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Local health store robbed at gunpoint

Suspect may be linked to series of similar robberies

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
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Police are looking for a man who robbed a clerk at gunpoint at the General Nutrition Center (GNC) on Dixie Highway in Independence Township Sept. 3.

Oakland County Sheriff's Det. Perry Dare of the Independence substation, in charge of the investigation, said the suspect may be linked to a series of similar robberies in Oakland, Genesee and Lapeer counties, all involving health food stores and gas stations.

Dare said the man, a white male who appears to be in his thirties or forties, uses the same technique in each case—asking the clerk for change so he can call his wife and find out which vitamin brand she needs.



A police sketch of the suspect.

"This has happened in numerous sites in the area," Dare said. "He says he's shopping for his wife. He pulls out a snub-nosed revolver and points it at them. So far we believe him to be robbing vitamin stores and gas stations." Dare added the incidents stem as far back as April.

According to the report, the suspect asked about a specific herb and the 20-year-old male clerk showed him several bottles. He asked the clerk for change, and when he opened the case register, the suspect brandished a gun and told the clerk to lie on the floor. He said, "If I see you get up, I'll cap you."

The suspect removed the cash, and asked where the "large bills" were kept, which he took also. He told the clerk to count to 50 before getting up.

Dare said witnesses said the man fled on foot, around to the back of the building where he may have had a car waiting for getaway. "We believe he jumped a vehicle behind the store," Dare said. Police were called to the scene at 5:18 p.m. and arrived seven minutes later.

The suspect is described as a 30- to 40-year-old white male with dark hair and of thin build, 6-foot to 6-foot-one in height. He was wearing a pink polo shirt with a white T-shirt underneath, jeans and a black cap, Dare said. According to the report, he also sported some gray, light stubble as if he had not shaved. The weapon used was a small nickel revolver, possibly a .38.

The incident is under investigation. Those who have information are asked to call Det. Dare at (248) 858-5000. No robberies involving the suspect have been committed at other health stores in Independence Township, Dare said. "But we're going to notify them."

On Tuesday, Det. Dirk Feneley said the amount of cash taken was still undetermined.

Following the dream into Autumn



It was a great day to follow your dreams, and youngsters on the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce float, which won the Best Float Award, were all smiles at this year's Labor Day Parade. Turn to page six for the rest of the award presentations. For more photos of Monday's parade, see the back page.

Board splits on rezonings

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
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The Independence Township Board of Trustees upped the density for three vacant parcels planned for new subdivisions Sept. 1, despite opposition from some board members who say it's changing the rural character.

All three parcels fall north of Clarkston Road and were rezoned from R-1R (rural residential) to R-1C (suburban residential). The rezonings mean nearly double the amount of new homesites can be built, with average lot sizes changing from 3 to 1 1/2 acres under suburban residential.

The board tabled another rezoning request—also from R-1R to R-1C—for 33 acres in the new Waldon Village Towne Center at Waldon and Sashabaw.

Township planner Dick Carlisle said all three rezonings are consistent with Vision 2020 and the master plan.

The three parcels are as follows:

● A 15-acre parcel on the west side of Sashabaw Road, just north of Sashabaw Creek Meadows subdivision and southeast of Independence Oaks County Park, was rezoned to R-1C. The acreage is eyed for a possible eight-lot development that would double the number of single-family homesites under R-1R. The board approved the zoning change, 4-3, with trustees Larry Rosso and Neil Wallace and clerk Joan McCrary objecting.

● The board approved a zoning change, 6-1, for Trinity Investments' 31 acres on the northwest corner of Clarkston and Pine Knob roads. Six acres of that parcel recently received special land use and conceptual site plan approval from the planning commission for a proposed day care center. The balance of the land (25 acres) is being eyed for 13-14 homesites. Wallace voted no.

● Finally, a rezoning change was approved for Clarkston Holdings, 5-2, for 70 acres east of Pine Knob Road and north of Greenview (Wallace and McCrary objected). In its motion, the board agreed to prohibit

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The News in Brief

Abruzzi Drive appearing at Teen Cafe

Area teens are encouraged to enjoy an evening of music, food and fun at the Independence Township Library Teen Cafe Saturday, September 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Teen Cafe will take place outside, featuring the live band Abruzzie Drive, playing music to suit a variety of musical tastes.

Admission to Teen Cafe is free. Refreshments including hot dogs, hamburgers, milkshakes, cappuccino and more will be available for a small fee.

All proceeds benefit young adult programming at the library. The rain date for the event is September 19.

The Teen Cafe is sponsored by the Independence Township Library Teen Advisory Team, a group of teenagers working with the young adult librarian to give the library an image that will appeal to young adults.

The library is located at 6495 Clarkston Road. Call 625-2212 for more information.

New phone numbers at Clarkston High School

The general office phone number at the new high school is 623-3600. The attendance phone number for ninth and tenth grade is 623-3544, and 625-3545 for grades 11 and 12. Call 623-4040 to reach the counseling/student services office. The new number for the athletic office is 623-4050.

Fun Daze and Taste of Clarkston set for October 3

Downtown Clarkston will come alive October 3 with fall Fun Daze and a Taste of Clarkston.

Included in the festivities will be a Taste of Clarkston, a restaurant expo; Moonlight Madness sidewalk sales; dancing in the streets; a one-mile fun run and 5K and 10K races; children's games and activities such as a moon walk, rock climbing, face painting, pony rides and more.

The events will begin with the fun run at 4:30 p.m. The location will be Main Street and Washington, with Washington closed off to Holcomb for Dancing in the Streets in the early evening.

A variety of menu items for a Taste of Clarkston will include appetizers, entrees and desserts. Tickets will be available at the event with menu items selling from 50 cents to \$4.

Shuttle service will be provided from the parking lots at Clarkston Middle School, Clarkston Elementary, and the old high school.

Fall Fun Daze and a Taste of Clarkston are sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation and the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 625-8055.

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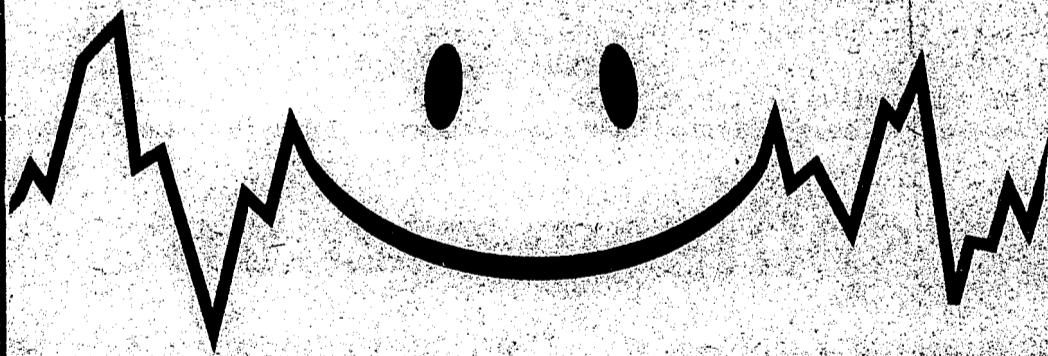
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'Even in an imperfect world, we have a God who stood with us'

Tragic experience shapes pastor's ministry

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
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Clarkston Free Methodist Church's new associate pastor David Coleman has experienced a parent's worst nightmare — the loss of a child.

Yet, the harrowing journey that began when his oldest daughter Holli was stricken with a rare form of cancer, taught him a great lesson: the faithfulness of God, and how God is ever-present, even in the worst crises of our lives.

"We learned not to confuse life with God. Holli's cancer taught us this isn't a perfect world. But even in an imperfect world, we have a God who stood with us. He put physicians, a church and friends around us that just carried us," he says, sitting in his new office last week.

On a table sits a photo of Holli, who died five years ago, and would be 20 today. The picture shows a smiling teenager with long dark hair. It was taken just before Holli faced her last bout with chemotherapy and the family knew she would lose her long, lovely locks.

Coleman, 40, a soft-spoken man with a gentle smile and an aura of serenity about him, says it's "unbelievable" what the amount of stress can do to a family. It was especially difficult for his middle daughter Kristin, three years younger than her sister. "We saw how God helped us rebuild our lives. Through it all He was faithful, and He kept us together."

Coleman says he would like to develop a "compassionate care ministry," much of which stems from that personal experience. "We want to say to people, 'Your hurt matters to us.' So when cataclysmic illness, death, divorce, or addiction happen, we want to pat them on the back and say, 'How are you doing?' We want to reach into their lives and put the broken pieces back together."

Coleman says he never wants to lose his empathy. "I'd never want to lose having a compassionate heart and I'm not willing to trade compassion for professional emotional distance. I prefer the pain. I'd rather hurt with people."

He feels it's his mission to let others, too, experience God's faithfulness, through his new full-time position at the church, where he is part of a ministry team that includes senior pastor Roger Allen and youth minister Mike McArthur. He started his new position six weeks ago.

Hailing from Indiana, he attended Indiana Wesleyan University and Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. His first role was starting a church in Portage, a small town near Kalamazoo, which is "still up and kicking. It's still growing, so that's satisfying."

From there, he was called to a 150-year-old congregation in Flint. "So I went from one extreme to the other," he laughs. Coleman has always wanted to be involved in the church, ever since he was a young boy. He preached his first sermon at age 16.

At Clarkston Free Methodist Church, Coleman's duties will also include welcoming new members, and letting them know God and the church have a special place for them. His "job description" says he's the associate minister of church growth and congregational care.

"In practical terms, that means to get the front door open and the back door closed," he quips. "I am really excited about the position, because it's a people-oriented ministry and that's what I enjoy mostly. That's what attracted me here, in fact."

Coleman, who likes to be called "Pastor Dave," has thought of new, creative ways to approach his mission. For example, a special team under his direction is distributing copies of a three-and-a-half-minute video to 50 new families, that includes clips of their children from this summer's vacation bible school. Coleman filmed the video footage, which was turned into the finished product by a congregation member who owns a video store.

"It has background music and it's really wonderful. We presented this as a gift and said, 'There's a place for you. Please come back.'"

He then plans to follow up with phone calls and visits. Sometimes guests who visit a church for the first time don't get feedback. They need to know "we're glad you're here."

Coleman sees his ministry as a three-step process. First of all, people should realize God loves them and has a place for them. "He wants to have a personal relationship with them. They need to know there is new life in Christ." Second, God wants them to find their direction, and third, He wants them to use their lives to help others.

Currently Flint residents, Coleman's family includes his wife Kathy, whom he's been married to for 20 years; two daughters, Kristin, 17, and Hannah, 18 months; and an 8-year-old Labrador Retriever named Abbie. He won't relocate to this area until Kristin finishes her senior year at high school. His hobbies include camping, bicycling, hunting and golf.

Already, many congregation members are impressed with their new pastor, including Steve and Kathy Ashley.

"I now feel we have a great trio with Pastor Coleman teaming up with senior pastor Roger Allen and youth pastor Mike McArthur," says Steve.

"On a more personal note, I feel Pastor Coleman is a very exuberant person. He is one who can immediately put you at ease. I feel I have not only gained a new pastor, but a dear friend and brother. Many of his friends and former congregation, who have had him for both counselor and pastor, have relayed to us, they feel we are blessed to have gained Pastor Coleman and his family."

His wife Kathy agrees. "While Pastor Dave is a fun-loving, comfortable as an old shoe type, he is also extremely caring and compassionate and is quick to either laugh with you or share your grief, if that is your need.

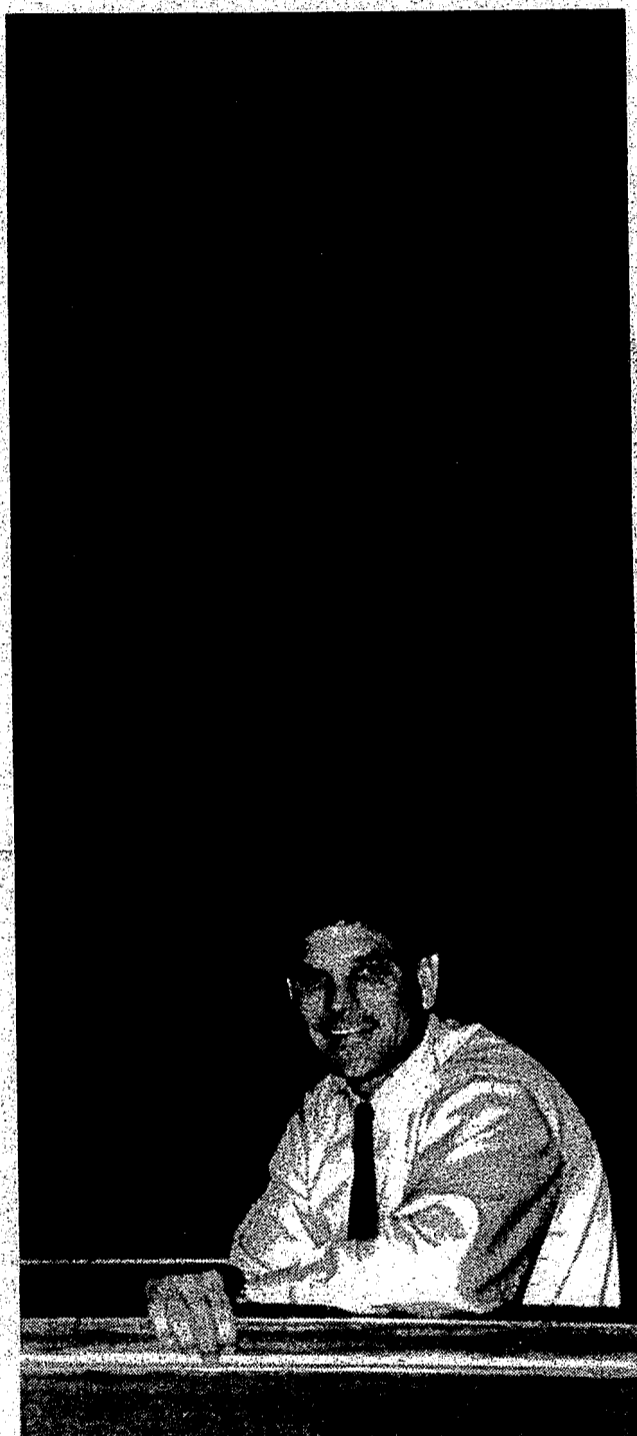
"But Pastor Dave's main focus is to be a channel of God's love. He inspires me to want to know God more and to be of greater service to Him."

