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Township: Clarkston Creek deal will not raise taxes

*About 50 show up to first
public information meeting*

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Approximately 60 people gathered Thursday evening at Clarkston Creek Golf Course for the first of two public forums designed to discuss the Sept. 12 referendum issue on the course.

The audience heard presentations from Randy Ford of the township's engineering firm, Hubbell, Roth & Clark; Joe Locricchio, the primary developer for the project, and Independence Township Trustee Neil Wallace.

Ford addressed concerns regarding the golf course's water system and the need to preserve the course's natural features.

"It's inevitable that there will be ongoing requirements for maintenance," said Ford. "There's real merits to approaching it from a regionalized concept. Water quality is an important aspect of a regional drain approach."

Maintaining an adequate water flow and accounting for storm water is a key priority, according to Ford.

"We want to make sure that we control the water flow," he said. "There's a need to handle storm runoff. If the project moves forward, we would be able to accommodate the drainage flow project. We feel that Clarkston Creek is an integral part of the Sashabaw water management system. We'd like to treat it without a direct discharge in the wetlands."

Some residents expressed concern that if the issue passed, their taxes would increase. Township attorney Gerald Fisher addressed their concerns.

"The people that are benefiting from this system will pay for it," he said.

Locricchio addressed the improvements that would take place on the golf course should the referendum pass, which would mean the golf course would close in September.

He said that general improvements to the golf course would be the installation of a double row irrigation system of modern design, which will begin immediately following closing, and be completed within the first twelve months; a new maintenance building, which will be completed by fall 2001; and the installation of tee to green cart paths on each hole by the fifth year of

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Third annual 'Rush for Food' a success

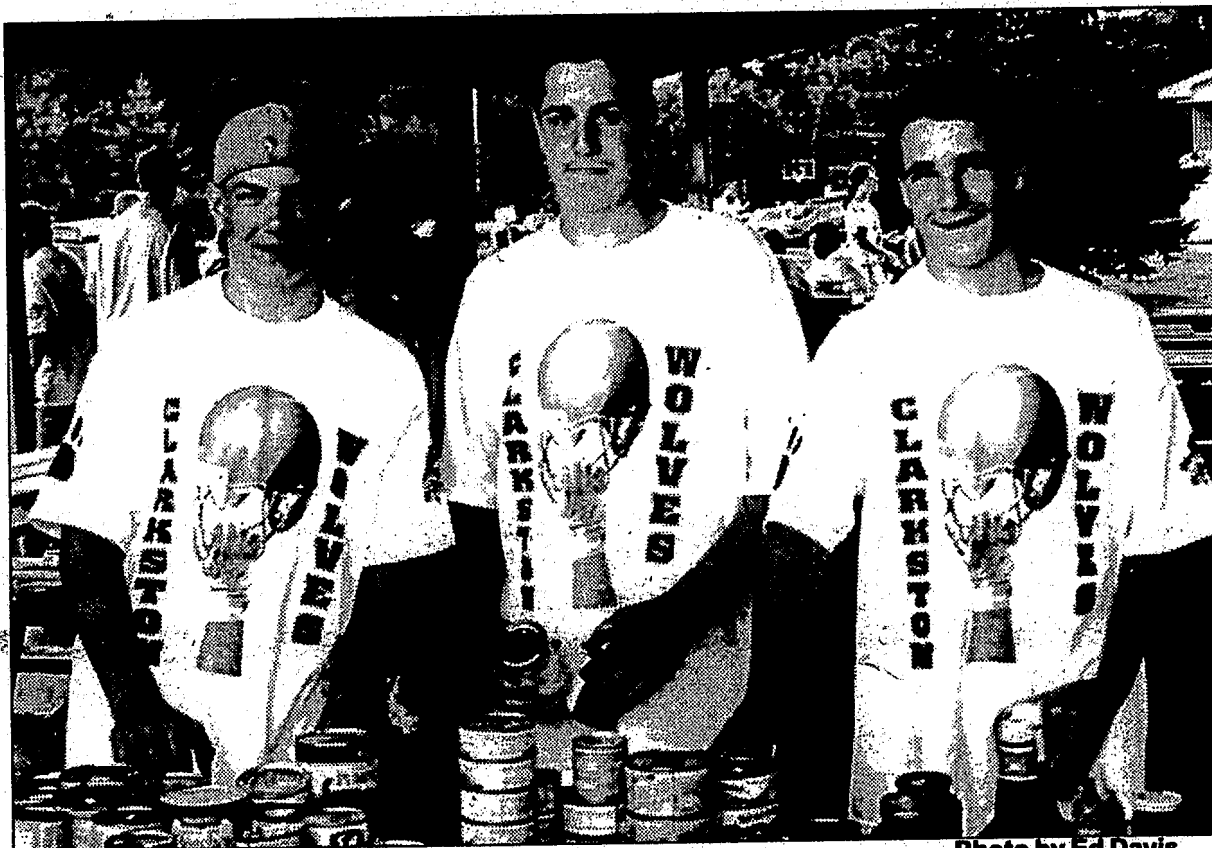


Photo by Ed Davis

Clarkston High School football players were out in force August 18 for the 3rd annual Rush For Food. Over 60 parent volunteers and football players from the freshman, JV and varsity teams collected enough food for Lighthouse Clarkston to fill a full-sized van, a pick up truck and Chevy Blazer. After the

food drive, players and volunteers chowed down on 280 hamburgers and 240 hot dogs and other treats at Clintonwood Park, thanks to the parent volunteers. Pictured above, from left, are freshmen football players Jono Moehlig, Ali Daher and Brendan Quisenberry.

Independence Township transfers \$20,000 to Cemetery Fund

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Independence Township Board voted to transfer \$20,000 from the general fund to the cemetery trust fund at its Aug. 15 meeting.

The measure was approved by a 4-2 vote, with Trustee Neil Wallace and Treasurer Jim Wenger voting "no".

"It was a token thing," said Wallace of the transfer. He added that the township should disband the fund.

In a memo to the township board in Nov. of last year, Supervisor Dale Stuart stated that the township borrowed \$20,000 from its trust fund to purchase property on Flemings Lake Road. The transfer was originally approved in 1962, and completed in 1969.

He recommended that the township transfer

that amount from its general fund to its trust fund.

"This transfer is more symbolic than anything else," said Stuart in the memo. "It also removes any question that the property is owned by the township in general."

Township attorney Gerald Fisher, in drawing his opinion, said that the maintenance of the trust fund falls within the jurisdiction of the township.

"It is my opinion that the Township Board has the authority to reduce the Trust Fund, or even discontinue the Trust Fund if it determines that, as a matter of policy, it would be in the best interest of the Township to do so," Fisher said.

He added that "there is no obligation on the part of the Township General Fund to reimburse the Cemetery Trust Fund for moneys utilized to purchase property now utilized for the DPW com-

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The News in Brief

Register now for the Labor Day Parade

There's still time to sign up to be in the Clarkston Labor Day Parade.

The theme of the parade is "New Century, New Challenges". It will be Monday, September 4 at 10 a.m.

The parade is sponsored by the Rotary Club. To enter floats, kids on bikes and novelty acts, call Dick Miller, 620-7100 or Mary Sloan, 625-0346 for applications or information.

Kids on decorated bikes are especially encouraged to join in the Parade. They should line up at the old Clarkston Middle School at Waldon and Church Street at 9:30.

Labor Day Fair follows parade

The First Congregational Church hosts their annual Labor Day Fair Monday Sept. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair follows the parade and is a family oriented event.

There will be a farm animal exhibit, craft fair, classic car show, auctions, community business expo, giant garage sale, games, midway-style games, bake sale, refreshments and more.

Mark Farnsworth, a local DJ will spin 50s music. A health and safety area will include MADD, St. Joseph Mercy Joint Care Center (free blood pressure checks) and child IDs by the Forresters.

Admission is free. Parking is \$2 (a donation to the local youth ministry).

Everyone is invited to the Fair. The Congregational Church is located at 5449 Clarkston Road, east of Sashabaw. Call 394-0200 for information.

White Lake Road open

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has announced that White Lake Road, from Andersonville Road west for one-and-a-half miles in White Lake Township has been reopened to traffic after having been closed since April for paving.

Enjoy pancake breakfast before the parade

The Clarkston Masonic Temple Association will host another big Pancake Breakfast before the Labor Day Parade, Monday, Sept. 4.

You will be able to enjoy pancakes and sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee, from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Clarkston Masonic Temple at Washington and Main streets.

The cost is \$5 for all you can eat for adults; \$4 seniors; \$3 kids 5 to 12; kids under 5 are free.

Correction

An incident in Police and Fire news in last week's issue said the victim "had found a rarely used door in the rear of the building unlocked and ajar." The victim said the open door had nothing to do with her specific business.

A story on the Rumph Chiropractic Clinic 25th anniversary celebration should have said over 1,000 people attended the festivities. Also, Dr. Rumph graduated from Palmer College.

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The Second Front

Gardening helps her put down 'roots'

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

When Margo Begy saw her home and big red barn for the first time, she knew right away it was the place for her. It brought back fond memories of her grandparents' farm in South Dakota.

She and her husband, Gary, who works for GM, were transferred to Michigan from Illinois three years ago. They purchased their nearly three-acre property in Groveland Township because of its charm and the potential it offered for gardening.

"Because we've moved several times, gardening, and growing the flowers and vegetables that I remember from my grandmother's garden is a way to root myself," Begy said.

She gardened in Illinois, but nothing on this scale, she said.

"I use the barn as a back drop for all of my gardens. It's actually a garden feature," said Begy, who is secretary of the Springfield Garden Club.

She said she considers gardens a "work of art and a living thing. I'm the facilitator. You have to respect plants and their seasons. You have to do what needs to be done when it needs to be done."

She quickly set about designing and planting her gardens, and her property looks like it has been the recipient of her loving, diligent touch for years.

Begy's perennial garden reflects her enjoyment of native Michigan plants. She was impressed by the beauty of Michigan flowers. "The most beautiful wildflowers grow in Michigan," she said.

Joe Pye weed, purple coneflowers, purple and white liatris and butterfly bushes all flourish in an area that receives full sun. Black-eyed Susans are also prolific there, and "would be quite happy to take over the garden if you let them," Begy said.

Yellow yarrow also grows in Begy's perennial garden with its hybrid cousin, pink yarrow, bright red cardinal flowers, and pale pink Bee Balm, which attracts a lot of birds, she said. Native grasses, golden rod, and feathery plume poppies also add variety. While plume poppies are not related to oriental poppies, the flower lends a nice architectural feeling to the garden with its feathery flowers and large leaves.

Begy planted tiger lillies, hollyhocks and sunflowers, specifically because she remembered them from her grandmother's garden.

Begy said in the spring she spends about 20 hours per week in her gardens, maintaining the beds, and digging up and dividing plants to share with friends. She said she has a home-based business, which allows her more freedom for gardening. She spends less time in the garden now, doing mostly maintenance work.

Her 32-foot by 32-foot vegetable garden was created in a French kitchen garden design. It's divided into quadrants with a center circle for herbs.

She has 12 varieties of tomatoes, including the curiously named Mortgage



Margo Begy shows off two of the varieties of tomatoes she will enter in the Springfield Garden Club's Tomato Fest 2000 Aug. 29. On the left she's holding and Early Goliath, and the tomato on the right is a Mortgage Lifter.

Lifter tomatoes. "They were developed by a British guy who literally paid off his mortgage by selling plants for \$1 each," said Begy.

Other varieties include Black Krim, an heirloom variety which is dark brown in color. She also grows 4th of July tomatoes. "They are small but prolific, almost like a cherry tomato," she said.

Some of her tomato plants have been beset by blight this season. "But I can't complain, because they're bearing so heavily," Begy said blight, which makes the leaves turn brown, does not affect the fruit. All of her tomato plants have been grown from seeds purchased from the Totally Tomato catalog.

She also grows sweet corn, egg plant, and squash. The squash was beset with beetles, which affected her cucumbers, said Begy. "I don't like to spray a lot, so I guess you have to suffer the consequences," she said.

The fennel bulbs that Begy grows are turned into a delicious dish by Gary, who is a gourmet cook, she said. Gary braises the bulbs in white wine with butter. Begy said she also plants dill because butterflies lay their eggs in it and it is important to the life cycle of the butterfly.

She also had a good crop of broccoli early in the season, and her shallots and garlic bulbs have been turned over to dry in the sun. A current crop of minna-

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Begy said when she first saw this barn on the 3-acre property that was for sale three years ago, she knew it was meant for her. Her lush perennial garden is in the foreground. To the left of the barn is the "Barn Porch". Shaded by the barn, it is decorated with twig furniture and soft pillows, perfect for reading and relaxing on summer days.



Begy and Sue Valentine hold a basket of tomatoes from Begy's vegetable garden. Valentine is vice president and program director for the 18-month old Springfield Garden Club. Valentine said, "We're really excited about everything we do because it's our first time."

Springfield Garden Club's Tomato Fest 2000

The Springfield Garden Club is looking for new members and is hosting Tomato Fest 2000, Tues., August 29 at 11:30 a.m., to spark interest in the club.

Billed as a "celebration of fresh summer vegetables", there will be a

Fresh Tomato Tasting. Tomatoes will be judged on meatiness, sweetness, acidity and overall "tomatoey" taste.

Participants are asked to bring two or three named varieties of home-grown or purchased tomatoes, a guest, and a fresh summer vegetable dish to share.

The event takes place at Begy's home, 3916 Bald Eagle Lake Rd. in Holly.

For information and directions, call Begy at (248)328-9038 or Garden Club President Mary Bartolini at 620-9281.

Changes in works for Clarkston schools this year

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There will be plenty of changes evident when the Clarkston Community Schools open their doors Aug. 28.

Some of the changes involve renovated buildings, while others involve additional programming.

Nonetheless, the 10 schools in the district will all have something new to offer when school gets underway.

A tour of each of the schools found these changes in the works for the 2000-01 school year:

Clarkston High School:

Principal John Dilleghio said that several new programs will be in place for the upcoming school year.

Among the new concepts is the institution of a daily planner. For the first time, students at Clarkston High School will be issued a planner for the school year. Dilleghio said that there will be a program developed in which the students will learn how to utilize the planner, which will contain the CHS student code of conduct.

