.

The cost of housing is the most important factor, according to a report on the ACCRA findings issued by Oakland University. OU was the Oakland County

source for the ACCRA study.

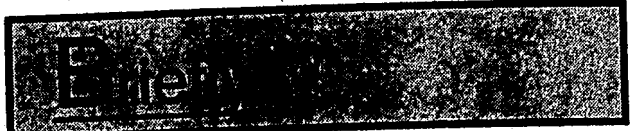
The goal of the study was to give an accurate measurement of a "market basket" of consumer goods and services in six categories: transportation, health care, grocery, housing, utilities, appliance and auto repair, entertainment, clothing and beauty care.

Among the findings:

- Oakland County housing costs are ranked seventh most expensive in the nation—38.2 percent higher than the national average.

- Utilities are cheaper here but health care costs almost 20 percent more than the national average. Groceries cost more than 10 percent over the average.


- Cigarettes and haircuts are more expensive here than the national average.



Springfield board makes two appointments

At its regular meeting Thursday, the Springfield Township Board of Trustees appointed two of its own to fill representative slots on local committees.

Trustee Elaine Field-Smith was named to fill a vacancy for the Township Election Commission. Supervisor Collin Walls was named to be the board's representative on the Steering Committee of Shiawassee & Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project.



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Obituaries

Helen Funck

Helen C. Funck of Clarkston died October 12, 1997 at the age of 59.

Mrs. Funck and her husband Donald, who had been married for over 40 years, lived in Clarkston since 1965. They were members of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church for over 30 years.

Mrs. Funck was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Michael Lynch. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four children: Dawn Marie (Terry) Funck-Yurich of East Point, Raymond Daniel (Peggy) Funck of Georgia, Gregory Allen (Jean) Funck of Clarkston, and Jeffrey Mark (Christina) Funck of California. A brother, David Anthony (Patricia) Lynch also survives, as do nine grandchildren and many other family and friends.

A funeral mass was this morning (Wednesday) at Our Lady of the Lakes, with Rite of Committal following at Sashabaw Plains Cemetery. Arrangements were by Coats Funeral Home in Waterford.

Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice.

Vyvian Main

Vyvian L. (Cleveland) Main of Clarkston, formerly of Kalamazoo, died October 8, 1997 at the age of 94.

Mrs. Main was preceded in death by her hus-

band, John. She is survived by two children, Marilyn Robertson of Clarkston and Jack (Maxine) Main of Farmington Hills; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews Kay (Merv) Burtis of Kalamazoo, Jim (Jane) Main of Tennessee and Ken (Patricia) Main of Texas; and a brother-in-law, Paul (Margaret) Main of Alabama.

Funeral services were Oct. 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 99 Wayne, Pontiac 48342 or a charity of the donor's choice.

John Moreau

Retired school administrator John J. Moreau of Clarkston died October 8, 1997 at the age of 60.

Mr. Moreau was retired from the Pontiac school district. He was a former president of the Clarkston Lions Club and former secretary of the Pontiac Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Margaret Moreau and a sister, Mary Catherine. He is survived by his wife, Gail; two children, Francoise of Keego Harbor and J. P. of Indiana; three grandchildren, Alex, Adrianna and Kyle; his mother-in-law, Dorothy Schreiner of North Carolina; and three sib-

lings, Thomas (Pat) of Alabama, Dr. Frank William of Florida and Margaret (Tim) Neel of Virginia. Three brothers-in-law also survive, Peter (Tricia) Schreiner of Georgia, Bruce Schreiner of Ohio and David Schreiner of North Carolina.

Funeral services were October 11 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice, 100 S. Dort Highway, Flint, MI 48503-9902 or Iron Overload Diseases Association, Inc., attention Roberta Crawford, President, 433 W. Wing Dr., North Palm Beach, Fla. 33408-5123.

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The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Testing of the computer program for the November 4, 1997, City Council election on Tuesday, October 21, 1997.

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Basketball

The JV Girls basketball team lost a close one to Troy Athens, which is in first place in the league. Brittany Brewer led the team with the most points scored and Courtney Roberts played well.

Football

The JV football team had an easy time with Troy Athens, beating them 41-6. Chris Mitchell took 11 carries for 110 yards along with a touchdown. Derick Casper had three carries for 88 yards and a touchdown. Chad Booker had five carries for 28 yards, a touchdown and a two-point conversion run.

Ross Martello and Ryan Thomas each rushed the football in for a touchdown and Andy North caught a 25-yard pass for a touchdown. Rocky Lund kicked 3 PATs.

Chad Booker led the team defensively with eight tackles. Lund caught an interception, Jared Marshall had a sac, and Martello recovered a fumble. Everyone on the team got to play.