Coleman says Holli's death also taught him the importance of family. Since then, his wife and daughters have become even more precious to him. He's rediscovered the joys of everyday life: just putting around in the yard and playing with his kids. Though money and material possessions have their place in this world — especially when it comes to providing a comfortable lifestyle — you just can't take it with you, he muses.

Two things will last, he adds: the Word of God and relationships. "We need to remember that in this influential culture. We devote vast amounts of energy to acquiring positions and possessions, but what difference will it really make?"

Now, when everyday calamities occur, such as the water conditioner breaking, he laughs, "It's no big deal."

Some people get "a wake-up call" to answer the big question, "What am I here for?" It could be a traffic



Pastor David Coleman sits in the sanctuary, at home in his new position at Clarkston Free Methodist Church.

accident or other near brush with death. Coleman describes the family's tragic experience as one such example. "Out of the greatest tragedy of my life, we got a wake-up call."

He often likes to tell this story to illustrate that point: A college professor brings out a beaker and fills it with some large stones. He asks his students, "Is it full?" and they, not wishing to disappoint him, say yes.

The professor next adds some middle-size stones and asks the same question, to which he gets the same response, "Yes, it's full." He then adds gravel, and next sand, to fill all the air holes.

Then he gets a small glass of water and pours the water into the beaker. The beaker is now truly full.

The moral to the story is that certain things take priority in your life. "In order to fill up the jar properly, you have to start with the big stones first," says Coleman. If the water, sand and other items were added first, you wouldn't be able to fit the big stones in.

"In life, everybody has to decide what the biggest things in life are to them. Because if you put them in last, you'll never fit them in."

First Household Hazardous Waste Day

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Think twice before you throw that old paint can in the trash. It may be hazardous to your health.

At the Sept. 1 Independence Township Board meeting, officials voted unanimously to support Department of Public Works director George Anderson's proposal to conduct a Household Hazardous Waste Day. It takes place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the DPW, 6050 Flemings Lake Road.

It's the first time the township will hold the event, although it conducts a Spring Clean-up each year.

Township residents will be able to drop off a variety of hazardous waste items, including herbicides, pesticides, mercury, old car and household batteries, floor cleaners, polishes, gasoline, fuel oil, oil-and latex-based paints, anti-freeze, aerosol cans and more.

The items will be packaged, transported to and disposed of at City Environmental, Inc. in Detroit, which runs the only hazardous waste treatment facility in Michigan.

However, explosives or ammunition should be taken to the Michigan State Police Department, said Dawn New of City Environmental, which has established the collection day for other communities as well.

There may be a per-pound or per-gallon charge for the items, but costs are "still pending," said DPW assistant director Linda Richardson.

Although the federal Environmental Protection Agency regulates hazardous waste disposal for big business, it can't be responsible for the average homeowner, New said.

For those who are unsure what "household hazardous waste" is, New said residents should consider it as "anything used in the commercial or industrial

marketplace, found in smaller quantities in your home."

Based on past experience, she told the board it could expect one percent of the township's residents (about 280 people) to turn out at the local event.

However, Richardson expects more.

"I personally think we could get a huge response, based on the number of calls we get," she said.

If it's successful, Anderson said he would like to hold the collection day every year. He hopes people will participate. Although the DPW runs a successful recycling program, typically "many people end up dumping (hazardous waste materials) in dumpsters or in fields behind their homes," he said.

For those who wish to make the trek to Detroit, City Environmental is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. year round. Call (800) 495-6059 or (313) 923-0080 for further information. To find out more about specific materials that may be dropped off on collection day, call the DPW at 625-8222.

In other board action:

● The board unanimously adopted a resolution supporting a Headlee Amendment Reimbursement for an unfunded mandate from the state, concerning the receipt and processing of Homestead Exemption Affidavits. Copies will be forwarded to various state and county officials.

● The board approved, 6-1, to extend the WAN (Wide Area Network) system to the Senior Center, which will hook it up to the township's main file server. The system will provide increased communication between various departments, with compatible software, hardware and other services. Trustee Neil Wallace voted no.

● The board agreed to post a new laborer's position for the DPW at the rate of \$11.80 per hour.

● Members approved a second reading and adoption of the 1996 National Electrical Code with technical amendments, which will bring local regulations in line with national and state ordinances.

New treasurer's clerk hired

At the Sept. 1 Independence Township Board of Trustees meeting, members unanimously approved the hiring of Cheryl Culpepper to the position of full-time clerk in the treasurer's office.

Culpepper, who has worked part-time for the office for the past three years, will receive a \$10.14 per hour salary, with benefits to start immediately upon her first day of work Sept. 14. The board agreed to waive the customary procedure of benefits kicking in after the 90-day probationary period, said treasurer Jim Wenger.

"Over the last three years, Cheryl has been very dependable, professional and efficient, and we look forward to having her full-time in our office," Wenger said.

Credit union seeks membership expansion

On Sept. 1 Independence Township Board members adopted a resolution for proposed membership expansion at the Clarkston/Brandon Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road. The vote was 6-0, with trustee Dan Travis abstaining, citing a conflict of interest.

The action was a show of support only, said vice president of operations Donna Bullard. The credit union is hoping to add people who live and work in Independence and Brandon townships as members, and will submit an application to the state's Financial Institutions Bureau.

Currently, the institution serves students, employees of Independence and Brandon townships, and small employer groups only. "Residents ask to join all the time and we're hoping to accommodate them," Bullard said.

The Clarkston/Brandon Credit Union offers savings and checking accounts; personal, signature, auto, consumer and home equity loans; and VISA and ATM services to its customers.



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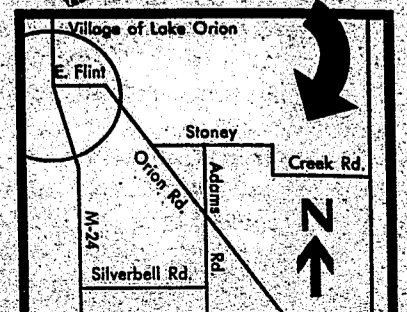
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Locals think they find a Brown Recluse

When the news hit the airwaves last week that a small, venomous spider called the Brown Recluse could be in the Clarkston-Orion area, Judy York wasn't happy.

She was less happy Thursday afternoon when she was sweeping the floor by her front door.

"I bent down and thought there was a piece of yarn in my shoe," York says, "Then it moved."

It was a spider, and after the reports she had seen on television newscasts she took no chances, she had a building maintenance man shake the spider from her shoe to a jar -- then quickly put the lid on and called The Clarkston News.

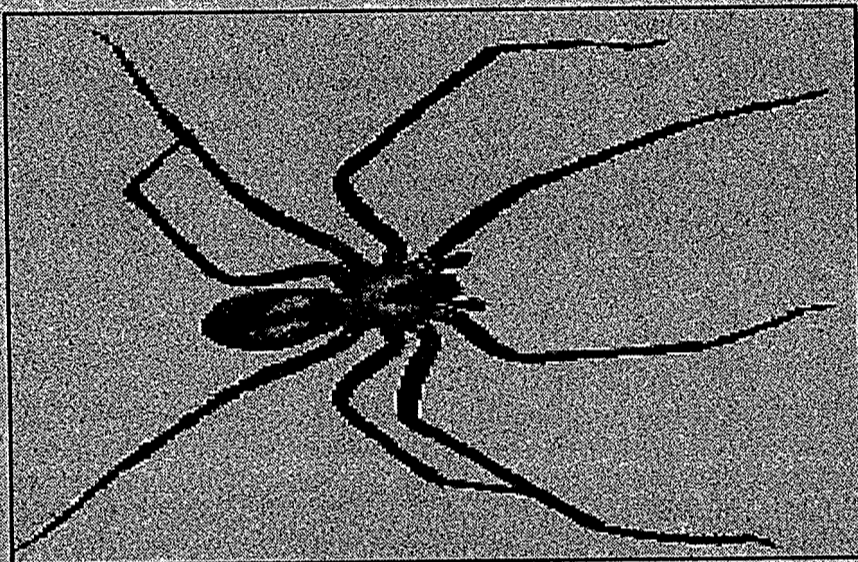
Last Wednesday evening reports came in that an Orion Township teen could have been bitten by a Brown Recluse spider. The bite from such a spider, not often found in Michigan, could cause paralysis and severe open sores where bitten.

The Brown Recluse spider, a member of the Loxoscelidae family of brown spiders, is about the size of a dime to a quarter, and can range in color from tan to dark brown, with the abdomen darker than the rest of its body. It is distinguishable by a brown, violin shaped mark on its back.

Judy was happy to learn her spider did not match this description. However, she was still unhappy with her unwelcome little visitor.

To reduce the risk of your home being the home to spiders, experts say to keep areas spiders like, clean -- garages, closets, basements and attics.

If you believe you may have seen a Brown Recluse, call the MSU extension Service at 858-0902.



Above, eight-year-old Austin York and the spider. Photo by Genna Cottrell. To the left is the dreaded Brown Recluse spider -- this picture was taken from the Internet.

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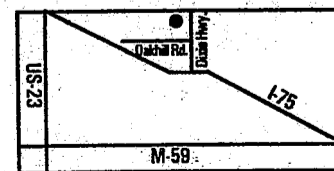
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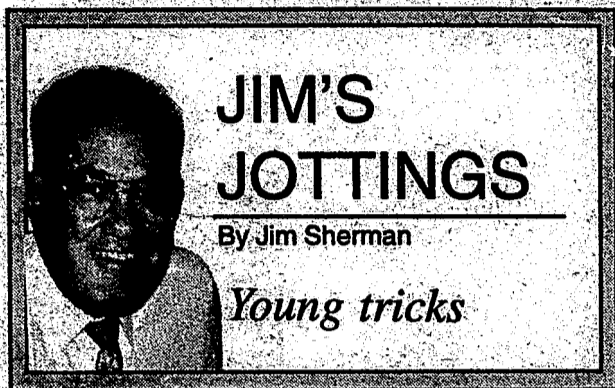
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JIM'S JOTTINGS

By Jim Sherman

Young tricks

Recently on the Dick Purtan radio program, I heard the ability to turn one's tongue over without finger assistance is a genetics thing.

As I recall my sister and I could (can) do it, but found few friends who could meet our challenge.

In time I think scientists will confirm it's genetics that make some people able to walk a yo-yo, raise one eyebrow and cross your eyes.

I was reminded of these "kids things" when I saw a column I wrote 20 years ago about whistling. Remember when you learned how to whistle? Then, remember trying to teach others?

The latter was the most difficult. It's almost impossible to tell someone how to curl their tongue without showing them. It's even more difficult to show them and talk.

As a young male it was badge-winning time when you could whistle at girls (before today's everything's-harassment-mentality) without putting a couple fingers in your mouth. I could do that.

Whistling we hear nowadays seems to emanate from sports people at arenas, comedy clubs and sports bars . . . yes, I've been to them.

I was never able to teach any of our three children to whistle, of course, I was never able to teach them thrift either.

I've always liked whistling, whether it is someone imitating bird-calls or Ted Weem's recording of "Heartaches."

When I was in college in 1943 the Marines at Western Michigan University staged a variety show. The show stopper was a whistler. Marine whistler? Seems almost contradictory.

There's another type of whistling to be learned at an early age. Pick a wide blade of grass, lick the inside of both thumbs, stick the blade between the thumbs, bring them to your mouth and blow.

The shrill whistling I learned at an early age still comes in handy today, but not to get attention from the opposite sex. Now it's to get a person's attention who is out of range of my voice.

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Another trick you learned when young is winking. Dad or mother probably got you started. In my early teens we occasionally played a game called "Sly Winkum," where the best winkers won.

The idea is to wink quickly and with the slightest possible facial involvement.

While on childhood talents, remember learning to raise one eyebrow?

Of course, other kids had other talents we couldn't master. One was moving my scalp any appreciable distance. Another was bending my thumb back to my forearm.

Gol-l-e-e, those skills were important.

We appreciate your opinion! Send your letters to the editor to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346. Be sure to include your name, address, and a phone number where you can be reached. If you want your name withheld, please indicate such.

EDITORIAL

Following Clarkston's Dreams

The skies cleared just in time Monday morning for Clarkston's Labor Day Parade. By 9 a.m. area residents were already setting up chairs along the parade route to view the 10 a.m. procession.

Civic pride and commitment were evident by the fine turnout of parade entrants and onlookers.

Congratulations on a job well done to the Rotary Club, which has sponsored the Labor Day Parade for over 50 years.

Awards were presented to the following en-

trants: Best Costume - the First Congregational Church of Clarkston; Best Theme - VIP Realty for their interpretation of the Rotary theme, "Living the Dream;" Best Float - Clarkston Chamber of Commerce for "Building a Better Clarkston Area;" President's Award - CHS marching band.

Kudos to Clarkston business owners Curt Catalo and Ann Stevenson for setting up about 25 of their own chairs along the parade route for more comfortable parade viewing.

Letters to the Editor

Loss of her dogs is 'tragic'

Dear Editor:

As fellow dog lovers, we were very sad to read of Mrs. Terri Rivenburgh's tragic loss of both Thunder and Brandy (Letters to the Editor, August 26). We hope

that, in time, another dog (or two) will be so lucky as to have her for a master.

Sincerely,
Andy & Emmy Carr and family
Clarkston

DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush

Spidy time



How do I put this gently as not to upset too many people? What do I say to not sound like the coldhearted scoundrel some think I am? I don't want to cast the blame on some adult from my un-remembered formative years, but I got a thing for spiders.

Got it bad and I don't know why. Some adult had to mentally torment me with spiders, be they those big, black rubber ones or the little plastic glow-in-the-dark jobs. I don't know and I don't care, but this is the only explanation I can come to grips with - it has to be somebody else's fault I have this disdain for spiders.