Also new this year is the advent of the seven-period day. Dilleghio said that this concept was formed to give students an opportunity to take classes, either before or after the regular school day, that they otherwise may not be able to take.

The school's TV studio will also receive an upgrade in quality this year. "We now have all of our equipment that we ordered for the studio," Dilleghio said. "We will have an opportunity to re-vamp our morning announcements to make them even more professional."

CHS students will also have improved means of long-distance learning. Dilleghio said that a distance learning lab will be implemented. Similar to teleconferencing, the lab will enable the students to communicate with institutions of higher learning and learn various subjects in that fashion.

In addition, two more satellite dishes have been connected to the high school, which will enable students and staff to "tune in to just about anything in the world," Dilleghio said.

A program that will begin on a limited basis this year is the senior internship program, in which CHS seniors will be able to "job shadow" in order to get a flavor of what the world of work is all about.

"We want to see how it runs," Dilleghio said.

Clarkston Middle School:

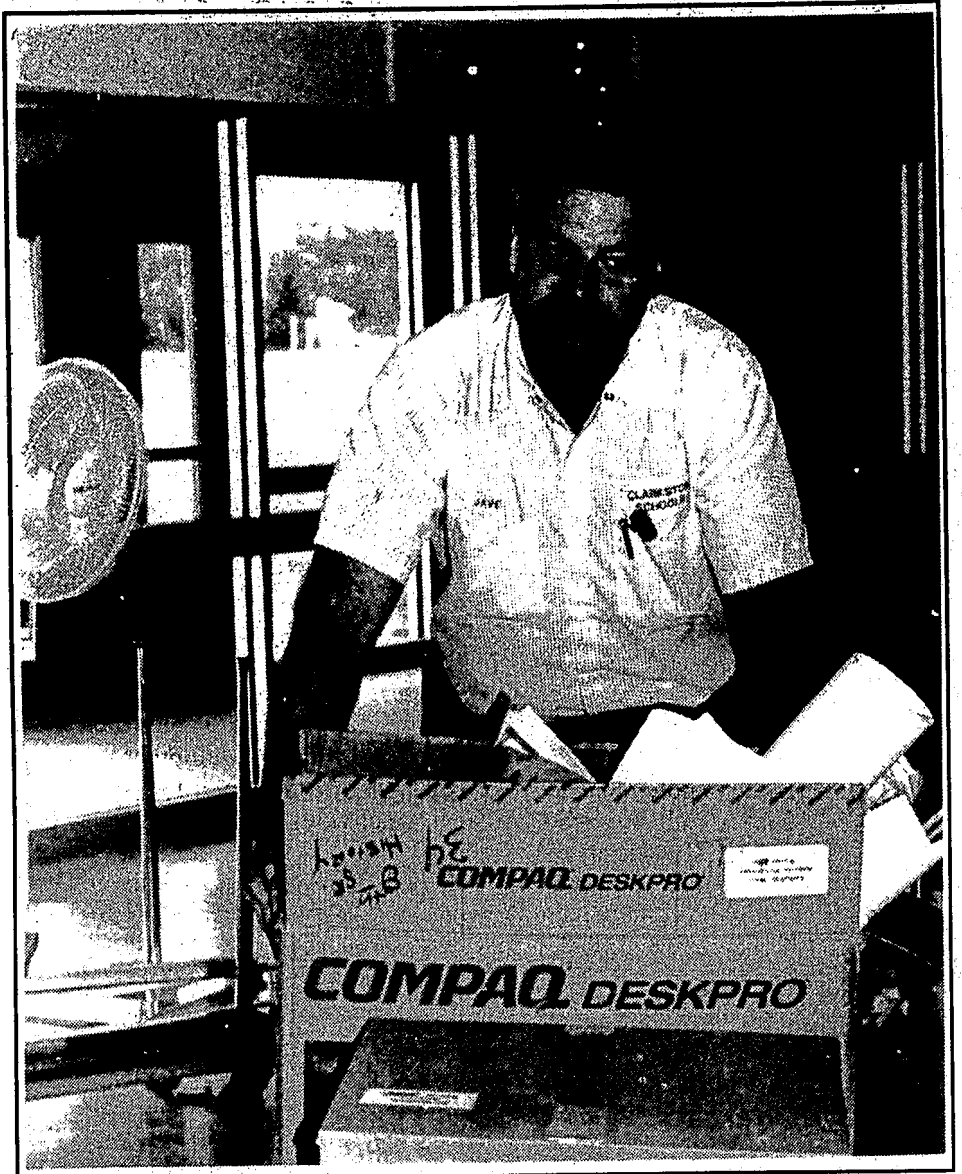
Students and parents alike may notice many similarities between Clarkston Middle School and Sashabaw Middle School in terms of programming.

Linda Armstrong, principal at Clarkston Middle School, said that is by design.

"One of our major goals is to make our schools as similar as possible, to achieve equity between the two buildings," she said.

Armstrong noted that the teachers in the core subjects (math, science, social studies, and language arts) will be teaming up this year, while teachers in the elective subjects (music, drama, and physical education) will be working to

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Sashabaw Middle School head custodian Dave Campbell unloads boxes, preparing for the move back to the Maybee Road location.

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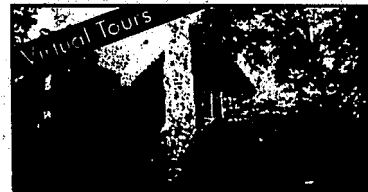
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In-home day care offers family atmosphere

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Clarkston-area day care facility has been offering all the traditional aspects of preschool, combined with the comforts of home.

Janet Shaw, owner of Janet's Place on Fawn Valley Drive in Independence Township, has been practicing day care for about 16 years. During that time, she has held to the idea of "smaller is better," as she is licensed to watch up to 12 children at any given time.

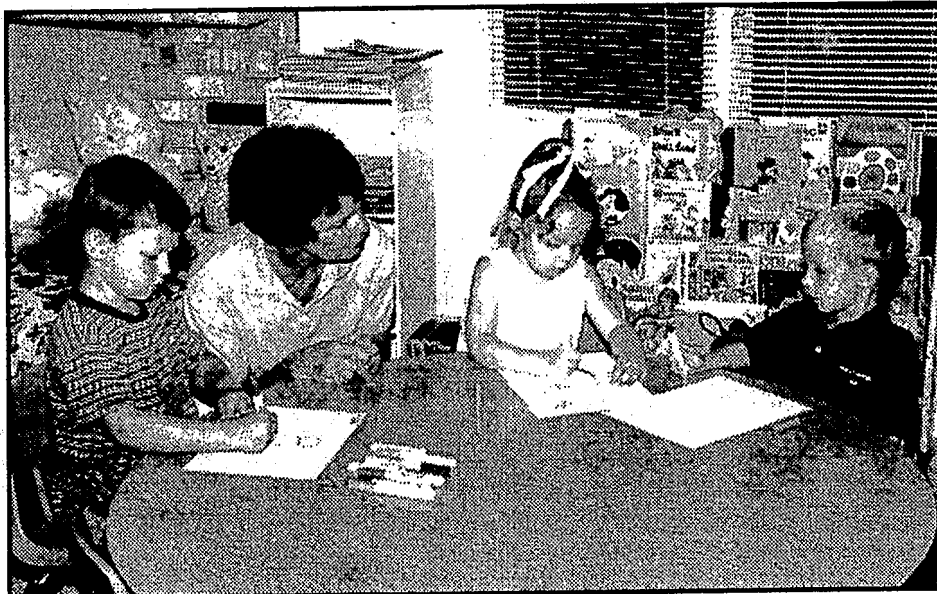
"It's good to be in a small area," she said. "I think when you have the smaller numbers, you get to know them better and get closer to their families."

Shaw added that the smaller group allows her to identify areas in each child that need improvement.

"You can spot areas that they need to work on," she said. "You get to really know them. We get to really know these families. You form a closer relationship with them."

Shaw also noted that she receives a great deal of help from her assistant teachers, whom she said are experienced and knowledgeable about the developmental stages of preschool children. All of the teachers have CPR and first-aid training annually.

"I have excellent helpers," she said. "It would be very hard to do this by yourself."



Janet Shaw, owner of Janet's Place in Clarkston, guides grandchildren (l-r) Adam Vinstra, 5; Sydney Thon, 3-1/2; and Brett Vinstra, 4, through an activity.

Shaw, who holds a degree in early childhood development, said that although the center focuses on preschool activities, many of these activities are not of the "take home" variety.

"We do many activities that you do not see — that don't go home in the form of a 'project,'" she said. "We work on listening skills, manners, rhythm. We have story time, musical games, exercises, dress-up play, block play, play dough, puzzles, and many ways for the

children to learn cooperation."

She added that there is no set format as to how each day progresses.

"We don't have a set project that we have to do every day...They do well in the morning. If you keep them in a nice routine, they don't get out of sorts," she said.

According to Shaw, the main objective of the preschool is to maintain a safe atmosphere while getting the youngsters ready for kindergarten.

"Our goal is to keep the kids safe and happy while providing the tools and atmosphere to help them grow in the areas of physical development, social interaction, speech, and other cognitive skills in preparation for kindergarten," she said.

She added that she strives to have each child attain confidence in themselves by being able to express themselves as an individual, and being able to interact appropriately with other children and adults.

Shaw noted that a number of teachers in the Clarkston school district have enrolled their children at the center, and have been pleased with the results.

"The feedback from teachers tells me that they believe in what I'm doing," she said.

The center is located near M-15 and I-75. The hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and includes the morning preschool session, nutritional snacks, lunch and breakfast.

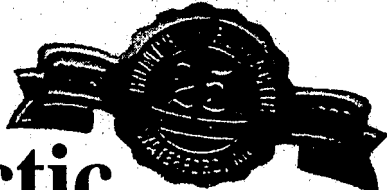
The majority of the children enrolled in the center are from the Clarkston/Waterford area. Children must be enrolled for a minimum of two full days per week.

The center is open from the week before Labor Day through June 30. For more information on Janet's Place, or to set up a time for a visit, call (248) 625-5624.

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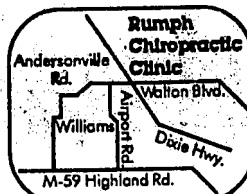
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Guest Editorial

Your support is needed in September 12 Clarkston Creek Golf Course vote

A Special Advisory Ballot Question election will be conducted by Independence Township at its regular polling places on Tuesday, September 12.

This is a ballot proposal regarding the use of the Clarkston Creek Golf Course property, the township's Sashabaw Road property and the adjacent Marshall property.

By Dale Stuart
Independence
Township
Supervisor



The Township Board unanimously decided that it wanted tangible input from the community before deciding to go forward with this proposal. **Your opinion is very important to us.** Please make sure that you know all of the facts before you vote. Don't assume that it will pass if you are for it or that it will fail if you are against it.

Voter turn out for special elections is often very low and I am concerned by that fact. We need your vote/opinion so that we can move forward as the majority of the community desires. **IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU VOTE.**

Over the next three weeks I am going to send additional information to the newspapers regarding this issue for the purpose of informing, not convincing you.

The "deal" in a nutshell is this: To insure that the property known as Clarkston Creek Golf Course will never be developed into housing, but will remain open space, the Township will pay to the developer \$1 million, transfer a portion of the Township's 14-acre property on Sashabaw Road, allow 20 acres of the golf course property and a portion of the Township property to have up to 165 superior quality attached condominiums constructed, allow the construction of a sit-down quality restaurant and the development of a unique retail center.

Because the Township has been prudent in its budgeting and spending of your tax dollars, the Township has accumulated undesignated funds that are available to fund this proposal. **NO NEW TAXES ARE NEEDED NOW OR EVER TO MAKE**

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Letters To The Editor

Field-Smith thanks Springfield voters

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of Springfield Township for supporting me during my recent campaign for re-election as Trustee.

As your independent voice on the Board I will continue to fight for you regarding quality of life, property owners' rights and keeping taxes low.

A special thanks goes out to all of you who worked so hard to insure my re-election. I couldn't have done it without you.

Sincerely,
Elaine Field-Smith
Springfield Township Trustee

Proposed Holiday Inn location clarified

The location of the proposed Holiday Inn site was misreported in a recent article in the Clarkston News. It is not on the north side of either corner of the I-75/M 15 interchange.

It is literally squeezed in on 2.3 acres between the gas station and Dr. Baylis' office. The two story building on high ground will run east/west directly behind residents on Amy Dr. and Green Haven. The parking lot continues at a right angle putting it behind the gas station on one side and Little Walters Ct./Green Haven residents on the other.

Tell me where you have ever stayed at a Holiday Inn in such close proximity to area residents. We accept the fact that the property will be developed and can co-exist with a quieter office structure operating during usual office hours. What we are opposed to (among other issues) is the kind of transient middle of the night and weekend clientele this facility will draw.

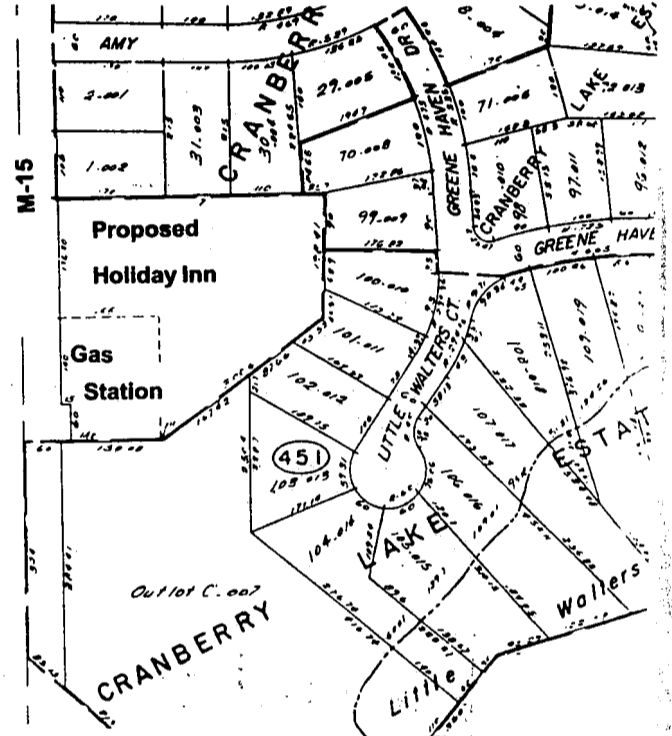
When the Great Lakes Crossing (eight minutes away) hotel complex is completed what will be the need for a Holiday Inn here? Zero.