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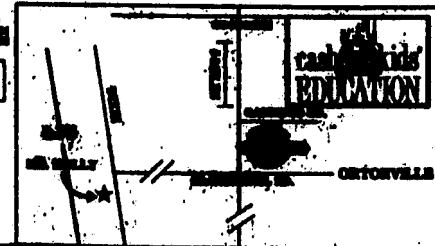
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● **Tickets are now available for the 1997 Michigan Competing Bands Association Championship Contest** Oct. 25 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The Clarkston High School marching band is among 40 bands competing. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens, if purchased by Oct. 8. After that tickets go to \$12/\$8. They are available at the Silverdome box office or by calling 248-456-1600.

● **The Clarkston Fine Arts Gallery** presents Merryanne Sommer, painter and custom framer, Oct. 1-31 at the gallery, located at 7151 N. Main. A reception for the artist will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, 10-2 in the atrium. For more information call 625-8439. Gallery hours are 10-6, Monday-Friday, 10-4 Saturday.

● **The Goodrich Country Craft Bazaar** will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, 10-4 at the Goodrich High School. Admission is \$1.

● **Oakland County Youth Assistance** will hold mentor training Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the county courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph. Be a positive adult role model for a child 5-16; call 858-0041 for more information.

● **Parent Network** will meet Tuesday, Oct. 21 for a program on "Helping Kids Help Themselves," with speaker Kathie Patrick, Director of Community Education at HAVEN. Learn about child sexual assault and how parents can play a role in prevention. Call 625-4855 for more information.

● **The Rising Stars theater company** will present "The Spirit of Hispania" Oct. 16-17 at Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$3. The production is co-directed by Danielle Paccione of Clarkston. For ticket information call 433-0885.

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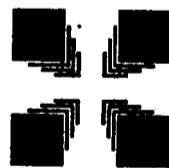
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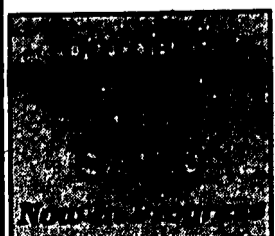
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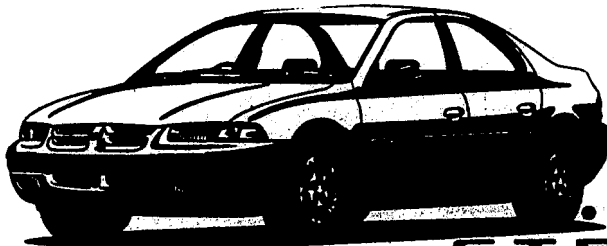
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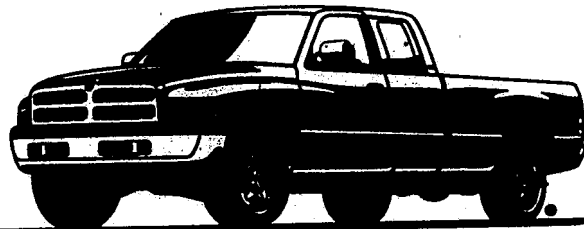