Throughout my life this fondness has caused me much turmoil. The mere thought of their hairy little legs makes all 200-plus pounds of me squirm. There's a little Polish ditty that to an English-slurring American like me sounds as long as a parable from the Bible, but translates quite simply to: *Here comes the spider, when he pinches you, he'll leave a mark.* I hate marks; especially those left by spiders.

(Those in the know say it is spelled this way: *Idzie rak, nie borak, yak, ugry zie biedzie znak.* So much for the cultural exchanges.)

When I heard the news last week that the dreaded Brown Recluse spider (whatever that is) was likely to be found in Orion-Clarkston area I was none-too-pleased. A spider, that when he bites you, can paralyze you living in my neck of the woods was knowledge I could have happily lived without knowing. Sometimes ignorance is bliss. There are too many things to worry about - terrorism, the economy, the apocalypse, and now the Brown Recluse spider.

Sigh.

Even though Spider Man was my comic book hero, my genuine dislike of the many-eyed critter has

brought me as close to death as I can remember. While driving one day, from the corner of my left eye I noticed something hanging down about an inch from my face. Panic set in, I let go the wheel and swiped for all I was worth. Instinctively I must have slammed the brakes on too, for I stopped my 1967 Cutlass convertible without damage to life, limb or to mine or anybody else's property.

When my heart rate got back down from stroke-mode and I was able to assess the situation in a semi-coherent fashion, I found there the spider alarm was a sham. My spidy-sense tricked-off for just a little bit of string hanging down from an old, thread-bare baseball cap that was always parked sideways on my noggin.

Lucky for me I was in my driveway and nobody saw my flaying arms. That would have messed up years of projecting the calm, cool exterior folks have come to know me for.

Needless to say, when I heard the news of the Brown Recluse, I wanted to hop on the Internet to get the scoop. I wanted to ease my mind, to find out that the bite of this spider wasn't that bad, I wanted to know how to arm myself against the vile-arachnid. I can only say this: I wish I wouldn't have kept my eyes open.

Had I shut my eyes, I would not have seen the other thing that happens when one of these minions of the devil bite you: their venom eats your flesh. There was a picture there in full-living, festering color.

Great. Wonderful. Just peachy. I choose to live in Michigan because it is too cold for creepy-crawlers, and now we have this. Is there no sanctuary?

Got a spidy-story or comment? Drop Don an Email at: Dontrushme@juno.com

A Look Back

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15 YEARS AGO (1983)

Cash incentives to behave and do well in school are awaiting Clarkston Junior High School students. At the end of the year, two \$50 prizes will be awarded through a lottery-style drawing.

Independence Township resident Margaret Mauti is this year's director of the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

Clarkston resident Rob Bennett, 18, takes a 12-day bicycle trip to the Mackinac Bridge. During the 565-mile round-trip excursion, he visits a sister in Roscommon, a grandmother in Lewiston and an aunt and uncle in Alpine.

25 YEARS AGO (1973)

According to the board of Oakland County Road Commissioners, relief is in store for those traffic jams on Sashabaw Road. Improvements such as extra traffic and passing lanes are scheduled for construction in 1974.

Springfield Township supervisor Claude Trim may have changed his mind about resigning. On Aug. 1 he cited personal responsibilities and an increased work load as reasons for leaving. However, trustee E.L. Rundell says Trim now "has things worked out down at the factory ... Maybe we won't need to find a new (supervisor)."

Sonia Mills wins a gold medal at the state's 4-H

Horse Show, for equitation over fences in the hunter division with her horse Braumiester.

50 YEARS AGO (1948)

Rain delays Clarkston's Labor Day Parade, but it doesn't dampen the spirits of participants and onlookers during the traditional downtown festivities.

Clarkston resident Evelyn Mae McCrum, 16, wins the annual "Miss Homemaker" title during a program held at Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit.

Among the 1,120 graduates from the University of Michigan this summer are Clarkston residents Mary Jean Campbell and Robert Lewis Warren, who both receive master's degrees.

60 YEARS AGO (1938)

With a slight increase over last year's enrollment, Clarkston School opens Tuesday. Grade scholars number 159, while 184 enroll in high school, a total of 343 pupils.

The Clarkston School Orchestra, numbering 25 students, plays in the shell at the Michigan State Fair on Friday and are so well received they're asked to return Labor Day. They are under the direction of Orlo Willoughby.

The Village of Clarkston decides to close its garbage and rubbish dump on Depot Road. Ben Powell, who has been removing garbage for many the last two years, says he will serve those residents who wish their garbage and rubbish removed.

Former superintendent Doc Green honored Sept. 14

The late Dr. Leslie F. "Doc" Greene, former Clarkston Community Schools superintendent, will be honored before the next school board meeting September 14.

The meeting room at the Administration Offices will be dedicated to Greene in a special ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

"Dr. Greene was superintendent of Clarkston schools for 25 years, and was responsible for building additions, new buildings and hiring new teachers during the district's first growth phase. He will be remembered for his dedication to the schools, the community and the education of Clarkston's kids," said Barb Johns, public relations officer for the schools.

The administration offices are located at 6389 Clarkston Road. For more information call Johns at 625-4402.

Attention: car show enthusiasts

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation is seeking car owners to enter "Hot Cakes and Hot Wheels" car show at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg on Saturday, September 19. The show begins at 9:00 a.m.

Categories include Original, Muscle Cars, Street Machines, Motorcycles and the newest addition to the show, the Tractor division. All model years are welcome.

All participants will receive a pancake breakfast for two and awards will be given to all categories. Pre-registration is suggested by September 11 for a discounted entry fee of \$20 and \$25 on the day of the show. Dash plaques will be given to all participants.

The Pancake Breakfast, to be held in conjunction with the car show, will be held at the Hart Community Center at Mill Pond Park, 495 Broadway in Davisburg.

For more information, please contact Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

Got a good story to share? Call The Clarkston News, 625-3370.

Deep Purple singer charged with assault

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

No one ever said Deep Purple's music was of the toe-tapping variety, but it's a different kind of tapping that may have the band's lead singer in trouble.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's office last week, issued a warrant for the arrest of Ian Gillian, lead singer for Deep Purple, for assault and battery stemming from an Aug. 15 incident at the Pine Knob Music Theater. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 90 days in jail.

Det. Dirk Feneley of the Independence Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, said Gillian hit a Pine Knob security guard, Michael Kennedy, on the head with his microphone three times, opening a 1/2-inch laceration. Kennedy, 20, is a Pontiac resident.

The incident began when a fan jumped up onto the stage and began bowing to the band. Band security escorted the fan off the stage, where two Pine Knob security guards were waiting.

"Ian Gillian thought the guards were manhandling the fan," Feneley said. "The fan says he doesn't think he was manhandled, and other witnesses in the area agree, so we decided to proceed with the warrant."

In a written statement to police, Gillian said he "tapped" Kennedy on the head with his microphone "two or three times," to keep him from "mistreating" the fan.

"The security guard's behavior seemed excessive and was provoking an ugly incident on the stage," Gillian stated. "I tapped him on the back of his head three times, on the crown. He turned around and I wagged my finger at him."

Feneley said Gillian probably would not be extradited from Europe - where he is continuing his tour - for a 90-day assault charge.

"It just wouldn't be worth the cost to extradite him," Feneley said. "We've been talking to his manager, and we're hoping he'll come back here. Ian said he wants his story told."

Feneley said he doesn't remember an incident like this between a performer and a security guard at Pine Knob in the many years he's covered events at the

People poll

By Eileen McCarville

What is your first impression of the new Clarkston High School?



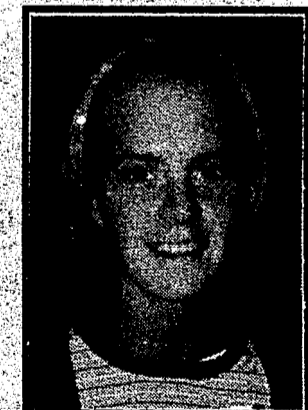
DYLAN BABCOCK
"I don't think that it's fair that seniors can't go off campus anymore."



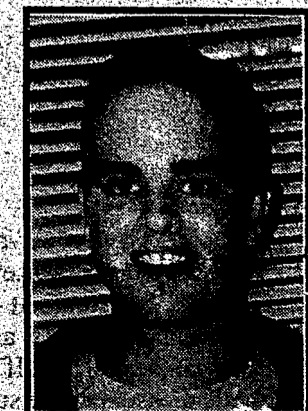
BRANDON BANKSTON "I don't think they're prepared for school yet. It's still too confusing, and there's not enough time to get to your next class."



KATIE TRIPI "This is just not organized. Everything is too chaotic to be able to learn anything."



KATY PIECHURA
"It's a beautiful place, but there are so many issues that haven't been addressed so we can have a productive day here."



RYAN MILLER
"Confusion! The stairs are bombarded between classes - we're all trying to get to the same place at the same time. I hope it eases off over time."

Alligator surprises local family

Humane Society takes reptile out of neighborhood

By Genna Cottrell
Clarkston News Staff Writer

What's green, scaly, and was recently seen prowling around Clarkston? Why, it was a three-foot-long alligator -- but don't panic. The sneaky reptile was successfully captured by the Michigan Humane Society last week.

The reptile was discovered by Clarkston residents on the front porch of their Clintonville Road home. "It appeared to be basking in the morning sun," said Sue Neil, a wildlife biologist for the Michigan Humane Society. "The homeowner had no idea how the alligator got behind their flower pots, but that's where they found it -- what a surprise!"

The animal was safely removed and taken to the MHS shelter for observation and to attempt to find a suitable home for the gator.

"Unfortunately, zoos and sanctuaries are filled with exotic animals that people can no longer care for," said Neil. "We do our best to place them, but it's almost impossible."

"Nobody stepped forward to claim ownership for him, so the alligator had to be humanely euthanized. There's just no appropriate home for such an animal, and we felt it better to give him a dignified and humane death rather than be abused or starve on its

own."

Neil strongly suspects the gator was dumped in the area because of a small lake near by. "Somebody probably saw the lake and decided to dump it there. But these types of animals can pose a danger to people, wildlife and pets. Although this gator was only two-and-a-half to three feet in length, he could have gotten to six or seven feet in a season," said Neil. "They don't travel very far, but who wants that lurking in a backyard pond?"

"Alligators do not bond with humans, they're not affectionate or responsive beings. Alligators do not make appropriate pets."

Sue Neil, MHS Wildlife Biologist

Neil notes it is more likely the alligator would have succumbed to the elements before posing a true threat to the surrounding area. "These types of animals can't overwinter," she said. "He probably would have died from cold or star-

vation first."

Although the Clarkston area is not known as a hot spot for exotic animal dumps, Neil said that "it is an area of concern, it's really a widespread problem. That's why the Michigan Humane Society exists."


"Exotic animals are very easy to obtain. Most people who have to have something different don't get the proper education on how to care for such an animal. They find out quickly they can't care for them. Some folks bring them to us, but many are left to fend for themselves."

Neil offers this final advice, "Alligators do not bond with humans, they're not affectionate or responsive beings. Alligators do not make appropriate pets."

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Downtown money machine to be replaced


People who use the downtown Clarkston NBD ATM are going to be temporarily inconvenienced.

Dave Harrison, one of eight founders of the new, soon-to-be-established Clarkston State Bank, said NBD plans to remove the outdoor ATM machine this week -- and he wants people to know it's not his doing.

"We're going to put one in there as soon as we can," he said, adding that a new ATM machine has already been ordered. However, it may take two to three months before it's installed.

The group signed a purchase agreement with NBD Bank to buy the 15 S. Main Street building last month. The new state-chartered bank is expected to be open by January 1999.

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Police and Fire

Thursday, August 27, several security guards struggled with two men and two women dancing in the aisle during a Pine Knob concert. A guard and supervisor were shoved and grabbed and two guards were punched. The two male patrons were ticketed for assault and battery, and all received minor scrapes and bruises.

Sunday, August 30, a 17-year-old Waterford man was arrested for fleeing and eluding police, and for possession of stolen property. The man admitted to taking some items from several unlocked cars in Waterford Township, including a cassette tape deck, a 13-inch color T.V., a video cassette recorder, a compact disc changer and a bass tunnel speaker. He told police he thought about "how cool it would be to get some stuff." He was taken to Oakland County Jail and his car was impounded.

Two men got into a fight at a Dixie business. According to one man, a passenger in the other man's car grabbed his shirt and pulled his hair. The second man fled the scene in his car before officers arrived.

Monday, August 31, family trouble on Old Cove.

Medicals on Woodhull and Brandies Circle.

Several items were taken from two cars at a Delmas residence, including a radar detector, binoculars, sunglasses, a cell phone and a cordless drill.

Someone gained entry to a Meadows residence and took 90 compact discs and a CD case from two cars parked in the unlocked garage. A purse with \$25 cash was also taken from the house.

Some mailboxes were damaged on Bridgewater

Tuesday, September 1, fraud at a Dixie business. A woman tried to pass a phony prescription to a pharmacist.

Non-injury car accidents on Maybee and Dixie and at Clarkston High School.

Grass fire on Waldon at Clintonville.

Home invasion on Snow Apple. Someone entered

the garage by using an outdoor key, and a ring and a watch were taken.

Failure to pay for gas on Sashabaw.

Someone punched a hole in the wall and unlocked the door at a house under construction on Sashabaw. Some new items, still in boxes, were taken, including a Whirlpool double oven and a gas water heater.

A mailbox post was broken off on Mustang.

Larceny inside an unlocked garage on Gulick. Several items were taken, including a cordless drill and compound bow. A cell phone, loose change and several cassette tapes were taken from a car parked inside, and damage was done to the dash in an apparent attempt to remove a car radio.

Harrasment and threats on E. Church.

A Pontiac man was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Alpena and taken to Oakland County Jail.

Wednesday, September 2, someone used a sharp object to raze the side of a Chevy Prism parked on S. River, damaging the front fender and two doors.

A Lancaster Lake resident reported her son, 16, kicked the air conditioning vent and punched her in the right forearm while she was driving, after they argued.