I urge the township's board to visit the site and walk the property. When the time comes we will need the support of all township residents to oppose this project and support the Master Plan.

Remember . . . this whole issue is about a group of

doctors (who make up Eagle Investment) making a buck at Clarkston's expense from people who don't live here.

Maria Timmerman
Clarkston



Gardens are a work of art

When I joined the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club a year or so ago, my daughter asked me, "Are you going to show them your gardens?"

Her question was meant as a warning.

Perhaps she thought I would be bounced out on my head if the members saw the mess my gardens had become.

Not to worry, I already anticipated that. I would just make sure that no one gets near our property until I was caught up from four years ago. That's when I started working full time and began to ignore everything that didn't have a pulse.

I'm not caught up yet.

But this year has been better. My husband and I have had more time to devote to gardening, which we both enjoy. And he was able to take more time off from work this summer. Bless him, he spent part of his free time weeding! Mother Nature has also been a big help with all of the rain, eliminating another of my jobs -- watering.

Many of the monthly Garden Club meetings take place at members' homes and viewing others' gardens is very inspirational to me -- one of the reasons I joined. I figured I would be motivated to work harder, and I am.

My interview with Springfield Garden Club Secretary Margo Begy (see page 3A) was a real thrill. Her work would be an inspiration to any gardener.

She calls gardens a work of art, and I agree. Many

people respond to gardens as they do art. And she has turned her three acres of property into a lovely canvas.

When I told Clarkston News office manager Pat Battishill that Margo had planted hollyhocks and sunflowers because they reminded her of her grandmother's garden, Pat said she had done the same thing.

So did I. The first flowers I planted in my new garden 12 years ago were African daisies and a white peony with a crimson center, because my mother had grown them in her garden when I was growing up. They still bring back fond memories.

This has been a wonderful year for gardeners. Margo said she finally found out what people mean

when they talk about Michigan summers.

I'm thrilled because our cherry tomatoes have been sweet, juicy and plentiful. And three times, while gardening, I've seen rainbows. You can't beat that!

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club and the Springfield Garden Club have openings for new members. If you'd like to be inspired, call 625-1711 for Clarkston's and 620-9281 for Springfield's.

Rolling Along



Maralee Cook

The 'greatest generation' probably

Television news anchor-guy Tom Brokaw recently delved into the written word and penned, "The Greatest Generation." The thick book is about those men and women who sacrificed, suffered and eventually proved victorious against the Nazi-centered Axis power.

While I sometimes disagree with those men and women of the small screen, I cannot part from Brokaw on his book's title.

The other week I interviewed 80-year-old Leslie "Mike" Marsac. Mr. Marsac, like many of his age, served in the American armed forces during World War II. Working at a community-minded and based newspaper operation the last 15 plus years has allowed me the privilege to talk and listen to others of this generation. Most of the time I have to weasel out bits of information about their time served in the form of direct, precise questions . . . to which I receive a 10-word or less answer. They did their jobs, it's over. Period. Those are the likes of Vern Neeson, Hank Paddubny, Ed Bossardet, Chuck Ring, George Mattison, Maurice Stiess and even boss Jim Sherman, Sr. I know there are others, but these come to mind.

Mr. Marsac, on the other hand, turned what I expected to be a 15-20 minute interview into a two-hour trip through war-torn Europe. To say "educational" is an understatement. He is trying to publish his memoirs of "D-Day" and beyond. He's a veteran of the US Army's 395th Signal Corp. He and his comrades went to Omaha Beach before the actual invasion of Normandy to set up communications for the Allied Forces.

And, while the official "Mike's Story" (the title of his memoirs) is interesting, what was really fun to hear were those stories of life that happened in between the lines of war.

The stories of laughter caught between the pages of despair, death and destruction. Mr. Marsac's comes from a long-line of French folks. The original Marsac came to America with the French 300 years ago when they set up shop in Detroit. ("Jean Marsac was my, great, great granddad. His wife was the daughter of Chief Pontiac.")

Mr. Marsac has always said he hasn't found a Marsac yet, whether state-side or abroad that wasn't related to him.

And, sure enough, after the beachhead at Normandy was taken by the Allies, when 395th moved inward through France they came to a place at the end of a street.

"The Marsac Cafe. Someone in our group said, 'Oh no. We're getting drunk tonight.'" Marsac and company talked to the cafe owner and before long he pulled out a photo album.

"He turned the pages and then I saw him, Paul Marsac, my granddad."

Mr. Marsac talked of his dad, a farmer in Oxford, who was known as something in French that translated to "Dog of the Woods," for his trapping prowess.

There was color in those times. History isn't the black and white of text books that are read all over. Listening, asking questions of the old-timers (which I am sure they do not like to be referred to as) adds texture and something almost tangible for me to grasp. In high school, by the time we got around to covering World War II, it was time for summer vacation to start. Which brings me to a thought for the educational institutions here locally. Let's invite some of those men and women from that "greatest" generation to our class rooms and have some frank discussions about life and death and war and history.

I know it's not as fun as sex ed, but it'd sure as Hades provoke more thought — not that we want any thinking going on in our high schools.

Teachers take up the mantle.

Go off your daily planner and land a local hero — call your local American Legion or VFW post. Teach this generation well.

Comments for Rush can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

Don't
Rush Me



Don Rush

Amazing! Repulsive! You won't believe your eyes!

Well, we now have less than a week before school starts once again. All that means is that by the time this is printed, we'll have almost three hundred days left until high school is over for good. At least, it will be over for us seniors, anyway.

Seniors. I guess I'm supposed to quiver with anticipation of finally being a High School Senior. I'm not exactly sure why that is, but I keep hearing things like, "It's our senior year!" from my peers.

I think the idea is that we get more privileges this year, but I think that's mostly just in our heads. Sure, there's Prom and the All-Night Party, but does that make the whole year exceptional?

There are senior pictures, too. I know there are those out there who see these pictures as a senior privilege — or even as fun — but I can't help but feel that for me they are a waste of time and money. Who am I to need a photo shoot? I know what I look like, and so do my parents and my friends. It is, on the other hand, a great convenience for the photographers to have a reliable source of income every year.

I think my different attitude towards seniorship reflects my attitude towards this year in general. Rather than regarding the last year of high school as something to savor, I can't help but look at it as an obstacle course before college.

I visited some colleges this summer, and I've been researching them and starting to fill out applications for the earlier deadlines. Over the summer, I've become absorbed in the process of finding and applying to a college, and I'm really looking forward to going away next year. Thinking about high school feels like a step backwards.

I know it shouldn't — I haven't even gotten to any place to step back from. But I feel ready to move on. I want to write papers! I want to write essays! I want to talk with professors! I want to read literature and philosophy and textbooks and I want to discuss them in class!

I'm a sick, sick person. I can barely believe that these are the things I want to do, but here I am, salivating at the thought. I bet you never thought you'd hear of someone who *wanted* to write papers. Yes, I know; I belong in a sideshow.

College, of course, won't be all whole milk and a bear-shaped jar of honey, either: I'll probably still have to take math classes and — horror of horrors! — a phys. ed. class or two. And there's always the strong possibility of getting stuck with a roommate (though single rooms are more common than I had thought). So the better I do in calculus now, the less I'll have to take later — at least, that's what I pray for every night.

And this year will give me more time to make and save money for the exorbitant upcoming expenses. I'm starting to think I need a second job. Maybe the sideshow would pay off. I can see it now: the Shocking and Grotesque Paper-Writing Boy. The children would come to me, wrinkling their faces in disgust, saying, "Eww! He's even weirder than the Bearded Lady!"

CHS
Life



Kevin Kosbob

Does ordering fries & shake get your vote?

Our country's president and vice president came to Monroe, Michigan to campaign for votes for the Democratic party.

Before leaving town Bill Clinton went to a McDonald's restaurant and ordered fries and a shake. Picture takers clicked and tv channel producers showed it often.

Seeing this move by the master politician, vice president Al Gore, the next morning, went to "Down-on-the-farm" Bob Evans and ordered an omelette.

We know he ordered an omelette because the announcers said so, not because they had pictures of the consumption. The tv film showed hand shaking and baby holding.

In the next month when presidential candidates George Bush, Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader visit our state we should expect to see Bush at a Wendy's, Buchanan at an I HOP, and Nader at a Big Boy.

We should expect this kind of campaigning because it works as far as getting free advertising.

Don't you just love the acts politicians put on to prove they are just 'good 'ol boys (or girls)', just down home people, just like you and I?

It makes me want to upchuck, or search out the Libertarian candidate.

The young son had a question about homework.

He asked, "Dad, where are the Alps?"

"Ask your mother," came the reply. "She puts everything away."

On a recent morning we awoke to no electrical power in our house. After a suitable time, about 9:00, I called neighbors. They had lights.

I called the Oxford fire department, police and sheriff's department. No one else had reported an outage. The Fire department said they had the same phone number we did - 1-800-477-4747.

I called Detroit Edison. If fire departments have no better number than I do there better not be a major emergency.

I fully expected to be able to talk to a human being. I got, "Thank you for calling Detroit Edison. Select from the following four options."

Not hearing a live person, I hung up and dialed again. During the second ringing I concluded Edison does not like to talk to customers. But I listened until I heard an electron ask me to punch in my phone number, after which the electron told me my home address.

Within a couple hours a very pleasant man knocked at our door. He looked at a pole, said a breaker broke, and he'd send help.

About noon a truck pulled in. Another fine man soothed my being. He not only fixed the breaker, but updated our mercury vapor light in the back yard.

This Edison customer wishes a pleasant and fine person would have answered our call in the first place.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

Around Town

The Springfield Garden Club, nationally affiliated with the Woman's Farm and Garden Association, meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Hart Community Center in downtown Davisburg. Everyone is welcome to attend. Participants will learn about gardening, arts and crafts, international friendships and civic projects. Membership is \$20 per person per year. For more information, call Springfield Twp. Parks and Rec., (248)634-0412.

In cooperation with Prescription Fitness of Waterford, Springfield Twp. Parks and Rec has Water Aerobics passes for sale for individuals age 50 years and up. The program helps tone muscles and keep you physically fit. Classes are offered Mon-

day through Friday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. A one-time set-up fee is \$5; passes are \$30 for 10 visits or \$50 for 20 visits. A swimming medical record/physician consent form must be completed and signed by a physician and on file with Parks and Rec office before participation. This form is available through the Parks and Rec office. For more information, call Parks and Rec. at (248)634-0412.

Blades and Botany is Sat., Aug. 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Bring in-line skates for a 2.2 mile trip on Hawk's View Trail (paved) to look at plants along the way. Guests must provide their own skates and safety equipment.

Early registration suggested since some programs fill in advance. Registration by phone if advance payment is not required. The Wint Nature Center is located at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75. Call 625-6473 for more information.

Business Network International, Waterford/Clarkston Chapter, will meet Tue., Aug. 29 from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at National Koney Island on Dixie Hwy. For information call BNI regional office at (810)323-3800.

The Annual SCAMP Golf Classic is planned for Sept. 8 at Springfield Oaks Golf Course on Andersonville Rd. The four-person scramble costs \$125 per person, and includes hot breakfast buffet, lunch and an awards reception with beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Tee-off is at 9:30 a.m. Sponsorships and prize donors are needed. For more details call 620-1882.

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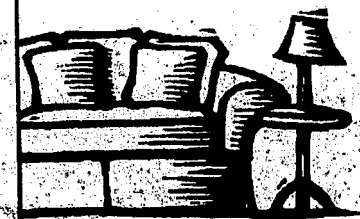
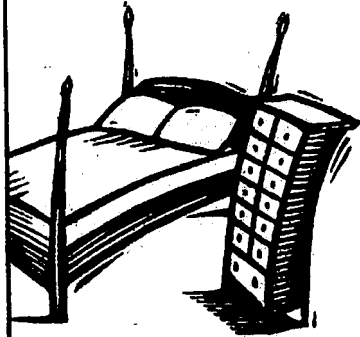
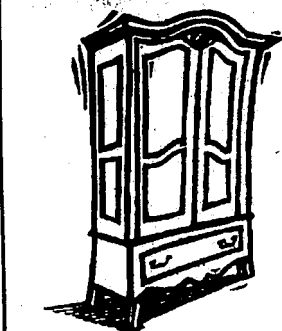
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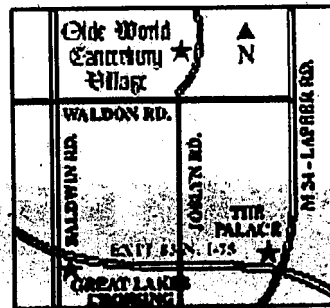
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Guest Editorial

by Dale Stuart

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THIS DEAL WORK.

The Township will retain a portion of its Sashabaw property, obtain a transfer of a portion of the Marshall property and obtain easements over the golf course to construct and maintain storm water courses and wetland mitigation areas. This will facilitate our Sashabaw Rd. storm water management program to protect wetlands and enhance water quality in the area. The Township can sell wetland mitigation rights to third parties, which could result in the Township recouping as much money or more than it initially invested.

The developer will invest approximately \$3 million in the golf course and clubhouse facilities within the first five years. If the developer does not make these investments, the developer will repay \$1 million to the Township immediately and lose its right to have the Township buy back the property.

These improvements will include three new holes (the three finishing holes on the back nine). The developer will install a new irrigation system covering the entire 18-hole course.

Extensive renovations will be made to the clubhouse both inside and out. For example, there will be separate full service kitchens for the banquet facility and the lower level golf area.

If in the seventh to 12th year after the developer takes control of the facility, revenues from golf operations decline by 20 percent each year for two consecutive years from a rolling five year average of revenues, the Township could be requested to purchase the clubhouse and golf course at the appraised value of the facility or a minimum of \$2 million plus three percent interest compounded per year from the inception.

