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Clarkston Creek a done deal or no?

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After numerous discussions, the Independence Township Board finalized an agreement for the purchase of the Clarkston Creek property -- but it may have been premature.

An accord was announced and approved by the board at a special meeting Monday.

The closing was scheduled for Tuesday in the offices of Township Attorney Steve Jopich.

However, a special meeting was scheduled for later that evening in the township library, in the event that problems arose between Monday's special meeting and the time of the closing.

That meeting never took place because Trustee Neil Wallace, Supervisor Dale Stuart, Jopich and the developers were still in negotiations Tuesday evening.

The developers were supposed to close on the property Wednesday.

At Monday's meeting, Wallace said he, Stuart and Jopich, met Friday evening, as well as Saturday from 2:30-7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 in the morning until 7 in the evening.

Wallace said that the exchange agreement would serve as the master document in the transaction. "It's very much in the nature of the purchase agreement if you buy a house," he said.

Trustee Dan Travis said that the agreement would serve the township well.

"That's going to be an effective working document," he said.

One of the main points of discussion at Monday's meeting centered around wetlands. Wallace said that the township has the right to go on the prop-

erty and create wetlands on different areas of the golf course, so long as it doesn't interrupt the flow of play on the course.

"We can't interfere with golf while we're doing this," he said.

Trustee Jeff McGee expressed his concern over whether that was a good idea.

"The demand for mitigation hasn't been made by the township," he said. "It's fairly costly to build wetlands. I hate to see us make that investment and then find we have no demands for wetlands."

Wallace responded that now is the time to go forward with such a measure.

"It's going to be a lot less expensive for us to do it sooner rather than later," he said.

McGee responded, "In that case, it would be a no-brainer for us to do that kind of thing."

Another point of discussion centered around negotiations with the Northern Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy.

"They (the developers) wanted us to have upon requirement of PUD (planned unit development), the developers would have internal controls in place," Wallace said. "That is now in place because of the conservancy."

Wallace also discussed the township's acquisition of the conservation easement, which he said is the key aspect of the agreement.

"We all know this is not pristine land," he said. "They're going to be allowed to run utilities through it. We have the right of inspection. Our rights are not possessory in nature. We also have enforcement rights. They're a little bit different than the conservancy."

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The message is . . .



Stephanie Bellini, a third grader at Independence Elementary school holds her Kids Voting poster with her teacher, Ms. Eklun. The project was a volunteer effort for students. Three posters were chosen from each school to be distributed in the community to remind adults to vote November 7.

Listen to the children . . .
Don't forget to vote!

For the third year in a row, Clarkston students have been learning more about the importance and the process of voting.

Clarkston schools is one of many districts in 40 states participating in Kids Voting USA. The group estimates one million kids in grades K-12 are involved in the program, according to Sherry Regiani, executive director of Kids Voting mid-Michigan region.

"We encourage parents to take their students with them when they vote before or after school hours," said Regiani.

Special ballot boxes have been made for the students and will be placed at the school precincts. Kids will be able to vote from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 8 p.m.

Their votes will be tabulated and the winners will be announced

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Independence Twp. Board meets Mon., Wed.

Because of the election Tuesday, Nov. 7 the Independence Township Board will meet Monday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Independence Twp. Library.

Two days later, a swearing-in ceremony will be held for new Independen-

dence Township trustees Dan Kelly and Dave Wagner. The ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8 in the Independence Township Library.

Kelly and Wagner are replacing outgoing trustees Jeff McGee and Neil Wallace on the board.

The News in Brief

City approves local grants

At their Oct. 23 meeting Clarkston City Council members approved 2001-2002 Community Development Block Grant Funds to:

Senior Citizens Center -- Meals on Wheels, \$1,000; Clarkston Area Youth Assistance camp program, \$1,400; Independence Township Library large print books, \$600; Lighthouse Clarkston, \$1,000; Independence Township Senior Center kitchen equipment, \$2,400. In addition, \$1,600 will be spent on administration of the grant funds.

CHS Marching Band at Silverdome this weekend

The Clarkston High School Marching Band performs at the Pontiac Silverdome in the 21st Annual Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship Contest Sat., Nov. 4.

The Marching Band is one of forty bands that will perform throughout the day. CHS is expected to perform about 9 p.m.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Adult tickets are \$13; student and senior citizens \$9; available at the Silverdome ticket office (248)456-1600. Tickets are good for all flights and include parking. For more information call Clarkston High School at 623-3600.

Send your News in Brief to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, 48346.

CHS open for walkers

Walkers are once again welcome to take to the halls at Clarkston High School, located at 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

The academic wing is open from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Community members should enter through the main entrance and sign in. There is no charge.

If Clarkston schools are closed for bad weather, CHS will not be open to walkers.

Mom-daughter Hip Hop classes forming

Mothers and their daughters can sign up for a one-day Hip Hop dance workshop Fri., Nov. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Clarkston Community Education Center. The cost is \$19 per couple.

Community Ed. is also sponsoring a Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Mini-Camp Fri., Nov. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Clarkston Middle School.

Students in grades one to nine can participate in skill development, contests and scrimmages. The \$49 cost includes Pistons camp T-shirt. Enrollment is limited.

A kickboxing/aerobic combination class is open to teens and adults. Kickboxing moves are combined with step, low impact or hi/lo aerobics. Classes are held Mon. and Wed. from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 27 at Clarkston Community Ed. center.

Call Community Ed. to register for classes at 623-4550, or stop in at 6300 Church (entrance also on Waldon across from CMS).

Area voting precincts

Independence Township Precincts

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2. North Sashabaw Elementary—5290 Maybee Rd
3. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church—6805 Bluegrass
4. Free Methodist Church—5482 Winell
5. Pine Knob Elementary—6020 Sashabaw Rd
6. Bailey Lake Elementary—8051 Pine Knob Rd
7. Independence Elementary—6850 Hubbard Rd
8. Clarkston Elementary—6595 Waldon Rd
9. Clarkston Elementary—6595 Waldon Rd
10. Independence Township Library—6495 Clarkston Rd
11. North Sashabaw Elementary—5290 Maybee Rd
12. Bailey Lake Elementary—8051 Pine Knob Rd
13. First Congregational Church—5449 Clarkston Rd
14. Pine Knob Elementary—6020 Sashabaw Rd

Springfield Township Precincts

1. Township Hall—Broadway and Eaton
2. Fire Station #2—Rattalee Lake and Dixie
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Election 2000

City to reelect mayor, three council members

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The following incumbents are running unopposed for two-year terms in the November 7 election. Below are short profiles on each candidate.

Sharron Catalo

Mayor Sharron Catalo has been part of Clarkston's government since April 1984. She served as Village President from April of 1986 until June of 1992 and has been mayor since July of 1992.

Catalo is involved in SCAMP, the Clarkston Conservatory of Music, the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club and downtown development.

The mayor thinks it would be too expensive for the council to move into the Independence Township building. In addition, the move wouldn't solve the need for storage for the Department of Public Works.

She added that she would like to see more retail in the downtown area and more events that will bring people downtown.

Catalo said she brings a fair and balanced opinion to the council, but feels the council needs to tighten up on spending.

She feels even though members of the council have different interests, they usually come to a conclusion with the outcome benefiting the city.

Scott Meyland

Scott Meyland was appointed to the council in August in 1999 to replace Mike Kelley, and reelected to the remaining one-year term last November. He works as a brake systems product engineer at Daimler Chrysler Corporation.

During his time on the council, Meyland has been involved in the finance subcommittee and the subcommittee that was formed to study the city water issue.

Meyland feels the city's current facilities do not offer adequate storage, and the Independence Township Hall is a treasure which should be preserved. He and councilman Dave Savage are looking at uses of the building once it is vacated by the township, and would



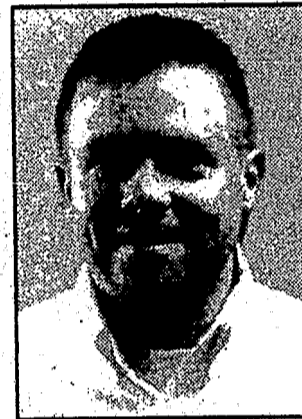
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Scott Meyland

welcome it as a new home for the council as long as it made good financial sense.

Meyland is looking forward to construction being complete in the downtown area, and would like to see more retail shops there. But he feels fortunate that there is a high occupancy rate within the commercial district.

Meyland is concerned with the city staying within budget and says he'll stay involved with the city wide water system project by making sure the council is aware of various grants and low interest loans that may

be available.

Meyland said the council offers a variety of perspectives regarding most issues. The common thread is everyone on the council cares very much for the community in which he or she live.

Karen Sanderson

Karen Sanderson has served on the city council for eight years. She teaches accounting and word processing in Hamtramck.

Sanderson feels she brings a strong sense of history to the council, having lived in the community for 29 years.

She was initially involved in the water subcommittee and is very pleased the issue was approved by voters.

Sanderson said she would like to see the council look further into the possibility of moving into the Independence Township Hall if it is financially possible.

She said she is concerned with the city council staying within budget. She said she sees a sense of vitality in the downtown district. Sanderson feels the council's biggest strength is its diversity.

Anne Clifton

Anne Clifton was appointed to the city council in April of 1997. She works as a math teacher in Waterford Schools.

Clifton said she brings experience and a strong business sense to the council, because she has a masters in business administration degree.

She is on the building addition committee and is involved in Crop Walk.

Clifton said she would love the council to move into Independence Township Hall, but does not think it will happen for financial reasons.

She would like to see more retail in downtown vacancies and she would like to see more community interest in city government.

The biggest strength of the council, she said, is its genuine concern for the city and wanting to do what is best.

Millard seeks reelection Oakland County Commission

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Editor's note: U.S. Taxpayer's Party candidate Ronald C. Monroe did not return calls to The Clarkston News by press time. There is no Democratic Party candidate.

Local attorney Frank Millard is seeking reelection to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Millard, a Republican, has lived in Independence Township since 1976.

He is seeking his third term on the board as District 4 representative, which encompasses the southwest quarter of Independence Township, including the City of Clarkston, and the western half of Waterford Township.

He represents approximately 48,000 people in that area.

Millard has served on the Public Service Committee since 1996. This committee is the liaison committee for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

He said his primary accomplishments as a commissioner are the widening of I-75 for Chrysler, and spearheading an effort to give Oakland County retirees a modest increase in their pension.

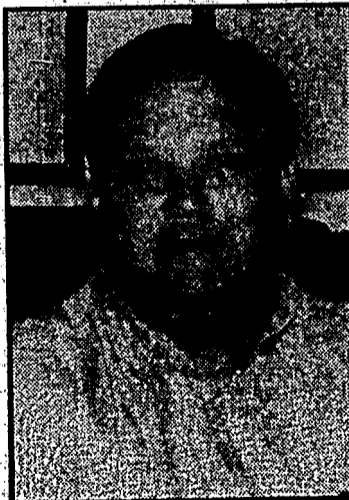
He also said he was responsible for a prescription drug plan "to give qualifying seniors a discount on pharmaceuticals."

He brings an extensive police background to that committee, having served as a police officer for the City of Pontiac from 1973-1986.

He said that improving the business atmosphere of the county will be a key focus if reelected.

"I'm very interested in helping the county enhance its business climate," Millard said. "We can't bring enough qualified people to the county. I believe that should be a primary focus of the board."

He said the districts within the county are reapportioned every 10 years. Since the last time reapportionment took place was 1990, Millard expects that will



Frank Millard

come up again shortly.

"Our districts may change again," he said.

He has also worn several other hats.

He served as trustee for the Village of Clarkston from 1984-88, and then served as a trustee on the Independence Township Board from 1988-90.

He served a term on the board of commissioners from 1990-92, representing District 3, which consists of parts of Independence, Springfield, and Waterford Townships.

In 1993-94, Millard was state Republican committeeman to the State Republican Central Committee for the Ninth Congressional District. He is currently the chairman of the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals, a position he has held since 1995.

He is a 1968 graduate of Bloomfield Hills High School, and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Oakland University in 1976, with a concentration in social justice and corrections. He earned his law degree from the Detroit College of Law in 1981.

He opened his law practice on a part-time basis in 1983, and then on a full-time basis in 1986 after he retired from the Pontiac Police Department. He said his focus as an attorney is on domestic relations and family law.

Don't forget to vote November 7. Polls open at 7 a.m.

Voucher proposal 'loses' at PTA meeting

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

Arizona Sen. John McCain may be promoting Michigan's Proposal 1 on TV, but he wasn't able to sway most of the speakers at a Proposal 1 forum in Clarkston Oct. 11.

Sponsored by the Clarkston PTA Council, the forum for the Council's annual Legislative Night featured presentations for and against the proposal. It was followed by a question and answer period and comments by a reaction panel.

Bo's Morris, a regional coordinator for Kids First! Yes! spoke on behalf of the proposal. Brian Whiston, a member of the Waterford Board of Education, legislative liaison for Oakland Intermediate Schools and chairman of All Kids First! Oakland County Committee, spoke against the proposal.

The proposal is expected to make \$3,300 available to a student to use at the private school of his or her choice.