A driver ran into a tree on Sashabaw.

Medicals on Mann, Maybee, Clintonville and Shelly.

A pack of cigarettes was taken from a Dixie business.

Thursday, September 3, Two-car accident on White Lake Road.

Medical at a Main Street business in the city. One to St. Joe's.

A watch, golf balls, gloves and keys were taken from a Bloomfield-Hill man's golf bag while he was playing a game at the Pine Knob Golf Course.

Landlord-tenant dispute on Hillcrest.

Larceny of a mailbox and post on W. Church.

Friday, September 4, suspicious circum-

stances on Tuson. A resident said he jumped out of bed, hearing his car alarm go off, and saw some people looking inside his truck. He chased them and caught a 14-year-old youth, but nothing appeared to be taken. The others fled on foot.

Check forgery at a Maybee bank. A man wrote a check for \$100 in child support to his estranged wife, and she changed it and cashed the check for \$400.

Family trouble on Allen.

A youth reported he was attacked by three other youths while he was walking near his home on Joy.

Damage to a car's windshield on Briarwood.

A Pontiac man was arrested by city police, after driving erratically on Main near Robertson Court. His Breathalyzer test revealed a blood alcohol level of .17. (:10 is legally drunk). He posted bond from Oakland County Jail and his arraignment is set for Sept. 15 at 52-2 District Court.

Car accidents on Bridgewater, Dixie, Andersonville and I-75.

Roll-over injury accident on Clarkston east of Clintonville.

Medical at a Dixie Highway business.

Saturday, September 5, medical on Pine Knob Road.

Barn fire on Indianwood.

A flute valued at \$600 and Clarkston High School band uniform valued at \$100 were taken from a car parked on Michigamme.

Larceny of \$25 cash from a car parked on Dark Lake. The driver's seat was burned in two places.

A woman on Sashabaw said she was punched in the face by her boyfriend while driving. She was treated at a local medical facility.

Sunday, September 6, medicals on Hummingbird and White Lake.

Some rocks and flowering plants were taken from a condo entrance on White Lake Road.

A woman assaulted a man at a Dixie restaurant.

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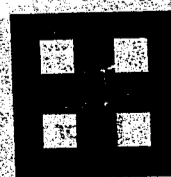
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Around Town

Seventh Annual Children's Hospice Benefit: with carnival games, petting farm, pony rides, barbeque and silent auction Sun., Sept. 13 from 1 to 6 p.m. Children's tickets are \$20, adult \$35, patron family \$200 and benefactor family \$400. Ticket prices include food and entertainment. For more information or to order tickets, call Hospice at (248)443-7635.

Senior Harvest Dance, including dinner, hay-ride and bonfire, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Tue., Sept. 15 at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75. For more information call 858-7596.

The Clarkston Community Women's Club meets Thurs., Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd. The business meeting will take place first with the program to follow. Call Gail at 623-9462 or 335-6986 for more information.

Free Wood Chip Days are Sept. 26 and Oct. 24 at Orion Oaks County Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Clarkston Rd. parking lot between Joslyn and Baldwin roads. Unlimited quantities -- residents must bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. 858-0906.

Corn Husk Crafts, a mini-class for adults is Sept. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Learn about corn and make-and-take several corn husk crafts. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 625-6473 to register.

Free Well Child Clinics at various locations in Oakland County offer services including height and weight, physicals, immunizations, vision, hearing and

lab testing, growth and developmental screening, counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources. For more information call, (248)858-1311.

Free Immunization Clinic at the United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint St., Lake Orion, Wed., Sept. 9 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, HIB and Hepatitis B. A parent or guardian must accompany children under 18. Bring previous records of immunizations. For more information, call (248)858-1305 or (888)350-0900, ext. 8-1305.

Beginning Watercolors for senior citizens or **Going Wild With Bulbs** at 1 p.m. at Indian Springs Metropark, White Lake Road southwest of Clarkston. Call 625-7280 for more information.

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St. Joseph School in Lake Orion needs crafters for its **Holiday Happenings Juried Craft Show** Nov. 21 and 22. Applications should be filed through Marilyn Boyle at 693-7366.

To place your information in Around Town, fax the information to 625-0706, or mail it to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346. Be sure to include a name and phone number of someone we can contact during the day.

Church News

The public is invited to attend a presentation by **Mr. Larry Vaughn**, at Maranatha Baptist Church of Clarkston Sun., Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mr. Vaughn spent many years as a film buyer for major theatre groups in America. After his conversion to Jesus Christ, he recognized the inconsistency of his faith with his profession. Larry Vaughn will share his testimony and give an insider's view of the impact Hollywood is having on American families.

Maranatha Baptist Church is located at 5790 Flemings Lake Road, 1/2 mile west of Sashabaw, just north of I-75. For more information, call 625-2700.

Meeting God at the Depths of Oneself is the focus of a 10-week program at St. Daniel Parish in Clarkston. The group will meet 10 Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 14, or 10 Monday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon beginning Oct. 19. For more information call Lynn Salata, (248)391-1383.

A second worship service has been added at **First Congregational Church** to provide sufficient parking and seating.

The new schedule will include a worship service Sunday School and classes for children nursery age through middle school. At 10:15 a.m. adult classes and the senior high class will meet. The second worship service will begin at 11 a.m.

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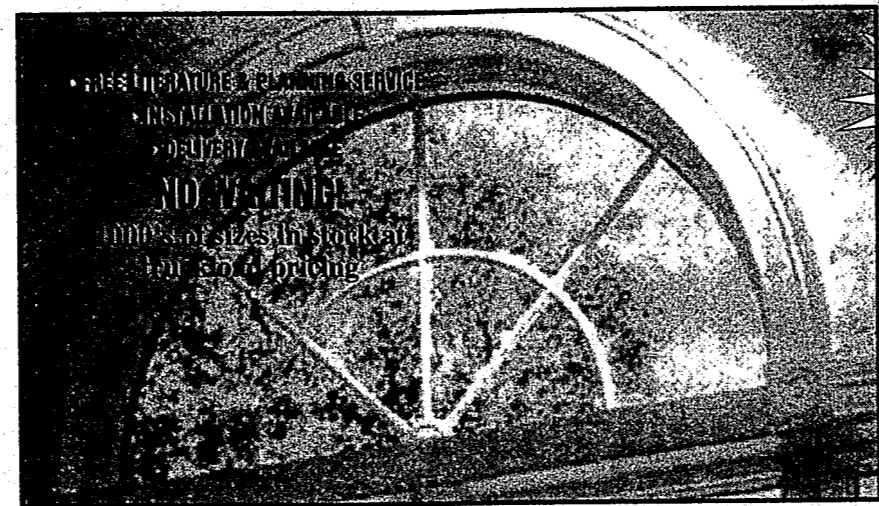
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Rezoning

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development on 10 acres fronting Pine Knob Road, thereby keeping it a natural buffer, compatible to the surrounding rural atmosphere.

The first scenario drew the greatest objection because some trustees felt increased density is not consistent with the surrounding area — particularly the wide open spaces of Independence Oaks County Park, McCrary said.

"It's an issue of density, which is too easily chipped away at," agreed Wallace. "It's not our position to make the property more valuable."

However, every board member except Wallace favored the change for the Clarkston-Pine Knob corner. Several noted it would be well-received by surrounding residents — even though many of those residents previously objected to the proposed day care center.

"Obviously it's a very important factor because we have citizen endorsement," Rosso said.

The 70-acre parcel to be developed near Pine

Knob Road and Greenview, though not as controversial as the piece near the county park, also received mixed reviews.

Project engineer Manny Kniahynycky said the subdivision will be "upscale," with one-acre minimum lot sizes. He added the 10-acre buffer would enhance the rural character found in that part of the township.

"It's a good opportunity to protect a pretty sensitive area," noted trustee Jeff McGee. "Maybe it will drive the motorcyclists out, and that's not such a bad idea."

However, Wallace called the 10-acre buffer "an illusion."

"To me, density is still density. This so-called buffer is an illusion," he said. Wallace also pointed to the factor of increased traffic that's sure to come with greater development. "We have traffic in this community now ... Perhaps the master plan needs to be revisited," he added.

"I agree with Mr. Wallace," said McCrary. "It's the same old story. And I feel we're just chipping away again."

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Area homes experience brief power outages

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Discovering their way

Pine Knob Elementary students celebrate the beginning of a new school year

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

Bright colors, a scavenger hunt, and a pep rally with balloons and popsicles greeted Pine Knob Elementary School students their first week back at school.

The festivities were organized by Principal K.C. Leh and her staff to kick off the school's theme for the 1998-99 school year, "Discovering My Way."

Leh said the purpose of having a theme for the year is to, "Tie things together. It's easier for children to learn when there's a sense of uniformity -- when they understand we're all connected."

Throughout the first week of school, students participated in a school-wide scavenger hunt to discover the location of important places in the building, like the principal's office and media center.

At each location they received a clue leading them to the next destination. The final destination was a school-wide pep rally September 3, complete with a balloon launching and popsicles.

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In an informational hand-out, Leh says the purpose of this year's theme is to show children there are many lifelong ways to discover and understand the world.

The goals of "Discovering My Way" are to help children understand the meaning of quality in their lives, understand they are an important member of a community, and to help them learn to become more effective communicators.

Each month there will be a specific focus for the "Discovering My Way" theme. They are: September, Discovering My Quality Self; October, Discovering My Community; November, Using My Marvelous Mathematical Mind; December, Celebrating Diversity; January, Making Music; February, Exploring Technology; March, Reading and Writing Together; April, Investigating the World through Science; May, Discovering Art; June, Celebrating Movement.

Dave Reschke, assistant superintendent for elementary education, who attended the pep rally Thursday afternoon, said adopting yearly themes at the elementary schools has become more popular over the last few years.

One of the reasons for yearly themes is they help to build a sense of community within the school. "It can be pretty overwhelming for little kids to be introduced to so many classrooms and new faces. There are over



Clockwise from bottom, the "Discovering My Way" theme is proclaimed on a banner held by fifth graders (from left) Tiffany Lawson, Kathryn Emerick, Nikki Whiteford, and Katie Houston. After the kids finished their popsicles, including these fifth grade boys, assistant superintendent Dave Reschke suggested Thursday's theme could be "blue tongue" day. Above, Pine Knob students launch balloons to celebrate the beginning of the new school year.

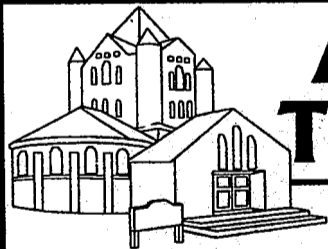


600 kids here this year, and a lot of new teachers," Reschke said.

He said the themes will be incorporated into classroom instruction on a daily basis -- now easier to

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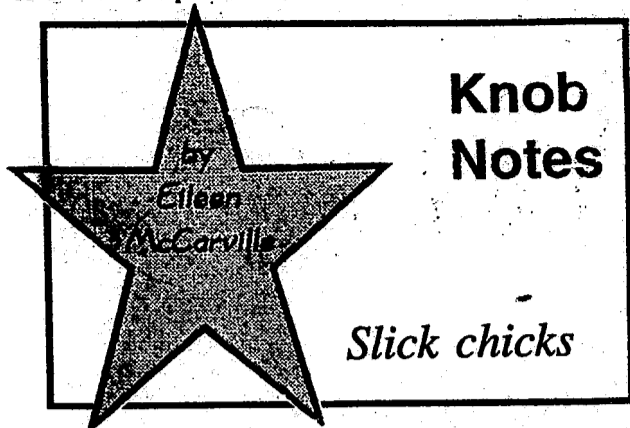
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Knob Notes

Slick chicks

The Dixie Chicks have finally flown the coop. After years of practice-makes-perfect, the saucy trio is one of the hottest acts in today's country music lineup.

The group includes sisters Martie Seidel and Emily Erwin, and Natalie Maines, who not only sing, but play a myriad of instruments including fiddle, mandolin, banjo and guitar.

The girls say they've paid their dues. For the past six years the now-twenty-something-year-olds jumped-started a teen's bluegrass group (Blue Night Express), performed for tips on Dallas street corners, and played for a slew of radio and TV stations.

Today, they're the signature act for Sony's revised imprint Monument Records, responsible for launching legends like Dolly Parton, Roy Orbison and Larry Gatlin.

Doing the street gigs is really where it all began, says Martie in a recent press release. "We made a three-digit income in about an hour — we knew there was something magical, or at least lucrative, about women playing music together. The only problem was that we didn't have a name."

"Anyway ... we were on our way to the street corner one day and the Little Feat song 'Dixie Chickens' came on the radio." At this point Emily chimes in. "That was it! We were the Dixie Chickens!"

However, Martie didn't want to be a chicken, notes Natalie. "So the name was shortened to Dixie Chicks."

Earlier, the two sisters rounded up Natalie after hearing her via demo tape. In return, when Natalie heard Martie and Emily, she was blown away. "I loved watching them," she recalls. "I had been waiting for my shot. I was in college and, having changed my major four times, I didn't know what I was going to do. I just knew I wanted to sing."

Since then, they've warmed up the concert stage for acts like Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson, Loretta Lynn and Emmylou Harris. Their first album, "Wide Open Spaces," includes the kick-off single, "I Can Love You Better," and a variety of mood-pleasing tunes, including the ballad, "Once You've Loved Somebody," and the good-time rocker, "Let Her Rip."

One thing's for sure, they're originals and not powder puffs when it comes to getting what they want.



The Dixie Chicks: from left, Emily, Martie and Natalie

"It's important to emphasize the fact that Dixie Chicks are world-class entertainers and that they aren't new to this," says Sony Music Nashville president Allen Butler. "When they brought in songs for the album, they said, 'This is us; this is who we are.' They put their thumbprint on this album."

The Dixie Chicks perform with Clay Walker Thursday at 7:30 p.m. This concludes this year's Knob Notes.