If the Township does not purchase the facility, the development rights to the course would return to the developers upon payment to the Township of \$1.5 million plus three percent interest compounded per year from inception.

The goals of the Township in negotiating and putting this proposition forward are to: Maintain the open space of the golf facilities for golf or similar recreational opportunities; maintain and improve the storm water drainage for the Sashabaw Road corridor; maintain and improve ground water quality.

If you have questions or comments, please write, e-mail, fax, call or visit me.

Don't forget to vote on September 12.

Dale A. Stuart, Independence Township Supervisor, 90 N. Main St., P.O. Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347. Phone 625-5111 ext. 201 or 208. Fax 620-2470. E-mail dstuart@twp.independence.mi.us

Independence transfers \$20,000 to Cemetery Fund

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plex."

Fisher said that many years ago, the township established a trust fund to be used for maintenance and upkeep of the township cemetery. Funding for the trust fund was based upon the sale of cemetery lots.

The revenue from each sale of a cemetery lot was divided between the trust fund and the township's general fund. Of that revenue, 60 percent was placed in the trust fund, and 40 percent in the general fund.

Fisher explained that the trust fund has paid for the salaries of employees, as well as the equipment utilized for maintenance and operations of the cemetery, while the general fund has accounted for the administration of the cemetery by the

Department of Public Works director, other employees who have performed services at the cemetery, and maintenance, repairs, and gasoline for cemetery equipment.

He further maintained that "based upon a long and consistent practice, there was no intent to establish this fund as a wholly separate special fund from the Township General Fund."

Fisher contends that the township, "through its General Fund, has a duty to maintain the Township Cemetery. However, considering the absence of special gifts or grants, there is no legal obligation to create or maintain a trust fund or other special fund in connection with the Cemetery."



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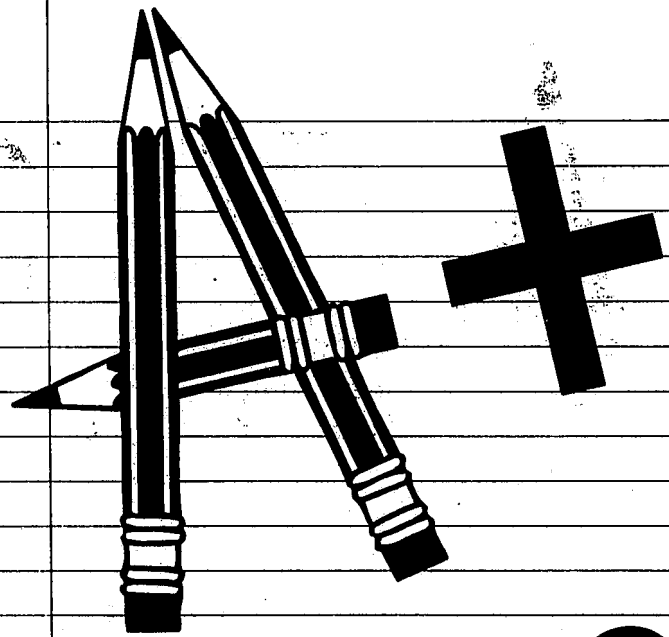
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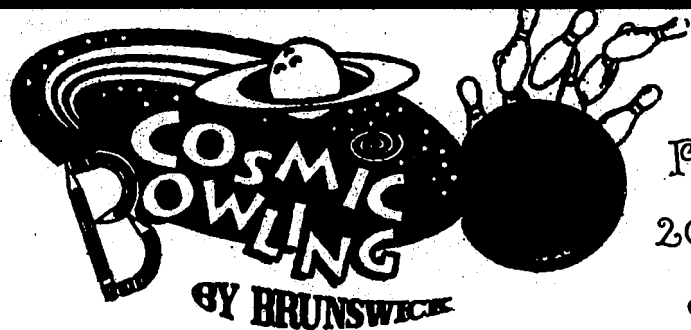
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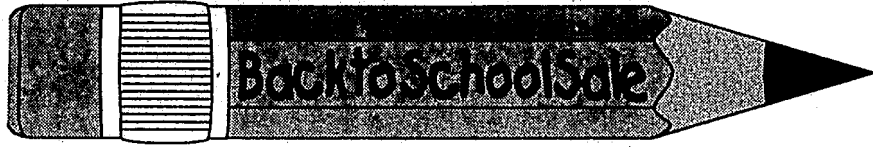
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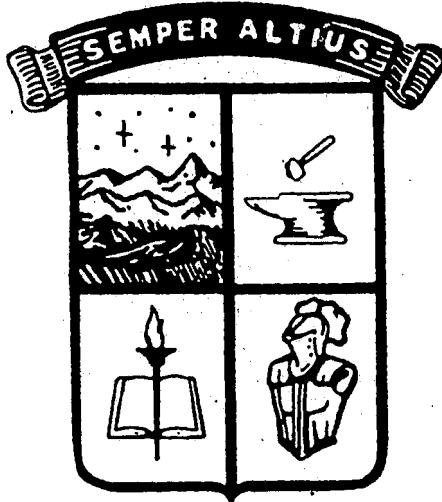
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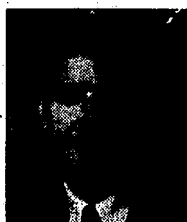
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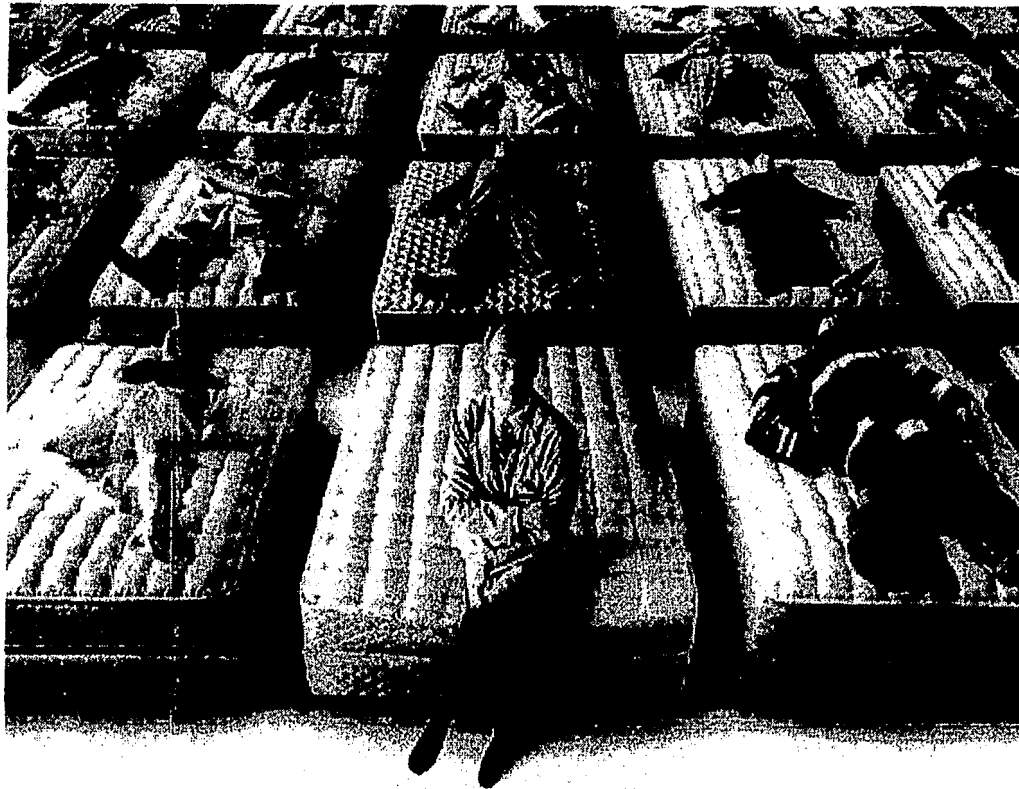
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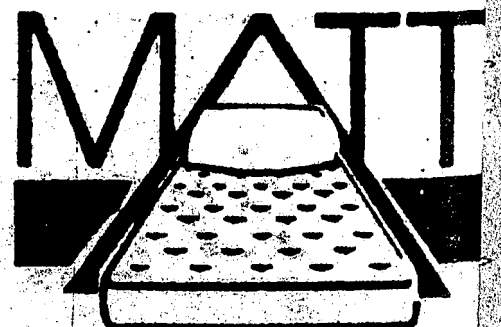


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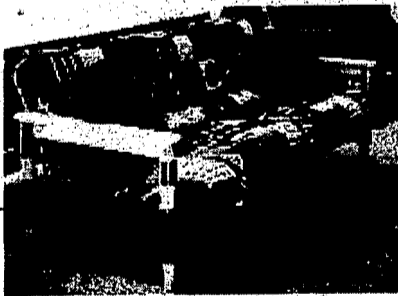
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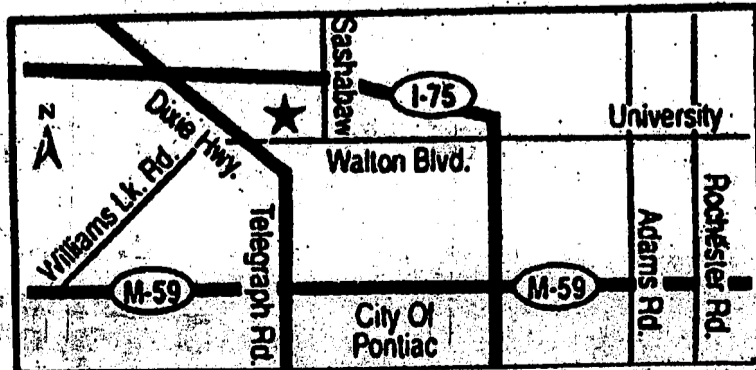
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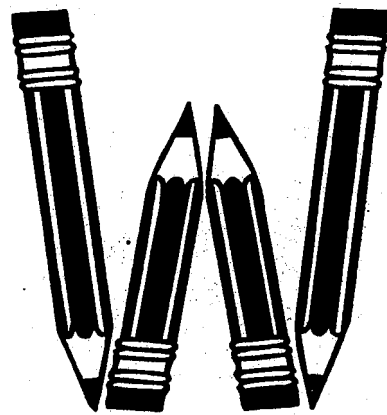
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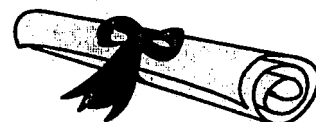
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15 YEARS AGO (1985)

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Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital (POH) has filed a lawsuit against the Clarkston Surgical Center and Gloria Smith, Ph.D., director of the Michigan Department of Public Health. Smith was instrumental in issuing a state mandated certificate of need (C.O.N.) for the surgical center last July to Dr. James O'Neill, developer of the project.

The Oakland County Road Commission plans to begin improvements and related drainage on Clarkston Road, providing they receive the blessings of the state Department of Natural Resources. The modification of two curves will slow traffic but will not require the closing of the road.

25 YEARS AGO (1975)

Developer Warren Newstead has received final site plan approval for offices on the Dixie Highway just south of Independence Commons that will house the 52nd District Court. Newstead is to try and pave a portion of the ingress to the office building, and is also supposed to take out eight parking spaces shown on the front of the building facing Dixie Highway.

The Oakland County Road Commission would like to discuss a community-wide road improvement program for Springfield Township, according to a letter sent to Springfield Township Supervisor Donald Rogers by road commission highway engineer Paul Van Roekel.

Bids will be let for the widening of 4/10ths of one mile of the Dixie Highway from Maybee Road north to M-15. According to Michigan State Highway Department spokesman Ed Boucher, the highway department is going ahead with plans for improving the intersection of M-15 and Dixie Highway.

50 YEARS AGO (1950)

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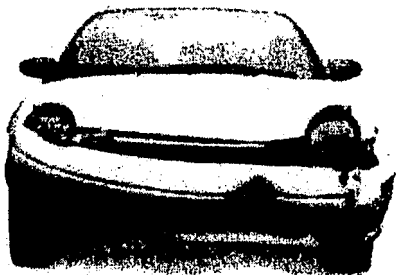
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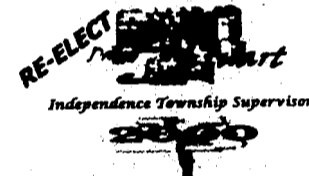
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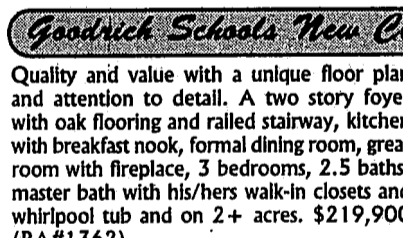
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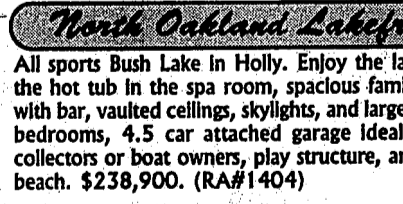
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The 'Hort Report'

By Linda Meadors
Clarkston Farm and Garden Club Horticultural Committee Chairman

With all the rain we've had, nutrients have leached out of plant containers. Toss in some organic granular fertilizers to help plants through the season.

Day lillies and many other perennials can be divided in the fall. This is especially important for reblooming day lilies which require division every two years, as opposed to four or five years for non-rebloomers. Take

a look at the Stella de'Oros at the library and other public plantings. They are in full foliage with little or no blooms.

A good plant to consider: Hemerocallis 'Green Flutter.' This is the yellow daylily for those who dislike yellow daylilies. It has an attractive acid green hue that reminds me of the Alchemilla mollis (Lady's Mantle) flower. It's blooming right now, and takes full sun or part shade. It's just 20 inches high and is a rebloomer. It's available from Mark and Sue Hendershot at Oakland County Farmer's Market. Check out their potted plant mix, it's

wonderful. It's two-thirds pine bark, one-third Canadian peat. This allows maximum root development in the pot and promotes maximum growth once plants are in the ground.

Hendershot's Perennials greenhouse is at 555 Sunset, White Lake.