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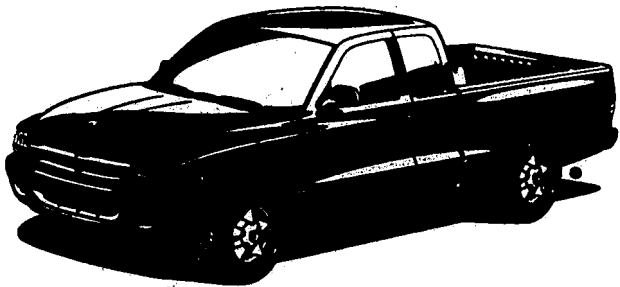
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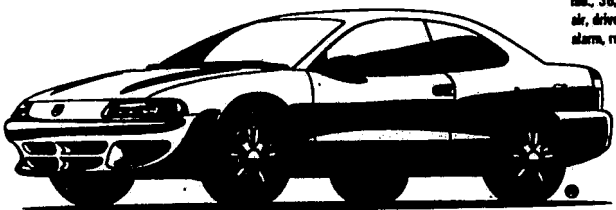
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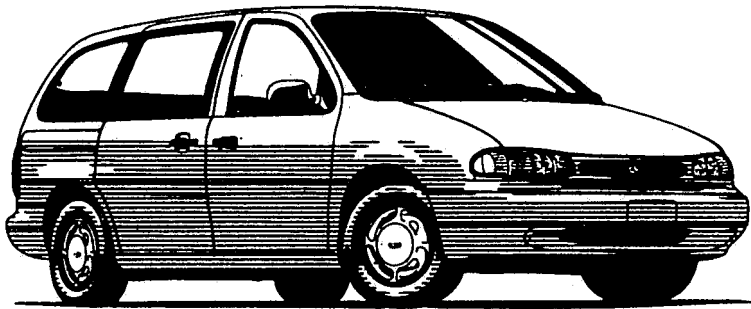
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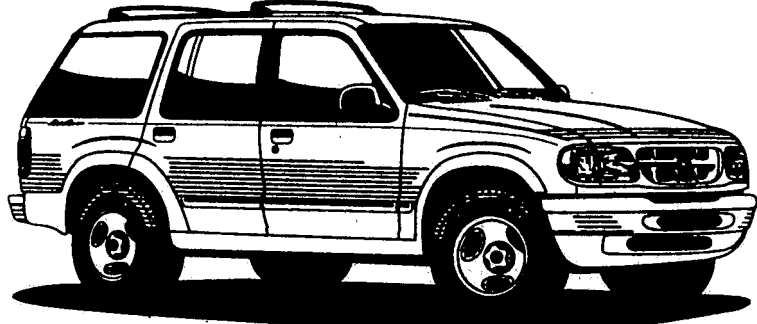
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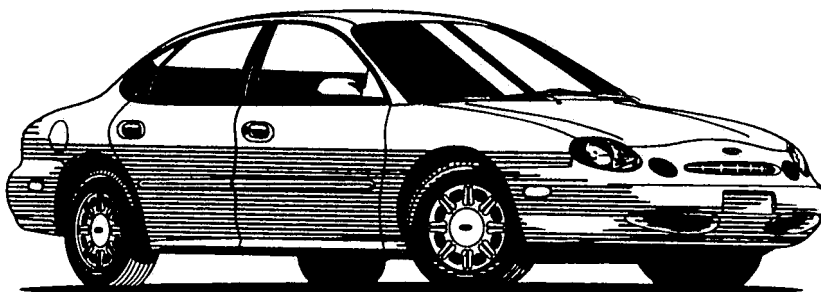
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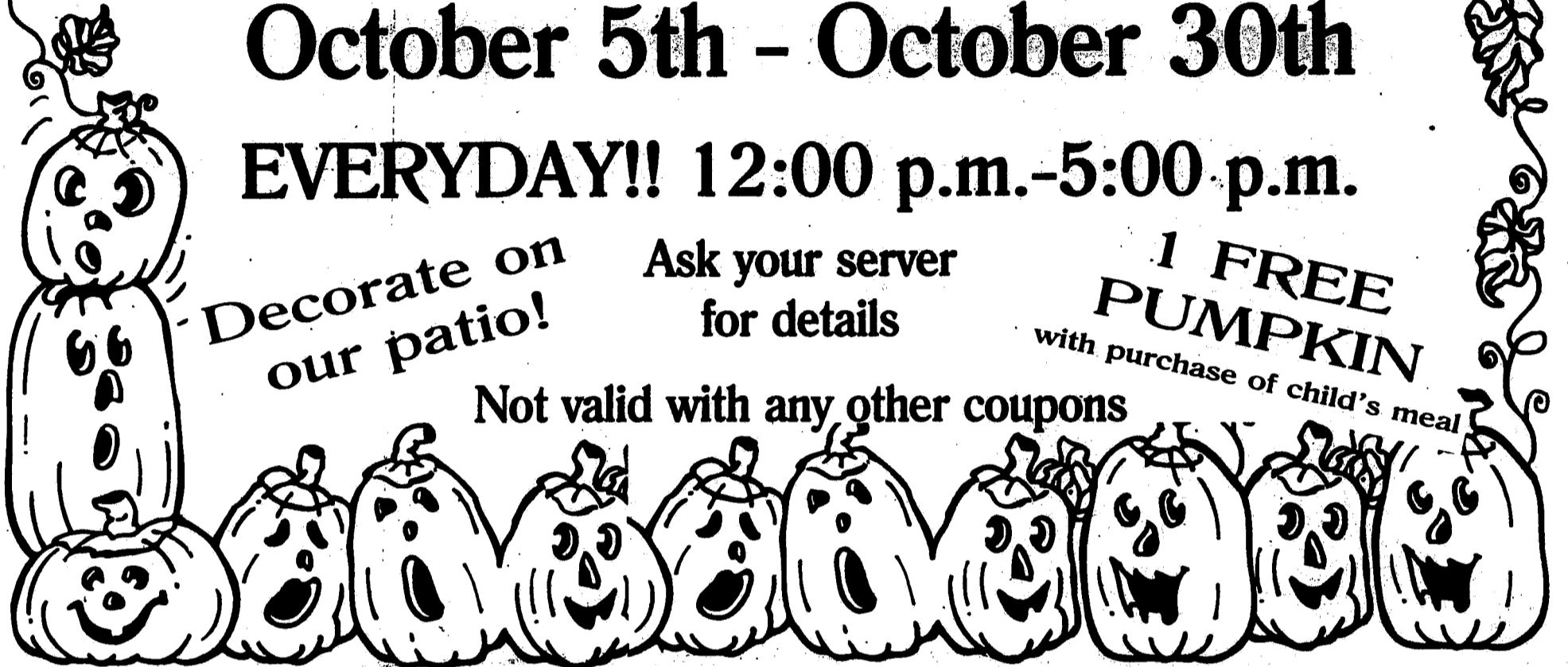
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