Other upcoming concerts:

- Michael McDonald (Sept. 12)
- Aerosmith (Sept. 13, 15)

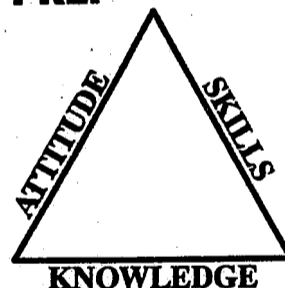


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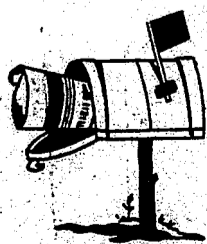
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Hey look! Kids on the VIP Realty float take a peek out into the crowd Monday morning.



Overcast skies couldn't dampen spectators spirits. These little indians got a front row seat at the parade Monday morning.



It's up, up and away with the Clarkston Labor Day parade!

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Wolves mow over Captains in opener



Clarkston 35
Kettering 3

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

What a difference a year makes.

Last year's Clarkston varsity football team was stunned by a season-opening loss to Royal Oak Kimball.

But on Friday, this year's team stomped out that bad feeling with an impressive 35-3 win over Waterford Kettering at the old CHS field. The Wolves next travel to Rochester for a game against a tough Falcon team Friday night.

Clarkston (1-0) recovered from a slow start to dominate Kettering through the last three quarters.

"We took this one to heart," senior Tim Loveless said. "Everyone was saying with Dane (Fife) gone, we wouldn't be as good this year. But we came out and played the way we are capable of playing."

"This year, the guys have a total desire to be the best and to have fun," said senior captain Nick Upchurch. "What was written in the paper about us means nothing. We realize as a team that if we do our best, the wins will take care of themselves."

On this night, Clarkston took care of business offensively with the running game. Junior Chris Mitchell - making his first varsity start - rumbled for 191 yards and four touchdowns, on only 14 carries.

Running behind the biggest offensive line in Clarkston's recent history, Mitchell had plenty of holes to run through during his smashing debut.

"I was very surprised at how I did, but it was mostly because of our o-line," he said. "They opened up some huge holes for me, and made it easy for me to run through."



Junior Chris Mitchell (40) left Kettering defenders in the dust all night Friday, as he rushed for 191 yards and four touchdowns in Clarkston's 35-3 win. In his varsity debut, Mitchell averaged 13.6 yards per carry, scoring on touchdown runs of 79 and 30 yards in the game.

Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said Mitchell isn't the fastest or strongest runner he's ever seen, but does have a few other things going for him.

"He's got a real football butt. A Walter Payton butt," he said with a chuckle. "He's deceptively fast, and when he can get out in the open, it's tough for people to bring him down."

With Mitchell and the offensive line getting much of the credit for the win, it was the defense which kept the Wolves in the game early.

The Captains (0-1) used a ball control offense to run 38 of the game's first 46 plays. Despite the incredible time-of-possession advantage, Kettering could only manage a 3-0 lead after those drives. The Clarkston defense stopped Kettering on a fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard-line on the first play of the second quarter, and later held the Captains to a field goal after a 12-play, 42-yard drive immediately after.

The defensive stops energized the offense. On the first play after the field goal, Mitchell scampered 79 yards for a touchdown, breaking two tackles at the line of scrimmage and outrunning the rest of the Kettering defenders.

On Kettering's second play of the next drive, Clarkston recovered a fumble, one of four turnovers created by the Wolves. Six plays later, Mitchell powered into the end zone to send Clarkston into halftime with a 14-3 lead.

The Wolves completely dominated the third quar-

ter. Loveless started the scoring with a 30-yard scoring run where he broke tacklers left and right. Mitchell set the score up with a 38-yard run earlier in the drive.

Nate Jerdon recovered a fumble on Kettering's next drive to set up another score by Mitchell, this one coming from 26 yards out.

Mitchell finished off the scoring with 1:32 left in the third on a one-yard plunge.

The lopsided score allowed Richardson to play nearly the entire roster. Starters of the future like QB Ross Martello, RB Rocky Lund and Dave Welanko got their first varsity playing experience.

Richardson said his team would have to improve its start to games if it wants to compete at the highest level.

"We came out flat, but there were some jitters tonight," he said. "I think conditioning was a factor tonight too. They have so many guys that go both ways, and they wore down. But Kettering is a good football team."

Find out who the new
Clarkston
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coach is. Page 18B




The Monster's Game Ball

September 4, 1998
Clarkston 35
Waterford Kettering 3

Defensive line

In Clarkston's season-opening game Friday, Kettering was in control in the first quarter. The Captains put together drives of 21 and 13 plays, but only came away with a 3-0 lead. Much of the credit goes to the **defensive line**, which made a goal-line stand on the 21-play drive, stopping the Captains on the goal line on a fourth-and-1, and holding them to a field goal on the second drive. Coach Kurt Richardson made adjustments to the line's game plan after the second drive, going with a straight-ahead attack to counter Kettering's trap running game. The result was Clarkston holding Kettering to four first downs in the final three quarters of the game. The regulars on the line in this game were: Nick Upchurch, Mark Whiteman, Bubba Clement, Dave Chavers and Jon Robinson.

Wolves bounce back to tame Wildcats

	Clarkston	66
	Oxford	45

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

That sigh of relief you heard Thursday night came from the girls in gold at Oxford High School.

The Clarkston varsity girls basketball team erased a difficult start to the season with a well-played 66-45 win over the Oxford Wildcats.

Clarkston, now 2-1 overall, next hits the hardwood Thursday at Bloomfield Hills Lahser for a game with the Knights. The game starts at 7 p.m.

Coming off a Sept. 2 loss to Oakland Christian where the Wolves lost a three-point lead in six seconds, they dug out from an early 10-point deficit and played a complete, all-around game.

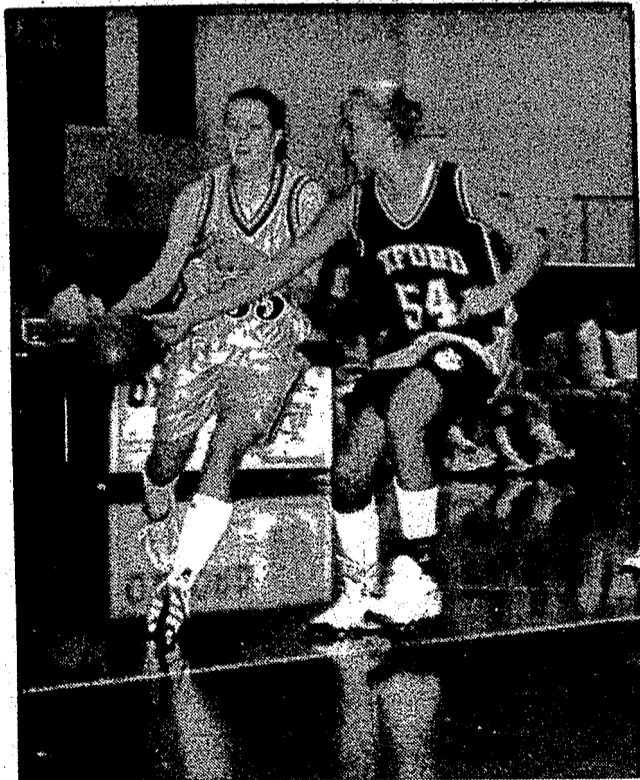
"That was Clarkston basketball," a happy coach Ann Lowney said after the game. "We had a bad first eight minutes, but we kept our composure, and all of the girls who played, played well."

Oxford's Liz Holbrook exploded for 31 points, 20 in the first half. Despite the big offensive numbers, Clarkston did an excellent job of defending her in the second half, and shutting down the rest of the Wildcat offense. Senior co-captain Corinne McIntyre, junior Rachel Uchman and sophomore Sarah Morgan took turns guarding Holbrook and made her work for her shot attempts and rebounds all night.

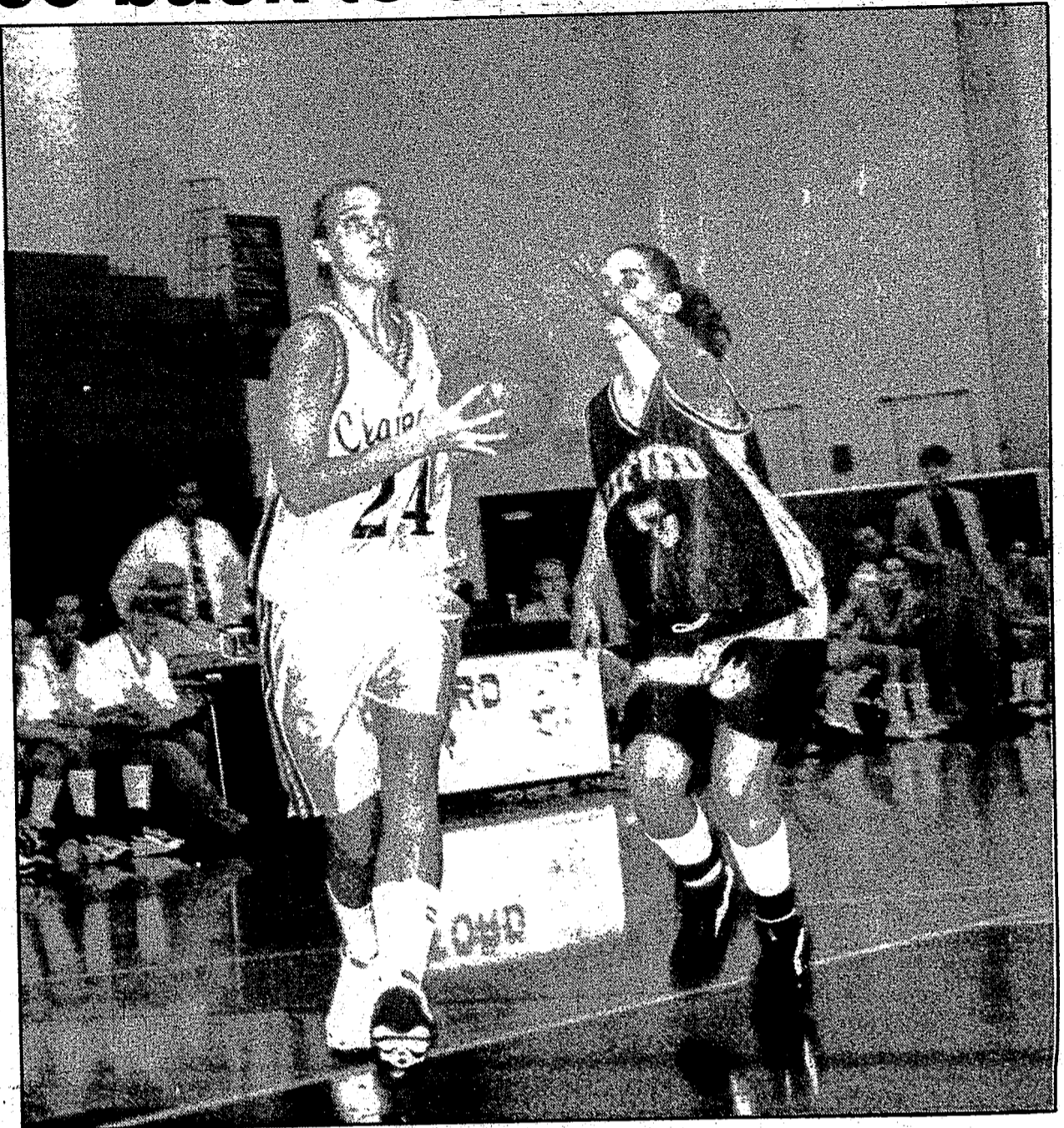
"Yes, Holbrook got 31, but I think we kept her under control," Lowney said. "We played great post defense tonight, and we made her do some things she's not used to doing, and that made a big difference."

Holbrook dominated the first five minutes of the game, almost singlehandedly giving the Wildcats a 14-4 lead. But the play of junior guard Candace Morgan kept the Wolves afloat in the first quarter.

Morgan scored nine of the team's first 13 points, seeing the team through its early dry spell. She finished with 12 points, four rebounds, two steals and two assists, showing that she is fast becoming an all-around



Junior Rachel Uchman overcame the Oxford defense for her best game of the season Thursday night. She scored 12 points and collected 10 rebounds in the win over the Wildcats.



Senior Corinne McIntyre goes up for two in Thursday's 66-45 win over Oxford. McIntyre played a terrific defensive game, getting nine rebounds and seven steals for Clarkston.

player.

"Candace blamed herself for the loss (to Oakland Christian)," Lowney said. "Her foot was on the 3-point line on a couple shots in that game. But tonight, she made a couple threes, and got us going."

Clarkston turned up the defense in the second quarter, going on a 15-0 run to pull ahead for good. Uchman, McIntyre and Morgan all turned up the intensity on the defensive boards, holding Oxford to one shot, while scoring themselves on offense.

The Wildcats (0-2) were within six to start the fourth quarter, but four quick points by senior co-captain Deana Kanipe sparked the Wolves to a 19-4 advantage in the quarter.

"Getting the win tonight was very important, especially after all we've been through in the past week," Kanipe said. "For a while, we weren't sure how good we were, but we've worked hard and we will show everyone that this team has heart."

Kanipe led the team with 21 points to go along with four rebounds. Uchman had her best game of the young season, netting 12 points while collecting 10 rebounds, the team's first double-double of the season. McIntyre was outstanding defensively, guarding Holbrook well, while collecting nine boards and getting a career-high seven steals. Morgan chipped in with eight points and five rebounds.

Tuesday, the team is scheduled to play its first game in the new high school gym, when the Wolves host Lake Orion for a 7 p.m. game.

JV Sports

Basketball

The Clarkston JV girls basketball team came up short in last week's Oxford Tip-Off Classic.

The Wolves lost in the tournament finals to Lake Orion 63-55 Sept. 2 at Oxford High School.

Clarkston was the victim of a slow start, down 25-11 after the first quarter. But the team stormed back in the second and stayed close until the end.

"We started doing things better like communication and all-out defense," said coach Jenny Warren. "Maybe we were too confident in this game. We beat Lake Orion twice during the summer, and we now realize that's a team with serious talent."