A good gardening book to read: "The Well Tended Perennial Garden" by Tracy DiSabato-Aust. One of the best gardening books recently published; it's notable for its section on pruning perennials for extended bloom period. It also has a good plant listing and basic, common-sense tips you can

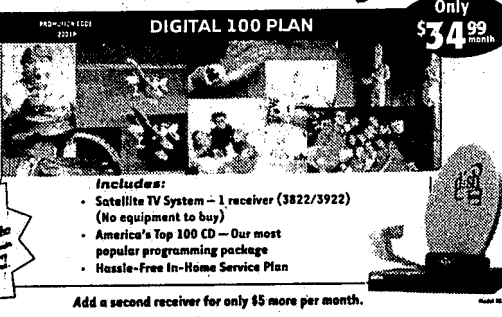
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A good article to read: In "Michigan Gardener", August 2000. Check out the monthly "To Do List" covering chores for all aspects of gardening. This month's article on mulching pros and cons is one of the best. Clip and save it for spring 2001. There is a good piece on Butterfly Bushes, too. "Michigan Gardener" is available free at various garden centers and hardware stores.

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Obituaries

Dorothy V. Hemminger

Dorothy V. Hemminger of Clarkston, died suddenly Aug. 18, 2000. She was 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband William and baby son Ronald.

She was the mother of Florence Bellant, Phyllis Bellant, Nancy (Tom) Cuthrell, Dorothy (Ira) Morris, all of Clarkston, and Mel (Collette) of Waterford.

She was the stepmother of William (Susan) and Barb (Jim) Raby all of Covington.

She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great grandchildren.

She was the sister of Evelyn (John) Buckles, Bob (Anne) Burns all of Indian River, Janie Perhonen of Detroit and Dick (Norma) Burns of Rapid City.

Mrs. Hemminger loved to do crafts.

Funeral service was held Aug. 22 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. (www.Legacy.com)

Anna Marie Dalka

Anna Marie Dalka of Waterford, formerly of Birmingham, died Aug. 15, 2000. He was 78.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald.

She was the mother of Sharon (Thomas) Bombach of Fenton, Sandra (Thomas) Prysby of Beverly Hills, Kathleen Barton of Troy and Marilyn (Paul) Ormiston of Clarkston.

She was the special friend of Rod Taylor.

She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was the sister of Virginia DeVliger.

Funeral mass was held Aug. 25 at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston with Fr. Thaddeus J. Blaszczyk officiating.

Prayer service was held Aug. 24 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice or St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Elizabeth A. Dery

Elizabeth A. Dery of Waterford, Clarkston and Royal Oak died Aug. 16, 2000.

She was born on Aug. 28, 1907 in Zevenbergen, Netherlands.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Joseph, son Patrick and granddaughter Hope.

She was also preceded in death by her sister Neil Cornelissen, four children Edmund (Barbara) of Macomb, Joseph (Sharon) of Portage, William (Rose) of Suches, Ga., Donna (Joseph) Cayuela of Hartland, seventeen grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth was a member of St. Daniel Catholic Church, in Clarkston. She resided at Clausen Manor where she leaves many friends and loving caregivers.

At the time of her death, she was being cared for at Lourdes Nursing Home in Waterford.

Funeral mass was held Aug. 19 at St. Daniel Church.

Rite of Committal was at All Saints Cemetery in Waterford.

Family requests donations to Lourdes, Inc. for Clausen Manor Continuing Care Fund.

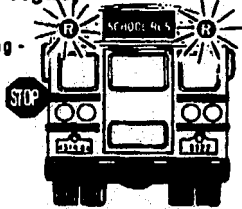
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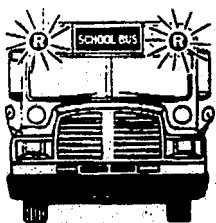
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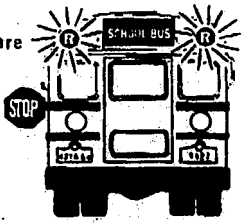
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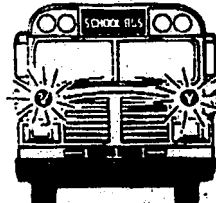
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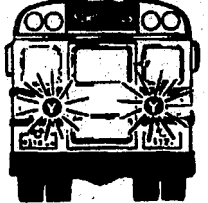
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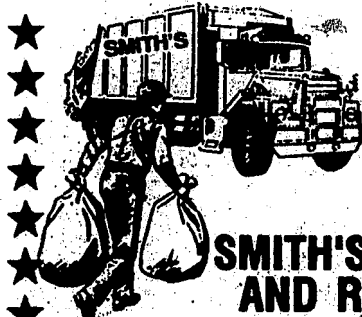
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Gardening helps her put down 'roots'

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to dry in the sun. A current crop of minaret broccoli, a cross between cauliflower and broccoli is also plentiful.

When a crop is done for the season, Begy plants a cover crop of rye in its place and fertilizes it with chicken manure to condition the soil. "You can actually almost ignore the plant and work in the soil and everything will fall into place," she said.

Next to the vegetable garden is Begy's "Day Lilly Proving Ground." Where she cross breeds day lillies and creates new varieties in different colors. "Day lillies are the perfect plant. You don't have to do anything to them, and they're drought resistant," Begy said.

Begy also has started a mini orchard with four fruit trees: apple, pear, peach and pie cherry.

She has not forgotten colorful annuals. They appear everywhere to help fill in a variety of spaces.

She said she has made a hobby of trying to find the best plants at the least expensive prices, and also grows a lot from seed. "Sometimes I can find a (perennial in a) 2 1/2-inch or 4-inch pot for \$2 and I think I've been ripped off, but I plant it and it does well," she said.

Begy said she considers gardens a "work of art and a living thing. I'm the facilitator. You have to respect plants and their seasons. You have to do what needs to be done when it needs to be done."

Begy's barn is also home to her chickens. She swears by chicken manure as a fertilizer. She has two compost bins which she adds the manure to. "It's black, it's rich, it smells sweet — thank you, chickens!" Begy said. The compost piles are guarded by a shining suit of armor, called "Sir Rots-A Lot".

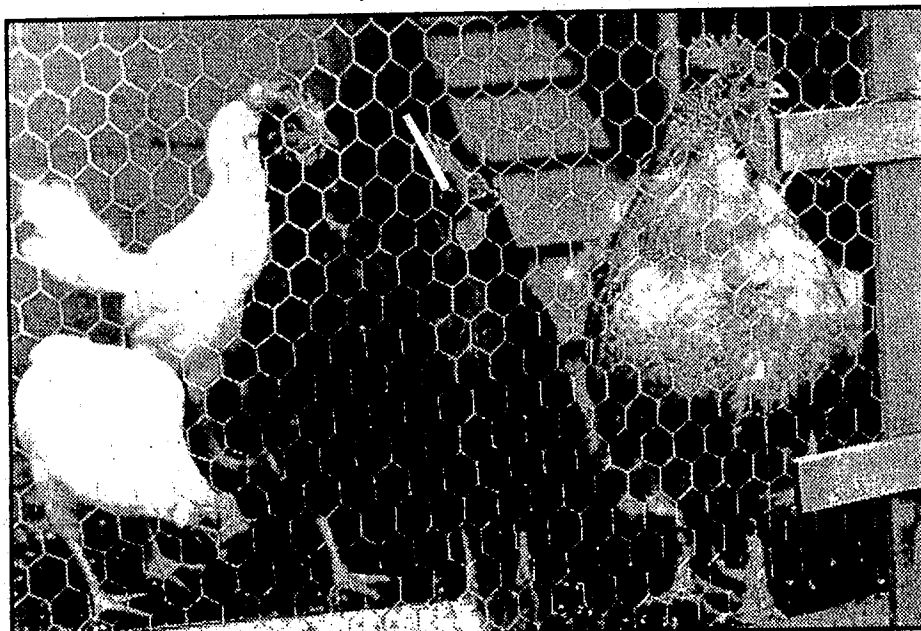
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Begy's gardens are decorated with antique farm implements, such as this tool used to water cattle. She has turned an old horse trough into a water lilly pond complete with goldfish. Begy has fond memories of her grandparents' farm in South Dakota, which her uncle still runs, she said.



Begy gathers tomatoes from her vegetable garden. She grows about 12 varieties of tomatoes, many of which are heirloom varieties. The tomatoes submitted in Tomato Fest 2000 will be judged on sweetness, acidity, meatiness and overall "tomatoey" taste, she said. The event is Aug. 29.



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About 50 residents hear Clarkston Creek proposal

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the project.

Locricchio said he understands the significance that Clarkston Creek has in the area.

"We know its place in the community," he said. "We want it to be an affordable recreation venue. We want to have a banquet facility that everyone can be proud of."

He said that improvements to the clubhouse and banquet facilities will include the following: a full service kitchen downstairs to service a completely renovated downstairs restaurant; expansion and renovation of the pro shop; new HVAC systems for the upper and lower level; and reconfiguration and complete refurbishment of the lower level rest rooms and locker rooms.

After Locricchio finished, Wallace, who along with Supervisor Dale Stuart negotiated the proposal on behalf of the township, addressed the audience.

He said at first he was opposed to the proposal, but after gaining a clearer understanding of its details, he became a proponent of the deal.

He said that the key objective is to make sure the golf course remains intact.

"We want to make sure that this golf course is viable," he said. "The township was very concerned that the upgrades make the course safer, more aesthetically pleasing, more playable."

He emphasized that the township will be purchas-

ing the development rights to the property, as well as securing a place for the water to go naturally.

The township will not be actively involved in the day-to-day operations of the course.

"We are not in the golf course business," Wallace said. "We are not going to own the course."

He said the township is in good enough financial shape, with a current general fund balance of approximately \$2.1 million. It can afford the cost of the transaction (estimated at about \$1 million), should it be approved by the voters.

"We will still be on solid financial ground, even after we make the payment," he said.

"The conservation easement will be co-owned by the local land conservancy," Wallace said. "We want this perpetually to be the open space. The golf course and the clubhouse cannot be sold separately."

One resident asked Wallace what backup plan the township would have if the measure was turned down by the voters.

His response? "I don't know," Wallace said.

Nonetheless, he expects that if the voters are given solid information, the measure will pass.

"I believe that if people are accurately informed, they will vote in favor (of the referendum)," Wallace said.

Bob Inskeep, president of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, said that it is impera-

tive that the voters be informed.

"I'm concerned that we get out the vote," he said. "Our conservancy feels that this is a very viable plan...Ask the questions, find out about it, share it with our neighbors. This is going to be an important proposal."

Wallace said the township board could have voted on the measure on its own, but believes that the issue merits community involvement; hence, the decision to put the issue in the hands of the voters.

"I think it's a fundamental, defining step for the community," he said. "I think it's important for all the community to participate. It has so many facets for our community. We are trying to get the information out."

Resident Marjorie Kerr said she has two primary concerns about the proposal.

"I'm concerned about the traffic and the taxes," she said. "Every time they build something, the taxes go up. With all the building going on around here, you would think the taxes would go down. The roads won't be able to hold this — there will be massive traffic."

Residents who missed Thursday's meeting will have another opportunity to speak their mind in approximately two weeks, just before the vote. The second of the two community forums will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the Independence Township Library.

Police and fire

Independence Township

Sunday, Aug. 20, an arrest was made involving a first offense of operating under the influence. The incident took place at Sashabaw and Pelton. The suspect, a 29-year old Clarkston male, was stopped for driving without headlights while attempting to elude the police officer. The suspect was found to be intoxicated and taken to Oakland County Jail.

A personal injury accident was reported at Dixie Highway, south of Maybee.

Saturday, Aug. 19,

A personal injury accident was reported at Dixie Highway, south of M-15.

Friday, Aug. 18, a malicious destruction of property was reported at Glenwood Court and Maybee Road. The victim reported that a window was broken out by a wooden fire lane sign that had been removed from the sign pole in the area. The victim reported that he and his wife were in the living room, and heard a large crash against the living room window.

A vehicle fire was reported at M-15 at Deer Ridge.

A personal injury accident was reported at northbound I-75 at Clarkston Road.

Thursday, Aug. 17, a malicious destruction of property was reported at Oakhill and Perry Lake. The victim said the vehicle was intact at 4:40 p.m. that day, and 20 minutes later she found her window smashed and her mirror missing. She did not hear anything or see anyone in the area.

A building fire was reported at Willow Park.

Wednesday, Aug. 16, a malicious destruction of property to a vehicle was reported at Pine Knob and Sashabaw. The victim reported that someone bent a gas fill door, and broke off the passenger's side door on the victim's car.

A burglary was reported at Sashabaw. An officer responded to a breaking and entering alarm at the residence and found the side door open. No signs of forced entry were reported, and no one was found

inside of the residence except for two dogs. The home appeared to be undisturbed.

A building fire was reported at Pine Knob.

A personal injury accident was reported at Maybee and Timber Ridge.

A personal injury accident was reported at Dixie and White Lake Road.

A personal injury accident was reported at M-15 at Deer Ridge.

Tuesday, Aug. 15, a larceny from a vehicle was reported at Shappie and Hadley. The victim said someone entered the vehicle through an unlocked door and took a purse and cell phone. The vehicle was parked in the driveway at the time of the incident. The victim reported that a prank phone call was made to her home that day; she believes it was the same person that entered her truck. No suspects have been reported in the incident.

A personal injury accident was reported at Reese at Rattalee Lake.

A personal injury accident was reported at Sashabaw at Pine Knob.

A building fire was reported at Ranch Estates.

An automatic alarm was reported at Ortonville Road.

Monday, Aug. 14, a malicious destruction of property was reported at North Sashabaw Elementary. The victim reported that bird feeders and bird baths were broken around the school, and eggs were thrown at the school. A TV antenna and an exhaust fan on the roof were damaged, and rocks were thrown from roofing material.

A personal injury accident was reported at I-75 at Clintonville.

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Larcenies reported in area

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A trio of residents along Hadley Road reported larcenies from their vehicles Aug. 15.

According to reports from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the responding officer was dispatched to a house on the street, and pulled up to a private driveway, which was connected to two homes.

The officer went to the neighbor's house to verify the next door address as that of the victim, and was informed by the homeowner that he was victimized as well.

The homeowner said that two cars in his driveway had been tampered with, both of which were unlocked. They both had interior items scattered throughout the cars; no damage was done to the vehicles.