That amount is half the average foundation allowance in Michigan. Clarkston public schools foundation allowance is about \$6,447.

Bob Morris, Kids First! Yes!

The first to speak, Morris said, "We pride ourselves in this country on our freedom to choose. We choose a car, a phone company, a doctor, a hospital. Yet as to who teaches . . . models life for our children for six to eight hours a day, most parents have no choice. Tuition vouchers are about freedom of choice in education."



Brian Whiston



Bob Morris

about 6,000 seniors graduate of about 20,000 who started in the 9th grade," he said, adding the others will experience higher crime rates, greater unemployment, greater need for welfare help. "That is the undisputed history of dropouts. We all pay when students drop out. Eighty-five percent of drop-outs are incarcerated by age 27," he said.

Morris said the former superintendent of schools in Milwaukee when the tuition voucher program was initiated is now a staunch supporter of vouchers.

"The program there began with several hundred students and this year was over 10,000. He says, 'The impact has been overwhelmingly positive. Significantly the benefits extend beyond improved achievement for participating students and satisfaction on the part of their parents. The prospect of real accountability to parents has sent a jolt of energy into a lethargic public schools system. These developments are a response to the fact that parents in Milwaukee now have options,'" Morris said.

Brian Whiston, All Kids First!

Whiston called the teacher testing requirements a "false issue." He added the funding guarantees were erroneous because funding for districts would decrease as student population decreased.

Whiston suggested going into a school in Detroit and telling the parents, students and staff they were failures.

He said if Proposal 1 passes the state Legislature

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Proposal 00-1

A proposal to amend the constitution to permit state to provide indirect support to students attending nonpublic pre-elementary, elementary and secondary schools; allow the use of tuition vouchers in certain school districts; and require enactment of teacher testing laws.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Eliminate ban on indirect support of students attending nonpublic schools through tuition vouchers, credits, tax benefits, exemptions or deductions, subsidies, grants or loans of public monies or property.
2. Allow students to use tuition vouchers to attend

nonpublic schools in districts with a graduation rate under 2/3 in 1998-1999 and districts approving tuition vouchers through school board action or a public vote. Each voucher would be limited to 1/2 of state average per-pupil public-school revenue.

3. Require teacher testing on academic subjects in public schools and in nonpublic schools redeeming tuition vouchers.

4. Adjust minimum per-pupil funding from 1994-1995 to 2000-2001 level.

Should this proposal be adopted?

There are seven school districts in the state which have graduated less than two-thirds of the graduating class -- one of the requirements for setting up a voucher system.

Morris said parents in two of those communities, Detroit and Benton Harbor, are required by law to send their children to schools they know won't help them succeed in life and are sometimes physically unsafe.

"We will all suffer as a result of a system that isn't working in some districts. In Detroit, for example,

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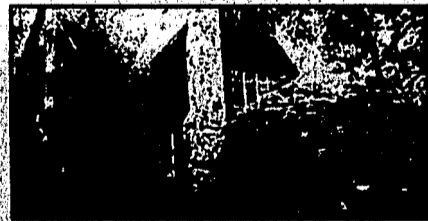
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Private school directors have different views

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

Cedar Crest Academy, a private school in Springfield Township, could theoretically benefit from a voucher system if Proposal 1 passes. But Cedar Crest Director Bette Moen doesn't support it. She said the student graduation rate of a school district is the wrong data to use to determine if it should qualify for vouchers.



Bette Moen

"There are all kinds of people who have not graduated from high school who are successful," Moen said.

"We don't assess childrens' individual achievement well, yet. It has to be done yearly -- compare individual growth year to year, each child to himself. You must compare systems to systems, teachers to teachers. You can't assess Flint students the same as you do Birmingham students or Clarkston students. You have to assess growth longitudinally, in continuous individual student achievement."

"Public schools are best at providing a good education for everyone. They are poorest at providing a high-quality education," she said.

"I don't think now is the time to think of vouchers with the condition of American schools collectively. It doesn't mean it wouldn't work in the future. But it's not a strategy to improve education in the U.S."

"We need to raise the benchmark for all schools, but what are the best strategies? Until we're in a position to evaluate what systems are failing children we



Richard Cross

to agree how we want children to be educated, have them evaluated constantly and determine what changes we should make."

Moen said the proposal is currently influenced by political agendas, not the right foundation or rationale.

"As director of Cedar Crest, I'm responsible for these childrens' individual achievement. As an educator I'm interested in all childrens' personal growth. That's going to gain for all of us."

Cedar Crest has about 150 students ages 2 1/2 to 5 and 190 in grades 1 through 8. Tuition is about \$7,000 per year, depending on the age of the student, Moen said. Prospective students are assessed before admittance is granted, she added. Some are turned away if the match would not be appropriate, Moen said.

Religious schools like Clarkston's Everest Academy could also gain students from the voucher proposal. Richard Cross, director of the boys school at Everest, said Proposal 1 brochures have been sent home to parents with the request they seriously con-

can't dole out dollars," Moen added.

Moen is also in favor of teacher assessment, "but only with the correct strategy. You can't throw out that every child needs to be able to read by the end of the third grade. It's not going to happen."

"Government, educators and parents need

to consider voting for it. He will also speak to different gatherings urging support because bishops and cardinals in the Archdiocese have requested it.

"We're behind it based on the points in Vatican II -- that parents are viewed as the principal educators of their children and should have the freedom to choose any institution they wish. Because of financial burdens students are forced to attend public school, although some families would prefer private. They should have the right to choose," he said.

"Private schools get better results with less money. And somehow, vouchers are working in Europe and other American cities," he said.

The tuition at Everest is \$4,350, about \$1,000 more than the expected funding per voucher. Parents would have to make up the difference, he said.

Of the 495 students at Everest about 75 to 80 percent come from Independence and Springfield townships. Most of the students come from a 20- to 25-mile radius.

Cross said prospective students must take an entrance exam and be interviewed by the director. Students are admitted based on the test results and their interview. About 20 to 30 students at Everest are not catholic, he said.

In the boys school, Everest turns away only about five to 10 percent. "Some kids aren't ready, or we hold them back. And we want to make sure parents are on target with our philosophy," he said.

Cross said he thinks the proposal will make public schools more accountable and help bring up standards everywhere.

He said he is not put off by teacher testing. He added Everest's curriculum would not change according to state rules if it would affect the philosophy.

"Faith is important to all of us. We make sacrifices to help form solid young men and women." Cross said Everest's teachers look at the students as leaders of tomorrow, and "all children should have that right."

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Editorial

Last minute election notes

In Independence and Springfield townships most local races were decided at the primary.

However, a new name has been added to the race for Springfield Township trustee since the primary — Matt Bednarczyk.

While we commend his desire to serve, we recommend the following candidates because of their experience and proven dedication to the township's best interests: **Margaret Bloom; Dave Hopper; Elaine Field-Smith; Dennis Vallad.**

In the race for Oakland County Commissioner, District 2, Commissioner Larry Obrecht is running unopposed, as is District 3 Commissioner Dave Galloway.

Our pick for District 4 is long-time Republican Commissioner **Frank Millard**, because of his knowledge of the issues and dedication to the job's responsibilities.

We also hope voters will return hard-working Republican State Rep. **Ruth Johnson** to Lansing.

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Letters To The Editor

Soccer game angers Waterford team supporter

I attended a District soccer game between Waterford Mott and Clarkston High School on October 25. The match was tied with a score of 0 to 0.

With four seconds left on the clock, Clarkston shot the ball. First, the referee signaled that this was a goal. After discrepancies with another referee and Waterford Mott players, he changed his call and indicated it was not a goal. The referee changed his mind for a final time, indicating a goal and giving Clarkston a 1-0 lead in the game.

The discrepancies are whether or not the soccer ball entered the goal. Mott's goalie, Scott Rutterbush, tried to show the referee that the ball had landed behind the goal on top of the net. This alone proves that the ball never entered the goal, unless the laws of physics have changed. They haven't.

I videotaped this event, and watched the play numerous times, I am 100 percent positive that the referees made a bad call, costing Waterford Mott their chance to

proceed to the District Championships.

Obviously, the Clarkston players and the coach knew they had not scored from their comments. Players were heard saying, "the ref's counted it, that's all that matters". Also, I offered Clarkston's coach a look at the play on my video camera, telling him that it was not a goal. He declined by ignoring my presence entirely.

Where are your morals and ethics? It saddens me that society is this greedy, to take something being fully aware that it was not deserved. I sincerely hope that in the future you are not denied your rights and chances because of the lack of morals and ethics in selfish individuals. My goal is for you to realize just how unethical this is.

Nikole Rutterbush

Editor's note: The Michigan High School Athletic Association's ruling is that the referees' decision is final and will not be overturned.

George W. Bush is the clear choice Nov. 7

When you vote November 7 — and be sure that you do — you'll find we are fortunate to have a clear choice of direction for our great country into the next century.

George W. Bush trusts and believes in you and I to spend our own money looking after and helping each other

locally with education, jobs and recreation, and to pray together free of big government telling us which values to teach and practice in our homes, schools and churches.

Al Gore will propose more bloated government

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Where can I find a hassle-free phone line?

You know what I just realized? Automated telephone systems drive me crazy. Press one if you would like to do this. Press two if you would like to do that. And so on. You know what I'm talking about.

I understand some clever person created these phone services, who knows when, for our convenience. However, they demonstrate the opposite effect more often than not.

I can't bash them completely because they do have their good side. I've grown quite accustomed to telephone banking, and its handy when you just need a certain bit of info, like movie times. It makes much more sense to use a recording rather than having to talk to someone. That proves useful.

But the other day, I had to call a hospital to get the status of a patient for a story I was working on. A slow friendly female voice graced my earpiece, "Thank you for calling," blah, blah, blah. I laughed when she said, "if you know your party's extension, press star, then eight, then the four-digit extension and then the pound key." Who can remember that the first time around? I'd have to hang up and call again (since their was no repeat option) just to get all my rules straight.

However the lovely voice continued, "If you are on a touch tone phone choose from the following menu..." I started drifting by the time it got to the department I was looking for at Option Nine. And luckily I didn't miss it, even though I was reassured that I could listen to the list again if only I remained on the line. It cracks me up, though, when they have a bunch of options but not anything related to what I'm looking for.

This time they had what I needed and I was directed to the appropriate department. Finally, I talked to someone who can actually talk back to me. Of course, they had to transfer me to someone more suited to answer my question. Only I was transferred again and again, until I talked to ten different people and explained why I was calling an equal amount of times. I did get my answer, but by that time I was more concerned with

holding back a bad case of phone rage.

It was fortunate that I didn't run into any voice mail or get somebody's secretary who says "So-and-so is out of the office, on the other line or is in a meeting." In a deadline-oriented business like this, that's not what you want to hear. Nine out of ten times my call won't be returned in a timely fashion. Or when they call back, I'm out of the office.

It's never ending.

It seems that everywhere I look people are on their cell phones—in the stores, walking down the street, everywhere. How come people aren't so readily available when I need to reach them.

You know what, though? I am so glad that God's ears are never too busy for my call. No matter where I am and no matter the time of day or what day of the week it is, I can give a heavenly shout out and know it's heard.

Never will I have to hear, "I'm sorry the Lord is not available to take your call right now, but you can leave a message."

Or, "If you don't know the Lord's extension, listen to the following menu: Press one if you would like to talk to God about a special need. Press Two if you would like to thank the Lord. Press Three to ask for forgiveness. Press Four to praise the Lord."

Never any busy signals, answering machines or transfers. He's there directly, all the time, and I am assured in Psalms 4:3 "...the Lord will hear when I call to Him." It's always been there -- hassle-free phone line that's truly convenient.

E-mail Jen at clarkstonnews@adni.net



Jennifer Nemer

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Bush is the clear choice

programs with new rules and regulations with many layers of bureaucrats to tax and spend us deeper into debt. If you don't believe it add up all his new programs and the surpluses disappear into a sea of red ink.

He will tax us all to death and when death occurs he will take the leftovers to Washington rather than let us share our life savings and work with our loved ones.

The economy is not a zero sum game. If you regulate and over tax it, the economy slows down and shrinks — notice the economic indicators pointing to a slow-down.

However, if you lower taxes for everyone, the economy expands and not surprisingly there are more federal gross dollars to save and manage Medicare, Social Security and to fund local control of education to let teachers teach.

Finally, we'll have enough finances with the will and leadership to rebuild and restructure our armed forces. Our fighting men and women will be supplied

with the equipment they need to protect our national security so our ships are safe from rubber ducky rafts.

You may feel better off financially than you were eight years ago, but do you feel you and your loved ones are more secure after the last few weeks?

Before you vote please read Stephen Moshier's book "Hegemon" regarding China and her global strategy and recently acquired American know-how. Their armed forces have four branches, including one for cyber and electronic high-tech warfare. If you love your country and children, be sure you elect a president who will lead and not campaign for the next four years.

The only certainty is that we will continue to face unforeseeable situations such as disease, biological warfare, natural disasters, economic turmoil, rise of a dictator or other event. We must have a leader in the White House who will govern and unite everyone regardless of religion, ethnic, political or sexual orientation for the common good of our country.