In the first round of the tournament, Clarkston easily defeated Oakland Christian 57-28 on Aug. 31. Leading the way for the Wolves was Nicole Thrift, who had 11 points and four rebounds. Katie Jerge had nine points and six rebounds, while Emily Butzine scored eight and had five boards. Tricia Brewer led the team with six assists.

Clarkston next plays at 5:30 Thursday at Bloomfield Hills Lahser before returning home Tuesday for a rematch with the Lake Orion Dragons.

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Golfers lose, make good progress vs. tough teams

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In hearing Clarkston varsity golf coach Tim Kaul talk about his young team, you might think it's headed for a successful season full of wins over quality opponents.

Well, equating success with wins may not work with this team. Although Clarkston lost dual matches to Troy and Troy Athens last week, Kaul said he can see a lot of progress in his young golfers.

"We played pretty well and still lost," Kaul said. "In our loss to Athens, we played better than I ever expected us to play. I'm pleased with the way the kids are playing."

The Wolves lost to the Red Hawks 144-149 at Sylvan Glen. The scores were lower than normal, because the teams were playing on a par 34 course because one hole was being renovated.

Trae Moreen led the team with a score of 36. Ben Ness and Aaron Cooper each shot a 37, while Mark Churay, Derek Hool and Jeff Walters each shot 39s on the day. Athens' Drew Valimont helped his team win with a score of 33.

Against the Troy Colts, again at Sylvan Glen, Clarkston hung tough, but lost to a much more experienced team. Ness and Moreen shot a team-best 38, with Churay (39) and Cooper (42) rounding out the top four.

A busy week awaits the Wolves, highlighted by a dual match against Rochester Adams, currently ranked third in the state in Class A.

"That will be like giving the lambs to the wolves," Kaul said. "But I like to play against the top players and teams. If we can just hang in and compete, it will help our team out a lot."

Thursday, the team plays its first home match of the season against Birmingham Seaholm at Clarkston Creek.

"As long as we don't get beat up too much (against Adams) that's a match we can win," Kaul said. "We'll go through some low points in this season, but as long as we can keep our psyche up, we'll be fine."



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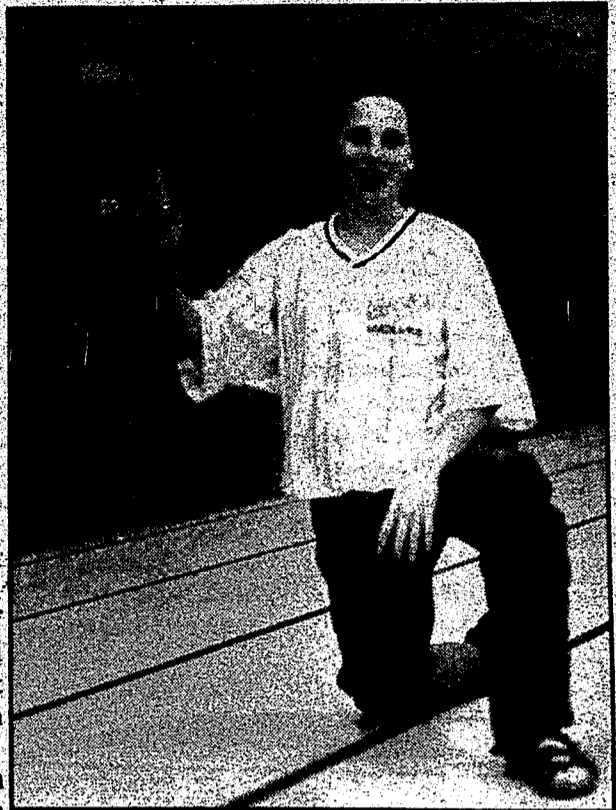
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Athlete of the Week: Deana Kanipe

Salut, Deana: If there's one player on the varsity girls basketball team who has earned her nickname, it's senior Deana Kanipe. Called "Crash" by her teammates for her reckless, body-flinging style of play, Deana is the catalyst for the Wolves. She was named team captain by coach Ann Lowney, and has earned that distinction with her play in the season's first three games. She's led the team in scoring in their two wins (20 points vs. Lapeer West, 21 points vs. Oxford), and is learning the point guard position. She is a defensive demon, creating steals in the backcourt, and she is an excellent finisher and 3-point shooter on offense. One thing is certain, is that Deana is a college prospect. One thing that isn't certain, is where she will be going. Whichever college Deana chooses, the school will be getting a true all-around basketball player.

Coach Ann Lowney on Deana: "Deana is a great athlete, multi-talented, and the best high school player I've ever coached. She is learning the role of captain. She has all the tools to be a good leader, and the neat thing about her, is that she's wide open to it all. She wants to be a good point guard, and I feel I can help her in that direction."

Deana on Deana: "I've never been the captain of a team, but people have always felt comfortable coming and talking to me about things, so it's natural for me. We have a tough schedule this season, so we have to work very hard in practice and be ready every



Deana Kanipe
single night. We will work hard and show everyone that this team has heart."

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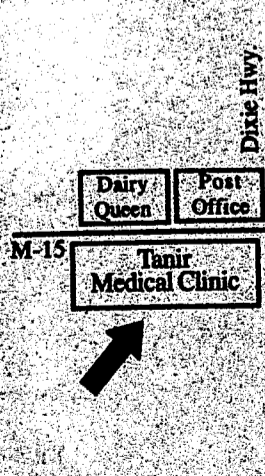
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Reforming of top doubles team bodes well for netters

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	Waterford Mott	3

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In sports, the return of one player from injury may give a team a slight boost.

But in the case of the Clarkston girls tennis team, the boost could be of rocket proportions.

Senior Kristen Atkinson made her season debut last week, reforming the #1 doubles team with senior Alaina Dodds. Last year, the two became the first Clarkston regional champions this decade, and Atkinson's return significantly strengthens Clarkston's four doubles teams.

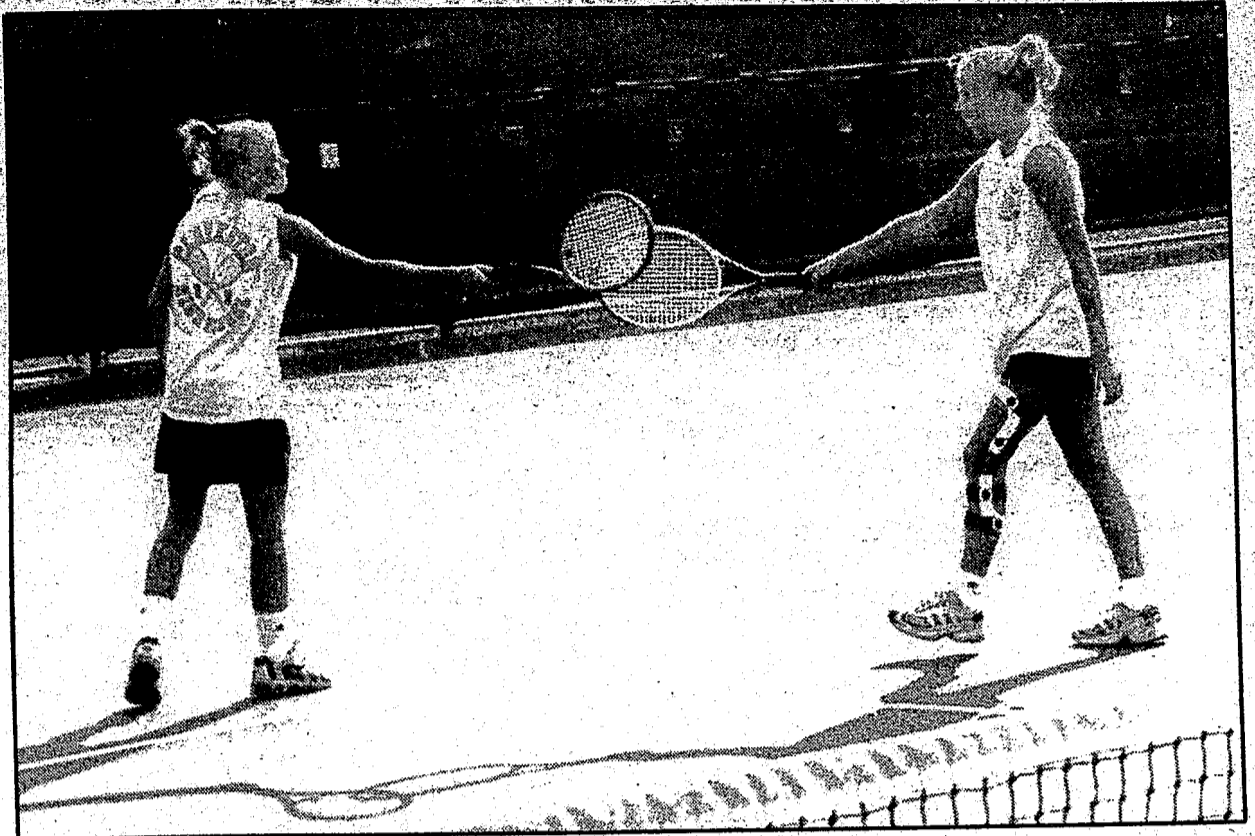
"Now, we are very strong at 2 and 3 doubles, and we can rotate 4," said coach Melissa White. "Both Kristen and Alaina showed up at a voluntary practice we had Friday. They're always looking to get extra work in."

The two friends picked up where they left off last year, breezing to wins over Auburn Hills Avondale (6-0, 6-1) and Waterford Mott (6-0, 6-0).

All the doubles teams played near-perfect tennis against Mott Thursday, all winning by 6-0, 6-0 scores. The singles players lost three of four, with #2 singles player Kim Lytle getting the lone Clarkston win.

Clarkston beat Mott 5-3, and tied Avondale 4-4 last week. White said she was disappointed in the tie with the Yellow Jackets.

"That was a match we should have won," she said. "The team knows we should have done better, and we came back and practiced much better on Friday."



Reunited, and it feels so good. The defending regional champions at #1 singles, (L-R) Alaina Dodds and Kristen Atkinson are back together, after Atkinson returned from offseason knee surgery last week. Here, they celebrate another point in a 6-0, 6-0 win over Waterford Mott.

Number one singles player Courtney Schubering missed the Mott match with an unspecified injury. White said she's not sure when Schubering will be able to play again.

The pace of the season picks up big-time this week, as Clarkston has matches six out of seven days starting Wednesday. The Wolves wrap up this week with home dual matches against Royal Oak Kimball, Ferndale and Southfield Lathrup, all very winnable

matches for the team. Saturday, the team heads out to the Fenton Invitational before returning home Monday for a match against Berkley.

"We've got to be at our best, because you can't go back and practice things because we're always playing," White said. "I've tried to not push the girls too hard in practice lately, because this will be such a tough stretch for us to play through. But after that, we get a week to rest, and to see where we are as a team."



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Runners take pair of trophies to start season

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

One meet, two teams, two trophies.

That was the Labor Day Weekend inventory for the Clarkston boys and girls cross country teams. Both finished first overall at Thursday's Flint Carmen-Ainsworth Invitational, the first regular season action for both teams in the 1998 season.

For the boys, it was business as usual, as the team's junior class dominated the meet. David Sage finished first overall with a time of 16:14. Matt Haver took second on the team and fourth overall with a time of 16:49. The other top Clarkston finishers were: Kevin Breen, (21st, 17:28), Brett Quantz, (23rd, 17:33), Dan Burke, (17:46), Chris Weber, (35th, 18:02), and Eric Sweeney (18:58).

It was the first varsity meet for Quantz and Sweeney, and coach Mike Taylor said he thought both had good cross country debuts.

"I hoped that our times would be a little lower overall," Taylor said. "Our grouping was off, but Dave and Matt did a nice job up front. It was the first meet

of the year, and it's a time for patience."

Taylor also pointed out good performances logged by the reserve squad. Seniors David Dixon and John Drallos each ran well. Dixon only finished three seconds behind Sweeney as the team's seventh man.

At last year's Flint C-A invite, Clarkston won the meet with 95 team points. This year, up against a tougher overall field, the Wolves came up with 78 points, well ahead of the runner-up and host school Flint Carmen-Ainsworth.

"There was a little better competition at this race than there was last year," Taylor said. "Ann Arbor Huron was there, and some of the other teams were better than they were last year. It was a positive start for the team."

The girls found similar success in Flint, also winning the first-place trophy by a wide margin with a team score of 65. Senior Jennifer Rooding led the team and was second overall with a time of 20:44. Right behind her was junior Nicole Fischer, who got off to another strong start with a third overall finish and a time of 20:46.

"It was a very nice start for the team," coach Deb Zonca said. "It was Nicole's best time ever, and

Jennifer was just a few seconds off where she was hoping to be. For it being the first meet of the season, I was very happy."

Rounding out the top Clarkston finishers were Amy Hopcian with a time of 21:50, Lisa Gauthier with a time of 21:51, Christina Rooding at 22:01, and Kristin Orris at 22:13.

"Amy has made huge improvements for us," Zonca said. "She's in the best shape she's ever been in. Lisa may be the biggest surprise of all. She started as our second backup, but when April (Rooding) got hurt, she stepped up with her best time ever."

"That speaks highly of their conditioning," she continued. "You could tell from our workouts that we were going to have a good meet."

Up next is the tough West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday. All the OAA Division I teams will be there, so Zonca said it would be a good test for the team early in the season.

"We'll get to find out where we stand," she said. "That may be very good or very bad. I'm excited and nervous to see how we stack up against those other teams, and find out how much better we really have to get."