The second victim reported that his cars were parked in the driveway and unlocked, and reported that a cell phone and a charging cord were removed from one of the vehicles, and a book had been stolen from the second vehicle.



The third victim said he arrived home, left his vehicle unlocked, and went to bed. The next morning, he was leaving for work, and noticed his briefcase and cell phone missing. He had his company laptop computer inside the briefcase.

Later that day, the victim received a call from his neighbor, who had found the briefcase dumped on Hadley Road. The victim will make arrangements with the neighbor for the return of the briefcase.

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Basinger-Dyke

Robert and Rebecca Basinger, of Rochester Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah A. Basinger to Jason R. Dyke, son of Nancy Peterson and Robert Dyke, of Southfield and Union Lake. The elected bride is a 1993 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. She attends University of Detroit Law School. She is employed as a legal assistant at General Motors. The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Detroit Country Day High School and is a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University. He attends MSU's graduate school of advertising. He is employed as a program manager for Campbell Ewald. An August wedding is planned.



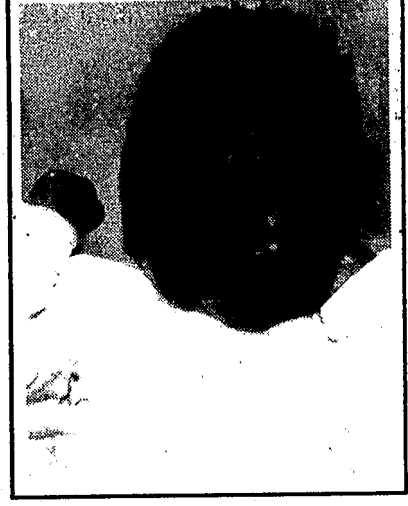
**Welcome,
Chloe**

Thomas and Nicole (Adkins) Estes of Walled Lake announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Elise Estes May 20, 2000 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington. Chloe weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and measured 22 inches. Waiting at home were big sisters Haley, 4, and Casey, 2. Proud grandparents are Ron and Mary Lake of Clarkston, Dallas and Joy Adkins of Harrison, Shirley Estes and Art Wakeford of Westland and Bob and Darlene Estes of Ypsilanti. Proud great-grandparents are Sally Hall of Battle Creek, Mildred Atkins of Alpena and Mary Detmer of Marquette.



**Welcome,
Gavin**

Christopher and Danette (Stuart) Meny announce the arrival of their first child, Gavin Christopher Meny. Gavin was born at 12:46 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2000 at Genesys Health Park. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 1/2 oz. and measured 20 inches. Proud grandparents are Dale and Deborah Stuart of Clarkston and Edward and Susan Meny of St. Joseph, Mi. Excited aunts and uncles are Dawn and Randy Wyatt of Auburn Hills, Deanna and Kirk Traver of Clarkston and Patrick and Kelly Meny of St. Joseph.



**Welcome,
Chad**

Steven and Amy (West) Morris of Clarkston announce the birth of their son, Chad Robert Morris. He was born May 1, 2000 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and measured 20 1/4 inches. Waiting at home were big sisters Phoebe, 4, and Emma, 2. Proud grandparents are Robert and Patricia Weir and Robert and Sandy Morris, all of Clarkston. Proud great-grandparents are Baker and Rose James of Waterford.

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Clement and Shirley Dobleke, longtime residents of Springfield Township, have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married August 19, 1950 at St. James Church in Ferndale. They celebrated the big occasion at a party at Mitch's II with friends and family Saturday, August 19.



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Many changes this year at Clarkston schools

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gether to plan their activities for each school day.

As with their counterparts at Sashabaw, CMS teachers have formed an advisory program, in which the students will meet with their teachers for 15 minutes each day to help with their transition to adolescence.

"That's new and that's exciting," Armstrong said. "Students and teachers will be able to work together more cooperatively. It's immediate, hands-on, and meaningful."

The number of marking periods at CMS will be increasing this year from four to six. According to Armstrong, the increase will allow students to have a greater chance of success.

"Kids will have more opportunities to turn themselves around," she said.

Sashabaw Middle School:

The school community at Sashabaw will be returning to their "home base" this year after renovations forced them into temporarily relocating.

The students and staff spent the 1999-2000 school year at the old Clarkston Middle School while renovations at Sashabaw were taking place.

The renovated school will feature a new interior, heating/cooling system, offices, and gym.

"It's really looking nice," said Steven Marsden, assistant principal at Sashabaw Middle School.

Andersonville Elementary

School:

Andersonville is one of three elementary schools in the district that underwent repairs and renovations for the 2000-01 school year; the other two are Bailey Lake and Pine Knob.

Independence Elementary School:

Independence will undergo a new beginning of sorts this year, as they will start their first full year at the school since it was renovated.

"We're in a unique situation," said Chris Turner, principal at Independence Elementary. "We're entering our first full year of operation in our new building. We're excited about continuing to build on last year."

The students and staff at Independence began the previous school year at the old Sashabaw Middle School building. Their first day in the new building was Nov. 8, 1999.

"We've got some things settled now," Turner said.

North Sashabaw Elementary School:

North Sashabaw has hired new teachers at the second and fourth grade levels, as well as in the special education department. In addition, a new literacy program will be implemented in the school.

A new concept, to be implemented throughout the school this year, is choice theory. According to Debra Latozas,

principal at North Sashabaw, the idea behind choice theory is to help students make appropriate choices in their lives.

"Everything that people do, you make a choice to do," she said.

To that end, about half of the North Sashabaw staff underwent a week-long training period in order to get a better understanding of choice theory.

Technology will play a key role in the school this year, too. Latozas said computers will be hooked up throughout the school, allowing students to obtain a wider range of information.

"Students can access anything from anywhere in the building," she said.

In addition, the school community will assist in developing extracurricular activities. "We'll be working closely with the community to plan after-school activities for the students," she said.

Last year, North Sashabaw opened its doors on the heels of several renovations. This year, Latozas anticipates a much quieter turn of events.

"We're looking forward to a smooth opening this year," she said.

Pine Knob Elementary School: Along with their counterparts at Andersonville and Bailey Lake, Pine Knob has undergone some physical changes for the 1999-2000 year.

Principal K.C. Leh said the work on the school is just about finished.

"Every single room has been renovated," Leh said.

In addition, the school will feature a new office, a new computer center, and new media labs.

"It will be pretty exciting when it's done," she said. "I'm really looking forward to that."

Inside the classroom, Leh said that a great emphasis has been placed on a "balanced literary approach", and said that the importance of reading and writing is being integrated into all the different subject areas.

"The kids are spending all their day with the writing aspects," she said.

This week, Leh said that teachers, parents, and administrators in the district will be undergoing diversity training.

"That's a big focus," she said.

Springfield Plains Elementary School:

Dr. Sharon Devereaux, principal at Springfield Plains, said the school will hold a Newcomer Social Aug. 30 to welcome new students to school this year.

On Labor Day week, the school will hold its annual Spirit Week festivities. A number of different activities will be held at the school that week in conjunction with a theme that has been selected by the school staff.

A Literacy Garden will be dedicated later this year in honor of Darcy Bursleson, a former kindergarten teacher at Springfield Plains who died approximately 1-1/2 years ago. The garden will be located between the first and second grade wings of the school.

The principals at Bailey Lake and Clarkston Elementary Schools did not return calls by press time. We'll catch up with them next week.

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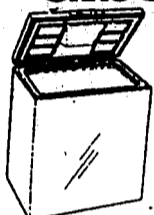
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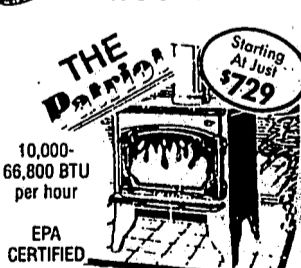
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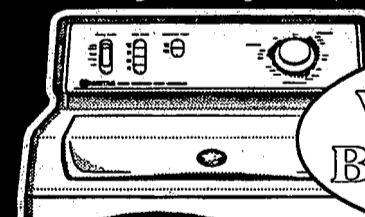
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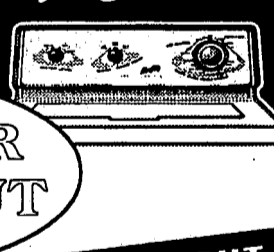
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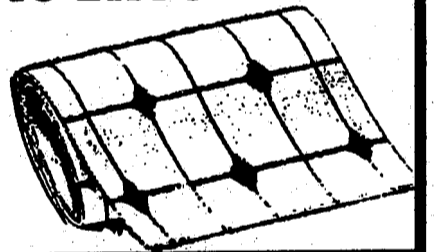
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Cagers bring back eight letter winners

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

First year girls varsity basketball coach April Kosin brings with her enthusiasm, seven years of coaching experience and collegiate playing experience. She's hoping all that, plus the enthusiasm of her 2000 team will equal a great season for Clarkston.

Kosin takes over for former varsity coach Ann Lowney, who has the season off because she is expecting triplets.

Last year the Wolves finished 11-12, and tied for fifth in the Oakland Activities Association Division I. Kettering won the league last year and Kosin said they're the odds on favorite to win the title again. Other schools competing with Clarkston this fall will be West Bloomfield, Oak Park, Troy, Troy Athens and Rochester.

This year's team features eight returning letter winners. The Wolves have four senior captains in Sarah Morgan, Kristen Falck, Nicole Thrift and Tovah Bazely.

In addition to her captains playing key roles this season, Kosin said she's expecting big things offensively from sophomores Jenn Carlson and Kira Karlstrom.

"Jenn is going to help us out with the outside range and the three-point shots. Sarah is an inside player completely. She has some nice moves. Kira's a hustling player who gets a lot of offensive rebounds and gets us a lot of transition points," Kosin said.

While Kosin is looking for big offensive outputs from those players, she said the real strength of her team will be defense. Look for the Wolves to play tough half court man-to-man this fall.

"We're a great defensive team. The way I feel is that if we can match up with half court man we can match up with anybody," Kosin said.

With a new season, and a first-year head coach comes plenty of enthusiasm. And Kosin is hoping that eagerness carries over throughout the season.



The 2000 girls varsity basketball team is under first year head coach April Kosin.

ries over throughout the season.

"We've got a lot of enthusiasm right now. The kids have great chemistry and are very cohesive. All summer long they've had that chemistry. They've really bonded," she said.

While Kosin is happy with the team's defensive efforts, she said their biggest weakness is rebounding.

"Other than the rebounding, I see a lot of good things," she said. "I think we're better than we were last year. I'm happy with what I've seen so far. I'm excited to be here. This league is so competitive, but I want people in Clarkston to know that Art Even (assistant coach), and I are very, very excited."

What the cagers are saying:

'I am looking forward to the year 2000 season. We have a great new coach and are ready to win.'

— Jenn Carlson

'I am excited for the season coming up. It will be my last year and I know we will do good.'

— Sarah Morgan

'I am looking forward to my senior year. We have a lot of enthusiasm and as long as we improve every day we will have success.'

— Kristen Falck

'I'm looking forward to this season because I think we have a lot of new positive energy and I think we're finally ready to show the league what Clarkston is all about'

— Kira Karlstrom



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Girls cross country team aims for states

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's a year of firsts on this year's girls varsity cross country team.

It marks the first year Jamie Labrosse will serve as head coach. It's also the first year he's used a new training program. Add in a talented first year senior in Nina Zamora and Clarkston is hoping this year will be one to remember.

Six varsity runners return for the Wolves. The team is made up of 29 girls, and Labrosse has already seen some promising things early on.

"The girls are running up to 50 miles per week and I think we'll surprise some people this year," he said.

Part of the reason Labrosse feels his team is much improved from a year ago is because of better off-season conditioning. This summer, some of the girls used the Paavo training program, which forced runners to run a high amount of miles and aim for competitive times.

Last year the Wolves went 1-4 in dual meets in the Oakland Activities Association Division I. Other teams in the division include Adams, who finished second in the state last year, Troy, Rochester, Lake Orion and Troy Athens. The Wolves' only win came against Athens.

The team is captained by four seniors: Kelli Morton, Karyn Erkfritz, Megan Pocs and Lisa Gauthier.

Other runners which Labrosse is hoping to see big things from include Carla DelVecchio, Lauren Witt and Erkfritz.

"All three of those girls trained so hard in the summer. They're all in great shape. They had a real good summer training," Labrosse said.

Labrosse is also expecting freshman Leah Polczynski and Zamora to make an immediate impact on the team.

"Leah's only been running with the team for a few weeks, but I think she'll be a good one for us. Nina ran track last year, but this is her first year running cross country. She ran a 2.21 half mile last year," Labrosse said.

Labrosse also noted several key freshmen who he said have looked good so far this fall including Whitney Bomier, Shelly Layton, Sarah Moor, Lauren Witt and Leah Polczynski.

"We have a good core of young runners. I think down the road a lot of those girls will be very good for us," he said.

However, Labrosse said the Wolves strongest runner is DelVecchio, a junior.

"She's going to be our big gun. She's so disciplined and does everything by the book. She never misses a day," Labrosse said.

Labrosse's goals include finishing above .500 and making a strong showing at regionals.

"I think we can surprise some people this year. We want to be taken seriously. We want to make the top three at regionals and make the state meet," Labrosse said.



The 2000 girls cross country team is aiming for a strong showing at regionals.

'I think we can surprise some people this year. We want to be taken seriously. We want to make the top three at regionals and make the state meet.'

Jamie Labrosse — Girls cross country coach

What the runners are saying

'I really expect the team to show more depth than the past. We compete so closely no one can fit between us.' — Lisa Gauthier

'I really hope I can be a helpful addition to the cross country team and I hope for a good season!' — Leah Polczynski

'This year I have high expectations for us to go to states as a team.' — Meghan Pocs

'I can see myself at the state meet doing awesome with my Clarkston girls!' — Nina Zamora

'The Paavo training program is a lot of work, but I am hoping to run 19:40 by the end of the season and I think Paavo will make it possible.' — Carla DelVecchio

2000 Girls Cross Country Schedule

- 8/3 at Cavalier Classic
- 9/12 vs. Rochester
- 9/14 at Chesaning Invitational
- 9/16 at Holly Invitational
- 9/19 at Troy
- 9/26 vs. Troy Athens
- 9/30 at Hanson Invitational
- 10/3 at Rochester Adams
- 10/7 at County Meet
- 10/10 vs. Lake Orion
- 10/19 at League Meet
- 10/28 at Regionals
- 10/31 at White Lake Freshman Meet
- 11/4 at State Finals

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Good luck to the 2000 girls cross country team!