I believe Governor George W. Bush is the best choice for the people and hope you will join me in voting for him.

James A. O'Neill, M.D.

To pray or not to pray, that is the question

Dear Editor, I ran across this on the Internet and would like to share it.

At last! A man of integrity and honor in the right position to influence the students.

A high school principal in eastern Tennessee chose NOT to pray over the PA system, but instead used the opportunity to remind the football fans that

night why it is important that we SHOULD pray.

Mr. Jody McLoud, Principal of Roane County High School in Kingston, Tenn., stepped to the microphone on Friday evening, September 1, and spoke these words: "It has always been the custom at Roane County High School football games to say a prayer and play the

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An end to the madness is near

Only six more days . . . six more days until the 2000 General Election is over. By this time next week either Mrs. George W. Bush or Mrs. Al Gore will be ordering new curtains for the White House.

I, for one, will celebrate with an adult beverage Tuesday, November 7, 2000. I will raise my glass to toast four ever-loving years without any more of those @#%\$!&! presidential-hopeful commercials.

Regardless who wins, this country will move forward. And, whomever wins will have to be ready to be the goat who ruined a robust economy. A down turn is sure to come, regardless who is in the oval office.

One word of advice from this country-bumpkin, simpleton to those of White House intentions: Keep Alan Greenspan healthy. From high atop the Federal Reserve, his hand has guided the economy, not Clinton/Gore nor the Republican Congress. DON'T LET HIM DIE.

Feed him Vitam E, give him the good drugs, assign him presidential security and make sure he doesn't trip down any stairs or chokes on a chicken bone. Thinking about it, make sure he eats lots of chicken soup and drinks lots of orange juice.

Speaking of the election, I want Geo. W to win, if only so those whacked-out Hollywood types who earlier in the year announced they would move out of the country if the Bush-man wins, pack their bags.

Far as little ol' me is concerned those Alec Baldwin/Susan Sarandon-types can leave now, even if Gore wins. If they can't stick around and fight for what they believe in, then what good are they?

There are plenty of good folks on either side of the aisle who want their boy to win the race, yet will still call America home after the election, despite its outcome.

How arrogant of those actors . . . if they lose,



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they'll take their BMW's and go, leaving all those folks whom they say they care about (the down and outs) with nothing but an empty garbage bag to live out of. Sounds like a strong endorsement for Gore.

And . . . sounds like a great reason to leave the Hollywood arts and croissants crowd out of Washington DC, even if they are willing to pay to sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom.

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Enough blither, blother, blather about politics — I vote for the president Martin Sheen plays on that NBC television series, The West Wing. (Which is not to say I vote for Martin Sheen — even if he has slept with the homeless.)

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We need something to lighten the moment and it just so happens I have something to foot the bill. This something I received via e-mail is from TECUMS, whomever that is.

1 On an Electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts.

1 Outside a Radiator Repair Shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

- In a Non-smoking area: "If we see you smoking we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

- On Maternity Room door: "Push, Push, Push."

- At an Optometrist's Office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

- At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet — miss a car payment."

- Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary. We'll hear you coming."

- Outside a Hotel: "Help! We need inn-experienced people."

- At an Auto Body Shop: "May we have the next dents?"

- In a Dry Cleaner's Emporium: "Drop your pants here."

- In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

Comments, complaints or crack-pot jokes can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

Lessons aren't just for youngsters

As many of our community members know, I like to get out into our school buildings and visit our youngsters at their "place of work." My observations tell me that our district is making great progress; but we aren't there yet.

We have an astounding number of eager students, talented teachers and supportive parents. We also have some pupils who find learning difficult, who have not been able to establish a good rapport with their teachers, or who find themselves in difficult home situations. As the leader of our school district, I want all of our students to have an excellent school experience, but I also want them to learn to deal with the challenges life provides.

This past week, I had the chance to observe several classes. It was a pleasure to be able to see our pupils actively engaged, focused and hard at work. They were busy completing biographical reports, taking tests, participating in our new tech-prep programs, finishing math exercises, and using their creativity to solve a variety of problems. During my visit, I also witnessed parents working side by side with our faculty to lend a hand.

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Dr. Al Roberts

As the mental images of these experiences replay in my mind, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to have so many excellent teachers in our school family. Keep in mind the skill that is needed to guide students in classrooms across the nation. After all, some youngsters glide through lessons like a knife through butter; while others need more time to develop skills and understandings.

Teachers have the unique opportunity to challenge all, those who find the lesson easy, and those who struggle. That is the beauty of public education — All Students Count! So, what lessons can readers draw from the illustrations listed above? Let's see:

Lesson #1

Each child is different. What works for some pupils is less effective for other students. There are people who believe that two teachers following the same lesson plans should get the same results. That's not how it works. Teaching is as much art as it is science. Knowing how to motivate children and being able to meet individual needs are qualities that great teachers possess!

Lesson #2

Testing is an important tool, but relying on tests alone will not improve education for our students. Using test results to identify academic strengths or weaknesses is a good thing. Recognizing specific skills and content areas that are not being mastered, or may not be emphasized enough in the classroom, are critically important activities. So, testing teachers or students in a way that is instructive is something that has genuine value. However, placing kids or adults in a situation where trivial pursuit replaces real learning or in a circumstance where more time is spent on testing and less on instruction has little merit.

Lesson #3

One of the basic truths about education is that parent involvement clearly contributes to a child's success at school. Clarkston parents tend to participate actively by volunteering at school, joining the PTA/PTO organizations, and working within the system to send a strong message to their children — education is important and you are expected to suc-

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To pray or not to pray

National Anthem to honor God and country. Due to a recent ruling by the Supreme Court, I am told that saying a prayer is a violation of Federal Case Law.

As I understand the law at this time, I can use this public facility to approve of sexual perversion and call it 'an alternate lifestyle', and if someone is offended, that's OK.

I can use it to condone sexual promiscuity by dispensing condoms and calling it 'safe sex'. If someone is offended,

that's OK.

I can even use this public facility to present the merits of killing an unborn baby as a viable means of birth control. If someone is offended, no problem.

I can designate a school day as earth day and involve students in activities to religiously worship and praise the goddess, mother earth, and call it 'ecology'.

I can use literature, videos, and presentations in the classroom that depict people with strong, traditional, Christian convictions as simple-minded and ignorant and call it 'enlightenment'.

However, if anyone uses this facility to honor God and ask Him to bless this event with safety and good sportsmanship Federal Case Law is violated.

This appears to be at best, inconsistent, and at worst, diabolical. Apparently we are to be tolerant of everything and anyone, except God and His commandments.

Nevertheless, as a school principal, I frequently ask staff and students to abide by rules with which they do not necessarily agree. For me to do otherwise would be at best, inconsistent, and at worst, hypocritical. I suffer from that

affliction enough unintentionally. I certainly do not need to add an intentional transgression.

For this reason, I shall Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and refrain from praying at this time. However, if you feel inspired to honor, praise, and thank God, and ask Him in the name of Jesus to bless this event, please feel free to do so. As far as I know, that's not against the law - yet.

Steve Ashley
Clarkston, member of
Clarkston Free Methodist Church

Al Gore does not deserve the vote of the American people

The election of a new President is near. There are several good choices, some better known than others. As a father of three sons who raised them to love their nation and its values, I ask that the voters reject the election of Al Gore. Mr. Gore turned his back on the very office he now seeks, the people — especially women, our judicial system, and other institutions of government.

His President acted to take advantage of a young intern who was there to serve her country, not service Mr. Clinton! The President failed to protect the high office that the people entrusted to him.

He turned the most powerful office in the world into a "brothel" and his title from President to that of "John." The President lied to the American people, the courts, and the Grand Jury. (The court

found him in contempt for lying under oath and fined him accordingly.)

A man who swore to defend and uphold the Constitution acted to debase its standing and meaning, as well as the role of women. He failed to discharge his duties properly, choosing to send military personnel into conflicts at high risk. Military bombing of Sudan and Kosovo were carried out in order to cover up his immoral and illegal acts. His marriage vows were broken and his daughter was exposed to embarrassment.

What did our Vice President do? Did he act as a statesman, like other key leaders when they asked Richard Nixon to resign for the sake of the office, nation, and the people?

No! Mr. Gore ridiculed those who found Mr. Clinton's actions abhorant. He and other partisan politicians struck out

at those who recognized the seriousness and damaging actions of Mr. Clinton. Mr. Gore without respect for the very office he now seeks, or women, family, morality, truthfulness, character, and honesty, chose to cause injury to all of them.

We should not elevate him to the office that he chose to forsake! He has had opportunities to serve the American people well, but he chose not to.

The next President must be someone who respects the office, the courts and the people he serves. He must place the Constitution, The Office Of President, the people he serves, the courts, and other institutions of government ahead of personal gain and self gratification.

When he sends our loved ones into conflict we must know he is telling us the truth and is acting in the nation's best interest, not his own. When he seeks to

change social security so that the younger citizens, who currently pay large sums of their earnings to support those who currently receive benefits, will have a system that provides them benefits, we must know that he will place the good of all the people ahead. of what is politically expedient.

Mr. Gore, like Mr. Clinton, demonstrates he cannot distinguish truth from fiction. To make a point or paint Mr. Bush into an injurious corner, he tells lies. Example: The third debate where he attacked Mr. Bush, claiming he is tied to the drug companies. He then proceeded to try to make the drug companies look bad, charging that they now spend more money on advertising their drugs than on research.

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Al Gore doesn't deserve Americans' votes

The discovered, pre-existing fact, a fact that he had easy access to, is that the drug companies spend about three to four times more money on research than advertising. He told a lie to discredit his opponent and the drug companies.

The next President must have the ability to be truthful, demonstrate integrity, and high values. He should serve all the people, not just his party. When a political party places its agenda ahead of the best interest of the citizenry, we are doomed to experience op-

pression and a collapse of our system. The Democratic Party chose to place their selfish interest ahead of protecting the Office of the President, our judicial system, women in the work place, and family values.

Please do not reward with election either Mr. Gore, or any member of Congress who has chosen to act to protect their party interest over everything else we hold dear.

Sincerely,
Jeff Spires, Clarkston

Field-Smith honest and loyal to township

I have been a resident of Davisburg for the past 55 years and have known and respected Elaine Field-Smith her entire life.

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She is positive and conscientious in her beliefs and deserves your vote for trustee of Springfield Township.

Lucille V. Krause
Davisburg

Clinton-Gore most pro-Israel administration

As we go to the polls, which candidate fulfills the requirement to uphold the laws of the United States and to give primacy and loyalty to our country? The Clinton/Gore administration is the most pro-Israel in U.S. history.

AIPAC (American Israel Political Action Committee) donations:

Career Totals: Gore, Albert, 151,890; Lieberman, Joseph 226,503; Carl Levin, 564,858; Sander Levin, 85,527; Bush, George W. 5,200; Cheney, Dick, 15,750.

"Most lobbies, no matter how good they are, fade into insignificance beside the most effective — and vicious — of the them all. Israel's lobby in Washington, known simply as "the Israel lobby," or, "the Lobby," has refined to a high art form the techniques of putting pressure on members of Congress and on the administration." Former Senator James G. Abourezk, *Advice and Dissent* Lawrence Hill Books, 1989.

"Federal law limits a PAC contribution to no more than \$5,000 to a candidate in the general election. No Pac can donate more than \$10,000 in a single election year to reward an incumbent for voting according to the sponsoring lobby's recommendations, or to finance a challenger to a member of Congress who votes against that lobby's recommendations.

Of the 124 pro-Israel PACs established since 1976, only six mention the Middle East, Israel, Judaism or Zionism in their titles. The combination of Pacs in some election years have given more than \$200,000

each to candidates in former elections.

The ability to spend more on elections than any other group while remaining virtually invisible to the public, and to evade with impunity the letter and the spirit of the law limiting contributions to congressional candidates are only two of the "special qualities of pro-Israel PACs" Richard Curtiss *Stealth Pacs* American Educational Trust, 1990.