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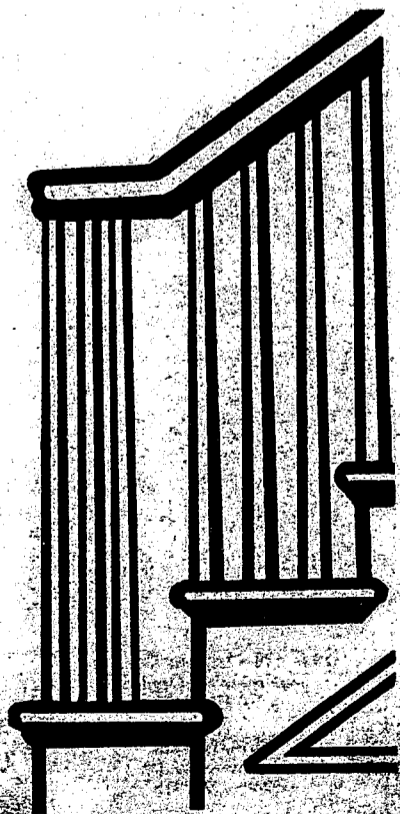
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Obituaries

Oma Futrell

Oma Futrell, 89, of Waterford, died Sept. 7, 1998. Mrs. Futrell had owned and operated Oma's Lunch, Minute Lunch, Park Inn Restaurant, Park Inn Motel, and Futrell's Grill, all in Pontiac. She was a retired realtor and was a longtime member of the Pontiac Elks.

She is survived by grandchildren Robert (Cheryl) of Clarkston, Sandra (Michael) Waller of Waterford and Cindy (Gary) Bellefeuille of Clarkston; great-grandchildren Jennifer (Allan) Robbins, Kelli and Casey Waller, and Adam and Amy Bellefeuille; daughter-in-law Lorraine of Clarkston; and special friend Elaine Compton. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul and son Charles.

A funeral service will take place Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation.

Francis Peters

Francis J. "Pete" Peters, 83, of Mesick, died Sept. 3, 1998.

Mr. Peters was retired from J.L. Hudsons after 10 years of service.

He is survived by a son Larry (Sandie) of Clarkston; a daughter Alice Moore of Mesick; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother Calvin of Charlevoix; and sister Beatrice Marino of Pontiac. He was preceded in death by his wife Lizzie.

A funeral service took place Sunday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Perry Mt. Park Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Mercy Amicare Hospice, 7985 Mackinaw Trail, Ste. 100, Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Ruth Hartwell

Ruth E. Hartwell, 65, of Ortonville, died Sept. 6, 1998.

Mrs. Hartwell worked at the United States Post Office in Ortonville for 20 years and was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and enjoyed working with stained glass.

She is survived by her husband Arthur; sons Art Jr. of Waterford and John (Terri) of Grand Blanc; daughters Sarah Hartwell of New Orleans, Cathy (Dan) Huntoon of Oxford and Carol (Dale) Verhey of Ortonville; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and special friend Diane Watson. She was preceded in death by a son Harold Raymond Jr.

A funeral service took place Tuesday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials can be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Nora Topham

Nora M. Topham, 89, of Florida and formerly of Clarkston, died Aug. 31, 1998.

Mrs. Topham was retired from Pontiac Motor after 30 years of service in the accounting department.

She is survived by her husband Roderick; daughters Carroll (Harry) Goodell of Clarkston and Mona (Frank) Keelan of De Witt; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brother Gerald Seibert of Prescott; and sister Eva Weston of Texas.

A funeral mass took place Thursday at the St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston with Rev. Msgr. Humitz officiating. Rite of Committal was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Logan Wasczenski

Logan Leonard Wasczenski, two-month-old baby son of Linda and Leonard, died suddenly Sept. 4, 1998.

Logan is survived by sister Jessica; brother Kevin; grandparents Darlene and Leonard Wasczenski and Lillian Johnson, all of Clarkston; great-grandparent T.R. Cleveland; cousins Ronnie, Jake, Brittany, Breanna and Amy; aunts and uncles Bonnie, Kimmie, Robert, Diane (Mike), Steve, Kyle, Helen and Ray Klos.

A family graveside service was held Monday at the Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials can be made to the family for a marker.

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JV Sports

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Football

The Clarkston JV football team scored touchdowns in almost every possible way Wednesday, defeating Waterford Kettering 33-13 at Kettering's field.

Coach Doug Colling said the game was a good way to open the season, because of the solid execution and getting everyone playing time.

"The game was good for team morale," he said. "It was a real balanced attack. We scored on offense, defense and special teams."

Adam Gebus had a big game for Clarkston, taking an interception back 94 yards for a touchdown, and returning a punt 80 yards for a score.

Rob Conley led the rushing attack with 61 yards and a touchdown. Blake Fields rushed for 40 yards, while Nick Beetles chalked up 20 yards and a score.

QB Ryan Kaul passed for 25 yards and ran for a score. Colling said he's been very pleased with the way Kaul has been running the offense.

"Kettering had three turnovers, and we scored off every one of them," he said. "That was a big part of the game. We were able to get some momentum, and we played smart and physical. This team has a bunch of gamers, and there are a lot of sophomores who went 9-0 on the freshman team last year."

The JV team makes its home debut Thursday with a game against Rochester at the old CHS field.



U-19 Shadows win tournament

The Clarkston under-19 Shadows soccer team came out on top of the Waterford Cup soccer tournament, winning the trophy on Aug. 16. The Shadows avenged a 1-1 tie to USL Xtreme with a 5-2 victory to win the championship. The team also defeated Livonia United 3-0 and the Rochester Falcons 2-0 in the tourney. The Shadows are coached by Steve Forney and Cliff Wilkerson. The players are: (front L-R) Megan Thiry, Alison Kolody, (second L-R) Jennifer Kerney, Charity Brown, Beth Whittington, Heather Warner, Katy Piechura, (third L-R) Brooke Petrinec, Jody Back, Katie Kennedy, Cara Forney, (fourth L-R) Jessica Thomas, Allison Barth, Jennifer Yeager, Crystal Wilkerson, Alaina Dodds, Kara Bergkoetter, Katie Tripi, (back L-R) Coach Forney, assistant coach Wilkerson.

Golf

With a wealth of players coming out for this year's team, the Clarkston JV golf team has a good chance for success in 1998.

And success it's found, as the team is off to a 4-0 start in dual matches.

Varsity coach Tim Kaul said a number of players have shown excellent potential, something that will benefit the entire program.

"We have some freshmen already shooting in the low 40s," he said. "Joe Regiani, a sophomore, has been playing well enough that he's ready for the varsity."

When they play Rochester Adams, it will be a wake-up call for them. But that's been the most pleasant aspect of our season, is seeing how the younger players are improving."

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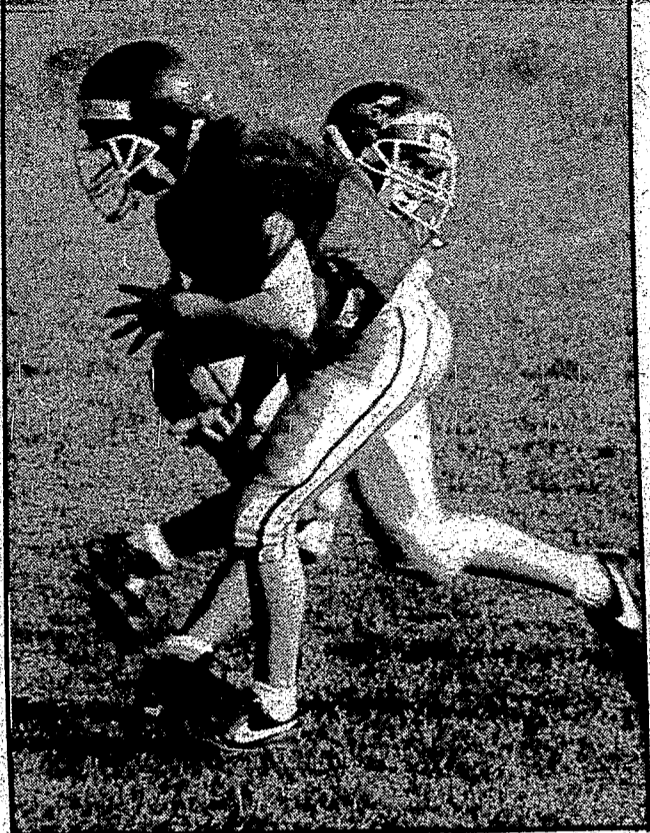
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Members of the Clarkston Chiefs varsity football team takes its runs at blocking dummies at a recent practice. Due to increased popularity in other fall sports, fewer youths are coming out for the Chiefs team, a reason for concern in the program, according to varsity head coach Mike Wells.

Chiefs QB Vincent Peratti practices handing off to halfback Matt Green during a practice at the old CHS fields. The Chiefs have started using the same terminology as the high school football program, to help with continuity for players going from the Chiefs to the high school teams.

Declining numbers troubling for varsity Clarkston Chiefs

Frosh, JV programs still going strong

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The helmets and shoulder pads seem to engulf the small bodies, bouncing and rattling around the flat field. Through the sweltering August days, these players and their coaches practice football with the hopes of one day performing on cool Friday nights in front of jam-packed crowds at Clarkston High School. For 25 years, the Clarkston Chiefs football program has given kids experience at playing football at a young age, getting them familiar with fundamentals and building the invaluable teamwork skills.

The freshman and junior varsity teams, made up of kids ages 9-12, is thriving, with more than 35 players out for each team this year.

It's a different story at the varsity level. Only 17 players suit up for the varsity Chiefs, meaning most players have to play both ways, and have to scrimmage against their younger teammates in practice.

"Hockey and soccer have hurt the program," said Mike Wells, varsity head coach for the Chiefs. "Football is going in the wrong direction. There were more than 1,300 kids in little league soccer, and with our weight requirements, we're losing a lot of kids."

In the league the Chiefs play in, a 12-year-old player can't weigh more than any 14-year-old player.

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1998 Clarkston Chiefs schedule

Sept. 6 - Jayhawks	noon at CMS
Sept. 13 - at Brandon	noon at Brandon H.S.
Sept. 20 - at Rochester	noon at Rochester
Sept. 26 - at Lapeer	noon at Almont H.S.
Oct. 3 - Brighton	9 a.m. at Silverdome
Oct. 10 - at Waterford	noon at Kettering H.S.
Oct. 18 - Falcons at CMS	
Oct. 24 Rose Bowl (4th place) at Pon.	Northern
Gator Bowl (3rd place) at Brighton H.S.	
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Mitchell named new varsity girls soccer coach

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was a promotion from within. Tami Mitchell, coach of the JV girls soccer team the past three years, was named to be the new varsity coach by CHS Athletic Director Dan Fife.

Mitchell, who played for the women's soccer team at Western Michigan University in 1992 and 1993 after a career at Clarkston, said she is looking forward to taking over the program.

"I will probably be a lot harder on the girls in varsity," she said. "I expect a lot more out of them than I have before."

Mitchell, also a Clarkston High School graduate, has coached soccer teams through Independence Township and plays in an adult competitive league out of St. Clair Shores. She takes over the program for Brian Fitzgerald.

Mitchell said one of her priorities will be to establish a freshman girls soccer program, something that could happen as soon as this spring.

"I've talked to Dan (Fife) about that, and it's something we should have here," she said. "We will need more girls to try out. Eventually, we will work it down to intramural teams at the eighth-grade level. Most of the teams in the league have freshman teams also."

Fife said Mitchell will be a good person to have at the helm of the girls soccer program now and in the future.

"She will be a good role model for the girls," he said. "She has a great work ethic and a lot of enthusiasm about the program. She did a good job with the JV team and deserves a chance to coach varsity."

Mitchell becomes the fourth female coach to be hired in a male's place in the past 18 months.

Chiefs football program needs players

From Page 9B

The drop in numbers has several factors to it, mostly because of the two middle schools allowing seventh graders onto eighth-grade teams, according to Wells.

"Since the eighth grade football teams started allowing seventh graders on their teams, it's really taken away from the varsity program," he said. "Lake Orion is in the midst of eliminating their program."

To build more continuity between the Chiefs and the high school program, the Chiefs have incorporated many of the high school's techniques in terms of terminology and plays.

"There is value in that they're running the same things we are," said Clarkston varsity football coach Kurt Richardson. "It reinforces the basic stuff that players need to know at that level."

"Kurt Richardson and Dan Fife have been wonderful to our program," Wells said. "They have been very helpful with our coaching clinics, and allowing us to use the old high school practice fields. They are more centrally located, and they have gotten new goal posts for us. I can't say enough about the help those two have been for us."

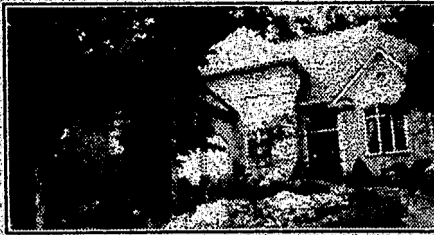
The Chiefs also participated in fundraising at the Renaissance Festival to help the program. Chiefs officials said they raised nearly \$12,000 in two days for the program. The team will also host an adult dance on Oct. 24 to show appreciation for the parents. Door prizes will be available.

Bob Clarke of the Chiefs program said enrollment to the team is still open, and encouraged anyone interested to join in.

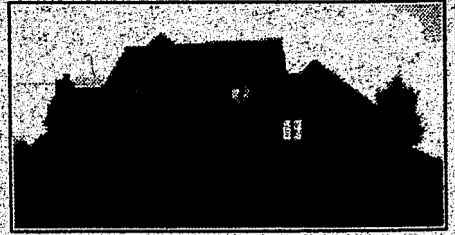
For more information on the Chiefs program, call Wells at 625-5228.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF HEARING
ON REVISED COST ESTIMATE,
REVISED SHARE OF
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
FOR THE TOWNSEND LAKE AREA
SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

The Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence has previously determined to acquire and construct sewer improvements along Corunna and Harding Avenues and Whithorn Drive in the Charter Township of Independence and to assess part of the cost thereof to a special assessment district consisting of the following described lands:

Description of Special Assessment District

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

08-33-304-004	08-33-330-002
08-33-304-008	08-33-331-019
08-33-327-033	08-33-331-018
08-33-328-018	08-33-331-017
08-33-328-022	08-33-331-016
08-33-328-021	08-33-331-015
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08-33-328-020	08-33-331-010
08-33-355-001	08-33-331-009
08-33-355-002	08-33-331-024
08-33-355-010	08-33-331-023
08-33-355-011	08-33-331-022
08-33-329-005	08-33-327-035
08-33-329-006	08-33-327-036
08-33-330-001	08-33-327-045

A public hearing was held on December 2, 1997 at which time all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard relative to the making of the improvements and the special assessment district therefor. Subsequent to the opening of construction bids for the improvements on August 26, 1998, a revised cost estimate of \$400,000 and a revised share of the special assessment district in the amount of \$400,000 have been submitted to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk.