Maralee, Ty and Liz Cook (CHS girls x-country '98)

Boys cross country team will have uphill climb



The 2000 boys cross country team is a young hard working group.

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Every season coaches and players alike have to deal with how to replace graduating seniors. That will be a tall order for Mike Taylor and this year's boys varsity cross country team.

Clarkston lost 13 graduating seniors and now has the challenge of seeing who will step up and lead the Wolves this year.

Last year Clarkston went a perfect 5-0 in Oakland Activities Association Division I dual meets, defeating Rochester, Adams, Troy, Lake Orion and Athens. This year however, Taylor said his team will have a much tougher time within the league.

"Orion will be the team to beat this year. We should be somewhere in the middle. I just can't see us winning all of our early dual meets," Taylor said.

Part of the reason the Wolves may struggle early on is because all of the varsity runners are new. Another key factor for the Wolves are injuries which have limited the preseason workouts of Mark Sitko and Scott McGregor.

"They'll both start the season, but they've had some nagging injuries which have kept them from practicing as much as they could have," Taylor said.

Key runners on this year's 20-man team include Sitko and Derek Coe, Taylor said.

"Derek's shown a lot of improvement and Mark will be very good for us also. After that, it's wide open. It's a year of opportunity for us. It's a wait and see year," Taylor said.

Taylor will get a closer look at his team Aug. 24 when he times his runners for the first time. A week later, on Aug. 31, the season begins at the Cavalier Classic, at Flint Carman-Ainsworth.

Taylor said that meet is a moderately tough meet, but does offer some stiff competition in Davison and Flint Powers. Roughly 15 schools will compete in the meet. Clarkston has won it the last three years.

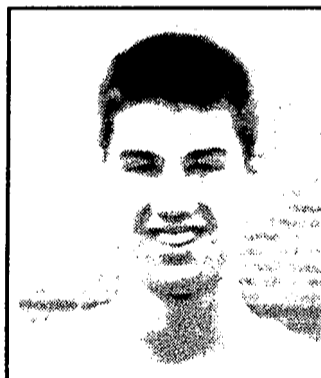
"I don't do a lot of scouting of other schools. I know Davison and Powers will be tough, but in cross I put all my effort into my own team. You basically get the kids as ready as you can and wait for the other team to make a mistake that you can capitalize on," Taylor said.

Taylor knows filling the shoes of his graduating seniors will be a challenge. But he said anything can happen with this year's team.

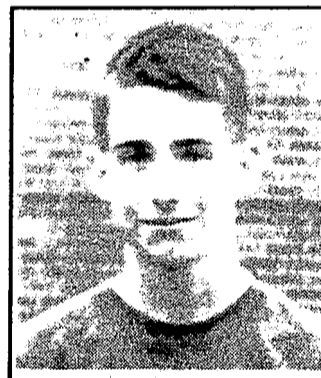
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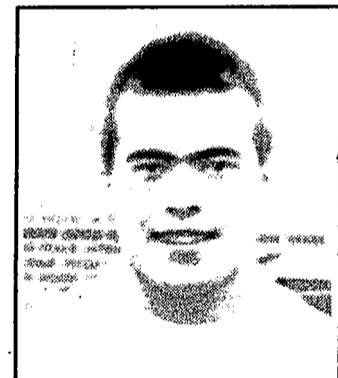
Mike Taylor — Boys cross country coach



Derek Coe



Eric Sweeney



Michael Wood

What the runners are saying

'We have a very young team this year, yet we had the opportunity to train with some great senior runners last year. Coach Taylor has been doing a great job with our workouts so we should come into the season in great shape and the rest will take care of itself.' — Derek Coe

'This year our team will be more challenged than ever before due to the loss of the senior class. But we will overcome this handicap with dedication. We push each other to succeed and when one of us runs faster the rest will follow.' — Eric Sweeney

'I think that we are going to surprise some teams this year. Our goal is to sneak up on those elite teams and then next year we'll be just as good as any other team in our division.' — Michael Wood

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Netters look to challenge for league title

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Lineups haven't been finalized yet for this year's girls varsity tennis team. In fact, only one spot has been finalized, the rest is wide open.

Standout freshman Colleen Mead will play the no. 1 singles spot. Coach Beth Manojlovich said Mead is a very talented player.

"She's hands down the best player on the team. She is a tournament player and has played with a lot of very competitive players. She's very consistent and has a strong mental game," Manojlovich said.

The other spots on the lineup are open although Manojlovich said the two and three singles spot will most likely be taken up by Andrea Gibson and Michelle Dodge.

Clarkston will have to regroup this year as they lost their singles players and one member of both the one and two doubles teams from a year ago.

Last year the Wolves took second place in the Oakland Activities Association Division II, behind Athens, who bumped up to Division I this season. Clarkston finished 5-1 in duals last year. Other teams competing with Clarkston in the league will be Berkley, Kimball, Lake Orion, Kettering, and Andover.

This year's team is made up of 19 girls, 12 of which are returning players.

"I think our team has good depth this season. We're looking to try to win the league. The girls really want that league title," Manojlovich said.

The Wolves begin their season Aug. 23 at the Troy Invitational. The tournament features eight schools, some of which are OAA Division I teams. The Wolves home opener is Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. versus West Bloomfield.

"I'm pretty excited about how the girls worked over the summer. They've really improved their game. They're working hard and doing much more conditioning. I'm really looking forward to the season," Manojlovich said.

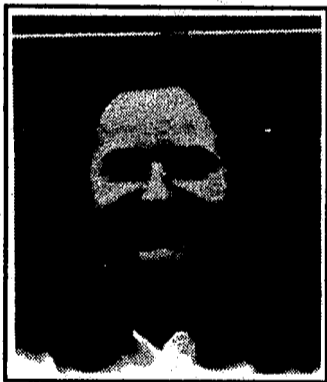


The 2000 girls varsity tennis team hopes to win their league this season.

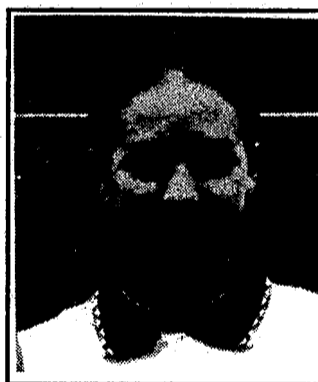
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Beth Manojlovich — Girls varsity tennis coach

What the captains are saying



'Last year we came really close to winning the league so this year I think the team has the determination to make it.' — Laura Woloson



'We've got a few new additions to varsity this year and we're really anxious to see how they contribute to the team.' — Carrie Linenger

2000 Girls varsity tennis Schedule

- 8/23 at Troy Invitational
- 8/24 vs. West Bloomfield
- 8/26 at Holly Invitational
- 8/28 vs. Lapeer East
- 9/5 at Kettering
- 9/6 vs. Fenton
- 9/7 at Kimball
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- 9/12 vs. Berkley
- 9/14 vs. Lake Orion
- 9/18 at Grand Blanc
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- 9/25 at Lapeer West
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Offense fuels boys varsity soccer team



The 2000 boys varsity soccer team is hoping for a winning season this year.

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Scoring goals shouldn't be the problem for this year's boys varsity soccer team. Stopping opponents from scoring however, may be a tall order.

The team is looking to finish above .500 and have a better showing in the playoffs.

Last year the Wolves finished with an overall record of 8-8-4 and lost in the first round of the districts to eventual state champion, Rochester Adams.

In league play, the Wolves finished third in the Oakland Activities Association Division II. Kimball won the league and Clarkston head coach Dan Fitzgerald said the Knights are looking like the favorites again this season.

"A winning record would be a good season for us," Fitzgerald said. "We have a pretty young group."

Eight players are returning this year, and two-thirds of the starting lineup will be new, Fitzgerald said.

The strength of this team, according to Fitzgerald, will be the offense.

"I think we have a lot of talent and some good speed. But we have a lot of unproven players. A big key for us will be to see how last year's JV players step up," he said.

One player Fitzgerald said will be a big contributor is sophomore center midfielder Sean Gardner.

"He'll be our play maker. He can really distribute the ball well. He started last year on the varsity team as a freshman," Fitzgerald said.

Even though Fitzgerald is happy with his offense, his goalie and defensive situations have given him some reason to worry. He has yet to pick a starting goalie. Sophomores Ryan Parrott and Eric Kammayer as well as junior Ryan Cocciolone are trying to win the start in the net.

"All three so far are about the same. Eric was looking a little better, but he hurt his hand. We'll have to play a few games to see who to put in there," Fitzgerald said.

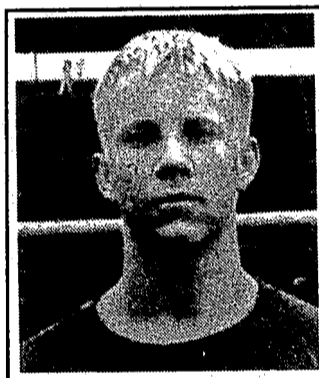
Clarkston begins its season Aug. 28 at Troy at 7 p.m.

"Troy's a tough team, but our kids are in good shape. Most of them played in the off season. I think our offense will be strong, but our defense and goaltending are still a couple of question marks," Fitzgerald said.

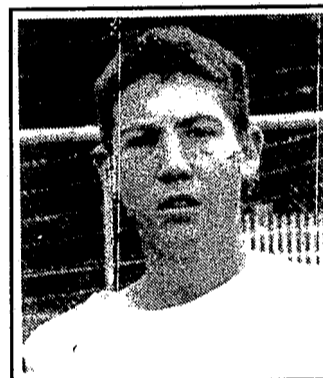
What the kickers are saying



'I hope to finish with a winning record.' — Mark Zerba



'I expect us to play with a lot of intensity and work together as a team.' — Pete Klemm



'For us to come out with a winning record, the seniors need to step up and show some leadership. We have a lot of speed on this team and we are capable of doing well.' — Mike Montero

'Most of them played in the off season. I think our offense will be strong, but our defense and goaltending are still a couple of question marks.'

Dan Fitzgerald — Boys varsity soccer coach

2000 Boys varsity soccer schedule

8/28	at Troy
8/29	vs. Holly
9/7	vs. Kettering
9/11	vs. Mott
9/12	at Rochester
9/14	at Brandon
9/18	at Grand Blanc
9/19	at Seaholm
9/21	vs. Kimball
9/26	vs. Avondale
9/27	at Fenton
9/28	at Kettering
10/3	vs. Brandon
10/4	at Lapeer East
10/5	vs. Seaholm
10/9	vs. Lapeer West
10/10	at Kimball
10/12	at Avondale

Golfers aim high in tough OAA I Division



The 2000 boys varsity golf team will see some tough competition this year in the OAA I.

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston boys varsity golf coach Tim Kaul is worried that if his team doesn't get it together it could be a long fall on the links.

Last year the Wolves finished in fourth place in the Oakland Activities Association Division I. But Kaul said if things don't change, the Wolves may be in the basement of the division.

"The kids look good in practice, but aren't translating it into good tournament golf. They're not used to the pressure of playing in tournaments. We may be in the basement of the division, which is something I don't even want to think about," Kaul said.

The team is made up of three seniors, three juniors and three sophomores, but the lone bright spot for Clarkston has been standout senior captain Matt Harrison, Kaul said.

"Matt's playing well for us right now and putting together some nice rounds of golf. The other kids just aren't doing that," Kaul said.

Harrison shot an 82 at Chemung Hills in Howell Aug. 21. As a team, the Wolves finished in eighth place out of 12 teams. Kaul said the finish was a disappointment.

"I'm kind of discouraged right now. I didn't really know what to expect, but I would've liked to finish in the top five. Last year we finished third there," he said.

Earlier in the summer Harrison put together another couple of nice rounds at the Traverse City Tee Off Classic. There, the senior shot a 78 and 76 over the two day span and was named to the All-Tournament Team. As a team, the Wolves finished 17th out of 24 teams. However, on day two of the tournament,

'Our kids have to work on their game. They have to build character by competing. They have lots of potential.'

Tim Kaul — Boys varsity golf coach

the Wolves put forth a stronger showing, finishing 13 out of 27 teams. Clarkston's four-man team shot a 323 on day two of the tournament.

The Wolves will get back into league action Friday when they visit Bold Mountain in Lake Orion for a league meet. Other teams within the league are defending league champion Adams, Troy, Lahser, Rochester and Seaholm. Troy, Lahser and Adams have already won tournaments this season.

Kaul said the OAA I is loaded with high powered golf talent.

"I'd expect Troy, Lahser and Adams to all finish in the top 10 in the state," Kaul said. "They put in a lot of time over the summer."

Last year the Wolves finished over .500 overall and were 2-3 in the league.

"Our kids have to work on their game. They have to build character by competing. They have lots of potential. I wanted to play every kid in one of the first tournaments to see how they would do. Now, they'll all have to fight for their spots," Kaul said.

What the golfers are saying:

'My goal is to make it to the state finals.'
— Matt Harrison

'I expect both myself, and the team as a whole, to play more consistently. I think we'll have a good season.' — Dan Holody

'We have a few returners and others coming up from JV. If we all can gather ourselves who knows what can happen... '94? or not?'
— Dustin McMillen

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Swimmers look to make a splash in OAA IV



The 2000 girls varsity swim team is entering its second season under coach Kenwyn Chock.

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston girls varsity swim team now has a year of experience under its belt. Coach Kenwyn Chock is hoping that experience helps the Wolves challenge for their league title.

Last year, in their debut season, the Wolves finished third in the Oakland Activities Association Division III. Lake Orion won the league, followed by Southfield. Because of realignment within the OAA, the conference now features four divisions. Now the Wolves are hoping to contend for a division four title this year as Lake Orion and Southfield have moved up into Division III.

Chock said contending for the league title is at the top of her team's priority list.

"They're looking at being on top when it comes to the league this season. That's definitely an attainable goal," Chock said.