Al Gore's campaign finance reform proposal legalizing soft money supports the Israel lobby. It can't be traced or exposed. *Washington Report for Middle East Affairs* Oct./Nov. 2000 p.82. The Gore administration plans to bring Richard Perle and his side kick Stephen Bryen back to the State Department where in former administrations they attempted to pass, on highly classified U.S. intelligence to Israeli officers. Ibid. p.12

Does it seem strange to you that when Clinton found the White House phones tapped by Israel, he immediately went to that country and on his return was not impeached? Could Senators who check with Israel before voting be the problem? Guess who Gore's going to consult when the question of moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem comes up? In his own words, "ISRAEL

Irene Rauth
Clarkston

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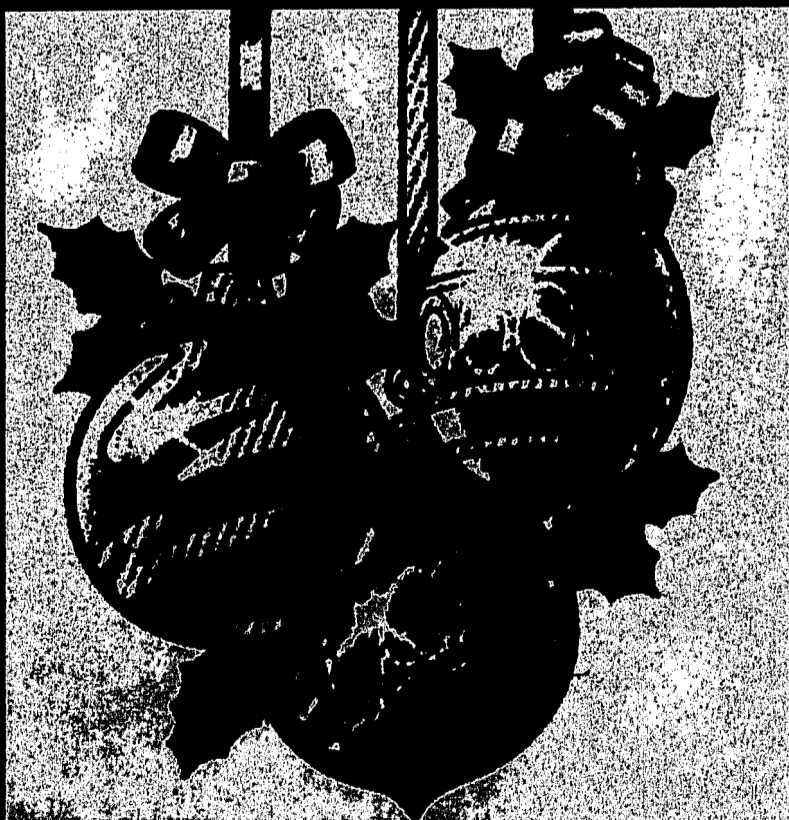
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Parochiaid a synonym for anti-Catholic bigotry

Parochiaid is a synonym for anti-Catholic bigotry which Arthur Schlessinger, a notable WASP, said is the only socially acceptable prejudice in the United States.

Why are taxes public when they are collected but some of the tax payers are not public when monies are disbursed? When one considers that 80 percent of the children in Detroit Catholic schools are not Catholic who are the real victims of this discrimination. For shame!

Taxation without representation is still tyranny.

Sincerely,
Irene Rauth

Elaine Field-Smith offers small-town values

I would like to urge you to vote for Elaine Field-Smith on Nov. 7. I have known Elaine all my life. For those of you who have not had that pleasure, let me assure you that she is honest, trustworthy, and comes from a solid family base of the same values.

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illustrated by the great job she contracted/coordinated to restore our Davisburg Cemetery.

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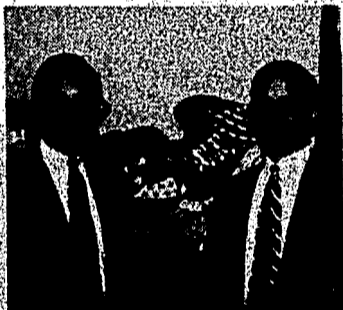
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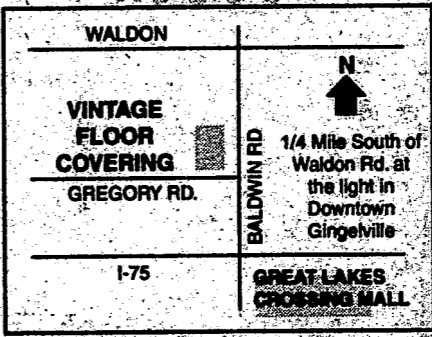
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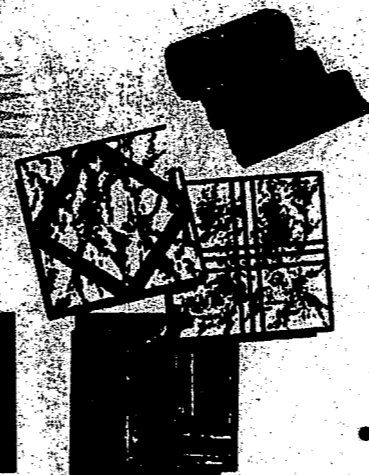
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Five seek four Springfield trustee seats

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

On Nov. 7, Springfield Township voters will choose their representatives on the township board.

Of the five candidates running for trustee, four of them — Margaret Bloom, Elaine Field-Smith, Dave Hopper and Dennis Vallad — were chosen by voters in the August primary to appear on the ballot.

A fifth candidate, Matt Bednarczyk, decided to enter the trustee race after the filing deadline, so he is running as a no-party affiliation candidate.

Voters will choose four out of the five to serve them on the board.

Supervisor Collin Walls, Treasurer Lois Stiles, and Clerk Nancy Strole all were chosen by the voters in the August primary, and are running unopposed on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Profiles of the candidates for trustee follow:

Matt Bednarczyk

Bednarczyk has lived in the township for eight years and is running as a no-party candidate. He is employed as a quality engineer at GM's Truck Group in Pontiac.

"I would hope to bring to the township a viewpoint that is very resident oriented, since we are primarily a town that is less business/commercial and more heavily supported by individual homes or residents," Bednarczyk said.

He said there should be no maximum/minimum population, and no controls should ever be put on controlling population in Springfield. He said the township board and planning commission should develop a long-term growth plan.

Bednarczyk said the best source of information on police/fire protection is the people who work at these services, and their equipment, training, and support personnel should be the state of the art.

He said community input is impor-

tant with regard to the development of the Dixie Highway corridor. He also said the current mix of commercial, residential, and industrial zoning should not be rezoned until the community and Planning Board reviews its future needs.

He said that the township should take advantage of its rural qualities and develop as many natural parks and park settings as possible.

Addressing the issue of whether school construction should be subject to township plan review, Bednarczyk said that since Springfield is under the jurisdiction of two separate school districts, a coordinated effort between the districts and the township is more important than ever.

Margaret Bloom

Incumbent trustee Margaret Bloom is seeking her second full term as trustee. She is a 10-year resident of Springfield Township. Bloom is a member of the focus group for updating the township's master plan, as well as a member of the township's historical society. With regard to open space preservation, she said that she likes the cluster-type development because it allows the developer to use flexibility and creativity in the design of the development. She believes Dixie Highway should be made safer with the addition of a turn lane between I-75 and Davisburg. She also feels that the Parks and Recreation Department should be expanded.

Elaine Field-Smith

Incumbent trustee Elaine Field-Smith is a lifelong resident of Springfield Township. She has been a trustee for eight years, and is proud of her family's heritage as farmers in the area. She will receive her bachelor of science degree in business administration in November. She contends that allowing private gravel roads would be the first step in maintaining the rural character in Springfield. She believes the township has adequate police protection at this time, and the township's fire department is one of the

best around. She sees the Dixie Highway corridor being developed with a combination of Residential, Commercial and Industrial.

Dave Hopper

Newcomer Dave Hopper has been a member of the Springfield Township Planning Commission since 1995, and a township resident since 1992. He is currently the president of the Springfield Township Preservation Committee, and is involved in revising the township's master plan. He said that it is evident that creative planning needs to be done in order to control and pace future development, and added that overlay districts and open space planning must be an integral part of the development process. He contends that development should support a distinct township identity and a positive

visual image of commercial properties.

Dennis Vallad

Incumbent trustee Dennis Vallad has served on the board since 1988, and has been a resident of Springfield Township since 1980. He feels open space should be preserved and would support changes to the ordinance making cluster development the required method of development rather than a special land use. He has developed a plan and presented it to the board on how the township can add sheriff's department contracts over the next 5-8 years based on the current tax rates. He said the township's current zoning provides a balanced mix of commercial, residential and industrial lands, which will be reviewed as the master plan continues to be updated.

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The North Oakland Women at Work will meet Thurs., Nov. 9 at Wing Lauk Restaurant, 5665 Dixie Highway in Waterford in the Waterfall Plaza. Kate Walters, RN and director of nursing at Baker College, will present "Being an Effective Board Member." Reservations for this dinner meeting can be made with Joan Kopietz at 625-2511 after 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$11. North Oakland Women at Work is a local organization of the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. and BPW/USA.

The 26th Annual Burt Boutique Craft Show will take place Sat., Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will be at Brandon High School in Ortonville, off M-15 between Grange Hall and Seymour Lake. For more information call Kathy at 627-9348.

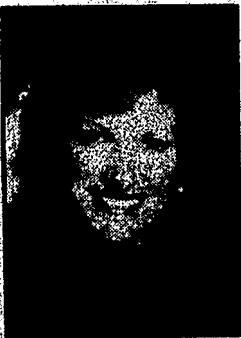
Evangelist Ken Lynch will be the featured speaker at a week-long evangelistic crusade Nov. 12-17 at Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake, off Sashabaw. Services begin Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and continue weeknights at 7 p.m. Lynch is a veteran of more than 800 such crusades around the world, preaches the gospel powerfully and without apology. He is also an accomplished musician and will provide special music at each service. A special children's ministry will be inducted each evening by his wife, Barbara. The public is cordially invited to attend any service. Call 625-2700 for more information.

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The Ninth Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show will be Sat., Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The craft show will take place at St. Joseph School in Lake Orion, seven miles North of the Palace on the West side of Lapeer Road. Featured are over 100 exhibitors, a raffle, luncheon, and door prizes. Admission is \$2. Call 693-0958 for details.

The MOMS Club is a national nonprofit organization, geared to at-home mothers of today, with hundreds of chapters across the country. Local chapters have monthly meetings that feature speakers and discussions. Other activities include park playdays, holiday family parties, outings for mothers and their children, and activity groups or playgroups that participate in arts and crafts, a monthly MOMS Night Out, and babysitting. We also do service projects to help needy children. Our activities are during the day when mothers-at-home need support. And mothers may bring their children with them to our meetings. For more information about the local chapter, call Michelle Czopek at 625-2558.

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ceed! Nonetheless, some parents/guardians have not been able to get involved. There are all sorts of reasons for non-participation, but none negate the correlation between positive parent attitude toward school and better student performance.

I wish each and every parent could have the same opportunity that I have to look, listen and learn about school life on a regular basis. It is exhilarating to see so many teachers, volunteers and administrators working together to help us make our school system the best it can be. But let's not deceive ourselves, we have some challenges to meet, for example:

- Reaching out to every parent/guardian and helping them to find a way to actively participate in the education of their child(ren).

- Providing our entire community with a realistic view of what their schools do well and what we need to work on.

- Finding the most effective way to use our space, technology and other resources to the benefit of all our pupils.

The best way to tend to the thorny issues before us is to be honest with one another and to be respectful of differing perspectives. An altruistic viewpoint that places all children first must be adopted; and administrators, teachers, pupils, peers, parents and other community members must work together toward common goals. This is our mission and we cannot afford to fail.

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Eight running for Springfield park board

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township voters will have another decision to make Nov. 7.

In addition to electing the members of the township board, they will also elect representatives to the township's Park Commission.

A total of eight residents are running for seven seats on the board, which meets once a month.

Five incumbents are running for reelection to the board. They are James Ashley, Dorothy LaLone, Jean Vallad and Diane Wozniak (Republicans), and Michael Patterson (Democrat).

Newcomer Cheryl Apple, also a Republican, is seeking her first term on the board. Two other newcomers, Republicans Randy Harless and Sarah Ramsey, who ran as write-in candidates during the August primary, will also appear on the ballot.

Cheryl Apple

Cheryl Apple works for the Springfield Township Fire Department and the township's post office.

In addition, she is a member of the board of directors for the Davisburg Youth Athletic Association, and runs an embroidering business out of her home.

She said cooperation with other area groups is a key to the commission's success.

"I see a lot of good that they have done," she said. "We have to work together with other groups, compromise and cooperate. There's a lot of things that I'd like to help plan... We don't want to take away from other organizations. We want to pick up where they left off."

Apple hopes to implement men's softball and co-ed baseball leagues, as well as softball and soccer programs for college age students. "Parks and Recreation has a good program," she said. "There's always room for improvement."

Jimmy Ashley

Incumbent commissioner Jimmy Ashley has served on the board for eight years.

He considers finance and staffing to be the big issues facing the Parks and Recreation Commission.

"We don't have our own millage, so we rely on the general fund. That's probably the biggest issue. As the township gets bigger, there's more demand on the staff," he said.

Upgrading the township's parks and fields is Ashley's main priority. He said the township should "try to get some feel on what the demands for a football field." He also said the township should look at attaining additional revenue, such as grant money.

Overall, Ashley said he is pleased by the level of interest among area citizens in running for the park board.

"It's nice to see we have more people running than positions available," he said. "The last couple of elections,

we've gone begging to try to find people."

Randy Harless

Newcomer Randy Harless is running as a write-in candidate for the board. He has been a resident of the township for about 2-1/2 years, and is currently employed as a senior field adjuster for GMAC insurance.

He said the department needs to broaden its horizons in the future.

"The biggest thing is that the department needs to grow," he said. "I just want to make sure it's well-managed."

He also commented that the department needs to offer more family-oriented activities.