A special assessment roll assessing \$400,000 of the cost of said improvements to the aforesaid special assessment district has been prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, at the Township Hall Annex, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., at which time any interested person will be given the opportunity to object to the revised cost estimate, the revised share of the special assessment district and the special assessment roll as prepared by the Township Supervisor. A person objecting to the revised cost estimate, the revised share of the special assessment district or the special assessment roll shall file the objection in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the hearing or within such further time as the Township Board may grant.

Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Township Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

The plans and revised cost estimate of the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public inspection.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

September 2 and September 9, 1998

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on September 1, 1998, the Township Board authorized a Second Reading and Adoption of an amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance No. 83 regarding 1996 National Electrical Code Ordinance.

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

ORDINANCE NO. 83

ORDINANCE AMENDING ELECTRICAL CODE

An Ordinance to amend Township Ordinance Code Sections 7-61 and 7-62, to adopt the 1996 National Electrical Code and Certain Amendments to that Code.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

That Sections 7-61 and 7-62 of the Independence Township Code are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-61. National Electrical Code - Adoption.
The 1996 Edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA-70), as promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association, being a nationally recognized model and standard code, is hereby adopted by reference as an Ordinance of the Township, to be known as the Township Electrical Code.

Sec. 7-62. National Electrical Code - Amendments.
The Township Electrical Code is supplemented and amended with the Technical Amendments approved and recommended by the Reciprocal Electrical Council, Inc. (RECI) as Rules 1 through 9, attached to and part of this Ordinance as Appendix A.

Section 2 of Ordinance

The amendment to Section 7-61 of the Independence Township Code shall take effect immediately upon publication of this Ordinance. The amendments set forth in Section 7-62 of this Ordinance shall be effective after publication, on the 90th day after adoption of this Ordinance.

RECI 1996 NEC TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

RULE 1. CIRCUIT INTERCONNECTION.

Section 210-11 is added as follows:
210-11. Circuit Interconnection. Neutral and ungrounded circuit conductors for two, three, or four-wire circuits shall originate at the same outlet or panel. Neutral and/or ungrounded conductors for circuits, shall not be tapped or spliced from different locations in the wiring system.

RULE 2. SERVICE ENTRANCE CONDUCTOR SETS.

Section 230-40 is amended to read as follows:
230-40. Number of Service-Entrance Conductor Sets.
Each service drop or lateral shall supply only one set of service-entrance conductors.

Exception No. 1: Buildings with more than one occupancy shall be permitted to have one set of service-entrance conductors run to each occupancy or to a group of occupancies.

Exception No. 2: Where two to six service disconnecting means in separate enclosures are grouped at one location and supply separate loads from one service drop or lateral, one set of service-conductors shall be permitted to supply each or several such service equipment enclosures.

Exception No. 3: Deleted.

RULE 3. GROUPING OF DISCONNECTS.

Section 230-72(a) is amended to read as follows:
230-72(a). Grouping of Disconnects.
(a) General. The two to six disconnects as permitted in Section 230-71 shall be grouped. Each disconnect shall be marked to indicate the load served.

Exception No. 1: One of the two to six service disconnecting means permitted in Section 230-71, where used only for a water pump also intended to provide fire protection, shall be permitted to be located remote from the other disconnecting means.

Exception No. 2: A service disconnect(s) for separately metered outdoor electric space conditioning equipment for one and two-family dwellings, shall be permitted to be located immediately adjacent to the outdoor meter cabinet. A permanent plaque or directory shall be installed at each service disconnect location denoting all other services, feeders, and branch circuits supplying that building or structure and the area served by each. The feeder or branch circuit permitted by this exception shall not enter or pass through the structure or building served.

Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor Stuart called the September 1, 1998 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: McGee, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Wenger
Absent: None

There is a quorum.

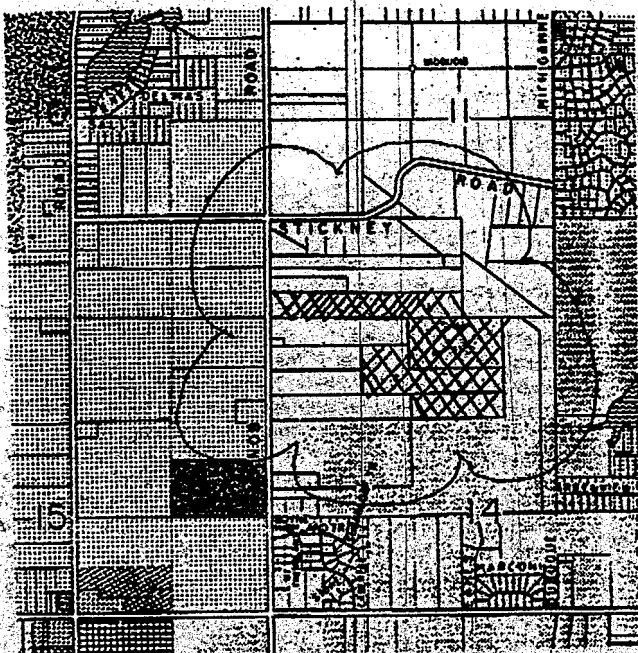
1. Approved the Agenda as amended.
2. Approved the Regular Meeting minutes of August 18, 1998 as amended.
3. Approved the payment of the list of distributions in the amount of \$904,985.34.
4. Approved the issuance of purchase requisitions in the amount totalling \$19,819.30.
5. Ms. Patricia Langdon spoke under the Public Forum of the agenda.
6. The Bid Award for Townsend Lake SAD went to W. Almas & Son, Inc., in the amount of \$525,803.00 subject to the confirmation and 30 day waiting period for appeals.
7. The Bid Award for water services in the Townsend Lake SAD went to R. Santia & Son in the amount of \$228,900.00 subject to confirmation and 30 day waiting period for appeals.
8. The Bid Award for well abandonment in the Townsend Lake SAD went to Layne Northern Co., in the amount of \$18,525.00 subject to confirmation and 30 day waiting period for appeals.
9. Approved the Second Reading and Adoption of the 1996 National Electrical Code & Technical Amendments.
10. Approved the Resolution to set September 15, 1998 as the public hearing date for Townsend Lake SAD.
11. Approved the First Reading for rezoning request from R1R to R1C, parcel 08-10-300-023, Sashabaw Road.
12. Approved the First Reading for rezoning request from R1R to R1C, parcel 08-15-426-002 Clarkston & Pine Knob Road.
13. Approved the First Reading for rezoning request from R1R to R1C, parcels 08-11-351-007, 08-14-100-002, 009 & 011 Pine Knob Road.
14. Approved the motion to extend WAN to the Senior Citizens Center.
15. Approved the Headlee Reimbursement Resolution and to file a claim to the State of Michigan.
16. Approved October 17, 1998 as the Household Hazardous Waste Day.
17. Approved posting and hiring of an additional laborer for the DPW Department.
18. Approved the hiring of Cheryl Culpepper as AFSCME Clerk in the Treasurer's office.
19. Approved the motion to adopt the Resolution of support of Clarkston/Brandon Credit Union Members to Independence Township.
20. Adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

September 9, 1998

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on September 1, 1998, the Township Board authorized a First Reading of a Rezoning Request from R1R to R1C, Parcels 08-11-351-007, 08-14-100-002, 009, and 011, Pine Knob Road north of Greenview as follows.



Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
TOWNSHIP BOARD
AGENDA
7:30 P.M.
DATE: September 15, 1998

- Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Opening Statements and Correspondence
Approval of Agenda
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
Approval of Purchase Orders
Public Forum
Public Hearing - Townsend Lake SAD
Clarkston Schools Request to Amend Water & Sewer Master Plan

- Unfinished Business**
1. Second Reading and Adoption - Rezoning Request from R1R to R1C - Parcel 08-10-300-023 Sashabaw Road
 2. Second Reading and Adoption - Rezoning Request from R1R to R1C - Parcel 08-15-426-002 Clarkston & Pine Knob Road.
 3. Second Reading and Adoption - Rezoning Request from R1R to R1C - Parcels 08-11-351-007, 08-14-100-002, 009 & 011 Pine Knob Road North of Greenview
- Public Hearing on Townsend Lake S.A.D.**
New Business
1. First Reading of a Rezoning Request from R1R to R1A - Parcels 08-27-226-001, 08-26-101-003 Waldon Road & I-75
 2. Discussion - Resolution - Oakland County Department of Management and Budget Number 85315
 3. Request Permission to Sell Vehicles - DPW
- Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.
September 9, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE
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CLARKSTON
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
PUBLIC NOTICE
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE
SEPTEMBER 29, 1998
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION NO. 1
7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 285 of 1931, as amended (The Municipal Planning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of the Village of Clarkston Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 1998, for the purpose of considering a proposed Zoning Ordinance for the City of the Village of Clarkston. The public hearing will be held in the training room, Fire Station No. 1, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan 48346.

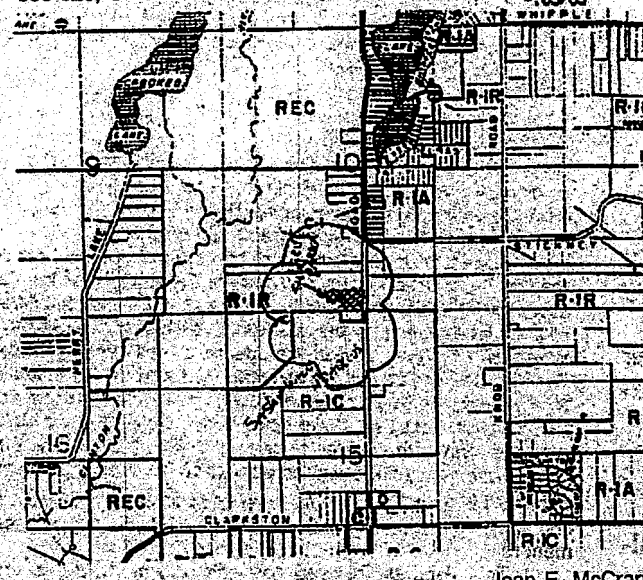
The public hearing will be held to explain the proposed Zoning Ordinance to the public and receive public comment. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments. The City of the Village of Clarkston proposed Zoning Ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, 375 Depot, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance may be submitted to City Hall at the above location prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record.

Artemus M. Pappas
City Clerk
Steve Scatch
Planning Commission Chair

9/9/98 and 9/16/98

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Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR WALTERS LAKE
TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE,
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF PRACTICABILITY

Notice is hereby given that at a Public Hearing held on August 12, 1998, the Lake Improvement Board for Walters Lake, by resolution, determined that a proposed five year program consisting of an Aquatic Weed Control and Fish Stocking Program was practical and approved the program's estimated annual cost of \$38,500.00.

This Notice of Resolution is published pursuant to the provisions of Part 309 (Section 30913) of Public Act No. 59 of 1995. Lake Improvement Board for Walters Lake

September 2 and 9, 1998

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS
TO DETERMINE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Independence, acting upon Petition of 51% or more of the property owners along High Street, 4th Street and Woodhull Drive in Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 1 and 2nd Street in Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 2, and upon the written consent of the Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners, has commenced a Circuit Court action, entitled "The Complaint Of The Charter Township Of Independence For Adjudication That High Street, 4th Street And Woodhull Drive In Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 1 And 2nd Street In Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 2 Are Public Highways," Oakland County Circuit Court Cases No. 98-008588-CZ, seeking a determination by the Court that High Street, 4th Street and Woodhull Drive in Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 1 and 2nd Street in Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 2 are public highways. The roads in question are situated in Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 1 and Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 2, Section 34 of Independence Township.

An Order for Hearing was entered by the Court setting a hearing in the case for September 23, 1998 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before Honorable Fred M. Mester. At such hearing, if there are no objections to the Petition, the Court will be requested to enter a judgement determining that High Street, 4th Street and Woodhull Drive in Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 1 and 2nd Street in Woodhull Lake Subdivision No. 2 are public highways, and further determining the length and boundaries of such public highways.

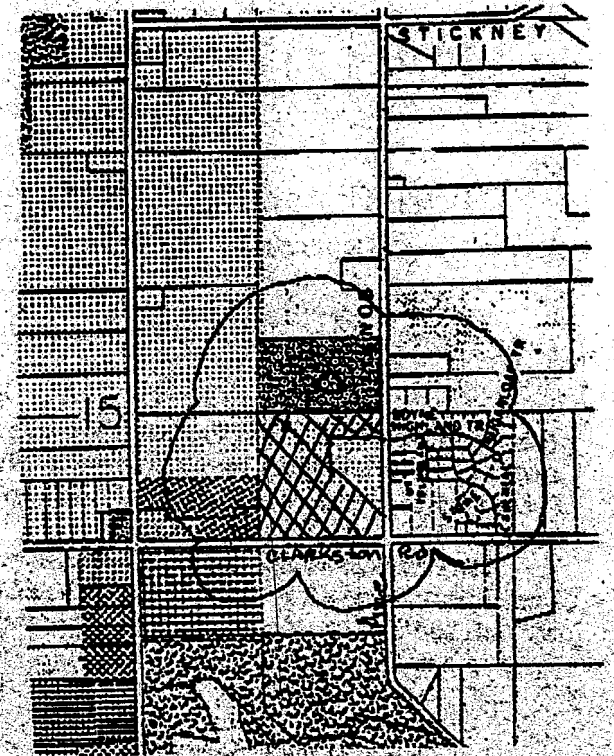
A copy of the Complaint filed in the case may be examined at the offices of the Charter Township of Independence, 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, MI.

Joan McCrary, Clerk

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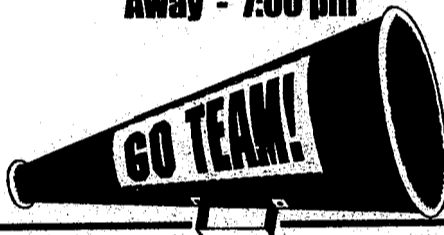
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