Other teams in the OAA Division IV include Avondale, Lamphere, Hazel Park, Pontiac Central and Pontiac Northern.

Last season the Wolves went 5-6 in dual meets, but Chock is confident her team will fare much better in its second season.

"We're going to be better overall. They're competitors this year. The real strength of our team is the sophomore class," she said.

Part of the reason Chock feels her team will do better this season is because there are fewer girls on this year's team. Last season the Wolves had 50 swimmers, but this year Clarkston has 42. The result, Chock said, is a higher quality team.

The four senior captains of Becky Schermerhorn, Andrea O'Dea, Austine Chesney and Jaime Bonneau give the Wolves solid leadership.

"I was glad to see three juniors return from last

'We're going to be better overall. They're competitors this year. The real strength of our team is the sophomore class.'

Kenwyn Chock — Girls varsity swim coach

What the swimmers are saying

'As a second year team, we have many younger athletes, which will help the team a lot in the future.' — **Becky Schermerhorn**

'We have great attitudes coming into the season so we should do well.' — **Andrea O'Dea**

'With most girls being returning swimmers, we expect to come out on top.' — **Austine Chesney**

'Swimming, running and the weight room will all be types of training for this year's season.' — **Jaime Bonneau**

year," she said.

Chock is also excited about the younger swimmers. This year's team features nine freshmen and 18 sophomores. Eleven of those swimmers trained with Chock over the summer and she said that off-season

2000 Girls varsity swimming schedule

8/30	vs. Groves
9/5	vs. Grand Blanc
9/7	at Berkley
9/12	vs. Southfield
9/14	at Hazel Park
9/18	vs. Lapeer Schools
9/21	vs. Pontiac Central
9/26	vs. Dondero
9/28	at Avondale
10/3	vs. Lake Orion
10/7	at Oakland Co. Tourn.
10/12	vs. Lamphere
10/17	at West Bloomfield
10/19	at Andover
10/24	at Pontiac Northern

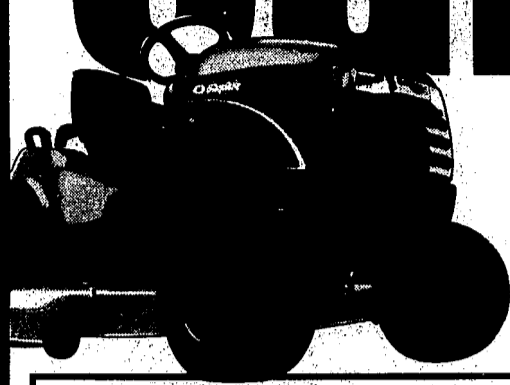
work ethic should pay dividends down the road.

"The girls have really dedicated themselves to the season coming up. The real strength of our team is in the sophomore class," Chock said.

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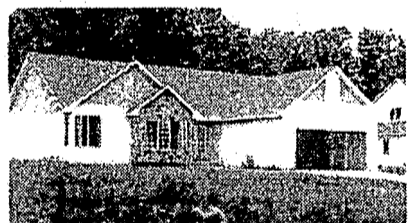
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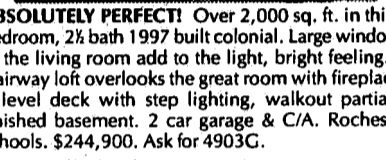
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Predictions on what to expect this fall

You know that saying "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." Well, after meeting with this year's fall coaches, captains and standouts, here's my first impression of what to expect from Clarkston this fall.

Girls Basketball — Coach April Kosin doesn't want to get ahead of herself and brag about her girls too much. But by no means does she want to short change them either. Eight letter winners are back on the court this season, headed by four senior captains. Tough defense is the Wolves strong suit Kosin said.

Boys Soccer — A winning record will give coach Dan Fitzgerald a reason to smile. After upsetting Rochester Adams in the playoffs in 1998, the Wolves were downed by eventual state champs in the first round of the playoffs last year. Look for this year's team to be quick and good offensively, but defense and goaltending remain concerns.

Girls Tennis — A lot is up for grabs on this year's team. All that's certain is that Colleen Mead will play the no. 1 singles spot. The Wolves will have to regroup as they lost all of last year's singles players, as well as a member from both one and two doubles tandems. However, coach Beth Manojlovich is confident

Ed Davis



The Bottom Line

a league title is within reach.

Boys Cross Country — Perhaps nobody will have as much rebuilding this fall as coach Mike Taylor. The class of 2000 was one to remember, but now that they're history, his crew is full of fresh faces. Pre-season injuries have further hindered his team, but he is happy with its work ethic so far. If the Wolves can get off to a good start they should surprise some folks this year.

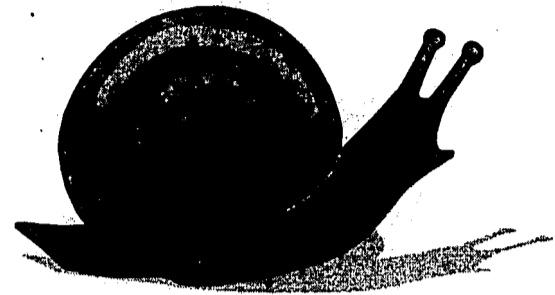
Girls Cross Country — It's a year of firsts for head coach Jamie Labrosse. It's his first year as head coach, and the first year he's instituted the Paavo training program in the off season. Work ethic and conditioning are the strong suits of this year's team, which he says is a much improved group from a year ago.

Swimming — The Wolves may only be in their second year, but they may already be on their way to the first league title. At least that's what coach Kenwyn Chock is hoping. Solid off-season conditioning and a good portion of returning swimmers highlight this year's group, which hopes to contend for a league title.

Boys Golf — Coach Tim Kaul is well aware how tough the OAA I is. Senior Captain Matt Harrison is leading the way thus far. Kaul said it's just a matter of his kids learning to deal with the pressures of playing tournament golf. They have potential though. Time will tell if that translates into lower scores on the course.

A special thank you to all of the fall coaches and athletic secretary Linda Walker, who have welcomed me back for yet another school year. It will be a fun season around C-Town.

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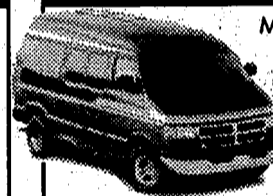


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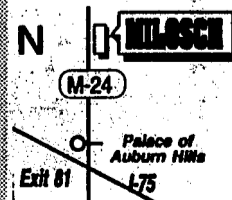
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, September 5, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, located at 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the Application by Consumer's Energy, Inc. for a Disruption Permit under the Right-of-Way Regulation Ordinance, to install underground gas mains in the road right-of-way in the Hilltop Estates Subdivision. The application is on file with the Township Clerk's Office and may be inspected during hours said office is open for business.
 Published August 23 & 30, 2000

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SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
 Supervisor Stuart called the August 15, 2000 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library.
 Pledge of Allegiance.
 Roll Call: Present: McGee, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Wenger.
 Absent: McCrary

- There is a quorum.
 1. Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 27, 2000 as presented.
 2. Approved the payment of the list of distributions in the amount of \$200,611.38.
 3. Approved the payment of purchase requisitions in the amount of \$731,072.41
 4. Approval of Agenda as amended.
 5. Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from R1A to PUD, Parcel 08-27-100-043, Waldon Road subject to conditions.
 6. Approved motion having the Township attorney prepare necessary documentation for a consent permit regarding the Campbell Special Accommodations Use.
 7. Approved motion to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Cemetery Trust Fund.
 8. Approved motion of amended Ballot language for September 12, 2000 Special Election.
 9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.
 Published 8/23/00
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Joan E. McCrary
 Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, September 6, 2000 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Senior Center (Carriage House), Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48348 to hear the following cases:

- Case #00-0087: Daniel Gifford, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 8' TO CONSTRUCT FOYER AND PORCH
 Cedar Grove Rd., Lot 30, R-1A
 Whipple Shores Sub
 08-03-479-004
- Case #00-0088: Mitchell Marr, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCES OF 29' AND 32' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
 Perry Lake Rd., R-1R
 08-09-402-001
- Case #00-0089: Terence Haran, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 25' TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
 Allen Rd., Lot 15, R-1R
 Allen Woods Estates
 08-08-101-015
- Case #00-0090: Pamela Schroeder, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIZE VARIANCE OF 582 SQ FT AND HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 9', PLUS VARIANCE FOR PLACEMENT IN FRONT YARD TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE
 Bitterbush, Acreage, R-1R
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 08-07-300-014
- Case #00-0091: Ron Almas, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 20' PLUS 3' SETBACK VARIANCE FROM BODY OF WATER TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME (WETLANDS)
 Harding Ave., Lots 29 & 30, R-1A
 Lakeland Vale
 08-33-328-022
- Case #00-0092: Carl Paulson, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY AND TO KEEP EXISTING OVERSIZED GARAGE
 Sashabaw Rd., R-1C
 08-10-300-023
- Case #00-0093: Shirley Wilson, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (NON CONFORMING)
 Pine Knob Rd., R-1C
 08-23-402-028

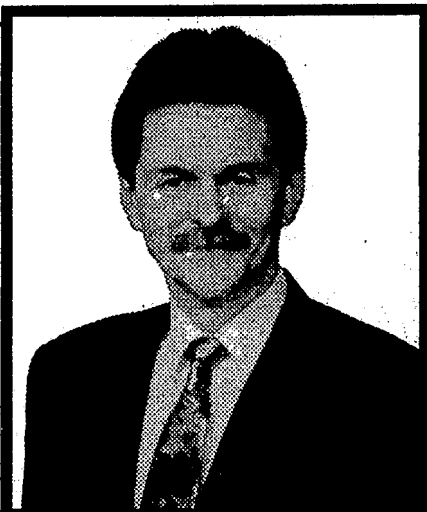
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further information call (248) 625-8111.
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 Joan E. McCrary,
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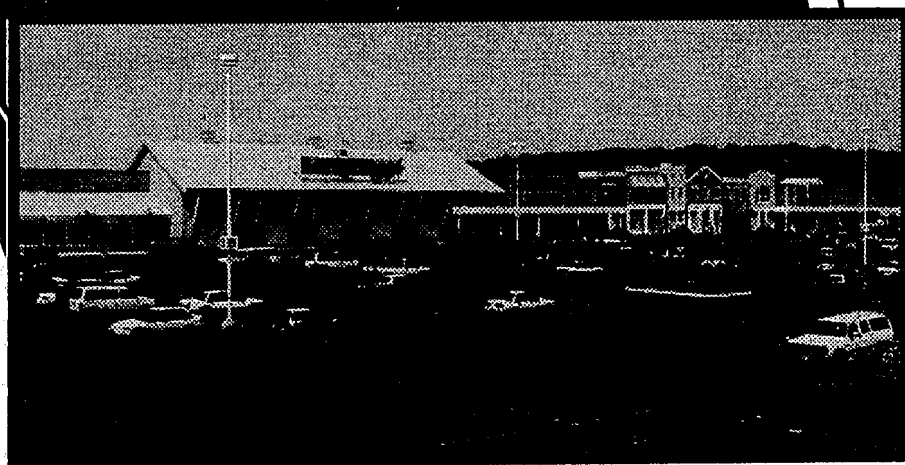
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AUGUST 14, 2000
SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:04 p.m.
 Roll. Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Sanderson, Savage.
 Absent: None.
 Minutes of July 24, 2000, accepted as presented
 Agenda accepted as presented.
 Bills in the amount of \$65,029.49 approved for payment.
 Clifton reported that the architect would be meeting tomorrow to finalize revisions for the building plans.
 Mayor Catallo asked that the Council consider a proclamation and congratulations to the D.A.R. on its one hundredth birthday.
 Moved that the Clerk prepare a proclamation recognizing the D.A.R.'s anniversary.
 Resolved that the SMART funds in the amount of \$975 be divided between the Independence Township Senior Citizens and the SCAMP program.
 Mayor Catallo opened a Public Hearing at 7:13 for the purpose of reviewing the special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Mayor Catallo closed the Public hearing at 7:17 p.m.
 Special Assessment Resolution No. 5, copy attached to the Minutes, adopted by the City Council.
 Resolved that permission be granted on a trial basis to the O.A.T.S. program to conduct the Walkathon from Depot park on Sunday, September 24, 2000, from 1:00 to 5:00 providing an insurance rider is provided by the City, portable toilets are provided by the organization, and Independence Township approval is obtained for the areas in the Township that will be used for the walk. No open fires are allowed in the park.
 City Attorney Ryan discussed the proposed ordinance for DTE and the ramifications. The first reading of the ordinance will take place at the next council meeting.
 Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.
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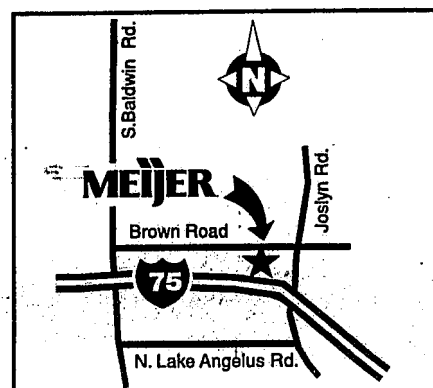
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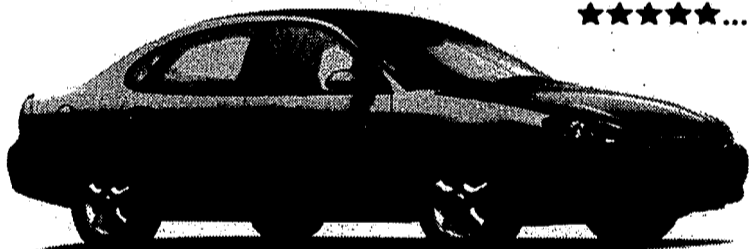
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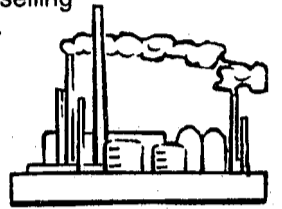
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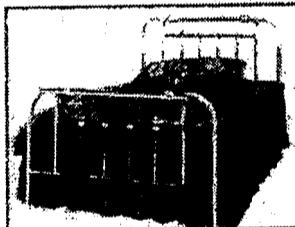
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