"I think it's a very nice place where

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you can start," Harless said. "Right now, they have some sports activities. I think they could be fine-tuned a little better."

Dorothy LaLone

Incumbent Dorothy LaLone has served on the board since 1992.

She said that modernizing the area's parks is a priority, pointing out that the department just received a grant for Mill Pond Park

"The committee has been very good about volunteering their time and helping out," she said. "The volunteers are wonderful."

"I'm real curious as to how much we've grown," she added. "It's something you always need to be on top of."

With two full-time employees, and one part-time employee currently in the Parks and Recreation Department, LaLone said that the department is at its limit in terms of offering programs

Michael Patterson

Incumbent Michael Patterson is seeking his second term on the commission. He was elected as a write-in candidate in 1998.

Patterson, who is retired from General Motors, is currently a firefighter with the Michigan National Air Guard. He has lived in the township for 14 years, and lived in Holly for 23 years prior to that.

He said maximizing the township's resources is a challenge facing the board.

"We're trying to get the biggest bang for our buck," he said. "It's kind of frustrating because there are outside limitations."

Patterson would like to see more programs developed involving teenagers, such as roller-blading, as well as upgrades in the quality of the parks.

"I'd like to see real improvements in some of the facilities," he said. "We're there for the people when they decide they would like to see something take hold."

Sarah Ramsey

Newcomer Sarah Ramsey is running for the commission for the first time. She is a full-time student at Oakland University, majoring in political science, and has worked part-time for the past

four years at the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department.

Ramsey said the budget is currently a "big problem", and publicizing what the department has to offer is a key issue, so the community becomes more involved.

She said her employment with Oakland County has helped her gain a good understanding of the issues facing parks and recreation.

Ramsey said adding programs to get more teenagers involved would be a priority if she was elected, as well as overall community involvement.

"I would like to get more of our residents involved, and expand more of the programs," she said.

Jean Vallad

Incumbent commissioner Jean Vallad has served on the commission for six years.

She believes the residents need to be made more aware of what the Parks and Recreation Department has to offer.

"We need to also market the parks so that people realize we have close to 500 acres of parks in Springfield Township," she said. "People don't realize we have that much park land."

Vallad said she believes the department is doing a fine job with the resources they have.

"Right now, I think we have an excellent department for the size we have," she said. "Hopefully, the Parks Department will grow with it. The people we have working for us are excellent."

Asking the voters for a millage may be a possibility down the line, as the board seeks additional money to help support activities.

"We're supported through the general fund," Vallad said. "At some point, I think we're going to have to ask for a millage."

Diane Wozniak

Incumbent Park Commissioner Diane Wozniak has served on the board for four years.

She raised the possibility of putting a millage vote before the residents, but said that she's not in favor of such a

move.

"I'm not for a millage," she said. "We do great with what we've got. If they put that out there for the voters, that would be fine."

Wozniak said the current state of the township's parks is strong.

"The parks are sparkling," she said.

"We're effective with the money we get. We get so much done. For such a small town, we offer a lot."

She said the township's master plan lists what the department will do, and the commission follows through on that plan.

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Sullivan challenges incumbent Johnson for State Rep.

Editor's note: Democratic challenger Patrick Doyon has dropped out of the race for health reasons.

Ruth Johnson

Republican Ruth Johnson is currently finishing her first term as State Representative. Prior to that, she served on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for ten years. She is a member of three chamber of commerce organizations, a charter member of the Optimist Club and the American Business Women's Association. Johnson received her associate's degree with honors in 1975, bachelor's degree cum laude in 1977, and master's degree summa cum laude in 1985.

As State Rep., Johnson has helped to create laws and set budgets for the state of Michigan. She has tightened food code restrictions for restaurants, worked to make Protective Services more accountable, and cut state income taxes.

Johnson said she is involved with a number of pending legislation including putting non-violent criminals to work to maintain parks. She is also seeking stricter accounts of the number of people being treated for Lyme disease and where they contracted it, to better protect others, she added.

Johnson wants to raise fines for businesses selling cigarettes to minors. She said she was made aware of this need by letters from three Clarkston teens concerned that the current fee is only \$50. The State Representative wants a \$100 fine plus stiffer fines for those businesses proven to be purposely marketing and selling cigarettes to kids.

Other important issues Johnson's working on are cutting taxes, ensuring children a good education in a safe environment, guaranteeing affordable prescriptions for senior citizens, protecting the quality of life in North Oakland County, and seeing that the government is more accountable and efficient.

Johnson believes she is qualified for the position based on her history as a tax fighter as well as her



Republican Incumbent State Rep. Ruth Johnson



U.S. Taxpayers Party challenger Sean Patrick Sullivan

evidence of cutting taxes, making schools better and protecting the quality of life in the county. Johnson also said she has been accessible, there to listen to the people, assist and fight for them.

Johnson has lived in Holly for 21 years and is a life long resident of North Oakland County. She has been married to Don Nanney, a Clarkston dentist, for 21 years. They have a one-year-old daughter, Emily.

Johnson appreciates ideas and concerns from the public and feels that makes for good legislation in order to meet the needs of the people. If citizens have comments or questions, Johnson urges them to call 1-800-510-RUTH or email at rjohnson@house.state.mi.us or write her at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

Sean Patrick Sullivan

A member of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, Sean Patrick Sullivan is a motivational speaker who travels the Midwest speaking to churches and youth groups. He has written a book entitled "Invisible Treasures," a collection of poetry. Sullivan's goal is to promote change

in people's lives by helping them to build a clearer focus on life in today's society based on Biblical truth and wisdom.

If elected State Representative, Sullivan said he would like to see North Oakland County become a better place. He said he would also improve the quality of education for children and offer more community activities for young people as options of staying out of trouble. In addition, he would like to see community activities for families as a means of building solid family relationships.

Sullivan would also like to see less government involvement in citizen's personal lives and is in search of getting back to the freedom the people were awarded through the Constitution. Sullivan said he would like to move away from the "Big Brother" mentality.

As State Representative, Sullivan would like to help smaller businesses succeed by visiting organizations in the district in order to learn how he could best serve them. He also wants to ensure American jobs are kept in America.

Sullivan believes he is qualified for the position because he is a good listener and feels that more people need to be elected into office who believe in the Word of God. He desires to be a positive influence in the lives of others.

Sullivan is a 1986 graduate of Carlson High School in Gibraltar. He was in his second year at Henry Ford Community College before having to withdraw for vision-related problems and being diagnosed as legally blind.

Sullivan is the president of Visually Impaired and Blind in Livingston County, a support group that meets in Brighton. In the past he has been a member of the Holly Lions Club.

Sullivan is single and has lived in Rose Township since 1991.

To be familiarized with Sullivan's party, in what he feels is the only true conservative party in existence, he urges citizens to log on to constitutionparty.com for more information.

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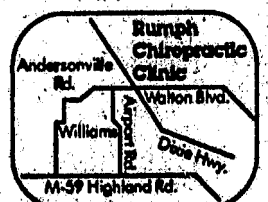
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Proposal 1 forum

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will decide what teacher testing means. He added the Legislature will also issue the tuition tax credits which could mean a loss of revenue. Clarkston schools could lose between \$300,000 and \$400,000, he said.

Whiston said another argument against the proposal is Detroit public schools students do have options, such as charter schools or attending Ferndale public schools.

He argued public schools have accountability to the public because they are forced to have open books and open meetings. He said private schools are not required to do so.

Audience member Dennis Pittman, the parent of a Waterford public school student, said he was undecided on the proposal, but if he lived in Detroit he would vote for it.

Ken Simmons, whose wife Karen is a first grade teacher at Bailey Lake said he thought the presentation was very good. He had already made up his mind to vote for it. The couple reside in Brandon Township and have a child in that school district.

Parent Diane Burder said she is not in favor of the proposal because it leaves too many questions unanswered.

The five reaction-panel members gave the proposal a "thumbs down". The panel members were: State Rep. Ruth

Johnson; Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent of public schools; Karen Foyteck, president of the Clarkston Board of Education; Mike Blicher, president of the Clarkston Area Optimist Club; and Mel Vaara, former assistant superintendent of Clarkston schools.

Johnson said she was opposed to Proposal 1 because she felt the graduation rate was not a good marker. "The graduation rate doesn't mean students are not learning," she said, adding, "In 1998 30 school districts would have failed the test. In 1999 there were only seven." She said she would be in favor of vouchers under certain conditions.

Roberts said he also "might support vouchers in a limited way if there was protection for public schools and the loopholes were closed," adding the proposal is too "sketchy."

He added the proposal, while touted to guarantee school funding, offers no funding guarantee for the future.

He also said there does not need to be a constitutional amendment to fund schools.

Vaara said he was opposed to the proposal because it could mean less money for every public school.

Blicher agreed with Johnson and Roberts that he has a concern with the language of the proposal.

Foyteck also is against it, citing public disclosure, no requirements for establishing a school under this proposal, or requirements for purpose, curriculum or transportation as some of her reasons.

Kids Voting 2000

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A ballot box for Kids Voting 2000 was made Oct. 25 by Cub Scout Wolf Den #6 from Clarkston Elementary School. Participating in the project are: Matthew Fox, Rawley Hallman, Maxx Harden, Chris Heinrich, Robert Jamieson, Victor Vienuzis, Nathan Larkins, Michael O'Connell, Benjamin Peterson, Tim Rogers, Andrew Watts, James Bickford and Michael Gieske.

separately from the adult election.

Regiani said any Clarkston student whose parent votes out of Independence or Springfield townships or the City of Clarkston can come to another school to vote, or vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available at each school.

Regiani said volunteers to help with the program have come from area service clubs and the students themselves.

Students also made posters which were judged and are being displayed around the community to remind everyone to vote.

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Independence Township Police and Fire

Sunday, Oct. 29, a woman driving along Sashabaw near Pine Knob Road fell asleep at the wheel. She left the roadway and hit a parked vehicle and three mailboxes. The driver was cited and suffered only minor injuries.

A man reported that the Red Wings flag and pole attached to his condo on Northcrest Village Trail were stolen.

A man reported damage worth over \$500 to a vehicle he had parked for sale at the corner of Waterford Road and Maybee.

Medicals at South Eston, Woodcreek Trail, and Woodland View.

Personal injury accident at the Subway restaurant on Dixie Hwy.

Saturday, Oct. 28, complaints at Flemings Lake, and Klais at Hawksmoore.

Medicals at Oak Park, and Olde Sturbridge.

Personal injury accidents at southbound I-75 north of M-15.

Friday, Oct. 27, a Waterford doctor reported a prescription pad was stolen and several bogus prescriptions were being passed through the County. A pharmacist at a Clarkston drugstore on Dixie Hwy reported that on Oct. 23 she was given a fraudulent prescription by a woman she described as in her forties, average build and 5'4" tall.

Automatic alarm on Perry Lake.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Dehli.

Complaints on Sashabaw, and Pleasantview.

Medicals at Independence, and Rockcroft.

Thursday, Oct. 26, a man was driving too fast in heavy fog on Ranch Estates at Clarkston Road. He left the roadway, hit a culvert, and went airborne ap-

proximately 30 feet. The vehicle landed and rolled over and then rolled again back on its wheels. The driver was trapped inside and Independence Twp Fire had to remove the vehicle's door. The driver suffered injuries and was transported to POH.

A woman on Greenwood reported that the license plate on her vehicle, parked in her own driveway, was stolen.

Medicals at North Main and Clintonville.

Personal injury accidents at Clarkston and Clearview, I-75 south of Clintonville, and I-75 south of Sashabaw.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, a woman on Wellesley Terrace had her wallet stolen from her purse left in her locked van. Four checks that remained in her checkbook were cashed, totaling approximately \$1,000. She also received a phone call from a department store that somebody tried to use her credit card, but it had been cancelled by that time.

A woman reported that her wedding ring, worth \$10,000, was stolen from a jewelry chest in her bedroom. The woman suspected the cleaning company whom she approached regarding the ring. Two employees were not cooperative and would not empty out their pockets for the woman.

Medicals at Parview, Snowapple, Clarkston, and Elk Run Ct.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, a woman on Parkwood reported that she had replied to a newspaper ad seeking aircraft flight attendant trainees. After calling the office, she was told to send \$260, which she did, and would be reimbursed at her interview. The woman was to meet with a prospective employer, but the interviewer did not show. She has since called the office,

but only gets messages.

A man on Vinewood reported credit card fraud after he found purchases for Red Wings tickets and boxing tickets on his credit card, totaling \$1,491, that he did not make.

Medicals at Dixie Hwy, Dixie Hwy Farmer Jack, and South River.

Wires down at Sashabaw north of Clarkston.

Monday, Oct. 23, a business on White Lake was broken into. Damage worth \$200 occurred to a door and window. Nothing was stolen except a \$3 package of Oreo Cookies.

An aggravated assault was reported at a Maybee party store. A 15-year-old woman said she was approached and assaulted by two 21-year-old women who told her they had come to beat her up. The two women were arrested days later and one made death threats against the victim when arrested.

A man reported that his pickup truck parked in a grocery store parking lot on Dixie Hwy was broken into and items were stolen. The vehicle, parked between 9-11 a.m. had its rear window smashed, worth \$300, and items worth \$965 taken. Evidence supports that this was an alleged break-in.

Medicals at Olde Sturbridge, Rattalee Lake, Ennismore, Flemings Lake, Old Cove, and Princeton. Personal injury accident at I-75 and Clintonville.

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Clarkston Creek

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Stuart said the possibility of the township losing its rights to the easement is very slim.

"The only way we lose the conservation easement is if the PUD is given to us and we refuse," he said.

Wallace also discussed the difficulties involved with the township acquiring title insurance from Greco Title Company.

"I have a relationship with a key decision-maker at Greco, Bob Powell," he said. "I think we may get the insurance. We may not get it at the time of closing."

One of the key points the board noted was that they would have no control over day-to-day operations of the course.

Treasurer Jim Wenger emphasized that the township would have no say on

how much the course charges for its use.

"What we will not be able to do is dictate yearly rates," he said. "That's one thing we will not be able to control."

Wallace pointed out that representatives for the developers, Joe Locricchio, Manny Kniahynycky and Jim Albright, asked to be present for Monday's meeting, but honored Wallace's request not to do so.

"I've asked them not to be present," he said. "They have done us that courtesy."

He said that the complexities of the transactions have made the past week's discussions tense and unlike any other negotiation he has ever been involved in.

"There's about 20 more fuses in this transaction than any other transaction I've ever seen," Wallace said.



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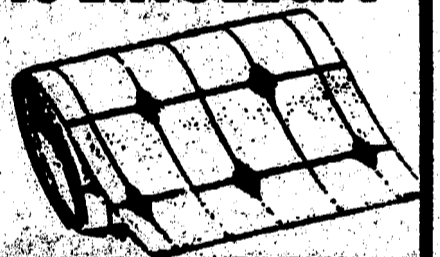
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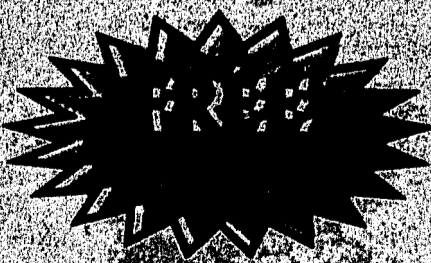
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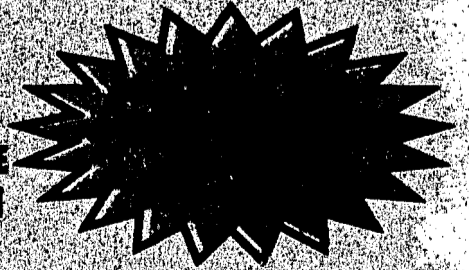
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Cross Country:

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Football team tackles Grand Blanc in district semifinal

Gebus' kick return, Pearsall's pick highlight round one victory

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the first time in nearly a month Clarkston faced a formidable challenge on the football field. But when the game was over, the Wolves were in the end zone chanting, "It's great, to be a Clarkston Wolf!"

For the second straight year Clarkston eliminated Grand Blanc from the playoffs. This year, on Oct. 27, it was a 30-14 final. Last year, the Wolves beat the Bobcats in the district final 35-14. The Wolves will host Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. Friday in the district final.

Grand Blanc put together two impressive first half drives, but only ended up with two field goals.

Clarkston's first drive was highlighted by two key third-down runs by Nate Davis and the passing of quarterback Ryan Kaul. He hit Ryan Briceland

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Ryan Kaul (5) and a pack of hungry Wolves hunt down a Grand Blanc running back.

Milford edges out Clarkston

Soccer team suffers heartbreaking loss in shootout

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Teams can't get much closer to a district title than the boys varsity soccer team did last Saturday.

On Oct. 28 the Wolves played for three hours, but saw a district title slip through their hands in the seventh round of a shootout as Clarkston fell to Milford 3-2.

The Wolves grabbed a 2-0 lead on goals from Ryan Davis and Mike Montero. Davis's goal came with 21:58 to play in the first half. Milford's goalie misplayed the ball on what should have been a routine save. The ball bounced off the goalie's fingertips, got by him, and rolled in for Clarkston's opening goal.

Montero's goal was set up with a beautiful cross field pass from Mark Zerba.

But the 2-0 lead didn't last long as about seven minutes later the Redskins

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Clarkston's Mark Zerba (9) heads the ball in the Wolves district final game Oct. 28.

Wolves prepare for Vikings in round two

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston varsity football team proved it can beat big teams. This Friday, it will have to beat a quick one. Maybe even quicker than the Wolves themselves.

The Wolves (10-0) will host Walled Lake Central at Clarkston High School at 7 p.m. Friday. The Vikings come into the game posting an 8-2 record and are coming off a 57-42 win over Flint Northern. The Wolves are coming off a 30-14 win over Grand Blanc in the other district semifinal game.

Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said his team will have its work cut out Friday. The Vikings, he said, are very similar to the Wolves.

"They're very quick and have a lot of skilled players. They have a great quarterback and a great wideout. They're pretty balanced offensively. They may be quicker than we are," Richardson said.

In their first-round victory over Grand Blanc, the Wolves got points from all three facets: offense, defense and special teams. That, Richardson said, is something that must continue.

"I was happy that we got contributions from everybody, that we scored on defense. But we've got to play better or we'll be in trouble," Richardson said.

The running game and eliminating penalties will be Clarkston's main focus in practice this week, Richardson said.

The playoff experience from last year is paying dividends Richardson said.

"I think the experience is helping us, but I hope our kids know that they can play better than they did

District showdown

Who: Clarkston (10-0) vs. Walled Lake Central (8-2)

What: Round two playoff game (district final)

Where: Clarkston High School

When: Nov. 3-7 p.m.

Tickets: \$4 available Friday during all lunch hours and at the door. No passes accepted.

What's at stake: A chance to play the winner of Plymouth Canton (7-3) at Ann Arbor Huron (9-1) in the region 2 final.

Coach Richardson says: "They have a great quarterback and a great wideout. They may be quicker than we are."

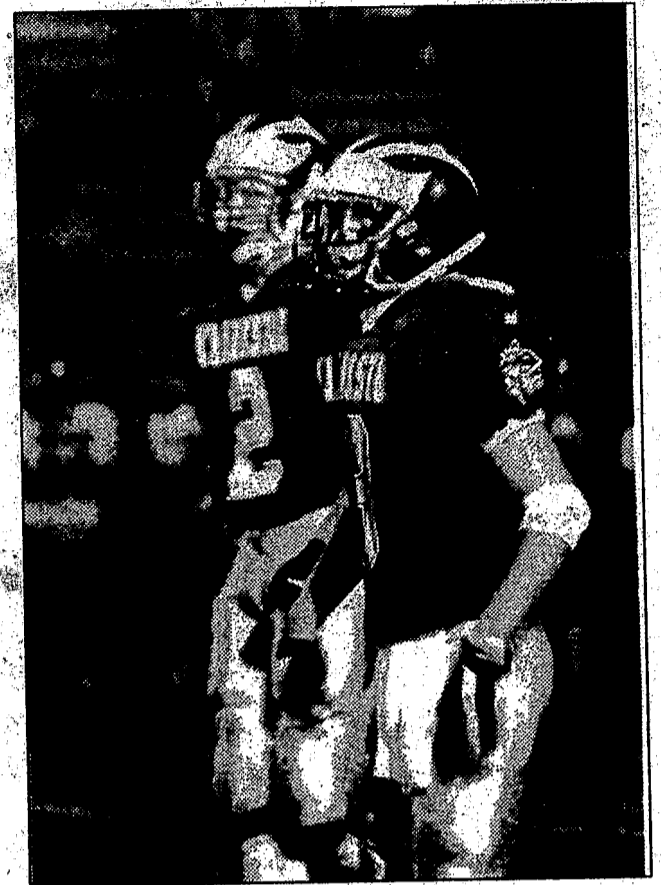
Coach Apap says: "We know everything about them. We know about Kaul and that their backs run hard."

(against Grand Blanc)," Richardson said.

Meanwhile the Vikings average 30 points per game while running the Wing T.

They bring with them senior quarterback Blayne Baggett, who is 6-foot-2 and 190 pounds. He's thrown for over 1,200 yards, 14 touchdowns and has run for several more. Walled Lake Central coach Chuck Apap said Michigan State University, Western Michigan

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Matt Pearsall (3) and Mike Atkinson (2) have been two of Clarkston's best defenders. Pearsall's interception return against Grand Blanc was the momentum shifter.

Boys cross team headed to states

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the second year in a row the boys cross country team is headed to the state finals.

The Wolves finished third at their regional at Springfield Oaks Oct. 28, behind first place Lake Orion and second place Utica Eisenhower.

Clarkston's top finishes came from Mark Sitko who finished 17th with a time of 17:37, Derek Coe, who took 18th at 17:43, Jared Elmore, who took 22nd with a time of 17:53, Scott McGregor, who finished 33rd at 18:10 and Eric Sweeny who took 42nd at 18:22.

The regional rundown

What: The Wolves finished third as a team and qualified for the state finals for the second year in a row.

Who: Clarkston's top three finishers were Mark Sitko, Derek Coe and Jared Elmore.

Last year: The Wolves finished fourth in the state.

This year: The Wolves took second in the OAA I and coach Taylor expects the Wolves to be in the top half of the 27 teams competing at MIS this Saturday.

Mike Wilder finished 50th with a time of 18:43 and Jack Kinsey rounded out the Wolves' effort finishing 54th with a time of 18:47.

Coach Mike Taylor said his team continues to work hard and overachieve.

"This is a very good team. These kids work hard and finished second in a very tough league. Everything in this sport is overachieving. I know we could have run better there (at regionals), but they've worked hard this season," Taylor said.



Jared Elmore runs in the regional at Springfield Oaks Oct. 28. Elmore finished 22nd with a time of 17:37.

The state finals are held at Michigan International Speedway Oct. 4.

Last year's team finished fourth in the state. Taylor said he expects his team to finish in the top half of the 27 teams competing in the state final.

"I expect them to run their best. They need to run better than they did at regionals," Taylor said.

Gardner's goal starts controversy

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The outcome of the second round district soccer game between Clarkston and Waterford Mott may be in the record books, but the game's ending is still a hot topic.

The game went over 79 minutes without a goal. But with 4.5 seconds remaining Clarkston's Sean Gardner was credited with the game winning goal. However, Waterford Mott coach Dave Weber said he has video tape which clearly the goal should have never counted.

The controversy

The Goal: Sean Gardner's goal came with 4.5 seconds remaining in a round two district game between Clarkston and Waterford Mott. It was the game-winning goal and ended Mott's season.

Mott coach Dave Weber says: "It wasn't a goal, we have it on tape."

Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald and Gardner said they were not sure if it was a goal or not.

The MHSAA says: "The final decision of the referee is final."

Weber said he talked to members of the MHSAA for an hour, but the MHSAA will only use the tape to help referees and will not overturn the outcome of the game.

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Controversial ending costs Wolves state final

Zamora, Erkfritz and DelVecchio qualify as Labrosse appeals MHSAA

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston coach Jaime Labrosse had three girls qualify for the state finals this year. But he was fuming that his team won't be there as a whole.

A controversial ending at Saturday's regional at Springfield Oaks saw Clarkston's 26th place runner, Lea Polczynski, get placed out of order in the chute, Labrosse said.

Labrosse said Polczynski actually finished 25th, one place ahead of Rochester Adams runner Ashley Anderson. That one place made the difference between a third and fourth place finish and cost the Wolves a trip to the state finals.

Labrosse said the place would have put Clarkston in a tie with Rochester, but Clarkston would have beaten the Falcons in the tie breaker. As it stands right now the only teams to qualify for states from Saturday's regional are Rochester Adams, who finished first with

The regional rundown

What: The Wolves finished fourth as a team, and had three state qualifiers.

Who: Clarkston's top three finishers were Nina Zamora, Karyn Erkfritz and Carla DelVecchio

The Dispute: Clarkston coach Jaime Labrosse said Lea Polczynski actually finished 25th, not 26th. The one spot cost Clarkston a trip to the state finals.

As it stands: Romeo, Rochester and Rochester Adams will be the only three teams to qualify from Saturday's regional. Labrosse said he and Clarkston Athletic Director Dan Fife will appeal the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The MHSAA had no comment.

54 points, Romeo who was second with 54 and Rochester who had 90 points.

Labrosse said the assistant meet director Matt Weifdorfer, said Polczynski finished ahead of Anderson. However, that decision was overturned by meet director Duane Raffin. Raffin is only a volunteer, and not an employee of the Michigan High School Athletic

Association.

Labrosse appealed the decision twice, and both times his appeal was denied. Labrosse said his first appeal was improper. He said division two coaches are supposed to listen to his appeal, but that never happened.

"Everybody saw the Clarkston runner was in front of the Adams kid," Labrosse said. "They said you can't dispute an official's call. But I wasn't disputing an official's call. I was disputing the meet director's call and he's a volunteer."

Labrosse said he'll continue to talk to the MHSAA about the race in hopes of getting his team to join the other three qualifying teams at the state final on Saturday.

"I talked to (Dan) Fife, and we're going to appeal the MHSAA. We want to be able to go with Adams, Romeo and Rochester," Labrosse said.

Even though the Wolves didn't qualify as a team, they did have three individual qualifiers. Nina Zamora finished 11th with a time of 20.31, Karyn Erkfritz took 12th with a time of 20.33 and Carla DelVecchio finished 13th at 20.35.

"All three will run great. They ran great there (at regionals) and they've run great all season," Labrosse said.

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Immel. His kick from about 30 yards out was misplayed by Clarkston goalie Tim Moyer, coach Dan Fitzgerald said.

"It looked like he jumped too early," Fitzgerald said. "But I don't have any complaints about Tim (Moyer). He really came up for us when we were struggling in goal and did a great job."

After heading into the half with a 2-1 lead, the Wolves were outplayed in the second half. Milford maintained most of the play and applied heavy pressure. Eventually, their efforts were rewarded with an outstanding bicycle kick from Adam Kowalezyk with 3:39 left. The goal tied the game and sent it to overtime.

"We wanted to go with the wind in the first 15 minutes because the wind was a big factor in regular time," Fitzgerald said. "We wanted to win it and score a goal in the first 15 minutes. In the second half of the game they totally dominated. We couldn't get the ball under control. That goal that we gave up right before halftime killed us."

The teams played two scoreless overtimes and eventually went to a shootout. Milford's Steve Ming missed his penalty kick and the Wolves were up in the shootout 3-2 as Craig Verlinden, Paul Grace and Zerba all connected on their penalty kicks.

In the fourth round, Milford scored, but Sean Gardner, the same player who scored the controversial game winner in the district semifinal win over Waterford Mott, missed his penalty kick.

In the fifth round Milford scored. But Clarkston answered right back with a goal from Sean Dougherty.

With each team scoring four goals, the shootout went to extra rounds. The sixth round saw Milford and Clarkston's Edgar Grech-Gumbo score goals to send the shootout to its seventh round.

There, Milford's Jim Sare scored, but Clarkston did not. Ryan Davis, who scored the Wolves first goal, hit the cross bar.

Fitzgerald credited his seniors with working hard all season long.

"Chris Lenhardt, Paul Grace played great in the back and Pete Klemm works real hard. The rest of the guys are just really hard workers, good players. Most of our key guys are back. Next year we should be much better," Fitzgerald said.

The Wolves finished the year with a 7-12-2 overall record.



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Athlete of the week: Scott Gordon

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

He had to change positions in his senior year. But senior offensive lineman Scott Gordon just keeps working hard, making blocks and is proud to be part of a potent offensive attack.

Gordon spent nearly his entire football career at center, but before the Wolves opening game at Sterling Heights Stevenson, made the switch to right tackle. The move, he said, has been a positive experience.

"It's fun being a lineman in this offense. I think our line has really improved this season, especially since the Lake Orion game," he said. "But with our offense, linemen have a lot of different assignments and there's a lot to know. But it's a good feeling knowing it all starts with the line. If we don't do our job, then the quarterback can't throw, the backs can't run and the receivers can't catch."

Gordon and his line mates, have been doing their job very well the last month.

"We take a lot of pride in what we do," Gordon said.

It shows.

But Gordon credits offensive line coach Rich Porritt as the man who has helped him along the way.

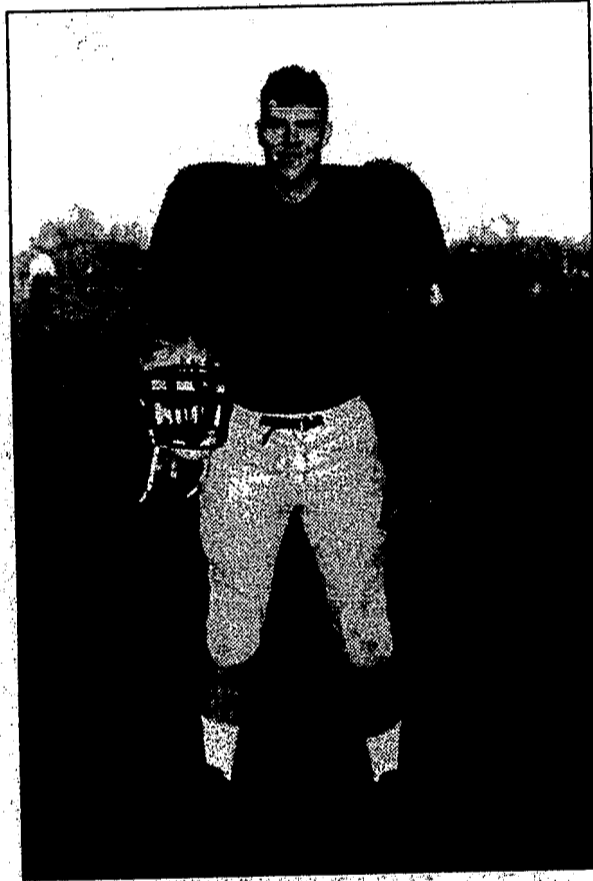
"He's helped with the little things and my technique and foot movement," Gordon said.

Porritt had plenty of praise to dish out for his 6-foot-5 250 pound lineman.

"His pass protection is excellent and he's got good feet. Lately, Scotty's really been getting off the ball on running plays," Porritt said.

"As a line we're family. A lot of people may not see that, but that's what we've become," Gordon said.

Gordon may join a different football family once his days at Clarkston are done. Division I programs including Mid American Conference schools Central Michigan University, Buffalo, Toledo and Western Michigan University have all expressed interest in Gordon. However, he has yet to finalize



'I think he can be an impact player at the division I level.'

Rich Porritt — Offensive line coach

any formal decision.

"His pass protection is getting better every week. Colleges will like his agility, his height and his bending knees. I think he can be an impact player at the division I level," Porritt said.

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Football

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and Bryan Endreszl for first downs and eventually capped off the Wolves opening drive completing an 11 yard pass to Endreszl to put Clarkston up 7-3.

Endreszl's increase in offensive production in recent weeks was praised by Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson.

"He's running great routes, he's blocking well, he's catching the ball and he runs real well after he catches it," Richardson said.

Kaul credited his tight end as well.

"He's made my job a lot easier," Kaul said. "He's a big kid and catches anything thrown at him. It just makes it that much easier. You know he's going to catch it, and he's not going to fumble it."

On the Bobcats next possession, they got down to the Clarkston 12 yard line, but a strong defensive play by Mark Carlson forced a bad Grand Blanc pitch out. As a result, the Bobcats were again forced to settle for three.

Kurt Richardson credited his defense for keeping the Bobcats out of the end zone.

"That was huge. Otherwise they're up 14-0 and that changes the whole picture. Defensively we played pretty well," Richardson said.

While the Wolves defense kept the Bobcats out of Clarkston's end zone, Clarkston's Adam Gebus quickly found the way to Grand Blanc's.

On the ensuing kickoff, Gebus, returned the kickoff 98 yards to give the Wolves a 14-6 halftime lead.

Even though Clarkston had the lead, Grand Blanc dominated the time of possession. That was a concern at halftime, Richardson said.

"We talked to the defense at halftime and said 'Guys, we need some K's, we need some three and outs so we can give the ball to the offense,'" Richardson said.

The second half's biggest play, was a 70 yard interception return for a touchdown by Matt Pearsall with 10:35 left in the third quarter to extend Clarkston's lead to 20-6.

"Those were huge plays," Richardson said. "Pearsall's playing through a lot of pain right now."

After another defensive stop, the Wolves put together another scoring drive. This one was a seven-play 43 yard drive which was capped off by a 12-yard pass from Kaul to Davis to put the Wolves up 30-6.

Grand Blanc got back in the game thanks to a 94-yard touchdown run by Chris Odette with 6:23 to play. The Bobcats converted on the two-point conversion and then recovered an on-side kick.

However, Clarkston's defense forced the Bobcats into a fourth and 19 situation.

Cody Senkyr, who had several big defensive plays, intercepted the Bobcats' last chance.

"Cody had a good game for us tonight," Richardson said.

Kaul and Richardson agreed that last year's playoff run has given this year's team added confidence.

"I think the experience of last year has helped us all along. I think the further we go, the more important it's going to be," Richardson said.

"You're not going out there being nervous. Instead, you're cool, you're calm and you got

'He's a big kid and catches anything thrown at him. It just makes it that much easier.'

Quarterback Ryan Kaul on tight end Bryan Endreszl

everything under your wing," Kaul said.

Richardson also praised the improved play of Clarkston's offensive line.

"They've worked hard and Rich Porritt has done a great job with them. He's perfect for the hogs and he's patient with

them," Richardson said.

Kaul said the balanced offense continues to get better.

"We didn't know if we were going to be a passing team or a running team the first few weeks. We've picked up the passing game the last few weeks, and now we're

pretty confident that we can do both. Nate's getting better catching too," Kaul said.

The Wolves opponent this Friday, Walled Lake Central were 57-42 winners over Flint Northern in the other pre-district game.

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Goal

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"It wasn't a goal. We have it on tape," he said.

That tape won't do him, or the Corsairs any good. Weber said he spent an hour on the phone with members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, but the talks won't help his team any.

"They said because it was the referee's decision, it stands. The ref's decision is final. We tried to protest, but there's nothing we can do now. They should be able to review this," Weber said.

Weber said video tape of the goal clearly shows the ball hit the right post and landed in the back of the net.

"It's a shame because the referee was out of position and couldn't tell. He didn't follow the play well. The referee said it was a goal and linesman said it wasn't. Basically the referee talked the linesman into it," Weber said.

Both Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald and Sean Gardner said after the game that they were not sure if it was a goal or not.

However, Tom Mentor of the MHSAA said the final decision of the referee is final and that no official action has been taken by Waterford Mott. That, Weber feels is the problem.

"They call it a judgement call, but the ref couldn't tell. He just guessed," Weber said. "I want them (the MHSAA) to be able to review it. If the officials disagree, and you can prove a play was ruled incorrectly you should be able to overturn it," Weber said.

Weber said his team didn't play that well against the Wolves, but said Clarkston should not have won with Gardner's goal.

"They should have gotten a corner kick. I'm very frustrated, but I want to take this further. It won't help this team any, but in the future, schools should be able to video tape their games and be able to overturn calls in situations like this. Things didn't work out for us and nobody is going to make it right. It's a frustrating way to end the season," Weber said.

Mott ended the season with their best record in history at 112-6-1.

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Questions on Clarkston's win over Grand Blanc and Friday's game vs. the Vikings

1. Q: The Wolves are 10-0 and were up at one point, 30-6. Did Grand Blanc really have a chance?

A: Yes, but Matt Pearsall's interception return was the momentum shifter. Add in the kick return of Adam Gebus and the game was practically out of reach. The Bobcats had a slim chance late after recovering an on-side kick, but Cody Senkyr's interception sealed the game.

2. Q: How good is the Wolves offense?

A: Real, real good. Especially now that the offensive line has jelled and Ryan Kaul has found a very reliable target in tight end Bryan Endreszl. Add in the one-two running attack of Nate Davis and Rob Conley and the Wolves can keep any defense honest. There's simply too much talent for defenses to stock up on one player.

3. Q: What's the Wolves biggest strength?

A: That's a tuffly with a team this loaded. But I'd say it's their balance. Against Grand Blanc they got touchdowns from offense, defense and special teams. Also playing key roles this season is experience from last year's run and speed on defense.

4. Q: Walled Lake Central is fast and good. What do the Wolves have to do continue their playoff run.

A: Do what they've done all year — win the turnover battle, get to the quarterback and give Kaul time to throw. The Wolves haven't seen speed like they'll see on Friday. Central's only two losses came to Harrison, who is arguably the best team in the state.

5. Q: Where is there still room for improvement?

A: Kicking and penalties. The Wolves had a few penalties in the Grand Blanc game. They can't afford those against a team the caliber of Walled Lake Central. Kicking wise, Andy Breen has been the guy, but extra points are not gimees with this team. That's why the Wolves go for two a lot of the time.

What the players are saying . . .

"It's going to be a tough road. We'll have to play it week by week. We're going to ruin a lot of opponents' Friday nights." — Mike Atkinson

"I think last week we were lucky, but we had some big plays. If we're going to keep this thing rolling we'll have to play to the fullest of our potential. I think we will." — Adam Gebus

"Everything's going really good. The team's working hard and getting better every day and practice. We'll need 100 percent and no letdowns to get to the 'Dome.'" — Scott Gordon

"I think it starts in practice. We have to keep doing what we're doing. It's going to be a tough road." — Bryan Endreszl

"I hope we do well. We have to get done what needs to be done. We were stronger in the second half last week. Our hard work and focus should help us through it." — Brad Daris

"We won't take anything less than a win. Everybody knows the importance of this. We're seniors, we want to be the best." — Nate Davis

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University and Central Michigan University have all expressed interest in his quarterback.

The Vikings also bring with them 6-foot-1 170 pound standout wide receiver Jason Kittle. Kittle has caught 24 passes for 700 yards and has nine touchdowns.

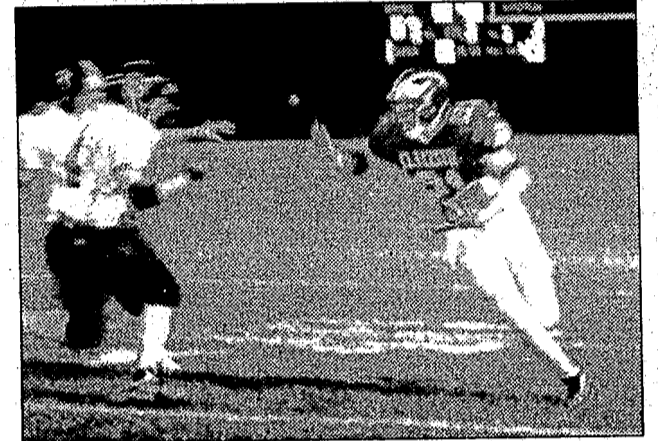
"He's the best receiver I've ever had in 29 years of coaching. He does everything well," Apap said.

Kittle is also being looked at by several division I programs.

The Vikings premier running back is Steve Bruce who has 14 rushing touchdowns and two receiving. He's also picked up 300 yards receiving.

The Vikings average about 210 pounds on the offensive line, but lineman Jack Welsh comes in at 6-foot-6 and weighs 250 pounds.

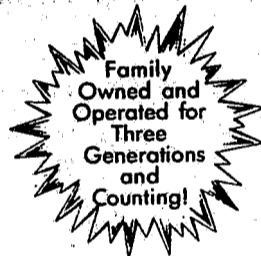
Harrison is the only team that has beaten Apap's Vikings this year. They played in a cross over game and in the league championship game. Harrison won 51-12 and 48-7.



Bryan Endreszl has given the Wolves a reliable third target in the passing game.

"I told our kids they have to have faith, belief and the desire. We know how good Clarkston is. Kurt Richardson does a great job with those kids. But we know everything about them. We know what they bring on offense and defense. We know about Kaul and that their backs run hard," Apap said.

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Swim team hosts OAA league meet

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston girls varsity swim team used Pontiac Northern as a tune up for the league meet, which begins today at Clarkston High School.

The Wolves soundly defeated the Huskies, winning every race.

Clarkston improved to 6-7 overall with the win and are 4-1 in the Oakland Activities Association Division IV.

Only half of the swim team competed in the meet.

Clarkston coach Kenwyn Chock said she used the meet to find out who would fill up the rest of the team's roster. Twenty-four Wolves will compete in the OAA league meet. Chock said strong performances from Siri Zimmerman and Stephanie Freiwald in the backstroke helped them qualify for the OAA team.

"The girls really swam well against Northern and are excited to host the league meet. They've been a

The league swim meet

What: OAA IV swim meet

Where: CHS

When: Nov. 1, 5 p.m. Swimming prelims

Nov. 2, 6 p.m. Diving prelims

Nov. 3, 6 p.m. Finals in both events

Record: The Wolves are 4-1 in the league

hard working group all year," Chock said.

The three divers who will compete are Rachel Carroll, Sarah Mehaffey and Casey Bolten.

The OAA league meet is a three-day competition at Clarkston High School. Swimming preliminaries are held Nov. 1 at 5 p.m., diving preliminaries Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. and the finals in both events will be Nov. 3 at 6 p.m.

Obituary

Maria A. Ferrari

Maria A. Ferrari of Clarkston, formerly of Detroit, died Oct. 29, 2000. She was 84.

She was the wife of Giovanni and the mother of Albert (Linda) Ferrari and Bianca (Domenico) Liburdi. She was the grandmother of Carlo, Adriana, Gabriella and Gianluca.

She was the sister of Erminia Trombetta, Emma Cordanti and Angela Pistilli.

Funeral mass will be held Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston.

Rite of Committal at Lakeview Cemetery.

Rosary service is Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston, where friends may visit Oct. 31 from 7-9 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or Michigan Heart Association.

Tennis team, coach honored

Clarkston girls varsity coach Beth Manojlovich was named regional coach of the year by coaches of other Oakland Activities Association schools.

Also receiving high honors from the team were players Colleen Mead, Michelle Dodge and Katie Manvel. They were named all-league.

Mead was also named to the all-area team.



Springfield Christian advances in tournament

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Christian Academy was victorious in the semifinal of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools basketball tournament with a victory over Bethany Christian 35-24 Oct. 30.

Leading scorers for Springfield Christian were Holly Vanaman who had 12 points, Sarah Beardslee who had seven points and six steals and Amanda Allen and Kaitlyn Armstrong who each added six points. Tiffany Vanaman added 11 rebounds.

Springfield Christian Academy picked up another win in the semifinals of the MACS basketball tournament. Springfield Christian beat Calvary of Midland 49-38 on Oct. 27.

Holly Vanaman had 16 points and five rebounds for Springfield Christian. Also contributing were Sarah Beardslee who had 10 points and two rebounds and Tiffany Vanaman who had 12 points and eight rebounds.

Springfield Christian's next game will be Nov. 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Perry High School.

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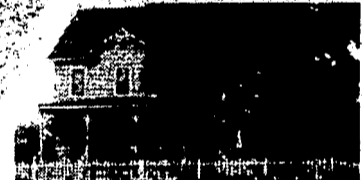
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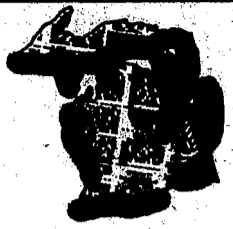
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, November 15, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center (Carriage House), Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48348 to hear the following cases:

- Case #00-0108 Robert Scott, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 32' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Pine Knob Road, R-1R
08-26-326-008
- Case #00-0109 James Stauffer, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS 2ND FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 6' TO CONSTRUCT PORCH
Indianwood Rd., & Bullard Rd., R-1A Hillview Estates No. 1
08-01-426-003
- Case #00-0110 Gregory Lewis, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 13' PLUS SIZE VARIANCE OF 397 SQ FT AND HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 2' TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Whipple Lake Rd., Lot 3, R-1R Supervisor's Plat No. 7
08-11-201-007
- Case #00-0111 Patrick and Kathryn McCarty, Petitioners
APPLICANTS REQUEST HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 2'9" TO CONSTRUCT DETACHED GARAGE, PLUS PLACEMENT IN FRONT YARD
Wedgewood Dr., & Oak Hill Rd., R-1R Wedgewood of Clarkston
08-03-101-018
- Case #00-0112 Eric Gourand, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Drayton Rd, Lot 101, R-1A Drayton Heights Sub.
08-34-128-045

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Beverly A. McElmeel
Director

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CLARKSTON

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of September 27, 2000 the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the County of Oakland, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
County of Oakland	.25	1992 to 2001 Incl.
Oakland Community College	1.00	2002 to 2011 Incl.
County School District of Oakland County	.80	Unlimited 1995 to 2001 Incl.
City of the Village of Clarkston	.50	Unlimited
Clarkston Community Schools	.50	Unlimited
	.75	Unlimited
City of the Village of Clarkston	18.00	1996 to 2005 Incl. Non-Homestead

GENERAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a General Election will be held

THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
County of Oakland, State of Michigan
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000

THE POLLS will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m.
at the polling places listed below:
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For the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

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- CONGRESSIONAL United States Senator, Representative in Congress
- LEGISLATIVE STATE State Representative
Two Members of the State Board of Education, Two Members of the Board of Regents of University of Michigan, Two Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, Two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University
- COUNTY County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk/Registrar of Deeds, County Treasurer, Drain Commissioner, County Commissioner

CITY Mayor and three council Members (2-year Terms)
NON-PARTISAN OFFICES:
One Justice of the Supreme Court (Regular Term), Two Justices of the Supreme Court (Partial Terms), Two Judges of the Court of Appeals - 2nd District (Incumbent Position), One Judge of the Court of Appeals - 2nd District (Non-Incumbent Position), Five Judges of the 6th Circuit Court (Incumbent Position), One Judge of the 6th Circuit Court (Non-Incumbent Position), One Judge of the Probate Court, One Judge of the District Court (Districts 35th 43rd, 44th, 46th, 48th (Non-Incumbent Position), 50th, 51st 52-1st-52-3rd (Regular Term); 52-3rd (Partial Term), 52-4th)
FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

- STATE PROPOSAL 00-1
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT STATE TO PROVIDE INDIRECT SUPPORT TO STUDENTS ATTENDING NONPUBLIC PRE-ELEMENTARY, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; ALLOW THE USE OF TUITION VOUCHERS IN CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND REQUIRE ENACTMENT OF TEACHER TESTING LAWS
- STATE PROPOSAL 00-2
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A SUPER MAJORITY VOTE (2/3 VOTE) OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT CERTAIN LAWS AFFECTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
- COUNTY PROPOSAL A
METROPOLITAN ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS MILLAGE PROPOSAL
COUNTY OF OAKLAND AND COUNTY OF WAYNE
Art Pappas
Clerk

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Supervisor Stuart called the October 17, 2000 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Present: McCrary, McGee, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Wenger.
Absent: None

- There is a quorum.
1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2000 as amended.
 2. Approved the payment of the list of distributions in the amount of \$70,427.83.
 3. Approved the payment of purchase requisitions in the amount of \$640,520.35.
 4. Approval of phasing schedule for The Escape - PUD.
 5. Approval of motion recommending the Township participate in Option "A" or a modified Option "A" to extent of 25% of actual cost regarding Almond Land Drainage.
 6. Approved motion granting Consumer's Energy Disruption Permit - Clarkston Road at Everest Academy with determinations and conditions.
 7. Approved motion to hire Michelle Gragg as Clerk in the Building Department.
 8. Approved motion establishing Halloween hours.
 9. Approved motion to recommending the Proposed Site Plan Amendment for Fox Creek to tabled and referred back to the Planning Commission.
 10. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

Publish 11/01/00

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CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
OCTOBER 23, 2000
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:03 p.m.
Roll Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Sanderson, Savage.
Absent: Gamble, Mayland.
Minutes of October 9, 2000, accepted with two corrections.
Agenda accepted as presented.
Colombo reported that the Downtown Partnership Committee is considering a Downtown Coordinator that will coordinate efforts on the east and west sides of Main Street for traffic flow during the street renovations next year.
Resolved the 2001-2002 Community Development Block Grant funds be allocated as follows:
Senior Citizens Center - Meals on Wheels \$1,000
Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Camp Program 1,400
Independence Township Library - Large Print Books 600
Lighthouse North 1,000
Administration 1,600
Senior Center - Kitchen Equipment 2,400
Total \$8,000
Moved that the individuals named as Board of Director Members in the October 12, 2000 letter from the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance correspondence be approved by the City Council.
Resolved that the City of Clarkston contribute \$200 to the Independence Township 2000 Family Holiday Fest from funds in the Reserve for Park/Gazebo Rentals.
Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas
Clerk

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

TOWNSHIP BOARD
AGENDA
7:30 P.M.
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DATE: November 6, 2000

- Call to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
 - Opening Statements and Correspondence
 - Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Approval of Purchase Orders
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Public Forum
 - Presentation - Fire Rescue, Clintonville Road
 - Public Hearing - C.D.B.G. BUDGET
 - Unfinished Business
 - 1. Safety Path Discussion
 - 2. Permission to Hire - D.P.W. New Business
 - 1. Approval of 2001 C.D.B.G. Budget
 - 2. R.C.O.C. Cost Participation on Holcomb Road
 - 3. Variance from Development Design Standard Sec. 8.1-42M & 43N (Oakmont Dev.)
 - 4. Permission to Purchase Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator
 - 5. Proposal for Equipment/Building Mini-Grant - Senior Center
 - 6. Approval of 2000 Special Assessment Rolls
 - 7. Approval of CAYA Board of Directors.
- Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on: **November 9, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Independence Township, Clintonwood Park/Carriage House 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE PC#2000-043

Mr. Thomas Wilhelm, Clintonville Pines LLC, Petitioner
REQUEST REZONING

FROM: R-1A (Single Family Residential)
TO: R-2 (Multi Family Residential)

And

FROM: R-2 (Multi Family Residential)
TO: R-1A (Single Family Residential)

Parcel Identification Number: 08-35-476-002
Common Description: 4741 Clintonville Road
Approx 4.43 Acres

Current Zone: R-1A & R-2
(Reconfiguration of Zoning Boundary)

Intended Use:
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248)625-8111.

JOAN E. MCCRARY, CLERK

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at the Independence Township, Clintonwood Park/Carriage House 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE PC#2000-045

Mr. William Clark, Clarkston Building Company LLC,
Petitioner

REQUEST REZONING

FROM: R-1A (Single Family Residential)
TO: OS-2 (Office Service Two)

Proposed Office Building with drive up Bank
Parcel Identification Number: 08-17-306-014
Common Description: Lot 10, Cranberry Acres
Approx 3.3 Acres

Current Zone:
Intended Use:
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